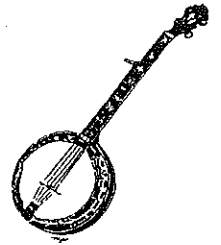




The Folk Club

of Reston-Herndon

...Preserving Folk Traditions



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And Another one Bites the Dust

by Dave Hurd, Special Editor this month

1994 is history - gone, bit the dust - replaced by a "new improved" model, guaranteed to deliver health and happiness to every man, woman and child in America.

It may not have been a memorable year for many, and certainly much has happened in the Folk Club world, some of which was a lot of fun. We celebrated our 9th birthday and 7th anniversary at the Tortilla Factory in 1994 - that says we have staying power! We almost got through the year without having a Board of Director's meeting (naughty, naughty - they are "required"). There was some turnover on the board with three members resigning from the board to pursue other activities and, starting on January 1, 1995, a new treasurer (Richard Flinchbaugh) will be taking over from Dave Hurd who relinquishes after nearly seven years of service as treasurer and board member. Dave will remain a member of the board, however.

Ray Kaminsky delivered a sterling slate of special guest performers in 1994, eleven in all and has already completed booking the 1995 schedule (see back page for the first 7 months). Since he took over the booking responsibility, Ray has coordinated performances of truly outstanding performers, singer/songwriters ranging from "CLASSICS" like Oscar Brand and Bob Gibson, to "STARS" like Bill Staines, Tom Paxton, and Steve Gillette and throwing in outstanding young talent all over the place. To attend the Folk Club monthly features is to be exposed to the whole of folk tradition in America today and we owe a debt of gratitude to Ray for finding and convincing these wonderful performers to come visit us.

The Folk Club continues to attract exceptional talent to the open microphone on Tuesday evenings and every week brings an evening of pleasurable listening and friendship. In keeping with the ideal that it is the local talent for whom we do these things we always reserve some time each Tuesday to allow our Folk Club participants an opportunity to entertain, even if it is only a one-song-opening-act for a featured performer.

Since the Folk Club is an organization of volunteers, there is always a call out for people

to step in and do things for the evening's activities. Some of the things which need to be done each week include: The Emcee for the evening (try it sometime - you'll love it); setting up the sound equipment before the show (a good chance to learn about sound technology - Jim and John frequently have this done for us when we arrive); running the sound system for the performers (more high tech and artistic skills learned here); putting out the display of materiel we make available to the attendees to help them keep informed of activities and opportunities in the Washington area (Ellen & others); Pulling the lights out of the ceiling before we start; selling tickets or performers tapes and CDs on the special performance nights; and taking the sound equipment apart and stowing it back in the back room when we are finished each week.

Other activities which need volunteers if the Folk Club is to continue include: preparing and sending out publicity about the Folk Club and it's activities (Lynn Jordan, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky have been doing most of this for years); Preparing, printing, mailing of the monthly newsletter (Mike Murray prepares and edits, Dave Hurd mails and many contribute); booking of perform-

ers (see above); organizing Folk Club outside events and performances (Ellen and Lynn do a lot of this kind of coordination, Bill Davis handles sound for many of these events); treasurer (until now Dave Hurd, soon to be Richard Flinchbaugh); database of membership and news organizations (Dave Hurd); and special duties like getting the cakes for parties.

So, it is clear that the Folk Club is not the work of a single individual, but the concerted effort of a team, each of whom has added something to the process by their presence. We need more volunteers, contributors, supporters, whatever for the Folk Club to continue growing and bringing to the community this opportunity to share in the music of the world. Do not hesitate to come to the Folk

Club and listen, but if the spirit moves you, also step forward and become an active participant in the activities - you'll grow and gain and we'll also gain from having your company and ideas. We always need help and we always need members of the board - also voluntary - just ask how to become a board member - all you really need to do is ask and you, too, can be one.



January's Performers - Barb Martin & Rare Bird




**Voice Lessons are available from Barbara Ryan --
(703) 451-4492**



Folk Club of Reston-Herndon



January 1 - February 18, 1995

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1  New Year's Day	Jan 2	Jan 3 7:30pm Folk Club	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7 8:00pm Open Door Coffee House, Fairlington UM Ch, Alex 8:00pm Featuring Andrew McNight
Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10 Showcase Performance Judith Fox 7:30pm Folk Club	Jan 11	Jan 12 7:30pm Frederick Folk Club	Jan 13	Jan 14
Jan 15	Jan 16  Martin Luther King, Jr.	Jan 17 7:30pm Folk Club	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21
Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24 7:30pm Folk Club	Jan 25	Jan 26 7:30pm Frederick Folk Club	Jan 27	Jan 28
Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31 Showcase Lottery Draw Barb Martin & Rarebird (\$7/6) 7:30pm Folk Club	Feb 1	Feb 2 Groundhog Day	Feb 3	Feb 4 8:00pm Open Door Coffee House, Fairlington UM Ch, Alex
Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7 7:30pm Folk Club	Feb 8	Feb 9 7:30pm Frederick Folk Club	Feb 10	Feb 11
Feb 12  Lincoln's Birthday	Feb 13	Feb 14 Showcase Performance Valentine's Day 7:30pm Folk Club	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18

Coming Folk Club Events

**January 31 - Barb Martin &
Rare Bird \$7/6**

**February 21 - Fred Koller
\$9/8**

**March 28 - Connemara
\$9/8**

**April 25 - Steve Gillette &
Cindi Mangsen \$8/7**

**May 23 - Kormack McCarthy
\$tbd**

**June 13 - Bill Staines
\$8/7**

**July 24 - Richard Gilewitz
\$6/5**

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Check your Label - Are you expiring? "19950101" is expiring with this issue. Don't miss an issue - Don't miss the benefits of the Folk Club. Please send in your membership check (\$12.00) to keep your membership active!

Showcase Performances

January 10, the featured performer will be **Judith Fox**.

On the first Tuesday of every month we feature a Folk Club member in a showcase two-set (25 minute) performance. To become one of these "showcase" specials all you have to do is 1) be a member of the Folk Club, 2) fill out a lottery slip by the last Tuesday of the month, 3) win the drawing and 4) practice, practice practice!

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