

The Folk Club

of Reston
Herndon

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Preserving Folk Traditions



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July 9 Showcase - Bob Saunders

by Dan Grove

Bob Saunders is a native Washingtonian who went to Annandale High School and then the University of Virginia. He lived in California for a while, where he met his wife. He was a masonry contractor for a few years, then got into computers twenty years ago and is now a Vice President at 3Com. The oldest of his four children just graduated from the University of Maryland, and the youngest from Chantilly High School.

Bob's older cousin, who was in the Navy, got him into folk music and guitar at age twelve, playing the Everly Brothers and Peter, Paul, and Mary songs. Bob learned fingerstyle techniques from the beginning, and still hasn't flatpicked a single note. Five years later, when the cousin was stationed in Spain, Bob visited him for two weeks. They spent most nights at a pub that had a Scottish band, and after

closing they'd hang out until dawn to play soccer at sunrise. The band covered a lot of Tom Paxton songs, and Bob got hooked - to this day Tom is his favorite performer.

For a long time, Bob played occasionally, but could go for months or years without picking up his guitar. Then a year-and-a-half ago, he played a friend's Taylor guitar, and the passion returned. He got his own Taylor, and a Breedlove to boot, and has been avidly playing, building up a repertoire of about forty songs so far. Tom Paxton remains his biggest influence, but John Prine and James Taylor are way up there, and he's recently been discovering Kate Wolf and Townes Van Zant.

Bob first came to the Folk Club last August, and thoroughly enjoys it. Don't miss the first of what we hope will be many showcases!

6th Annual Herndon Blues Festival

Dedicated to John Jackson

Saturday, July 20

Noon to 7:00 p.m.

The 4-H Building at Frying Pan Park

2709 West Ox Road in Herndon

This is a family event, so bring your blankets and enjoy a full day of blues music, hayrides, farm animals and good food.

Featured Artists

Cephas and Wiggins

Pat Donohue

Mary Flower

Jeffery Scott

Scott Perry

Eric Freeman

Ray Kaminsky

Jack Fretwell

Chuck Pyle

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

**The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:30 PM
July 23, 2002
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA**



Chuck Pyle's charismatic voice and pumping guitar style combine seamlessly to make a dazzling kind of Southwestern Acoustic rock. His humorous looks into the humanity of us all say the things we've always thought and wished we'd said. A beloved performer, his Zen cowboy character illumines the mind and empowers the heart for one of life's quintessential feel-good moments.

Chuck has lived on the front-range of Colorado for over 30 years and spent most of that time traveling the country playing theaters, festivals, colleges and coffeehouses. He has four albums to his credit and a locally well-known theme song he composed for the 13-part PBS series, *Spirit Of Colorado*, beamed world-wide by satellite.

Though better known as a performing songwriter whose songs have been recorded by **Jerry Jeff Walker, John Denver, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Suzy Bogguss** and **Chris LeDoux**, Chuck has also developed a reputation as a powerful, push-the-envelope guitar stylist, and has taught guitar seminars at such prestigious events as the Puget Sound Guitar Workshop. Chuck is also one of the more popular performers on the singer-songwriter circuit. He is a regular at the **Kerrville Folk Festival**, and his song *Every Day Now* was nominated as **best song** at the prestigious Kerrville Music Awards. He was part of Christine Lavin's Songwriter retreat in Martha's Vineyard that included David Wilcox, Patty Larkin, Pierce Pettis, Cheryl Wheeler, and Cliff Eberhardt. He premiered a **one-man theater** piece called *Zen Gallon Hat (A One-Fact Play)* in December '96. Chuck has seven wonderful albums to his credit, including his latest CD *Affected By The Moon* and a recent re-release of his first album, *Drifters Wind*. Don't miss this wonderful Americana songwriter at The Folk Club!!!

In Concert

Local performances by members of The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon:

Acoustic Jam: 3rd Sunday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. at Frying Pan Park Country Store in Herndon. Call Yvonne Johnson at 703-437-9101 for details.

Where? House Concerts: Call Kim Kaplan (301-588-5314) or email her (jkkaplan@erols.com) for information, reservations and directions.

Ray Kaminsky: (www.earbuzz.com/raykiminsky)

- 7/20 Herndon Blues Fest
w/Jack Fretwell
- 7/26 Avalon, Paw Paw, West Virginia
info: 703-947-5600
- 7/28 Jammin' Java, Vienna
w/Jack Fretwell
- 8/4 Tarara Winery, Leesburg
w/Jack Fretwell
- 8/6 Starbucks, Leesburg

Lea Coryell:

- 7/4 National Archives July 4th Celebration at Union Station, 10:30 am
w/Ralph Lee Smith & Joan Kennedy
- 7/20-21 Sully Plantation, Chantilly, 12-4pm both days
w/Ralph Lee Smith

Vic's Music Corner presents:

- at O'Brien's in Rockville (www.victorheyman.com)
- 7/10 Sonia (of Disappear Fear) w/Amilia K. Spicer opening
- 7/24 Hot Soup w/Debi Cowan opening

Calling All Artists!

This column has been getting shorter and shorter lately. Where have you all been? We know a number of Folk Club members perform at venues in the area. Tell us about it. Email the editor with you monthly gig list, but be sure it arrives before the last weekend of the month.

Getting in Tune With The Folk Club

You've been coming for some time now, and we know you enjoy the music and the fun. Don't you think it's time to become a member? The cost is minimal, just \$12 per year, and besides the opportunities to participate in showcase drawings, you will receive \$1 off the ticket price of visiting artists (up to two tickets per show). If you buy two tickets every show, you've saved the membership fee two times.

Join us today. You can sign up at the Folk Club or call a Board member for information.

2002 Guest Artists & Special Events

Most tickets for Guest Artists are \$10 Non-member, \$9 Members. It pays to be a Folk Club member!

7/23/02 — Chuck Pyle

8/20/02 — Al Petteway & Amy White

GET YOUR TICKETS!!

Advance purchase of tickets to concerts by Guest Artists (*see page 2 every month except December*) can be made at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact:

Dave Hurd
110 Devil's Backbone Overlook
Stephenson, VA 22656
540-722-0146

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Tuesday nights, 7:30 p.m.

The Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA
703-471-1156

President: Ray Kaminsky

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Bookings: Ray Kaminsky, 703-689-0444

Membership is \$12 per year.

Classifieds

Classified ads and performance listings will be published if received the 3rd week of the month before publication from members whose dues are current.

Email your ad to irene@caboyer.com.

For Sale: Sound System—Peavy 6-channel Mixer, Monitor Amp, Speakers, and Monitor.

Contact TM at birdphluph@pressroom.com.

For Sale: G-37 Guild - big, beautiful blond, 26 years old, with a good neck. This dreadnought sounds full and clear. Solid guitar with hard case with key lock. \$650

Contact dlafleur2@hotmail.com

WANTED: Recycle your guitar strings. The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world's most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd Road, Ellington, CT 06029.

Folk Club Format

On most Tuesday evenings, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, including setup time. This allows three songs if you set up FAST and the songs are of moderate length.

Showcase Performances

On the second Tuesday of each month, we feature a Folk Club member in a two set (25-minute) "Showcase" performance. To be in a showcase you must:

- be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in 6 months
- fill out a lottery slip any time in the month before the drawing
- win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase
- prepare to be featured in the next newsletter!

Newsletter Publication

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified advertisements, articles, reviews, artwork and other music related items to Irene Boyer at irene@caboyer.com. All items must be emailed in MSWord, WordPerfect, or ASCII text format. Information must be received one week before the first day of the month in which you want it published. Items will be printed on the basis of music related interest, timeliness and space available with club information being the first priority.

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