

April 19 Concert – Piedmont Blúz

Valerie & Ben keep the Country Blues style alive, and will charm you with Piedmont-style fingerpicking
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April 12 Showcase – John Druitt

John Druitt loves music as a way to bring people together. Born overseas to an American family, he grew up in countries like Bolivia, Algeria, Cameroon, Indonesia, and Morocco. He lived in Arizona too, which some people claim is also a developing country. He finally landed in Virginia to attend high school and has been local ever since.

During the day John works as an IT consultant, but at night, John still works as an IT consultant. He aspires to spend more time in music once his finances are sorted.

John has been playing guitar for about 40 years but he wouldn't say he is 40 years good. His parents told him he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket with the lid on it. Being left-handed and dyslexic, it took him a moment to figure out where everything went. Now he hopes to inspire future dyslexic left-handed guitar players to stick with it.

John's avid curiosity and eclectic tastes have dragged him across a spectrum of international guitar styles, from folk, blues, rock, and samba, to classical and slack-key guitar. For a recent sample of his original music, visit his YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/2X8bMFkZoPA>.

This coming showcase will feature members of Big Al's Garage, the best new band you haven't heard of yet! They will play a range of popular acoustic rock songs from the 60s through today from artists like America and Simon and Garfunkel.



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Piedmont Blūz



TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2022

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE-HERNDON

1151 Elden St - Herndon, VA 20170

*Purchase tickets in advance Tuesday evenings at
the Folk Club's open mic at The Amphora Diner
or by email at alhobson@verizon.net*

*Tickets may also be purchased at the door
dependent on availability*

<https://www.piedmontbluz.com>

FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon is a non-profit organization

"Just when people think the old country blues of the Mid-Atlantic has faded away, along come the wonderful husband and wife duo of Valerie and Benedict Turner who are the heirs to the Piedmont blues tradition..." – Living Blues Magazine

The Piedmont Blūz Acoustic Duo are ambassadors of Country Blues music and the Piedmont style of fingerpicking, and their mission is to help preserve these rural, east coast traditions by educating audiences about this unique aspect of African American culture through musical entertainment. They feel that "there are stories to tell, people to remember, and things that must be said" so,

in addition to tickling your ears with delightful music, they weave a bit of history into the presentation of each song.

Inducted into the NY Blues Hall of Fame in 2018, these tradition bearers have been featured in numerous festivals including the Newport Folk Festival, Chicago Blues Festival, Tel Aviv Blues Festival, Clearwater Revival, and Brooklyn Folk Festival to name a few. In addition to performing at a variety of domestic venues, Piedmont Blūz has traveled as far as Europe and the Middle East to share their music.

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Nell & Jim Band 5/17/2022

Ken & Brad Kolodner Trio 6/28/2022

FOLK CLUB INFORMATION

Unplugged Nights: Now Only on Fifth Tuesdays

We have been unplugged for most of our recent Tuesday night open mics at the Amphora, since fewer people were coming out, and only set up the sound system for a concert or a member showcase. But on March 29th (which was a real 5th Tuesday) we had a good crowd and it felt like we were back to normal. So now we will set up the sound system every week unless it is a real Fifth Tuesday of the month (like May 31st, August 30th, and November 29th of this year). Incidentally, if you enjoy 5th Tuesdays, be sure to thank Barb Keeler – it was her idea.

Tuesday Night Open Mics on YouTube

We are live streaming the open mic from the Amphora every Tuesday night, for those who cannot be there and would like to check out the performances. The link will be posted to the Event Calendar on our website (https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page_id=918).

Select the open mic link below the date; the YouTube link will be at the top of the description by 7:15 PM on Tuesday night. It can be viewed live or at a later time. Note that the link for ticketed concerts will not be posted until the next day.

Virtual Open Mics Are Continuing

Al Hobson will continue to host the bi-weekly virtual open mics on Zoom every other Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. The upcoming scheduled dates are 4/4, 4/18, and 5/2. How long these will continue depends on participation. If you'd like to share your music, or watch and listen, send an email to Al Hobson at alhobson@verizon.net by Sunday evening and let him know if you plan to perform or not. He'll send you a Zoom meeting invitation for the Monday night session.

Folk Club Jam!

It has been a long time since we've had a Folk Club jam at Al's house in Herndon (too long, the last one was in March 2021). Now that spring is here Al and Mercia have agreed to let us gather on their lawn to meet and share music. This is for listeners as well as musicians. The date is Saturday, April 30th (rain date Sunday, May 1st) from 1 to 5 PM. Please bring your own chairs, food and drinks, hats, sunscreen, etc. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask or keeping your distance from others that will be fine. Al and Mercia's house is at 810 Elden Street in Herndon, VA 20170. There is parking within a half block on Center Street and some limited parking in the driveway. Contact Al for additional information at alhobson@verizon.net.

MUSICAL NOTES



If you are planning to attend a live event, check the organization's website to see if there are any steps they are taking due to the pandemic.

Focus Music

- Carrie Newcomer, Sat Apr 30, 7 PM, Focus Mount Vernon, Music Rockville, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 8531 Riverside Road Alexandria, VA 22308
- Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

- Go to www.wfma.net/index.htm for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

- Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas (Scottish fiddle and cello), Sat Apr 23, 5 PM, St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD
- Go to www.imtfolk.org for more information.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

- Go to fsgw.org for more information.

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

Bill Davis – email: bil-davis@outlook.com

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

Ron Goad – email: MisterGoad@aol.com

Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee) www.harleystringband.com

The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)
www.alohaboys.com

Jan Gillies www.jangilliesmusic.com

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)
www.hickoryg.com Performing Sun Apr 24 at 2 PM for “Walk on the Hill” on the porch of the Marcey Log Cabin, 223 Walnut Lane, Vienna.

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician
www.steviewademusic.com

Sherry Stewart
www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic

Steven Cutts ThePrimeCutts.com and Spotify
- *Seems Like Old Times*, a new collection of five songs, all with old-timey arrangements, and recorded with an all-star cast: Cathy Fink, Kimber Ludiker, Marcy Marxer, and Jim Robeson. Available for streaming and free downloads at <https://theprimecutts.com/seems-like-old-times>

Jeff Smith HumanWilderness.com
- Wed, Dec 1, 7 PM, Epicure Cafe, Fairfax, VA

Jillian Matundan JillianMatundan.com
- SAW Open Mic featured act, Tue Apr 5 at 7 PM, New Deal Café in Greenbelt MD.
- Sat Apr 15 at 5 PM, with Marcy Cochran, Pearl St Outdoor Stage at the Wharf DC.
- Sat Apr 23 at 8 PM, Beer & Berries Festival in Ashton/Sandy Spring, MD.

Audrey Adair AudreyJAdair.com



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Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:15 PM ET at Amphora Diner Deluxe,
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 8 minutes, which includes setup time.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 24-minute performance. To be in the Showcase you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months; 2) fill out a lottery slip and place it in the "drawing bucket"; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, and other music-related items for the newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your input to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at FolkClubOfRestonHerndon@gmail.com.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Al Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170, alhobson@verizon.net.

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FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The process is the same if your membership has expired. Make out a check to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or \$55 for 5 years. Please DO NOT make the check to Al Hobson. Send the check to: Reston/Herndon Folk Club; c/o Al Hobson; 810 Elden St; Herndon, VA 20170. Please provide your name, email address, phone # and type, and residential address. By the way, we are looking into a way to accept online payments in the future.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club: **Website:** FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org

Facebook: Search for "The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon"

General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

- Your old guitar strings! The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world's most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Second Strings, P.O. Box 234, Nederland, CO 80466.

MUSIC GEAR

- For Sale: Taylor GS Mini (Rosewood) w/bag \$438.62; Cordoba Mini II EB-CE \$237.21. Both are in very good shape.
Contact TM at pressroom@birdphluph.com

LESSONS

- Private guitar lessons available on-line, FaceTime or Zoom. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: email: eric.forthman@gmail.com; phone: 571-329-9875.