

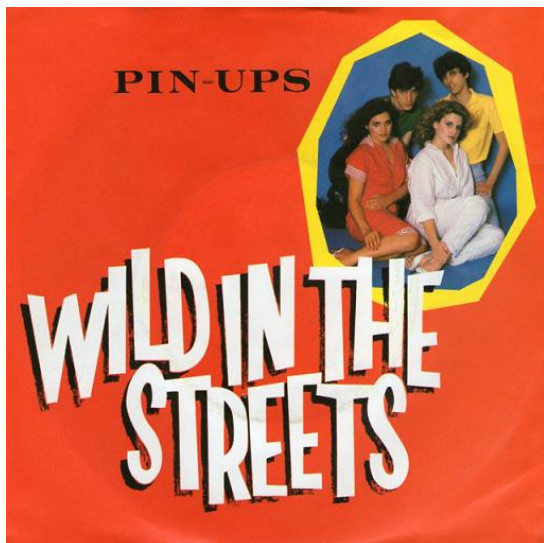
## November 15 Concert – Brooks Williams

An artful mix of classic acoustic blues, original blues songs, and self-penned contemporary folk songs.  
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## November 8 Showcase – Joe Shade

by Joe

Once upon a time there was a musician from St. Louis named Joe. He played in glam and glitter rock bands when the local music scene was populated mostly by southern boogie. Wisely, he left town in the late 1970's seeking his musical fortunes in the East Village of New York.



After several abortive attempts at success and with a band destined to become the American version of ABBA, success was within his grasp. A single, recorded for Chiswick Records in England, under the moniker “Pin-Ups” (that’s Joe and Norman on the cover photo), got good reviews but went nowhere—a common phenomenon in the music business. Leveraging the record, Joe and his long-time songwriting partner Norman were chosen to participate in an ASCAP workshop run by Rupert Holmes on “New York Pop”. They were pop songwriters! But workshops do not pay the rent. After 8 years of struggle and risking it all, the “career” had come to the end.

Many years passed and music became a thing on the shelf. After 9/11, it became obvious to him that life was a precious gift, and that led to his return to the business of writing, recording, and gigging. In 2007, he worked with Billy Bragg on the Jail Guitar Doors project, producing several benefit concerts with local area musicians, and learned how much effort it takes to put on shows.

In the past year, he’s been a regular at the Reston Herndon Folk Club performing both old and new songs of his. As an accomplished songwriter he is grateful for the Folk Club, knowing how special it is when someone actually listens. Joe would also like to thank Rich Battaglia and Sherry Stewart for joining him on stage.



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# Brooks Williams



**TUESDAY, NOV 15<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:alhobson@verizon.net)*

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

<https://brookswilliams.com>

[www.restonherndonfolkclub.org](http://www.restonherndonfolkclub.org)

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Master guitarist-singer-songwriter Brooks Williams released his first album early in 1990. The *Washington Post* wrote a glowing review which prompted National Public Radio's invitation for Williams to appear on *All Things Considered* with Noah Adams. And that's where it all began. The tours followed and so did the albums. Counting the new one, he has done twenty-nine in all and has never looked back.

A Statesboro, Georgia native now living in England, Brooks Williams seamlessly brings together Americana and country blues in a style that is

unmistakably his own. A flashy fingerpicker, soaring bottleneck slide player and a soulful singer, Brooks Williams "is at the top of his game," says *Blues In Britain*.

For his *30th Anniversary Tour*, Williams has recorded an album of his favorite songs from his back catalogue. Called *Work My Claim*, the songs reach across the span of years and are as relevant now as they were when released.

Williams is a consummate artist, performing hundreds of shows every year and recording at a dizzying pace.

**UPCOMING CONCERTS:**

**Lara Herscovitch 1/17/2023**

**Adam Hurt & Beth William Hartness 3/21/2023**

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

### **CLUB INFO, ETC.**

#### **Second Strings Project Is No More**

Member Steve Cutts let us know that the Second Strings guitar string recycling program, which we have advertised in our newsletter for years, has closed up shop. For twenty years Darryl Purpose and Kevin Faherty delivered thirty thousand sets of guitar strings to those who needed them around the world. Obviously a labor of love.

An alternative way to recycle nylon or steel strings is through the Terracycle/D'Addario Playback program (thanks, Sherry Stewart). You can drop off your used strings at participating local music stores.

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/daddario-playback>

#### **House Concert at Al Hobson's Renovated Art Barn**

It's been way too long since our last House Concert! After two long years of dealing with COVID, during which time I also renovated the barn, I am excited to be hosting house concerts again. The grand re-opening of the "Art Barn" and our first HC will be at 7 PM on Saturday, Nov 12th, featuring Sunny@Midnight (Sherry Stewart and Jeff Smith). Suggested donation: \$20. All proceeds go to the artists. There will be water, wine, and light refreshments served. If you would like to bring a dish to share, that would be great. If you would like to attend and have not already made a reservation on my Facebook event, please email me at [Alhobson@verizon.net](mailto:Alhobson@verizon.net).

#### **Fifth Tuesday This Month**

November 29 is the fifth Tuesday of the month, so we will be unplugged – there will not be any sound system support for the MC or the performers. Some people love being liberated from the wires and mics and other electronic obstructions - and don't even mind being super silent so they can hear every musical nuance.

#### **Zoom Open Mics**

Al Hobson continues hosting bi-weekly virtual open mics on Zoom. This month the dates are Mon Nov 14 and Mon Nov 28. If you'd like to share some songs, or watch and listen in, send an email to Al Hobson at [alhobson@verizon.net](mailto:alhobson@verizon.net) by Sunday evening and let him know if you plan to perform or not. He'll send you the Zoom link for the 7:30 PM show.

#### **Live Open Mic YouTube Stream**

For those who cannot be at the Amphora or who'd like to see the open mic later, a YouTube link is on our website Event Calendar. Select the date – the link is after the Description. We try to put it there by 7:15 PM on Tuesday night (or the next day for ticketed guest artist concerts). Go to [https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page\\_id=918](https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page_id=918).

**Bill Davis** – email: [bil-davis@outlook.com](mailto:bil-davis@outlook.com)

**Chris Anderson** [ChrisAndersonSongs.com](http://ChrisAndersonSongs.com)

**Ron Goad** – email: [MisterGoad@aol.com](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)

**Harley String Band (including Jim Clark, Jim Johnson)** [www.harleystringband.com](http://www.harleystringband.com)

**The Aloha Boys (including Glen Hirabayashi)**  
- Nov 4, 5, 6, UkeFest VA 2022, Glen Allen, VA  
[www.alohaboys.com](http://www.alohaboys.com)

**Jan Gillies** [www.jangilliesmusic.com](http://www.jangilliesmusic.com)

**Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)** [www.hickoryg.com](http://www.hickoryg.com)

**Stevie Wade Potter**, acoustic musician  
[www.steviewademusic.com](http://www.steviewademusic.com)

#### **Sherry Stewart**

- Sunny@Midnight Band (Marcy Cochran, Ron Goad, Jeff Smith, John Werntz, and Sherry) Sat Nov 12, see House Concert at Al Hobson's Renovated Art Barn to left [www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic](http://www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic)

**Steven Cutts** [ThePrimeCutts.com](http://ThePrimeCutts.com) and Spotify

#### **Jeff Smith**

- With Sherry Stewart: Thu Nov 10, 7-9 PM, Blue Wing Frog, Front Royal, VA  
- Sat Nov 26 7 PM at Café Sazon, Arlington, VA  
[HumanWilderness.com](http://HumanWilderness.com)

**Jillian Matundan** [JillianMatundan.com](http://JillianMatundan.com)

**Audrey Adair** [AudreyJAdair.com](http://AudreyJAdair.com)

**Shenandoah Run (including Bob Melissinos, John Werntz, Jim Thorne, Ben Hamblin)**

- Sun Nov 13 at 7:30 PM, Jammin Java, Vienna, VA  
[www.shenandoahrun.com](http://www.shenandoahrun.com)

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



#### **Focus Music**

- Andrew McKnight, Sat Nov 5 at 7 PM, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, VA  
- Goldpine, Sun Nov 13 7:30 PM, Tikvat Israel, Rockville, MD  
- Rough & Tumble - Sat Dec 3 at 7:30, Island Pride Oasis, Gaithersburg, MD  
- Go to [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more information.

#### **World Folk Music Association (WFMA)**

- Go to [www.wfma.net/index.htm](http://www.wfma.net/index.htm) for more information.

#### **Institute of Musical Traditions**

- Go to [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org) for more information.

#### **Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)**

- Go to [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org) for more information.





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Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:15 PM ET at Amphora Diner Deluxe,  
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#### **FOLK CLUB FORMAT**

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

#### **SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 24-minute performance. To do a Showcase you must: 1) be a paid-up Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 12 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](mailto: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, [treasurer.folkclub@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.folkclub@gmail.com).

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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](http://FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org)

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

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

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **MUSIC GEAR**

- Ukuleles for sale, including Kamaka, Martin, Cordoba, and Kala. Contact TM at [pressroom@birdphluph.com](mailto:pressroom@birdphluph.com) for prices or pictures. Also Taylor GS Mini, Cordoba Mini II, and other guitars.

#### **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](mailto:eric.forthman@gmail.com); phone: 571-329-9875.