

**December 20 – Annual Holiday Party**

A fun night of festive songs, a CD giveaway, free dessert, and a celebration with Folk Club friends.  
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**December 13 Showcase – The Two Peas**

by Larry & Ann



Ann Granger and Larry Rice teamed up in 2019 after their fortuitous Match.com meeting and became The Two Peas in a pandemic pod soon after (you'll hear that story in an original song by Larry and his daughter Lea). Always in danger of bursting into a song or a parody, the Two Peas began performing together about a year ago playing farmers markets, private parties, and of course, the Folk Club.

Ann, a lifelong folkie began playing Peter, Paul & Mary songs on ukulele as a child. Her public performance career started and ended when she played autoharp for an outdoor PTA ceremony and a bird flew over and pooped on her head. Thinking this could be a sign from God, Ann left the autoharp, bird droppings, and performing behind.

She soon learned guitar, then mountain dulcimer while studying Folklore and Ethnomusicology in college. Following in the footsteps of Alan Lomax and Cecil Sharpe she focused on the traditional music of the British Isles and Appalachia, collecting and researching music in Scotland, England, Appalachia, and the Adirondack Mountains. A longtime member of the Folk Club, Ann has been mostly on the listening side in recent years. Her last showcase was with Dumb Muscle and the Divas in 2012.

Born the same year as Pat Benatar (1953), music has been a big part of Larry's life. He started playing bass in a band with his brother Steve and still best friend Dave when he was 12. He learned guitar and banjo before he went to college. Bored during his last semester senior year, he helped found the band Flatbush, singing and playing bass and fiddle from 1974-1981. Regional success brought two top ten singles on Cleveland's WMMS, and opening act gigs for New Riders, Little Feat, and others. Flatbush is in the History of Rock in Cleveland exhibit at the R&R HOF. In 2007, Larry started teaching music and playing with his adult daughters Lea and Shannon as [The Big Cheese Band](#) at a Ron Goad event. He teaches six different things with strings. Fifteen years and [3 LP's, an EP, and a single](#) later, Lea and Larry still have fun writing and playing music. TBCB has had 3 songs chart, "[Life on the River](#)" (#1 AAA 2015), "[The Christmas Crocodile](#)" (#17 AC 2015), and "[Everything](#)" (#15 Relix [Jam Bands 2022](#)).

The Two Peas thank Ron Goad and Jay Ridgeway for accompanying them.



# THE FOLK CLUB

*of Reston & Herndon*

## Annual Holiday Party Tuesday, December 20

Get ready for our annual holiday party. Wrap up your unused CDs (remember them?) for the raffle, don your holiday garb, and slide your sled over to Herndon's Amphora Diner for more fun than you can shake sleigh bells at. One of our ticket elves will, of course, be handing out raffle tickets at the door, and dessert is provided – all for free. Hope to see you there!

To get you in the mood, here are pictures from the holiday gathering a few years ago (by Cheryl Hennessy). Remember, this is a round-robin night (each act on the signup board gets one song, so everyone can add to the merriment).



## **CLUB INFO, ETC.**

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

Florence Dore on tour - The Ink in the Grooves Live (a traveling public humanities program). Florence Dore is a Nashville-born, North Carolina-based independent musical artist who has a new album, *Highways and Rocketships*. The road from her first album (*Perfect*) to this one has been anything but straight—and that's not even counting the pandemic delays.

This second show at Al's new and improved Art Barn starts at 7:30 PM on Saturday, December 10th. Tickets at <https://www.florencedoremusic.com/> or at the concert. Suggested donation is \$20 (let Al know you're coming at [Alhobson@verizon.net](mailto:Alhobson@verizon.net)). All proceeds go to the artist. There will be water, wine, and light refreshments served. If you would like to bring a dish to share, that would be great.

### **Zoom Open Mics**

Al Hobson continues hosting bi-weekly virtual open mics on Zoom. This month the dates are Mon Dec 12 and maybe Mon Dec 26 (TBD). 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.

### **Open Mic YouTube Stream – Not Live, But Better**

For those who cannot be at the Amphora or who'd like to see the open mic later, a link is on our Event Calendar ([https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page\\_id=918](https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page_id=918), select the link below the date, then the YouTube link).

Note that because of recurring audio/video interruptions in the live streams we've decided to record the open mic on Tuesday night, and upload and post it to YouTube the next day. This way it is much more enjoyable to watch. Go to [https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page\\_id=918](https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/?page_id=918).

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

**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)

**The Aloha Boys (including Glen Hirabayashi)**  
[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**  
[www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic](https://www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic)

**Steven Cutts** [ThePrimeCutts.com](http://ThePrimeCutts.com) and Spotify, Apple Music, and Soundcloud

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

**Shenandoah Run (including Bob Melissinos, John Wertz, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson)**  
[www.shenandoahrun.com](http://www.shenandoahrun.com)

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **Focus Music**

- Lox & Vodka (Klezmer) and Tabla for Two (Afghani, Indian), Sat Dec 10 at 7:30 PM, Focus Mount Rockville, Tikvat Israel, 2200 Baltimore Rd, Rockville, MD 20851  
- 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**

- Annual Celtic Holiday Concert - Robin Bullock, with Ken Kolodner on hammered dulcimer and fiddler Elke Baker, Mon Dec 12 at 7:30 PM, Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852  
- Nordensong with special guest Andrea Hoag (New Traditional Music), Wed Dec 14 at 7:30 PM, Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Street NW, Washington, DC 20012  
- 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.



*of Reston & Herndon*

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

**President:** Ben Hamblin                      **Treasurer:** Al Hobson

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**Website:** Al Hobson, Ben Hamblin

**Facebook:** Ben Hamblin

**Lifetime Members:** Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Beth Drumheller

#### **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).

### The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

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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: The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon; 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.