

**March 21 – Adam Hurt & Beth Williams Hartness in Concert**

Enjoy Adam's elegantly innovative clawhammer banjo and fiddle, and Beth's signature fingerstyle guitar!  
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**March 14 Showcase – Felicia Hanna**  
by Felicia



I am one of many people whose lives have been forever enhanced by the Folk Club. I first heard of The Folk Club in a small article in the Herndon Observer. When I showed up that night, the room was at capacity and I was turned away at the door due to fire codes (it was a party night and a full crowd). But as I was leaving, one seat opened up. Turns out the reporter from the Observer was leaving at half-time, and Bill Farrar called me back in and handed me a brochure. A simple twist of fate and the rest is history! I was blown away by the performances and people and quickly fell in love. There is something so special about feeling

live music!

I started writing songs as a kid and always loved to sing, but never did it publicly until TM's invitation and encouragement to sing with him -- an easy sell, since I was already his biggest fan.

Back then, I considered it a personal victory just to get up and try, and I still do. To get up and sing takes courage and rewards you with the wild thrill of living. To sing and play an instrument well takes a greater talent and devotion, for which I salute the many who do it regularly! To share your own songs is to live fully and open-heartedly and to listen with an open heart is a gift.

My heart is full of gratitude for the many, many talented performers over the years who have shared their songs and voices, which have become a cherished soundtrack of my life. Songs that I never would have heard were it not for the Folk Club of Reston-Herndon.

I was lovingly given an autoharp by Holly Towne who encouraged me and many others to sing and play. For this showcase, I plan to share some of my own songs and some covers I love with the good people of the Folk Club.



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## Adam Hurt & Beth Williams Hartness



**TUESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2023**

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

**\$12 (\$11 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://www.adamhurt.com/>

[FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org](http://FolkClubOfRestonHerndon.org)

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

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon welcomes back Adam Hurt and Beth Williams Hartness for another evening of traditional music from the Appalachian south featuring clawhammer banjo, fiddle, fingerstyle guitar, and vocals. Their engaging program will appeal to players and fans of old-time music as well as those who may be getting their very first taste of this captivating genre.

Deemed a "banjo virtuoso" by the Washington Post, Adam Hurt has fused several traditional old-time idioms to create his own elegantly innovative clawhammer banjo style, having been introduced to the instrument at age eleven in his native Minnesota. A respected performer and teacher of traditional music, Adam has played at the Kennedy Center and conducted banjo workshops at many venues around the country and abroad. Since moving south in 2002, Adam has placed or won most of the major old-

time banjo competitions, and he has claimed several state banjo and fiddle championships.

Raised on a tobacco farm in Caswell County, North Carolina, Beth Williams Hartness began singing and taught herself to play the guitar at the age of twelve, influenced by her mother's passion for early 1960s folk music. Beth was first introduced to old-time music in the 1980s while living in Charlotte, North Carolina, and during this time she was a founding member of the Charlotte Folk Music Society, serving as vice president and festival organizer.

Adam and Beth collaborated for *Fine Times at Our House*, a CD of old-time duets featuring Adam's clawhammer banjo and fiddle along with Beth's fingerstyle guitar. Their aim was to capture some of their favorite music as they play it at home; the result is a project that is at once intimate and enveloping.

***UPCOMING CONCERTS:***

**Runaway Home 5/16/2023**

## **CLUB INFO, ETC.**

### **Return to Kilmarnock! – Folk Club Jamboree and Retirement Celebration – Memorial Day Weekend**

Barb and Craig Keeler are going to host us again at Blue Bayou, their home on Chesapeake Bay this Memorial Day. The dates are Friday-Monday, May 26-29, and the address is 72 Point Pleasant Road, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

If you think you are going, please let them know now. They'd like to know how many are attending, your arrival/departure plans, how many meals you'll have, and if you plan to camp out (804-435-1927, 703-203-8743, or bkeeler30@gmail.com, ). Also contact them if you have questions or need more information.

Note: With family coming to celebrate Craig's retirement, they don't have any spare bedrooms available this time.

Come to the celebration and get together with folkies. These gatherings are worth the trip.

### **Open Mics on Zoom**

Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. This month the dates are Mon Mar 6 and Mon Mar 20. 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 Recording on YouTube**

For those who cannot be at the Amphora and would 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). We record the open mic on Tuesday night, and upload and post it to YouTube the next day.

## **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](http://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 Werntz, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson)**  
[www.shenandoahrn.com](http://www.shenandoahrn.com)

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **Sam Robbins**

March 9th - 7:00 PM at Earp's Ordinary in Fairfax, VA  
[www.earpsordinary.com](http://www.earpsordinary.com)

### **Focus Music**

- James Keelaghan w David Woodhead – Sun Mar 12 at 7:30 PM, Focus Rockville / Tikvat Israel, 2200 Baltimore Rd, Rockville, MD 20851 – \$25/\$30 or webcast available  
- 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**

- Dervish – Fri Mar 10 at 7:30 PM, [Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD](http://SaintMarkPresbyterianChurch.org)  
\$25+\$2/\$30  
- Go to [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org) for more information.

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

- Clare Sands – in person concert on Wed Mar 22 at 7:30 PM, Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC – \$25 or free for members  
- Go to <http://fsgw.org/> for more information.





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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 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"  
(<https://www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub>)

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

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **MUSIC GEAR**

- For Sale: Late 40's early 50's Gibson lap steel. Ukuleles, including Kamaka, Martin, Cordoba, and Kala. Contact TM at [pressroom@bird-phluph.com](mailto:pressroom@bird-phluph.com) for prices or pictures.