

The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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Kate MacLeod's Mind the Gap – In Concert – May 21st

Come hear originals, fiddle tunes, & creative takes on Trad, Old-Time & Pop music by Kate, John, & Paul.

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May 7 Showcase – Al Hobson and Chasing Magic

by Al and Dan Grove

Al Hobson, the Folk Club's new President, is having a wonderful time with music now that he's retired. He regrets telling his Step-Mom "no" when she offered guitar lessons in 5th grade, but he began playing in 2014 and joined the Folk Club in 2016. At the FC, he started running sound and mastered it. He became the online broadcast sound tech for Blues Alley Concerts at the National Press Club during COVID-19; he also bought some of the equipment. He renovated the "Arts Barn" behind his house, with the upstairs a full musical performance venue, complete with online streaming. Al has a house concert series there that supports many musicians. The first floor is where his wife Mercia does acrylic painting and pottery when she's not filing Connection newspaper stories from all over Fairfax County. They've been married 48 years, have 5 adult children and a dog, Oceanna.

Al worked as a campus security guard in college in Maine, a work/study program. That's how he was backstage and got to meet the band America when they played there. Dewey Bunnell, Gerry Beckley, and Dan Peek were mostly playing acoustic guitars then, and they became a favorite of his. When John Druitt and Al decided to form a band, *Ventura Highway* was an early cover. For the showcase the band will do an America tribute.

BTW, that security job in college eventually led to a 20-year gig with the Secret Service. Al was on the Vice President's detail, travelling the world with George H. W. Bush and then Dan Quayle. He also did financial crimes enforcement, IT, and cyber security. Al finished his career doing internal affairs for the TSA at Dulles.

But back to music! The band has been together for almost three years, and has gone from "Big Al's Garage" to "The Fabulous Retronauts" to, finally, "Chasing Magic" - a name that fits their Americana/blues/soft rock acoustic profile. They are John Druitt on lead guitar and vocals, Patricia Quezada on guitar and vocals, Walt Lazear on bass, and Al on rhythm guitar and vocals. Walt is going to be on a trip to Portugal during the showcase, so Jim Fowler will be on bass. Also joining Al for the showcase are Elizabeth Stone on keyboard and Chuck Haskins on violin. Their website is www.chasingmagic-theband.com



The Chairs They Are A-Changin'

Recent changes to the Folk Club officers and board members deserve a special mention:

- **Ben Hamblin** stepped down as President of The Folk Club after serving in that position for 14 years. He will stay on as a member of the Board of Directors.
- **Al Hobson** was elected President of The Folk Club by the Board of Directors after being nominated by Ben.
- Ron Goad nominated **Jen Katt** to be our new treasurer and she was also approved without any objection.
- **Cheryl Hennessey** gave up her position on the Board of Directors since she has moved to Florida and cannot attend often.
- We extend our thanks to Al and Jen for offering their services as President and Treasurer, and feel confident that they will help to maintain and enhance our experience at the Club. All of the officers and members of the Board deserve thanks for their dedication to the Club as they keep our unique and special club going for all to enjoy. And of course the Folk Club wouldn't be what it is without each and every musician and listener who comes to our open mics and concerts to share their love of music with like-minded friends.



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Proudly Presents

Kate MacLeod's Mind the Gap



TUESDAY, MAY 21ST, 2024

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$19 (\$18 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*

www.KateMacLeod.com

<https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/>

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Kate MacLeod's Mind the Gap features award-winning songwriter and fiddler Kate MacLeod, with accompanying musicians Paul Hammerton on acoustic guitar and vocals, and John Bryant on upright bass and vocals. Together they perform Kate's original songs, fiddle instrumentals, and creative renditions of Traditional, Old-Time, and Popular music.

Kate is both an Easterner and a Westerner, equally adept at her guitar as she is on her fiddle, and can't be kept in one musical box. Since her first recording (produced by Charles Sawtelle of the Bluegrass band Hot Rize) her songs have been recorded by other artists from California to the Czech Republic. Musicians such as Laurie Lewis and Mollie O'Brien sing her songs regularly, and Tim O'Brien produced her *Blooming* recording with an all-star band including Tim, Darrell Scott, Byron House, and the late Kenny Malone.

Kate has toured in the United States, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, and the UK. She was chosen for the Best of the West Award, 2019, by the Far-West division of the Folk Alliance International. Her current projects include recording new renditions of songs by Jean Ritchie, a Kentucky-born folk musician, featuring Paul and John.

Kate resides in both Salt Lake City, UT, and Harpers Ferry, WV. Paul Hammerton a native of the UK and former teacher, has been living in Virginia for many years, playing the American traditional music he knows and loves. Born and raised in West Virginia, John Bryant studied music education at West Virginia University and is a full-time school teacher.

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

The Kennedys 09/17/2024

Cox & McRae 11/19/2024

CLUB INFO, ETC.

May 14th – Our 39th Anniversary Celebration!

A special night to celebrate our longevity and our love for acoustic music. As usual for party nights, we'll have round-robin open mic entertainment (one song per musical act), free dessert, door prizes, and it's free (no dollar donation). Bring wrapped-up CD's that you think other folkies might enjoy. The Folk Club will add CD's by our recent monthly concert artists.

Memorial Day Weekend – Folk Club Campout

Barb and Craig Keeler will host us again at Blue Bayou, their home on Chesapeake Bay, 72 Point Pleasant Road, Kilmarnock, VA 22482 from Friday May 24th to Monday May 27th.

If you are planning to go, please let them know. 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. A flyer is available from them or at the Amphora.

This is a chance to get together with folk friends and share music, food, and conversation on the Chesapeake. These gatherings are worth the trip.

Zoom Open Mics

Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics Monday nights on Zoom. The dates this month are Mon May 13, and Mon May 27. If you'd like to watch and listen, or share some songs, send an email to Al Hobson at alhobson@verizon.net by Sunday evening. Let him know if you plan to perform or listen and he'll send you the Zoom link for the 7:30 PM show.

Open Mic Playback

If you would like to see a video recording of the Tuesday night open mic, go to the folkclubofrestonherndon.org [Event Calendar](#). Select the link below the date, then the YouTube link. It's uploaded by the next day.

Note: If YouTube says it's blocked, right-click the link, then choose the option to open the link in a new tab or window.

MUSICAL NOTES



Arts Barn Music

- Fri May 24 at 7 PM – Michelle Swan / Doug Alan Wilcox – Michelle is a self-reflective creator of songs that everyone can relate to. Doug's music and poetry will stick in your head and your heart.

- Reserve seats at artsbarnmusic.org - in Herndon, VA.

Focus Music

- Wed May 8 at 7 PM, Caroline Cotter / Annette Wasilik at Earp's Ordinary, Silver Spring, MD.

- Sat May 25 at 7 PM, Kate Campbell at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, VA, or streaming.

- Sat Jun 1 at 7:30 PM, Jesse Terry w Holly Neal at Focus Music Sterling, VA, or streaming.

- Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

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

Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

- Thu May 9 at 7 PM, Andrew Finn Magill and Alan Murray at The Lyceum, Alexandria, VA

- Go to fsgw.org for more information.

Institute of Musical Traditions

- Mon May 13 at 7:30 PM, Caña Dulce & Caña Brava, St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD.

- Go to www.imtfolk.org for more information.

Also of Note

- May 11, Indigo Girls with Fairfax Symphony, Capital One Hall, Tysons Corner, VA

- May 24-26 - Folk College at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. Fun and friendly weekend of playing and listening to folk music. Workshops/Concerts/Jamming and more – see www.folkcollege.com for details.

- Fri Jun 28, Scott Miller (a Cayamo alum) at The Vault in Capital One complex, Tysons Corner, VA

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

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

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

Ron Goad – email: MisterGoad@aol.com

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

Jan Gillies www.jangilliesmusic.com

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn) www.hickoryg.com

- Sat Jun 1 at 7 PM, Swift Run Celtic House Concert Series, Fairfax Station, VA – with Larry Tapper and Niels Jonker

Stevie Wade Potter – acoustic musician

www.steviewademusic.com

Sherry Stewart

- Fri May 10 at 8 PM, Down to the Bones show at Three Whistles, Arlington, VA

www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic

Steven Cutts ThePrimeCutts.com and Spotify, Apple Music, and Soundcloud

Audrey Adair AudreyJAdair.com

Shenandoah Run (including Bob Melissinos, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson) www.shenandoahrun.com

- Sat May 18 at 8 PM, Jammin' Java, Vienna, VA

The Two Peas (Ann Granger and Larry Rice) - Harmony in Acoustic Music – twopeasharmony@gmail.com

Chasing Magic (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear) chasingmagic-theband.com

- Sun May 26 at The Winery at Bull Run

George Katsos georgekatsos.com



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

President: Al Hobson **Treasurer:** Jen Katt
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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 2nd 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.

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 Jen Katt, 13529 Wood St, Woodbridge, VA 22191-1338, treasurer.folkclub@gmail.com.

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c/o Jennifer Katt
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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 Jen Katt. Send the check to: The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon; c/o Jen Katt; 13529 Wood St; Woodbridge, VA 22191-1338. Please provide your name, email address, phone # and type, and residential address. Sorry, we cannot accept online payments.

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" (<https://www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub>)
General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

CLASSIFIEDS

MUSIC GEAR

- For sale: Gold Star GF100HF \$1143.28. Cordoba 28T \$123.47. Matching Red Valley Mandolin and Mandola \$2231.53. For more info, etc. contact TM at pressroom@birdphluph.com.

- For sale: A signed Keith Young lap dulcimer made in November of 1980, #557. It is in excellent condition but has not been played in many years. Cloth case included. Selling for \$444 OBO. Please contact Shana Spiegel at shana.spiegel@gmail.com or 703-899-5144.