

## Folk Club Theme Night – Female Songwriters – August 20th

A Folk Club celebration of the many fine songs written by women. Who needs men?

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## August 13 Showcase – Cindy McConnell

by Cindy

As a rural Pennsylvania teenager in the 70s, I listened to vinyl folk and what's now classic rock albums such as Carly Simon's *No Secrets* and Fleetwood Mac's *Rumours*. I sang in my high school varsity chorus and performed in musicals; a favorite role was Liesl in *The Sound of Music*. I also learned a few guitar chords along the way.

During college, I joined some musician friends occasionally for some dive bar gigs in Maryland and West Virginia. Later, as a single mom trying to progress in my career, I didn't have much time to perform music again until my son went off to college in 2002. Then, with more free time on my hands, I bought a nicer guitar — my first Martin — and a sound system, and started performing at an annual Labor Day weekend event in my hometown, and frequently in Virginia coffee shops, bars, and wineries, mostly solo but at times with a few others. I also performed for more than a decade at an annual Finger Lakes (New York) greyhound adoption fundraiser.

I cover a wide range of folk as well as classic and progressive rock artists; just a few of many influences (in addition to Carly and Stevie Nicks) include Bob Dylan, Cat Stevens, Christine Kane, Elton John, John Prine, Joni Mitchell, Kasey Musgraves, Neil Young, Sheryl Crow, and Tracy Chapman. I've slowly started to work on some originals, too. More to come on that front!

My day job is communicating about evidence-based biomedical science. I also love spending time with my horse and greyhound, and hanging out with human friends and family, too, including two granddaughters. I love this country despite its many flaws so continue to closely follow and advocate against the rising fascism.

While I performed at the Folk Club just a few times before 2023, including at the Tortilla Factory, I've become a regular since last year and am grateful for so many new, wonderful friends, some of whom will be joining my showcase: the fabulous Sherry Stewart, Jen Katt, John Druiitt, and Ron Goad!

Looking forward to August 13 and to many more fun Folk Club Tuesday nights ahead!





## Female Songwriters Night

August 20, 2024

The Folk Club is continuing its “theme night” open mic tradition in those months without a scheduled concert with featured artists. This month the theme is Female Songwriters.

Though some may assume that folk/rock/pop songwriting is a male-dominated field, there are a plethora of gifted female singer-songwriters. Songs by Joni Mitchell, Kate Wolf, Suzanne Vega, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Janis Ian, Carole King, Antje Duvokot, Natalie Merchant, Dulcie Taylor, Mary McCaslin, Tracy Chapman, and Delores O’Riordan, among others, have been performed at the Folk Club.

And there are also our own Folk Club singer-songwriters: Anna Keller, Barb Keeler, Carolyn Eyerly, Isabella Perelman, Jan Gillies, Jen Katt, Jillian Matundan, Kim Melton, and Sherry Stewart [apologies if any are missing - Ed.]!

Performers, pick out songs from your favorite female songwriters (they can be co-writes with men too), and join us on August 20th! Listeners, come and enjoy the songs they’ve picked to share. It’s a safe bet that some will be familiar favorites and others will be enjoyable discoveries.



*Note: The theme nights have been going since 2016, and they are fun and often result in surprising song choices. They’re an opportunity to try something a little different and have a good time with it. We encourage performers to play songs that fit the theme. Of course, that doesn’t mean it’s required: anyone who signs up on a theme night can play whatever they want, and that will be fine, too. But everyone will appreciate those who find fitting tunes to share.*

## **CLUB INFO, ETC.**

### **SAVE THE DATE...**

For the Second Song Circle featuring Folk Club of Reston-Herndon performers. Come and hear them in a more in-depth way in a beautiful listening venue. Four performers will be featured and will alternate sharing their songs. Jennifer Katt will host and appear as one of the performers, along with Joe Cane, Isabella Perelman, and Bill Stejskal. Why?: Because you love music! And variety! Sun Sep 29 at 6:30 pm, at Al's Art Barn – RSVP: [Jenkatt@comcast.net](mailto:Jenkatt@comcast.net)



### **Volunteer Needed to Maintain Our Photo Albums**

The Folk Club has several photo albums /scrapbooks with pics and other memorabilia. We are looking for someone to maintain them and keep them safe so we can access them occasionally. These were kept by Dave Hurd, and Beth Drumheller recently turned them over to us. Lynn Romano has a few items saved by Jim Rosenkrans that we might want to add to the collection. See Al or Ben if you are interested.

### **Zoom Open Mics**

Every other Monday night Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. The dates this month are Monday August 5th, Monday August 19th, and NOT on September 2nd (Labor Day). If you'd like to watch and listen, or share some songs, send an email to Al Hobson at [alhobson@verizon.net](mailto: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.

### **Tuesday Night Open Mic Videos**

To see a video recording of the Tuesday night open mic, go to the [folkclubofrestonherndon.org](http://folkclubofrestonherndon.org) [Event Calendar](#). Select the link below the date, then the YouTube link. Note that it takes some time to upload the files. If YouTube says the link is blocked, right-click the link, then choose the option to open the link in a new tab or window.

## **MUSICAL NOTES**



### **Arts Barn Music**

- Sat Aug 10 at 7 PM, Sam Robbins, who is well on his way to becoming a star in his own right, having just opened for Jason Mraz and performing as a main act at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. This is your chance to see a great singer-songwriter up close and personal.

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

### **Focus Music**

- Sun Aug 11 at 7 PM - Ronn McFarlane at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring, MD. Grammy-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane strives to bring the lute into today's musical mainstream and make it accessible to a wider audience.

- 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.

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

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

### **Institute of Musical Traditions**

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

### **Strathmore Music Center**

- Sat Aug 17, 8:00 pm, DC Legends Tribute - BandHouse Gigs 20th Anniversary. Songs by Marvin Gaye, Emmylou Harris, Chuck Brown, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Eva Cassidy and others, performed by Jon Carroll, Daryl Davis, Patty Reese, Kipyn Martin and other DC area artists.

[www.strathmore.org/a-bandhouse-gigs-tribute-to-dc-legends/](http://www.strathmore.org/a-bandhouse-gigs-tribute-to-dc-legends/)

## **MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO**

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

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

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

- Fri Aug 16 at 7:30 PM, Lake Accotink Park, Springfield, VA – Free concert presented by Fairfax County Parks.

[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, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson) [www.shenandoahrun.com](http://www.shenandoahrun.com)

- Fri Aug 9 at 7:30 PM – Creative Cauldron in Falls Church, VA. [creativecauldron.org/buy-tickets](http://creativecauldron.org/buy-tickets)

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

**Chasing Magic** (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear) [chasingmagic-theband.com](http://chasingmagic-theband.com)

- Sun Aug 25, 6 to 7:30 PM, Haiti Benefit – Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, Sterling, VA

**George Katsos** [georgekatsos.com](http://georgekatsos.com)



*of Reston & Herndon*

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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 Jen Katt, 13529 Wood St, Woodbridge, VA 22191-1338, [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 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:** <https://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/>  
**Facebook:** <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](mailto: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](mailto:shana.spiegel@gmail.com) or 703-899-5144.