

The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

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

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Upcoming Events

May 13th - FCRH 40th Anniversary Celebration! (SEE BELOW)

May 6 Showcase - Jennifer Cooke Katt

by Jennifer

Jennifer Katt has been writing and performing music since the early 1980's, when she mostly sang with and for friends, which remains her favorite thing to do. In the 1990's her songwriting trio "Bugleweed" performed its original tunes at local venues, highlighting three-part harmonies with acoustic instrumentation. After that came the duo "Folk Head" (with Tom Sibert) and then "Random Act," an 8-member high-harmony group featuring a lavish array of instruments and vocal arrangements—like Shenandoah Run, but with less rehearsal.

Now, Jennifer is focusing once again on songwriting and performing, often with others, enjoying the intimacy of smaller venues and listening spaces like the Folk Club of Reston-Herndon (FCRH). She also sings each Sunday with the St. Paul United Methodist Church Choir and with smaller a cappella groups. She is recording a new album of original tunes, which should be out this year. Her love of Folk-Americana music goes back to her childhood, listening to her father play guitar and sing every night as she fell asleep. Other major influences include Nancy Griffith, Lucinda Williams, Kris Kristofferson, Dolly Parton, and John Prine. Her songs often feature people who are important to her or stories with an emotional or spiritual bent, reflecting the twists and turns of her own life. Jennifer is retired from a decades-long career as a technical/scientific writer and personal trainer. Other than music, hobbies include competitive swimming, teaching fitness classes, and watching her new granddaughter, Mariana.



Jennifer is so grateful to be back with the FCRH, which she frequents as a performer and audience member and where both roles inspire her as a songwriter. She loves the many friends she has found there, who continue to enrich her life beyond Tuesday evenings. Jennifer is proud to serve as FCRH Treasurer and as host of a regular song circle held at Al's Arts Barn, featuring members of the FCRH. She is also a longtime member and past board member of the Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) and has won several awards from SAW's Mid-Atlantic Song Contest. She is looking forward to her showcase, which will include performing with a few of the many talented Folk Club regulars.

OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Can you believe our open mic and concert nights have been happening week in and week out since May of 1985? From small beginnings we've endured and flourished and kept to our simple rules, which make us a very special place to enjoy folk music and meet others who are into music. We will celebrate at the Amphora on Tuesday, May 13th. Come to see your friends and for music, cake, and much celebrating. This year we're adding two suggested song themes for the night: "Songs You Just Had to Learn After Hearing It At the Folk Club," and "Songs You May Have Heard in 1985." As usual for party nights, we'll have round robin open mic entertainment (one song pre musical act), free dessert, and door prizes - for free (no dollar donation). We hope everyone who loves the Folk Club can come and help us celebrate this special occasion. If you can't make it and would like to let us know what the Folk Club means to you, send an email to folkclubofrestonherndon@gmail.com and we'll share your thoughts with everyone.



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Proudly Presents

Linda McRae



TUESDAY, MAY 20TH, 2025

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$19 (\$18 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE

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 treasurer.jk.folkclub@gmail.com

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

www.lindamcrae.com/

folkclubofrestonherndon.org

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She's a singer-songwriter musician of the old school with decades of experience, so you may think you know what Linda McRae is up to. That is, until she throws you a curve with a new twist: David Bowie on banjo?!

Linda manages to bend the rules and genres, proving that stripping a song clean brings one back to their roots. With her new release "Going to the Well," Canadian/Nashville based Linda McRae takes a deep draw on iconic influences, covering the likes of Willie P. Bennett, Richard Thompson, Don Williams, and Bill Kirchen.

Linda's love of Canadian, American, and British music early on in her career resulted in multiple band configurations from roots-rock to punk to folk. Her contributions to the Canadian music scene led to being honored as a 2016 British Columbia Entertainment Hall of Fame "Pioneer" inductee.

When Linda steps onto a concert stage, into a recording studio, workshop or mentoring session, there is an effortless passion, a love of what she does, a connection with fans, and friendships built and treasured. A multi-instrumentalist (banjo, guitar, accordion), Linda works tirelessly as a touring singing songwriter, performing at premiere venues across Canada, the US, and Europe while turning out new works.

Crucial to Linda's art is her virtuosic vocal work. Echoes of such artists as The Beatles, Hank Williams Sr, Hazel and Alice, Jean Ritchie, Neil Young, and Johnny Cash are reflected in her work, reviving the songs with a new urgency of spirit and authenticity.

Join us in welcoming Linda McRae to The Folk Club for the first time.

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

[Rachel Sumner & Traveling Light](#) 9/16/2025

[Furnace Mountain Trio](#) 11/18/2025

CLUB INFO, ETC.

Zoom Open Mics

Every other Monday night at 7:30 pm Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. May dates are May 12th and 26th. If you'd like to watch or share some songs send an email to Al Hobson at alhobson@verizon.net by Sunday evening. Let him know if you plan to listen or perform and he'll send you the Zoom link.

Tuesday Night Open Mic Videos

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

MUSICAL NOTES



Al's Arts Barn - <https://artsbarnmusic.org/> 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA

DON'T DELAY—RESERVE NOW

...the Fourth Song Circle featuring Reston-Herndon Folk Club members will take place on May 4, at 6:30 pm. Come and hear some of our Folk Club members 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. Performers include Rob Gould, Joan Kennedy, Jim Thorne, and Ellen James.

When: May 4, Sunday, 6:30 pm, FREE, donation requested

Where: Al's Art Barn

Why: Because you love music! And variety!

RSVP: Jenkatt@comcast.net or to www.artsbarnmusic.org/events (scroll down to reserve).



Focus Music - Visit www.focusmusic.org for more information.

Sun. 5/4 @7:00 PM, Anne Hills.

at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn.

311 Kent Square Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878-5727 |

Institute of Musical Traditions – www.imtfolk.org

Mon, 5/12 @ 7:30PM ilyAIMY and Ayreheart

Glen Echo Park - Bumper Car Pavilion, 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo, MD

Mon, 5/19 @ 7:30PM YOUNGER THAN THAT NOW - BOB DYLAN 84th BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE

Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo

Birchmere –

Thu 5/8 @7:30 pm- **Martin Carthy** and his daughter, Eliza. <https://www.birchmere.com/events/uk-folk-legends-martin-eliza-carthy/> UK Folk legend Martin Carthy is 82 and it may well be the last time we have a chance to see his brilliance live.

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

Audrey Adair AudreyJAdair.com

Chris Anderson ChrisAndersonSongs.com

Chasing Magic (including John Druitt, Al Hobson, Walt Lazear) ChasingMagic-TheBand.com

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

Ron Goad – email: MisterGoad@aol.com

Jan Gillies: www.jangilliesmusic.com

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

Jim Fowler: www.shoutmusicjim.com

Rick Landers and Heartland: <https://ricklanders.com/>

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

Sherry Stewart (Sunny@Midnight)
www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic

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

The Two Peas (Ann Granger and Larry Rice) - **Harmony in Acoustic Music** – <http://www.thetwopeasmusic.com/>

Memorial Day Weekend – Folk Club Jamboree!

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 23rd to Monday May 26th.

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.



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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

Board of Directors: Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Ron Goad, Sue Schier, Ben Hamblin, Bill Farrar, Connee Chandler, Jim Clark, Nancy Truax, John Cantrell

Publicity: Dan Telfer, Kevin Nordlie

Bookings: John Cantrell

Newsletter: Louis Klein, Dan Grove

Website: Al Hobson, Ben Hamblin

Facebook: Ben Hamblin

Lifetime Members: Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky, Dave Hurd (in memoriam) & 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 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 Louis Klein, lklein21@gmail.com

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS

Donations can be made in advance for concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Jen Katt, 13529 Wood St, Woodbridge, VA 22191-1338, treasurer.jk.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 \$60 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: www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub

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

Newsletter ideas: Louis Klein: lklein21@gmail.com

CLASSIFIEDS

MUSIC GEAR for Sale

- For Sale: Ukuleles, banjos, guitars, and mandolins. Contact TM at press-room@birdphluph.com for more info.