

# The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

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

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## Upcoming Events

Theme Night – “Let Freedom Ring!” – July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Unplugged – July 29<sup>th</sup> – No Mics, No Amps!

## July 8 Showcase – Bev and Jack Osburn

by Jack

In 1984 Bev and Jack Osburn went to England to visit their dear friends, Rose and John Haskell, who were living in Henley-On-Thames, Oxfordshire, UK. Rose and John introduced Jack and Bev to the flourishing English “Folk-Pub” scene that enchanted and embraced Rose. Upon returning to the USA in 1985, Rose immediately recruited Bev, Jack, Susan Schoebel, and others to help establish a Folk Club based on the English Folk-Pub model.

From the first night at The Acorn in Reston, Bev and Jack were regular members of the fledgling Reston Folk Club (later the Folk Club of Reston-Herndon). They were surprised to meet a teenaged Kingston Trio fan, Mark Elliot. Mark, an excellent singer, guitar player, and songwriter, was a joy to harmonize with. Bev, Jack, and Mark began performing as a trio they called New Horizon, playing events in and around Northern Virginia until Mark moved to Nashville to pursue his career as a songwriter.



In 1989 Bev and Jack formed the Folk and Bluegrass band Hickory Grove, with Jamie Richardson singing, playing mandolin, and arranging, and Chris Enghouser on bass. They played Fairfax and Arlington venues including Colvin Run Mill, Sully Plantation, the Crystal City Water Park, and the median strip on Wilson Blvd. Hickory Grove were also guests on Bill Davis’s public access TV show.

In the fall of 1993, they went into Bias Studios in Springfield, with Ralph Gordon as bassist and producer and Bill McElroy as recording engineer. Their album *At the Mill* received excellent reviews from Bluegrass Unlimited, Sing Out, the Times Community Paper, Northern Virginia Rhythm, and Dirty Linen. The CDs and cassette tapes are no longer available, but you can find the recordings on YouTube if you search for “Hickory Grove: At The Mill” (direct link - <https://tinyurl.com/3bwy4jrm>).

Through the 1990s Hickory Grove played an array of regional venues ranging from Downs Park, MD, to Waterford, VA, including town festivals, county parks, 4<sup>th</sup> of July events, First Night Celebrations, the Kennedy Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and three Millennium Stage performances. Entering the new century, they slowed their public performance pace as Bev and Jack returned to school at night to earn master’s degrees, worked their day jobs, and attended to family. Musical performances were limited to mostly private settings.

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## Showcase Feature (continued)



In 2013 they reactivated Hickory Grove with new energy and performances at the Swift Run Lodge Celtic House, Jammin' Java, and other venues. Performing a wide variety of Folk and Bluegrass-influenced music, they're frequently joined by friends on bass, harmonica, mandolin, and hammered dulcimer.

This Showcase will have the current Hickory Grove lineup: Bev and Jack on vocals, guitar and banjo; Larry Tapper on harmonica; Becca Eastman on vocals; Loren Eastman on Mandolin and Guitar; and Niels Jonker on bass.

## Folk Club Theme Night – Tuesday, July 15th “Let Freedom Ring!”

In months when we don't have a concert scheduled the FCRH will have a “Theme Night” that gives performers incentive to research different kinds of music and come up with songs which follow the theme and interpret them in their own style.

For July, we are celebrating our country - the strength of our people, freedoms to worship, protest, gather, the struggles for freedom, and the promise of the future! In these contentious times it is vital that we remember the unique freedoms we enjoy and to resoundingly celebrate this land – OUR land!

So come ready to sing along with Woody, look to what is Blowin' in the Wind with Bob, or simply declare the beauty of the land with Kate – come and celebrate this nation that has given so much to the world and has promise for so much more!

While we're encouraging performers to present songs that fit the theme, it's not required. However, we appreciate those who are able to do that.

## In Memoriam

### Remembering Martha “Marty” Jenkins (July 1, 1947 – May 25, 2025)

We lost a dear friend and fellow Folk Club member last month. Marty Jenkins was one of the sweetest people who ever graced the audience at the Folk Club. Her soft spoken intelligence was beloved by all who had the honor of calling her friend. She regularly attended our Tuesday Night Open Mics for many years, then during the pandemic she attended our weekly “Zooms,” and after that she joined the Alt-Monday Virtual Open Mics. She attended many campouts at the Hurd's, the Keeler's, and the Truax's, and was always up early to make coffee for everyone else (which was just like her).



For those who would like to celebrate Marty's life together, her memorial service will be on Saturday, July 12 at 1 PM at United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Dr in Reston. Here is a link to her [obituary](#).

## 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. July dates are July 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. If you'd like to watch 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 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](http://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

### **Fairfax County Free concerts!**

**Sat 7/19 @7:30 PM John McCutcheon**  
Arrowbrook Centre , 2351 Field Point Road  
Herndon

**Thu 7/24 @7:30 PM Kruger Brothers**  
Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Rd, Vienna

**Sat 7/26 @7:30 PM Tom Rush**  
Workhouse Arts Center  
9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton

**Focus Music** - Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more information.

**Sat 7/17 @ 7:30 PM Caroline Cotter**  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Sterling.  
22135 Davis Dr Suite 104, Sterling, VA 20164

**Institute of Musical Traditions** – [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org)  
(No events listed for July)

## MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

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

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

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

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

**Jim Fowler:** [www.shoutmusicjim.com](http://www.shoutmusicjim.com)

**George Katsos** -  
<https://www.submithub.com/link/follow-george-on-social-media>

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

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

**Sherry Stewart (Sunny@Midnight)**  
[www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic](http://www.facebook.com/SunnyatMidnightMusic)

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

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

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*[It's a folk singer's job to comfort disturbed people and to disturb comfortable people.](#)*

*[Woody Guthrie](#)*

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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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**Website:** Al Hobson, Ben Hamblin  
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**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 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 Louis Klein, [lklein21@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:treasurer.jk.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 \$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/](http://folkclubofrestonherndon.org/)  
**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub](http://www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub)  
**General Info:** Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402  
**Newsletter ideas:** Louis Klein: [lklein21@gmail.com](mailto:lklein21@gmail.com)

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **MUSIC GEAR for Sale**

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