

The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

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

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Upcoming Event

Tuesday, October 21: Theme Night — Singalong Songs!

October 14 Showcase – John Cantrell

by John



John Cantrell studied piano for 8 years as a child, progressing to Bach's 15 Two-Part Inventions, which provided a solid music foundation. During middle school, he started developing original, contemporary music ideas. Early influences were America, Dan Fogelberg, The Eagles, John Prine, Jimmy Buffet, Cat Stevens, Elton John, The Moody Blues, and others. He decided the acoustic guitar was the right instrument and grabbed his older brother's guitar that was collecting dust in the closet. Joining with friends and several older experienced guitarists, he learned to play. And songwriting began.

Bitten by the singer-songwriter bug, John started performing around the University of Illinois campus. He purchased a Yamaha "portable" PA system (80 lb cabinet speakers) on credit, paying it off with gig money. New relationships and getting dumped were essential to songwriting inspiration during this time. Songwriting flourished. He helped put himself through college playing bars throughout central Illinois.

Near the end of college, he met his wife (of 36 years) through music. Soon came career, marriage, and children. His guitar started collecting dust. Playing infrequently for more than 20 years, he found his guitar again when his youngest child went off to college. For the past 15 years he has been playing regularly and writing songs. He began performing again in late 2022.

John's songs are a mix of adult contemporary, bluegrass, and country about love, loss, joy and sorrow, discovery, and protest. His showcase will have a western feel so bring your yeehaw!



Theme Night: Sing Along Songs!

October 21, 2025

Over the past 40+ years, many Folk Club vocalists and musicians have encouraged audience participation when performing familiar, favorite tunes and lyrics. For some of us, whether invited to join in or not, it's often virtually impossible to keep our vocal chords to ourselves.

What kinds of songs do you most enjoy singing along to, or performing with an audience chorus? Soundtracks from movies such as *The Sound of Music*? Familiar tunes by John Prine? Joni Mitchell? Dylan? Campfire songs like Kumbaya? Give it some thought and plan to join in for another great theme night!



Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend Jamboree

Nancy and Wayne Truax will again this year kindly open their lovely home to socialize and share music over Indigenous Peoples' Day weekend, Friday, October 10, through Monday, October 13. The Truax home is located on Massanutten Mountain overlooking the Shenandoah Valley, 8727 US 211 West, Luray, VA 22835.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to Nancy at nancyjtruax@gmail.com or 703-286-9417 to share the date(s) you'll be there, the number of guests in your party, and how many meals you would like.

Folk Club Zoom & Videos

Zoom Open Mics: Every other Monday night at 7:30 pm Al Hobson hosts bi-weekly virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. October dates are October 13 & 27. 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 in or perform; he'll send you the Zoom link.

Tuesday Night Open Mic Videos: To view 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 shows the link is blocked, right-click the link then choose the option to open it in a new tab or window.

Folk Music Websites & Contacts

Folk Club Members

Audrey Adair: AudreyJAdair.com

Chris Anderson: ChrisAndersonSongs.com

Chasing Magic: <https://chasingmagic-theband.com>
Featuring John Druitt, Al Hobson, & Walt Lazear

Bill Davis: bil-davis@outlook.com

Jim Fowler: www.shoutmusicjim.com

Jan Gillies: www.jangilliesmusic.com

Ron Goad: Email: MisterGoad@aol.com

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

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

Shenandoah Run: www.shenandoahrun.com
Featuring Bob Melissinos, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson, & John Wertz

The Two Peas, Ann Granger and Larry Rice:
www.thetwopeasmusic.com

Others

The Arts Barn: <https://artsbarnmusic.org>
810 Elden St, Herndon, VA

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

Focus Music: www.focusmusic.org

Institute of Musical Traditions: www.imtfolk.org

George Katsos: www.submithub.com/link/follow-george-on-social-media

Music Notes/More Upcoming Shows

Saturday, October 4, 7 p.m.: Join **The Two Peas** to celebrate the release of their new EP XOXO. The Arts Barn, Herndon, VA. Complimentary admission. RSVP: TwoPeasHarmony@gmail.com

Saturday, October 18, 7 p.m.: **Sam Robbins** will perform at The Arts Barn, Herndon, VA. Learn more @ <https://artsbarnmusic.org/events/#>

Sunday, October 19, 1-3 p.m: **The Bogey Boys** will again perform at the Worthington Manor Golf Club, 8329 Fingerboard Rd., Urbana, MD. Open to the public, no cover, and great view! Contact **Rob Gould** @ robertjgould@gmail.com

Saturday, October 25, 7 p.m.: **Focus Music** presents **Halley Neal with Kipyn Martin**, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Sterling, 22135 Davis Dr., Suite 104; or virtual. \$25 advance/\$30 door/\$15 virtual. More details @ www.focusmusic.org

Sunday, October 26, 5-7 p.m.: **Songwriter Megan Burt** will perform at the Hill Center, Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC. Eastern Market Metro Stop. \$20. For more information, visit www.hillcenterdc.org

Saturday, November 1, 5:30 p.m.: **Shenandoah Run** will perform at Jammin Java. Tickets available via Jammin Java or the link at www.shenandoahrun.com



Meets Tuesday Nights at 7 p.m. 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-mic format with a sign-up board. Each performer is allowed 8 minutes.

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 perform one, you must: 1) be a paid-up Folk Club member who has not performed 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: Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, and other music-related items. Submissions are considered for music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your input to cindy.mccconnell@comcast.net

Reserve Concert Seats: Donations can be made in advance for concert performances at the Folk Club. See Connee Chandler in person, or contact Jen Katt @ treasurer.jk.folkclub@gmail.com to purchase tickets remotely.

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Woodbridge, VA 22191-1338

Folk Club Membership

Become a member today! The process is the same if your membership has expired. Write a check to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or \$60 for 5 years. *Please DO NOT write 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 (mobile or landline), and residential address. You may also Venmo your dues to @Jennifer-Katt-1. Sorry, but we cannot accept payments through the website.

Keep in Touch!

Find out more about The Folk Club:

Website: folkclubofrestonherndon.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rhfolkclub

General Info: Contact Sue Schier @ 703-435-2402

Music Gear for Sale

Martin guitar 000-15 w/ hard-shell case, solid mahogany, great condition. Also, a **Seagull Performer guitar CW Folk GT Q1** with cedar top and electronics. Pricing negotiable; contact Marjorie Myers @ 703-476-4544 or mm@stonepiano.com

2021 Martin HD-28E and case (Fishman Aura VT Enh) \$2,600. Contact Al Hobson @ president.folkclub@gmail.com

Ukuleles, banjos, guitars, and mandolins. Contact TM @ pressroom@birdphluph.com