

The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways
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GREAT AUNT in concert Sept. 15 (see page 2)

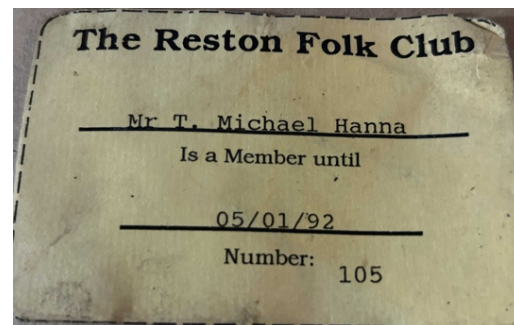
September 8 Showcase - TM Hanna (by TM)

I spent most of my childhood in a small village in Pennsylvania, about 12 miles west of Slippery Rock. My earliest musical influences were AM radio, TV, the church, and my mother, who played piano.

I began teaching myself guitar after high school to put my songs to music. I switched to mostly banjo when I got to college because everybody else played guitar. I then started playing mandolin because a trio I was in was doing Maggie May, and the banjo just wasn't right for it. I had to sell my plasma twice that week to come up with the fifteen dollars for my first mandolin.

I spent four years in North Dakota in the Air Force before ending up in Northern Virginia. I mostly played in church and for church events before discovering the Folk Club, joining in May of 1991 after attending for a few months. The first time I performed (at the Tortilla Factory), I played mountain dulcimer. Back then I played mostly banjo, but eventually began to bring the guitar

(I only had one in those days) to perform some of my songs. I joined three others from the Folk Club in a band playing covers and originals, and ended up mostly on mandolin, which they seemed to prefer. Since then I've assembled a collection of instruments that includes percussion, harmonicas, pennywhistles, and more than a dozen different types of string instruments.



I've not yet decided which songs to perform at the showcase. I was thinking I would do some of my lesser heard originals, and to that end have narrowed it down to about fourteen. As of this writing I also haven't determined who will be joining me, or which instruments I will be attempting to play. Hopefully I'll know before the show starts!



Proudly Presents

Great Aunt



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Show starts at 7:00 p.m.

\$ 20 (\$ 15 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 or
by email at treasurer.JK.folkclub@gmail.com. ***

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

www.greatauntmusic.com

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“Great Aunt take an eclectic and joyous approach to making music. The songs are deeply felt, revealing, relatable – at once a personal and shared revival.”

Great Aunt is a genre-bending folk duo from Australia, known for their soaring harmonies, dynamic instrumentation, and heart-felt live performances. Winners of the 2024 Folk Alliance Australia Duo of the Year, Great Aunt – comprised of Megan Bird (mandolin, resonator, acoustic guitar, vocals) and Chelsea Allen (double bass, vocals, percussion) – craft music that is rooted in folk, bluegrass, and roots traditions, yet refreshingly shaped by their diverse backgrounds in punk, jazz, soul, and rock.

With foot-stomping rhythm, bombastic bass drum, and richly textured harmonies, their sound is instantly

recognizable and wholly original. Great Aunt write music from the heart: “a personal and shared revival” – joyfully, tenderly, and often with a sly wink.

Their work has drawn comparisons to the anti-folk and indie scenes for its “lyrical with and rhythmic dexterity” (Adeem the Artist), while The Bluegrass Situation (USA) calls them “an Australian duo to know,” praising their “impressive log of tours, festival shows, and releases.” Wax Vinyl Records (UK) describes their latest single “What’s A Girl To Do Now?” as “poignant and empowering ... a message of frustration and resilience, addressing societal norms and expectations placed upon women.”

The duo has performed at some of Australia’s most beloved festivals and completed three tours of the United States, earning fans and accolades along the way.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MEAN MARY 11/17/26 www.meanmary.com

RACHEL EDDY BAND 1/19/27

compiled by John Cantrell

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Yes, in my backyard, please!!



RESERVE YOUR SEAT(S) NOW! Hey music fans, join us on **Sunday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm**, for the 8th Song Circle at Al Hobson's beautiful Arts Barn Music venue in Herndon and the 1st ever DUO format. You can read about our featured artists and reserve your seats here: <https://artsbarnmusic.org/events/>. The show is free, although a donation is requested. Food and drink will be available. Featured performers are pictured: John and Kari Cantrell, David Hollingsworth & Lesley Lawrence, plus TM and Felicia Hanna.



And more in your backyard:

Irish Singer-songwriter Sarah McQuaid will perform at the Arts Barn on Saturday, Sept 12th (artsbarnmusic.org)

The North Springfield Porchfest is on Saturday, Sept 19th (<https://sites.google.com/view/ns-porch-fest/home>) Folk Club members in bands Chasing Magic, Sunny@Midnight, and Heartland, will be performing on various porches at the event.

Folk Club *haute couture*



Al Hobson has procured a limited number of these snappy beige khaki caps (or is it khaki-ish beige), and they are selling for the snappy price of twenty dollars each. Perfect for nodding to tunes. Get yours the next Tuesday night you stop into the Amphora.

The Folk Club Online:

Zoom Open Mics: Every other Monday night at 7:30 pm Al Hobson hosts virtual Folk Club open mics on Zoom. September dates will be the 14th and the 28th. 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 a Tuesday night open mic, go to the folkclubofrestonherndon.org **Event Calendar**. Select the link below the date you wish to view, then the YouTube link. If YouTube says the link is blocked, right-click the link and then choose the option to open it in a new tab or window.



Meets Tuesday Nights @ 7pm
Amphora Diner Deluxe
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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

**Shenandoah Run: (with Folk Club members Bob
Melissinos, Ben Hamblin, Jim Johnson, & Ron Goad)**
www.shenandoahrun.com

The Two Peas (Ann Granger and Larry Rice)
www.thetwopeasmusic.com

Other DMV music venues/presentors :

The Arts Barn: <https://artsbarnmusic.org>

Focus Music: www.focusmusic.org

Institute of Musical Traditions: www.imtfolk.org

Shoeless Sounds House Concerts :
<https://shoelesssounds.org>