

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Mar 9 - Mark Elliott & Steve Key at the Club Acoustic
Industrial Strength Theater - 8PM

Mar 19 - Ed Miller at the Reston Folk Club - 7:30PM

Mar 21 - Ray Kaminsky at Magpie's in Middleburg, Va.
8PM to Midnight

Apr 5 - Ruth Goldberg & Ira Gitlin at the Potter's House
on Columbia Road NW, DC - 8-11PM

Apr 16 - New St. George Acoustic Trio at the Reston
Folk Club - 7:30PM

Apr 27 - Bill Staines at the Club Acoustic with Anifa Silvert
Industrial Strength Theater - 8PM

How to become a member? Send or hand \$12.00, checks to The Reston Folk Club, to a board member or Dave Hurd at the address below. Membership is for one year and entitles one to a mailed newsletter and discounts to events. Also, to perform in a Folk Club sponsored community event, one must be a member (the "open mike" is open to ALL, member or not).

The Reston Folk Club

at The Tortilla Factory
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Vienna, Virginia 22180



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... Preserving Folk Traditions



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"SHOWCASE" Begins!

As an added benefit of membership in the Reston Folk Club, your Board of Directors decided at the January meeting to begin a "SHOWCASE" performer series at the Tuesday Open Mike. Conceived by board member Larry Mediate, the first Tuesday of each month has been set aside as a member SHOWCASE night. On that evening, one of the member performers is given 25 minutes in which to "strut his or her stuff".

To determine who the lucky person will be, a "lottery" drawing is held right after intermission on the last Tuesday of the month. All persons who wish to enter the drawing may do so if they are regular (card carrying/dues paying) members of the Reston Folk Club. There are entry slips on the literature table and each month one can fill

one out and enter the drawing. If you are fortunate enough to win, you may not win again for six months (just to give others a fighting chance).

The 25 minute showcase is a triple slot set (the usual time is 8 minutes) and gives the performer a better chance to warm up and get rolling. Join in the fun and work up a set, then enter the drawing and hope you win. Or, enter the drawing, win and then panic for a week while you work up a set. Either way, it would be exciting.

Membership Is Expiring - for a number of the members of the Reston Folk Club. Be sure to look at your mailing label, if the number "19910301" appears, this is your last newsletter and you have expired! Take Heed!

First SHOWCASE Performer is Gail Thompson

February 5th marked the first Folk Club Member SHOWCASE. Gail Thompson was the lucky winner of the drawing held January 29th and thus became the first Reston Folk Club member featured in the new SHOWCASE format.

After expressing relief that the audience consisted of more than "family and parental units" Gail regaled the audience with a fine selection of original, traditional and contemporary tunes which made a broad sweep of folk traditions from Appalachia to the sea, and from early British Isles to the musical, "Hair".

All in the audience were pleased to see such a fine start to this new activity of the Folk Club. The drawing held on February 26th was won by Dick Moore and we will all be looking forward to his turn on March 5th.

Ed Miller comes to the Folk Club

From Scotland comes the featured performer for the Folk Club on March 19, 1991. Actually, he is *originally* from Scotland, but for the past 23 years he hails from Austin Texas.

Ed Miller came to the University of Texas to study in 1968 and liked what he found there so he stayed. He has his roots in folk culture in Scotland in the 60's and has studied and expanded extensively while here in the states. An avid folklorist, he has collected from many sources and frequently conducts workshops and lectures in addition to his performing schedule.

Ed performed at the Reston Folk Club a couple of years ago. He was very well received and provided us with a wide ranging look into the musical heritage of Scotland.

Miller has records on Folk Legacy Records and has performed widely in the U.S.



*Scenes at the
Folk Club by
Pam Coulter*



Seeking information about the Folk Club?

If you are reading this newsletter and want to know more about the Reston Folk Club, just pick up the phone and call our publicity volunteer, Lynn Jordan. She can be reached at (703) 437-7766. The Folk Club has a number of activities, but the most visible of these is the "Open Mike" which we hold at the Tortilla Factory every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 10PM with music from 7:30. Join us for dinner and a rousing good time.