

# The Folk Club

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## May Showcase - Dean Blehert

Dean Blehert, the Folk Club's resident poet, started writing poetry in grade school in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was a dual major in English and mathematics at the University of Minnesota, and did graduate work in English at Stanford before becoming an assistant professor at Cornell. He left academia to join the national staff of Scientology, which he still participates in. Poets, like musicians, support themselves through day jobs, and Dean ran the technical support group at GTSI, a government computer supplier, for several years, and now works as a bid consultant for them and other clients in the area.

When you see Dean at the Tortilla Factory, he is usually accompanied by his wife, Pam Coulter Blehert. She is an award-winning painter who works in oils, acrylics, watercolors, and pastels, and frequently sketches the musicians as they perform at the Folk Club. Dean and Pam met at a poetry reading in Los Angeles, and it is her illustrations that complement Dean's published works.

Speaking of published works, besides several books of verse, Dean has been putting out a poetry letter regularly since 1984. This may very well make his letter, *Deanotations*, the oldest "zine," or self-published periodical, in existence. 'Zines (an abbreviation of *magazines*) of all descriptions have been flourishing over the last few years, but if you'd like to subscribe to the pioneer, send \$10 (for one year, six issues) to Dean at 11919 Moss Point Lane, Reston, VA 22094. Dean has a new book out, too, an eighty-page collection of poems about or featuring dogs called *I Swear He Was Laughing* which is also \$10 (postage included). A companion book of cat poems, not yet titled, will be available this summer.

Musically, Dean is a fan of the Beatles, Bach, Beethoven, and Bartok, but maybe he was just in an alliterative mood. He enjoys the Folk Club because it exposes him to new music, and finds that some songwriters' lyrics stand up well as poetry, without the music, but many do not. The Beatles pretty much need the music, he says, but with it they're quite effective; Bob Dylan is overrated, but his lyrics work better than most as poetry. For Dean, Dylan's major contribution was to make musical things that were unmusical before, to make some new emotions available to artists - like the sneering voice that sings "Something's happening, and you don't know what it is, DO you...."

Dean's voice isn't usually sneering, though. His tastes run to puns, palindromes, and parodies, including a series in the styles of major "serious" poets doing their version of "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Oh, and in his exegesis, the movie *Clueless* is really Jane Austin's *Emma* redone in Beverly Hills, albeit with the respective protagonists undergoing somewhat different epiphanies. Or something. You know, whatever....

In Dean's world, words matter, but they are playthings, too. Enjoy his showcase!

1996 Herndon Festival May 30 - June 2

See the back page for a schedule of musical acts at this years festival!

**Inside:**  
**Fred Koller**

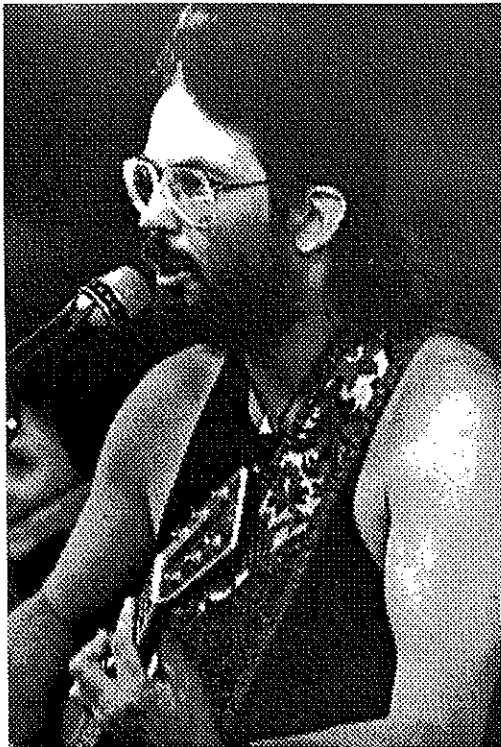


Memorial Day Campout  
Oaflands Celtic festival  
volunteers  
...and more!

# FRED KOLLER

7:30 PM May 21, 1996

Tickets \$10 (\$9 members)



In a game of "Who Wrote That?," Fred Koller's name would come up frequently. A six-time BMI award winner, Koller wrote such #1 hits as *Life As We Knew It* and *Goin' Gone*, recorded by Kathy Mattea, and *Lone Star State of Mind*, the title song of Nancy Griffith's first MCA album. Overall, Fred has had his songs covered by over 100 artists, including John Prine, who immortalized Fred's comic opus *Let's Talk Dirty in Hawaiian*. Tom Paxton, John Hiatt, Shel Silverstein, Willie Dixon, John Gorka, and Bill Staines are but a few of the artists who have collaborated with Koller.

Fred's music spans genres from folk to pop to country, from serious, heart-felt ballads to comedy and children's songs. Of regional significance is Fred's contribution to *Bay Folk: Musical Reflections on the Chesapeake Bay*, which benefited efforts to restore the Chesapeake. Whether Fred has you rolling in the aisles with *Little Green Buttons* or getting misty with *Angel Eyes*, you'll experience one of the finest concerts and exhibitions of songwriting mastery in the area this year.

## Oatlands Celtic Festival Volunteers

June 15-16, 10:00 am - 6:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality, concessions, information, and site management. You get free admission and food, and get to be part of what *Dirty Linen* calls "a well organized, musically superb, and culturally educating event...a finer Festival you will not find anywhere."

Call Cathleen Feezle, (703) 779-8127, to volunteer.

## 5th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Campout and Songfest at Dave Hurd's Cabin (near New Market, VA) 3:00 May 25 - 3:00 May 27

Bring voices and instruments!  
Bring a tent or sleep on the floor or porch.  
Shared meals (very reasonable), but please BYOB.  
Please RSVP so we know how much food to get.  
Well-behaved dogs are OK.

Call Lynn Jordan for info or to RSVP @ (703) 437-7766.

For sale, Takamine 12-string guitar  
\$900 new, sell for \$600  
Ray (703) 689-0444

For sale, 1 year old Aiwa stereo system  
AM/FM tuner, 3-CD player, double cassette deck,  
speakers, turntable - Nina (703) 318-8447

Voice lessons are available from  
Barbara Ryan - (703) 451-4492



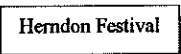
Sound system and engineer, reasonable rates  
Richard Flinchbaugh - (703) 255-0112



# Folk Club of Reston-Herndon



## May 5 - June 15, 1996

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed     | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|---|--|---------|--|--|--|
| May 5   | May 6   | May 7  | May 8   | May 9<br>6:30 Starbucks<br>(see May 16 listing)<br>8:00 Andrew McKnight<br>@ Folkal Point,<br>Columbia, MD<br>(410) 381-2460 | May 10<br>8:00 Andrew McKnight<br>@ Hagerstown Cfh,<br>Hagerstown MD<br>(301) 824-2796 | May 11<br>2:00 Andrew McKnight<br>@ Vista Fine Crafts,<br>Middleburg, VA<br>(540) 687-3317<br>8:00 Andrew McKnight<br>@ Lucketts, VA<br>(540) 822-5607 |
| May 12<br>  | May 13  | May 14<br><i>Dean Blehert Showcase and Lottery Drawing</i> | May 15  | May 16<br>6:30-8:00 Acoustic Showcase, Starbucks Coffee, Cascades (free) (703) 421-0932                                      | May 17   | May 18   |
| May 19  | May 20  | May 21<br><i>Fred Koller (\$10/9)</i>                      | May 22  | May 23<br>6:30-8:00 Acoustic Showcase, Starbucks Coffee, Cascades (free) (703) 421-0932                                      | May 24   | May 25   |
| May 26<br>11:00 Wolf Trap Irish Festival (703) 255-1900<br>6:30 IONA @ Cate's Bistro, 715 King St. Alex. (703) 549-0533                                   | May 27<br><br>Memorial Day | May 28<br><i>Folk Club 11th Birthday (free)</i>            | May 29  | May 30<br>6:30-8:00 Acoustic Showcase, Starbucks Coffee, Cascades (free)   | May 31   | June 1<br>12:00 Washington Folk Festival, Glen Echo (202) 546-2228   |
| Herndon Festival (see music schedule on the back page!)   |   |  |         |  |  |  |
| June 2<br>12:00 Washington Folk Festival, Glen Echo (202) 546-2228<br> | June 3  | June 4   | June 5  | June 6<br>6:30-8:00 Acoustic Showcase, Starbucks Coffee, Cascades (free) (703) 421-0932                                      | June 7   | June 8<br>8:00 Open Door Cfh,<br>(703) 299-8332<br>8:00 Del Ray Cfh,<br>100 E. Windsor Ave.<br>Alex. (703) 549-2088                                    |
| June 9  | June 10   | June 11<br><i>Showcase and Lottery Drawing</i>             | June 12 | June 13<br>6:30-8:00 Andrew McKnight @ Acoustic Showcase, Starbucks Coffee, Cascades (free) (703) 421-0932                   | June 14<br>8:00 Andrew McKnight @ Cfh at Mays Chapel, Timonium, MD (410) 922-5210      | June 15<br>10:00-6:00<br><b>Oatlands Celtic Festival (703) 777-3174 (Sunday, too)</b>  |

# Folk Club Guest Artists

## and Special Events

prices are for nonmembers/members - it pays to join!  
all times are 7:30 PM

|         |                                |        |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------|
| May 21  | Fred Koller                    | \$10/9 |
| May 28  | Folk Club 11th Birthday!       | Free   |
| June 25 | Ari Eisinger                   | \$8/7  |
| July 23 | Bill Staines                   | \$10/9 |
| Aug. 20 | 9th Anniv. @ Tortilla Factory! | Free   |
| Aug. 27 | Bernice Lewis                  | \$9/8  |

The Folk Club  
Tuesday nights, 7:30 PM  
at The Tortilla Factory  
648 Elden St., Herndon, VA  
471-1156

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MEMBERSHIP -  
ADDRESS CHANGES  
- RENEWAL  
Check your mail label -  
your membership  
expiration date (in  
Year-Month-Day  
format ,  
YYYYMMDD) is  
there. To renew, or to  
join for the first time,  
please send your check  
for \$12, payable to The  
Folk Club, to  
membership chair Dave  
Hurd at the return  
address below.  
He's the one to send  
any address changes to  
as well.

| Day                | Time             | Main Stage                     | Cafe Stage                      |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Thurs.<br>May 30   | even-<br>ing     | Fabulous Grease<br>Band (50's) |                                 |
| Friday<br>May 31   | 5:00             | Eddie From<br>Ohio             |                                 |
|                    | 7:30             | SGG + Don<br>Conoscenti        |                                 |
|                    | 11:00<br>(AM)    |                                | Hickory Grove                   |
| Saturday<br>June 1 | 12:00            |                                | Ray Kaminsky                    |
|                    | 1:00             |                                | Barb Martin &<br>Rare Bird      |
|                    | 2:00             |                                | Herndon Towne<br>Square Singers |
|                    | 3:00             | The Shangri Las                | Randy Barrett Trio              |
|                    | 4:00             |                                | Bill Parsons                    |
|                    | 5:00             |                                | L. R. Griffith &<br>Peter Mealy |
|                    | 7:30             | The Platters                   | Ronna Reeves                    |
|                    | Sunday<br>June 2 | 12:00                          |                                 |
|                    | 1:00             | Dixie Power<br>Trio            | L.R. Griffith &<br>Peter Mealy  |
|                    | 2:00             | Fat Ammons                     | TBD                             |
|                    | 3:00             |                                | Pete & Maura<br>Kennedy         |
|                    | 4:00             | The Mamas &<br>The Poppas      | TBD                             |
|                    | 5:00             |                                | Mark & Melissa                  |

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