



# The Folk Club



Of Reston – Herndon  
Preserving Folk Traditions

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## Millennium Showcase - Jane Tatum December 14, 1999

by Dan Grove

It comes down to a choice: a simple yes or no, on or off, day or night kind of choice, with no middle ground, no room for waffling. Jane Tatum has to decide between the gospel path to heaven, and the blues path to hell – and she has to do it *now*.

Who cares, you say? *You* do. *We all* do, because, like a Siren drawing ancient mariners to their fate, Jane's voice has the power to move us even against our will. When she sings gospel, she raises sinners to saintly salvation, but with the blues she reduces saints to a salivating simmer.

It's useless to resist - she controls our fate. As the last Folk Club showcase artist before the Millennium day of reckoning, her final song of the night will determine our ultimate direction. If she finishes with gospel, we'll sacrifice fleeting earthly pleasures and attain eternal bliss. But if she ends with the blues, we'll punt permanent paradise for a quick party in the present. Which will it be?

Her choice of accompanying musicians might hold a clue. Chris and Ken Harnage and Mark Casale will be backing her up on vocals, bass, Dobro, guitar, and harp (and this harp doesn't have strings...).

**Be there. Come prepared to receive your destiny.**

### December Folk Club Schedule

December 14	Jane Tatum Showcase
December 21	Christmas Party
December 28	Open Mike
January 4	January Newsletter Available

#### Folk Club Format

On most Tuesday evenings, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. **Each performer has 12 minutes, including setup time.** This allows three songs if you set up FAST and the songs are of moderate length.

#### Showcase Performances

On the second Tuesday of each month, we feature a Folk Club member in a two set (25-minute) "Showcase" performance. To be in a showcase you have to:

- be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in 6 months.
- fill out a lottery slip any time in the month before the drawing
- win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase
- prepare to be featured in the next newsletter!

#### Newsletter Publication

Folk Club members may submit performance calendars, classified advertisements, articles, reviews, artwork and other items to Carol Deakin at [cd7158@erols.com](mailto:cd7158@erols.com). All items must relate to music and be emailed in WordPerfect. Information must be received one week before the first day of the month in which you want it published. Items will be printed on the basis of music related interest, timeliness and space available with club information being the first priority.

## Step Right Up!

Your volunteer time and talent is needed in the following Folk Club positions.

- 1. Publicity Chair:** Process already in place (Lynn Jordon will be happy to train and will provide all files/contacts). Duties include writing press releases and Public Service Announcements for newspapers, newsletters, and radio broadcast. These are all mailed (snail or email) to the existing list of contacts about one month prior to the event (some newsletters require a little more notice).
- 2. Folk Club Phone Contact:** This entails making a phone number available for the public to contact the Folk Club (i.e. "for info, call...") and simply means having an answering machine with a "You've reached the Folk Club" type of message, checking it for messages, and returning phone calls. Again, Lynn Jordon has been providing this service and can give tips.
- 3. President:** We're looking for one good (woman, man, folkie) to lead us. Feel up to the challenge? Not much work, very little pay (actually, none at all), but the crown is real pretty. Larry promised to have the stains removed before turning it over.....
- 4. Secretary:** This job entails taking the minutes at our bi-annual Board Meeting and then bringing them to the next meeting. We really only do this so we don't forget from meeting-to-meeting what we talked about. We have meetings whenever there is an urgent need. Although 'bi-annual' should mean 'twice each year,' we average about one every other year. After fourteen years, we don't have all that much 'urgent' stuff.

## Shenandoah Coffee House

Sunday December 12

Reston Community Center, Hunter Woods Plaza, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston VA

For directions call, 703-476-4500.

OK, it gets nuts this month! Three combos in one night definitely is a combo platter not to be missed! Former Loudoun native Tom Grant brings his swinging southern string band sound with his duo Jive Five Minus Three, Nashville songbird Joni Bishop brings us tunes from her two(!) Winter holiday releases joined by an oboeist and our own best pal Lisa Taylor on percussion, and Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy return with a ton of friends in tow (we ought to call them Camp Fredburg, but they are the Vertical Band - Stuart Whitford, Henry Hubbard, and Jennifer Peart, plus of course longtime LRG&PM sidekick Kent Ippolito). If this night sounds like trouble your instincts are good. PLEASE come join the fun - we'd hate for you to miss it! As always, show time is 7 pm, doors open at 6:30. Can't wait for this one!

### TICKETS

In Reston - tickets are available at the door the night of the show only, starting at 6:30pm. We always recommend arriving by 6:45 to get a good seat.

## Membership    Address Changes    Renewals

To join The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon, send or hand your check for \$12, payable to The Folk Club, to Dave Hurd at the return address on this newsletter.

If you are already a member, your membership expiration date, in year-month-day format (YYYYMMDD), is on the mailing label on your newsletter. It is your responsibility to renew each year. If you move, send Dave your new address so you don't miss an issue.

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## Classifieds

**Acoustic Bass For Sale:** Rarely used, like new \$1000 include stand & cover. Jim Rosenkrans at 301-695-2733, [jimr@rosedalesoftware.com](mailto:jimr@rosedalesoftware.com)

Photos at [www.rosedalesoftware.com/4sale/bass.html](http://www.rosedalesoftware.com/4sale/bass.html)

**Come Spring Enterprises:** Professional sound reinforcement by Richard W. Flinchbaugh. Specializing in Folk, Celtic, Traditional and Contemporary Acoustic Music. 703-255-0112

**Julia Rose:** all-original, alternative folk artist. Her debut CD, "Suspended in Air." 410-237-0899, website: [www.erols.com/julia.rose](http://www.erols.com/julia.rose)

**Stringfellow's Beautiful Handcrafted from Around the World:** Sponsors of a summer concert series. Folk Music, Cds, Tapes and they accept instruments and original Cds for consignment. 201 Union St., PO Box 502, Occoquan, VA 22125, 703-494-3755, [stfellow@doubled.com](mailto:stfellow@doubled.com)

### In Concert

Local performances by members of The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

#### Jim Houck & Friends

Sunday, December 19, 1999  
VFW Old Town Alexandria

Friday, January 21, 2000, Borders Books  
21031 Triple Seven Road, Sterling, VA

**ACOUSTIC JAM** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
from 1 - 4 P.M. at Frying Pan Park Country  
Store in Herndon. Call Yvonne Johnson at  
703-437-9101 for details.

Email your performance dates for the next  
newsletter to [cd7158@erols.com](mailto:cd7158@erols.com).

**Sandy's Greatest Hits:** Jim Sandy is looking for country/folk artists to help with CD...yes, finally!!

Male vocal/guitar, bass, fiddle, harmonica.  
Female vocal/guitar, flute. Call Jim at 301-481-7645.

### Editor's Pickens

Time to sit down with your new calendar and mark Tuesday evenings for Folk Club. Put the Guest Artist nights in red ink! You won't want to miss any of them. Those are good evenings to bring a friend and introduce them to the biggest bargain available if they like good music.

Then set aside some time each month to volunteer to keep the Folk Club going.

**The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon**

Tuesday nights, 7:30 P.M.

The Tortilla Factory

648 Elden Street

Herndon, VA

703-471-1156

**President:** Larry Mediate

**Treasurer:** Richard Flinchbaugh

**Board of Directors:** Ray & Ellen

Kaminsky, Lynn Jordan, Bill Davis, T.M.

Hanna, Sue Beffel, Dave Hurd, Steve King,

Sue Schier, Carol Deakin

**Publicity & Information:**

(we need a volunteer!)

**Bookings:**

Ray Kaminsky 703-689-0444

**2000 Guest Artists**

All tickets \$10 Non-member, \$9 Members

It pays to be a Folk Club member!

01/25/00 Bob Franke w/Lui Collins

02/22/00 Libby Dunton and David  
Alberding - Split Bill

03/21/00 Sparky Rucker

04/25/00 Chuck Pyle

05/23/00 Michael Smith

06/13/00 Bill Staines

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