

The Folk Club

of Reston
Herndon

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Preserving Folk Traditions



December 2000

December 12 Showcase — NATURAL HABITAT

By Jane Tatum

As the luck of the draw would have it for the second year in a row, I have the privilege of performing the year's final showcase. I'll take this space to share my thoughts on the Folk Club as a community of "folks" who have become a regular and important part of my life for the past four years. For those of us who work too much and want to play more (music), the Folk Club is a place where we can listen to all kinds of music and to all levels of performers. I especially appreciate the listening, and I know others do as well. I love the discipline of challenging myself to learn new material, to make better the old stuff, and the joy of rehearsing, jamming, and impromptu performance with fellow members.

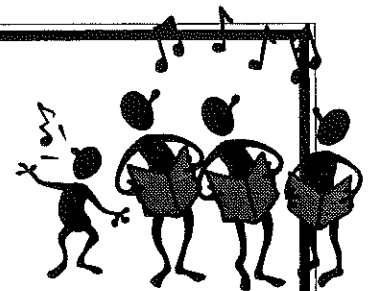
We all now live in a world that is digitally enhanced, airbrushed, overproduced, MTV-slick, virtually perfected and permanently media-waved. The Folk Club is a real place with real people and real

music; listening and performing there is like sharing an ongoing conversation with dear friends through the songs of our lives. The real heroes of the Folk Club are an army of talented volunteers who give their time, week after week, to set up and take down equipment, run sound, perform ceremonial duties, and run the business of the club.

So turn off your cell phone and pager, don't download any bytes except the Tortilla Factory's exceptional Tex-Mex for a few hours, and join us for the December 12 open mike and showcase. We'll wander the hills of Appalachia from whence I came, twang a little country, and throw in some yuletide blues. You can share in the unplugged, undubbed, uncut version of what my beloved terms my "natural habitat" – behind a mic and in front of a generous Folk Club audience.

The Folk Club is Calling You

You've been coming for some time now, and we know you enjoy the music and the fun. Don't you think it's time to become a member? The cost is minimal, just \$12 per year, and besides the opportunities to participate in showcase drawings, you will receive \$1 off the ticket price of visiting artists (up to two tickets per show). If you buy two tickets every show, you've saved the membership fee two times.



Join us today. You can sign up at the Folk Club or call a Board member for information.



The 2000

**HOLIDAY
PARTY**

December 19th

7:30—10:00 p.m.

We'll have our usual open mic format, but we'll forgo the admission charge. Come prepared to hear some great music. Maybe we'll hear some holiday tunes we can sing along with, and we can wish our friends a happy season. Join us.

**Free Admission
Door Prizes
Holiday Cake**

In Concert

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

Acoustic Jam: 3rd 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.

Ray Kaminsky

- 12/1 Borders Books, Sterling (7:30pm) w/Jack Fretwell
- 12/8 Seasons Coffee Gallery, Front Royal (7:30pm)
- 12/15 Ashland Coffee and Tea, Ashland (7:30pm) w/Sheryl Warner & the Southside Home-wreckers
- 12/21 Starbucks, 6214 Old Dominion Dr., McLean (7:30pm) w/Christina Muir & David Alberding
- 12/29 St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Arlington (7:30pm)
- 01/05 Borders Books Manassas (8:00pm) w/Jack Fretwell

Pete Brown and the Mad Cows

featuring T.M. Hanna and Mike Wilkinson

- 12/15 Ledo's Pizza, Tysons/Falls Church (9pm-midnight)
- 12/23 Mark's Pub, Tysons/Falls Church (6 - 9pm) (Private Party)
- 12/24 Zig's, Alexandria (8 - 11pm)
- 12/29 Revolution Coffee Lounge, Herndon (9:30 - 1am)

Classifieds

Classified ads and performance listings will be published if received the 3rd week of the month before publication from members whose dues are current.

Email your dates to irene@caboyer.com.

Hard Travelers Ticket: Oops! I bought an extra ticket to the Hard Travelers (with Mack Bailey) Christmas concert in Annapolis. \$21.25 Includes tax and fees, plus free carpool to the concert and 10% discount on dinner and a glass of beer in the restaurant at 5pm. Carpool leaving N.VA area around 3:30 pm. Call Lynn Jordan, 703-437-7766.

Still Available through **Birdphluph Music:**

"Good Things Take Time" by TM Hanna & "Bare Facts" by Bill Davis, recorded live at Avalon Folk Festival. Contact Birdphluph Music, PO Box 131, Sterling, VA 20167 or www.birdphluph@pressroom.com.

Sound Design 12-Channel Powered Mixer - Folk Club board. Two 9-band graphic Equalizers. Stereo Mono/Monitor switchable output. 200 Watts per channel @ 8-ohms. Best offer over \$500. Contact Ray Kaminsky at 703-689-0444.

Michael Smith CDs or Songbooks: Artists of Note, PO Box 11, Kaneville, IL 60144.

GET YOUR TICKETS!!

Advance purchase of tickets to concerts by Guest Artists (see page 2 every month but December) can be made at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact:

Dave Hurd
110 Devil's Backbone Overlook
Stephenson, VA 22656
540-722-0146



THE FOLK CLUB
BOARD & VOLUNTEERS
WISH EVERYONE A SAFE,
HAPPY & HEALTHY
HOLIDAY SEASON.

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Tuesday nights, 7:30 p.m.

The Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA
703-471-1156

President: Ray Kaminsky

Treasurer: Dave Hurd

Board of Directors: Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna,
Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage,
Sue Schier.

Publicity: Sue Schier

Bookings: Ray Kaminsky, 703-689-0444

Membership is \$12 per year.

2000-2001 Guest Artists & Special Events

Most tickets for Guest Artists are \$10 Non-member, \$9 Members. It pays to be a Folk Club member!

12/19/00 — Holiday Party

1/16/01 — Bob Franke & Lui Collins

1/23/01 — Lea Coryell CD Release

2/27/01 — Hot Soup

3/27/01 — Eleni Kelakos & Tim Harrison

4/17/01 — Gillette & Mangsen

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 must:

- 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 are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified advertisements, articles, reviews, artwork and other music related items to Irene Boyer at irene@caboyer.com. All items must be emailed in MSWord, WordPerfect, or ASCII text format. 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.

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