

The Folk Club of Reston & Herndon

Preserving the Traditions of folk music, folklore, and folk ways

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Bob Hampton - January Showcase *by Dan Grove*

Bob Hampton was born in Connecticut, but came to Northern Virginia at age ten and now considers this his home. He went to McLean High School, and has been living in Burke for the last sixteen years. By day he is a computer technician for Open Systems Sciences, but at night he pulls out a guitar and lets the music flow.

In the early 80's Bob played electric guitar and sang in a pop/rock band called Full House, but he went through a period when he didn't play much (particularly since breaking his left index finger in a bike accident in the fall of 2001). Then this past spring he started up again, mostly acoustic this time. He was at Joe Latham's guitar shop in Leesburg when Dianne LaFleur told him about the Folk Club, so he and his nephew stopped by for a visit in August. Hooked! It felt like home to see old friends (all the way back to high school!) Chris and Ken Harnage here, too.

There's a wide variety of music that Bob enjoys, including classical, medieval, and renaissance pieces. The biggest influences on his performing style, though, are probably Neil Young, Cat Stevens, the Beatles, Paul Simon, Jethro Tull, and Jorma Kaukonen - he's spent a fair amount of time on Tull's *Thick as a Brick* and Kaukonen's *Embryonic Journey* recently. But a very strong pull, emotionally as well as musically, comes from Galax, Virginia, home of the Old Time Fiddlers Convention, luthier Wayne Henderson, and, for nearly 200 years, Bob's father's family. Bob wrote a song about their old homestead in Galax when his grandfather, who lived to nearly 102, died. The current owners of the property adopted the song, and it was recorded by a Galax group headed by Willard Gayheart, who's also a highly regarded pencil drawing artist (<http://www.mtnlaurel.com/Crafts/gayheart.htm>). Bob's got some stories, and some of Gayheart's art, that he may share at his showcase, and you can expect a taste of Galax music, as well.

Bob has a non-musical talent that should go over well at the Folk Club, too - he can channel old Firesign Theater sketches with uncanny accuracy. Go on, admit it, many of you know this guilty pleasure yourselves, but just can't pull it off. Bob can. Don't miss his showcase!

Lou & Peter Berryman

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)



The Folk Proudly Presents
7:30 PM – January 14, 2003
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA

Lou and Peter Berryman write songs of inventive and intelligent humor, in a style mingling Woody Guthrie, Gilbert and Sullivan, Tom Lehrer and post-nuclear polka. A fascination with language, a vision of the world both profound and hilarious, and a whimsical and accessible performance leave audiences with cheeks aching from smiling. In their more than 20 years of performing together, Wisconsin-based songwriters Lou and Peter Berryman have produced **11 albums** and **2 songbooks** worth of original, sophisticated and wickedly funny songs. Berrymans' songs are being sung around the world, by a legion of professional musicians as well as shower singers everywhere, but no one sings them as well as Lou & Peter themselves. Pete Seeger raves "Lou and Peter Berryman! Long may they wave! Their F-word song, "A Chat With Your Mother" is one of the great American folksongs of the 20th century". Tom Paxton relates "When it comes to being funny, I think I've spent the first thirty years trying to be as funny as Tom Lehrer and the last part trying to be as funny as the Berrymans. They don't come any funnier than that...".

Lou Berryman composes and arranges music, sings and plays pianoaccordion and button accordion. Peter writes lyrics and music, sings and plays the 12-string guitar. "He'll usually bring part of a song to me," Lou says, "and we'll do the arranging and editing together, see if its enough of a message to write a whole song about. Sometimes it will turn out that somewhere laying around in our various scraps of things is a chorus or idea that fits to make it a whole song. And I'll set a tune to it; I have to figure out whether to use a sharply contrasting melody or a schmaltzy one to carry the words'. Peter says "We have songs where the contrast between the mood of the melody and the mood of the lyrics is what makes it funny, like the 'The Death and Dismemberment Polka'".

You will have a fun time with this zany duo! Don't miss their performance at The Folk Club.

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.

Where? House Concerts: Call Kim Kaplan (301-588-5314) or email her (jkkaplan@erols.com) for information, reservations and directions.

Ray Kaminsky: (www.earbuzz.com/raykiminsky)

1/18/03 Sat., Tarara Vineyards, w/ Jack Fretwell 12 pm
1/19/03 Sun., Tarara Vineyards, w/ Jack Fretwell 12 pm
1/23/03 Thurs. Starbucks, Sterling, VA, 6:30 pm
1/30/03 Thurs., Starbucks, Oakton, VA 7:00 pm

Somos El Mar: (Most of the homes welcome visitors)

1/2/03, Thurs., Mt Vernon Sunrise Alexandria VA 6:30pm
1/3-Fri. Cobblestones, Manassass,VA 4:00pm
1/5-Sun., Charlotte Hall Vets. Home, Charlotte Hall,VA noon
1/7-Tues., Goodwin House, Alexandria, VA 7:30pm
1/8-Wed., Cedarfield, Richmond, VA 7:30pm
1/9-Thurs., Riverrun Apartments, Woodbridge, VA 3:30 pm
1/10, Fri., Sunrise at Countryside, Sterling, VA 2 pm & 3 pm
1/12- Sun., Brighton Gardens, Bethesda, MD 7:00pm
1/14- Tues., Methodist Manor, Seaford, DE 3:00pm
1/15- Wed., Annaburg Manor, Manassass, VA 2:30 pm
1/16- Thurs., Brighton Gardens, Chevy Chase, MD 6:45 pm
1/17- Fri., Methodist Home, Washington, DC 2:30 pm
1/19- Sun., Milford Center, Milford, DE 3:00pm
1/20- Mon., Arleigh Burke Pavilion, Mclean, VA 11:00 am
1/21- Tues., Herndon Senior Center, Herndon, VA 2:00 pm
1/22- Wed., Vantage House, Columbia, MD 7:30 pm
1/25- Sat., Brandywine Assisted Living, Rehobeth Beach, DE, 2pm

Lea Coryell:

1/18/03 Sat. 7:00 pm -Potomac Overlook Coffee House Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Rd., Arlington, VA 703-528-5406 Held in the Nature Center. Arrive early and bring a flashlight—there's a quarter mile walk from the parking lot to the Center. Joan Kennedy will join me for part of the set. Dennis & Martha Doyle will open.

1/24/03 Fri. 7:30 pm—Homespun Coffee House, Sotterley Plantation, St. Mary's County, Hollywood, MD 301-475-5522. Held in a 1757 brick tobacco barn on the grounds of historic Sotterley Plantation. Ralph Lee Smith will join me for about half of the show.

2002-2003 Guest Artists & Special Events

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

3/25/03 —**Bryan Bowers:** Master of the autoharp, master entertainer, singer & storyteller

5/20/03 —**Bernice Lewis:** One of the finest singer-songwriters in today's Folk Scene

6/17/03 —**Anni Clark:** *Jam Magazine's* Female Artist of the Year—a wonderful folk singer-songwriter

Something New on the Web!

I have started a newsgroup for folk club members. Its purpose is to allow us the free exchange of information, of general interest to all. Take a couple of moments to find it and give it a try. It has a calendar feature that will be invaluable. Put your gigs there or let others know when about upcoming events. If someone you like is coming to town, put it in the calendar and post a message to the newsgroup. Because it is a yahoo group, you will have to go through the process of getting a Yahoo address and password, but the good news is that Yahoo won't sell your address to the junk mail, or spam businesses.

How to Find the Newsgroup:

One way to find it is by searching. If you go to Yahoo Groups, mid-page is the "Join a Group" section, click on Music-->Genres-->Folk and Traditional-->Folk and Traditional Groups. At this point you get a list of 399 groups! Who knew there were so many of us! Ours is currently #273.

But of course, you could skip all of this nonsense and go directly to: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHerndon/)

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If you have already gone through the process of getting a Yahoo email address and password, this will get you to the groups site:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/i?i=ULFELRjuGvrpqjn-QOTmoJc1ed4&e=dlafleur2%40hotmail%2Ecom>

I hope this gets you there easily. Get an email identity and have fun. Pass it on to other members. Look at the bottom of the list on the left side of the page - there is a calendar feature that could be wonderful for all of us. If you have any problems, email me or give me a call at 703-560-9239.

GET YOUR TICKETS!!

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

Dave Hurd
110 Devil's Backbone Overlook
Stephenson, VA 22656

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

Info Line: 703-435-2402

Bookings: Ray Kaminsky, 703-689-0444

Membership is \$12 per year.

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 ad to lafleur22@hotmail.com

For Sale: Mandoblaster 5-string electric mandolin, Washburn M-5 (Jethro Burns model) mandolin, very rare Gibson C-1 (1931) mandolin, Ovation electric-acoustic custom Balladeer Guitar (many surface scars), Ukelin.
Contact tm.hanna@pressroom.com.

For Sale: G-37 Guild - big, beautiful blond, 26 years old, with a good neck. This dreadnought sounds full and clear. Solid guitar with hard case with key lock. \$650
Contact lafleur22@hotmail.com

WANTED: Recycle your guitar strings. The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world's most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd Road, Ellington, CT 06029.

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 lafleur22@hotmail.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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Expires 3/1/03

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