

The Folk Club of Reston - Herndon

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Preserving the traditions of
folk music, folklore, and gentle folk ways

June 10 Showcase - Zen Gospel Trio

By Dan Grove

By now everyone knows that the Zen Gospel Trio - **Sue Schier**, **Dianne LaFleur**, and **Kathleen Abbott** - met at a low point in their lives, as teenage wards of the Illinois Correctional Facility for Wayward Girls. It's also common knowledge that the redemptive power of music, and particularly their ethereal brand of celestial harmony, lifted them from their lives of squalor and delivered them from recidivism. What some don't know, however, is that it was the Warden of the Facility himself who interceded on their behalf and obtained their pardons. Ever grateful, the trio recently had a reunion with the Warden (see the accompanying photo). He still recalls the many nights of bliss he experienced enjoying the girls' special talents.



The individual members of the group have been busy since their last showcase. **Kathleen** married again, to "the man of her dreams." Her first husband met with tragedy in a freak tractor accident, but the insurance company's suspicions were unfounded. Her new man, **Bill**, has been in heaven since his marriage, and says he's never been so happy, despite a couple of recent business setbacks. He's been uneventfully running a fleet of trucks for many years, but just had one catch fire and another lose its wheels at highway speed. **Bill** emerged unharmed in both cases, much to his and **Kathleen's** relief.

Sue's job with Enron has faded away, so she's pursuing her lifelong dream as a financial advisor,

private banker, and portfolio manager. If you need help with your investments, she has some wonderful opportunities for you, and rare insider access to the hottest new deals and derivatives. To relax, she continues her meditative practice of cat juggling, despite a preliminary court injunction. You can still book her children's performance, "Some Kittens Can Fly," for your next party or wedding. Cat juggling at dog shows is her specialty.

Dianne is still exploring her religious devotion as a dancer in the Temple of Aphrodite. Rituals are held every full moon in the circle of trees behind her house. Her novices, young girls at risk of taking a wrong turn in life without firm guidance, look up to her as a spiritual and temporal font of hard-won wisdom. When **Dianne's** day job authoring technical manuals, web sites, screen plays, and bodice-rippers becomes sluggish, she relents to the constant pressure from novices, to be included in her other enterprise, her socialist escort service.

As you can see, the Trio has other interests, but their unwavering first commitment is to the spread of the Zen Gospel, the surrender to the musical Muses, and the edification of their audiences. Don't miss the Trio's special blend of uplifting voices and snappy instrumental accompaniment, and their unique oeuvre of anthems of renewal, intertwined with both winking and withering assessments of testosterone-based life forms. *Be There Then!*

Folk Club Proudly Presents

Anni Clark

Tickets \$10 (\$9 to Members)



June 24, 2003 7:30 PM
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA

Anni Clark's recently celebrated here 21st anniversary of self-employment in the music industry. With thousands of gigs, a million miles and five solo albums under her belt, her passion for communication through music continues to build a widespread and loyal audience for her folksy, bluesy, and sometimes witty recordings and performances.

October 2002 marked the official release of *Big Water*. The CD is a melodic, metaphorical journey... equal parts turbulent, rollicking, and contemplative, with an overall feel that is colorful and uplifting. Maine's **Face Magazine** writes "not only does Clark continue to write and perform songs about this thing called life, she does so with a quiet grace and simple inner beauty which, in turn, truly reflects Anni Clark at her very finest."

A two-time finalist in the well-known New Folk Songwriters' Competition at the Kerrville Folk Festival, Anni was invited to be one of the three judges in 2001. She was a featured artist in the 1997 Kerrville Wine and Music Festival. In 1999 and 2000, readers of Jam Music Magazine voted Anni "Folk Artist of the Year" and in 2002, "Female Artist of the Year". Also in 2002, Anni wrote and performed all the music for Virginia Plummer's short film "Checking Out" featured in the NY International Film Festival. Anni has shared stages from Maine to Texas with the likes of Shawn Colvin, Richie Havens, Patty Larkin, Leo Kottke, and Cheryl Wheeler. Recently in collaboration with songwriters Dan Merrill and Lynn Deeves, the trio was voted "Folk Artist of Year" at the 2001 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. Don't miss this wonderful singer, writer and player in a very special performance at The Folk Club!

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

June 24, 2003, **Anni Clark** 7:30pm \$10/\$9 - Award winning song writer receiving rave reviews.

Jul 22, 2003, **Liz Materson / Sean Blackburn** 7:30pm \$10/\$9 - Western swing and comedic masters

Sep 23, 2003, **Alistair Mook** 7:30pm \$10/\$9 - Story songs that rival John Prine and Harry Chapin.

Oct 14, 2003, **John McCutcheon** 7:30pm \$15/\$14 - Fabulous folk artist, hammer dulcimer player, story teller and more.

Updates are available at: <http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=venue&value=Folk+Club+of+Reston+Herndon>

MUSICAL NOTES

♥ Folk Club members, Sue Beffel and Ted Moline were married Sat. May 24th at the Russ Nature Sanctuary in Leesburg. Let us all wish them many happy years of wedded bliss. Congratulations Sue and Ted! ♥

LAP DULCIMER CLUB STARTING UP

Last month I went to the Fairie Festival in PA, where I met Michael Wuyek, who has started the Maryland Mountain Dulcimer Society. If you are interested in lap dulcimer check them out. They have meetings in Silver Spring, MD and a web site: marylandmountaindulcimer@yahoo.com

"PETE DURGAN"

Our own Ms. Pete Durgan has one of her songs on the web. Check this out -<http://mp3.washingtonpost.com/picks/> Pete (Maria) loaded a rough demo of a song to the Washington Post MP3 site so she could share it with an on-line group. Lo and behold, it was on the "Editor's Picks" page! What a happy surprise! The song is called "The Truth Is The Same" and she listed the Band as "My Sister Pete". You can download it if you want to.

SAVE OUR AUDIO HERITAGE. The American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress and the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage in the Smithsonian Institution are collaborating on a landmark project to preserve our audio heritage-- irreplaceable recordings of America's music and the voices of her people. A video about the Save Our Sounds project narrated by Mickey Hart is available online at the [Smithsonian's Save Our Sounds](http://www.smithsonian.gov) website.

The **Save America's Treasures** program of the White House Millenium Council has awarded a grant of \$750,000 toward this effort, recognizing these recordings as irreplaceable American treasures. We have

eighteen months to raise \$750,000 in matching funds. We hope that everyone, citizens, musicians, and cultural advocates everywhere, will support this crucial effort.
* lifted directly from the web site*

"Celebrate Summer with the Web Grant Trio"

**Ramon Ballve - Piano Dallas Smith - Bass
Web Grant - Drums
You are cordially invited to an
In-Home Jazz Concert
Sunday, June 22, 2003
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Reception to Follow**

Hosted by Malinda Joyce Sutcliffe, 1300 Brookdale Terrace, Vienna, Virginia 22182A contribution of \$20.00 per guest is suggested to benefit the musicians. R.S.V.P. For directions call Malinda 'Joyce' at 703-759-2918, or email: malindajoy@mindspring.com

HOUSE CONCERT

**Fang and Harney
are putting on a house concert
June 27, 2003 at 7:30 PM**

The Colleen Shandly Band

◇ County ◇ Rock ◇ Blues ◇ Original ◇
**1111 Shaker Woods Road, Herndon, VA
\$10 DONATION FOR THE BAND IS WELCOME
WEAR YOUR DANCING SHOES!
For more Info call: 703-430-0456**

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

FOLK CLUB MEMBER PERFORMANCES - You'll find Folk Club members in every joint in town!

Ray Kaminsky

6/07 8:00pm \$10 Ray Kaminsky & Jack Fretwell, Weil Sing House Concerts , 7617 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. Dinner 7:30pm - covered dish welcome call for arrange Info: (301)587-8839

6/19 2:00pm free, Herndon Blues Fest Ray Kaminsky & Jack Fretwell, Frying Pan Park , Herndon, VA 2709 West Ox Road. Info: (703)689-9535

8/02 11:00am-2:00pm Blackberry Festival, Ray Kaminsky & Jack Fretwell, Tarara Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg, VA. Info: (703)771-7100

8/16 & 17 August Court Days Ray Kaminsky & Jeff Glassie, On the steps of the Leesburg Courthouse, 18 E Market Street.

8/23, 8:00pm Ray Kaminsky & Jack Fretwell, City of Gaithersburg Arts Barn , Gaithersburg, MD 311 Kent Square Rd. Info: (301)258-6394.

9/20 11:00am \$5, Bluemont Fair, Ray Kaminsky & Jack Fretwell, Bluemont, VA Info: <http://www.loudoun-net.com/community/bluemontfair/index.asp> or (540)554-2367

9/21 12:00pm \$5 Bluemont Fair, Ray Kaminsky, Stage TBD , Bluemont, VA
<http://www.earbuzz.com/raykaminsky/>

T.M. Hanna

6/3 7:00-9:00pm Starbucks Coffee in Leesburg - Bellwood Commons,

531-D East Market Street 703-443-9251 7 PM to 9 PM

Lea Coryell

6/7 Sat. 5:15 to 6:00 pm. Lea Coryell, Frederick Festival of the Arts,

Somos el Mar

6/1 Potomac Valley, Rockville, MD 2:00 p.m.

6/5 Methodist Manor, Seaford, DE 2:30 p.m.

6/8 Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, MD, 3:30

6/10 Byron House, Potomac, MD 3:00 p.m.

6/12, Cherry Lane Nursing, Laurel, MD 2:30 p.m.

6/13 Cameron Glen, Reston, VA 2:30 p.m.

6/14 Arleigh Burke, Mclean, VA 11:00 a.m.

6/15 Georgetown Retirement, Wash., DC 2:30 p.m.

6/16 Arden Court, Potomac , MD 2:00 p.m.

6/19 Brandon Oaks H.C. Roanoke, VA 4:30 & 7:30 pm

6/20 Somerville Retirement, Westminster, MD 3:30 p.m.

6/22 Grand Oaks, Wash, DC 3:00 p.m.

6/23 Lake Wood Manor, Rich, VA 6:30 p.m.

6/24 Spring House, Silver Spring, MD 3:00p.m.

6/26 Seaford Retirement, Seaford, DE 3:00 p.m.

6/27 Methodist Home, Wash, DC, 3:30p.m.

6/28 Genesis Elder Care, Milford, DE 3:00 p.m.

6/30 Vantage House, Columbia, MD 7:30 p.m.

Our website is: www.schoolshows.com/somoseimar

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:30 p.m. at The Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ray Kaminsky

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Sue Schier.

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Newsletter: Dianne Lafleur 703-560-9239

FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights, the Folk Club is an open mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which included set-up time.

On the second Tuesday of the month, we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

To be in the Showcase, you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months. 2) Fill out a lottery slip and place it in the "drawing bucket". 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase. 4) Be prepared 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 Dianne Lafleur at dlaflleur2@yahoo.com. Information should be received one week before the last day of the month in which you want it published. Items will be published on the basis of music related interest, timeliness, and space available.

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

Advance Purchase of tickets to concerts by Guest Artists 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

TUNE INTO THE FOLK CLUB

You've been coming for some time now. You enjoy the music and the fun. Why don't you become a member? The cost is minimal, just \$12 per year.

Along with the opportunities to participate in showcase drawings, you get a \$1 discount on 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 up today. Sign up at the Folk Club, or call a Board member for information.

NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club now has a chatty little newsgroup that you should join. Its great for finding out what is going on around town and beyond. Find it at www.groups.yahoo.com by doing a search for:

FolkClubofRestonHerndon

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 dlaflleur2@yahoo.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. Spruce top, Rosewood neck, 26 years old, Crisp, big sound. Great condition. Always had medium strings, only one owner. Only played on Blue Mondays. \$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.

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Expires 3/1/04

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