

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON - HERNDON

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*Preserving the traditions of
Folk Music, Folklore and Gentle Folk ways*



December 9 Showcase – GoG

by Dan Grove



GoG is the felicitous partnering of **Joanie Clark, Jane Tatum, and Fang (Chris Harnage)**. These three women, each with a gorgeous voice, are pooling their talents to bring us a December treat. What does GoG stand for? It's a secret - you'll have to come to the showcase to find out!

Joanie is a CPA who owns an accounting and tax preparation company. Musically, she has played almost everything imaginable, from top 40 rock through folk to bluegrass. Originally from the Navy town of Norfolk (her father was the captain of the USS Yorktown when it pulled Apollo 8 out of the ocean), Joanie went on the road as a teenager with a women's rock quartet called Pink Champagne. With Joanie on lead guitar and vocals, they toured from Virginia south through Georgia, plus Puerto Rico and Cuba. Other groups followed over the years, and Joanie also worked with Bill McGinnis, who has played with the late John Jackson. As a singer, she's been most influenced by Judy Collins, Claire Lynch, and Carla Bonoff.

Jane, from Olive Hill, Kentucky, moved to the area in 1990 when her husband became minister at the Fair-Park Baptist Church, on Quaker Lane in Alexandria. She has been singing choral music her whole life, in Latin,

German, French, and Italian as well as English. She also loves and sings blues, jazz, and bluegrass, but the church is where she got her start, and has been a constant musical thread in her life. Her CD *How Sweet the Sound: Songs of Hope & Faith* was a 2002 Wammie nominee in the Gospel category.

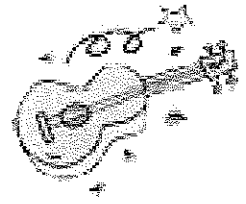
Fang is the mysterious member of the group. A cover story has been concocted that claims she's from McLean, but the details can't be verified. A persistent rumor is that she ran a bawdyhouse in Texas that satisfied the special needs of politicians so well that they brought her along when they came to Washington. Tom DeLay is said to have commented about Fang and her flock, "Why, they're ept, couth, grunted, sheveled, crepit, and, sweet heaven I hope, *discreet*." George Soros has reportedly offered Fang an advance of \$2.3 million for a tell-all book about the gang from Baja Oklahoma, so stay tuned for details!

GoG will be mining the bluegrass repertoire for their showcase, with perhaps some Dolly Parton and other sources thrown in. Guest musicians may appear with them as well, but as of press time they weren't confirmed.

Prepare to be agog for GoG!



Yes Virginia, the Folk Club Does have a WEB site!
www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com
 Please give many, many great thanks to our hero,
 Tom Shabala for building us our very own web site.
CHECK IT OUT!



MUSICAL NOTES

Congratulations to our very own

Sonos El Mar! This month they celebrate the 200th gig of this year. Two hundred gigs in one year is amazing for any Folk Singing group. We are so proud of them and the job they do of spreading music and joy to thousands.

Upcoming Workshop at Jammin' Java,

"More Things Every Songwriter Should Know About Vocal Performance", with Verlette Simon, Sat. Dec. 13, 10 am to 1 pm Jammin' Java: 227 Maple Avenue E. Vienna, VA 22180. Cost: \$35 (\$25 for SAW and Ubervox members.

Songwriters, your voice is one of your greatest assets: it's essential in developing compelling melodies, and it's a primary way to present your songs. Verlette will teach you--whether novice or seasoned performer--to preserve your voice, improve vocal quality and control, enhance breath control to optimize vocal performance.

After the workshop you will have better quality and more confidence in your voice, making your vocal instrument one with the instrument you're playing. This workshop builds upon Verlette's September workshop, but attendance is not a prerequisite. For more information, go to www.ubervox.com.

VERLETTE SIMON began her career touring with a church choir and performing in musical theater troops. At 17 she was songwriter and vocal director for the popular musical I'm Growing As Fast As I Can. She attended Brooklyn College of the Performing Arts and Lehman Performing Arts College, and has studied with a variety of voice teachers.

Former lead singer and songwriter for Columbia Records band Buddah, Verlette has recorded with major label artists like Fine Young Cannibals, and Mony Love. In 1999 Verlette moved from her native New York to Maryland, where she is the founder and director of Ubervox, a women's music networking, education organization and concert series based in the Washington DC area.

For more information contact: Cary Whaley-Events Coordinator Songwriter's Association of Washington (SAW) cary@carywhaley.com home: 703/560-2228, cel: 571/236-9670 www.saw.org, www.carywhaley.com

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

You'll find Folk Club members in every joint in town!

Gig announcements must be submitted in this MS-Word format: date, time, w/whomever, town, info number or email. I CAN'T TYPE!

RAY KAMINSKY

12/05, 6:30pm, Finewine.com, 20 A Grand Corner Ave., Gaithersburg, MD, 301-987-5933
 1/03 & 04/2004 12-4:00pm Ray Kaminsky w/ Jack Fretwell
 Tarara Winery, Leesburg, VA 703-771-7100
 1/17 & 18/2004 12-4:00pm Ray Kaminsky w/ Jack Fretwell
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SOMOS EL MAR www.schoolshows.com

12/2, 2:30pm Seaford Methodist Manor, Seaford, DE
 12/5, 2:30 p.m Cameron Glen, Reston, VA. **This is our 200th performance in 2003!**
 12/6, 3:00pm Genesis Milford, Milford, DE
 12/7, 2:30 p.m. Hebrew Home Wasserman, Rockville MD
 12/8, 7:30 p.m. Goodwin House, Alexandria, VA
 12/9, 7:30 p.m. Vantage House, Columbia, MD
 12/11, 2:00 p.m Goodwin House, Hope Garden, Alexandria, VA.
 12/13, 11:00 p.m.Arleigh Burke Pavilion, McClean, VA
 12/15, 7:00 p.m. Burke Health, Burke, VA
 12/16, 1:00 p.m. Methodist Home DC, Washington, DC,
 12/18, 12:00 Noon Lockwood House, Arlington VA
 12/18, 7:30 p.m. Washington House, Alexandria, VA
 12/19, 2:00 p.m. Potomac Valley, Rockville, MD
 12/20, 7:15 p.m Somerset Ret., Sterling, VA.
 12/22, 2:00 p.m. Woodbine, Alexandria, VA
 12/24, 2:00 p.m.Brightside Manor, Teaneck, NJ
 12/27 11:00 a.m.Arden Court, Potomac VA
 12/29, 7:00 p.m.Brighton Gardens, Chevy Chase tuckerman, VA
 12/31, 7:00 p.m.Sunrise at Frederick, Frederick, MD

TM HANNA

12/07, 11am- solo Sterling Study Group, Hampton Inn, Sterling, VA
www.sterlingstudygroup.org
 12/12, 8-10pm w/Doris Justis St Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA
 12/29, 6:30-8 pm w/Doris Justis Brookside Gardens Holiday Light Show Visitors Center Auditorium, 1800 Glenallen Ave., Wheaton, MD
 301-962-1453

DAVID R. LAFLEUR

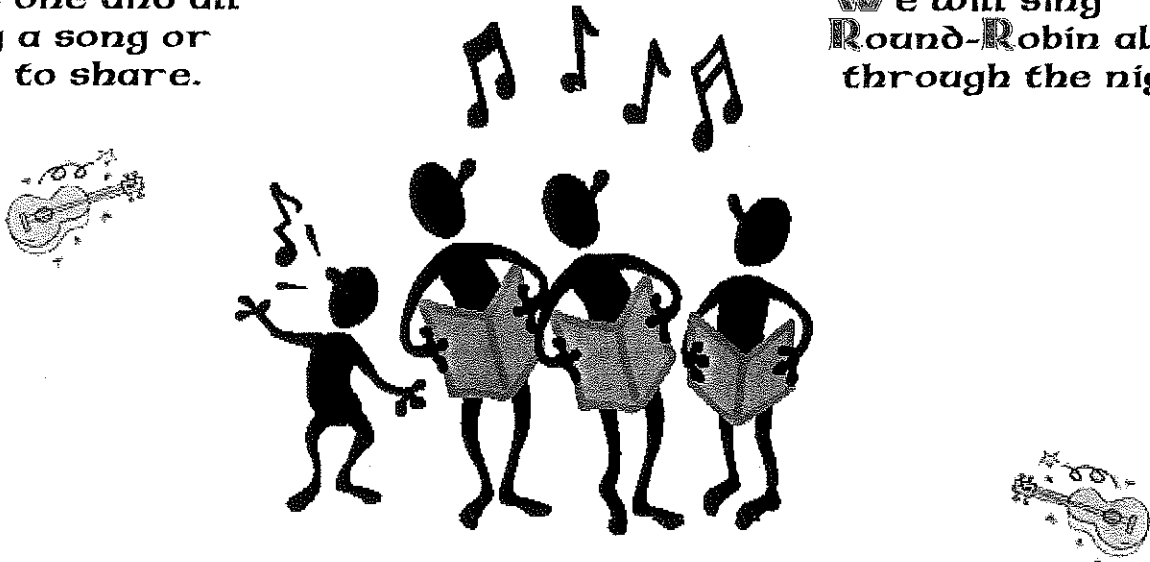
12/14, 1-4 pm, Full Circle Café, "Sunday Soup and Song Series", Keedysville, MD, 304-876-2690

Folk Club Annual Holiday Party

December 16, 2003

Come one and all
Bring a song or
a tale to share.

We will sing
Round-Robin all
through the night!



UPCOMING PERFORMERS

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

David Alberding and Verlette Simon – January 20, 7:30 \$10/\$9, Folk Contemporary singer-songwriters, gospel and jazz influences.

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker – February 10, 7:30, \$10/\$9, Folk, roots, Appalachian, folklore and blues.

Maggie Sansone & Co. – March 23, 7:30, \$10/\$9, Celtic CD Release of "Mystic Dance" w/ Sue Richards and others.

Oscar Brand – April 27, 7:30, A true Folk Legend.
on 12/16.

Amilia Spicer - Jul 27, 2004, 7:30pm \$10/\$9, Wonderful vocalist, pianist with story songs that rival Carole King

Tim Harrison - Sep 21, 2004, 7:30pm \$10/\$9, One of Canada's foremost folk artists

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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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 dlafleur2@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 enjoy the music and the fun. 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 at the Folk Club, or call a Board member for information.

NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club now has a chatty little newsgroup. 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**

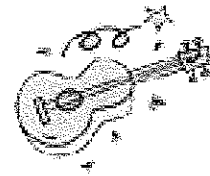
Our New **WEB SITE!**
www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

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 dlafleur2@yahoo.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



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