

# THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON - HERNDON

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## March 9 Showcase - The Zen Gospel Trio

by Sue Schier



Kathleen Farrar, Dianne Lafleur and Sue Schier, the ladies of Zen Gospel Trio, have come a long way from their humble beginnings as youthful inmates at the Illinois Correctional Facility for Wayward Girls. Meeting on the bus after their convictions for various petty crimes and entrepreneurship, they cemented their friendships, learned to sing in three part harmony and honed their skills as musicians while completing their sentences. They have all become productive members of society since their paroles, with only occasional backsliding and dabbling in previous pursuits. Music has always been the glue that has kept the ladies on their paths, and that is still true today.

Kathleen Farrar has been very busy with practicing her banjo technique. In between her and her husband Bill's effort to perfect their Snow Dance and Snow Chants (More snow! More snow!) she hopes to become good enough that one day she can quit her day job as a legal secretary and become a full time musician. Bill has been busy doing all the housework and cooking so Kathleen has maximum time to practice. She hopes to someday be working on a cruise ship in the Bahamas; perhaps on an exclusive Banjo Cruise. Think of it! Five hundred banjos plinking away in joyous jams and sessions, all on one ship! It sure sounds like two weeks of pure heaven to me! In the meantime, Bill is perfecting his Mermaid song and is researching Cruise Ship Landscaping.

Dianne Lafleur has been a very busy lady! She spends a lot of time on the road traveling between work and homes. She works for a fiber optic cable company in Maryland, next to NSA. We don't know what they're doing

with all those fiber optic cables, but colonoscopies and other invasive body procedures come to mind! Don't ask and she won't tell.

Along with her other charitable efforts (one being a Socialist Escort Training School for Wayward Girls), Dianne has been running a freelance Tantric clinic from the back of her old blue Dodge Caravan. A recent trip down to Miami to see her "girls" was quite profitable. The young women are making their ways in life teaching Yoga. One is also a well-known belly dancer and the other works as a waitress and dances in a cowgirl outfit. She doesn't dance on the tables anymore, as the spurs were wrecking the finish on the tables.

Sue Schier has given up on her cat juggling performances, as it was annoying the cats and they were getting clever about hiding and were harder to catch. She has been pursuing the Floral industry with her friend and business partner, Janet. She spends a lot of time making up beautiful arrangements and bouquets for weddings and events, with occasional forays into Floral Hell when a bride turns into a Bridezilla. She could tell you stories! She has also learned a lot of helpful hints, like what you do when the wedding coordinator's dogs licked all the frosting off one side of a wedding cake that has to be delivered within the hour. The wedding guests commented on how moist and delicious that cake was! The day was saved!

The showcase on March 9 will be a lot of fun! The ladies will have several new songs to perform in their heavenly harmonies, with banjo, dulcimer, guitars and autoharps to sweeten the sound. See you there!



# Maggie Sansone & Friends

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

**The Folk Club  
Proudly Presents ...  
7:30 PM  
March 23, 2004  
at the Tortilla Factory  
648 Elden Street  
Herndon, VA**

**Maggie Sansone** brings a unique vision to the ancient music of the Celts. Her pioneering artistry has brought the ringing beauty of the hammered dulcimer to thousands of music lovers around the world. Praised as “one of the most exciting and innovative hammered dulcimer players recording today and with a fire and passion to her playing.” by Dirty Linen Folk & World Music, Maggie has been featured on CBS-TV Sunday Morning, and NPR’s All Things Considered, Performance Today, and Thistle & Shamrock. She recently was honored with two prestigious awards: 1) WAMMIE award for best Irish/Celtic instrumentalist (Washington DC’s answer to the Grammys) and 2) The ANNIE Award for Performing Arts from the Anne Arundel Country Cultural Arts Foundation. Maggie produces and performs in Celtic and Holiday shows including A Traveler’s Dream: Celtic Explorations and has performed on stages from folk festivals to the National Geographic to the Kennedy Center Concert hall.

Maggie is the author of hammered dulcimer music books published by Mel Bay Publications. Mel Bay included Maggie in their 2000 Hammered dulcimer Anthology Series featuring America’s finest performers and teachers. She is most widely known as the founder and CEO of MAGGIE’S MUSIC record label. The label, which features over 40 albums distributed worldwide, is a seven time WAMMIE winner for “Record Label of the Year.” Maggie’s eight recordings include: Celtic Meditations: Into the Light; A Traveler’s Dream; Dance Upon the Shore; Mist & Stone (AFIM INDIE winner); Traditions; and her Holiday recordings: A Scottish Christmas (WAMMIE winner, “Celtic Recording”) Ancient Noels (AFIM INDIE winner); Sounds of the Season and Sounds of the Season II (AFIM INDIE nominee). Maggie also is featured on the DVD: A Scottish Christmas. Sue Richards is expected to accompany Maggie on Celtic harp, and perhaps a couple other surprise guests

## UPCOMING PERFORMERS

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

**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.

**Bob Zentz** – May 25, 7:30, A singer of songs, Old and New, about people places and times gone by, and a player on dozens of unusual unplugged Folk Instruments.

**Jack Hardy** – June 22, 7:30, Reversed folk songster, founder of Fast Folk magazine and Kate Wolf Award winner.

**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

**Small Potatoes** – Nov. 16, 7:30 Eclectic acoustic mix of Folk, Celtic, Western Swing and more.

## MUSICAL NOTES

**Dave Hurd** and his lovely lady **Beth** are once again offering to open their home for the Folk Club camp outs. The dates will be July 3-5 and September 4-6 (4th of July and Labor Day). Put these dates into your calendars. As time goes on, more details will follow. We'll keep you posted

**From Blond Ray K:** The AFM has negotiated with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) the right for musicians to carry on their instruments on airline flights. The web site [www.local1000.com](http://www.local1000.com) has a .pdf letter which you can print off and use to make traveling with your instrument easier. It allows you to bring one instrument as carry on luggage. The web site is very slow to download the file so be patient and try a couple of times.

### Maggie Sansone on March 23

With Maggie on hammer dulcimer, Anne Richards on Celtic harp, Billy on button accordion and Ron on guitar/flute the stage will be packed. For space on the stage, **we will not have open mic slots on that night.** Some come for the show, and leave your instruments home.

### Laura Schier and Dan Grove

See **Laura Schier** (last months showstopping showcase winner) sing and, as a featured dancer, be everything from an Amazing Dancing Doughnut to part of the Second-Longest-Running Kick Line in the world (after the Rockettes). See **Dan** sing, dance, and graciously suffer tremendous loss of dignity. One of the songs in the show was written by **Isabella Perelman** and **Dan Grove**. All proceeds go to charity. 2/26 thru 3/20, Wednesday thru Saturday at 8:00 PM, Sunday matinee at 2:30 PM, with **Hexagon's Wee Puns of Mass Distraction**, at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts (in Georgetown at 3500 R Street NW), tickets at 202-333-SHOW, more info at [www.hexagon.org](http://www.hexagon.org)

**Vocal Performance Workshops by Verlette Simon**  
VOCAL PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS are being given by Verlette Simon on the second Saturday of each month (February 14th, March 13th, April 10th) 10:00 am -1:00 pm at Jammin' Java (227 Maple Avenue E. Vienna, VA 22180). Registration is online at [www.verlettes.com](http://www.verlettes.com) or by mailing a check payable to Cary Whaley (agent) @ 12210 Fairfax Towne Center Suite 215, Fairfax VA 22033. I have been to one and got a lot from it.

### New Open Mike

TM Hana is hosting a new Open Mike on Thursday nights 9 PM to 1 AM, at the Inn Zone. The Inn Zone is at 7395-A Lee Highway, in Falls Church, VA 22043, 703.876.6716. It starts a bit late in the evening for most working folk, but I'm gonna give it a try soon. And if TM and his friends are going to be there, the music will surely be first rate. So go on out and support another local open mike!

## ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

### RAY KAMINSKY

3/20, 10 am Mid-Atlantic Guitar Festival, Centreville H.S., Clifton, VA  
3/26, 8:30 pm, Avalon, Paw Paw, WV  
3/27, 3 pm, Somerset Retirement Center, Sterling, VA

### SOMOS EL MAR [www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar)

3/4, 3:00 p.m. Tall Oaks, Reston, VA  
3/5, 3:30 pm Brook Grove the woods , Olney, MD  
3/6, 7:30pm Freedom Village, West Brandywine, PA  
3/7, 7:00pm, Gardin Spot Village, New Holland, PA  
3/8, 2:30 p.m. St Martha's, Downing Town ,PA  
3/8, 6:30 p.m. Heatherwood, Honeybrook, PA  
3/9, 3:30 p.m., Arden Court, Annandale, VA  
3/11 7:00 p.m. Washington House, Alexandria, VA  
3/13, 2:30 p.m., The Gables, Rutland, VT  
3/16, 7:30 p.m. Goodwin House, Alexandria, VA  
3/17, 2:30 p.m., Sunrise, Frederick, VA  
3/18, 6:30 p.m. Johnson Center Falcons Landing, Sterling VA  
3/19, 3:00 p.m. Bartholomew House, Bethesda, MD  
3/20, 2:30pm, Germantown, Philadelphia, PA  
3/23, 7:00 p.m. Burke H.C., Burke, VA  
3/26, 1:30 p.m. Randolph Hills, Wheaton, MD  
3/27, 7:00 p.m. Brighton Gardens, T L Bethesda, MD  
3/29, 2:00 p.m. Woodbine, Alexandria, VA  
3/30, 4:00 p.m. Byron House, Potomac, MD

### D.R. LAFLEUR (DAVE)

3/12, 9 pm - 12:30 am, The Cowboy Cafe North, 4792 Lee Hwy., Arlington, VA, 703-243-8010.

### don bridges a.k.a. "mister don" ([www.donbridgesongs.com](http://www.donbridgesongs.com))

3/1, 5pm, Fiora's Ristorante, Centreville, 703-803-2800.  
3/2, 10am, Chesterbrook Academy, Ashburn, 703-858-0434.  
3/2, 6pm, Silver Diner, Springfield, 703-924-1701.  
3/4, 10am, KinderCare, Reston, 703-709-8416.  
3/4, 6pm, Cassatt's Café, Arlington, 703-894-0540.  
3/6, 11am, Aladdin's Lamp Bookstore, Arlington, 703-241-8281.  
3/7, 11am, New Life Christian Church, Westfield H.S., Chantilly, 703-222-8836.  
3/8, 5pm, Fiora's Ristorante, Centreville, 703-803-2800.  
3/9, 10:30am, Westover Baptist Preschool, Arlington, 703-538-2724.  
3/9, 3pm, Chesterbrook Academy, Clifton, 703-968-3696.  
3/9, 6pm, Silver Diner, Fairfax, 703-359-5999.  
3/10, 11am, Aladdin's Lamp Bookstore, Arlington, 703-241-8281.  
3/11, 10am, Chesterbrook Academy, Leesburg 703-777-7744.  
3/12, 9:30am, Chesterbrook Academy, Chantilly 703-471-1400.  
3/13, 10:30pm, Independence Club, Springfield, \$5. 703-866-0300.  
3/14, 11:10am, New Life Christian Church, Westfield H.S., Chantilly, 703-222-8836.  
3/15, 5pm, Fiora's Ristorante, Centreville 703-803-2800.  
3/16, 6pm, Silver Diner, Fairfax, 703-742-0801.  
3/21, 11:10am, New Life Christian Church, Westfield H.S., Chantilly, 703-222-8836.  
3/22, 5pm, Fiora's Ristorante, Centreville, 703-803-2800.  
3/23, 6pm, Silver Diner, Merrifield, 703-204-0817.  
3/24, 10am, Chesterbrook Acad., Manassas 703-365-8200.  
3/26, 10am, Chesterbrook Acad., Herndon, 703-464-5400.  
3/28, 11am, New Life Christian Church, Westfield H.S., Chantilly, 703-222-8836.  
3/29, 5pm, Fiora's Ristorante, Centreville, 703-803-2800.  
3/30, 8pm, Joint CD release concert w/ Zoe Mulford, Paint Branch UU Fellowship, Adelphi, MD. \$10. 703-449-0817.  
3/31, 10am, Children's World, Herndon, 703-476-0400.

Please submit gig info in MS word format: date, time, w/ whomever, town, info number or email.



## 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  
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

Newsletter and Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Web Site: Tom Shabala

### 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 [dlaflaur2@yahoo.com](mailto:dlaflaur2@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](http://www.groups.yahoo.com) by doing a search for: **FolkClubofRestonHerndon**

Yes Virginia, the Folk Club does have our very  
own **WEB SITE!**  
[www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com](http://www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com)  
Many thanks to Tom Shabala

### Classifieds

*Classified ads and performance listings will be published if received by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month before publication, from members whose dues are current.*

**Email your ad to [dlaflaur2@yahoo.com](mailto:dlaflaur2@yahoo.com)**

**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](mailto:lafleur22@hotmail.com)

**Joint CD Release Concert!** The official launch of Folk Club member don bridges' new 13-song CD of all-original music, "An Ardmore Afternoon," and Zoe Muford's new 12-song folk music CD, "Traveling Moon," is set for 8 pm on Tuesday 3/30 at the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD. Tickets are \$10 and may be ordered from don bridges, P.O. Box 230741, Centreville, VA 20120. To order your copy of "An Ardmore Afternoon," send \$15 per disk plus \$2 shipping to don at the same address. To order online using PayPal, go to: <http://www.oklahomahistory.net/availablecds.html>

**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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