



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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December 13 Showcase – Greg Vickers

showcase (shō kās') *n.* **1.** a glass-enclosed case for protecting things on display, as in a store or exhibition. **2.** anything displaying something or someone to good advantage [the revue was a *showcase* for new talent].



... thanks to Webster's New World Dictionary, Third College Edition ...

Sounds like we have the choice of seeing Reston's own **Greg Vickers** "displayed to good advantage," or stuffing him into a protective glassed-in enclosure.

Greg has been coming to the Folk Club regularly since September of 2003. This will be his second showcase this year, as he played January's, too.

He promises to perform a few of his "Greg songs" ... you know, the ones that typically revolve around silly linguistic details he's so obsessed with. Or about people he finds irksome. Or about the overwhelming patheticness of modern American culture.

And he promises to revisit *Silent Banjo*, *Holy Night*, a song he wrote for last year's Folk Club holiday party. The song's preamble tells the story of the lost-in-history fourth magi (is the singular *magus*?), Cletus, who presented the infant Jesus with a banjo. This song takes a while, so Greg is glad to have the extra time available with the showcase format. Greg hopes to perform a few songs with his frequent music partner, **Michelle Murray**. And two guys who haven't played the folk club before: **Les Hatley** (lead guitar) and **Doug Brouder** (bass, mandolin and vocals). And he'll probably get some assistance from house percussionist, **Ron Goad**, if he can get Ron to promise to behave himself.



Any volunteers to construct a big glass case?

HAPPY HOLIDAY

The Year In Review

2005 is almost over, and it's time once again to look back at some of the fun we've had here at the Folk Club this past year. Those who have attended the monthly concerts have enjoyed music by some of the finest national and international performers around. Many thanks again to our President, Ray Kaminsky for booking such wonderful musicians for our club.

Our monthly showcases continue to bring us enjoyment and deeper insights into the talents and interests of the Folk Club members who entertain us during our regular weekly gatherings. Open mike nights draw new talent regularly, some of whom sign up for membership after they experience the congeniality and camaraderie we enjoy. Special thanks go out once again to Chuck Curcio for our home here at the Tortilla Factory. In honor of his support, and with his approval our newsletter now proudly sports the Tortilla Factory logo.

Here is a brief list of the acts we've enjoyed at the club this past year:

January:	Concert – Sheryl Warner	Showcase – Greg Vickers
February:	Concert – Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer	Showcase – Ron Goad
March:	Concert – Bruce Davies	Showcase – T.M. Hanna
April:	Concert – James Keelaghan	Showcase – Sue Schier
May:	Concert – Bill Staines	Showcase – Jean Bayou
June:	Concert – Lou & Peter Berryman	Showcase – Ben Hamblin
July:	Concert – Ed Miller	Showcase – Eric Forthman
August:	Concert – Ann Hills	Showcase – Jim Nagle
September:	Concert – (no concert)	Showcase – Michelle Murray
October:	Concert – Eric Andersen	Showcase – T.M. Hanna
November:	Concert – Magpie	Showcase – Larry Mediate

2005 saw the implementation of our new website, designed and maintained by Armen Karimian. Armen works as Office Manager and Tech Wizard at the Chamber of Commerce, along with Ellen Kaminsky. Armen goes to George Mason University, where he is studying Internet Technology and Business. He creates websites on the side, and is open to requests for such work if anyone is in need of a great-looking website. Our thanks to Armen for all his work on our great new Internet presence!

Thanks also to all the volunteers who help organize and operate the club, those who come in every week to setup, operate, and break down the equipment, and the performers who come in every week to entertain us. With your help we can all look forward to another year of enjoying music and laughter together in the friendliest (and craziest!) club in town.



Upcoming Performers

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

Steve Gillette/Cindy Mangsen – January 17, 2006, \$10/\$9 – Steve's superb songwriting is complemented by Cindy's traditional ballad interpretations to bring you the best in contemporary folk music.

Dana and Susan Robinson – February 21, 2006, \$10/\$9 - Dana's roots-oriented songs blend perfectly with their traditional repertoire, showcasing a couple steeped in the American rural spirit.

Bryan Bowers – March 28, 2006, \$10/\$9 - Autoharp Hall of Fame member Bryan Bowers entertains with traditional and contemporary folk songs and stories.

MUSICAL NOTES



AtLantis House Concerts Debut

Folk Club members Bob & Nina Lantis are starting a new series of house concerts at their home in Ashburn, VA. Their first concert will be on December 17th featuring the award-winning duo of Al Petteway and Amy White. For more info or to make a reservation, call Bob & Nina at (571) 333-7222, or email them at HouseConcerts@Lantis.us

Arlo Guthrie & Friends Take Train For Katrina

Arlo Guthrie & Friends will travel on Amtrak's City of New Orleans for twelve days in December, performing along the way to benefit the small venues in the train's namesake city that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. (It was Guthrie's recording of Steve Goodman's song "City of New Orleans" that prompted Amtrak to restore the train's name.)

The traveling party will start at The Vic Theatre in Chicago on December 5 and arrive in New Orleans to perform at Tipitina's. Guthrie's son Abe Guthrie with his band Xavier and daughter Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion will hold seven concerts along the route. Friends stepping aboard the southbound odyssey along the way will include Guy Davis, Ramsay Midwood, Kevn Kinney and Drivin' n' Cryin', John Flynn, Gordon Titcomb, and The Burns Sisters.

For more info, to donate goods, to volunteer or to purchase tickets, go to The Guthrie Foundation web site at <http://www.guthriefoundation.com>. The Guthrie Foundation was formed to help provide local cultures with the means to preserve traditional music, stories, medicine, dance, and spiritual practices in the face of an ever-encroaching globalization.

21st Annual WFMA Benefit Concert

Gordon Bok and Cindy Kallet have been added to the 21st Annual WFMA Benefit Concert, January 28, 2006, at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus.

This year's program will focus on folk singers from New England and will include a tribute to the late Tom Rowe, featuring Schooner Fare, Denny Breaux and Tom's son, Dave Rowe. Other performers scheduled to appear include Noel Paul Stookey, Tom Rush, The Shaw Brothers, Bill Morrissey, The Nields, Gordon Bok, Cindy Kallet and Side by Side.

Volunteers are needed to help with many aspects of the Benefit Concert. To find out more, go online at <http://wfma.net>.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

Ray Kaminsky

<http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=performers&value=Ray+Kaminsky>

Miles In Trail (Demetrios Liadis & Bo Carneal)

12/13: 7-11pm, Cheeseburger in Paradise, Woodbridge, VA

Somos El Mar, www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Ron Goad

Last Sat. monthly, SAW Showcase Night at Red Rocks Cafe and Tequila Bar, 13850-F Braddock Road, Centreville, Va. 20121, (703) 266 7060

First Thur. Monthly, SAW presents Ron Goad's Upstairs at The Firehouse, 3988 University Dr., Fairfax, VA, 22030, (703) 383-1030

Steve Key Music Showcases www.stevekey.com

Sundays: 7:30-10pm, Westside Cafe, Frederick, MD

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

J.J. Cale - 12/5/1938
Harry Chapin - 12/7/1942
Tom Waits - 12/7/1949
Alvin Pleasant (A.P.) Carter - 12/15/1891
Phil Ochs - 12/19/1940
Alton Delmore - 12/25/1908
John Hartford - 12/30/1937
Paul Stookey - 12/30/1937
Mike Auldridge - 12/30/1938
John Denver - 12/31/1943

And In Passing:

Carter Stanley - 12/1/1966
Rabon Delmore - 12/4/1952
Huddie Ledbetter (aka 'Leadbelly') - 12/6/1949
John Lennon - 12/8/1980

Quote for The Month

"Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best."

~ Henry Van Dyke



Happy Christma~
Hanukwanzakah!



THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:30pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ray Kaminsky

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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 includes setup time. On the 2nd 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; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, artwork and other music-related items to Bob Hampton at bhampton@ossva.com. Information should be received 1 week prior to the end of the month for the next month's newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space.

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Advance ticket purchases for Guest Artist concert performances can be made on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

TUNE-IN TO THE FOLK CLUB

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The cost is nominal, just \$15 per year. Along with the opportunity to participate in Showcase drawings, you get a \$1 discount on the ticket price of guest artist concerts (up to 2 tickets per show). Buy 2 tickets to every show and you've

saved a bundle! Join up on Folk Club Tuesdays, or call a board member for info.

NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club newsgroup is a great way of keeping in touch with what's happening around town and beyond. Find it at www.groups.yahoo.com by doing a search for: **FolkClubofRestonHerndon**

WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at:
www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

Hop online and keep up with the latest happenings!

INFO LINE

For general folk club information contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402



Classifieds



FOR SALE: 2002 Fender Stratocoustic w/case, black body, Rosewood fretboard, new strings & battery, \$325. Also: 1992 Sigma SE182CT cutaway dreadnought acoustic w/case. Sunburst top, mahogany back/sides, Martin electronics w/2-band chorus, \$450. Contact Greg Vickers at (703) 733-0145 or email vickershome@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Piano, Kimball console, excellent condition, walnut cabinet, tuned to concert pitch. Bench and assorted music included. \$1800 or reasonable offer. Call Lynn at 703-437-7766

FOR SALE: Whirlwind IMP2 Direct Boxes. These boxes accept a high-Z, 1/4" phone input, and output low-Z XLR. They also have a ground lift switch, and allow for a 1/4" pass-through. All units are used but in good condition. \$20 each. Call Marjorie Myers at 703-450-2393.

WANTED: Your old 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, Ellington, CT 06029.



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