



# The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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## May 9 Showcase – Kathleen Farrar and the Vestibule Dogs

by Dan Grove



The Vestibule Dogs, also known as the Parlor Doggies (and variously referred to by their admirers as the Porch Pooches, the Canopy Canids, les Chiens du Jour, and the Woof Wookies), will grace us with their music this month. Under the direction of their top trainer, **Kathleen Farrar**, they will perform an eclectic mix of musical tricks that will get everyone wagging their appendages and howling for more! The Dogs' membership is a closely guarded secret, but one of them is rumored to be singer **Kim Melton**.

Kathleen, a native of Takoma Park, first came to the Folk Club about eight years ago. She was frequently accompanied by her daughter Vicky back then, who was thirteen years old. None of the rest of us has aged a single day since, but Vicky is now a real estate agent (**Victoria Abbott**, with Keller & Williams in Tyson's Corner) who has recently achieved her first sale and her first listing. Congratulations, Vicky!

When Kathleen arrived she was single, but the Folk Club soon fixed that. **Bill Farrar**, a club MVP, became her friend, and, as she says, "passed the sniff test" of compatibility. Many club members attended their wedding, and some even performed, celebrating another Folk Club happy couple!

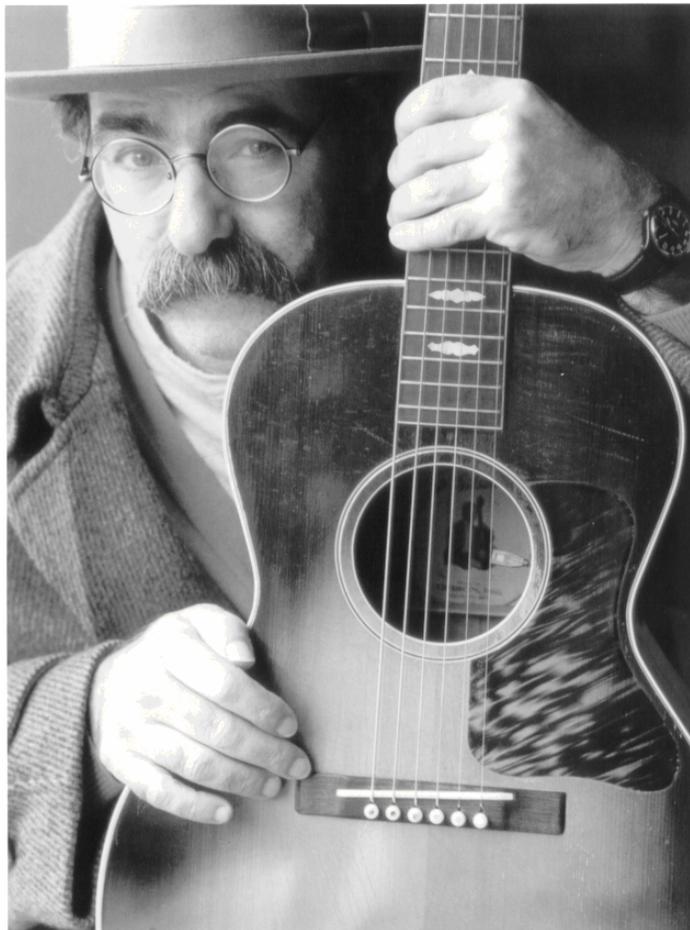
Musically, Kathleen played trumpet as a kid, which gave her the gift of hearing harmonies in music, since horn charts are inherently complex and tightly harmonized. Over time, she found herself drawn to the banjo, in bluegrass as well as other styles, and began to teach herself from books. That's what she'll play for her showcase, performing an eclectic mix of folk, old time, and maybe even bluesy tunes, as well. The Vestibule Dogs, when they can be dissuaded from chasing their tails (or others'), will rock along with her, and a general howl as the moon reaches 90% full that night can't be ruled out.

Lock up your cats and kittens, the Vestibule Dogs are here!

# Roy Book Binder

Tickets \$12 (\$10 Members)

The Folk Club  
Proudly Presents ...  
7:15 PM – May 16, 2006  
at the Tortilla Factory  
648 Elden Street  
Herndon, VA



**Roy Book Binder** is a genuine blues man and the most entertaining story teller on the blues circuit today. Roy began his career seeking out the Reverend Gary Davis, who taught him fingerstyle blues in the '60's. Roy toured with Rev. Davis, then later studied with the legendary Pink Anderson in South Carolina. Roy is an expert performer and historian of the Piedmont blues style, with standout songs like "Candyman", "Hesitation Blues" from Rev. Davis, "He's in the Jailhouse Now" from Pink Anderson, to name a few. Roy instructs blues at the Augusta Blues Week at Elkins College and Jorma Kaukonen's Fur Peace Ranch, and on his own three instructional videos released through Homespun Videos. Roy plays songs from Willie Brown, Blind Lemon Jefferson, Bo Carter and Blind Willie McTell better than the originals - from one whose listened to both.

Roy has nine personal recordings, starting with *Travelin' Man* in 1971, *Git-Fiddle Shuffle* in 1975, *Ragtime Millionaire* in 1977, *Goin' Back to Tampa* in 1979, *Bookeroo* in 1988, *The Hillbilly Blues Cats* in 1992 with Rock Bottom (one fine Harp player) and Billy Ochoa, *Live*

*Book .. Don't Start Me Talkin'* in 1994 with guest appearances by Jorma Kaukonen - guitarist from Jefferson Airplane and Hot Tuna, *Polk City Rambler*, *The Radio Show* and his latest *Live at Fur Peace Station*. Roy also has a video of his storytelling – *Roy, The Reverend and the Devil's Music*. Roy is a gem. His addition of bottleneck slide guitar pieces to his recent recordings is a nice complement to the wonderful fingerstyle blues he performs. The man is an entertainer. See him in a wonderful, intimate atmosphere at The Folk Club!



## Upcoming Performers

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

**Chuck Brodsky** – June 20, 2006 \$10/\$9 – Chuck Brodsky's songwriting pokes fun at political corruption, road rage, mischief, and about unsung heroes and forgotten but incredible people.

**Susan Greenbaum** – August 15, 2006 \$10/\$9 – Incredible vocalist Susan received Finalist awards in both the John Lennon Songwriting Contest and the U.S.A. Songwriting Contest

## MUSICAL NOTES



### Herndon Festival – June 1 thru 4

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Herndon Festival returns this year with a variety of games, rides, food, music and entertainment for the entire family. In 2005, this event was named "Best Festival or Celebration for Families" in the **Readers' Choice Awards** sponsored by **Family Magazine**.

With three stages for performances, there will be a host of top-notch entertainers on hand, including **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**, **Last Train Home**, **Lisa Moscatiello**, and **Trout Fishing in America**. For a complete list of performers, as well as other festival info, visit the web site at: <http://www.town.herndon.va.us/festival/>

### Washington Folk Festival – June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) is organizing the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Washington Folk Festival at Glen Echo Park. The schedule of performances and activities will be posted this month, but volunteers are currently needed to help set up the facilities, especially on May 20<sup>th</sup>, when the tents will be raised.

If you can donate time for setup, or help on the festival days (volunteers who work 2 shifts get fed for free!), Please contact Pat McGee at (301) 937-2437, or go online at <http://fsgw.org> and follow the links for the Folk Festival to sign up.

### BCMA Streaming Audio

The Birthplace of Country Music Alliance (BCMA) has announced that their streaming audio project is going online. The web site now features performances of music by artists from the East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia and the Southern Appalachian regions, or artists that have been influenced by traditions that originated in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. BCMA has over 10,000 songs by artists, both historic and contemporary, representing a wide variety of genres including Old-Time, Bluegrass, Gospel, Country, Blues, Americana, and other important musical avenues that have been influenced by this region, its artists, and its living musical heritage. Learn more by visiting them online at: <http://www.birthplaceofcountrymusic.org/>

### NEW – Download Your Favorite Festivals!

Can't make it to MerleFest this year? No problem – just download the audio from **FestivalLink.net**, a new, exclusive music download site that launches this month with performances from MerleFest 2006. You can also order CDs of the events by mail, if you wish. Register on the web site for information on upcoming covered events. You'll find them at: <http://www.festivalink.net/>

## ALL AROUND THE TOWN

*That's right – they don't just play at The Folk Club!*

### Ray Kaminsky

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

**Somos El Mar**, [www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://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

### Miles In Trail (Demetrios Liadis and Bo Carneal)

**5/27** Cheeseburger in Paradise Woodbridge VA. noon-3pm No Cover

**5/31** Manassas Harris Loy Pavillion summer concert series 11:30am-1:30pm Free  
[www.milesintrail.com](http://www.milesintrail.com)

**Steve Key Music Showcases** [www.stevekey.com](http://www.stevekey.com)

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

## MONTHLY MILESTONES

### Born This Month:

5/1/1939 – Judi Collins

5/2/1924 – Theodore Bikel

5/3/1919 – Pete Seeger

5/5/1901 – "Blind" Willie McTell

5/9/1914 – Clarence Eugene "Hank" Snow

5/10/1909 – "Mother" Maybelle Carter

5/10/1946 – Donovan Leitch

5/17/1942 – Henry St. Clair Fredericks (a.k.a. Taj Mahal)

5/24/1941 – Bob Dylan

5/25/1938 – Hoyt Axton

5/31/1938 – Peter Yarrow

### And In Passing:

5/7/1972 – Rev. Gary Davis

5/11/1979 – Lester Flatt

5/11/1999 – Shel Silverstein

5/13/1979 – Bob Wills

5/14/1997 – Mel Bay

5/15/2003 – June Carter Cash

5/26/1933 – Jimmy Rodgers

### *Quote for The Month*

*"Jack Benny played Mendelssohn last night - Mendelssohn lost.*

*."*

*~ Anon.*

## THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

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

**President:** Ray Kaminsky

**Treasurer:** Dave Hurd

**Board of Directors:** Sue Porter, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier

**Publicity:** Sue Schier

**Bookings:** Ray Kaminsky

**Newsletter:** Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Ray Kaminsky, Dave Hurd

**Newsgroup:** Dianne Lafleur

**Website:** Armen Karimian

### FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a signup board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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. Just go to: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHerndon/>

### WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at:

[www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com](http://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 Stratacoustic 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](mailto:vickershome@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE:** Brand new 6x8 enclosed utility trailer that would be perfect for hauling a PA system. Previously used to haul one load of furniture. Call Sue Schier for details; 703-435-2402 home, or 571-225-0337 cell..

**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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