



The Folk Club of Reston- Herndon

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

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June 13 Showcase – Nancy Mitchell

by Dan Grove

Nancy Mitchell is a regular at CABOMA (Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association) events, and the Lee Senior Center's Country Jam in Arlington. She also enjoys the Augusta Heritage Center's Bluegrass Week in West Virginia and the Blue Ridge Old-Time Music Week in North Carolina. Nancy's been playing guitar for about seven years and singing for five, taking group vocal lessons at the Reston Community Center. She played viola as a child, and has now translated those skills to fiddle.

Originally from Richmond, Nancy also lived in California for a while. She raised four sons, and, combining her family with her husband Dick's, there are eleven grandchildren (!). Dick sings and plays guitar and keyboards, but won't be part of the showcase this time. Instead, Nancy will be joined by **Debbie Billodeaux** on guitar and vocals, and, if the schedules work out right, **Lea Coryell** on banjo. The songs selected for the showcase have a unifying theme, associated with the concept of "home."

When she's not playing music, Nancy studies Tai Chi and is an artist. Her acrylic and watercolor paintings are frequently on display at the Lake Anne and Hunters Woods branches of the Reston Community Center, and she has exhibited some photographs there, too.

This will be Nancy's first showcase, and she's a little nervous about it. Her friends gave her the nickname "antsy Nancy" at Augusta because of the butterflies she'd get before a performance there, but at the Folk Club all butterflies fly in formation and the music soars. Don't miss this flight!

Chuck Brodsky

Tickets \$10 (\$9 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:15 PM – June 20, 2006
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



This down-to-earth musical storyteller, with his dry, barb-witted social commentary combined with a deep underlying compassion, knows that the best stories are the little things in the lives of everyday people trying to muddle through with some grace. His great gift as a writer is to infuse these stories with humanity and humor, making them resonate profoundly with his listeners. His spoken introductions to his songs can be as spellbinding as his colorful lyrics, which he brings to life with a well-traveled voice and a delivery that's natural and conversational. His groove-oriented strumming and finger picking draw on influences from the mountains of western North Carolina where he now lives, and from lots of different good old traditional folk stuff of all kinds. Chuck Brodsky's songwriting pokes fun at political corruption, road rage, mischief he made as a kid, even dumping garbage in the river; he sings about unsung heroes and forgotten but incredible people...odd characters from the game of baseball, migrant fruit pickers, the Goat Man, a clown, or "Radio," a developmentally disabled man and the love showered on him for 40 years at a high school in South Carolina (this song was used in the 2003 movie "Radio").

In addition to being fixtures on the Dr. Demento show, his songs have been recorded by Kathy Mattea, David Wilcox, Sara Hickman, Chuck Pyle, and many others, and his tune "Blow 'em Away" was selected by Christine Lavin for Shanachie's 1996 "Laugh Tracks" album. He's appeared on nationally syndicated radio programs "Mountain Stage," "Acoustic Cafe," and "River City Folk," and has performed three concerts of his celebrated baseball story songs at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Chuck has toured extensively throughout the US, Canada, and Ireland for 12 years, playing at folk festivals such as Tønder in Denmark, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Kerrville, Philadelphia, and Strawberry, as well as the Lincoln Center Out of Door series in New York.



Upcoming Performers

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

Magpie – July 18, 2006 \$12/\$11 – Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino have made great music together for over 30 years. Come out and see these Folk Club favorites!

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

Lee Murdock – September 19, 2006, \$10/\$9 – a talented performer of Great Lakes and maritime music spanning 15 generations of musical influences.

MUSICAL NOTES



Columbia Pike Blues Festival – June 11

This free outdoor community blues festival attracts performers and audiences from the Washington D.C. metropolitan area and the East Coast. There will also be children's activities, and many food and craft vendors. Music will continue into the evening at the Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse. Featured performers this year include **Tom Pricipato**, and legendary guitarist **Bobby Parker**. Additional info is available on the website at: <http://columbiapikepartnership.com/>

Potomac Celtic Festival – June 17 and 18

Come celebrate at the 13th annual Potomac Celtic Festival, this year featuring the Celtic culture of Ireland. There are nine stages of entertainment: world class musicians, dancers, storytellers, poets, workshops; children's activities; pubs offering the best ales; 2000 years of Living History; a juried craft market with 50 exhibitors; 65 clans and societies; marching pipe bands; Highland athletics; ethnic foods and more! A Night Festival on Saturday combines music and audience interactive dancing. Tickets and further info can be had either by calling **(703) 938-9779**, or going online to: <http://www.potomaccelticfest.org/default.html>

Previously Unheard Big Bill Broonzy Concerts

A new box set of previously unreleased Big Bill Broonzy concerts is to go on sale in September. Featuring live concert recordings from his performances in Amsterdam in 1953, they showcase an artist who was among the first of the American blues stars to tour Europe in the post-WWII era, directly contributing to the European interest in The Blues that exploded a decade later.

The new two-CD set contains 25 songs, and much more information. Broonzy was a charming raconteur, who loved to talk about his songs and tell stories about them. The documentation in the album about Broonzy's legacy, his little-known second life as a European, and dozens of previously unseen photos makes the set a priceless historical document.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

Beth Benedetto - Potomac Celtic Festival, Leesburg, Sun. June 18, 12:45 on the Garrán Stage - Irish language workshop and singing.

Ray Kaminsky

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

Somos El Mar, www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Miles In Trail (Demetrios Liadis and Bo Carneal)
www.milesintrail.com

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:

6/3/1897 – Lizzie Douglas (a.k.a. "Memphis Minnie")
6/9/1902 – Nehemiah "Skip" James
6/10/1910 – Chester Arthur Burnett (aka "Howlin' Wolf")
6/14/1909 – Burl Ives
6/18/1942 – Sir Paul McCartney
6/19/1914 – Lester Flatt
6/22/1936 – Kris Kristofferson
6/23/1929 – June Carter Cash
6/26/1893 – "Big" Bill Broonzy

And In Passing:

6/4/2001 – John Hartford
6/5/1977 – "Sleepy" John Estes
6/9/1964 – Alton Delmore
6/15/1980 – Bob Nolan
6/21/2001 – John Lee Hooker
6/29/1974 – Cass Elliot

Quote for The Month

"Boys, if you don't stick together, how do you expect me to follow you – ah?" ~ Lawrence Welk

ADDITIONAL USES: PUMPING UP FLAT TIRES



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 signup 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. Just go to: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/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 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

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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