



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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June 9 Showcase – Don Rembert

by Dan Grove

Donald Mosby Rembert, Sr. - Don, please! - grew up in Arlington, where he started singing and playing country music when he was at Stratford Junior High School. He went on to Washington & Lee High School, then Western Maryland College, then several advanced programs in economics and history, including at the Ludwig Von Mises Institute. He works as a Certified Financial Planner and started his current company in 1990, specializing in global investment asset allocation, retirement and estate planning, and small business consulting.

Don lives in Reston now, with his wife Judy. They have three adult children and six grandchildren.

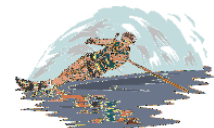
Oh, and a vintage 1949 Martin D-28 guitar - nice to still have a baby in the house to spoil!

Don's biggest influences, and likely some of the artists he'll cover in the showcase, are Merle Haggard, Hank Snow, Willie Nelson, Ed Bruce, Ann Murray, and Kris Kristofferson – masters of short, pithy songs that Don's reassuring deep baritone does full justice to. He's thrilled to have found the Folk Club, enthusiastic about getting the chance to share his love of music, and we're very much looking forward to hearing him again! Joining him on stage will be **Scott Malyszka** on fiddle, and perhaps others on bass and mandolin.

Happy Summer Vacation!



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Laurie Rose Griffith & Peter Mealy

Tickets \$12 (\$11 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:15 PM – June 16, 2009
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



The wife and husband duo of **Laurie Rose Griffith & Peter Mealy** have been performing together since 1995. They have been nominated for the **Governor's Award for Artistic Achievement** in Virginia, and their first CD, *Tocoi Light*, was voted **Best Debut Album of The Year** by the Washington Area Music Association (WAMA). *Tocoi Light* has been hailed by the Washington Post for the duo's "lovely voices, deft guitar work and fine songs." Their new CD, *Something Good*, has been hailed by *Dirty Linen* for their fine singing, writing and interpretive skills.

Laurie is a compelling singer and gifted interpreter whose rich soprano draws every nuance and emotion from a lyric. She was voted **Best Singer** of 2005 in Fredericksburg VA's annual Front Porch readers poll, and World Folk Music Association's **Dick Cerri**, says, "Laurie has the ability to get right to the heart of a song.... It's easy to fall in love when you hear her sing." While steeped in the tradition of great interpreters like Judy Collins and Joan Baez, she can deliver a blues or country rocker with authority, or finesse a jazz standard with style and intensity. As a guitarist, she is a strong, versatile player with an impeccable sense of rhythm and groove.

Peter has been hailed for his "superlative compositional and technical skills" (Northern Virginia Rhythm), and has been nominated for **Contemporary Folk Instrumentalist of the Year** by the Washington Area Music Association. He's been a **first place winner** in the **Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Competition**, and his songs brought the duo to the **finals** in the **Kerrville Folk Festival's national song competition**. He is the **author** of **Melodic Fingerstyle Guitar**, a collection of solo guitar arrangements, and has contributed columns and features to a variety of publications, including *Bluegrass Unlimited*, *Acoustic Musician* and the *Freelance Star*.

Since releasing their first CD, Laurie and Peter have traveled through twenty countries in the developing world. Laurie's extensive international background and passion for travel have taken them through Asia, Africa and South America, and a broad worldview is evident throughout their music, both in song choices and original compositions.

Laurie and Peter's music is the result of two established artists versed in many styles and traditions combining complimentary talents, skills, and personalities. Whether they are drawing from their large body of original work, singing a Jazz ballad, or spinning out an Irish jig, they use their formidable musical skills simply to give an audience a complete, memorable musical experience.



Upcoming Performers

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

Side by Side – 25th Anniversary – September 15, \$10/\$9 – Close vocal harmonies and 12-string guitar mastery highlight the longtime collaboration of **Doris Justis** and **Sean McGhee**.

Gordon Bok – October 13, \$14/\$13 – Maine folk musician, singer-songwriter and a leader in collecting, preserving, creating, and sharing a wide variety of rich and intensely beautiful songs of both land and sea.

Garnet Rogers – November 10 (ticket price forthcoming), – Charismatic Canadian performer & singer songwriter.

MUSICAL NOTES

Celebrate Fairfax! 2009 – June 5th – 7th

This annual festival is a favorite with everyone. Held at the Fairfax County Government Center, it provides world-class entertainment on five stages. Concerts this year will include **The Fixx**, **Blues Traveler**, and **Phil Vassar**. Four stages will feature a variety of music throughout the weekend (look for Folk Club favorites **ilyAIMY** at noon on Sunday). Advance tickets (through June 4th) are \$9 for adults (\$12 at the gate), and \$4 for children age 3-10 (\$5 at the gate, children under 3 are free). For more details, visit the website at: celebratefairfax.org

Fairfax County Summer Entertainment Series

The Schedule is set for the 15th season of this popular series of free concerts and other entertainments held at parks throughout the county. Bring your own picnic, blankets and/or lawn chairs, and get ready for a good time.

This year, concerts at Nottoway Park in Vienna will include performances by **Cathy Ponton King**, the **Seldom Scene**, the **Hula Monsters**, and **Swing Shift**. Concerts at Royal Lake Park in Fairfax include **Mike Seeger**, **The Taters**, **Maggie Sansone**, and **Luke Brindley**. For a complete schedule check the web site: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

Common Ground on the Hill – Traditions Weeks

Common Ground on the Hill will be hosting its 15th annual music & arts camps from July 3rd thru the 15th at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. Both weeks 1 and 2 will have classes from Beginner to Master level in a variety of subjects from Musical Instruments to Drama to Broadcasting and much more.

This year the **D.C. Bluegrass Union** will be holding their Bluegrass camp during week 2. **SPECIAL NOTE:** the legendary **Tim O'Brien** will teach master classes in songwriting, voice, fiddle and more! Beginners to advanced players are welcome.

On July 11th and 12th, the *Roots Music and Arts Festival* will feature performances by **Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys**, and **Tim O'Brien**.

For more info check the following websites: dcbu.org and commongroundonthehill.org

Avalon Fest '09 – August 7-9

The 12th annual festival at this premier (clothing optional) resort features 3 days filled with music, songwriting workshops, a songwriting competition, and an Open Mike on Sunday morning. A special bonus concert featuring **Hot Soup** will be given Thursday evening for early arrivers.

For complete information, visit the website at: Avalon-resort.info

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

Larry Mediate larry-mediate.com

T.M Hanna, birdphluph.com

Somos El Mar, schoolshows.com/somoselmar

6/19, 7:30pm – UNICEF charity concert at the Lake Anne Community center in Reston, VA. Call (703) 472-3481 or email somoselmar@yahoo.com for more info.

Ric Sweeney (a.k.a. – 'Mr. Rain')

myspace.com/ricsweeneysilverlinings

Ron Goad – MisterGoad@aol.com

NEW! – Mondays, 7-10pm, hosting open mikes at **Jammin' Java** in Vienna, VA. jamminjava.com

- Mondays 7:30pm, SAW-BSA-BMI Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. (when not at Jammin' Java) myspace.com/roddeacey

- 2nd Thursday each month 7:00pm, SAW-BMI concerts at The Athenaeum, Old Town Alexandria. NVFAA.org

- 3rd Thursdays and 4th Wednesdays, 7:00-11pm, SAW-BMI Variety Showcase at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA. bangkokblues.com

Scott Malyszka

cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka / feelthewag.com

Demetrios Liadis myspace.com/demetriosjam

or call 571-247-8969

Tomy Wright

Contact Tomy at tomy@tomywright.com, (301)637-5707 tomywright.com

Doris Justis

dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

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

6/14/1968 – Ernest "Pop" Stoneman

6/15/1980 – Bob Nolan

6/21/2001 – John Lee Hooker

6/29/1974 – Cass Elliot

Quote for the Month

"Music is the soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents."

~ Ludwig Beethoven

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 Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton

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

Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Website: Bob Hampton

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 newsletter editor 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

FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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

INFO LINE

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



Classifieds

FOR SALE: Fender Acoustasonic 30 Acoustic Amplifier - barely used \$225.00 Contact Demetrios 571-247-8969 or meetro@msn.com

SEEKING MUSICIANS: Cornet and harmonica player, experienced, seeks working performer, group, or band based in NoVA (Vienna). Jazz, rock, blues, folk, pop, country. david@savageheart.com

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, or give them to Ray Kaminsky at The Club



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