



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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December 8 Showcase – Sue Schier and Friends

by Sue

Sue is an Indiana native, the youngest of four children. She picked up a fiddle at age 8, laid it down at 12 when a shiny guitar was calling her. She didn't forget about the fiddle, but her love of folk music inspired her to learn guitar. The guitar followed her to Ball State University, where she earned her BS in Art, while listening to music by Dylan, Pete Seeger, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Eagles, PP&M, Dan Fogelberg, John Denver, Arlo Guthrie and many others. She was active in the Friends of Folk Music club, and enjoyed playing music with friends.

After graduation, she married Jim, a Purdue student she'd met at a summer job. The guitar ended up under a bed after their second child was born, and it took a lot of years to get back to playing it. She spent years doing fiber arts, with looms and spinning wheels (and bags of fuzzy wool and yarn) taking up time and space. Eventually, the looms and spinning wheels gave way to music, Martin guitars, autoharps, ukuleles and Irish fiddle lessons. She enjoyed singing with the Zen Gospel Trio (who weren't all gospel, sometimes had more than three people, and there wasn't much Zen about them!) and other friends at Folk Club. The house is a whole lot less fuzzy these days.

Sue spends her spare time playing music, and loves to get together with friends to play. Her circle includes a group she sees in August up in Nazareth, PA...the Unofficial Martin Guitar Forum members who gather for fun, workshops, and little sleep. You can check these fine folks out at umgf.com. We always have a great time!

Sue also volunteers at a horse rescue in Waldorf, MD, and at The Guthrie Center in Great Barrington, MA, which is in the church that Ray and Alice and Fasha the dog used to live in. These days, the GC people are doing a lot of community service, feeding anyone who walks in the door some free lunch on Wednesdays, hosting Yoga classes, hosting Huntington's Disease fundraisers and running a great music concert series all summer long. If you're in that area in the summer, check them out! www.guthriecenter.org

Sue loves all aspects of contemporary and traditional folk music, and chooses from all areas when finding songs to perform. She's likely to show up with a guitar and an autoharp, and may sneak in a fiddle or ukulele. You may hear some songs from the musical her daughter is directing...Spoon River Anthology, to be performed in Leesburg towards the end of January. Her daughter Laura Schier and friends will be included in the showcase! She can promise fun songs and great harmony! It's gonna be fun, kids!



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Preserving Folk Traditions

proudly presents

BRYAN BOWERS

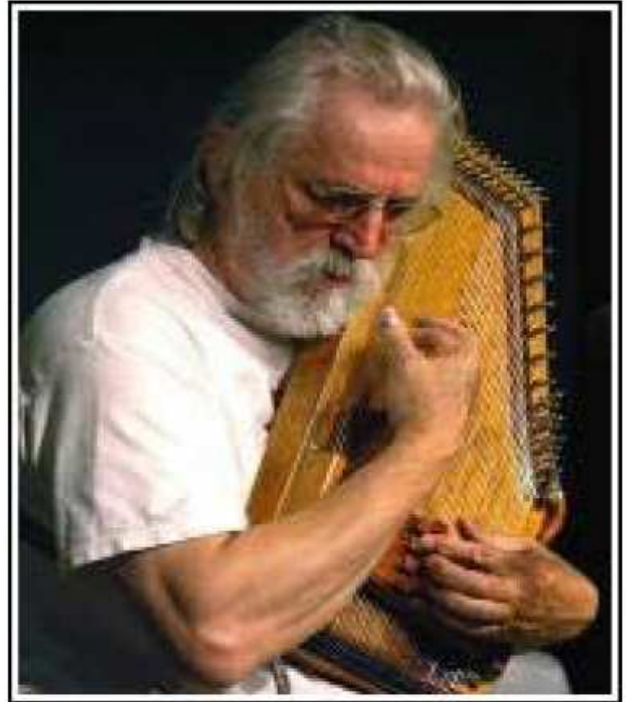
Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Tickets \$12 (\$11 MEMBERS)

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

**Back Room at
The Tortilla Factory**

*648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA*



From his rather unglamorous beginning as a street singer, **BRYAN BOWERS** has become a major artist on the traditional music circuit. He has redefined the autoharp and is also well known as a singer-songwriter. Bryan has a dynamic outgoing personality and an uncanny ability to enchant a crowd in practically any situation. His towering six foot four inch frame can be wild and zany on stage while playing a song like 'Dixie' and five minutes later he can have the same audience singing 'Will The Circle Be Unbroken' in quiet reverence and delight.

For nearly three decades, Bryan Bowers has been to the autoharp what Earl Scruggs was to the five-string banjo. He presents instrumental virtuosity combined with warmth, eloquence, expression and professionalism.

Bower's creativity and talent have won him induction into Frets Magazine's First Gallery of the Greats after five years of winning the stringed instrument, open category of the magazine's readers' poll. This distinction put Bowers along side other luminaries, such as Chet Atkins, David Grisman, Stephan Grappelli, Itzhak Perlman, Tony Rice, Rob Wasserman and Mark O'Connor, recognized for their personal accomplishments.

In 1993, Bryan was inducted into the Autoharp Hall of Fame to stand only with Maybelle Carter, Kilby Snow, and Sara Carter. We're pleased to welcome Bryan back to The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon for his 5th appearance.

More information and discography on-line at: <http://www.bryanbowers.com/>

TICKETS available: Tuesdays at The Folk Club or by e-mailing Dave Hurd - DAHurdSr@cs.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include: Hungrytown-1/19/10 Spook Handy-2/23/10 Samuel James-3/23/10

MUSICAL NOTES

Folk Club Christmas Party – December 15

Get your shopping done, your presents wrapped, and come on out to The Folk Club for the annual Christmas party! As always, there will be door prizes, so don't forget to get your raffle ticket from the Christmas Elf on your way in the door!

Musicians Needed - ArtSpace Herndon First Night

ArtSpace Herndon (artspaceherndon.com) is planning a FREE, family-oriented, alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration, and is looking for folk musicians to perform following a viewing of the Pixar movie, **Wall-E**. Songs about the environment would be in keeping with the context of the movie. There is a small budget to offer musicians a professional fee.

Planned itinerary for the day is as follows:

Open House in the Gallery - all day
Kids's Art Activities in Conference Room 5-6:45PM
Movie - Wall-e 6:45-8:15 in Gallery
Live folk music in the Gallery 8:15-9:30PM
Outdoor Program & Bonfire 9:30 -10:00PM
Music/Video/Dancing in Gallery 10:00-Midnight
Children's videos in Conference Room
Toast to the New Year at Midnight with Ice Cream & Cake

There will be additional opportunities for musicians to play outside of the main performance time slot. Interested parties should contact **Lester Zidel** (lzidel@hotmail.com) for information about participating

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

Ric Sweeney (a.k.a. – 'Mr. Rain')
myspace.com/ricsweeneysilverlinings

Somos El Mar, schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Ron Goad – MisterGoad@aol.com

- Non-concert Mondays, 7-10pm at **Jammin' Java** (see JamminJava.com for schedule), hosting showcases

- 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

Tomy Wright

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

Scott Malyszka

cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka

feelthewag.com

Performance(s):

12/6, 1-3pm – Reston regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive in Reston VA.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/>

Demetrios Liadis myspace.com/demetriosjam or call 571-247-8969

Doris Justis

dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

Dulcie Taylor

dulcietaylor.com

myspace.com/dulcietaylor

Bo Carneal

myspace.com/bocarneal

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

12/5/1938 – J.J. Cale
12/7/1942 – Harry Chapin
12/7/1949 – Tom Waits
12/15/1891 – Alvin Pleasant (A.P.) Carter
12/16/2007 – Dan Fogelberg
12/19/1940 – Phil Ochs
12/25/1908 – Alton Dalmore
12/30/1937 – John Hartford
12/30/1937 – Paul Stookey
12/30/1938 – Mike Auldridge
12/31/1943 – John Denver

And In Passing:

12/1/1966 – Carter Stanley
12/4/1952 – Rabon Delmore
12/6/1949 – Huddie Ledbetter (aka 'Leadbelly')
12/8/1980 – John Lennon
12/8/1982 – Marty Robbins

Noteworthy Events:

12/1/57 – Buddy Holly and the Crickets perform "That'll be the Day" and "Peggy Sue" on the Ed Sullivan Show.
12/4/56 – The 'Million Dollar Quartet' jam took place at Sun Studios with Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins
12/8/61 – Beach Boys first single, "Surfin'" released.
12/17/55 – Tennessee Ernie Ford goes #1 with "Sixteen Tons"
12/20/68 – Glen Campbell goes to number one on the charts with "Wichita Lineman"

Quote for the Month

"Let's have the music that will open the door to millions of people... the kind of music that will not make people think only of the song or even of the singer... not music that is confined to the merely personal."

~ Nelson Eddy

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15pm 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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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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