



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

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

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THIS MONTH'S CONCERT – DANA & SUSAN ROBINSON

"...rural America explored with elegant simplicity." - See page 2 for details

December 13 Showcase – Nancy Mitchell

By Dan Grove



Nancy Mitchell is a regular at the Lee Senior Center's Country Jam in Arlington, and attends some CABOMA (Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association) events, as well. She also enjoys the Augusta Heritage Center's Bluegrass Week in West Virginia, and sings several times a month with the Front Porch Singers at local retirement centers. Nancy's been playing guitar for about twelve years and singing for ten, 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 now fifteen grandchildren (!). Dick sings and plays guitar, and will join Nancy for one song. In addition, Nancy will be accompanied by **Dewayne Thompson** on guitar and **Marshall Hendrickson** on banjo.

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.

Nancy was a travel agent with VIP in Herndon for twenty years, and has some stories to tell about that and many other things. She's been writing her memoirs for four years now, and is at the editing stage.

Nancy's first showcase was in 2006, and she was a little nervous about it. Her friends many years ago gave her the nickname "antsy Nancy" at Augusta, because of the butterflies she'd get before a performance there. Time and experience has a way of fixing these things, though, and nobody has brought up "antsy" in recent years - at the Folk Club you can expect all the butterflies to fly in formation, and the music to soar. Don't miss this flight!



Preserving Folk Traditions since 1985

proudly presents

DANA & SUSAN ROBINSON

Tuesday, December 6th, 2011

Requested Donation

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

Show starts at **7:15 p.m.**

**The Back Room of
The Tortilla Factory**

*648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA*



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon is a non-profit organization

Dana & Susan Robinson return to our stage with their exciting blend of original songs of the American landscape and oldtime Appalachian mountain music. With Dana on guitar and fiddle, Susan's clawhammer banjo playing and harmony singing they bring a joyful energy to their concerts. Their music is the sound and feel of bedrock America. The genius of their performance lies in their ability to capture the imagination of their audience, evoking a transformative experience that touches on the deepest humanity. They can make the audience howl with laughter or hush with poignant reflection as they take them on a journey across America and convey the mystery and wonder of the places they visit.

Underpinning the songs is the undeniable rhythm of their trademark guitar/banjo sound. Whether it is quiet or

driving, there is a steady and unrelenting groove to the music that supports the lyric and delivers the story in an effortless and magical way.

"Many songwriters have been heralded as modern day Woody Guthries or keepers of the American rural spirit, but that mantle might be better entrusted to musicians like Dana Robinson who embody both the heart and the soul of folk music."

- Dirty Linen

"...rural America explored with elegant simplicity. Their music and cleanly poetic songwriting bring to mind the great folksingers of our times."

- Asheville Citizen-Times

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

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

UPCOMING CONCERTS include [Bill Staines](#) - 1/17/2012 AND [Small Potatoes](#) - 2/21/2012

MUSICAL NOTES

Folk Club Holiday Party – December 20th

Get ready for our annual holiday party! Wrap up your unused CDs (for our raffle,) grab your sleigh bells, and drive your reindeer over to Herndon for more fun than you can shake an elf at! Speaking of which, our favorite ticket elf will, of course be handing out raffle tickets at the door. Hope to see you there!

Plan B Café in Broadway, VA

When former Folk Club attendees George and Lisa Neall decided to retire to Fulks Run, VA to plant a garden and raise goats, chickens, horses, etc., that was Plan 'A'. But upon driving past an old building in nearby Broadway, VA they thought "Wow, what a great building! ...What could we do with that?" Thus began **Plan B**, a new café and music venue in downtown Broadway that opened its doors on September 10th, 2011.

With a menu built on home- and locally-baked goods, locally-roasted gourmet coffee, and great local, regional and national performers, there's more than enough reason to stop in and check it out if you're in the neighborhood. For more info check out the website at: PlanBBroadway.com

DC Bluegrass Festival – February 24th & 25th

Tickets are on sale for the DCBU-hosted 3rd Annual DC Bluegrass Festival, at the Holiday Inn in College Park, MD. Confirmed performers for the event include The Boxcars (winners of 4 awards at the 2011 IBMA awards show), and Sierra Hull (nominated for 2011's IBMA Emerging Artist of the Year, and also for Mandolin Player of the Year). Info on additional performers will be updated on the DCBU website: DCBU.org

Christmas Song Quiz

Here are 10 well-known Christmas songs, but with their descriptions changed somewhat. See how many you can figure out. If you need them, the answers are listed at the bottom of the page. Good Luck!

- 1) Quadruped with crimson proboscis
- 2) 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. without noise
- 3) Miniscule hamlet in the Far East
- 4) Adorn the vestibules
- 5) Exuberance directed to the planet
- 6) Listen, aerial spirits harmonizing
- 7) Monarchical trio
- 8) Yonder in the haystack
- 9) Hallowed post meridian
- 10) Shiny metallic tintinnabulum

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

Larry Mediate larry-mediate.com

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

T.M Hanna, birdphluph.com

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)
schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Doris Justis

dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

Dulcie Taylor

12/14, 8-?pm – Featured Performer, SAW Variety Showcase, Epicure Café, 11213-A Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA Epicurecafe.org

Chris Anderson

<http://chris-anderson.info/>

Ron Goad – MisterGoad@aol.com

- Mondays 7:30pm, F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. FrederickAcoustic.org

- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8-10:30pm, SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA Epicurecafe.org

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

NVFAA.org

- 3rd Saturdays 7-10pm, SAW/New Life Concert & Open Mike, McLean, VA. NewLife4Me.com

Scott Malyszka

cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka
feelthewag.com

Bo Carneal

myspace.com/bocarneal

Noteworthy Events:

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
- 12/30/1937 – John Hartford
- 12/30/1937 – Paul Stookey

12/3/1969 – Andrew Lloyd Webber and Time Rice ask John Lennon to play the title role in *Jesus Christ, Superstar*. He declines, though he says he would have been interested if his wife, Ono were allowed to play the part of Mary Magdalene.

12/16/1907 – Eugenia H. Farrar becomes the first singer to broadcast on radio, singing from the USS Dolphin docked at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

12/21/1968 – Crosby, Stills and Nash perform together publicly for the first time.

Quote for the Month

"The notes I handle no better than many.... But the pauses between the notes - ah, that is where the art resides!"

~ Artur Schnabel

Answers to quiz:
1) Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer; 2) Silent Night; 3) O Little Town of Bethlehem; 4) Deck the Halls; 5) Joy to the World; 6) Hark, the Herald Angels Sing; 7) We Three Kings; 8) Away in a Manger; 9) O Holy Night; 10) Silver Bells



of Reston & Herndon

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ben Hamblin

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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.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS IN ADVANCE

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances 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 recommended donation for guest artist concerts (up to 2 donations per show). 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: Marshall Valvestate tube Amp AVT-50H with twin 15 speaker cab. \$300. Zoom PS-04 Palmtop Studio Digital Recorder with power supply, Manual and Mic \$80. Electric 6 string Guitar pickup with pods and input jack \$40. 540-349-2938

FOR SALE: Archtop Guitar Kalamazoo by Gibson 1930 model FK-360 low action \$1000. Crate G40XL Guitar Amp \$80. 540-349-2938

FOR SALE: Subwoofer, Definitive Technology model ProSub 600, w/Active Crossover and Power Amplifier. \$300. Call Lynn at 703-437-7766

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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