



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 SPECIAL CONCERT – JOHN MCEUEN!

NOTE: this is a special Wednesday concert (NO Tuesday meeting) – see page 2 details

August 12 Showcase – Kim Melton

By Kim



Eleven years ago, I stood in the parking lot of Frying Pan Park staring at the guitar in my car mustering up courage to join in the bi-monthly bluegrass jam. Until then, I played alone, in my living room, with the exception of an occasional family gathering and a few close friends. Although I didn't know any bluegrass music, I was welcomed and encouraged (thank you, **Debbie Billodeaux**). It took me a few months to learn a couple songs and eventually step into the circle and sing, but I did. That day changed my life!

Now, I sing out all the time with wonderful musicians I've met along the way, many of whom are now dear friends. In fact, several are gifted singer/songwriters. Knowing them inspired me early last year to write songs of my own. So, on showcase night, I'll be performing an eclectic selection of originals with the help of a few very special people. I hope you enjoy it.

THE FOLK CLUB
of Reston & Herndon

PRESERVING FOLK TRADITIONS SINCE 1985

proudly presents

A Very Special Evening

featuring

JOHN MCEUEN

Member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (now in their 44th year)

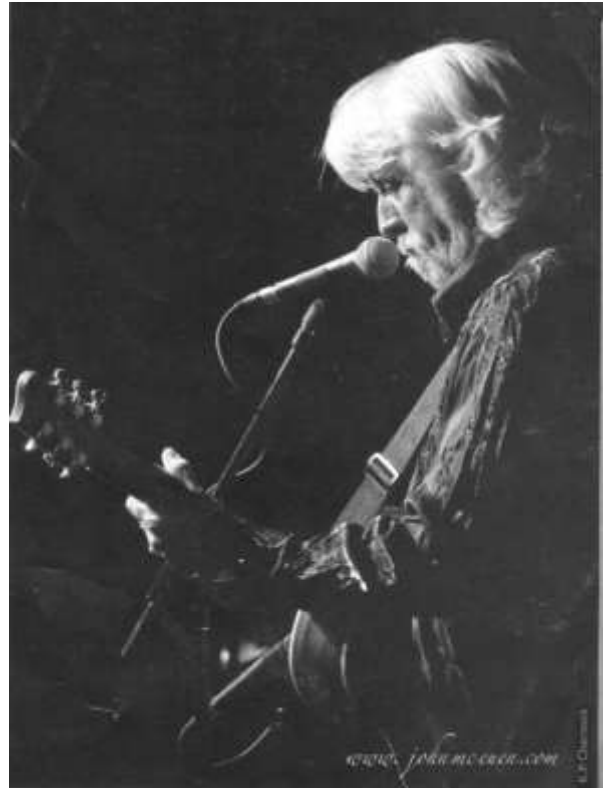
JOHN MCEUEN has continually performed since 1964 - 8,500 concerts and 300 television shows throughout more than 3 million miles - both with the band and as a solo performer. Beyond performing, he has a rich history of creating, producing and preserving original and traditional folk and acoustic music, and taking it to new audiences.

He brings his guitar, banjo, fiddle, and mandolin along with favorite Dirt Band songs and the stories behind them.

McEuen has made over 40 albums (6 solo) that have earned four platinum and five gold recognition awards, Grammy nominations, CMA and ACM awards, an Emmy nomination, IBMA record of the year award, and performed on another 25 albums as guest artist. He's also produced more than 300 concerts throughout his career - the first in 1965 in Long Beach, CA, with Bob Dylan.

His production of Steve Martin's *The Crow: New Songs for the 5-String Banjo* won the 2010 Best Bluegrass Album Grammy. *The Music of the Wild West* CD - produced by McEuen, was honored with the Western Heritage Award. A Grammy nomination for String Wizards II preceded the 1994 Uncle Dave Macon Award for his excellence in preservation and performance of historic music. In 2010 he was honored with the Best in the West Award from the Folk Alliance Organization. Since 2005, John's popular *Acoustic Traveller* show has been on Sirius/XM's The Village. McEuen produced and directed the 2006 documentary film *The Dillard's - A Night in the Ozarks*, which captures his early mentors at their best.

McEuen's countless jams include street performers to Phish, Earl Scruggs, Levon Helm... and even on Sesame Street with a herd of goats and a cow! Arguably, McEuen's most important legacy may be his instigation of what Rolling Stone called "The most important record to come out of Nashville" and what the 2004 ZAGAT survey called "the most important record in country music" - *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2014 NOTE – DAY CHANGE

Show starts at **7:15 p.m.** - **\$20** (\$18-FOLK CLUB MEMBERS)

AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE-HERNDON

1151 Elden St - Herndon, VA 20170

Info @ 703-435-2402 Tickets – Dave Hurd – dahurdsr@cs.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

[Sparky and Rhonda Rucker](#) – 9/23

[Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer](#) – 10/14

MUSICAL NOTES

Hot August Blues and Roots Festival – August 16th

If it's hot already, you might just go head out for some hot music at the 22nd Anniversary of the HAB festival in Cockeysville, MD. Held at the Oregon Ridge Park, this year's lineup includes **Old Crow Medicine Show, Nickel Creek, Tab Benoit, Dr. Dog**, and many others. The concert runs from 11am-10pm. Advance tickets are \$59, or \$70 at the gate.

hotaugustblues.com/

BBQ & Bluegrass Celebration at Breaux Vineyards

BBQ & Bluegrass at Breaux! August 23, 2014 11:00am-6:00pm Say farewell to summer with a relaxing and fun-filled afternoon at Breaux Vineyards on Saturday August 23rd. Experience our 3rd Annual BBQ & Bluegrass with wine tastings, tours, BBQ, craft vendors, and live bluegrass music. No admission fee or reservation required! Event is rain or shine, so come join us whatever the weather!

breauxvineyards.com (540) 668-6299

Folk Club Campout – Aug 30st - Sept. 1st

The annual campouts are one of the oldest traditions of The Club, having been held in one form or another since 1986. Dave has been hosting the get-togethers since 1990. Come help Dave and Beth (and everyone else!) celebrate the 24th annual Labor Day Folk Club Campout. Meals are provided (for a small contribution charge), so pack up your tents, drinks, and instruments and come on out to the beautiful Double Trouble Estate in Stephenson, VA. See Dave or Beth at The Club for more info, and be sure to make your reservations by August 28th. **Check our website for the flyer!**

Der Deutschen Bluegrass?



Most people remember **Howard Caine** as the actor who played Gestapo Major Hochstetter on the 60's TV show *Hogan's Heroes*. But did you know he had a second career as a banjo player?

According to his son, Lyle, Howard developed an interest in folk and traditional music that was

fostered to some degree by his interest and support of the Civil Rights movements, through which he met people like Pete Seeger, Cisco Houston, and Theodore Bikel. Taking up the banjo in the mid-60's, he had become proficient enough by 1970 to start playing professionally at clubs and festivals, and between then and his death in 1993 he had won trophies in 29 prominent banjo and fiddle contests, both for traditional banjo and traditional singing.

As far as his picking style went, Howard described it as Appalachian-style clawhammer banjo or frailing, and referred to a theory that the style was created by old-time players in Appalachia to compensate for the difficulty in playing with arthritis. You can find a link on our website to an article in the May 2010 issue of the Banjo Newsletter - an interview with Howard's son, along with an audio file and tab for Howard's rendition of *Flop-Eared Mule*.

NERFA, SERFA One-Day Conference in Virginia

(from nerfa.org)

SERFA (Southeast Regional Folk Alliance) and NERFA will be co-sponsoring a joint One-Day Mini-Conference on Saturday September 6th in Charlottesville, VA. FCRH Concert performers **Kipyn Martin** (April 2014) and **Susan Greenbaum** (May 2015) are among 10 artists that have been selected to perform Juried Showcases. The Juried Showcases are scheduled to start at 4:00 pm and are open to the public

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

Doris Justis

2nd Sundays each month, WFMA "Showcase at El Golfo", 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, MD

elgolforestaurant.com

dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

T.M Hanna, tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

schoolshows.com/somoselmar

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 Concerts at Surge Community Church, 1988 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA. Tickets \$10. Saw.org

Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee) www.harleystringband.com

Difficult Run String Band (Jim Nagle)
drstringband.wix.com/drstringband

Richard White diviningsage.com

Mary Shapiro <http://www.maryshapiromusic.com/>

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

8/1/1931 – "Ramblin" Jack Elliot

8/1/1942 – Jerry Garcia

8/4/1901 – Louis Armstrong

8/8/1944 – John Renbourn

8/12/1929 – Alvis Edgar "Buck" Owens, Jr.

8/14/1941 – David Crosby

8/22/1917 – John Lee Hooker

8/27/1925 – Carter Stanley

Quote for the Month

"Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music."

- George Eliot



Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15pm at Amphora Diner Deluxe
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ben Hamblin **Treasurer:** Dave Hurd
Board of Directors: Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton, Laura Kelmelis, Bill Farrar, Jim Clark
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Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur
Website: Bob Hampton
Lifetime Members: Rose Haskell, Ray & Ellen Kaminsky

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.

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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.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club:

Website: www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

FaceBook: Search for "Folk Club of Reston Herndon"

Yahoo Newsgroup:

<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHerndon/>

General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

Classifieds

FOR SALE or STORAGE: Folk Club speakers (2) LARGE Peavey SP-3, Speaker cables, 12X8 Snake cable @ least 50 ft. Mackie CFX-16 Mixer. Other sound gear. For purchase or storage for Folk Club. Contact Harny at: 703-430-0456 OR harnynfang@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: Large Dura loudspeaker/stage monitor \$100. Electric 6 string Guitar dual pickup with pods and input jack \$20. 540-349-2938

FOR SALE: Archtop Guitar Kalamazoo by Gibson 1930 model FK-360 low action \$1000. Crate G40XL Guitar Amp \$40. 540-349-2938

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