

## **THIS MONTH'S CONCERT – APRIL MAE & THE JUNE BUGS**

Outrageous Folk, Swing and Rockabilly Trio – see page 2 details

## **November 11 Showcase – Jan Gillies**

by Jan



Since first discovering the Folk Club nearly two years ago, Jan feels extremely lucky to have become a part of this wonderful community of music-lovers and kindred spirits. Since her last showcase, 6 months ago (just under the wire – she checked with Ben to be sure she was eligible again before entering!), she has traveled to the West Coast & back, done her first ‘cold water’ SCUBA dive with her newly-certified daughter in great white shark-infested waters (didn’t see any), survived appendicitis, and had several other strange misadventures to spice up her already unusual songwriting and storytelling topics. She still does poultry songs, too – keeping up her new role as the unofficial “Chicken-singer”, but will include some others to keep the menu varied. Husband Neil will be joining her with his giant cheese slicer (hammered dulcimer) for several songs, as well. Her acoustic finger-picking style dates back to her folk-singing beginnings in a Chicago area coffeehouse, during the great ‘Folk Scare’ of the 60s.

A retired high school science teacher turned avid storyteller/musician, her musical topics are drawn from her extremely unusual life for a girl who grew up in the Midwest; having become a scientist, sailor, research SCUBA diver, biologist, geologist, environmentalist, newspaper editor, science teacher, EMT and Hospice director – among other endeavors. She has been lost at sea without a boat (twice!), fallen asleep underwater (once), worked with American crocodiles, swum with sharks, gone through earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and travelled around the US and as far away as Australia. Everywhere she went, on land or sea, music has always been a huge part of her life and a loving connection to the world around her!



Besides the Folk Club, Jan can frequently be heard at the 6pm open mic Sunday nights at Cristina’s Café in Strasburg, VA. For more about her music, or to purchase CDs or downloads, see her music page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JanGilliesMusic/info> & click on the CD Baby ‘Music Store’ icon. You can also find her on YouTube!



Proudly presents



**April Mae & The June Bugs** are rising stars in the East Coast music scene. With a string of impressive recent performances, including the Philadelphia Folk Festival this past August, April Mae & The June Bugs will be motoring down from their home in New Jersey to raise the roof of the Amphora on November 18th. Their transport is as funky as their music – a former school bus looking like it just emerged from an explosion in a paint factory and converted to run on kitchen grease (vegetable oil)! April Mae & The June Bugs play Roots Americana music under the influence of jump blues, swing and boogie with a dab of N'awlins for extra spice. Smoke and honey vocals, cigar box guitar, upright bass, banjo, mandolin, washboard . . . servin' up high energy and deep vintage vibes is their specialty. Roots baby roots! Come and be transported back in time. This is a concert not to be missed.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

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

**\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)**

*Requested Donation*

**AMPHORA'S DINER DELUXE-  
HERNDON**

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[www.restonherndonfolkclub.com](http://www.restonherndonfolkclub.com)

**Seating:** Contact **Dave Hurd** Tuesdays at The Folk Club or e-mail - [DAHurdSr@cs.com](mailto:DAHurdSr@cs.com)

"With a sound built on cigar-box guitar, slap bass and washboard, no trio is more fun taking familiar roots genres and twisting them around Mae's elbow-gloved, gold capped fingers." — Mary Armstrong, The City Paper

Check out April Mae & The June Bugs at:

[www.aprilmaeandthejunebugs.com](http://www.aprilmaeandthejunebugs.com)

*UPCOMING CONCERTS include:*

**BiG WiDE GRiN 12/16/2014; and Zoe Mulford and Brad Yoder 1/20/2014**

[www.bigwidegrin.com](http://www.bigwidegrin.com)

[www.zoemulford.com](http://www.zoemulford.com) [www.brad-yoder.com](http://www.brad-yoder.com)

# MUSICAL NOTES

## 2015 DC Bluegrass Festival

Early Bird tickets are on sale now for the DC Bluegrass Festival which will be held February 27-28, 2015 at the Sheraton Premier hotel at Tysons Corner, VA. Sponsored by the DC Bluegrass Union, this year's festival includes the likes of Jerry Douglas, Seldom Scene, Tim O'Brien, Sierra Hull, Blue Highway, and many more.

Special ticket packages are available for those who wish to spend the night at the Sheraton, and tickets can be purchased online or by mail. For more info visit the DCBU website at [dcbu.org](http://dcbu.org)

## Musical History Rescued

(adapted from NPR)

In the wake of the folk music revival of the late 50's and 60's, people started becoming more aware of the importance of preserving the American traditional music that was becoming harder to find, as the older performers



Fiddlin' John Sharp with daughter Evelyn and Red Morris

who remembered it were beginning to die off. By the early 70's, action began to take place within Congress to assist in the preservation of folk music and traditions, and in 1976 passed the American Folklife Preservation Act.

One of the first to take up the challenge of music preservation at this time was Bobby Fulcher, a Tennessee State Park ranger and novice folklorist. Much material was collected by visiting the homes of Tennessee families like that of Opal Wright, daughter of the late 'Fiddlin' John Sharp. He also started spending spare time tracking down living musicians, such as Dee Hicks, who had more than 100 centuries-old melodies committed to memory. Every time he met and recorded one musician, they would point him on to others.

In order to handle the increased activity, he started obtaining federal grants, and hiring grad students like Betsy Petersen, teaching them how to work with the hill people by stepping back and allowing them to reveal themselves at their own pace. Betsy is now the Director of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, though Fulcher's original tape recordings are still housed in the archive vault where the State of Tennessee stores its most valuable historical treasures.

Fulcher has now launched Sandrock Recordings with the assistance of non-profit group Friends of the Cumberland Trail. So far nine albums have been released, and six more are in the works. More info can be found on their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/sandrockrecords](http://www.facebook.com/sandrockrecords).

## MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

### Doris Justis

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays each month, WFMA "Showcase at El Golfo", 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, MD  
[elgolforestaurant.com](http://elgolforestaurant.com)  
[dorisjustis.com](http://dorisjustis.com) - Folk, original, and contemporary music

**T.M Hanna**, [tmhanna.net](http://tmhanna.net)

### Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

[schoolshows.com/somoselmar](http://schoolshows.com/somoselmar)

**Chris Anderson** <http://chris-anderson.info/>

### Ron Goad - [MisterGoad@aol.com](mailto:MisterGoad@aol.com)

- Mondays 7:30pm, F.A.M.E. Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. [FrederickAcoustic.org](http://FrederickAcoustic.org)  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 8-10:30pm, SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA [Epicurecafe.org](http://Epicurecafe.org)  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month 7:00pm, SAW-BMI concerts at The Athenaeum, Old Town Alexandria. [NVFAA.org](http://NVFAA.org)  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 7-10pm, SAW Concerts at Surge Community Church, 1988 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA. Tickets \$10. [Saw.org](http://Saw.org)

### Harley String Band (Jim Clark, Jim Johnson and Steve Coffee) [www.harleystringband.com](http://www.harleystringband.com)

**Difficult Run String Band (Jim Nagle)**  
[drstringband.wix.com/drstringband](http://drstringband.wix.com/drstringband)

**Richard White** [diviningsage.com](http://diviningsage.com)

**Mary Shapiro** [maryshapiromusic.com](http://maryshapiromusic.com)

**The Aloha Boys** (Glen Hirabayashi and Isaac Ho'opi'i)  
[alohaboys.com](http://alohaboys.com)

## MONTHLY MILESTONES

### Born This Month:

11/5/1911 - Leonard Slye (a.k.a. Roy Rogers)  
11/5/1941 - Art Garfunkel  
11/7/1937 - Mary Travers  
11/7/1943 - Joni Mitchell  
11/12/1945 - Neil Young  
11/17/1938 - Gordon Lightfoot  
11/23/1947 - Jack Hardy  
11/27/1917 - Merle Travis

### *Quote for the Month*

*"He who hears music, feels his solitude peopled at once."*  
- Robert Browning



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  
**Publicity:** Cheryl Hennessy, Sue Schier  
**Bookings:** Jim Clark  
**Newsletter:** Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Dave Hurd  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.com](mailto:newsletter@restonherndonfolkclub.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.

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon  
c/o Dave Hurd  
110 Devils Backbone Overlook  
Stephenson, VA 22656



#### 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](http://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

**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