



The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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Spook Handy – November 20

This is his *Remembering Pete Seeger* world tour, with songs by Pete, Woody, and those inspired by Pete.
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November 13 Showcase – The North Shore Drifters & Friends by Ben

Gail and I went to our first Folk Club night at the Tortilla Factory in November 1998. It happened to be a concert night and the performer was Anne Hills. I became a member the following March.

So it's about twenty years that we have been coming. One of the benefits is that we no longer have to think about what to do on a Tuesday night! And we have been the beneficiaries of so much more. We've heard amazing music from those willing to share their talent and Ben has enjoyed sharing music and making music with many musicians.

It was through the Folk Club that Ben first heard and met Jack Fretwell, who at the time accompanied Ray Kaminsky, playing tasty harmonica. They discovered they both liked pop/jazz standards and eventually did a few sets together at the Tortilla Factory.

They did not see each other much for a few years, but ran into each other at the Epicure Café a few years ago. Ben had been to Swannanoa where he was bitten by the Gypsy Jazz bug. It seemed like a good time for them to get together again and find out if they were musically compatible.

Ben brought the Gypsy Jazz side, Jack loved Bossa Nova (especially Jobim), and the common ground in the middle was Standards. So they began to jam/practice fairly regularly and thought they had something (they're still not exactly sure what, though). They eventually looked for musicians to fill out the sound for playing out.

They began as Reeds, Strings, & Cords (& Skins) with Niels Jonker (briefly) and Ron Goad (off and on) and played at the Folk Club and Café Montmartre a few times. Later guitarist Mike Hansen was added, and bassist Warren Grasty joined, making up the current lineup of the North Shore Drifters. They played the Café and the Herndon Arts Crawl several times, and at the Lake Anne Coffeehouse.

We'll be riffing on Pop/Jazz Standards for the showcase (think Duke Ellington, the Gershwins, Irving Berlin, etc.). The kind of music your father liked (if he was like mine).



Our musical friends will tentatively include Nancy Truax, Glen Hirabayashi, Kim Melton, and ?. Hope you can make it.

At left: Drifting on North Shore Drive.



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Spook Handy



TUESDAY, NOV 20TH, 2018

Show starts at 7:15 p.m.

\$11 (\$10 MEMBERS)

Requested Donation

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Seating: Contact **Dave Hurd** Tuesdays at
The Folk Club or e-mail – DAHurdSr@cs.com

“Spook really understands how to write a good song that says something important” -Pete Seeger

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Spook Handy performed alongside Pete Seeger at festivals and concerts more than 50 times from 2003 – 2013 learning firsthand many of Pete’s songs and the stories behind them. Even more, he learned who Pete Seeger was and what he stood for. Spook is now traveling throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe with his “Remembering Pete Seeger” World Tour, keeping alive Pete’s tradition by sharing a few songs by Seeger, Woody Guthrie, and a healthy handful of new songs Spook wrote under Pete’s tutelage.

Spook’s 2016 album, “Pete Woody & Me – Keep the Flame Alive,” held the No. 3 position on the International Folk Radio Charts for two months with his original

songs reaching as high as No. 2. Recorded with his backup band “The Seed Planters,” the CD is more than just a tribute to Pete. It is a work that, as John Weingart of WPRB Radio says, “Certainly rests on the shoulders of the past but is unmistakably steeped in the present.”

Spook was named Best Folk Artist by Upstage Magazine, Gannett New Jersey, The Courier News, The Home News and About.com. He has written for theater and film and he is becoming a well known speaker and workshop facilitator at festivals and conferences around the country. This will be his 2nd appearance at The Folk Club.

<http://spookhandy.com/wp/>

UPCOMING CONCERTS include:

Honey Dewdrops 12/11/18

Shawna Caspi 1/15/19

MUSICAL NOTES



Mike Ryan celebrates the release of his new album *At Home in the Darkness* with a CD Release Show Saturday November 17th, 7:00 pm at The Epicure Café in Fairfax. *At Home in the Darkness* was produced by Dave Mallen at Innovation Station Music in Annandale and features guest performances from Kipyn Martin and Nicole Belanus. Additional details can be found at www.mikepryanmusic.com.

Institute of Musical Traditions

Garnet Rogers Monday, November 12, 2018, 7:30 PM

Al Petteway & Amy White Saturday, November 17, 2018, 7:30 PM

Both concerts at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD, 20852

For more information, go to www.imtfolk.org.

Focus Music

Pat Wictor Sunday, November 25, 7 PM at Island Pride Oasis, 617 Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Go to www.focusmusic.org for more information.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)

Go to fsgw.org/ for more information.

World Folk Music Association (WFMA)

Go to www.wfma.net/index.htm for more information.

"FOLKIES" 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

MUSICAL QUOTE

“And that’s what you come up with – that folk is everyday music, people learning from each other traditionally, passing songs down from person to person. [...] I’m not saying there are hard and fast boundaries – in music there can’t be.”

— Steve Roud

MEMBER PERFORMANCES & INFO

T.M Hanna tmhanna.net

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)

schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Chris Anderson - chris-anderson.info

- Check online calendar for upcoming performances. Also producing shows for the Harried Americans Band – harriedamericans.com

Ron Goad MisterGoad@aol.com

- 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7:30 to ? p.m. SAW Variety Showcases at Epicure Café, Fairfax, VA - Epicurecafe.org.

- Monthly, 2nd Monday at Brewer’s Alley, Frederick, MD.

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

The Aloha Boys (with Glen Hirabayashi)

www.alohaboys.com

Jan Gillies

- 3rd Friday, 8 to 10 p.m., Jan & Neil host an open mic at Lost River Grill/TK Lounge in Lost City, WV.

Hickory Grove (Bev & Jack Osburn)

www.hickoryg.com

Stevie Wade Potter, acoustic musician

www.steviewademusic.com

The Stewart Sisters (with Valeria Stewart, Sherry Stewart, Jim Nagle) www.thestewartsisters.com

Richard Weil

www.facebook.com/Silver-Strings-MD-1603491063211121

J. Michael Henry MIKELHENRY@live.com

- 2nd Saturday, 7:30 PM. Host of Acoustic Night at Jirani Coffeehouse, Manassas, VA - free admission.

Song Garden (Tom Bodine & Kathleen Huber)

www.songgardenmusic.org

Ben Hamblin (benhamblin@gmail.com)

- Fri Nov 16 at 7:30 PM – The North Shore Drifters present a Standards House Concert with musical friends - Al & Mercia Hobson’s workshop loft, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA. Suggested donation \$10, BYOB. Loft on 2nd floor, no elevator. Free parking nearby.



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

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FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a “Showcase” of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance. 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 Ben Hamblin at

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.

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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, or dahurdsr@cs.com.

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 “The Folk Club of Reston Herndon”

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 Second Strings, P.O. Box 234, Nederland, CO 80466.

LESSONS

- Private guitar lessons in Alexandria. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: ecfnn@verizon.net; 703-400-7264.

- Fiddle/violin/viola lessons - adults only, in Reston. Perhaps you play another instrument and want to add fiddling to your skill set, or you want to have more fun with the instrument you know and love. Contact Chelle Fulk at 301-366-5579 or info@musicbyanthem.com.