



# The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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

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## **Our Annual Holiday Party (Regrettably Online) - December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 to 10:00 PM**

This year we can't give you free dessert, raffle off slightly used CD's, or see you face to face in your holiday attire, but we'll be swapping seasonal songs in a round robin format on Zoom, and everyone can join in on YouTube.

## **Conversation Time During Our Weekly Open Mic**

Something has been missing from our weekly virtual open mic sessions: socializing with each other as we did at the Amphora. OK, you're right, we're missing many things, but we can't fix everything. Anyway, we're going to see if we can provide a time for conversation on Tuesday night, by allowing interested members to join Zoom for a short time to talk with their Folk Club friends, and let everyone know how they are doing. Note that this is especially for those who usually watch on YouTube that we haven't seen - performers on Zoom are already seen and heard.

We want to try this and see if it works, so the trial balloon will go up on December 8<sup>th</sup>. After a few songs we'll open up the floor and Connee Chandler (who suggested the idea) will lead the conversation. How long is TBD, but probably not more than 30 minutes. When I send my invitation for performers on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> I'll also tell you how to sign up for the social time. Then on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> I'll send the Zoom link and instructions to those who signed up.

## **The Return of the Monthly Member Showcase**

Another item we've been missing with online open mics is the member showcase. The last one in March was Jeff Smith & The Human Wilderness String Band, and here we are 9 months later. Al Hobson asked if we could reintroduce them online, so we're going to try it. It will be a little different since we decided to limit the time to 15 minutes (4 songs?) – but that will feel like a luxury (right now we only do one song at a time) – and most performers will be solo (unless they are wise in the ways of Jamulus). We're planning to have the first one in January, probably on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Any musician who would like to play a showcase in January, please send an email entry to Connee Chandler ([Connee22@verizon.net](mailto:Connee22@verizon.net)) before December 22. She'll do the drawing during our Holiday Party that night.

## **RHFC Membership Endowments**

Folk Club members, if you know someone who would like to play the virtual open mic but cannot because they are not a member, the Folk Club has a fund that will give them membership for a year. Then they can sign up and play for us on Tuesday night. The membership endowment funds were provided by some of our generous members. If you know of someone who could use this support, please contact Al Hobson ([alhobson@verizon.net](mailto:alhobson@verizon.net)).

## **Online Holiday Party**

A Folk Club tradition continues. Funny songs, poignant songs, beautiful melodies, familiar and unfamiliar songs, interesting arrangements, etc., etc. Bring your own dessert and drinks. Hope everyone can join us for a few minutes or for the whole shebang on the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 to 10 PM (or until everyone has played).



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Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:30 PM (online, YouTube) ~~7:15 p.m.~~ at  
Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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#### **FOLK CLUB FORMAT (not applicable now)**

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 hold)**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, and other music-related items for the newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your input to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at [FolkClubOfRestonHerndon@gmail.com](mailto:FolkClubOfRestonHerndon@gmail.com).

#### **RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS (not applicable now)**

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Al Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170, [alhobson@verizon.net](mailto:alhobson@verizon.net).

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#### **FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The process is the same if your membership has expired. Make out a check to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or \$55 for 5 years. Please DO NOT make the check to Al Hobson. Send the check to: Reston/Herndon Folk Club; c/o Al Hobson; 810 Elden St; Herndon, VA 20170. Please provide your name, email address, phone # and type, and residential address. By the way, we are looking into a way to accept online payments in the future.

#### **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 "The Folk Club of Reston Herndon"

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

#### **MUSIC GEAR**

- FREE 1960 Knabe baby grand piano and bench; in good condition but needs tuning; you must pick up from 2nd floor condo and carry down stairs. Contact Connee Chandler at [connee22@verizon.net](mailto:connee22@verizon.net) for more info.

#### **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**

- 5-string banjo. Scruggs and melodic. In Haymarket. Monday or Tuesday. \$25/hr. Age 8 and up. Contact Bruce Gair at [wbgair@gmail.com](mailto:wbgair@gmail.com). First lesson free as a sample. No obligation.

- Private guitar lessons available on-line, FaceTime or Zoom. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: email: [eric.forthman@gmail.com](mailto:eric.forthman@gmail.com); phone: 571-329-9875.