



The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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January Theme Night, Jan 12th – “Personal Memory” Songs

Each song will be one that instantly brings back a specific memory to the performer: like a first dance, or being with someone, or a certain place or time.

January 19 Showcase - Rick Landers by Rick

In 2018, singer-songwriter Rick Landers played his first public performance in over thirty years, after which the venue asked him to be its first featured singer-songwriter. Since then, he has been showcased or featured at house concerts, local venues, and festivals.

Rick has published [Guitar International magazine](http://www.guitarinternational.com) since 2005 and is currently developing his performer site (www.ricklanders.com). His music is not fixed in any particular genre, and includes road songs, quiet ballads, songs with clever twists, and songs of love and loss.

Most days, Rick plays vintage acoustic guitars that include a 1931 Gibson (L-00), a 1946 Gibson (J-45), and his latest find, a 1964 single-owner Gibson J-200. This fall he served as a judge for the Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) for two songwriting categories, country and Americana contemporary.



"First-rate! Really good stuff, Rick. Terrific voice and lyrics; great song-form; wonderful instrumental arrangement and performances. A pleasure to listen to." - Lee Underwood (Tim Buckley)

If you want to be in the next Showcase and are a member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months, then send a request to Connee Chandler (Connee22@verizon.net) before the next showcase. She will put your name into the drawing on January 19th. If you win you'll be able to do a 15-minute Showcase set in February.

January 12th - Theme Night - “Personal Memory” Songs

Have you ever heard a song that evokes the same memory every time you hear it? I'm pretty sure everyone who loves music has certain songs that trigger a memory of someone they were with, or where they were and what they were doing. For this theme night, we'd like our performers to briefly tell us what memory the song triggers in them, and then play it for us. It should make for an interesting night of music and appeal to armchair psychologists.

Conversation Time – January 19th – Early in the Open Mic

We tried this for the first time on December 8th and it went well ([YouTube link](#) - if you haven't seen it). We saw members who we haven't visited with for quite a while, and it was good to hear how they are doing. So we are going to continue doing this when Connee Chandler is MC – usually every three weeks.

We'll do it again on January 19th, which is also a showcase night. So after a few songs Connee will open up the floor and lead the social time conversation. This time about 20 minutes, followed by Rick's showcase.

When I send my invitation for open mic performers for that week, I'll also tell those who want to be included in the social time how to sign up. Then on Tuesday the 19th I'll send the Zoom link and instructions to those who signed up.

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).



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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~~

President: Ben Hamblin **Treasurer:** Al Hobson

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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

Once a month we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 15-minute (online) 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) send a request to Connee Chandler (Connee22@verizon.net) before the next showcase; 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.

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.

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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

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 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. 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; phone: 571-329-9875.