

The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

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

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April Theme Night – Songs With Water – April 13th

“Water, water, everywhere, and not a drop to drink.” But we’ll have wet songs to drink in and rejuvenate us.
See below

April 20 Virtual Showcase – Jennifer Katt

Jennifer Katt has been writing and performing music, individually and with others, since the early 80’s. Following the breakup of her classic rock/pop cover band “Full House,” she and two other members and frequent co-writers - Tomm Sibert and Janet Gerber-Salins - reformed as the trio “Bugleweed,” performing their award-winning original tunes in three-part harmony with acoustic instrumentation.

After a successful run in the DC-area folk music circuit, Bugleweed succumbed to members’ shifting life priorities, and Tomm and Jennifer once again found a new musical home with “Random Act,” an 8-member high-harmony group featuring a lavish array of instruments and vocal arrangements (think “A Mighty Wind” ;-).

When half of Random Act moved to the West Coast Jennifer took to writing and performing once again after some considerable downtime, sometimes with others but often as a solo singer-songwriter, enjoying the intimacy of smaller venues and songwriting circles. Her song themes have followed her turning to a more spiritual life and often speak of faith, hope, peace, and love. She is very active in the outreach ministries of her church in Woodbridge, St. Paul United Methodist, where she sings every Sunday and sometimes plays guitar in a plastic-sheathed singing “pod.”

Jennifer is so grateful to be back with the Reston-Herndon Folk Club, which she frequented as both a performer and audience member at the Amphora and especially at the Tortilla Factory. She is also a longtime member and past board member of the Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) and has won several awards from SAW’s Mid-Atlantic Song Contest.



Appreciating Lynn Jordan

One of our founding members, Lynn Jordan, passed on March 1 from a recent illness. Lynn loved the Folk Club community and we loved her. She loved music all her life, and sang in choruses in Hawaii and Virginia. She had musical house parties in Reston and was well-known in local folk music circles. She was one of the first members of the Folk Club and made many contributions along the way, particularly helping write our bylaws and managing publicity for many years. Her obituary can be found at <https://legacy.co/3cM8O9r>. She was a devoted listener on many Tuesday nights. We are thankful to have known her and mourn her passing. And we send love to her family and all who loved and knew her.

April 13th - Theme Night – Songs With Water

Since April showers bring May flowers, we’re going with a watery theme this month. We’re thinking of songs mentioning water in any form: steam, streams, rain, rivers, lakes, ponds, oceans, etc. This is Ron Goad’s suggestion: Songs of the Seas and the Rivers - And Beach or Surf Music. And Rick Landers put forth this idea: Songs of Rain: “Rain” (The Beatles); “Rain on the Roof” (Lovin’ Spoonful); “Who’ll Stop the Rain” (CCR); “Rhythm of the Rain” (The Cascades); etc. There are a wide selection of topics that relate to the theme, hopefully making it easy for musicians to come up with related songs.

Coming Attractions – Campout Switcheroo

Barb Keeler and Nancy Truax worked behind the scenes to switch places for the Memorial Day and Labor Day campouts this year. Barb and Craig are helping to move great-grandma to Leesburg and the schedule looks like it could interfere with Memorial Day. So Barb asked Nancy about swapping, and she readily agreed. [Nancy and Wayne recently moved to their new house in Luray \(catchy name TBD\) and that’s where the Memorial Day campout will be. The Labor Day campout will be in Kilmarnock at Barb and Craig’s Blue Bayou.](#) More info to come.



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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

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 the showcase MC 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 and to perform for everyone to enjoy!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION (not much room now)

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.

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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.