

The Victoria Folk Music Society acknowledges with respect and gratitude the Coast Salish People upon whose traditional territories we live, work, and play. We honour and give special thanks to the Lekwungen and Saanich peoples: the Songhees, Esquimalt, Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout and Tseycum First Nations.



The Victoria Folk Newsletter

• June 2026 •

Folk Club: Every Sunday ~ Admission \$8.00
Friendship Hall (formerly Norway House), 1110 Hillside Avenue

Format: 6:30PM Impromptu Jam Session ~ newcomers welcome
7:30PM Open Stage ~ sign up with the Host to perform a 10-minute set
8:45PM Intermission ~ tea, coffee, and assorted goodies available
9:00PM The Feature ~ as shown below

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Celebrating 51 Years of Presenting Live Folk Music in Victoria!

June 07 ~ **Shelley & Doug**

Shelley & Doug Thorsteinson are a versatile Vancouver Island-based musical duo known for their warm harmonies, engaging stage presence, and multi-instrumental talents. Blending Folk, Pop, and Celtic influences, they create a rich and varied sound that appeals to a wide range of audiences. Their performances feature acoustic guitars and low-D whistle, bringing a unique and memorable element to their shows. Whether performing in intimate coffee shops,

or at larger venues as *Shelley, Doug & Friends*, they deliver music with authenticity, humour, and a genuine connection to their audience! With a growing YouTube presence showcasing both live and recorded performances, **Shelley & Doug** continue to build a loyal following across the region. Check out their channel—youtube.com/@shelleyanddoughthorsteinson924—and definitely catch their feature at *the Folk!*



June 14 ~ **Hill 60**

Weaving together styles of Country and Bluegrass with a lifetime of musical influences, Hill 60 is a Cowichan-based acoustic gathering of friends. Harmony singers Heather and Shannon add their gorgeous voices to Eric's guitar work, Angela celebrates the low end on bass, while Andy and his mandolin cover the tunes with a delicious sparkle! Inspired by traditional music and the

takes of modern artists in Americana, the band also forges their own path, mixing straightforward Country/Bluegrass tunes with all the sass required to make them pure Hill 60. Heartaches find humour, love can be fun, and life itself is a song! The emotional and musical interplay between the members is a joy to hear and see. Hill 60's goal is to entertain and clearly they have a ton of fun doing it!



June 21 ~ **Virgil Brown**

Canadian singer-songwriter, veteran performer from street corner to café to concert hall, open-tuning finger-style guitarist extraordinaire, and song-writing machine, Virgil Brown brings his one-man show to the VFMS stage tonight! With a voice that's been compared to Leonard Cohen and Tom Waits and an easy-going friendly style reminiscent of John Prine, Virgil engages his audience with humour and flair. A superb singer and

musician, this wayfaring world traveler will take you on a journey from his rural roots in Canada, all the way to Paris and back again, braiding songs and stories together into a rich, compelling performance. Virgil Brown's *Wildwood Flower One-Man Show* is not to be missed! Come, listen, be captivated, and be assured you will sing along! Want a preview? Check out Virgil's latest album, *Banjo Moon*, online at virgilbrown.ca



June 28 ~ **The Ray Harris Duo**

A veteran of the Ottawa music scene, Ray Harris is a prolific singer, songwriter, and storyteller who describes his music as "Ameri-Canadiana". His songs are finely crafted and he wears his influences on his sleeve—incorporating strong elements of Honky-Tonk, Country, Rockabilly, Folk, and Roots Rock into a distinctly identifiable sound. Ray has released 3 fine albums over the last several years with album #4 in the

works. He's also a musical historian of sorts and over the years has played *Bluesfest*, *CityFolk*, and the *Gram Parsons Festivals* in both Georgia and Nashville. Recently relocated to Victoria, Ray is feeling newly inspired and is getting to know and become part of the vibrant Vancouver Island/West Coast music scene. For tonight's show he'll be accompanied by Victoria's own Mike Sadava on guitar/mandolin/vocals.



Folk Clubs and Coffeehouses on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands

The Coffeehouse on Gabriola ~ Meets the last Friday of the month. *Closed January & February.* 6:30pm Doors/Jam; 7:00pm Open Stage; 8:30pm Feature. The Agi Hall, 465 South Road, Gabriola Island. Admission 10.00 | Email colcog@shaw.ca

Cowichan Folk Guild ~ Meets the second Saturday of the month (September–June), 7pm, Duncan United Church, Duncan. Admission \$10.00 (\$5.00 CFG members). Phone 250-748-3975.

Deep Cove Folk ~ Meets the second Friday of the month (September–May) 7:30pm, 10990 West Saanich Road. Admission \$15.00 Please lug a mug. | Phone 250-384-9419 or visit deepcovefolk.ca

Highlands Music Coffee House ~ Mostly: second Saturday of the month (March–December) 7:00pm, 1589 Millstream Road, Highlands (CRD). Admission \$10.00 | email zhinoos219@gmail.com

Nanaimo Folk Connection ~ Meets the third Friday of the month (September–June) 7:00pm. Admission \$10.00 | Phone 250-591-6883 or email nanaimofolkconnection@gmail.com

Sooke Folk Coffeehouse ~ Meets the third Saturday of the month (September–June) 7:00pm. Admission \$10.00 | Holy Trinity United Church, 1962 Murray Road, Sooke (CRD). For more, visit sookefolkmusicsociety.com or email sookefolkmusic@gmail.com

Folk'n Parking (Friendship Hall /Norway House) parking lot...

On Sunday nights, please remember that parking is:

- NOT allowed next door in the Sikh Temple lot, off Graham. *You could be towed!*
- NOT allowed right beside the hall as it is a designated fire lane. *Ditto!*
- RESERVED for Feature Performers with orange cones. Please leave lots of room.
- EASIER when you carpool.
- UNRESTRICTED on streets south of Hillside.
- ALLOWED in the lot behind **Monarch Furnishings**, off Prior. **Thanks, Monarch!!**
- TRICKY on side-streets. Please respect 'Residential Parking Only' signs.
- EASIEST when you walk, bike, or take the bus!

Monarch Furnishings • 1120 Hillside Avenue
Tony Martin, Owner • monarchfurnishings.com



The Victoria Folk Music Society

Admission to Sunday Folk Club ~ \$8.00—FREE 16 & under. No charge for VFMS members, volunteers, and performers

Memberships ~ one year from date of purchase
\$85.00 Individual \$140.00 Family \$20.00 Newsletter Only

Contacts

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To sign up for a free monthly VFMS Newsletter email subscription, visit victoriafolkmusic.ca/vfms_newsletter_subscribe.html

Our VFMS website: victoriafolkmusic.ca

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Find us on Facebook: go to facebook.com/VictoriaFolkMusic

VFMS Open-Stage Guidelines

All performances are limited to 10 minutes or less—unless pre-arranged with the host.

Performers can play once per calendar month unless there are not enough musicians to fill the evening's open stage.

Priority is always given to out-of-town visitors and musicians new to the Folk.

Music Islands

FOLK CLUB FEATURES ON THE ISLANDS

Deep Cove Folk ~John Gogo~ \$15.00
Friday, **JUN 12**, 7:30PM, **Deep Cove (CRD)**. 250-384-9419

Highlands Coffee House ~Bowker Creek~ \$10.00
Saturday, **JUN 13**, 7PM, **Highlands (CRD)**. 778-678-2409

Cowichan Folk Guild ~T B A~ \$10.00
Saturday, **JUN 13**, 7PM, **Duncan**. 250-748-3975

Nanaimo Folk Connection ~Bijoux du Bayou~ \$10.00
Friday, **JUN 19**, 7PM, **Nanaimo**. 250-591-6883

Sooke Folk Music Society ~The Luckies with Shari Ulrich~ \$10.00
Saturday, **JUN 20**, 7PM. **Sooke (CRD)**. 250-642-4568

Coffeehouse on Gabriola ~Hill 60~ \$10.00
Friday, **JUN 26**, 6:30PM, **Gabriola Island**. 250-658-1478

CONCERTS, ETC.

~ **Steve Grebanier** ~ Mon. **JUN 01**, 6:30–9pm,
HERON ROCK BISTRO, 435 Simcoe Street, **James Bay (CRD)**

~ **Caroline Dick** ~ Fri. **JUN 05**, 1–3PM, THE WATERFRONT COUNTRY CAFÉ,
149 Fulford-Ganges Road, **Salt Spring Island**

~ **Terry Boyle** ~ Fri. **JUN 05**, 6:30–8:30PM,
THE SPIRAL CAFÉ, 418 Craigflower Road, **Vic West (CRD)**

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Shelley & Doug** ~ Sun. **JUN 07**, 7:30–10PM,
FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, **Victoria**

~ **Dave Harris & Friends** ~ Tue. **JUN 09**, 5–8PM,
The Loft Pub, 229 Gorge Road East, **Victoria**

~ **Tune Up 2nd Tuesdays Open Mic with Helen Davies** ~ Tue. **JUN 09**, 6PM,
MILE ZERO BREWING, 4495 Happy Valley Road, **Metchosin (CRD)**

~ **Allen Dobb, Morantz & Fremlin** ~ Thu. **JUN 11**, 7:30PM,
THE DUNCAN SHOWROOM, 133 Station Street, **Duncan**

~ **DCFC Feature: John Gogo** ~ Fri. **JUN 12**, 7:30PM,
DEEP COVE FOLK CLUB, 10990 West Saanich Road, **Deep Cove (CRD)**

~ **HMCH: Bowker Creek** ~ Sat. **JUN 13**, 7PM,
Highlands Music Coffee House, 1589 Caleb Pike Road, **Highlands (CRD)**

~ **Victoria Contra Dance: Katie Pinter and New Growth Stringband** ~ Sat. **JUN 13**, 7PM,
SILVER THREADS SAANICH CENTRE, 286 Hampton Road, **Saanich (CRD)**

~ **CFG: Open Mic • T B A** ~ Sat. **JUN 13**, 7PM,
THE COWICHAN FOLK GUILD, DUNCAN 13 CHURCH, 246 Ingram Street, **Duncan**

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Hill 60** ~ Sun. **JUN 14**, 7:30–10PM,
FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, **Victoria**

~ **Bonnie Raitt with Jon Cleary** ~ Wed. **JUN 17**, 7:30PM,
THE ROYAL THEATRE, 805 Broughton Street, **Victoria**

~ **Nico Rhodes' Hullabaloo, 1st Show** ~ Thu. **JUN 18**, 7:30–9:30PM,
THE PORT THEATRE, 125 Front Street, **Nanaimo**

~ **NFC Open Mic • Bijoux du Bayou** ~ Fri. **JUN 19**, 7PM, *The Nanaimo Folk Connection*, HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2174 Departure Bay Road, **Nanaimo**

~ **Judy Collins** ~ Fri. **JUN 19**, 7:30PM,
THE MARY WINSPEAR CENTRE, 2243 Beacon Avenue, **Sidney (CRD)**

~ **SFMS: The Luckies with Shari Ulrich** ~ Sat. **JUN 20**, 7PM, *Sooke Folk Music Society*, HOLY TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, 1962 Murray Road, **Sooke (CRD)**

~ **Eileen McGann in Concert** ~ Sat. **JUN 20**, 7PM,
dragonwingmusic@gmail.com, **Cobble Hill**

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Virgil Brown** ~ Sun. **JUN 21**,
7:30–10PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, **Victoria**

~ **David Rovics** ~ Thu. **JUN 25**, 7PM,
BROADVIEW UNITED CHURCH, 3703 St. Aidan's Street, **Saanich (CRD)**

~ **COG Feature: Hill 60** ~ Fri. **JUN 26**, 7PM,
COFFEEHOUSE ON GABRIOLA, THE AGI HALL, 465 South Road, **Gabriola Island**

~ **Nautical Song Circle, (upstairs)** ~ Sat. **JUN 27**, 1:30–4PM,
THE BENT MAST, 512 Simcoe Street, **James Bay (CRD)**

~ **Victoria Contra Dance: Jesse Partridge and Hayden Stern & Rosie O'Neil** ~ Sat. **JUN 27**, 7PM,
SILVER THREADS SAANICH CENTRE, 286 Hampton Road, **Saanich (CRD)**

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • The Ray Harris Duo** ~ Sun. **JUN 28**, 7:30–10PM,
FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, **Victoria**

~ **Clark Brendon** ~ Mon. **JUN 29**, 6:30–9pm,
HERON ROCK BISTRO, 435 Simcoe Street, **James Bay (CRD)**

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Summer Intensive Programs 2026

Art Song Baroque Cabaret Choral Guitar
Piano Strings Winds, Brass & Percussion

Registration open now!

vcm.bc.ca/summer



Our latest monthly VFMS webpage lists Live Music Events, mostly, on Vancouver Island and the adjacent islands — and I will be updating it throughout June 2026 as I find new information! /rg
victoriafolkmusic.ca/LiveMusicEvents_Mostly_June-2026.html

June 2026 FESTIVALS, et cetera

- May 24–June 01 Chamber Music Intensive, Port Townsend-WA
- June 05–07 Pender Harbour Blues Festival, Pender Harbour
- June 05–07 Summerland Action Festival, Summerland-BC
- June 05–07 West Van Community Cultural Fest, West Vancouver
- June 06–07 Folkloria, Victoria, Vancouver Island
- June 06–08 Georgia Strait Music Camp, Summer Instructional Camp, Crescent Beach
- June 13–14 Mabuhay Festival, Victoria, Vancouver Island
- June 13–14 Gabriola Pride Festival, Gabriola Island
- June 18–22 Nectar Festival Festival, Salt Spring Island
- June 19–21 Cowichan Valley Bluegrass Festival, Lake Cowichan, Vancouver Island
- June 19–28 Victoria International JazzFest, Victoria, Vancouver Island
- June 18–20 Seaside Music Festival, Sidney, Vancouver Island
- June 20–21 The Longest Day Festival, SKTAK (Mayne Island)
- June 19–July 05 Vancouver International Jazz Festival, Vancouver
- June 20–21 Tour Des Îles, five Southern Gulf Islands (BC)
- June 22–27 Voice Works Workshop, Port Townsend-WA
- June 24–28 Victoria Ska & Reggae Festival, Victoria, Vancouver Island
- June 26–August 03 The 39 Days of July, Duncan, Vancouver Island
- June 28–July 05 Fiddle Tunes Workshop, Port Townsend-WA

VFMS Features coming in July 2026 TO FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE):

- Jul 05 The Ranters
- Jul 12 Sue Decker & Gavin Hodgins
- Jul 19 The Salome Cullen Duo
- Jul 26 Chris Baron & Friends

JAMS & OPEN MICS — CHECK WITH THE VENUE FOR THEIR SCHEDULE —

SUNDAY JUN 07, 14, 21, 28

- ~ Sunday Country Jam ~ 2–6PM, THE EAGLE HALL, 2965 Boys Road, Duncan
- ~ Sunday Afternoon Jam ~ 3–7PM, THE LOFT PUB, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria
- ~ The FBI Sunday Jam ~ 4:30–7:30PM, THE FANNY BAY INN, 7480 Island Highway South, Fanny Bay
- ~ Sunday Kitchen Party Jam ~ 7–11PM, CHRISTIE'S PUB, 1739 Fort Street, Victoria
- ~ Sunday Bluegrass Jam ~ 7PM–MIDNIGHT, THE CUMBERLAND HOTEL, 2714 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland

MONDAY JUN 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

- ~ Old-Time Music Jam Nights ~ 6:30–8:30PM, THE SPIRAL CAFE, 418 Craigflower Road, Vic West (CRD)

WEDNESDAY JUN 03, 10, 17, 24

- ~ Wednesday Jam ~ 6–9PM, THE LOFT PUB, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria
- ~ Sidney Acoustic Jam ~ 7–9PM, THE SHOAL ACTIVITY CENTRE, 10030 Resthaven Drive, Sidney (CRD)

THURSDAY JUN 04, 11, 18, 25

- ~ The Big Open Mic ~ 6:30–8:30PM, THE SPIRAL CAFE, 418 Craigflower Road, Vic West (CRD)
- ~ Open Mic Night Thursday ~ 7:30–10:30PM, THE LOGHOUSE PUB, 2323 Millstream Avenue, Victoria

plus 7 linked webpages (one for each day of the week)—
LISTING OPEN JAMS, OPEN MICS & OPEN SESSIONS
ON VANCOUVER ISLAND & THE ADJACENT BC ISLANDS—

victoriafolkmusic.ca/Sundays-Open-LMEs-Vancouver-Island.html

—for yourself, birthdays, occasions, or just being generous—

Victoria Folk Music Society Merchandise

- ~ Decals \$2, \$2.50 ~ Suitable for car windows, guitar cases, music stands...
- ~ Guest Passes \$8 ~ Valid for one adult admission to our Sunday Evenings
- ~ Coffee Mugs \$10 ~ with our classic Queen & Banjo or the 50th Anniversary edition
- ~ Tote Bags \$15 ~ A classy light-weight bag for carrying your Folk- or non-Folk-stuff
- ~ Tee-Shirts \$15–\$35 ~ The ultimate fashion statement for the Folk aficionado
- ~ Gift Certificates ~ \$85 Individual or \$140 Family ~ Good for an Annual Membership

All may be purchased on any Sunday Night at the Folk (at Friendship Hall formerly Norway House)

Performer Guidelines (How to please our audience!)

Welcome to the Victoria Folk Music Society's weekly gathering! We hope you enjoy playing here—so here's a bit of performance advice on what works best for our club. Some of the suggestions may seem obvious, while others may not have occurred to you before.

1. *Please be considerate and don't go overtime.* There is a **ten-minute limit** for open-stage sets and **ten minutes** goes by fast—especially if you're tuning up, and talking about yourself and your music, as well as playing! Pace yourself accordingly, which means you've probably got time for two songs unless they're particularly short ones. When in doubt, check with the host.
2. *Perform to be heard.* The acoustics are great in this hall, but you still need to project so that the people at the back can hear you. Consider standing up while you perform; otherwise, your sound may not get much beyond the first row. Remember that folk-song lyrics are at least as important as the music. If you're singing and

playing, especially in a group, you may need to sing louder and/or play softer to ensure that your words are heard by all.

3. *Present well-practiced material.* The Folk Club is an excellent place to try out new material with a receptive audience, but it's not the place to "fake it till you make it"! Please respect yourself and your audience enough to practice your material before you perform.
4. *Consider playing a cover song with a chorus* in your set, especially one that's well-known. Our audience loves to sing along! If the song isn't well-known, prompt us the first time so we know when and what to sing.
5. *Plan to stay and listen to others play.* It's a great way to meet people and also to pick up new material and performance ideas.
6. *Have fun and we hope to see you again!* If you'd like some feedback on your performance, please feel free to ask.

Available as a downloadable PDF: victoriafolkmusic.ca/pdf/VFMS_Performer_Guidelines.pdf

Can it be . . . June 2026 already?

So it is and on we go, 51 years and counting—100% volunteer-run, dedicated to acoustic music, and committed to community! It's pretty magical, what we have going at the VFMS, but of course it doesn't just happen with the wave of a hand and some wishful thinking! It happens because a group of faithful volunteers step up, week after week, and do the work required!

Set-up, working the door and the kitchen, running the dishwasher and tidying up at the end of the evening . . . truly, it takes a community to run a Folk Club! Help is *ALWAYS WELCOME* so if you'd like to get

more involved, please touch base with Nancy Taylor, our devoted Volunteer Coordinator. She's at the club virtually every Sunday night and she'd be thrilled to talk with you there, by phone at 250-477-6844 during the week, or by email <nancy.taylor@shaw.ca> Nancy can explain what the various jobs entail, answer any questions you might have, and add you to her roster.

Remember The Folk is open all through the summer, too! (except the August long-weekend—Aug. 2nd, this year) Please do plan to come and please do encourage friends, neighbours, and summer visitors to come by,

as well. And don't forget the Open Stage—no better time than summertime to come by and hone your performance skills, try out a new song, or just share an old favourite or two with the kindest, most attentive audience around! No need to call ahead to play, either, just come on down to the club a bit early (7-ish is great!) and sign up with the evening's host for a **10-minute set**. Did I mention performers get in *FREE* (just like volunteers?) because they do!

Cheers to another season of singing, playing, and good times!

~ Carol Aileen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Steve Grebanier (JAMES BAY—SEE P. 2)	2	3	4	5 Caroline Dick (SALT SPRING ISLAND • SEE P. 2) Terry Boyle (VIC WEST—SEE P. 2)	6
7 VFMS Feature: SHELLEY & DOUG	8	9 Dave Harris & Friends (VICTORIA—SEE P. 2) MZB Open Mic with Helen Davies (METCHOSIN—SEE P. 2)	10 VFMS Biz Meeting! 2:30 PM 3483 Lovat Avenue 250-475-1355	11 Allen Dobb, Morantz & Fremlin (DUNCAN—SEE P. 2)	12 <i>DEEP COVE FOLK</i> JOHN GOGO (DEEP COVE—SEE P. 2)	13 <i>HIGHLANDS COFFEE HOUSE</i> BOWKER CREEK 7 PM—(see p. 2) <i>COMCHAN FOLK GUILD</i> T B A (SEE P. 2) ContraDance (SAANICH—SEE P. 2)
14 VFMS Feature: HILL 60	15	16	17 Bonnie Raitt (VICTORIA—SEE P. 2)	18 Nico Rhodes (NANAIMO—SEE P. 2)	19 <i>NANAIMO FOLK</i> BIJOUX DU BAYOU (SEE P. 2) Judy Collins (SIDNEY—SEE P. 2)	20 <i>SOOKE FOLK</i> THE LUCKIES & SHARI ULRICH (SEE P. 2) Eileen McGann (COBBLE HILL—SEE P. 2)
21 VFMS Feature: VIRGIL BROWN	22	23 Dave Harris & Friends (THE LOFT, VICTORIA)	24	25 David Rovics (SAANICH—SEE P. 2)	26 <i>COFFEEHOUSE ON GABRIOLA</i> HILL 60 (SEE P. 2)	27 Nautical Song Circle (JAMES BAY—SEE P. 2) ContraDance (SAANICH—SEE P. 3) Wavelengths Choir (MARY WINSPEAR, 7:30 PM)
28 VFMS Feature: RAY HARRIS DUO Wavelengths Choir (MARY WINSPEAR, 2 PM)	29 Clark Brendon (JAMES BAY—SEE P. 3)	30	Notes ~			

and at The Folk on July 05: **THE RANTERS!**