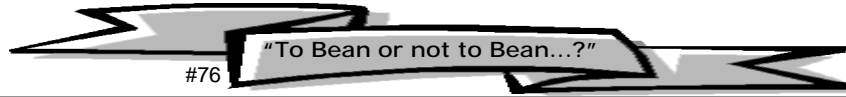




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## October Entertainment

### Friday - 7 - Open Mic



**Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham - Feature - Sam Moss** - Sam Moss is a Boston based songwriter and string player. His work rambles through various offshoots of Americana, from original and interpreted folk songs, to pastoral and occasionally jagged instrumental guitar. In addition to eight solo albums, Moss has released two albums with the old-time group, The Howling Kettles.

### Saturday - 8 - Claudia Schmidt & Sally Rogers

More than 4 decades as a touring professional have found Michigan native **Claudia Schmidt** traversing North America as well as Europe in venues ranging from intimate clubs to 4,000 seat theatres, and festival stages in front of 25,000 rapt listeners. She has recorded nineteen albums of mostly original songs, exploring folk, blues, and jazz idioms featuring her acclaimed 12-string guitar and mountain dulcimer playing. To say that Schmidt is simply a performer with a talent to entertain would be a miscarriage of understatement.



**Sally Rogers** a nationally renowned singer-songwriter and recording artist with numerous awards for her work which includes fourteen recordings and a music video. She has been entertaining her listeners for over thirty years in concert halls, churches, schools, and house concerts. She has a knack for getting the shyest singer to let out their voices and join the community in song. Rogers frequently invites her audience to sing along, with the mood in an evening rolling from good humor to somber reflection and back again.



### Friday - 9 - Hootenanny/Sessions

2015 marks the 6th anniversary of our monthly series, **Hootenanny/Songwriter Sessions**. Hosted by Lisa Martin, the sessions bring audiences the chance to see some of the best local, regional and touring singer-songwriters. Intimate, in-the-round performances full of fun and spontaneity, are a hallmark of the series as well as the audience chosen "theme" that each songwriter has to incorporate into a newly crafted song for each show. A Hootenanny will begin each show and will be open to songwriters of all experience levels. Signups for the hoot will start at 6:30 pm and the show will begin promptly at 7:00 pm, with the hootenanny preceding the featured songwriters.

## October Entertainment

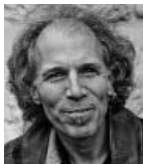
### Saturday - 10 - Larry Kaplan

Larry Kaplan's songs are truly ballads, or stories told in song. Most give us thoughtful stories of real people, their "good times and hard times", and the way they manage to deal with whatever they are dealt. But they are also beautiful songs, often deeply moving and highly sing able. Larry's themes address topics of concern to all of us who care about those with whom we share this planet.



### Saturday - 17 - Brooks Williams

Ranked one of the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists, singer-songwriter Brooks Williams writes groove-laden songs and delivers them with an easy-going vocal style and monstrous guitar chops. Walking the line between blues and Americana, Williams has worked stages worldwide for over 25 years, amassing a staggering back-catalogue of songs, recordings and tales. With nearly 20 CDs to his name – and more on the way – this Statesboro Georgia native is, according to americanaUK, "impossible not to like."



### Saturday - 24 - Buddy Mondlock

Buddy Mondlock writes songs. He does it so well that some great songwriters have recorded his songs on their own albums. Guy Clark, Nanci Griffith, and Janis Ian, to name just a few. You might've heard his song "The Kid" (recorded by David Wilcox, Peter, Paul and Mary and Cry, Cry, Cry) and maybe even sung it yourself around a campfire. Mondlock is brilliant in his word choice, poignant in his observations and powerful in his presentation." Kathleen Hudson - *Kerrville Daily Times*



### Saturday - 31 - Paddy Mills

Paddy Mills is the son of a part time DJ at the local AM country radio station. He grew up in the small fishing village of Owl's Head, Maine and cut his teeth playing Irish music at pubs throughout New England. Over the past year Paddy has won the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival Songwriting Contest, the Rose Garden Coffeehouse Performing Songwriter Competition, the South Florida Folk Festival Singer-Songwriter Competition, and the Mid Atlantic Song Contest. As a Folk Singer, Paddy maintains an extensive repertoire of Irish, American, Maritime, Nicaraguan and Labor folk songs.



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## November Entertainment

### Friday - 6 - Open Mic



**Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham - Feature - Jan Luby** is known for her engaging, often riveting stage-presence as well as her voice full of passion, range and power. The readers of Rhode Island's Motif Magazine chose Jan as Female Vocalist of 2011. Jan's songs are evocative, lyrical and infectious personal stories. Her songwriting ranges from socially relevant to irreverent, heartbreaking to humorous.

### Saturday - 7 - Caroline Cotter & Emily Mure

You hear it over and over, "Don't quit your day job!" but that's just what **Caroline Cotter** did at the start of 2015 when she released her national debut album, *Dreaming as I Do*. Already receiving national recognition, the album reached #5 on the Folk DJ charts in February, with the second most played song of the month, *Bella Blue*.



**Emily Mure** was an emerging artist at Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, a Telluride Bluegrass Troubadour in 2014 and has shared the stage with the likes of Kim Richey, Kath Bloom, Darlingside, Garrison Starr, The Farewell Drifters, Haas Kowert Tice, Kris Delmhorst, and more. She has performed in reputable venues including Club Passim, The Iron Horse Music Hall, Club Helsinki, The Living Room, and The Highline Ballroom.



### Friday - 13 - Hootenanny/Sessions

### Saturday - 14 - Tracy Grammer

**Tracy Grammer** rose to acclaim as half of the "post-modern, mythic American folk" duo, Dave Carter & Tracy Grammer. From 1998-2001, the duo released three internationally celebrated, folk chart-topping albums featuring Carter's mytho-poetic Americana songcraft and in 2002, toured with Joan Baez, both as featured artists and Baez's band members. Grammer has become one of folk music's most beloved artists. Renowned for her springwater-clear alto, perfectly intoned violin, and guitar playing that is by turns percussive and delicate, Grammer is also a masterful storyteller with an ease and charisma on stage -- not to mention a riotous sense of humor -- that hardly belie her modest beginnings as Carter's reclusive accompanist. As one fan put it, "With Tracy, it's never just about the music. It's a soul journey."



## November Entertainment

### Saturday - 21 - Mark Mandeville & Rainne Richards

For over a decade, **Mark Mandeville & Rainne Richards** have resonated with the lover of Americana, old country, and harmony singing, commanding crafted melodies and poignant, introspective lyrics, backing them with delicate arrangements on ukulele, clarinet, guitar and banjo. In 2014 the duo attended Northeast Regional Folk Alliance as showcase artists. Recently they were selected as the representative folk act for WICN's 45th anniversary gala fundraiser at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA, performing regularly at respected folk venues/listening rooms in the northeast such as Club Passim, Iron Horse Music Hall The Summer Knight Chapel, and Burlap and Bean. Hundreds of concerts have been given and thousands of records have been sold, all on their own steam with longtime support from indie label Nobody's Favorite Records.



### Saturday - 28 - Chelsea Berry

**Chelsea Berry** is a singer/songwriter with incredible edge, power, and finesse. Her presence has been described by listeners as "compelling... she draws the entire house into her world like moths to a flame." Born and raised in Alaska, she now makes her home on Boston's North Shore. A favorite among venue owners up and down the East coast, Chelsea's commanding stage presence and energetic rock/folk/pop sound has begun bringing her across the U.S. as regular support for Livingston Taylor as well as headliner of her own shows from California to Washington, Minneapolis, New York, and everywhere in between.



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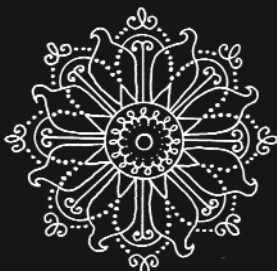
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## December Entertainment

### Friday - 4 - Open Mic



**Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham - Feature - Krista Baroni** - For her sophomore album, singer/songwriter Krista Baroni had a vision - to record an album with a sound lifted straight from the 1970's Laurel Canyon songwriters. Howling electric guitar solos and melancholy Mellotron (performed by Eric Lichter) are a few of the prominent sounds that color the album with their vintage tones, while still allowing the songwriters delicate acoustic guitar, emotive vocals and poetic lyrics to take center stage.

### Saturday - 5 - Garnet Rogers

**Garnet Rogers** has established himself as one of the major talents of our time. Hailed by the Boston Globe as a "charismatic performer and singer," Garnet is a man with a powerful physical presence and a voice to match. His "smooth, dark baritone" (*Washington Post*), incredible range, and thoughtful, dramatic phrasing make his music literate, passionate, highly sensitive, and deeply purposeful. Cinematic in detail, his songs "give expression to the unspoken vocabulary of the heart" (*Kitchener Waterloo Record*). He sings extraordinary songs about people who are not obvious heroes and of the small victories of the everyday. Garnet moves his audience from tears to laughter and back again with his songs, humor and lightning-quick wit. "Garnet Rogers is capable of awe-inspiring and unpredictable stuff - and that includes more than just music."



### Friday - 11 - Hootenanny/Sessions

*"To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong"*  
- Anonymous

## Holiday Hours

### Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 25th - 7:00 am- 3:00 pm

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## December Entertainment

### Saturday - 12 - Taking Back Eden

**Taking Back Eden** is one of acoustic music's most arresting bands to emerge from the Western, Massachusetts music scene. This indie-folk-rock band, formed in the five-college town of Amherst, Massachusetts, features five women:



Carolyn Walker on vocals and violin, Sylvie Abate on acoustic and nylon guitars, Heather Sommerlad on violin and cello, Jen Spingla on bass, and Christine "Tina" Abate on full kit and percussion. Taking Back Eden's talent is deep and diverse. The band offers a blend of textures and instruments to create a unique foundation for soulful vocals, harmonies, and sincere lyrics. Each woman in Eden is a songwriter in her own right and together they spin passionate, literate, sensitive music that speaks about contemporary social issues and fragile discoveries about love and relationships. These five accomplished musicians are seasoned and powerful.

### Saturday - 19 - Cashel Rock

Cashel Rock is made up of veteran New England artists, Peter Lange, guitar and vocals, Peter's daughter Rachel Lange, vocals, Carol Soucy, vocals and standup comedy,



Tim St. Jean, vocals, bodhran, and mandolin, Vikki Baker, vocals, flute and tin-whistle, John Gilmore, bass and vocals, Cathy Day on fiddle and vocals, and Ed Clement, vocals and guitar, had the place jumping with their renditions of Irish drinking songs, ballads, and laments. According to *Victor Infante of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, "If you want straight-ahead traditional music with a vibrant feel, then it's hard to do better than Cashel Rock. There's a great spirit about this band, a joyous energy that makes listening to them a great occasion."

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## Dinner at The Bean

We are open for dinner Wednesday - Sunday. Each night we run four or five dinner specials. Recent items include: Wild Mushroom Ravioli, Garden Vegetable Risotto, Steak Medallions and Shitake & Arugula Mac & Cheese. We offer a truly quality dinner at a great price, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. If you haven't tried us for dinner yet, it's time you did. ☺

## The Artwork Gallery

The Café displays artwork by local artists year round. Some shows have openings and some do not. Most of the artwork displayed is for sale and often prices are listed with the piece or on a list located in the room. One hundred percent of the sale price goes to the artist.

**October - Laureen Hylka**

**November - Jenifer Bombara**

**December - Quilts**



## Entertainment

The Café is on the National Folk Music Circuit and attracts talent from all over the United States while featuring mainly New England performers. The majority of the shows are on Saturday night and start at 8:00 pm. Our Open Mic night is on the first Friday of each month. During shows, a theatre curtain separates the listening room from the tiled dining room and kitchen in an effort to keep the music in and the kitchen noise out. ☺

## On-Site WiFi

We provide complimentary wireless internet service. Bring your lap top to the Café, search for available networks and log on to the VBC. Get some work done or check your email while you eat lunch! Password: *goodfood* ☺

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## Our Pricing Practices

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**2. Not Market Standard Pricing** - We are not trying to fool the customer into thinking that \$9.95 is less expensive than \$10.00. We find this type of pricing insulting to our customers. However, the reason it is used so extensively around the nation is that it works effectively. We don't like that practice, and we also like to believe that our clientele is not so easily fooled.

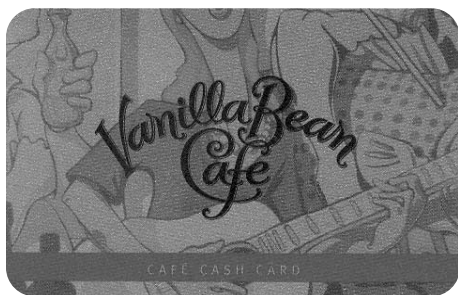
**3. No Pennies, Dimes or Nickels** - Because our prices include tax and we do not price in the standard way, we do not have to use pennies, dimes or nickels. This is a service to both the customer and to us. We don't give you lots of change, and we only have to use quarters and fifty-cent pieces. This also helps our staff to be more efficient performing transactions, which saves time and money. An added bonus is that we don't have to count change at the end of the business day.

*"Today I choose life. Every morning when I wake up I can choose joy, happiness, negativity, pain... To feel the freedom that comes from being able to continue to make mistakes and choices - today I choose to feel life, not to deny my humanity but embrace it."*

- Kevyn Aucoin

## The Café Cash Card

The first Café Cash Card was introduced in 1997. The appearance of the card has changed since then, but our card still works like the gift cards available in most stores today. Café Cash Cards can be purchased in any amount at the restaurant or online and



are reloadable - add to the card balance at any time! Cards can be used to purchase any menu item at Vanilla Bean Cafe. **Note:** A bonus of 10%

is added to the card balance when you purchase a card for \$200 or more. The card must be presented to redeem it at the time of purchase. The Café Cash Card makes a great gift for friends and family members and is ideal for students at the local schools. Café Cash Cards have no expiration date.

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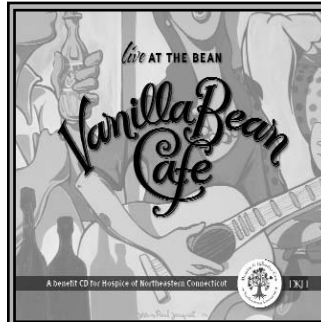


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## What's Happening at *The Bean*...



All shows start at 8:00 pm unless otherwise noted

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| ● <b>Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup></b><br>Open Mic - Sam Moss<br>7:30 pm - 5.00                     | ● <b>Friday November 13<sup>th</sup></b><br>Hootenanny/Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts<br>7:00 pm - 5.00 |
| ● <b>Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>Claudia Schmidt & Sally Rogers<br>- 20.00               | ● <b>Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup></b><br>Tracy Grammer<br>- 15.00                                |
| ● <b>Friday October 9<sup>th</sup></b><br>Hootenanny/Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts<br>7:00 pm - 5.00 | ● <b>Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup></b><br>Mark Mandeville & Rainne Richards<br>- 12.00            |
| ● <b>Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup></b><br>Larry Kaplan<br>- 15.00                                | ● <b>Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup></b><br>Chelsea Berry<br>- 12.00                                |
| ● <b>Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup></b><br>Brooks Williams<br>- 20.00                             | ● <b>Friday December 4<sup>th</sup></b><br>Open Mic - Krista Baroni<br>7:30 pm - 5.00                 |
| ● <b>Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup></b><br>Buddy Mondlock<br>- 15.00                              | ● <b>Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup></b><br>Garnet Rogers<br>- 20.00                                 |
| ● <b>Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup></b><br>Paddy Mills<br>- 12.00                                 | ● <b>Friday December 11<sup>th</sup></b><br>Hootenanny/Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts<br>7:00 pm - 5.00 |
| ● <b>Friday November 6<sup>th</sup></b><br>Open Mic - Jan Luby<br>7:30 pm - 5.00                    | ● <b>Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup></b><br>Taking Back Eden<br>- 15.00                             |
| ● <b>Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup></b><br>Caroline Cotter & Emily Mure<br>- 12.00                | ● <b>Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup></b><br>Cashel Rock<br>- 12.00                                  |

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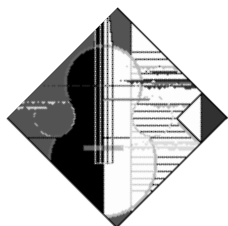


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~ October, November & December ~

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**\*\*Saturday - December 5<sup>th</sup> - Garnet Rogers\*\***



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