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LABOR DAY PROGRAM

The annual Labor Day Song Fest is on, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 3rd (same time, same place and, yes, many of the same faces) at the Sylvan Theatre on the Monument grounds. This concert is being sponsored by the National Park Service and the Institute of Labor Studies.

Labor, folklore and Archie Green seem to be synonymous. Archie will be hosting the program again this year. Joe Hickerson, Andy Wallace, Jan Hackman, Helen Schneyer, Jonathan Eberhart, Hazel Dickens and Mike Seeger among others will be sharing their talents, which would promise to provide an entertaining evening.

Admission is FREE. Get there early and plant your body in a good seat.

TERRY GOULD

Terry Gould, English folk singer, will perform at our first monthly program-meeting. Number one meeting is October 12, at 8:30 p.m., held as usual at the Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street, N.W.

Meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month. FSGW members are admitted free, non-members pay \$1.50. Non-members come early if you want to join then get in free that same evening.

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOPS

The FSGW Workshops are a group participation event. Please do not confuse them with festival workshops which tend to be demonstration-concerts led by experts and/or professionals in a given field. We do try to provide an "expert" but they hope to learn something from you too. So...do come, don't be shy, bring your instruments (please take them out of the cases), make music, learn a little, teach a little, meet new people and have a good time. We have three workshops planned for September. The dates, times, locations and phone numbers for directions are given below:

1. BLUES GUITAR, Friday, September 28, 8:00 p.m. in Arlington, call 964-3065 (evenings and weekends)
2. GOSPEL-SPIRITUAL SONGS, Sunday, September 16, 7:00 p.m. in Kensington, call 949-4552 (Please bring 6-8 copies of the words to a favorite song to swap with others.)
3. DULCIMERS - PLUCKED OR HAMMERED, Friday, September 14, 8:00 p.m. in Chevy Chase, call 652-2692.

If you have any questions about or suggestions for future workshops, please call Debbie Hutton, 652-2692.

OPEN SING

The first Open Sing this season will be on Friday, September 7th at 9:00 p.m. at the Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., N.W. Admission is \$1.00 for all, and refreshments are served. For those who are not familiar with this event, these sings are our monthly free-for-all where FSGW members and friends bring their instruments, songs, voices and share a few hours of music and fun.

SACRED HARP

The first SACRED HARP SING AND POTLUCK SUPPER of the FSGW 1973-74 season will convene on Sunday, September 9th at the Ketocin Baptist Church, a restored brick church in a beautiful wooded setting near Round Hill, Virginia. It's about an hour's drive from the D.C. area and worth the trip as some of you will remember from last year. Starting time, rain or shine, is 3:00 p.m., one hour earlier than usual. Interested church members have also been invited to attend. Directions, food arrangements, ride coordination are being handled by Betty McGurk; for information, call 337-4750.

SQUARE DANCE

The first SQUARE DANCE this year will be held on Saturday, September 15th at the Ethical Society. Music will be supplied by the Greasy Run Toad Trompers, and the admission will be \$1.50 for both members and non-members alike. Refreshments will be provided.

SAMPLER CONCERT

October 6th is the Fall Sampler for you and your friends to meet and listen to some of the different people and different sounds coming out of the FSGW.

Helen Schneyer, Bill Destler, Bruce Hutton and Ted Strader will be performing. The program is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. at the Ethical Society on a Saturday evening. Cost is \$1.00 to members, \$2.00 to non-members.

GETAWAY VIII

Time again to getaway with GETAWAY VIII, but you'd better move fast and get your tickets NOW.

GETAWAY weekend will be October 19 through 21, at Camp 4, Prince William Forest Park, near Dumfries, Virginia.

For those of you who haven't yet experienced a GETAWAY, plan for a weekend of camping with plenty of singing, concerts, workshops, eating and socializing.

You should have registered by September 1 for cabin spaces. If you don't get a weekend spot, day passes are available at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 16. Tent camping is available in the same park, but you must make your own arrangements through the Prince William Forest Park.

All tickets and reservations must be taken care of in advance since no money can be collected at the park. Notice: Tent campers and day commuters must provide their own food.

If you haven't received your reservation forms or wish to pre-register, please write to: Getaway VIII, c/o Andy Wallace, P.O. 19303, 20th Street Station, Washington, D.C. 20036. Specify the number of adults and children, whether you want Saturday and/or Sunday, and make your checks payable to the F.S.G.W. Getaway. The deadline for daily pass pre-registration is September 21. If you have any other questions, call Andy at 301-934-2595, or Dick Rogers at 363-6620.

FSGW CELEBRITIES--FSGW members Judy Hough and Carl Pagter made their mark at the Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife earlier this Summer. Judy placed second in the fiddle competition. Carl, who has left the area (too bad), placed second in the band competition as part of the Spout Run String Band. Carl will remain a member.

The 1st FSGW Executive Board meeting of the season will be Tuesday, September 4th in Room 718 of the Dupont Circle Building, 1346 Connecticut Ave., N.W. (above Discount Book and Record Store) at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

In the June newsletter it was announced that Jan Hackman would be the new publicity chairman for 1973-74. Unfortunately, she will be moving from the D.C. area to Boston this Fall and has, therefore, resigned from her position. The new publicity co-chairmen are Marietta Plank and Valarie Thomas.

FSGW telephone numbers: So that you can always find out what's happening in the FSGW, here is your own personal list of important phone numbers. Call evenings and weekends please. Keep this handy -- you're sure to need it sooner or later.

Tape archives:

- Rental of circulating tapes--Roni Bowie: 522-0648
- Duplication of program tapes--Bob Clayton: 671-1975
- Mike Rivers: 892-6117
- Membership questions or problems--Janice Cole: 656-5779
- Exchange Publications--Roni Bowie: 522-0648
- Items for the Newsletter--Marietta Plank: 946-6642
- General questions--Andy Wallace: 301-934-2595

Also, any person who wants to volunteer for committee work, the FSGW always needs help! Let us know what your interested in doing by talking to a Board member or sending a post card to the FSGW mail box.

NEW RECORDS: Jean Redpath's record is now available on Folk Legacy. Also, a new FSGW member, Bill Destler, has put out a record this year on the Swallow Tail label.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FSGW

An FSGW membership is available to you at the low cost of \$5.00 per year for an individual and \$7.50 per year for a family membership. You'll get free admission to our monthly programs, half-price at Special Events, first-class postage on the Newsletter, the Society Journal, access to the tape archives and exchange publications, discounts on programs sponsored at Lisner, and a few other things. If you're interested, why not fill out the following form and send it in to us.

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Membership Form

I (We) wish to join the Society; enclosed is \$5 (individual) \$7.50 (family)
for a years membership. Renewal . Address change .

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

May we call on you occasionally to help with the Society's activities? _____

FOLK MUSIC FESTIVALS, FIDDLERS' CONVENTIONS, ETC.

Here are some coming up in the next few months that are within 500 miles of Washington, D.C. These are taken from the list compiled by Joe Hickerson at the Archives of Folk Song, Library of Congress.

- August 31-
September 2 2nd Annual Delaware Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival, Glasgow, Delaware
- Aug. 31-Sept 1 2nd Annual Cape Island Festival of Folk Music and Crafts, (Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 164), Cape May, N.J.
- Sept. 7-9 3rd Annual Original Indian Summer Bluegrass Festival (American Legion Park), Culpeper, Va.
- Sept. 7-8 Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival, (Madison College, Va. String Music Association), Harrisonburg, Va.
- Sept. 8-9 27th Annual Virginia Folk Music Festival, (bluegrass - Al Mull - WMEK), Chase City, Va.
- Sept. 14-16 Niagara Falls Indian Summer Bluegrass Festival, Niagara Falls, Canada
- Sept. 14-16 Fall Bluegrass Festival, Indian Springs/Hagerstown, Maryland
- Sept. 15 Garden State Grass Festival, Trenton, N.J.
- Sept. 21-22 Pennsylvania Bluegrass Festival, Valley View Park, York, Pa.
- Sept. 21-23 2nd Annual Southeastern Massachusetts University Eistedfodd, North Dartmouth, Mass.
- Sept. 28-29 Virginia State Folk Celebration, (Virginia State Fair), Richmond, Va.
- October 5-6 Springs Folk Festival, (Springs Museum), Springs, Pa.
- Oct. 12-14 N.Y. Pinewoods Folk Music Club Fall Weekend, (Pre-registration only - 35-41 72nd Street), Jackson Heights, N.Y.

The GREASY RUN TOAD TROMPERS will be appearing in the following two events this month:

On Labor Day, September 3rd, they will be providing the music for a square dance at Glen Echo from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is being sponsored by the Summer In The Parks Program.

Also sponsored by Summer in The Parks will be a concert the Greasy Run Toad Trompers which will be held in the park at 19th and H Sts., N.W. This will take place on Thursday, September 6th from noon to 1:00 p.m., so--bring your lunch and hear some wild music.

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