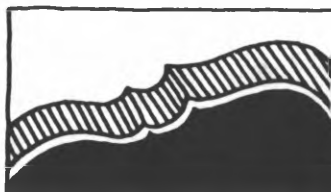


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NEWSLETTER

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SQUARE DANCE

We're having another square dance on Saturday, December 1st at the Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., N.W. Music will be provided by the Greasy Run Toad Trompers. Admission is \$1.50 and refreshments will be served.

A "Mummer's Play" presented by members of an English Country Dance Group will be the entertainment during the intermission.

ED TRICKETT

The December program featuring Ed Trickett will be Friday, December 14th at the Ethical Society. The program will begin at 8:30 p.m. FSGW members get in free; non-members must pay \$1.50

Ed Trickett, well-known in the Northeast for his voice, guitar playing and hammer dulcimer playing, usually performs with his many musical friends who include Sara Grey and Joe Hickerson, among others. Ed will be entertaining us alone this time. We should all look forward to hearing some good music and perhaps, some new songs. Ed has come to an FSGW Getaway a few years back; it will be good to have him back again

The January program will be our "Old Friends Concert". Our old friends include Chuck and Nan Perdue and Gus Meade and His Rye Straw Chit Tickers. More on these groups in next month's newsletter.

WORKSHOPS

There are no workshops planned for December. All energies are being funnelled into the preparation of the 2nd Annual FSGW Minifestival, which will be held Sunday, January 20th at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church in Bethesda, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be many workshops, supper and a square dance.

Anyone with ideas, suggestions or questions should call Debbie Hutton at 652-2692. More detailed information will be listed in next month's newsletter.

OPEN SING

This month we will honor Santa Claus and other Folk Heroes (Robin Hood, Richard Nixon, etc.) Using this as the theme for the first half of the open sing, surprise us with something different. Bring along some new songs, or some less well-known songs, to share with the rest of us.

Come Friday, December 7th to the Ethical Society at 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$1.00 for members and non-members.

We want the open sing to have some direction. So come with ideas for themes for future programs.

SACRED HARP AND POT LUCK SUPPER

The December Sacred Harp and Pot Luck Supper will be held on Sunday, December 16th at the home of Louisa Spottswood in Northeast Washington. For information on the exact whereabouts and just what food to bring, call Louisa at 832-5472.

AMERICAN FOLKSONG CONCERT

On Tuesday, December 18, 1973, JOE HICKERSON will present a concert of American folksongs at the New Lecture Hall of American University. It will begin at 7:30 p.m.; admission is 50 cents. Featured will be songs contained in Duncan Emrich's book, Folklore on the American Land. Dr. Emrich is Adjunct Professor of Folklore at American University. The New Lecture Hall is opposite the Kay Spiritual Center (with the golden flames on top) below the intersection of Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues, N.W.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Oh Come all ye faithful Christmas carollers and do your thing! This year Dick Rodgers is planning to cover more of the Washington area by organizing different groups from the increasing number of members who want to participate.

Contact Dick Rodgers (363-6620) if you know of a neighborhood that would welcome our inspirational tunes.

Dick will be coordinating this event at both the Open Sing and the December Program. By the program, he hopes to have areas picked, with designated places to meet and phone numbers to call for further information.

SWEENEY-TODD PRESENTS HELEN SCHNEYER

Helen Schneyer will be performing on Friday, December 21st, at St. John's Church, St. Paul and 22nd Street in Baltimore at 8:30 p.m. The admission is \$1.50. No need to expound on Helen's talent!

RED BLANKET LOST AT THE GETAWAY

Help Julie Rogers conserve heat this Winter. Her own! If anybody knows the whereabouts of her blanket, call Julie at 333-5397.

SOME NEW RECORDS

Music of the Ozarks (National Geographic Society) \$4.95.

Includes traditional American music from the mountains of Arkansas, cattle driving cowboy songs, civil war tunes, gospel refrains, and Elizabethan ballads backed by dulcimer and autoharp.

Uncle Wade: A Memorial to Wade Ward, Old Time Virginia Banjo Picker (Folkways Records #FA 2380) \$5.98.

24 songs by the great country musician, reminiscences about his life by Granny Porter and Katy Hill and a conversation with Wade Ward.

SOME NEW BOOKS

Appalachian Fiddle by Miles Krassen, Oak Publications, 1973, \$3.95.

This book includes 58 transcriptions of breakdowns, jigs, hornpipes and modal tunes based on the playing styles of traditional Appalachian fiddles -- including fingering positions in the four principal keys, bowing techniques, double stops chart and discography.

Folksingers Wordbook, edited by Irwin and Fred Silber, Oak Publications.
1973, \$4.95 paper, \$9.95 cloth.

1,000 songs in English. Folksongs, work songs, old favorites and new classics. Broken into 39 subject groups ranging from a group called "I Know My Love" to a section on heroes and hell-raisers. (Someone should check this heroes and hell-raisers section before going to the open sing.)

FSGW BOARD MEETING

This month's FSGW Executive Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4th in Room 718 of the Dupont Circle Building, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. (above Discount Book and Record Store) at 8:00 p.m.

One of the topics of discussion at the board meetings is how to get volunteer help for the various committees and officers on the board. If anyone has ideas on how to round-up these people, come to the next board meeting and discuss the solution with us.

Otherwise, we are listing below the various offices (officers) and committees (chairpersons) and phone numbers to contact. We have done this before, but don't seem to get much of a response. Is there no one interested? We can't do anything without your help.

Officers:

President (Andy Wallace) 301-934-2595
Vice-President (Mike Rivers) 892-6117
Secretary (Nan Goland) 332-0232
Treasurer (Rich Galloway) 864-0723

Chairpersons:

Membership (Janice Cole) 656-5779
Program (Bob Clayton) 671-1975
Special Events (Dick Rodgers) 363-6620
Publicity (Bruce Hutton) 652-2692
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(Debbie Hutton - Workshops) 652-2692
(Lars Hanslin)
Publications (Marietta Plank) 946-6642

Interested in joining the Folklore Society of Greater Washington. Membership is available for only \$5.00 per year for an individual and \$7.50 per year for a family membership. You'll get free admission to the monthly program, half-price at special events, first-class postage on the Newsletter, access to the tape archives and exchange publications, discounts at programs which we co-sponsor, etc.

Also, please make an effort to remember to renew your membership each year. Use the form below for either new membership or renewal.

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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 _____

FSGW JOURNAL

Last month we asked for your participation by indicating your interest, dis-interest, or comments concerning the continuation of the FSGW Journal. Very few responses have come into the FSGW office. If you have any feelings on the subject and would like to voice them, either write the FSGW or call Marietta Plank at 946-6642.

FSGW NEWSLETTER

If it turns out that we don't have enough support for the FSGW Journal, we feel that the Newsletter should present a wider scope of information.

What we could do is add special monthly columns offered by different members on their particular area of interest.

Do you want classifieds? Then send them in, or call us. Members could offer book and record reviews, not just titles, but reviews.

This Newsletter is our communication center and you should use it.

We will gladly accept any articles (within scope) that you submit. If there are any inspired para-journalists out there, call us or send us your material.

Marietta Plank (946-6642)

FSGW Office (see below)

Deadline for articles is on or before the 19th of each month.

FOLKLIFE PRESERVATION ACT

This act is still in Congress and needs your support. Either write your congressman or senator voicing your support for the addition of an American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

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