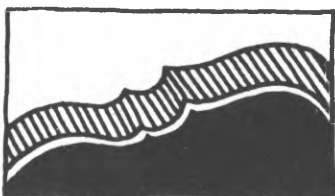


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UNCLE WALTER AND ETHEL PHELPS WILL PERFORM AT THE MARCH PROGRAM

The March program will be Uncle Walter and Ethel Phelps from Ashville, N.C. Uncle Walter is 80 years old and was born in the same year as another great blues singer, Gay Davis. Uncle Walter has played with Peg Leg Sam and Pink Anderson during their travels with the last two great medicine shows—Dr. Kerr's and Chief Thundercloud. He had a band in the 30's performing ragtime and jugband music. He will appear on a forthcoming record to be put out by the John Henery Anthology Foundation.

Ethel sings pop songs of the 20's and 30's including some Blind Boy Fuller material and some torch songs. She had a choir in the 30's which sang on WWNC - the same radio station that featured Jimmy Rodgers.

Together, they are dynamite! They tell stories, Walt may even do a dance or two, and they thoroughly enjoy themselves on stage as I'm sure you will too. As usual, the program is March 11 (the second Friday) at 8:30 PM at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. NW (at Kalmia Rd.). Admission is FREE for FSGW members and \$2 for non-members. Once again we are pleased to announce that this program is being partially supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. -Dave

MICHAEL COONEY IS MARCH SPECIAL EVENT

Michael Cooney, one of the best known traditional singers in the country, will perform for the society on Saturday evening, March 19, at 8:30 PM at the Washington Ethical Society (address above). Admission will be \$2 for FSGW members and \$3 for the general public. To most members, Michael Cooney needs little introduction. He sings (English traditional, old-timey, blues, ragtime, etc.), plays (guitar, banjo, concertina, etc.), and performs as well as anyone in the current folk music revival. He has traveled throughout this country and abroad performing at just about every festival, club, and coffeehouse worth mentioning. He has recorded two albums, "The Cheese Stands Alone" on Folk Legacy and "Singer of Old Songs" on Front Hall. The titles pretty much tell the story. Come early to get a seat.

OPEN SING - MARCH 4

The March sing will be held Friday the 4th at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. NW. Joanie "Baloney" Lakosky will lead "Songs of impetuous youth and wizened old age" or more broadly songs of old and young people. Singing starts around 9 PM and the \$1 admission includes refreshments.

-Al

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT FOR FSGW

For the second year in a row, the society has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (Jazz, Folk, Ethnic Division) to support our programs of traditional American music for the coming year. These awards in the past have enabled us to bring traditional musicians from distances well beyond our normal limits, and have resulted in programs like Jean Carignan, Johnny Shines, E.C. and Orna Ball, and Larry Older. We are grateful for the continuing support of NEA for our programs.

-Bill

NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT WORK

Believe it or not, it is time to select candidates to run for positions on the Executive Board of the Society for the coming year. If you have a suggestion or would like to run for a particular office contact Becky Laird, Chairperson of the nominating committee, at 554-0880. A suggested slate of candidates will be presented by the nominating committee at the March program.

-Bill

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

The deadline for submitting articles for the April newsletter will be March 18. Articles should be given to me at any FSGW event or mailed to my home: 11443 Cherry Hill Rd. #103 Beltsville, Md. 20705.

-Al

SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP

Join us on Sunday, March 13th for our monthly get together and pot luck dinner. This month's hosts are Gail and Tom McHenry in North Arlington. The singing begins around 4 PM. There are extra books to share or purchase and newcomers are always welcome. Call Tom or Gail at 533-1397 for directions and ideas about what to bring for the supper.

-Arlene

MARCH AT THE BERWYN CAFE

The music starts at 9:30 PM on Sat. nights.

Mar. 5-Luci and Vgo-blues, gospel, trad, and contemp. folk musics. If you're in the mood for chamber music, don't bother.

Mar. 12-Pete Kennedy-One of the area's most respected instrumentalists-guitar, mandolin, tenor banjo, & piano. Not enough? Well he sings real good too.

Mar. 19-Richard Sales-formerly of the Jefferson St. String Band & Sky Cobb. Richard is a prolific songwriter as well as a fine singer and guitarist. He threatens to bring a saxist & bassist with him & maybe some harmonees.

Mar. 26-Ted Strader-Lately Ted's taken to yodelling; it becomes him. His guitar style is unique & even objectively speaking, very good. His voice is just awful nice too. Beyond that he appears to be very much himself and the cafe welcomes him. -Jeffrey B.H.T. Deitchman

ANDY IRVINE AND PAUL BRADY

On Thursday March 10th at 8 PM, Andy Irvine and Paul Brady (two ex members of Planxty) will perform in Hand Chapel at the Mt. Vernon College, Foxhall & W St. N.W. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 683-3551.

-AL

FIRST EVER BUFFOON'S BALL

On Friday, March 4th, from 3 to 12, you can clog away to the music of the Plank Road String Band, the Violet Hill Swamp Donkeys, and the New Five Cents. The event will be held at VFW Post 8950 - 9800 Good Luck Rd. Lanham, Md. It will cost you \$2.50 to get in and beer will apparently be available.

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OLD TIME COUNTRY DAY

On Sunday March 6th from 1-5 PM, the Arlington County Recreation Department will sponsor another Old Time Country Day at the Langston Community Center, 4854 Lee Highway in Arlington. Among the performers will be John Jackson, Saul Brody, Benny & Valli Cain, Aubrey Smith & the Dixieliners, and Reed Martin. Crafts will also be exhibited. For more information call 558-2161.

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-- CONCISE CALENDAR OF EVENTS --

MARCH

- 4 FRI OPEN SING
- 4 FRI BUFFOON'S BALL
- 6 SUN OLD TIME COUNTRY DAY
- 10 THU ANDY IRVINE & PAUL BRADY
- 11 FRI PROGRAM
- 12 SAT DANCE AT SILVER SPRING YMCA
- 13 SUN SACRED HARP
- 14 MON ROY HARRIS AT RED FOX
- 18 FRI NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 19 SAT MICHAEL COONEY
- 26 SAT DANCE AT SILVER SPRING YMCA
- 28 MON HOWIE BURSEN AT RED FOX

MONDAYS - RED FOX INN

TUESDAYS - DANCING AT C.U. (THEY'RE SHORT ON WOMEN)

SATURDAYS - BERWYN CAFE

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