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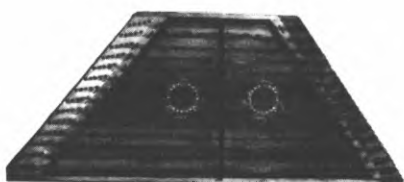
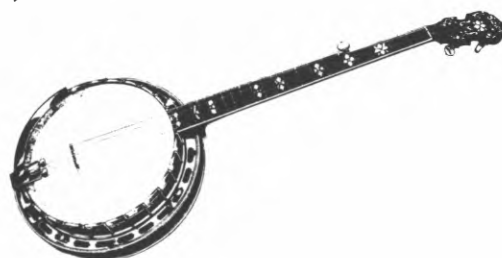
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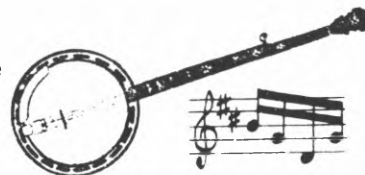
One of the joys of being Special Events Chairman is the chance to invite some of my favorite musicians to share their music with us. Please come on Saturday, September 24th. and listen to Reed Martin, Ed Trickett, Lars Hanslin and Forecastle ( Bob Dalsemer, Steve and Linda Hickman).

Reed Martin is one of the finest banjo players in the country. He has spent many years collecting banjo tunes and unusual banjos to play them on. Reed will sing songs he's learned over the years and will share some of the experiences he has had collecting.



Ed Trickett is one of our newest members, but you may remember the program he did for us several years ago. Ed plays the guitar and the hammered dulcimer (tuned in 4ths, not 5ths) and is one of the few musicians who accompanies his singing with the hammered dulcimer. He performs a wide range of traditional and contemporary songs, some of which you can hear on his Folk Legacy recordings.

Lars Hanslin sings and plays old time songs and tunes on the five-string banjo. He excels in finding beautifully haunting songs, which are not commonly heard and which are well suited to his clawhammered accompaniment.



Forecastle is the name taken by three individuals you probably know but may never have heard sing. Bob Dalsemer has been a regular caller for the FSGW for many years, usually accompanied by Steve and Linda Hickman. Together they do sea songs, bush songs, and traditional American material on a variety of instruments, including flute, fiddle & accordion. Bob will be leaving the area shortly, so perhaps if we move back the chairs he will call a couple of farewell dances at the end of the concert.

Remember the date, Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 8:30 P.M. at the Ethical Society Building, 7750 16th St. N.W. Washington D.C.. Admission is \$2 for members & \$3 for non-members. This is a benefit for the FSGW and all the performers are donating their time. Bring your friends!

Debbie



On the first Friday of every month, an Open Sing, sponsored by the Washington Ethical Society, is held in the Ethical Society auditorium at 16th and Kalmia Rd. N.W.. Admission is \$1, which includes wine and punch. We have a different leader for each month's Sing and topics will be announced in advance in the newsletter and/or via the FSGW phone. Everyone is welcome at these informal gatherings and all are encouraged, though by no means required, to contribute a song or two. We do ask you to limit material to the "folk" category, and to stick to things you know reasonably well. Most of us are not super-talents and the Open Sing is a good place for us to share the music we enjoy. They are as much song-swaps as anything else. By the way, instrumentalists are welcome too. If you are interested in leading a Sing or want to suggest a topic, call Nancy Schatz at 933-3073. The next Open Sing will be on October 7th, at about 9:00 P.M., and will be led by Ted Strader whose topic will be "Movin' On". Hope to see you there!

Nancy

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The Red Fox Inn at 4940 Fairmount Ave. in Bethesda, Md., has an open stage every Monday evening from 8:30 to 12:30 P.M.. Each performer sings and/or plays two songs. The emphasis is on traditional folk music. If you'd like to perform, check in with the MC, Bruce Hutton, when you come in. Or just come to listen. On alternate Mondays there will be a one hour guest set, from 9:30 to 10:30, with open stage before and after. Joe Hickerson will be the feature performer at the Red Fox on September 12th. For more information call Bruce, 270-2217.

#### HELP NEEDED FOR GETAWAY

I'm in need of a food committee for this year's Getaway. Much of the work involves planning before the weekend, ie: menu planning, food orders and food pick-up. At the Getaway there will be need for some help with food preparation, kitchen supervision etc. If you are interested and/or willing please call me at 332-3370.

Ames Perry

Getaway Food Chairman

It has been suggested that a babysitting co-operative for young children during the Getaway workshops would be a boon to both parents and kids. If this is going to happen, we need your help! If you are planning to bring small children (up to age 7 or so), please help out for an hour or so at the babysitting co-op. We'll have toys and craft stuff at hand and it's a whole lot easier to watch 7 kids for one hour than to watch one kid for 7 hours. In order to bring this off, we need to know how many parents are interested. Please call Nancy Schatz at 933-3073

#### SCOTTISH FIDDLING WORKSHOP

The Virginia Scottish Games Assoc. & the U.S. Scottish Fiddling Revival are sponsoring a Scottish fiddling workshop on Saturday, October 1st. from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (4 P.M. rally open to public-\$1) Workshop cost is \$7 and location is the Madison Recreation Center, 3829 No. Stafford Arlington, Va.. For further info. contact: David Holmes, 3806 No. Stafford, Arlington, Va. 22207 or Paul Brockman, 200 Forest Dr., Falls Church, Va. 22046. The instructors will be Charles Gore, from Taynuilt, Argyll, Scotland, and John Turner, twice U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Champion.

MORE MUSIC, NOT LESS !

The little amount of folk music on the radio these days is dwindling. Folk Weekend, WETA-F.M.'s weekend folk music program, has recently been shortened from five hours a week to four; Saturday 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. and Sunday 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. In October that last hour on Sunday will be cut, at least through December. If you think something should be done about this situation, now is the time to send your letters. The FSGW President has already written expressing the Folklore Society's concern on this matter. If you would like to add your voice write to: Charles Hobson, Program Director WETA-F.M. 5217 19th Rd. Arlington, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS OPEN

The FSGW Executive Board meets on the first Thursday of each month, at the office of the National Council for the Traditional Arts, Suite 1118 of the Dupont Circle Building at 1346 Connecticut Ave. N.W.. These meetings are open to all members of the Society. The next board meeting will be on October 6th at 8 PM.

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Deadline for Oct. Newsletter-Sept.21st.

The monthly Calendar of Events will resume in the next issue.

FAITH PETRIC HOUSE CONCERT

There will (probably, hopefully, still to be finalized) be a house concert with Faith Petric on September 18th, 7:30 P.M. at Helen Schneyer's home in Kensington, Md.. Faith has been singing all over the country for many years. She's the 'Earth Mother' of the San Francisco Music Club, was a member of the Portable Folk Festival, has participated in the Smithsonian Folk-life Festival, and is the founding member of the 'Amelia Ehrhart Memorial Choir'. Faith accompanies herself on the guitar and she encourages and enjoys audience participation. Come join us for a warm, pleasant evening of folk song. Cost is \$1.50 for members, \$2.50 for non-members. Check the FSGW Hotline (920-2067) for confirmation of concert and directions.

SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP

Singing from the Sacred Harp and potluck Supper will be starting again this month. The first get-together of this season will be held on Sunday, September 25th, beginning at 4 P.M., at the home of Arlene Rodenbeck, in the Mount Pleasant section of D.C. We will be singing from two shape-note hymnbooks, the Sacred Harp and the Christian Harmony. They are from a tradition still alive in the South and are collections of Southern hymns and gospel tunes arranged in four part harmony. For more information, directions, or food ideas for the potluck, call Arlene at 462-3667.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Classes in Scottish Dancing will resume on Monday, Sept. 12th at 8:00 P.M., at the Ben Murch School, 36th & Davenport St. NW. Dues and tuition are \$32 for 32 classes. Scottish dances are ancestors of American square and contra dances, with the additional challenges of fancier footwork and no caller. Classes for beginners and experienced dancers. For further information contact Mrs. Barnes, 244-5797 or Mr. Ways, 299-7527. Come and give it a whirl!

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Ground Crew Personnel positions open at Smithsonian Folk-Life Festival. Full-time, salaried, Sept. 19th-Oct. 14th. Call Harold Closter 381-5062



GETAWAY X111: OCTOBER 21-23

THE FOLKLORE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GETAWAY WILL BE HELD THE NEXT TO THE LAST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER AT PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST PARK NEAR DUMFRIES,VIRGINIA.

Concerts,workshops,dances,good food, and good friends are the main ingredients of FSGW's annual Getaway Weekend. Workshops on beginning and advanced instrumental techniques,song types and styles, and some crafts will be held throughout the weekend. Square and contra dance workshops will be offered as well.

The campsite provides cabins and cots, so you must bring sleeping bags or bedding. Bring warm clothes too,since it is sure to be cold much of the weekend. There is cold water only in the johns, so don't figure on getting a hot shower. FSGW members get first crack at the available cabin spaces,but after September 30th it's first come first served,so get your registration in early. Payment in full must accompany your registration, and no refunds can be made after October 14th.

The price for the weekend has been held to \$25 for adults and \$14 for children under 14. All meals on Saturday and Sunday are included. Babies and toddlers who don't require bunk space and who don't eat much will be admitted free. There is a possibility of having a baby-sitting co-op available.

For those who wish to drive down for just the day-either Saturday or Sunday- the park is less than an hour's drive from the 14th Street Bridge and daily registration will cost \$3 per day for adults and \$2 per day for children under 14. You may register in advance for the day until October 14th,but it is important to register and pay in advance, since no money can be collected at the park. The form for this will be in the October newsletter.

Preconditions: All weekend registrants must help with chores at some point during the weekend, and everyone must abide by park regulations. ABSOLUTELY NO PETS will be allowed.

If you want to come, fill out the form, enclose payment, and send both right away to FSGW Getaway, PO Box 19303,20th Street Station,Washington D.C. 20036.

Tom McHenry  
Getaway Chairman

GETAWAY REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ALL PERSONS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING:

NAME	AGE GROUP	MEMBER?	PRICE
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TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IDEAS FOR WORKSHOPS? \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE A CABIN WITH SOMEONE IN PARTICULAR? WHO? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP ON FRIDAY? \_\_\_\_\_ MONDAY \_\_\_\_\_

COULD YOU TRANSPORT FOOD OR SUPPLIES TO THE GETAWAY? \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

I/we want to join! Enclosed is:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$6- One year, Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$18- Three Year Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$9- One year, Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$27- Three year Family

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a change of address? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in helping the Society in some way? \_\_\_\_\_

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