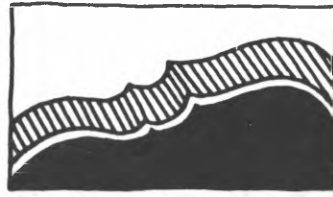


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LEWIS LAMB TO BE FEATURED AT THE DECEMBER 9th FSGW PROGRAM



Lewis Lamb picked up Fiddling as a young man in his home-town of Paint Lick, Kentucky. He worked for neighbors, pulling corn to earn money to buy his first fiddle. Lewis taught his daughter, Donna, to play the guitar while she was still in highschool, and the two of them have been playing together, both home and abroad, ever since. Donna Lamb is the only person who can fully accompany her father's incredible fiddling.

Lewis Lamb has been the champion of many fiddling contests. He was on the staff of the Country Song and Dance Society's summer course on American Song and Dance in 1977 and the Kentucky representative at the Canadian Expo. in 1975.

In Berea, Kentucky, Lewis and Donna are currently the musicians for the Berea College Country Dancers, who recently toured the South-East United States and England & Scotland. They are the musicians for "Wilderness Road," an outdoor drama, and for Project D.A.N.C.E., which stands for Dance Activity for New Community Encounter, a project partially funded by the Kentucky Arts Commission. Lewis is also on the staff of the Christmas Country Dance School. How lucky we are that they will be at our program to share their music with us !

The program will be on December 9th, Friday, at 8:30 P.M. at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. (at Kalmia Rd.); Admission is free to FSGW members, \$2.00 for non-members. This program is made possible by a grant from The National Endowment of the Arts. Do come and hear some fantastic fiddling a bit of story-telling, and perhaps at the end of the concert there may be a brief square dance !

Dave

MORE FOLK ON THE AIR

For everyone who still feels hungry for folk after listening to the ever-decreasing time allotted folk programming on WETA-FM, good news. There is more available.

"Summer Solstice" is a program broadcast every Sunday afternoon from noon to 3 p.m. over Georgetown University's WGTB-FM (90.1). Host for the show is Myron Bretholz, whose personal interest in British Isles music dictates the shape of the program. If you crave Planxty, Lou Killen, Archie or Rae Fisher, Maddy Prior, or David Jones, you're bound to hear from them on the show. Also from American singers and players of British Isles folk (How to Change a Flat Tire, Priscilla Herdman, Malcolm Dalglish & Grey Larsen) with a few Jean Ritchie numbers thrown in. The show makes good listening. "Playlists" are available if you hear a record you need to rush out and buy. And announcements of upcoming events, again with an English/Irish emphasis, are made.

Also on the air is "Folk Music With John Dildine," for anyone who by reason of necessity or temporary insanity is up at the ungodly hour of 7 a.m. Saturdays. This is a series of rebroadcasts from the 60's, with John Dildine (formerly of FSGW and Accokeek) as host, aired over WAMU-FM (88+). Upcoming programs: Nov. 26 - British Broadside--War Ballads; Dec. 3 - Native American Ballads; Dec. 10 - The New Lost City Ramblers; Dec. 17 - Ballads of Tragedies & Disasters; Dec. 24 - The John Dildine Christmas Show; Dec. 31 - Murder Songs.

Kathy

Sacred Harp

Traditional Hymn-singing from "The Sacred Harp" will be held this month on Sunday, December 11th at 4 p.m. We should know each other pretty well after singing in Frank Evans apartment. Call him at 527- 2053 for directions and to let him know who's coming.

Karen

December Open Sing

Marriage, that fine old institution, has inspired quite a few things-- including a song or two. We'll try out a few of these (all we can think of, no doubt) at the December Open Sing, and just to keep up to date, we'll see what we can do (musically) with alternative lifestyles, some of which may be older than we think. Peter Sailer will be leading the gathering on Friday, December 2, at about 9 p.m., at the Washington Ethical Society, 16th and Kalmia Rd., N.W. Admission is \$1 and includes refreshments. Come and sing with us about "Marriage and Other Living Arrangements."

In January, Bruce Hutton will lead the Open Sing, and his topic will be: "Songs About the Consumption of Any Inebriating Substances".

Nancy

Dance

The weekly Sunday night FSGW dances got off to a good start in Nov. As many as 60 people attended the Jim Morrison dance, and attendance is generally good for others too. Dances are being held in the New Rehearsal Hall on the second floor of the music building at Catholic University (for more detailed directions see Nov. newsletter). Dances begin at 8 p.m.



and last until 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for FSGW members and \$2.00 for non-members. Music is live, provided by the Boss-Town Buzz-Steps. For further information call Martin Holmer, 543-7591. Callers for December will be:

- Dec. 4th: Jim Morrison
- Dec. 11th: Brad Foster, from Berkley, Cal.
- Dec. 18th: Steve Fleischer

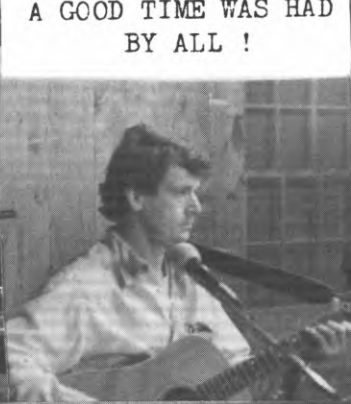
No dancing on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st. Dances will resume on Jan. 8th.



Irish dancing classes are available in the Washington Metropolitan area for young and old. Details will be in next month's newsletter.



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL !



Christmas Events

There will be caroling in two locations this year. In Virginia carolers are welcome to gather at the home of Mary Sharp, 820-5724 on Friday, Dec. 16th at 7:30 p.m. Maryland carolers are invited to the home of Beulah Sommons in Silver Springs, Md. on Fri. Dec. 23rd at 7:30 p.m. (home- 622-0082; work- 633- 6075). Please call for directions and to let your hostess know how many people will be coming with you and what refreshments you can bring. Song sheets will be provided. Happy Caroling !

A workshop on how to make Gingerbread houses will be held at the home of Susan Schwelling on Sunday, December 18th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Chevy Chase, Md. Participation will be limited to 6 teams of 2 each. Materials will be provided. Cost is \$5 per team. Extra candy will be distributed. Please call Susan at 657-8551 for reservations and directions.

The Folklore Society is having a Christmas Party! Bring the whole family, your friends, and some goodies to share. The party will be at the Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. (at Kalmia Rd.) on Sunday, December 18th at 8 p.m. The informal program will include an appearance of the FSGW Sacred Harp Singers, Renaissance Lute Music performed by Lin Barnes, Murray Callahan, lots of carols sung by all and who knows what other surprises (any idea- call Debbie, 270-2217). Liquid refreshments will be provided, including a bowl of Wassail. Please bring some cookies, or other Xmas treats for an intermission cookie feast. If you would like to lead some Carols during the Sing, please call Joe Hickerson, 544- 4309, who will be coordinating that part of the program. Admission will be \$1 for FSGW members, \$2 for non- members. Hope to see you all there!

Debbie

Folk Guitar Classes

Jo Zukav, a FSGW member, will conduct an 8 week series of Folk Guitar classes for teens & adults thru the Montgomery Co. Dept. of Rec. starting in Jan. Private lessons are also available. Call Jo, 460-4383, for more information.

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Concise Calendar of Events:

- Dec. 1 - FSGW Board Meeting
- Dec. 2 - Open Sing 9 p.m.
- Dec. 3 - Double Decker String Band
Community Cafe, 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9 - Lewis Lamb, FSGW Program, 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10- Concert-1st Congregational Church
- Dec. 11- Sacred Harp 4p.m.
- Dec. 12- J.W. McClure, Red Fox
- Dec. 16- Caroling in Va. 7:30
- Dec. 17- Buffoon Ball
- Dec. 18- Gingerbread House Workshop 11a.m.
- Dec. 18- FSGW Christmas Party 8 p.m.
- Dec. 23- Caroling in Md. 7:30p.m.
- Jan. 2- Murray Callahan, Red Fox
- Jan. 5- FSGW Board Meeting

Sunday nights- FSGW Dances

Monday nights- Open Stage at the Red Fox

Mini-Festival in January

The annual mini-festival will be on January 28th at Sidwell Friends School. If you have any suggestions for workshops, call Debbie, 270-2217. Workshops will be held in the afternoon and a square dance at night. The January newsletter will have the schedule and all further information.

Red Fox Inn

Open Stage for traditional music takes place every Monday night at 8 P.M. at the Red Fox Inn, Fairmount Ave., Bethesda, Md. Upcoming guest sets are:

Dec. 12th: J.W. McClure, Old time blues & Jazz, Jimmie Rodgers songs.

Dec. 19th: Murray Callahan, Old time British Isles, American & English Music Hall songs.

Jan. 2: Luci Murphy, Gospel, Blues, Early jazz, Black American traditional songs.

Community Cafe

Saturdays at 9 P.M., 4949 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, Md. \$1 donation requested. Natural Vegetarian food available.

Dec. 3: Double Decker String Band, traditional, old-timey string band music. (Bruce Hutton, Susie Robbins, Bill Schmidt, & John Beam)

Dec. 10: Robert Parks, classical cello.

Dec. 17: Nice Guise, original rock.

As you can see by the address label on this newsletter, we are using a new mailing & addressing system this year. We are using home computer (its name is Blinky) owned, built and programmed by FSGW members Dolores and Don Nichols to print the labels. Then your newsletter is labeled and stamped by FSGW volunteers, including the editor. As part of this new system, all membership information was typed onto tape. Our information is only as accurate as that typing and the data on the original file cards.

Please look at the address label on your newsletter to verify that we have everything correct. It should have your name, street, address, city, state, and zip code, followed on the last line by your membership type (I- individual, F- family, P- out-of-town subscription, S- sample newsletter,) and month/year of expiration. If you disagree with any of the information, please call membership chairperson, Dolores Nichols, at 938-4564 after 5 p.m. on weekdays, and we will try to correct your membership.

Please remember that this is our computer, not the government's and not some company's! As always NO information will be given out about members without their approval. Unfortunately, this includes helping to find other members living in the same area.

We would like to add a word of thanks to the volunteers who helped type in the membership.

Dolores

Ed. Note: Many thanks from all to Dolores and Don for the many hours of work they have put into implementing the new mailing system & for their help with mailing the newsletters. Thanks to all the other "mailing helpers" too.

Textile Exhibit

Rabari invites you to an Open House & showing of Handwoven and Embroidered Textiles from India and Pakistan, Sat. Dec. 3rd. 2-10 p.m. & Sun. Dec. 4th noon- 5 p.m. in Garrett Park, Md. For the address and further information call Judy Tiger, 338 -6233.

There are two Buffoon balls being held this season. These events will feature 'the best' in old-time music, square dancing, cloggin and 'general buffoonery' (for a definition of buffoonery use your dictionary or call Bags Howard, 331-2368 or 234-7053). The first event is the Buffoon Christmas party on Sat., Dec 17th at the Adelphi Fire Hall (200 person limit, so get your tickets early). The New 5 cents, Plain Brown Wrapper, Sweetwater, & Fancy Free String Bands will be there with the Foot-loose Cloggers. Liquid refreshments will be available. More about the Jan. Ball next month. Further Info. call above #s.

Concert

An evening of Music, Dance, Mime & Photography will be held on Sat., Dec. 10th, 7:30 p.m. at the 1st Congregational Church (10th & G St. N.W. Washington). Traditional Folk music, Latin Music, Blues, Women's Music, Songs of Struggle & Celebration will be presented by a variety of artists. The performers will be: Luci Murphy singing songs a capella from the Black American Tradition; Jeanne Mackey, a singer-guitarist many of whose songs are labor songs; Penny Rosenwasser, who has recently joined Jeanne, accompanying her vocally & on autoharp and rhythm instruments with occasional mime interpretations of songs; Lucha- the Spanish word for struggle- consisting of 4 women sharing their message through songs of North and Latin America using diverse harmonies & various instruments. Admission is \$3.50 at the door. For further information on advance ticket sales & other details call Erika Thorne, 234-6589. Childcare & signing for the deaf provided.

Odds & Ends

FSGW Board meetings on Dec. 1st & Jan. 5th. 8 p.m., 1346 Connecticut Ave. Suite 1118.

Newsletter deadline Wednesday, Dec. 21st, mail articles to 3313 Hemlock Dr. Falls Church, Va. 22042.

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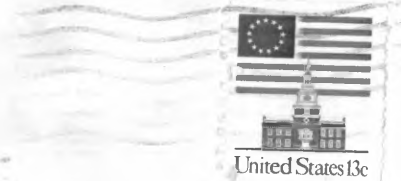
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