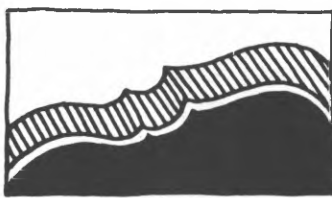


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FSGW PROGRAM, TOM GIBNEY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 8:30 p.m.



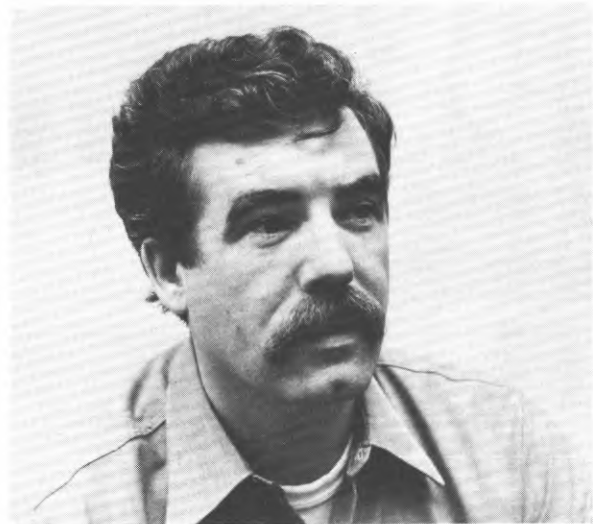
Tom Gibney sings traditional American and British Isles material. Singing unaccompanied on occasion, he usually accompanies himself on guitar or banjo. "Ethnically speaking, my parents are both from Ireland and both grandfathers were even musicians, so I hear. I must admit to an inclination for playing Irish fiddle tunes, and I've also become intrigued by the traditional fiddle music of Sweden." Tom has performed at the Middletown Folk Festival and at the Eisteddfod Festival in Mass.

The program will be held at the Washington Ethical Society, 16th & Kalmia N.W. on Friday, Sept. 8th at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free for members, \$2 for non-members.

SPECIAL EVENT, TRADITIONAL SONGS OF THE SEA, SEPTEMBER 29th, 8:30 P.M.

LOUIS KILLEN, JEFF WARNER, JEFF DAVIS

Killen, Warner, and Davis sang traditional sea songs and shanties at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival during the summer of 1976, as well as for Operation Sail '76 in Newport, N.Y. and Bermuda. Lou Killen, from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, has spent a lifetime studying traditional lore of the sea. Generally known as the foremost singer of English folk song on either side of the Atlantic, he has appeared at every major folk festival in North America since his move to the States 12 years ago. Warner and Davis are well known singers of traditional song. Warner is President of the Country Dance and Song Society of America. The trio play tunes and accompany their songs on



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concertina, fiddle, guitar, tin whistle, and banjo. Killen and Warner (with others) have recorded an LP of sea songs entitled STEADY AS SHE GOES for Collector Records.

Their songs of the sea will include shanties, sung not so much for pleasure, as to lighten the job of heaving and hauling--and off watch songs that speak of naval victories, libertine days ashore, and a hard life at sea; the oral tradition of the working seaman of 1850. The program will be on Friday, September 29th at 8:30 p.m., at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. N.W. (at Kalmia Rd.) Admission is \$2 for members, \$3 for non-members.

Come join Lou, Jeff and Jeff for an outstanding evening of Sea Songs!

DE DANANN IN CONCERT

The Irish Music and Dance Series will be holding its third concert of the year featuring the traditional group De Danann on tour from Ireland. The band features combinations of fiddle, bouzouki, bodhran, banjo, bones, mandolin, flute, tin whistle, melodeon, harmonium and vocals. They were the guests of the Smithsonian at its 1976 Festival of American Folklife and last year rated rave reviews from New York Times writer John Wilson for their performance at the Philadelphia Folk Festival. One of the best groups to come out of Ireland in recent years.

Concerts will be Friday and Sunday, September 8th and 10th, at 8 PM, in Gaston Hall at 37th and O Sts, NW, on the Georgetown University campus. Ample free parking on campus. Tickets (\$5) are on sale at both locations of Record and Tape, Ltd. in the District, Celtic Fair in Alexandria and the Irish Inn in Silver Spring.



SEPTEMBER

					1 9 P.M. OPEN SING	2
3 DANCERS - CALL HOTLINE	4 8:30 RED FOX FOLK HOOT	5 DOUBLE- DECKER STRING- BAND- RED FOX	6 8 P.M. FSGW BOARD MEETING (DULCIMER)	7 COMMUNITY-CAFE REED MARTIN DAYE MCKELWAY 8 P.M. WORKSHOP	8 8:30 P.M. FSGW PROGRAM DE DANANN	9 1 P.M. FSGW PICNIC 9 P.M. GLEN ECHO - HERITAGE DANCERS
10 DE DANANN CONCERT GLEN ECHO: 12:30 BRUCE HUTTON 1:30 BOB CLAYTON	11 8:30 RED FOX HELEN SCHNEYER JONATHAN EBERHART RIKI SCHNEYER	12	13	14 CAFE CELTIC THUNDER	15	16 8 P.M. GLEN ECHO ENGLISH COUNTRY & AMERICAN SQUARE CALLER, T.B.A., MUSIC, Double- DECKER (tentative)
17 GLEN ECHO 12:30 BRUCE HUTTON 1:30 PETE KENNEDY	18 8:30 RED FOX FOLK HOOT	19 DOUBLE- DECKER, RED FOX	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 CAFE CHICKEN - SPANKERS	22	23 8 P.M. GLEN ECHO SQUARES & CONTRAS Coll: BOB DALSEMER, (BOSTOWN BUZZSTEPS MUSIC)
24 1-5 RECORDER WORKSHOP - LED BY ULI THORN, AT GLEN ECHO	25 8:30 RED FOX WALLY MACDON	26 (ALSO AT GLEN ECHO ON SUN. 9/24: 1-5 JAPANESE DOLL MAKING, LED BY YURKO LIESENFELD)	27 8 P.M. BANJO WORKSHOP	28 CAFE LINN BARNES & ALLISON HAMPTON	29 8:30 P.M. SPECIAL EVENT	30 8 P.M. GLEN ECHO AUSTRIAN-BAYARIAN DANCE CO. (NIGHT BEFORE OKTOBERFEST)

FSGW HOTLINE - CALL (703) 281-2228
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - CALL - (703) 938-4564

A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR SING OUT!

SING OUT!, in case you've been on the moon or otherwise missed it, is one of the longest-lived folk music magazines there is, and it could use, in short, a little help. For nearly three decades, SING OUT! has been publishing songs, articles, reviews, lessons and what-have-you, largely through the efforts of an ever-changing group of dedicated friends. Circulation at present is about 6,000, and over the years there has often been a certain shortness of money to keep the magazine afloat. Of late, however, it has become particularly tight, to the point of existing on an issue-by-issue basis. The FSGW board has voted and sent \$100 to SING OUT! in response to their urgent plea, but that is really just a drop in the bucket. The point of this note is that any personal contributions you might like to make would be most welcome, or you may even want to subscribe, at \$8.50 a year or \$15.00 for two. The address for anything is SING OUT!, 270 Lafayette St., New York, N.Y. 10012. (My personal view is that folk music depends a lot on continuity, and a folk magazine that has this much continuity of its own- even just observing the scene- is worth keeping around.)

Jonathan

SACRED HARP

For information call Karen Faul, 585-7065.....

GOSPEL SING

For information call Kathy Condon, 234-5115.....

DANCE

For information call Nina Perkins, 593-3070.....

Ed. Note: At press time information on sacred harp, gospel sing, and dance activities for September was not available. Call the above numbers or the FSGW Hotline for info.

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SAD ENDING TO A HAPPY TRIP

Dee and Delta Hicks live in the Tinctown community near Jamestown, Tennessee on an isolated farm which Dee has been farming for over 60 years, as did his father before him. Dee is a storehouse of the traditional lore and art of the Cumberlands, and singing and banjo playing simply are a part of the recreational part of their lives, something they are pleased to share with friends.

This July, Dee & Delta left Tennessee for the first time when they came to the National Folk Festival. And what a treat it was.....songs, stories, ballads, old-time banjo playing and two lovely people delighting their audiences, and their new friends here, as they shared themselves and their music.

Upon returning to Tinctown they found their house and all of their possessions had burnt to the ground while they were gone. The NCTA has helped them buy a trailer to live in temporarily and the FSGW has sent a \$100 contribution to help out. But, as you can imagine, that's only the very beginning. A benefit concert to help them rebuild and replace is being planned in the near future. In the meantime, if you would like to help out, send your contribution to the Dee and Delta Hicks Building Fund, c/o NCTA, 1346 Connecticut Ave. Washington D.C. 20036. (all donations are tax deductible). Thank you.

Mia

FESTIVALS IN AREA THIS MONTH

Sept. 1-3-7th Delaware Bluegrass Festival, Gloryland Park, Glasgow, Delaware. Call Brandywine Friends of Old-Time Music, (302) 654-3930.

Sept. 9-10th- MARYLAND FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL Wye Institute, Queenstown, Md. Call Charles Camp, (301) 685-6740. Free admission.

Sept. 15-17- Bluegrass unlimited Annual Fall Bluegrass Festival near Hagerstown. Call Bluegrass Unlimited, (703) 361-8992.

MONDAY NIGHTS AT THE RED FOX

The Red Fox Inn, at Fairmount Ave., Bethesda, is the place to be on Monday nights. Open Stage for traditional folk music starts at 8:30 p.m. Every other Monday there is a guest set from 9:30- 10:30. For further information call Bruce Hutton, 270-2217.

September 11th-

HELEN SCHNEYER, JONATHAN EBERHART, & RIKI SCHNEYER. This combination of singers is always a treat to listen to.....Gospel, Blues, and whatever else comes to voice.

September 25th- WALLY MACNOW, English and American ballads, shanties, and songs with rousing choruses.

THURSDAY NIGHTS AT COMMUNITY CAFE

The Community Café, 4949 Bethesda Ave., brings outstanding traditional music to you on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. Natural vegetarian food is available. September performers are listed below: (a) at end of each listing indicates a \$1 donation is requested and (b) indicates a \$2 one.

Sept. 7- Reed Martin & Dave McKelway, the best of banjo and fiddle playing. (a)

Sept. 14- Celtic Thunder -One of Washington's finest traditional Irish Bands (b)

Sept. 21- Chicken Spankers- String Band with intriguing mixture of old-time music and traditional Irish material. (b)

Sept. 28- Linn Barnes and Allison Hampton Traditional Lute music of the Renaissance and fine ragtime blues guitar. (a). Linn and Allison will also be playing at the café on Saturday, Sept. 9th.

October 5th - Mark Gilston playing the Bulgarian bagpipe and concertina. Music ranging from bawdy ballads to Balkan country and western!

THE SONGSMITH, NEW PLACE TO HEAR MUSIC

Located on Capitol Hill, the Songsmith presents a variety of folk music Thursday through Sunday nights. Admission is \$2, except for Sunday which is \$1. Salad Bar and nonalcoholic refreshments available. Blues on Thursdays, Folk on Fridays, Country-Western on Saturdays, and Open Mike on Sundays. For a full schedule call 678-9600. Listed below are the nights that FSGW members are performing. The address is 319 7th St. SE (corner of 7th and Penn.)

Sept. 1- Joe Hickerson
 Sept. 8- Linn Barnes and Allison Hampton
 Sept. 9- Bruce Hutton
 Sept. 15- Kathy Westra
 Sept. 23- Reed Martin & Dave McKelway
 Sept. 29- Magpie

INSTRUMENT WORKSHOPS

By popular demand we are offering some basic instrument workshops. We hope to continue these at intervals throughout the year. This month's workshops are:

Basic Appalachian Dulcimer led by Keith Young on Thursday, Sept. 7th, 8 p.m., at his home in Annandale, Va. Call 941-1071 for directions & more info. and to let the leader know you are coming.
Basic Old-Time Banjo: led by Dennis Botzer in Tacoma Park on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 8 p.m. Call 587-7295.

These workshops are free to FSGW members. Both teachers will be starting a class series in the Fall. Come and get a free sample.

P.S. Anyone wishing to run or host workshops please call Debbie, 270-2217.

FSGW ANNUAL PICNIC

At last ! FSGW will have it's annual picnic. Mark the date, Sept. 9th on your calendars and set your clocks for 1:00 P. M. The place will be the home of Nancy Buckingham, 5500 Rolling Rd. Burke, Va. It's forty acres so there's room for everyone. There will be a few large tables available and one or two grills. It might be a good idea to try and get together with friends for food or bring something to share. Possible activities will include volley ball, badminton, and croquet.

To get there just take the beltway to exit 5, Braddock Rd. and go south about 2 miles. Turn left at Rolling Rd. (just after King's Park Shopping Center.). 5500 will be on your right shortly after the first light (Burke Lake Rd.).

OPEN SING

On the first Friday of every month, the Washington Ethical Society and FSGW cooperate to sponsor an Open Sing. This is an informal song swap, and everyone is encouraged, though by no means required, to contribute a song or two. Most of us are not super-talents, so don't be afraid to jump right in, even if you don't consider yourself a "performer." The sings are held at the Ethical Society Auditorium, 16th and Kalmia Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C., at 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Admission is \$1 for everyone, and includes wine and punch. Beer is available for 50¢ a can.

The September Open Sing will be led by Dick Rodgers, who has chosen the topic "Heroes and Villains." So think of all those people-larger-than-life songs, and join us for a good time!

In October, the first Friday falls on Getaway weekend, so the October Open Sing will be held at the Getaway, in the main lodge on Friday evening. The leader will be Nancy Schatz, and the topic, "Disasters, Devastations, and Holocausts."

--Nancy

CLASSES BEING OFFERED

On Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 20th, the Alexandria Recreation Dept. is offering classes in beginning bluegrass banjo, beginning Appalachian dulcimer, and basic string band music (an opportunity for those with basic instrument knowledge to increase their repertoires & versatility by covering transposing, lead and back-up playing, and ear training). All classes will be taught by Bob Clayton. The fee for 10 one-hour classes is \$16 (Alexandria residents) or \$21 (others); registration closes Sept. 11th. For further info. or enrolling call 750-6328.

Learn about aspects of identity in American Folklife this Fall with Dr. Charles Camp, Maryland State Folklorist. In this three credit American U. course, Students will examine the American persona as expressed in folk culture and discover how Americans identify and express themselves culturally. Field research, oral history as well as artifact documentation, will be included. The first class will meet on Thursday, Sept. 7th in the Davenport Room, School of International Service, at 5:30 p.m. (American U.). Future classes will meet at a later hour on Thursdays, through Dec. 21st, lasting 2 1/2 hours each. For further information call Dr. Kay Mussell, 686-2676 or Dr. Jo Radner, 686-2450.

Beginning, intermediate and repertoire classes on the Appalachian dulcimer and folk autoharp will begin on Monday Sept. 18th at the Epworth Methodist Church, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church, Va. Instructors for the 6 week sessions are Keith Young, Madeline MacNeil, Kip Connaway and Woody Padgett. The fee is \$26. Call 941-1071 for more info.

Clogging, dulcimer, banjo, guitar, mandolin, and autoharp classes are now forming at Glen Echo Park. To get more information or to register call the park at 492-6282.

Folk Instrument classes are also offered by the Recreation Depts. in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties. (Fairfax Co.)

GETAWAY XIV: OCTOBER 6-9

THE FOLKLORE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GETAWAY WILL BE HELD THE FIRST FULL WEEKEND IN OCTOBER AT PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST PARK NEAR DUMFRIES, VA.

Concerts, workshops, dances, good food, and good friends are the main ingredients of FSGW's annual Getaway Weekend. Workshop topics will include sea songs, gospel, sacred harp, songs from the shower and others too numerous to mention. Special emphasis will be given to beginning and advanced instrumental techniques. Lots of dancing and crafts activities will also be offered. Special children's workshops are also in the planning stages.

The campsite provides cabins and cots only, so you must bring sleeping bags or bedding. Bring warm clothes and rain gear since it may be cold much of the weekend. There is only cold water in the communal johns so don't plan on getting a hot shower. There are 10 beds per cabin, so if you'd like to room with somebody be sure to say so on the registration form. If there is enough interest we will try to set aside a quiet area far away from late night noise.

FSGW members get first crack at available cabin spaces, but after 9/19 it's first come first served; so get your registration in early. Payment in full must accompany your registration. The price is still \$25 for adults and \$14 for children under 14. All meals on Saturday and Sunday are included. (Note: no dinner on Fri.) Babies and toddlers (under 2) who don't require bunk space and who don't eat much will be admitted free. If there is interest we will attempt to organize a babysitting coop, please indicate this on the form also. This year we'd like to ask all to contribute to the Friday night snack. Bake ahead or buy some goodies and help get the weekend off to a sweet start!

If you can't come for the whole weekend, come for the day! The park is just one hour from the 14th street bridge. Admssion is \$3 per day for Adults and \$2 for children under 14. Day registrants must pay in advance as we are not allowed to collect money at the park. Your form and money must be in by Sept 30th. (Note: meals are not provided for daytime only registrants so bring along a picnic. Drinks will be available.)

All weekend registrants must help with chores at some point during the weekend (there's lots of variety to choose from), park regulations must be obeyed and ABSOLUTELY NO PETS.

Don't delay, fill out your forms today (we are always booked full by getaway time) and mail them to:Debbie Hutton, 6 Pine Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20012.

GET AWAY FOOD

A NOTE TO GETAWAY GOERS:

Hi Everyone -

It's almost Get Away time again, so in preparation the food committee has been established. If you like having a good time cooking (and eating) good food, please sign up to help. This is the chance for all you "closet cooks" and "closet eaters" to come on out.

To sign up, contact Linda Lieberman LA 6-0584.

Thanks.

ARE THERE ANY TAFFY PULLERS IN THE FSGW????????????

For years, as the workshop schedule for the Get-Away is set up, the idea of having a Taffy Pull keeps popping up. But until now no-one seems to know enough about it to lead this delicious endeavor. Is there anyone out there who does? Call Tom McHenry, 533-1397.

As you know, each weekend registrant for the Getaway must contribute one hour of work time during the weekend. This may be in the kitchen, or at the registration desk, or, as last year, help with child care.

Last year was the first time we had tried to arrange babysitting for young children during the daytime workshops, and it was semi-successful. We want to try it again, and need your help to make it work. Those of you who are parents, especially, please consider giving your hour to the kids. There will be a special area set aside for child care, and toys and suchlike will be available. This way the kids will have a better time, and so will the rest of us, who want to listen to the music. *If you*

have any ideas on how to make this program more successful, or any questions, or to volunteer, please call Nancy Schatz, at 933-3073. Remember, it's a lot easier to watch 7 kids for one hour than to watch one kid for 7 hours!

WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM:

NAME _____ PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____
ADDRESS _____

PLEASE LIST ALL WHO WILL ATTEND:

NAME	APPROX. AGE	MEMBER?	COST
TOTAL \$:			

Suggestions for workshops _____

I would like to share a cabin with: _____
 I will be available to help on Friday _____ Monday _____
 I can help transport supplies on Friday _____ type of car? _____
 Are you interested in sleeping in a relatively quiet place? _____
 Would you like to help with the babysitting coop? _____
 Additional comments, suggestions, note etc. _____

Attn: see note below

DAILY REGISTRATION FORM:

NAME- _____ ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

PLEASE LIST ALL WHO WILL ATTEND:

NAME	APPROX. AGE	SAT and/or SUN?	COST

Ideas for workshops? _____ Total \$ enclosed _____

Directions for Prince William Forest Park will be in the October newsletter. Daytime registrants will not receive any information by mail.

WEEKEND REGISTRANTS please note: You will receive your cabin assignments and maps by October 2. If your registration is too late we will let you know by phone by Sept. 30.

MAIL TO : Debbie Hutton, 6 Pine Ave., Takoma Park, Md. 20012

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TAKOMA FOLK FESTIVAL, SEPT. 10th

A full afternoon of American and Intn'l folk music will be presented from 1-6 p.m. at the Takoma Park Junior Highschool, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., Takoma Pk., Md.

This is a fund raiser to continue the effort being made to preserve the landmark Takoma Theatre, a vintage 1920's movie theatre. All of the artists are donating their services for the benefit of the Neighborhood Films Assoc., an all-volunteer, non-profit Takoma Pk, group.

Performers will include: Celtic Thunder, Takoma Mandoliers, Sheiks of Dixie(Dixieland and ragtime), Rumi-Sonko, Stained Glass(Rock-Soul), Oya African Dancers and Drummers, Shoestring Band, Dorothy Williams(Blues), Jeanne Mackey,, Penny Rosenwasser, & Mark Horowitz(songs of struggle- Luci Murphy(blues), Folkworks(labor songs), and more. Admission is free. Food, drink, and crafts for sale. All proceeds go to Takoma Theatre. For more info. call Sara Green, 829-8802 or Sammy Abbott 587-0349.
RAIN OR SHINE, SEPT. 10th, 1-6p.m. See You!

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the September newsletter is September 20th. Please mail articles to 3313 Hemlock Dr. Falls Church, Va. 22042.

NOTES

Double Double Decker String Band will be performing at the Red Fox Inn, Fairmount Ave., Bethesda on Fri-Sept.1, Sat.-Sept.2, and Tuesdays Sept.5 & 19; Cover Charge is \$2 on Tues., \$3 on Weekends. Come hear some good old-time string band music.

The Jean Redpath concert, held in June, will be broadcast on Sunday, Sept. 3rd at 10 p.m. on WETA radio, 90.9 on your FM dial.

FSGW Board Meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month. The September meeting will be held at 8:00 P. M. on September 6th at Tom McHenry's home. Call 533-1397

Potomac River Jazz Club Hotline

The PRJC is dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the many forms of traditional Jazz. For a quick run-down of traditional Jazz events going on in the Washington area call: 573-TRAD.