Frankie Armstrong to Appear August 2

One of those wonderful voices we've been hoping will sing for us for a long time is coming to the Ethical Society on August 2--Frankie Armstrong. She is from Cumberland, England, and has been singing the old songs most of her life. She is especially partial to British balladry, and can mesmerize an audience with her singing of "Lord Heathen." She also draws on industrial song and topical music. Some of that topical music reflects her experience as a social worker during the past 15 years with the visually handicapped, drug addicts, and as a trainer of others in her field. Frankie is a regular at folk and arts festivals in the British Isles and has toured in Canada, across Europe, and several times in this country.

Besides her concert work, she has led a number of vocal workshops designed to help singers (and nonsingers) liberate their voices. Hers is surely liberated! She has recorded three solo albums and has appeared on record with other well-known performers. She will sing unaccompanied in the concert on Saturday, August 2, at the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 - 16th St., N.W. (near Kalmia Rd.), beginning at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $3 for FSGW members and $4 for non-members.

Bob Zentz in Concert August 12

Everybody says nothing ever happens in Washington in August. Not so! Bob Zentz is playing for FSGW on August 12 at the Ethical Society. Yes, it's a Tuesday, at 8:00 o'clock, and the kids don't have to be in school the next day. You can even bring them, because Bob will charm them as he will charm you. You can sing along on the traditional melodies and you'll probably pick up Bob's own songs after a couple of verses. They are among the most singable, and they'll come back time and again for months or more. Bob runs Ramblin' Conrad's—in fact, two of them now—in Norfolk, VA, so he's practically a neighbor. The stores deal in traditional music forms and instruments, and host Songmakers of Virginia concerts. Bob has guided the Old Dominion University Folk Festival for a number of years, and also has two records on the Folk-Legacy label. Come enjoy the air-conditioned surroundings and the comfortable, singable music of Bob Zentz on Tuesday evening, August 12, at 8 p.m. in the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 - 16th St., N.W. (near Kalmia). Admission is $3 for FSGW members and $4 for non-members; half-price for children.
HOUSE CONCERT—
JOHN MOLINEUX AND MADDY MACNEIL

Dulcimer fans take note! On Tuesday evening, July 22, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., there will be a house concert featuring John Molineux and Madeline MacNeil.

Maddy has a strong following, especially in Washington and the nearby Blue Ridge and Shenandoah areas. Hers is one of the clearest voices you'll ever hear sing a ballad. She accompanies herself on Appalachian dulcimer and is editor of Dulcimer Players News. She lives in Winchester, VA, and has recorded several albums.

John Molineux is joining Maddy for a one-month tour, visiting from his native France. He is a sometime member of the John Renbourn Group and plays dulcimer and an instrument called a dulcichord. He has designed a foot-operated chording apparatus for a dulcimer-type instrument; the resulting sound is reminiscent of a harpsichord—but not quite. With this, he sings the old songs and plays dance music from France and the British Isles.

The concert will be in the home of Ursy Lueder in McLean, VA. It's a beautiful setting and really easy to find and get to. It's one block outside the Beltway (exit 13, route 193). For further information, call the FSGW Hot-Line (281-2228) or Ursy (821-1373). Admission is $2 for FSGW members and $3 for non-members.

GOSPEL SING

The Gospel singers want to sing on July 20 and August 17 but haven't yet found a home for either date. If you want to offer your place, please call Hunter Jones (762-6343). To find out if we're on, call the FSGW Hot-Line (281-2228) as the date draws near.

SACRED HARP SING

The July Sacred Harp singing and pot-luck picnic is scheduled for a country setting near Boyds, MD, which is 30 minutes drive from the D.C. Beltway out Interstate 270. It will be held on July 27, at 4 p.m. Call Ric Wagner at 972-1161 (area code 301 if calling from Virginia or P. G. County,) for directions and to let him know what you'll be bringing.

There will be no Sacred Harp Sing in August; we'll resume in September.

BACKWOODS BAND TO PLAY HERE AUGUST 23

Old-time southern American music is alive and well and we'll present conclusive evidence of that on Saturday, August 23, at the Ethical Society. The Backwoods Band, fresh from the Philadelphia Folk Festival, will perform in concert for FSGW with mountain songs, dance tunes, swing, and blues styles.

These are seasoned musicians, organized by Mac Benford after the Highwoods Stringband dissolved. You'll have a hard time sitting still. The group has played for dances here in recent months; now we'll get to sit back and really listen to the music. So all you old-timers and those whose music tastes stretch back to the 1920's and 30's—when stringbands swung throughout the South—come join us on this toe-tapping evening.

Remember—the Backwoods Band in concert at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, August 23, in the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 16th St., N.W. (near Kalmar Rd.). Admission is $3 for FSGW members, and $4 for non-members; Half-price for children.

WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE FOLKIES TO HOLD GALA PICNIC

Come one, come all to the first ever joint Baltimore/Washington picnic! Bring your cookout equipment, food, and instruments (and yourselves, of course) on Saturday, July 26. There will be fun and games, music and dance, beginning about 1 p.m. and continuing until dark.

All this will take place at the home of Dick and Cherry McCulloch in Glen Elg, MD. To get there, take Rt. 97 (Georgia Ave.) north until you enter Howard County. About 3 miles after the county line, you will come to Roxbury Mill Rd. It's at the bottom of a hill at a "Y" intersection, shortly after you pass a church on the right at the top of a hill. Turn right onto Roxbury Mill; take the first road (not driveway) to the left, and the McCulloch's is the first driveway on the left. The house is on top of a hill at the end, past two other houses. For further information, call Dolores Nichols, 938-4564.
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NOTES OF IMPORTANCE

BOARD MEETINGS: The August FSGW Board meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m., at the home of Dolores Nichols in Vienna, VA. Board meetings are open to the membership and your participation is encouraged. For directions, call Dolores at 938-4564.

The September Board meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 8 p.m. For location, call the FSGW Hot-Line (281-2228).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline for the September Newsletter is Friday, August 15. It is very important that you get your material in on time! WRITE YOUR ARTICLE OUT, and mail it, as early as possible, to Nancy Schatz, 3312 Glenway Dr., Kensington, MD 20795. Remember to include your name and phone number!

KUDOS: Congratulations and extra special thanks are due to the many folks (over 500 of them) who helped to make the fourth annual Washington Folk Festival in June such a rousing success! Performers, craftspeople, volunteers, FSGW and Park Service staff all made it a memorable and enjoyable time for the 15,000 Washingtonians who attended the free two-day event. See you next year!

FSGW BOARD MEMBERS, 1980-81

The names and phone numbers (all are home phones, unless otherwise noted) of the Folklore Society Board members for the coming year are listed below. Please feel free to call on any of them if you have problems or questions about FSGW.

President: Lars Hanslin - 301/564-4317
Vice-President: Bob Clayton - 703/671-1975
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Treasurer: Nan Goland - 202/332-0232
Dance: David Olive - 202/526-0584
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Program: Kathy Westra Hickerson - 202/544-4309
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Members at Large:
Bob Hitchcock - 703/437-8458
Craig Johnson - 202/726-8667

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Publications Chairman has finally awakened to the fact that it is possible to spread the wealth--er, the work, that is--and has even found someone to spread it to. Therefore, about half of the Newsletter during the coming year will be edited by Mia Gardiner, who has considerable experience in these matters, having been Publications Chairman herself for 2 years in the past. To avoid confusion, the mailing address for Newsletter copy will not change--all material should be sent to Nancy Schatz (see above) each month. But logistical considerations will make it extra important that all copy be received no later than the 15th of the month prior to publication. Please cooperate!

SPECIAL MAILING: If you are reading this Newsletter, you probably also received in the mail a brochure about the recent National Folk Festival. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington has a policy of not allowing its membership list to be used for commercial purposes or to be given to anyone else. To keep the record straight, we would like you to know that this brochure did not represent an exception to that policy.

The FSGW Board felt that distributing this brochure was a service to the membership. Therefore, they were provided, prepaid, by the National Council for the Traditional Arts (the National Folk Festival's sponsoring organization) and the mailing itself was done by FSGW Board members.

OPEN SING

Before leaving for 3 years in England, David Diamond will make his farewell appearance as leader of the August Open Sing. Appropriately, the topic will be "Songs of Parting, Travel, and Return." It will all take place on Friday, August 1, at the Ethical Society Building, 7750 - 16th St., N.W., starting about 9 p.m. Admission is $1 for everyone. Come sing and wish David farewell.

For September, the leader is Ron Davies, and the topic, "Outlaws and Other Bad Men and Women."

FOLK HOOT MONDAYS AT TAKOMA TAP ROOM

Each Monday there is an open mike for traditional music at the Takoma Tap Room, 8210 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Sign-up starts at 8 p.m. Host for the hoots is Bruce Hutton, and there's no cover charge! Come on out and share your music with us--or just come to listen and meet new friends.
GETAWAY PREVIEW!

Getaway XVI (I) is in the works! This year's Getaway will be held at Prince William Forest Park on October 17-20 (note that this is not the Columbus Day weekend—scheduling difficulties at the Park have dictated a slightly later date). Plan to come for the whole weekend (arrive Friday evening and stay as long as you can—through Monday morning, if possible) or for the day. There'll be plenty of music, dance, good food, good food, and who knows what else! Details and application forms will be in the September Newsletter, so plan now!

FOLKTALE EVENING

On Saturday, August 16, at 8:00 p.m. (sharp), there will be a storytelling swap with Chuck Kleymeyer at the home of Urzy Luede, 958 Saigon Rd., McLean. Come to tell and/or listen. Children welcome, but all ages will be focused on. For more information and directions, call Chuck Kleymeyer at 892-0849 or Urzy Luede at 821-1373. If so disposed, bring fruit, snack, or drink for sharing.

BRANDYWINE MOUNTAIN MUSIC CONVENTION

The 7th annual Brandywine Mountain Music Convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20, at the Newlin Grist Mill, Concordville, PA. The Convention, sponsored by the Brandywine Friends of Old Time Music, will feature "Women of Old Time Music," including Lily May Ledford, Elizabeth Cotten, Rose Maddox, Ola Belle Reed, Ramona Jones, and Janette Carter. Also appearing will be the Backwoods Band, the Harmony Sisters with Alice Gerrard, the Hot Mud Family, Mike See- ger, and more, plus workshops, food, and opportunities for jamming. The Convention goes from 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday the 19th, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $7 for either day; a two-day ticket is $13. Children under 12 free; senior citizens half-price. The Newlin Grist Mill is on Rt. 1, between Chadds Ford & Media, PA, 2 miles north of Rt. 202 intersection.

"BEST OF BLUEGRASS" AT WOLF TRAP

Buck White & the Down Home Folks, Knoxville Grass, Lost & Found, Bob Paisley & Southern Grass, Tony Rice, Tod Phillips, Dry Branch Fire Squad, Johnson Mountain Boys, and others will perform at two concerts (matinee & evening) at Wolf Trap Farm Park on Saturday, August 16, at 2 and 8 p.m. Admission is $5 (for lawn seating) and up.

CAPITAL AREA BLUEGRASS AND OLD-TIME MUSIC ASSOCIATION (CABOMA)

CABOMA will hold jam sessions on Sunday, August 3, and Sunday, August 17, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Lyon Park Community Center, corner of N. Fillmore St. and Pershing Drive in Arlington, VA. Members and first-time visitors free; others $1.00. For information about CABOMA, call Joanie Schneer, 941-9282.

MUSIC THURSDAYS AT COMMUNITY CAFE

The Community Cafe and Bookstore, 4949 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, MD, presents a series of concerts on Thursday nights, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $2. The schedule for upcoming Thursdays is:

July 24 - Charlie Bryant & Pete Kraemer - Country blues, old pop songs, & traditional folk on guitar, harmonica & kazoo.

July 31 - M St. Quartet - Music from 4 centuries; traditional brass chamber music, ragtime, & some original material.

Aug. 7 - Sam Moffatt & R. P. Hale - From Vermont, with baroque, ragtime, contemporary & traditional folk music on harpsichord, accordion & hammered dulcimer.

Aug. 14 - Hooker Holler Symphony - Pat Shields, Cathy Pink & Ricky Roberts play old-timey, bluegrass & swing.

Aug. 21 - J. Alfred Minahan - Traditional folk music in a modern style, with 12-string & classical guitar, mandolin, autoharp, dulcimer & piano.

Aug. 28 - Ancient Orphic Mystery Band - Music from the British Isles.

For more information, call the Cafe at 986-0848.
DANCING ON SUMMER SATURDAYS

There's plenty of opportunity to dance in the Washington area this summer—a few of the offerings are:

July 19 - Western squares with John Washburn at 8:30 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, MD. Admission $2.

July 26 - The Silver Spring Dancers, with Peascods Gathering, at Glen Echo Park at 8:30 p.m. Admission $2.

Aug. 9 - The Silver Spring Dancers, and Peascods Gathering, will be at Christ Congregational Church, 9525 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, just inside the Beltway at exit 23. Park on Brewster Ave. & enter on Indian Spring Dr. Dancing starts at 8 p.m.; admission is $1.50.

For more information about these dances, call Bob Holloway, 301/577-8241, or Dick Atlee, 202/872-8054 (after 6 p.m.).

"STARBOARD SWING" CRUISE IN OCTOBER

The Baltimore Folk Music Society will hold STARBOARD SWING, a song and dance cruise aboard the Port Welcome cruise ship, on Friday evening, October 3, 1980, boarding at 8:30 p.m. There will be dancing led by Bob Dalsemer and Mary Rhodes, and lots of singing and carousing. Tickets are $5 for BFMSS members and $6.50 for the general public, available from Alison Webb, 303 Oakdale, Baltimore, MD 21210. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and half of them have already been sold, so get your reservation in soon. For more information, call Bill Destler at 301/323-2973.

MUSIC SUNDAYS AT COL. BROOK'S TAVERN

In addition to good food and drink, the newly-opened Col. Brook's Tavern, 901 Monroe St., N.E. (at the Brookland/Catholic Univ. Metro stop) will be featuring live entertainment every Sunday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There is no cover charge; however, there is a wooden floor (for dancing), and Morris teams are welcome. The schedule for upcoming Sundays is:

Aug. 3 - Magpie—jazz, folk, blues.
Aug. 10 - Double Decker Stringband—old-time stringband music.
Aug. 17 - Celtic Thunder—Irish music.
Aug. 24 - Western swing, with Cathy Fink, Pete Kennedy, and Mike Stein.
Aug. 31 - (To be announced).

For further information, call the restaurant at 529-4002.

EASTERN SHORE DANCES

The Eastern Shore Dances have moved to a new location for the summer months: the beautiful wooded 4-H Park on Rt. 18, Centreville, MD. Rt. 18 crosses U.S. 301 just 15 miles beyond the Bay Bridge—turn left on Rt. 18 toward Centreville. The Park is on the left. There is a workshop at 7 p.m. and dance from 8-11:30. Beginners are welcome; bring refreshments and dessert. Admission is $3 per person or $5 per couple; children & senior citizens free. Live music is provided by the "High Tide Fish Flappers" and guest callers are as follows:

August 16 - Lou Shapiro.
September 20 - Bruce Strand.

WEDNESDAYS AT TAKOMA TAP ROOM

The Takoma Tap Room, 8210 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, features old-time stringband music every Wednesday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is $2. Come prepared to hear some rousing old-time songs and tunes, or bring your clogging shoes and join the fun! The schedule for upcoming Wednesdays is:

July 23 - Corn Dodgers.
July 30 - Hobote Stringband.
Aug. 6 - Critton Hollow Stringband.
Aug. 20 - Ace Weems and the Fat Meat Boys, from Lexington, VA.
Aug. 27 - Hobote Stringband.
Sept. 3 - Jubilo Stringband, from Philadelphia & Baltimore.
SPECIAL CONCERT OF GAELIC MUSIC

The Gaelic League of Washington is sponsoring an afternoon concert of Gaelic singing and music, to be held on Sunday, August 3, from 3-7 p.m., at P. J. Finlay's restaurant & pub, 1825 M St., N.W., Washington. Máirín Creighan, sean-nós singer from Ireland and president of Chicago's Gaelic League, will be featured, along with Washington's own Celtic Folk. All of the performers are fluent speakers of the Irish language, and most of the program will consist of Gaelic singing along with other traditional Irish folk music.

A generous buffet will be provided at the concert at no additional cost, and drink prices will be reduced. Your $3 admission fee ($2,50 for Gaelic League's fall program. There will be an open business meeting of the Gaelic League at 2 p.m. at P. J. Finlay's. Feel free to come and offer your ideas, and learn more about the Gaelic League.

NEWS FROM MICHAEL COONEY

The Folklore Society recently received a couple of 'gnus-letters' from Mike Cooney. Here's one of them:

Dear Friends,

This is to thank all the hundreds of people who sent cards, letters, thoughts and gifts to me during the many months since my accident and the operations which followed. I am overwhelmed by the love and support. Thank you VERY MUCH.

This is also to announce the dissolution of the Michael Cooney Trust Fund. I feel that with careful management I can get along until the fall when I will be returning to work. So far the Fund has collected $31,000. My medical bills to date total $20,000, and other expenses amount to $18,000. These include living expenses, child support (7 kids), telephone calls (made by me and by others on my behalf), partial payment on another van, insurance, professional & legal fees & services, etc.

Not all of the medical bills have been paid, and I must undergo at least one more operation, but it's hoped that these will be taken care of by an insurance settlement (I had a little uninsured-motorist coverage which my insurance company has been reluctant to part with).

It is dangerous to single out individuals to thank; I feel that so many people did everything they could and more. (Just as the person who sent $5 and the person who sent $1,000 each sent all they could.) Even so, I want to especially thank some long-time friends for ongoing support and help in many forms. They are, in an alphabetical order: Ed Sweeney, of Providence, R.I.; Andy Spence, of Voorsville, N.Y.; Linda, Dave & Anya Siglin, of Ann Arbor, M.; Estelle Klein, of Toronto, Ontario; Emily Friedman, of Chicago, Ill.; Jennifer Browne, of Toronto, Ontario; Michael Allison, of Foster, R.I.

It will take a lifetime to thank everyone properly, I want to answer every letter, but I find it very hard to write short letters. I'm working on 'em, though. I'm working on a lot of things. Thank you to all who made that possible.

Very sincerely,

(signed) Michael Cooney

P.S. New address: 13 Inglewood Dr., Toronto, Ontario M4T-1G7 Canada.

EASY STREET STRING BAND IN CHARLOTTESVILLE

For those of you who enjoyed listening and dancing to Easy Street in Washington this March, (and for anyone who missed them), they'll be performing a concert, followed by a dance, in Charlottesville, VA, on July 23, at 7:30 p.m. The band is from Bloomington, Indiana, and they play midwestern and southeastern old-time tunes on fiddle, banjo, guitar, and bass. The dancing will include squares and contra, with a special Indiana flavor. The event will take place at the Graduate Student Lounge, University of Virginia. Admission is $3.

FOR SALE; Hammered dulcimers, accessories, Bob Clayton, 703/671-1975.

INTERESTED IN SHARING TRANSPORTATION to Pinewoods Folk Music Week, Doug Dancis, 301/622-2121 X139 (day), 301/593-1371 (eve).

FOR SALE: FIDDLES (2); $100 and $200. Bob Clayton, 703/671-1975.

HUGILL SHANTY COLLECTION REPRINTED

Good news for sea shanty lovers! The well-known and highly regarded book Shanties from the Seven Seas, collected by Stan Hugill and first published in 1961, has at last been reprinted by Routledge and Kegan Paul, Ltd., London. This extensive collection, long out of print, is considered a definitive work in its field.

Several folks have shown interest in obtaining copies, so a group order is being coordinated. The book sells for $30.00 per copy (it's a pretty fat book), and because of the amount involved, payment will have to be made in advance. There is a possibility (not a certainty) that we may get a slight discount. If you are interested in buying a copy, please call Nancy Schatz (301/933-3073) by August 8 to place your order and discuss payment.

By the way, the book is available in the U.K. (but not in the U.S.) in paperback for about $10.00. So, if you know anyone going to England any time soon, you might see if you can persuade them to ship you a copy.
This Newsletter is published by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional folk arts in the greater Washington D.C. area. Membership in the Society is open to all who wish to help pursue these goals. Membership benefits include free admission to programs, reduced admission to special events, the Newsletter by first class mail, plus workshops, sings, and more. To join, fill out the form below, enclose your check, and send to the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, c/o Don Nichols, 307 Broadleaf Dr., N.E., Vienna, Virginia 22180.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Is this a new address? Yes____ No____ (If more than one last name, please indicate preferred name for alphabetical filing.)

Is this a renewal?____ Or a new membership?____

Name______________________________________________________________

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City_______________________________________________________________

State________ Zip Code________

Phone (home)_________ (work)_________

Are you willing to help the Society in some way?____

Interests (music, dance, crafts, etc.)____________________________________

Anyone living outside the Greater Washington area may subscribe to the FSGW Newsletter only, in lieu of getting full membership, if they do not plan to vote or have free admission to programs. The cost for out-of-town membership is $4.

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