Rich Kirby, Tom Bledsoe Perform Dec. 10

Rich Kirby and Tom Bledsoe, the featured performers in FSGW's December program, have been playing music together since 1973. From southwestern Virginia, they both have been exposed to traditional mountain music since childhood. They began playing music together as part of a project to develop a mountain music curriculum and test it in schools. Energetic preservers of traditional mountain music, tales, and dances, Rich and Tom helped found June Appal Records, a recording company dedicated to preserving Appalachian folklore.

A typical concert by Rich and Tom includes hoedown instrumentals, stringband numbers, ballads, children's songs, ragtime, Carter Family songs, old-time gospel music, and works by modern mountain songwriters such as Ron Short, Si Kahn, and Hazel Dickens. Rich and Tom are versatile instrumentalists on banjo, mandolin, fiddle, guitar, harmonica, and jaw harp. They are also gifted storytellers with a large repertoire of traditional mountain tales.

Excellent harmony singing, solid instrumental work, energy, and good humor are the trademarks of Rich Kirby and Tom Bledsoe. Don't miss their performance at the WES Auditorium on Friday, December 10, at 8:30 p.m. Admission to the program is free for FSGW members, $4.00 for nonmembers. Interpretive signing for the hearing impaired will be provided. To get to the concert via public transportation, take the Metro red line to the Silver Spring station. From there, take the S-4 bus (marked "Federal Triangle") to 16th and Kalmia, N.W. The WES auditorium is located at 7750 16th St., N.W.

FSGW Holiday Party Is December 18

All members and friends of FSGW are invited to join in our festive annual holiday party on Saturday, December 18, at the WES auditorium. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with the serving of wassail. The evening's program starts at 8:30, and will include special holiday music performed by your fellow FSGW members—the gospel and Sacred Harp singing groups, storytellers, Morris dancers, and much more. PLEASE BRING SOME HOLIDAY GOODIES or other finger food to share after the program; mulled wine, fruit punch, and coffee will be available. Following the food break will be an open sing upstairs and an open jam downstairs. An admission of $2.00 for members and $3.00 for friends will help cover costs. Have questions or want to volunteer? Call Nan Goland at 332-0232, or Tom McHenry at 533-1397.

INSIDE: 4th Annual "Caroling Through the Metro" is December 18
Caroling Through the Metro Set for December 18th

Bring your muffler and your warm coat—we're set for our fourth annual Christmas caroling tour through the D.C. metro system. We'll meet at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 18th, outside the 11th and G Street entrance of the Metro Center station. We'll sing there for 45 minutes to give everyone time to assemble. Then, led by former Metro public affairs director (and traditional FSGW caroling guide) Cody Pfansiehl, we'll each buy a $2 farecard, good for the whole afternoon, and hop our first subway train to the Woodley Park/Zoo station. From there, we'll move on to Dupont Circle, Farragut North, Union Station, and, to finish things off, Metro Center.

Songbooks of Christmas carols and other holiday songs will be available for those of you who have not yet memorized the third verse of "Jingle Bells." Then, at around 4:30, turn in your songbook and go warm up for a few hours. We'll reconvene later at the FSGW Holiday Party! Call Sandy Solomon at 232-1896, if you have any special requests, questions, etc. IF YOU HAVE A SONGBOOK FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR, PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU! THESE BELONG TO FSGW, and our supply is short.

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The FSGW Board met November 3 at the home of Bill Day in northwest D.C. Among other actions, the Board:

- Adopted as policy a number of recommendations presented to the Board by the FSGW Futures Committee. These recommendations follow extensive discussions on the part of the Committee and the Board, and pertain to FSGW's programs, organization, finances, and community outreach policies, among other topics. While these recommendations are too numerous to summarize in this Newsletter, any member of FSGW may receive a copy of the minutes of the November 3 Board meeting by requesting one from Secretary Joanne Turner.

- Expessed general support for the idea of cosponsoring another series of Saturday dances at Glen Echo this summer.

- Discussed a draft cooperative agreement between FSGW and Glen Echo Park, covering the period through September 1985. Endorsed the spirit of the draft agreement, and authorized Board member Dwain Winters to sign the document, provided no substantive changes are made in the final version.

- Abolished the position of Volunteer Coordinator recommended by last year's Board. It was felt that sufficient means of obtaining volunteers exist without creating a special position to accomplish this goal.

- Moved to develop a questionnaire for recruiting volunteers for FSGW. Board member Jennifer Woods will develop the questionnaire and submit it for Board approval at its January meeting. The questionnaire will be enclosed with a future edition of the Newsletter.

- Approved a motion that Treasurer David Olive chair a new FSGW Finance Committee.

- Approved a motion that lists of FSGW volunteers be restricted to Board members and organizers of FSGW events, unless a specific exception is approved by the Board.

The Getaway Committee reported that Camp Letts has approved FSGW's application to hold the Getaway there on Columbus Day weekend, October 7-10, 1983.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The December Board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 1, at the home of Joanne Turner in Kensington, Md. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. Any FSGW member is welcome to attend. For directions, call Joanne at 949-2135.

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY FSGW NEWSLETTER

All copy for the January FSGW Newsletter must be received by the editor no later than Wednesday, December 15th! Mail service is slower during the busy holiday season, so PLEASE mail early to allow plenty of time for your information to reach its destination. Copy not received by the deadline absolutely will not be printed. No exceptions. No copy accepted by phone. Send copy to Kathy Hickerson, P.O. Box 9062, Washington, D.C. 20003. DO NOT SEND COPY TO THE FSGW ADDRESS!!
Non-FSGW News

GAELIC LEAGUE PROGRAM

Irish folksinger and guitarist Daithi Sproule, former member of Skara Brae and of Bowhand, which toured the U.S. in 1978-79, will present a concert of songs in Irish and English for the Gaelic League's December program. Cosponsored with the Irish American Cultural Institute, the concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 8:00 p.m., in the auditorium of Georgetown University's new International Cultural Center (the triangular brick building at the center of the campus). Admission of $2.00 includes a reception after the performance. Parking is available in the gymnasium lot on the northwest side of the campus. For more information, call 370-3869 or 864-2385.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE REMNICK

Again this month, a myriad of activities are scheduled at the Remnick Gallery, 17th & Pennsylvania, N.W., in connection with the gallery's enormous folklife exhibit, "Celebration: A World of Art and Ritual." Films, musical events, traditional food demonstrations (for both Christmas and Chanukah), and children's programs are planned throughout the month of December. For a flyer listing all these events, stop by the gallery. Or call 357-2700 for more information.

SUGARLOAF CRAFTS FAIR

Quilts, dulcimers, and traditional toys are among the crafts to be featured at Sugarloaf Mountain Work's Winter Crafts Festival December 10, 11, and 12. More than 200 craftspersons will demonstrate and sell their work at the Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg from noon to 9:00 p.m. Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday; and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $3.00. For directions and discount coupons call (301)383-9191 before December 6. Free parking is available at the fairgrounds.

HOUSE CONCERT WITH SYLVIA HERALD

Those of you who had a chance to meet and hear Sylvia Herald at the Getaway won't need a second invitation to hear her in concert. For those who didn't, here's your chance! Sylvia's broad repertoire extends from accompanied English and Irish ballads, through blues and C/W, to Tin Pan Alley. Her strong, secure guitar provides accompaniment; for variety, there may be some dance tunes on mandolin or tenor banjo. Be there Saturday, Dec. 4, at 8:30 p.m., at the home of Lars & Becky Hanalin in Chevy Chase. Admission is $3.00. For more information, call the Hanalins at 565-4317, or the Mackalls at 474-9180.

SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK IS DECEMBER 4

Kilted pipers and Highland dancers will be featured in the 12th annual Scottish Christmas Walk, which will wind its way through Old Town Alexandria on Saturday, Dec. 4. The walk begins at 10:00 a.m. at the intersection Wilkes and Pitt Streets; everyone is welcome to join in. For information on this and other special Alexandria holiday festivities, call 549-SCOT or 549-7268. Or call the Alexandria Tourist Council at 549-0205.

FOLK HARPERS AND CRAFTSMEN TO MEET

The Greater Washington Chapter of the Society of Folk Harpers and Craftsmen will hold a meeting on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2:00 p.m., at the home of Sue Richards, 612 East Lynfield Dr., Rockville, Md. Call (301)626-9239 for more information. Bring your folk harp, or just come listen.
CONCERTS AT HOUSE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS

There will be three Thursday evening concerts this month at the House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park. Concerts begin at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $3.50, which includes non-alcoholic beverages at intermission. Seating is limited, so be sure to call ahead for a reservation. The phone numbers are 270-0222 and 270-9800. Store hours are noon to 7:00 p.m., Wed.-Sun. December’s concert schedule:

- Dec. 2 - The Boarding Party, shanties and sea songs (NOTE: Peter Bellamy, originally scheduled for this date, cancelled his U.S. tour.)
- Dec. 9 - Maggie, in a special Christmas concert
- Dec. 16 - Powdered Eagle String Band, old-timey music

VOCAL WORKSHOP AT HOUSE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS

There will be a special vocal workshop at the store on Saturday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The workshop will feature Gentle Robbers, a talented group of singers from Vermont who will teach Sacred Harp, British traditional, medieval, and Renaissance singing styles. Call the store (phone #s above) for information and a reservation.

RUSSIAN CAFE AT JCC

A supper of piroshki, knishes, Russian salads, and pastries will be served at the Russian Cafe, a program featuring the music, arts, daily lives, and foods of Soviet Jewish immigrants. The Cafe will be held at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 18, at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, Md. Tickets are $6.00 for JCC member adults, $4.00 for member children. Prices for nonmembers are $9.00 for adults and $6.00 for children. For more information call 881-0100.

CONCERTS AT THE COMMUNITY CAFE

Thursday night concerts at the Community Cafe, 4949 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, continue this month. All begin at 8:30 p.m. Admission varies. Call 986-0848 for more information. The December schedule:

- Dec. 2 - The Byrd Brothers, improvisational guitar duo
- Dec. 9 - David Schalton, original acoustic songs
- Dec. 16 - Mark Levy, original topical songs

GLEN ECHO BROCHURE AVAILABLE

Glen Echo Park’s winter term begins in January, with classes in the visual arts, fabric art, crafts, music, and dance. To receive a brochure, call the park at 492-6282.

JOE GLAZER IN CONCERT

Joe Glazer will sing Yiddish and English songs of Eastern European Jewish immigrants on Sunday, December 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. The concert is entitled "Up From the Sweatshop." Tickets are $2.75 for JCC members, $4.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 881-0100.

FOLK INSTRUMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations of folk and popular instruments, including banjo, guitar, fiddle, dulcimer, mouthbow, and more, are held every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Museum of American History’s Hall of Musical Instruments. The demonstrations are free and open to the public.

OPEN STAGE AT GALLAGHER’S

The folk music open stage continues each Monday night this month at Gallagher’s Pub, 3319 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington. The music begins at around 9:00 p.m. Chance Shiver is host. Call him at 933-3919 for more information, or see him when you get there to sign up and sing.

VOLUNTEER, INTERNS OPEN

Wondering what to do with your spare time? Try being a volunteer or intern at the Archive of Folk Culture at the Library of Congress. A limited number of openings for volunteers and interns will be available starting in January. They provide an opportunity to learn and help at the same time—all at the hub of collecting and research in our field. If you're interested, or want more information, call Joe Hickerson at the Archive, 287-5510.

NEW RECORDINGS FROM FSGW MEMBERS

FSGW members Sid Rosenberg and Sandy Hofferth, collectively known as the Sprouts of Grass, have released a new cassette tape of 14 original bluegrass compositions by Sid. Called Log Cabin Memories, the tape is available at the House of Musical Traditions, or by calling Sid at 891-2471.

Topical songwriter and performer Joe Glazer, also an FSGW member, has just released a timely LP called Jellybean Blues: Songs of Reanagomics. The record, on Joe’s own Collector label, is available for $8.50, postpaid, from Collector Records, 1604 Arbor View Rd., Silver Spring, Md. 20902.

If you're an FSGW member and have a new record/tape available, let us know, and we'll pass the word in a future edition of the Newsletter.
BREAKFAST CAFÉS

Too soon to be out of me bed,
Too soon to be back at this breakfast café,
Or fumbling around for some toilet paper,
On a Sunday morning.

Oh, where have my vocal cords gone?
Now, without beer, could I get so wasted?
I'm sure that there's better food I've tasted,
On a Sunday morning.

If only they'd start things at noon,
If only a cold shower wouldn't make me shiver,
It could have been worse, they could serve us liver,
On a Sunday morning.

Oh, where half the weekend gone?
Oh, why did the singing all start at midnight?
And why did we tell all of our jokes till daylight?
On a Sunday morning.

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DANCE EVENTS

COUPLE TURNING DANCES

Couple turning dances are held every Tuesday from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Junior High School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Basic turning techniques and steps are taught beginning at 8:00, followed by the teaching of more advanced dances and a request period. Different basic steps are taught each Tuesday of the month: 1st: polka, 2nd: waltz, 3rd: polska, 4th: mazurka, 5th: schottisch. Admission is $1.50. For more information, call Bill Warren at 585-7916.

SATURDAY SQUARE DANCES IN TAKOMA PARK

Square dances will be held on December 4 and 18 at Fellowship Hall, Tulip Ave., near Maple in Takoma Park. The dances, sponsored by the House of Musical Traditions and the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, begin at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $3.00. The December 4 dance will feature music by the Barnburners, with Pete LaBerge calling. The December 18 dance will feature caller Kate Charles with music by the Double Deckler Stringband. For more information, call 270-0222 or 270-9800.

CLOGGING CLASS

An ongoing class in clogging meets Wednesdays, 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. in Arlington. Beginners or intermediate cloggers. Call Tom Hinds at 528-4431 for more information.

COUNTRY AND CONTRA DANCE CHRISTMAS PARTY

An English country and New England contra dance "Druid Christmas Party," with music by Peascods Gathering, will be held Saturday, December 11, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., at the Takoma Park Junior High School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Admission is $2.00. For more information, call Dick Atlee at 522-2769; Bob Holloway at 577-8241; or Carl Minkus at 493-6281.

SANTA LUCIA GAMMALDANS PARTY

A gammaldans party (Scandinavian couple dances) and celebration of upcoming Santa Lucia Day, will be held on Saturday, December 4, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Junior High School (address above). Music is by Peascods Gathering. Admission is $2.00. For more information, call Carl Minkus or Dick Atlee (phone #s above) or Bill Warren, 585-7916.

EASTERN MARKET DANCE DISCONTINUED

Because the Market 5 Gallery is unheated, there will be no more Eastern Market dances until April. If anyone knows of a place on Capitol Hill to continue the dance, please speak up. All who came to the dances--thanks for your support. Joel Bailey, 544-4429.

OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

Baltimore Concert Features Andy Cohen, Daniel Womack

The Baltimore Folk Music Society's December concert will feature Andy Cohen and Daniel Womack, playing gospel, country blues, and ragtime music. The concert will be held on Friday, December 17, at 8:30 p.m., at Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore. Tickets are $3.00 for BFMS members and $4.00 for nonmembers. For further information, call (301)366-0808.

Bluemont Winter Ball

The Bluemont Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, December 18, at the Bluemont School, Bluemont, Va. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by carolling, dancing to music of Contraband with caller Howard Bass, and a visit by the Bluemont Mummer and other special guests. Call Howard at (703)955-2244 for more information.

REGULAR BLUEMONT DANCES

There will be a dance on Friday, December 3 (and every first Friday of every month), for experienced dancers only. Admission is $3.00. Call Howard Bass (# above) for more information.

Beginning in January, regular Bluemont dances will resume on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Dances start with a workshop at 7:00 p.m.; dancing runs from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Admission is $3.00. Location is the Bluemont School. Call Howard Bass for more information.

Gentle Robbers Featured in Bluemont Concert

Gentle Robbers, a group of musicians from Vermont who perform Sacred Harp, medieval, Renaissance, and British traditional songs, will be the featured performers at the Bluemont Concert Series on Saturday, December 11, at 8:00 p.m. Location is the Bluemont School. Admission is $3.00. For more information, call (703)556-8314.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING AT GWU

Dancing will be held on Monday nights, December 6, 13, and 20. (No dancing Dec. 27!) Beginners at 7:00 p.m.; intermediate at 8:15; requests at 9:15. Instruction by Joanne Erlebacher and Steve Sklarow, assisted during the request period by Alan Seltzer. All-evening admission is $3.25; 1st session is $1.75; 2nd session & requests, $2.00. Discount to GWU students. Location on Dec. 6 is 1st floor cafeteria; on Dec. 13, 3rd floor ballroom; and Dec. 20, 1st floor theater, all in GWUs Marvin Center, 21st & H Sts., N.W. Call 262-7222 or 565-3617 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING AT GWU

Dancing will be held on Tuesday nights, December 7, 14, and 21. No dancing Dec. 28! Instruction by Steve Sklarow and Jamie Platt. Times, general admission, and further information same as for Israeli dancing above. GWU students free. Dances Dec. 7 & 14 are in the 3rd floor ballroom; Dec. 21 dance is in 1st floor theater of GWUs Marvin Center.

BROOKMONT CONTRA DANCE

There will be a New England Contra Dance at Brookmont Church, Brookmont, Md., on Saturday, December 11, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Caller is Tuppence Blackwell; music is by Cat's Cradle. Admission is $2.50. For more information, directions, call 229-6265.
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

What are your major interests (music, dance, crafts, etc)?__________________________

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