Le P’tit Blanc Concert, Dance  
August 24, 25

On Saturday, August 24 FSGW will present a special concert, and on Sunday, August 25 a dance, by Le P’tit Blanc, a group of musicians and dancers from Alsace in eastern France.

The group, making its first U.S. tour, performs traditional French music on a wide array of instruments, including fiddle, mandolin, melodeon, hurdy-gurdy, psaltery, flute, and épinette des Vosges (a relative of the Appalachian dulcimer). They also demonstrate—and teach—French dances, including the gigue, polka, bourree, mazurka, and escargot.

Taking their name from the famous vineyards that grow on the slopes of the Vosges Mountains in eastern France, Le P’tit Blanc has performed hundreds of times in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Scotland, and Hungary.

Be sure to save Saturday, August 24 for this special concert, which begins at 8:30 PM at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Admission is $5.00 for FSGW members, $7.00 for non-members.

The dance, one of FSGW's regular series, will be held at Glen Echo Park's Spanish Ballroom on Sunday, August 25 at 8:00 PM. Admission is $3.00 for FSGW members and $4.00 for non-members. (In addition to French dances, which will be taught, the dance will include some English and Scottish country dances.)

FSGW Company Picnic August 10

This year, FSGW's "company" picnic will be at the home of Mark Israel, at 13231 Query Mill Road in Gaithersburg, MD. on Saturday, August 10 from 1:00 PM until dark. The rain date is Sunday, August 11. Bring food to share, blankets, sports equipment, and musical instruments, and be ready for a good time picnicking with fellow FSGW members.

Directions: drive west on River Road about 5 miles past Potomac Village; turn right on Esworthy Road. Take the next right, onto Query Mill Road, keep to the right, and turn right into the second driveway and continue to the parking area. For further information, call Dolores Nichols, 938-4564, or (on the day of the picnic) Mark Israel, 962-8602.

INSIDE: Fiddle Fever and More
Fiddle Fever Concert August 11 to Benefit Carousel

In support of Carousel Day (Sunday, August 11) at Glen Echo Park, Fiddle Fever will perform a benefit concert to raise money to continue restoration of the Park's unique carousel. Fiddle Fever consists of fiddlers Jay Ungar, Evan Stover, and Matt Glaser, guitarist Russ Barenburg, and bassist Molly Mason. The band plays a wide assortment of original compositions and music gleaned from Appalachian, Cajun, Celtic, Scandinavian, and jazz fiddling traditions. They will be highlighting songs from their second LP, Waltz of the Wind.

The concert will be co-sponsored by FSGW and the Parks and History Association, in conjunction with the Carousel Conservation Fund. Glen Echo Park's carousel, built in 1921, is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Fiddle Fever has agreed to donate the first $500 collected toward this worthy cause. The concert begins at 2:00 p.m. in Glen Echo's Spanish Ballroom; admission is $5.00. Fiddle Fever will also play at the regular Sunday night dance, also in the Spanish Ballroom, at 8:00 p.m. Calling will be by Bob Dalsemerr.

Outgoing President’s Message

Shakespeare wrote: "I can no other answer make but thanks, and ever thanks." That's a fair summary of my thoughts as I turn over the presidency of FSGW to Dwaín Winters' capable hands. Thanks to FSGW members for giving me the chance to be your President. Thanks, too, to those who have called with suggestions, complaints, or positive comments over the past two years. Your input helped! Thanks to fellow Board members for helping make the job of President (usually) enjoyable. And thanks to my husband, Joe, and my friends for putting up with me when it wasn't. Special thanks to FSGW's wise Founding Fathers and Mothers who wrote By-laws limiting any officer's term to two years.

On a more serious note, I'd like to urge more FSGW members to get involved in your Society. FSGW now has some 3,500 members, and sponsors more than 150 events each year. The Board is given the responsibility of managing and overseeing that staggering amount of activity, but since we're all volunteers, it can be a huge task. Volunteers from the FSGW membership are always needed—to help plan and staff events; work on our big productions like the Getaway, Mini-Festival, and Washington Folk Festival; help house, feed, and transport performers; and a multitude of other tasks, large and small. When I moved to Washington nine and a half years ago, I knew very few people. Getting involved in FSGW as a volunteer and then as a Board member introduced me not only to wonderful music and dance, but to a wonderful set of friends. I hope more members of FSGW will consider getting involved as I did. It's been worth every minute I've spent!

-Kathy Westra Hickerson

Sacred Harp Sing

The Sacred Harp Sing for July will be at 4:00 PM Sunday, July 28 at the home of Wally Olson. Don't forget to bring a potluck dish, and remember, we always welcome new singers. Wally's phone number is 543-1530. Because of vacations, there will be no Sing in August. See you in September.

Gospel Sing

The monthly Gospel Sings are taking a summer vacation. Watch for an announcement in September's Newsletter.

FSGW Board Notes

The FSGW Board met on Wednesday, June 12, at the home of archivist Bill Day in Wheaton, MD. The meeting was the last for the 1984-85 officers, and was also attended by newly-elected Board members who took office July 1. The Board:

*Approved rental of the FSGW sound system to "Voices in the Glen" for their festival at Glen Echo Park June 29-30;
*Approved the appointment of Jennifer Woods and Bob Clayton as Mini-Festival Co-Chairs for 1986;
*Approved Dean Clamons and Carly Gewirz Mackall as Co-Chairs of the 1985 Getaway (Oct. 11-14 at Camp Letsa).

A report on the July and August Board meetings will appear in the September Newsletter.

Open Sing

The August Open Sing will be Friday the 2nd at 8:30 PM, at the Washington Ethical Society Auditorium, 7750 16th St. NW. The $2.00 admission includes light refreshments. Janice Cole will lead this month's sing. The topic is a mystery, so come prepared for the unexpected.

FSGW Board Meeting

The FSGW Board will meet on Wednesday, August 7, at the home of Past President Kathy Hickerson in Takoma Park, MD. (Yup, it's air-conditioned.) The meeting begins at 8:00 PM. Any FSGW member is welcome to attend and to bring up business for the Board's discussion. If you have an agenda item, please call Dwaín Winters at 229-5845 (evenings). If you need directions to the meeting, call Kathy at 507-1462.
More FSGW News

WFF Thank-you's

The Ninth Annual Washington Folk Festival is over, but not forgotten. In fact, we would like to remember the many people who made it possible. The Festival Coordinators appreciate more than anyone else just how many people help with the Festival and how important they are to its continued success. First, there are all the Festival committees whose members put in countless hours of planning. Then there are all the people who came to Glen Echo Park on weekends during the two months before the Festival. Here is a sampling of the things they did for us: managed stages; ran sound equipment; moved pianos and furniture; prepared and served food; picked up trash; directed traffic; distributed programs; checked instruments; and checked in and assisted performers. When the Festival ended Sunday, our work still wasn’t done; dozens of people helped us clean up the Park. Of course, this list doesn’t even include the hundreds of performers who so generously contributed their performances. Finally, we are grateful to the National Park Service, and particularly the staff at Glen Echo Park, for their able assistance and support as co-sponsors of the Festival. You’ve all made it a real pleasure for us to present the Festival, and we look forward to doing it again.

--WFF Coordinating Committee: Dean Clamons, Tammy Zeheb, and Bob Hitchcock

Getaway XXI Alert

A weekend of workshops, concerts, dancing, picking, singing, storytelling, crafts, good people, good food, good times—that’s the FSGW Getaway! From all across the country, people return year after year to the Getaway, because it’s such a great chance to meet old friends and make new ones, as well as to recall old songs and learn new ones. Once again, the Getaway will be at Camp Lets in Edgewater, MD. (right on the Bay), during the second weekend in October. Details about registration will be in the September Newsletter, but you will want to set aside the weekend of October 11-13 now, and plan to bring the whole family to Getaway XXI.

This year’s Getaway Committee Co-Chairs are Dean Clamons (703) 631-9655 and Carly Gewirz Mackall (313) 384-4945. They would like to hear from you if you can help, or if you have ideas or questions. The next Committee meeting will be July 23. Please call for further information.

WFF Lost and Found

1 tape measure 1 straw cap
1 straw hat 1 ladies Timex watch
1 Casio digital watch 1 oriental umbrella
1 towel 1 bone
1 pair clogging shoes 1 pair Chinese slippers
2 bracelets 1 ladies belt
1 handkerchief 3 keys
4 pairs adult sunglasses 1 pair child sunglasses

All of the above were found during the Washington Folk Festival cleanup. If you wish to claim an item, call the FSGW hotline, 281-2228, and leave your name, phone number, and the item you believe is yours.

Sunday Night Dances at Glen Echo

FSGW dances are held Sunday nights in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, beginning at 8:00 PM. Bring a picnic supper and dance the night away. Admission is $3.00 for FSGW members and $4.00 for non-members. The July-August schedule is:

July 21 — Tuppence Blackwell with The Sweet Potatoes. Our own Tuppence and 'Taters for an evening of contra and a few couples dances, with Wendy Morrison, concertina and whistle; Leslie Barr, fiddle and banjo; and Marc Glickman, piano and guitar.

July 28 — Claudio Buchwald and Hobotoe. Calling by Claudio, who will also jump in on fiddle or piano. Contras and squares will be the order of the evening, with Dennis Botzer, fiddle; Richie Schuman, mandolin, tenor banjo, and guitar; Pete McClurkin, banjo; and Larry Wischhoefer, harmonica.

Aug. 4 — The Dances of Pat and Lloyd Shaw. Calling by Susan Davis and Scott Russell; with John "Spike" Bealle, fiddle; Jim Johnson, guitar; and Richard Ritz, piano, all from Bloomington, Indiana. Squares and contras honoring two of the driving forces in the folk dance tradition. Bring an extra shirt—it's going to be one hot dance!

Aug. 11 — Fiddle Fever, with Bob Dalsemer calling. (Yes, you read it right—Fiddle Fever and Bob Dalsemer!) This is the Sunday after Augusta Dance Week, so have your guest rooms ready to put up out-of-towners. The dance's theme is Swimsuits from Any Era—bathing suits, beachwear, sunglasses, inner tubes, U Name it, U-Wear-It. Special Dance Event prices: $6.00 for FSGW members, $6.00 for others. The Dance Czar notes: the Spanish Ballroom Beach is not a nude beach!

Aug. 18 — Speilimenninir, from the Faroe Islands. Dances will be taught by the group’s leader, Kristian Blak. You want Scandinavian fiddle tunes and great couples dances, you got it. Charlie Pilzer will sit in on bass, and Bill Warren will help with the dance instruction. Charlie and Bill are displaced Scandinavians who live in Pjord Takoma.

Aug. 25 — Le P' tit Blanc from France (see article on Page 1). The dances (even the French ones) will be taught in English—and the escargot will, of course, be taught at a snail's pace. Let's have a picnic outside the ballroom; bring French bread, brie, and liquid refreshment. Picnic, 6:00 PM; workshop, 7:00; and dance, 8:00.
Carousel Day Features

Boarding Party, Fiddle Fever

Carousel Day at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, August 11 from noon to 6:00 PM, will benefit the restoration work being done on the Park's unfor-gettable Dentzel Carousel, installed in 1921. Performing throughout the afternoon will be The Boarding Party—in fact, they will sing a song they recently wrote in honor of the car-ousel. Storytellers will also perform throughout the day, and craftspeople will demonstrate their wares.

At 2:00 PM there will be a special benefit concert by Fiddle Fever (See article on p. 2), who will donate the first $500 in ticket sales toward the carousel restoration. In addition, all carousel fares that day will go toward the restoration fund.

Finishing out the day will be a free pro-gram by a Park Ranger on the history of the carousel, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Bruce Hutton in Children's Programs

Old-time musician Bruce Hutton will be presenting concerts every weekday at 11:00 AM from July 29 through August 23 at Wolf Trap Farm Park's Theatre in the Woods. These programs, for Wolf Trap's Summer Children's Theatre, are free to the public but require reservations. For information and reservations call (703) 255-1827. Also note that the Dulles Access Road will not be open.

Double Decker in Glen Burnie

Double Decker Stringband will perform an evening concert on July 25 at the Central Plaza, Arundel Center North, Glen Burnie, MD. The pro-gram begins at 7:00 PM; admission is free.

This will be the band's only local performance this summer, following a very busy and successful five-week tour of Europe, where they played concert halls, folk clubs, bars, and festivals.

Classified Ads

CAPEZIO DANCE SHOES for sale, size 7 1/2, black, 1 1/2" heel. Worn twice! Best offer. Call (301) 956-2852.

AUTOHARP WANTED: Centurion, Appalachian, or BH models only. Any condition. Dave Shombert, (301) 460-5695.

5-STRING BANJO for sale. Gold Star, excellent condition. $475 or best offer. Call (202) 543-0825.

CLASSIFIED AD POLICY: FSGW members only may place ads. Lost & Found ads are free; all others are $1. Limit 15 words (three typed lines), which includes phone number with area code. Limit three ads per issue and three issues per year. Deadline is the same as that for regular Newsletter copy. Ads must be relevant to FSGW's stated purpose.

Non-FSGW News

Magpie, Fred Small in Benefit Concert

A benefit concert of topical music featuring Magpie and Fred Small will be presented at 8:00 PM, Saturday, September 7 at the Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St.

Fred Small is a Cambridge attorney-turned-singer-songwriter. His music deals with issues such as justice, peace, friendship, and accept-ance. Magpie, of Takoma Park, offers a wide range of traditional music including swing, blues, jazz, British Isles tunes, and their own very accomplished originals.

The Church of the Reformation is handi-capped-accessible, and the concert will be interpreted for the hearing-impaired. Child care will also be provided, but reservations are required. A donation of $6.00 in advance or $7.00 at the door will be requested. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the legislative work of the National Association of Housing Coop-eratives and the National Low-Income Housing Coalition. For ticket information please call Phyl Levy at 548-8699 or write Benefit, 125 Harvard St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Cathy Fink at Smithsonian

Cathy Fink will perform at the Smithsonian's Hall of Musical Instruments on Thursday, August 8 at noon. Sponsored by the Department of Public Programs and the Division on Musical Instruments, the event is free to the public. For more information call (202) 357-4184.
National Zoo's "Sunset Serenade" Series

The National Zoological Park presents a series of concerts every Thursday during July and August, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Local musicians performing folk and jazz will entertain near the Panda House. Bring a picnic dinner or eat at the Panda Cafe. The Serenades are free and open to the public. In case of rain, the programs will be moved indoors to the Education Building Auditorium. The schedule:

- **July 25:** The Piper Road Spring Band
  - "progressive bluegrass"
- **August 1:** Polarties (contemporary jazz)
- **August 8:** Billy B. ("Romp in the Swamp")/Michele Valeri ("Dinosaur Rock")—an evening of family entertainment
- **August 15:** John and James Jackson (blues and country blues)
- **August 22:** Tom Lofgren ("contemporary folk favorites")/Cathy Fink (country songs on banjo, fiddle and button accordion)
- **August 29:** Reuben Musgrave (ragtime, blues, and country)/The Boarding Party (songs of the sea)

Music at Takoma Cafe

Takoma Cafe, Number One Columbia Ave. in Takoma Park, MD. presents after-dinner music on weekends. There is a suggested donation of $3.00. For information call 270-2440. Coming:

- **Sat. July 20:** Jeff King, a country-blues songwriter from Baltimore
- **Sun. July 21:** Peter Luci & Steve, labor & topical songs
- **Fri. July 26:** Open Mike—Come and play!
- **Sat. July 27:** Second Story (Meagan Lane & Geoff de Mers), folk and blues
- **Sun. July 28:** Peter Luci & Steve
- **Sat. Aug. 3:** Kevin Jones, a contemporary folk songwriter from Indiana
- **Fri. Aug. 9:** Open Mike
- **Sat. Aug. 10:** Ed Weglein, folk and 1960s pop songs
- **Sat. Aug. 17:** Steppin Out (Robin Ruddy & John Akin), bluegrass, country, & blues
- **Fri. Aug. 23:** Open Mike
- **Sat. Aug. 24:** Side by Side (Doris Justice & Sean McGhee), contemporary folk harmonies
- **Sat. Aug. 31:** Byrd & Co., original songs

Frank Harte in House Concert

Traditional Irish singer Frank Harte will perform a house concert Saturday, August 3 at the home of FSWG member Caroline Quandt. An architect and folksong collector from Dublin, Frank performs a repertoire that ranges from humorous songs to the most famous ballads, and covers all the ground in between as well. A topic recording artist, he is in the U.S. to teach Irish singing and songs at the Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop in West Virginia.

The concert will begin at 8:30 PM, and admission is $4.00. For information call Caroline at 966-6233.

Out-of-Town Events

Critton Hollow String Band in Concert

The Washington Grove Mousetrap Concert Series presents the Critton Hollow String Band on Saturday, August 31 at 8:00 PM in the Gazebo in Washington Grove, MD. Tickets are $5.00 at the entrance. Since this is an outdoor concert, bring a chair or blanket and refreshments. In case of rain, the concert will be held in McCathran Hall. For directions and further information, call Joli McCathran at (301) 869-5358.

Adirondack Foothills Festival

This year's Adirondack Foothills Music Festival will be Saturday, August 17 in Groversville, N.Y. Special features include workshops on Adirondack music, fiddle styles, and concerts by over 50 performers, including Doc Watson, the John Herald Band, and John Roberts and Tony Barrand. For information call the Fulton County Arts Council at (518) 725-0691 or write them at 86 N. Main St., Groversville, NY 12078.

American Buffalo Dance Weekend

Enjoy a weekend of dance, concerts, and workshops featuring Swallowtail, Fiddleston, Full Tilt Stringband, and calling by Bridget Edwards. The weekend event will be August 23-25 at Buffalo Gap Camp, Capon Bridge, West Virginia. For further information look for flyers at most local D.C.-area dances, or write to Dancing Buffalo Committee, 2920 Rosemary Lane, Falls Church, VA 22042, or call Lou at (301) 589-0217.
New Folk Club in Reston

After being inspired by folk music clubs while living in England for the past two years, Rose Haskell decided to see whether singers and musicians around Reston might be interested in forming a similar type of club. So far, so good! The new Reston Folk Club has brought together an interesting variety of talent.

The club meets every Wednesday from 8:00 to 10:30 PM at The Acorn, Tall Oaks Shopping Center. They encourage all musicians, singers, poets, listeners, clappers, and stompers to come join the fun. (Stage time is allotted for two songs per performer.) Call Rose at (703) 435-0640 for information.

Fairfax County Twilight Concert Series

Grab a picnic supper, a blanket, and your family and enjoy a Twilight Concert in the open-air amphitheater at the Walney Visitor Center in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Fairfax. The concerts run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and admission is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children. On Wednesday, August 21 Magpie and the Mill Run Dulcimer Band will appear. Cathy Pink and Critton Hollow String Band will perform on Sunday, September 1. For more information, call Ellanor C. Lawrence Park at (703) 631-0013.

Virginia Scots Hold Highland Ball

An elegant evening of Scottish Country and Ballroom dancing will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the new Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel in Alexandria on July 27. The festivities begin at 9:00 PM with the Grand March. You don't have to be Scottish to enjoy the beautiful waltzes, fox-trots, or Latin numbers provided by the Bob Ten- nyson Quartet, or the lively jigs and reels and the elegant strathspeys of the New Findhorn Ceilidh Band. There will also be an intermission performance by the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums.

Reservations may be made by sending a check for $20 per person to the Virginia Scottish Games, Ball Committee, 3304 Gentle Court, Alexandria, VA 22313. For further information, call Mrs. Alan MacDougall, (703) 329-8828.

Dance Events

Westminster Square Dance

Square Dances are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Westminster YMCA Armory, Longwell Avenue, Westminster, MD. The August 10 dance features Jay Hobbs with Fox Paws, starting at 8:00 PM. Admission is $3.50. For more information call (301) 876-1504.

Folk Dancing at GWU

World-famous choreographer Yoav Ashriel, one of the founders of the Israeli folk dance movement, and his wife, Mira, will present a workshop on Monday, July 22, in George Washington University's Marvin Center, 21st and H Sts. NW. Warm-up dancing at 7:30 PM will be followed by teaching from 8:00 to 10:00 and then a dance party until 11:30. The $5.00 admission includes refreshments. For more information call 262-7222 or 565-3617.

Glen Echo Friday Night Dances

The Glen Echo dance season is in full swing until the end of October. Dances take place on Fridays in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park in Maryland. The dances start at 8:30 PM and cost $3.50 unless otherwise noted (*). Instructions for beginners start at 7:30 PM and are free. For details, call (301) 492-6282.

July 26: Full Tilt String Band (Calling by Lou Shapiro)
August 2: *Hawaiian Ball with the Capital Quicksteps Quadrille Orchestra (Tuppence Blackwell)
August 9: Open Band (Pat Rust)
August 16: Fiddlestyx (Kate Charles)
August 23: To Be Announced
August 30: Dance to be held at Takoma Park Jr. High; band and caller to be announced

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