Minifest Returns Jan. 27 at Takoma Park Intermediate School

There is snow on the ground and it's cold and grey. In other words, it's the middle of Winter. However, the middle of winter is the time for the MiniFest, the Folklore Society of Greater Washington's fund raising event. The MiniFest is an opportunity to get out of your house and participate in a day-long event of song, music, storytelling, crafts and dance. This year's MiniFest will be held once again at the Takoma Park Intermediate School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, MD. on Sat., Jan. 27, 1990 (the first MiniFest of the decade!). Starting at noon, there will be workshops, song swaps, mini-concerts (one-hour long), programs for children, & various dance events. The afternoon events will run until 6pm. An evening concert & a dance will both start at 7:30pm and end around 10:30. (continued on page 4.)

Three Special Events with Norman Kennedy Friday & Saturday, January 19 & 20

Three special events with Scottish storyteller, master weaver, & singer Norman Kennedy will be held on Fri. & Sat., Jan. 19 & 20, at various locations in the Washington area. This is a rare chance to see Norman. Don't miss it! (See page 3 for details on all three events.) Mark your calendars for:

• Storytelling Evening Friday, January 19, 8:30pm, WES Auditorium, 7750 16th St. NW. Admission $6, FSGW members; $8, nonmembers.

• Spinning Workshop Saturday, January 20, noon to 4pm, WES Auditorium. Admission limited to 20 people; $20 by reservation only.

• Concert of Scottish & Gaelic songs & ballads Saturday, January 20, 8:30pm, at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria, VA. Admission $8, FSGW members; $10 nonmembers.
FSGW Sunday Night Dances

at Takoma Park Intermediate School

The FSGW Sunday night contra & square dance continues in our winter quarters at Takoma Park Intermediate School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., Takoma Park, MD. The dance is aimed at intermediate to advanced dancers (i.e. little teaching, short walk-throughs, lots of music & dancing). Dances start 7:30pm & end 10:30pm promptly. Admission: $4 FSGW members; $6 nonmembers. January Schedule:

Jan. 7: Carlotta Wellington with Devil Among the Taylors. Carlotta Wellington returns to call an evening of advanced contras to the lyrical New England-style music of Devil Among the Taylors (Marty Taylor, flute; Wayne Taylor, fiddle; Jonathan Jensen, piano).

Jan. 14: Swallowtail. George Marshall and Tim Van Egmond share the calling for one of Swallowtail’s rare visits to the south. The wonderful, New England-style music is played by George Marshall, concertina; David Cantieni, oboe & flute; Ron Grosslien, fiddle & mandolin; Tim Triplett, piano; & Tim Van Egmond, hammer dulcimer.

Jan. 21: Larry Edelman with Laurie Andres and friends. Larry will call an evening of high energy mixed contras and squares to the accordion playing of Laurie Andres and friends. Laurie, who was one of the main musicians for Washington dancers before moving to the west coast, plays New England-style music. The other musicians are a surprise - come find out who they will be.

Jan. 28: Bob Dalsemer with Critton Hollow String Band. Bob Dalsemer will call an evening of mixed contras and squares to the Southern Style music of the Critton Hollow String Band. Critton Hollow is Joe Herrmann, fiddle; Sam Herrmann, hammer dulcimer; Joe Fallon, guitar.

** Special thanks to all who helped with the New Year’s Eve dance-we couldn’t have done it without you. Also, thanks to the sound crew who has been lugging sound equipment back & forth from the school, & to those of you who have volunteered to help after the dance. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. **

Come to the MinFest!

Saturday, January 27, starting at noon

This Month’s Trivia (sent in by a board member): Can you name the Dance Caller who recently appeared on TV’s gameshow Jeopardy? Find the answer elsewhere in this issue.
Events with Norman Kennedy

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, 56 years ago, Norman Kennedy is a treasure trove of the traditional stories, crafts, & songs of his native land. He will share his knowledge with Washington audiences in three special FSGW events January 19-20. Details on times & places appear on page 1.

**Storytelling Evening**

Whether it's an ancient legend drawn from Scots folklore, an eerie ghost story, or a traditional murder ballad, Norman will hold you spellbound with his traditional tales. Norman knows so many good stories, we decided to devote a whole evening to his marvelous storytelling!

**Spinning Workshop**

Beginning & experienced spinners, & those who are interested in this ancient craft will want to sign up for a special 4-hour workshop with Norman. Norman, who founded the Marshfield School of Weaving in Vermont in 1975, is a traditional weaver who practices his craft using wooden looms from the 18th & 19th centuries. The workshop will cover wool & worsted spinning with spindle & distaff, flax spinning in the same style, & cotton spinning with supported spindle. Older techniques of spinning on a treadle & walking wheel also will be shown. A slide show of various ethnic spinning styles & scenes of waulking, or fulling, newly-woven cloth will be included. Examples of Gaelic spinning, weaving, & waulking songs will close the workshop, which will be followed by an afternoon tea. The workshop is limited to 20 people. Advance registration is strongly suggested. Info/Reservations: Kathy Hickerson, Special Events Chair, (301) 270-5881, eves. & weekends.

**Concert of Scots & Gaelic Songs**

A fine singer who is known for his wide repertoire of traditional songs & ballads, Norman sings in both Gaelic & English. Since coming to the US in 1965 for the Newport Folk Festival, he has performed throughout the country & has a solo LP on Folk-Legacy. He laces his singing with anecdotes of the people from whom he learned the old songs as he was growing up. Bawdy songs, historical songs, Gaelic "mouth music" for dancing, & ancient ballads all come alive when Norman sings. (Note: To get to the Lyceum, take the George Washington Parkway south into Old Town Alexandria, where it becomes Washington Street. The Lyceum is just past King Street on the right. Both street parking & a free lot are available. The hall is upstairs.)

**Acquaragia**

Music from Italy for January Program

Friday, January 12, 8:30pm at WES

If you think Italian music is "Arrivederci Roma" or opera, then come hear Acquaragia play their unique Italian "folk corrosivo" at the January Program at WES, Fri., Jan. 12, 8:30pm.

Direct from Rome, Acquaragia performs both their own new compositions & the traditional tunes & songs collected from elderly people generous with their wine throughout Italy. The members are Giggi Liberti, accordion & zampogna (bagpipes); Erasmo Treglia fiddle & ciaramella; Elio Ciricillo, guitar, percussion & vocals. Audience participation is a key element of their performances. The band says their greatest influences are the musicians of the small rural barber shops in Italy, and the Blues Brothers. They have toured Europe, recently returning from a major tour of Bulgaria. The Program begins at 8:30pm at the Washington Ethical Society Auditorium, 7750 16th St.NW (near Kalmia Rd., just south of the DC/Silver Spring line). Admission is FREE to members, including those joining at this event; $6 others.
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FSGW MiniFest is Saturday, January 27, 12-10:30pm!

All Day admission including the afternoon events, the evening concert, & the evening dance is $10, FSGW members; $12, non-members. Half Day admission to either the afternoon or the evening events is $6, members; $8, non-members. Children 5 to 12 years old, 1/2-price; kids 4 years & under are FREE. The maximum per family price for All Day is $30, FSGW members; $36, non-members. The maximum Half Day family price is $18, FSGW members; $24, non-members. Admission is reduced to 1/2-price for volunteers who work 3 or more hours (see below).

The Evening Dance features two local callers, Beth Grupp & a surprise caller. The music will be provided by the MiniFest Orchestra, a gathering of many local dance musicians led by Richie Schumman, Al Taylor, Larry and Susan Brandt and Liz Donaldson. The dance will have contra and squares and you do not have to be experienced to participate. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and "sit in" with the MiniFest Orchestra.

Sampler Concert in Evening with Jane Gillman, Nick Blanton, Ralph Gordon, Seth Austen, Sharon Butler and Bob Clayton. Bob Clayton is a long-time member of FSGW who sings traditional songs in a less than traditional manner. He studied folklore but that didn't hurt his singing. Sharon Butler is a highly regarded storyteller. Jane Gillman is a local singer-songwriter. Sometimes her songs are bluesy, sometimes they have a western swing but they are always entertaining. Nick Blanton plays hammered dulcimer; Ralph Gordon plays cello and bass; and Seth Austen plays guitar. Together, they play early and new acoustic instrumental music.

Participation by everyone is an important part of the MiniFest. The afternoon events include song swaps, instrumental "jams", folksong and instrumental tutorials. These sessions are guided by selected members of the folk community with participation by all encouraged. Tutorials tend to be structured with the leaders teaching or demonstrating some particular facet of folklore. The song swaps and jams are open, a chance for members of the folk community to trade songs, stories or arts.

Dance events during the afternoon will include a contradance medley, Scandinavian couple dancing, vintage, squares and contra, and international folk dances. Other sessions may include English country dance, jitterbug and swing, waltz and clogging. All have live music. Some sessions will be aimed at beginners, others at more experienced dancers.

There also will be mini-concerts (one-hour) concerts by a number of local folk artists. A feature this year will be an Open Mike concert. Events tailored for families and children will be scheduled throughout the afternoon. A number of craft artisans will exhibit their handcrafts and demonstrate their skills.

As in past years, Debby McClatchy and her Trails’ End Kitchen will provide food for lunch, snacks and dinner. This year her menu will include an applewood smoked chicken lunch, a Cajun soup, her corn bread, and an Indian Curry and Dahl dinner.

While attending the sessions at the MiniFest can easily occupy an entire day, volunteering to help at the MiniFest is also fun. It’s a chance to meet other people interested in folk activities. In particular, volunteers are needed to help with selling tickets, running the instrument check, membership information and T-shirts, morning setup and evening breakdown. Volunteers who work 3 or more hours receive 1/2-price admission. Interested? please call FSGW Volunteer Coordinator, Janine Smith (301) 926-9142. MiniFest Info: FSGW Hotline (703) 281-2228 or Charlie Pilzer (301) 565-8818.

Next Deadline: 9pm, Friday, January 12
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Society News

FSGW Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 3, 8pm
The next meeting of the Board will be Wed., Jan. 3, 8pm, at the home of Kyle Terrell in Bethesda, MD (call her for directions). Any FSGW member may attend. If you have items you’d like the Board to consider, call President Joel Bluestein or Secretary Kyle Terrell (301) 986-4133.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS
In December the Board met at WETA/FM (home away from home for Mary Cliff). In addition to receiving updates on upcoming events, the members took action on the following:

• Established new guidelines/policy for volunteers.
• Set up timetable for study of co-sponsorship issues.
• Agreed to send FSGW representation to Folk Alliance Meeting (see article this issue).

Festival Notes
Planning Meeting
Wednesday, January 10, 8pm
The first planning meeting for the 14th Annual Washington Folk Festival will be 8pm, Wed., Jan. 10, at the Glen Echo Park Office. All committee Chairs should attend. Anyone interested in learning more about, or getting more involved with the WFF is invited to join us. See you there! Info: call Mary LaMarca at 229-5845.

Upcoming Events!
March 16: The Short Sisters.
April 20: J. Roberts & Tony Barrand.
22: Holdstock & MacLeod; 27: Sara Grey.
May 5: Jean Ritchie. 18: Beggar’s Velvet.
June 2-3: Washington Folk Festival.

FSGW SKI/DANCE Weekend
February 16-19, 1990
A few spaces may still be available for the annual FSGW SKI/DANCE weekend on Presidents’ Day Weekend. Dance & Ski instruction provided. Music by The Findhorn Trio: Liz Donaldson, Marty Taylor, Malcolm Stephens. Calling by Bob Dalsemer, Peter Fricke, & friends. This dance vacation cosponsored by FSGW, PATC Ski Touring Association, & the Sierra Club. Applications at FSGW events or send SASE to P. Ruggiero, 11400 Washington Plaza West, #701, Reston, VA 22090. Info: Rich Galloway (301) 589-0939; Maggie Waters (301) 565-9539 or FSGW Hotline.

FSGW 25th Anniversary T-Shirts!
As part of the FSGW 25th Anniversary celebration we have special T-shirts for sale. The shirts are 100% cotton, black "Beefy-Ts", with a four color design mixing the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument & the Capitol, with fireworks, and FSGW’s name & logo. $10 per shirt; sizes S, M, L & XL. Interested? They are available at most FSGW events, house concerts, programs, regular concerts, & dances. Info: Jennifer Woods (703) 528-8537.

Chesapeake Spring Dance Weekend 1990!
April 27-29 at Camp Letts
Mark your calendar now for the 8th Chesapeake Spring Dance Weekend, April 27-29 at Camp Letts in Edgewater, Maryland. This year’s program will continue our tradition of an exciting and varied program featuring New England dancing & music with Wild Asparagus, southern dancing to the music of the Hellbenders, and calling by Kathy Anderson of Dayton, OH, and MORE! Further info and application forms will be in the February newsletter. Sign up early so you don’t miss out.

Folk Alliance Meeting in Philly
Weekend of January 26
The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance, a new organization dedicated to foster and promote traditional, contemporary, and multi-cultural folk music and related performing arts in the U.S. and Canada, will have its second general organizational meeting the weekend of January 26 near Philadelphia. This effort to create
an organization to support the various constituencies of the folk music and dance communities began one year ago with a meeting in California attended by over 200 interested participants including performers, agents, schools, presenters, festivals, and folk clubs. A steering committee was elected at that meeting to draft bylaws and refine a statement of purpose. The meeting this month will be an opportunity to review this work and more clearly chart a course for the Folk Alliance. FSGW will be sending representatives to this meeting. Info about the Folk Alliance or the meeting: Joel Bluestein, 544-7512.

New CDSS Camps
Planned for July, 1990

The Country Dance & Song Society of America (CDSS), of which FSGW is a center, is planning 2 new week-long camps to be held at Buffalo Gap Camp near Capon Bridge WV, July 8-22, 1990. Modelled after the successful & highly popular weeks CDSS sponsors annually at Pinewoods Camp outside Plymouth MA, the new programs will be a Family Week & an English & American Dance Week. The staff for the latter week will feature Helene Cornelius, Ted Sannella, Peter Barnes, Mary Lea & Jacqueline Schwab; cost $395. Family Week will be chaired by Jim & Marion Morrison with Jane Miller & Steve Hickman on staff; $370 adult, less for kids. More details next time...

More FSGW Events

Open Sing
Friday, January 5, 8:30pm
The Jan. Open Sing will be led by David Shapiro. This month's topic: Hopes, Dreams & Longings. The sing is Fri., Jan. 5, 8:30pm at the Washington Ethical Society Auditorium, 7750 16th St. NW. BYO Refreshments. $3 to help cover cost of the hall.

Gospel Sing
Sunday, January 14, 4pm
The Jan. Gospel Sing is Jan. 14, at the home of Kathie Mack in Takoma Park, MD. Call her at 270-5367 for directions. Singing starts around 4pm. Covered dish supper is shared at 6pm; more singing follows.

Sacred Harp Sing
Sunday, January 28, 4pm
The monthly Sacred Harp Sing will be Sun., Jan. 28 at the new home of Bob Hall & Ella Wilcox in Falls Church VA. Singing starts at 4pm; breaks at 6pm for pot-luck supper social hour; continues at 7pm. Extra songbooks are available. All are welcome. Info/directions: Bob or Ella (703)204-1532.

Storytellers Meeting
Saturday, January 13, 7:30pm
Storytellers & listeners are invited to share stories and snacks in the home of David Balto in Chevy Chase, MD. RSVP/Direc-
tions: (301) 585-5205.

Advanced English Country Dance Workshop
Tuesday, January 9, 7:30pm
Our first workshop for the new year will be Tues., Jan. 9, 7:30pm, at Christ Church Parish Hall, 3116 "O" St. NW, Georgetown. Cynthia Stenger & John Bremer lead dances to the music of Liz Donaldson & Linda Block. FSGW members, $4; nonmembers, $6. Info: Rich Galloway. (301) 589-0939.

Vintage Dance Classes
Mondays, January 8 - February 26

Vintage Dance Valentine's Tea Dance
Sunday, February 11, 2pm
A Valentine's Tea Dance preceded by workshop on February 11 will be co-sponsored by CVDS, FSGW & the National Museum of Health & Medicine of AFIP at the Forest Glen Ballroom, Walter Reed Annex, Silver Spring, MD. Music by Devil Among the Taylors. Workshop starts at 2; dance 3pm. $8. Period attire encouraged though not required. Info: (301) 565-0104 or (202) 543-7178.
Historical English Country Dance
John Millar
3rd Thursday, January 18, 7:30pm
Monthly series at Woodlin School (2101 Luzerne Avenue, Silver Spring). We will ring in the new year with dances from the John Griffiths book (1788), the first book of E.C. dances published in the U.S. Live music by Bruce Edwards and Malcolm Stevens. $5 donation requested. Info: Bob Kassebaum, 946-2279, Rich Galloway, 589-0939, Ken Reed, 560-8825. ** February will be our annual do-it-yourself month. Please give some thought to which dances we should do!

In Memoriam
Lotus Dickey
Songwriter, storyteller, singer, & musician, Lotus Dickey died Thanksgiving Day of leukemia near his home in Paoli, Indiana. Lotus was born & raised on that same farm 77 years ago and worked the land until this fall. Lotus was largely self-educated & was a self-taught musician who delighted audiences with his erudite & witty stories, spirited & often spiritual songs, & personal charm. In recent years Lotus often performed in the D.C. area, singing, telling stories, & playing for dancing. We will miss his explanations of herbal medicines; his meticulous speech; his ability to play longer, stay up later, & be more fun than people half his age; & mostly just the pleasure of his company.

WETA Radio Concert at Barns
Thursday, January 18, 8pm
On Thurs., Jan. 18, 8pm (seating by 7:45 please) WETA-FM hosts a concert & workshop at the Barns of Wolf Trap in Vienna, VA. Mary Chapin Carpenter & John Jennings; Tony Rice (not yet confirmed); Garnet Rogers & Laurie Lewis--all known for their songwriting, singing & instrumental ability, to perform solo & in a workshop on the subject of "portraits in song." Mary Cliff will host the evening & broadcast the show on her "Traditions" program in March. For tickets: Ticket Center: (202) 432-0200; Barns info: (703) 938-2404.

FSGW Editorial Policy
We try to print all copy that is relevant to FSGW's purpose, and membership (Quote from the FSGW Bylaws: "The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people."). However, in most instances, it is simply impossible to print copy in full. When space is tight, FSGW news receives top priority, followed by local non-FSGW news followed by listings of out-of-town, non-FSGW events.

Non FSGW News

HMT Monday Night Concert Series
The House of Musical Traditions Monday Night Concert Series continues at the Silver Spring Unitarian Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Md, 4 blocks north of the Beltway. All concerts start at 8pm. Admission: $6 for single acts; $8 for double-bills (*). Refreshments by Takoma Kitchens. Info: HMT (301) 270-9090.
Jan. 1: Our Annual Holiday visit from the Celtic band Sodabread.
Jan. 8: Blues and guitar duets from the Neil Harpe Trio with Eleanor Ellis.
Jan. 22: Garnet Rogers, singer, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter.
Jan. 29: (*) Ken Perlman, finger-pick guitar & clawhammer banjo, & Craig Johnson, fiddle & banjo tunes.

WORKSHOPS AT HMT
Info/Registration: call or visit House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD. (301) 270-9090. Jesse Winch Bodhran Workshop on Saturday, January 20, 2-4pm, $15. An introductory workshop for those new to bodhran playing. Jesse Winch, of Celtic Thunder, instructs on playing technique for various types of Irish dance tunes. Ken Perlman Clawhammer Banjo Workshop Sunday, January 28, 1-2:30; & Fingerpicking Guitar Workshop, Sunday, January 28, 3-5 pm. Clawhammer Banjo (all levels welcome): A quick review of basic left and right hand techniques with empha-
sis on efficiency and musicianship. Fingerpicking Fiddle Tunes for Guitar: Irish, Scottish, Cape Breton, New England and Appalachian tunes on guitar. Useful techniques and arrangement skills.

**Barns at Wolf Trap**

January Schedule includes: Doc Watson (Jan 11 & 12, 8pm, $14); Dr. John (New Orleans R & B, Jan 13, 7:30 & 10pm, $14); Taj Mahal (Jan 26, 8pm $14); Livingston Taylor (Jan 27, 7:30pm, $14). Tickets available via TicketCenter (202) 432-0200 or Barns box office (703) 938-2404.

**Riders in the Sky**

Saturday, January 6, 1:30 & 8pm

Alden Theatre in McLean, VA (1234 Ingle-side Ave.) presents those purveyors of western music & comedy for an evening of lighthearted fun "the cowboy way." Kids' concert 1:30pm, $7 gen. admission; $6 McLean Residents. Eve. Concert 8pm, $14 gen ad.; $12 McLean Residents. Tickets via TicketCenter (202) 432-0200 or the Alden Theatre Box Office: (703) 790-9223.

**New Black Eagle Jazz Band**

Friday, January 19, 8pm

On Fri., Jan. 19, the Potoomac River Jazz Club presents Boston's wonderful New Black Eagle Jazz Band in a concert/dance at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax VA. PRJC & FSGW members (bring FSGW Membership card), $15; others, $20. Info: PRJC Hotline: 698-PRJC.

**Smithsonian's American Sampler Series**

Saturday, January 20, 12 noon to 6pm


**Yale Slavic Chorus**

Wednesday & Friday, January 10 & 12, 8pm

The Yale Slavic Chorus, a women's a capella group singing East European folk music, will be performing in the DC area in January. Wed., Jan 10, 8pm ($4): Ward Recital Hall, Catholic Univ. (off Harewood Rd.). Fri., Jan. 12, 8pm (donations requested): Christ Episcopal Church (107 N. Washington St., Rockville, MD).

**Eileen Joyner**

Friday, January 19, 8-11pm

Eileen Joyner takes her original tunes, parodies & folk songs to Potter's House in Adams Morgan (1658 Columbia Rd.), Fri. Jan. 19, 8-11pm. Info: (202) 635-4930.

**John McCutcheon**

Saturday, January 27, 1 & 3pm

John McCutcheon performs twice for kids & families on Sat. Jan. 27, 1 & 3pm, at St. Columba's Church (42nd & Albemarle Sts. NW, DC). Tickets (to be held at door) by mail until Jan. 17. Write Janney PTA, 42nd & Albemarle Sts. NW, Washington, DC 20016 & enclose a check for $7/ticket, specifying which concert. Info: 363-6776.

**Reston Folk Club**

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm

Bill Staines, Jan. 16

Every Tuesday, 6:30-10pm, Tortilla Factory (behind the Mobil station), Elden St., Herndon VA. Jan. 16: Bill Staines, $5. Singers, musicians, music lovers welcome! $1 donation when no guest artists appear. Info: Lynn Jordan (703) 437-7766.

**Del Ray Coffeehouse**

Second Saturday in Alexandria, VA

The Del Ray Coffeehouse meets the 2nd Sat. of every month at the Del Ray Methodist Church, 100 E. Windor Ave., Alexandria, VA, 8-11pm. Coffeehouse features a variety of folk entertainment, baked goods & hot drinks. We're always looking for more musicians, poets, & comedians. Info: (703) 683-2477.

**Folk & Traditional Jam Sessions**

3rd Sunday of the Month

The Folk & Traditional Music Jam Sessions in Burke, VA are held the 3rd Sunday of each month through May in the Kings Park Library (9000 Burke Lake Rd.) from noon to 5pm. Free & open to anyone who would like to play along; beginners are especially welcome. To get on mailing list or Info: Shari 451-6480. 
Cafe Florian
2nd Saturday, Camp Springs, MD
Cafe Florian coffeehouse & open mike is held 2nd Sat., Sept.- May at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., 7:30pm. Artists in varying media invited to share pot luck wine & snacks. Free, voluntary donations go to regional food pantry. Info: (301) 743-5946, (301) 449-4308.

Dupont Music Circle
Every Wednesday, 8-11pm
The Dupont Music Circle is a gathering of those interested in singing & playing traditional music of the British Isles (English, Irish, & Scottish). All singers & instrumentalists, at all levels of ability, welcomed. Setting is informal: the purpose is to have fun. We meet every Wed., 8-11pm. Info: Liz or Gary at 658-0957.

Herndon Old Time Stompers (HOTS)
Monday Nights, 7:30-10pm
Amateur musicians affiliated with the Potomac River Jazz Club have a ragtime era dance orchestra for enjoyment & to promote early forms of jazz. HOTS practice weekly on Mon. 7:30-10pm at No. Va. Comm. Coll. Loudon Campus in Room 107. Also a credit class & part of college’s performing arts program. Info: Jack Elder (703) 860-4142.

National Folk Archive
Volunteers Needed!
Once again, the Archive of Folk Culture at the Library of Congress is accepting volunteers. If you can spend a day (or a few hours) a week & want to help out at the hub of federal folk activity, call Joe Hickerson, the Archive’s Head, Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-5pm, (202) 707-5510 to arrange a starting time. More time available? How about the Archive’s Intern Program. You too can join the ranks of 250+ past interns & bold volunteers, going all the way back to Pete Seeger in 1938!
Dance Events

Editorial Policy for Dance Events
Because so many dancers seek dances with live music, all dance event articles should state whether the music is recorded or live. We do this as a service to our members. No dance copy will be used that does not state live or recorded music.

WANTED:
Assistant Editor
FSGW is looking for an assistant editor for this section of the Newsletter. Responsibilities include receiving copy from Editor, entering copy in WordPerfect 4.2 or 5.0 (IBM & Compatibles) following certain guidelines, and returning computer file either by hand or by modem via the Traditional Bulletin Board. Interested? Call the Editor (301) 384-2191.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES
During the winter, the Dance Committee’s Friday night square & contra dances usually are held at the Durant Recreation Center (1605 Cameron St., Old Town Alexandria), but call the Hotline to verify location. Dances begin at 8pm & usually are $5. Info: DC Dance HOTLINE (301) 270-1678.
Jan. 5: Contra Doctors with Howard Bass.
Jan. 12: Open Band; Tom Hinds.
Jan. 26: New Findhorn Ceilidh; Penn Fix.

THE RESTON DANCE: Contras & Squares
Saturday, January 6, 8-11pm
The Jan. 6 dance, from 8-11pm, will be called by Bob Hirsch to live music by the June Apple Band; all levels welcome; no partner needed. $4. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston VA. Info: Alice Markham, 709-9121.

Providence Contra & Square Dance
Saturday, January 13, 7:30pm
Sat., Jan. 13, 7:30pm Dianne Rowe calls to the music of Heritage String Band. Beautiful wood floor. Cranberry Cloggers do some routines at the break. Come early & swim. $4. Providence Recreation Center is at 7525 Marc Dr., Falls Church VA. Info: 698-1351.

CLOGGING At Capt. White’s on Thursdays
Every Thursday 9pm, an old-time string band plays music for free-style clogging at Capt. White’s Oyster Bar & Clog Palace, 8123 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Admission to the Clog Palace is $4. Dance on a new wooden dance floor! Free parking on street or in parking garage behind Capt. White’s. Info: Julie Mangin (301) 495-0082.
Jan. 4: Caruthers’ Others.
Jan. 11: Bruce Molsky.
Jan. 18: Hambone Sweets String Band.
Jan. 25: Steve Hickman & Fiddlestyx.

Greater Washington Ceili Club Dance
Sunday, January 28, 4:30-9pm

English Country Dance
Saturdays, January 13 & 27, 8:15-11pm

English Country Dance for Experienced Dancers
Wednesday, January 24, 7:30-10pm
Conversations with Contra Dancers  
Tuesday, January 16, noon
To give dancers a chance to talk to each other without interference from dancing, a miscellaneous bunch of people will have lunch at noon, Jan. 16 in the Ice Cream Parlor of the Amer. History Museum (Constitution btwn 12th & 14th Sts.). Info: Alice Markham 709-9121; Paul Burke 554-8254.

Gadsby Tavern Playford Ball  
Saturday, January 20, 7:30-10pm
Dance in the room where George Washington danced!! Musicians in period clothing play English Country dance music in the their balcony above the dancers. Third of 4 annual balls with dancers wearing period 18th century clothing or modern evening wear. The dance master will be Miles Hamby from Williamsburg. This is the last of the shorter, simpler, inexpensive ($10) balls before the grand ball in April. There will be free dance practice on the Tuesday before the ball, Jan. 16. Info: Ms. Dakin, 838-4242 at the museum.

Washington Swing Dance Committee  
Saturday, January 6, 8pm
The Washington Swing Dance Committee's Dance on Jan. 6 features Tom Principato & his band playing Rhythm 'n' Blues done in his own inimitable style. Workshop at 8pm led by Grazina Mater. Dance 9pm-midnight. at Halperin Ballroom of the Temple Israel at 420 University Blvd, Silver Spring. $7. Info: WSDC hotline, 779-0234.

Synergy Dance Center Events for January

Gamaldans  
Saturday, January 6, 8-11pm
A gamaldans (Scandinavian couple turning dances), music by Peascods Gathering, Sat. Jan. 6, 8-11pm, at Takoma Pk Intermed. School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Beginners, singles welcome. Teaching 8-9pm. $3. Info: Carl Minkus (301)493-6281, Dick Atlee (703) 522-2769, Faith Coddington (301)762-4541.

Scandia DC  
3rd Saturday, January 20, 7pm
Enjoy an evening of Scandinavian couple dancing the 3rd Sat. of each month at Takoma Park Intermediate School (7611 Piney Branch Rd.). Dancing 7-10:45pm; teaching 7:30-9pm. No partners necessary. Sat., Jan. 20, the dances Hambo Polkette & Gammelvanseter fra Oviken will be taught. Some live, some recorded music. Teaching by Linda Brooks & Ross Schipper; fiddle music by Ester Koblenz & Carolyn Ormes. $3. Info: Linda (202) 333-2826, Ross (301) 721-9237.

Scandia DC Adds New Nights  
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30pm

Snurrdansarna  
Tuesdays, 8 pm
Scandinavian-couple-turning dances (polka, waltz, polska, masurka, schottis and more) to recorded music, Tuesdays, 8-11pm, Takoma Park Intermediate School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd. $2. Bill Warren (301)585-7916.

Scottish Country Dance  
Tuesdays, 8pm
Beginning & Intermed. classes at the Washington Episcopal School, Bethesda, 5161 River Rd. (on Clipper Ln., behind NE corner of River Rd. & Little Falls Pkwy). Records or live music. 1st night free; $2 drop-in; $25 1/2 year. Info: Ann (703) 960-0095.

Swiss Folk Dance  
Wednesdays, 8pm
Traditional Polish Folk Dancing
Mondays, 8pm
Dawne Tance Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of Washington DC is seeking new members to join our lively & growing performing group. Our repertoire includes traditional dances from various regions of Poland, & we perform proudly in authentic costumes. Rehearsals to taped music every Mon., 8pm at McLean Arts Center (Emerson Ave., McLean VA). Musicians & singers also encouraged! Info: Rebecca (703)521-9654; Mike (301) 236-6753.

International Folk Dancers of Bethesda
Mondays, 8:30-10:30 pm
Folk dances of the Balkans, Hungary, Romania, Israel, Scandinavia, Greece & other East European countries on Mondays at the new Leland Community Rec. Ctr., 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase. All ages & experience levels. Newcomers welcomed; no partner needed. Every Monday, except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1. Teaching 8:30-9:30pm, requests 9:30-10:30. Recorded music; occasional live music or parties. Some special workshops by outstanding ethnic instructors throughout the year. Admission $3. Info: Mel or Phyllis 871-8788.

Foggy Bottom International Folkdances
Thursdays, 7:30pm
Every Thurs. night at St. Mary's Church, 23rd St. (between G & H Sts. NW-1 block from Foggy Bottom metro); no experience/partner needed. Beginners class 7:30pm. Intermediate/Advanced 8:30pm. Request dancing 9:30-10:45. Mostly recorded music. Occasional dance shops & parties. $3. Info: 547-6419.

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society
Saturday, January 6, 7:30pm
1st Sat. each month at West Annapolis Elementary School. Music by Devil Among the Taylors with callers Cynthia Stenger & David Macemon. Eng. Country workshop 7:30 ($2); dance begins 8:15. Dance, $5. Info: (301) 268-0231.

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society
Jitterbug Day, January 27
Fundraiser for ATDS swing dance live music budget. Taped music today. Jitterbug workshops throughout the day (2 each); dance at 8:30 ($3.50). Info: (301)268-0231; DC # 681-3053.

"A Night of Living Legends"
Annapolis, MD
Saturday, January 27, 7:30pm
Concert at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis, MD. Country Gentlemen, Seldom Scene, Eddie Adcock. Tickets $13 in advance; $15 at the door. Info: 261-1553 (DC area) or (301) 263-5544.

Arlington International Folk Dance
Tuesdays, 8-10pm
Sam & Sarah Stulberg's 23rd year. At Key Elementary School, Key Blvd. (between Adams & Veitch, 3 blocks from Courthouse Metro), Tues., 8-10pm. Dancing, instruction, walk-throughs; all levels. Recorded music, requests, refreshments. $2. Info: 527-5998.

Friday Night International Folk Dancing
Looking for something that's different, sometimes challenging & always fun. Learn folk dances from the Balkans, Eastern Europe, Scandinavia. Fridays, except some holidays, at Wheaton Recreation Center, 11711 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD. Partners not necessary. Teaching 8:30-9:30, requests 9:30-11. Recorded music, occasional live music for parties. $3. Info: Larry 565-0539 or John (301)740-3498.

Other International Dances. Common to all: No partner or experience needed. All have taped music.
Wed., 7:30-8:30pm. Anna Pappas at River Rd. Unitarian Church, Bethesda. $3.50. Info: 340-8723.
Thursdays: Roland Forbes at Chevy Chase Center, Conn. Ave. NW, DC. Free. Info: Roland Forbes 572-4215.
3rd Sunday: Greek and International Folkdancing at River Road Unitarian Church, at River Rd & Whittier Blvd., Bethesda, MD. $3. Info: Anna Pappas 340-8723.
LAST Sunday: 8-10pm. Walsh Club at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, 1 Chevy Chase Circle, NW. Intl. Folk Dance Party, some walk throughs, mostly requests. Jan theme: England. $2. Info: 572-4215 or 340-8723.

Out-of-Town Events
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Paris Kern & Walt Michaels in Baltimore
Advance Tickets

Swing Baltimore!
Saturday, January 13, 8pm
2nd Sat. each month Swing Baltimore features live bands & a large wooden dance floor for swing dancing at Fells Point Recreation Pier with music by DC's Hot Jazz. Free beginner swing class at 8pm. Dance 9pm-midnight. $7. No Smoking/Alcohol. Info: (301)889-0106.

Woods Tea Company
Baltimore Folk Music Society
Saturday, January 27, 8pm
On Sat., Jan. 27, 8pm at Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, BFMS presents The Wood's Tea Co. in "Songs of the Wide
Atlantic," a concert of Celtic and American Music. $5 members (& FSGW), $6 nons, $3 kids. Info: (301) 461-8230.

Square & Contra Dancing in Baltimore
Every Wednesday

English Country Dancing in Baltimore
Every Monday

Bluemont Dance
Saturday, January 20, 7pm
3rd Sat. Country dance at old schoolhouse (Bluemont Community Ctr.), Bluemont VA. Bill Wellington calls to music of The Jig Is Up. Dance 8pm; workshop 7pm. $5 non-; $3 members of Bluemont Concert Series. 40 mi W of Beltway, just off Rte.7 (Rte. 760). Bring dessert or non-alcoholic drink to share at break. Info: (703) 777-6306.

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer
in Columbia, Friday, January 19, 8pm
Howard Folk Society has concert by Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer at the Other Barn in Oakland Mills Village Ctr in Columbia, MD, Fri., Jan. 19, 8pm. $6, members; $8 non-members. Tickets in advance or at door. Info/Tickets: (301) 596-2017 or 381-2460.

International Folk Dancing in Columbia
Every Wednesday, 8pm
Every Wed., 8-10:30pm, at Kahler Hall in Harper's Choice, Columbia MD. Teaching 1st hour, request dancing to recorded music follows. Line, circle & partner dances from Eastern & Western Europe & Asia. Frequent parties & workshops. New dancers welcome. Info: Judy (301) 585-7665 or Eva (301) 730-6488.

Folkal Point in Ellicott City, MD
January Schedule

Frederick Country Dance
Saturday, January 27, 8pm
Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council sponsors monthly country dance 4th Sat. in the Frederick City Recreation Center (the Old Armory), 8-11pm. Carlotta Wellington calls & plays music with Laura Lite & Janet Muse. $3.50 members of MMFAC, FSGW, BFMS; $5 all others. Free dance workshop at 7pm sharp. Info: (301) 694-6794, (301) 662-0750.

Shepherdstown, WV, Dance
Saturday, January 6, 8, 8pm
Sue Dupre calls to music by Triple Delight at monthly Western Md. Folklore Soc. Dance Sat. Nov. 4, 8pm at the Shepherdstown Mens Club (King & German Sts.) $3.50 WMFS members, $5 others. Info: (304) 876-2197.

Italian Music in Shepherdstown, WV
Sunday, January 14, 3pm
Acquaragia, see FSGW Program, plays for Western Md. Folklore Society in Shepherdstown, WV at the Shepherdstown Men's Club (corner of King & German Sts). Bring potluck desserts for the brunch. $3.50 WMFS members, $5 others. Info: (304) 876-2197.

Augusta Heritage Spring Dulcimer Week
April 23-29, Elkins, WV
3rd Annual Spring Dulcimer Week on campus of Davis & Elkins College. Instruction, showcases, 3-day festival. Info: Augusta Heritage Center, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV 26241. (304) 636-1903.
CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Ad Policy: NOTE NEW RATES! FSGW Members ONLY may place ads. Lost & Found are free; all others: $15 commercial/business, $7 non-commercial & individuals. Limit 20 words, includes phone number with area code. Limit 3 ads per issue. Ads MUST be relevant to FSGW’s stated purpose (i.e., no houses for sale, roommates wanted, etc.). Deadline is the same as copy for the rest of the Newsletter. Please include a phone number.

HOUSE of MUSICAL TRADITIONS will have a large display at the MiniFest: Instruments, books, recordings & vintage folk vinyl. (301) 270-9090.


MUSICIANS: Individuals or group wanted to play Vintage Dance events: tango, fox, ragtime, waltz; 1890-1920 era. Call (202) 462-5034.

MAKE YOUR RECORDINGS SPARKLE: Engineer/Producer works with respected acoustic acts. 2-16-24-track and live. Call for complete info! Micah Solomon (301) 588-4133.

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS for rent or sale: hammered dulc, harp, blues piano, guitar, banjo, etc. HMT open seven days a week at the crack of noon.

REMOTE RECORDING: Excellent rates, 100% guarantee. Other unglamorous but useful services: editing, noise-elimination, mixing home demos, duplication. Micah Solomon, (301) 588-4133.

THANK YOU from HMT to FSGW members for making 1989 our best year ever! House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD. (301) 270-9090.

WANTED: Help with Newsletter. Call the Editor & Please leave a message. (301) 384-2191. If you like reading it, you’ll enjoy creating it!
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Is this a new address? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If more than one last name, please indicate preferred name for alphabetical listing.

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Are you willing to help the Society in some way?

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

May we list your name, address, and phone number in the FSGW Membership Directory [ ] Yes [ ] NO

[ ] Yes, but not my [ ] telephone number or

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D. Nichols, Membership Chair, 307 Broadleaf Dr., N.E., Vienna, Virginia 22180

Any questions concerning membership, please call the FSGW Hotline at (703)281-2228.

Any membership changes (i.e. address, name, status, etc) should be sent to the Membership Chair at the above address.

I/We want to join. Enclosed is:

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