

The Armagh Rhymers Monthly Program & Special Children's Concert

Friday, Sept. 15th at 8:30 pm

Saturday, Sept. 16th at 11:00 am

Come and join us as we welcome the *Armagh Rhymers* from Northern Ireland and explore folk music and folk drama traditions that are many hundreds of years old. Dara Vallely, Brendan Bailey, and Peter Shortall are expert musicians, as well as actors and students of the ancient folk drama tradition called *mumming*. They will present an evening of music and theatre at the Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annandale, VA on Friday and a special children's program at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Saturday.

The Armagh Rhymers were formed about 15 years ago when Dara Vallely, an Uillean Piper, singer, & concertina player, met guitar player and singer Peter Shortall, and traditional singer Brendan Bailey. They began to perform together, forming a cooperative educational group. Influenced by A. E. Russell, a turn-of-the-century activist, they began to use traditional folk music and drama to work with children in the strife-ridden North of Ireland. They use what they call a "multi-cultural approach" to reach across sectarian divisions in their homeland.

The Ravensworth Church is at 5100 Ravensworth Road in Annandale – just inside the beltway. From the Beltway, take the Braddock Road East exit, then take the first left onto Ravensworth Road. You will see the church on your left. Take the next left onto Kalorama Road and then turn left into the parking lot.

The Glen Echo Town Hall is located at 6101 Harvard Ave. in Glen Echo, MD just off MacArthur Blvd. and 2 blocks northwest of Goldsboro Rd. For further directions please call the FSGW hotline at 202-543-4999.

The Friday evening Concert is free to FSGW members and \$9.00 to the general public. The Saturday concert admission is \$5.00 for FSGW members and \$7.00 for non-members.

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FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

From March through November the FSGW sponsors contra dances (with the occasional square) in the historic Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, off MacArthur Boulevard in Glen Echo, Maryland. We welcome both experienced and new dancers and, you do not need to bring a partner. New dancers should come early, since dances become more challenging later in the evening, and may include medleys or omit walk throughs.

Admission is \$6.00 for FSGW members and affiliated groups (BFMS, CDSS ATDS), \$8.00 for all others.

Sept. 3 **Beth Molaro** travels from West Virginia to make her Sunday night debut, calling contras to the fiddle of Andrea Hoag and the piano of Bob Pasquarello.

NOTE: This Dance will NOT be held in the Spanish Ballroom!!!! This dance will be held at the Clara Barton Community Center due to a special event in the ballroom.

To get to the Community Center (less than 1 mile from Glen Echo) from DC, continue on MacArthur Blvd past Glen Echo appx. ½ mile. After you cross a 1-lane bridge you will come to a stop sign. Continue on to the first street (appx. 50 yards) and turn right (75th Street). The Center is at that corner on the right. There are 2 parking lots - a small one in front and a larger one in the rear.

From the Beltway, go as you would to get to the Spanish Ballroom but follow the directions above as you exit onto MacArthur Blvd.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Hall is AIR CONDITIONED!

Sept. 10 East meets West tonight as our own

Larry Edelman matches his high
powered calling with the mighty
accordian of former DC dancer Laurie
Andres. Laurie's piano & accordian
combine with fellow Seattle musicians
Michael Kerri (mando/tenor banjo), and
Dale Russ (fiddle) to guarantee happy
feet.

- Sept. 17 Wild Asparagus brings their semiindescribable brand of high energy,
 eclectic (and sometimes downright
 weird) tunes and instruments to DC on
 one of their occasional forays down from
 western Massachusetts. The Asparagii
 are: David Cantieni (flute, sax, claninet),
 Sue Sternberg (fiddle), Ann Percival
 (piano, synthesizer), and George
 Marshall calling (& playing the
 concertina).
- Sept. 24 Sue Dupre brings her dancer friendly and knowledgable calling to Glen Echo for an evening of contras to the swing flavored New England music of *Laura and the Lava Lamps*, consisting of Laura Legnick playing fiddle, Dave Wiesler on piano, and a possible mystery musician (note: they also provide interior decoration advice).
- Oct. 1 Marty Taylor, Steve Hickman, & Jonathan Jenson. Caller TBA.



FSGW GETAWAY UPDATE October 6 - 9, 1995

As you read this, housing space will be filling up at the Getaway, Columbus Day weekend, October 6-9 at Camp Letts. We have less heated cabin space than in previous years, so from here on, it's first-come/first-served. Newly invited guest Colleen Cleveland from upstate New York will join the invited guests confirmed last month. In addition, we have Norman and Betty McDonald from the north of England, Joan Sprung from Connecticut, Dick Swain and Dwayne and Sheila Thrope from Pennsylvania, and folkies from Washington, Baltimore, and beyond who like to sing, play music, swap songs, or just listen, for this weekend of workshops, signup concerts, informal musical gatherings, storytelling for adults, children's activities, and camaraderie.

If you cannot stay overnight, you may come for one or both days. You can get lunch and supper at the Getaway if you register in advance, by Sept. 30, or just bring your own food. Day registration for adults is \$35 with meals and \$15 without; for children it is \$15 and \$7.50.

The form for both overnight and day registration, with all of the detailed information, is at the back of this newsletter. As we come close to filling up space, up-to-date information will be available on the FSGW Hotline, 202-546-2228, menu number 57. If you have any questions, call Getaway Coordinator Barry Schlesinger at 301-345-9082 or Rebecca Clayton / Ron Davies at 301-270-9365.

2 House Concerts!!

Mike Agranoff
Saturday, September 9th, 8:30 pm Aspen Hill, MD

Singer, multi-instrumentalist, and raconteur **Mike Agranoff** will perform in an intimate house concert at the home of Susan Morgandale in the Silver Spring neighborhood of Aspen Hill. A 10-year veteran of festivals, concerts, and coffeehouses throughout the Northeastern US, Mike plays a supurb fingerstyle guitar in idioms ranging from ancient harp tunes to obscure Tin-Pan-Alley compositions. His concertina arrangements of music by anyone from Bach to the Berryman's may be haunting, complex, or exciting, but are, above all, musical. He will occasionally unexpectedly come out with a number on banjo, harmonica, recorder, or nothing but his fine unaccompanied baritone. He is a storyteller and storywriter in league with the best. His *Ballad of Jane and Ten-Ton Molly* and *Battle of Trenton* have achieved nationwide acclaim as performed by Bill Staines. Mike is equally at home with a traditional ballad or a contemporary song, a dance tune on concertina or a Sousa march on guitar; a heart-wrenching story-song or some of the most horrible parodies ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting audience. His love for music permeates his performances - the most reticent of listeners is drawn into the spirit, and those accustomed to singing find lots to sing along with. You are sure to find youself singing choruses you've never heard before.

Admission to this evening of first-rate entertainment is \$6 (FSGW members) and \$9 (non-members). Refreshments will be served. For further information and directions, call Susan at 301-871-2611.

Norman & Betty McDonald Saturday, September 30th, 8:30 pm Silver Spring, MD

Norman and Betty McDonald, from Slimbridge, England, will be making a rare FSGW appearance in a very special House Concert on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 8:30 pm, at the close-in Silver Spring home of Bob Clayton and Jennifer Woods. Norman and Betty are representatives of Britain's "Geordie" culture, which is typical of the northeastern areas of England where coal mining was the predominant work. The dialect and turns of phrase are unique to that area, and the McDonalds' repertoire is well stocked with delightful Geordie songs and humor. Accompanying their harmony singing with banjo and guitar, Norman and Betty present a wide variety of songs. Besides their Geordie material, their programs include traditional songs of England and Scotland, as well as more recent compositions, and even some of their favorites from the United States, such as Joan Sprung's "Harbors of Home." The McDonalds' first appearance for FSGW was in concert with Sara Grey a few years ago, and those who were at that concert will remember them with fondness. Audiences will enjoy hearing favorites remembered from that last visit as well as the new additions to their program. Their performances are always seasoned with their personal warmth and humor, which never fails to transfer itself to their listeners.

Admisson to this evening of songs and laughter is \$6 (FSGW members) and \$8 (non-members). Refreshments will be served. Call 301-587-7174 for more information and directions.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON COMMUNITY DANCE SERIES Sept. 17th BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO THE DANCE

The community dance series will continue throughout the summer and fall. Dances are held at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park Sundays from 3-5:30 pm. All those attending are invited to picnic at the park after the dance (weather permitting).

As contradancing in the Washington area has become more rigorous, dancers and other folks have expressed an interest in an activity that is low key and inviting for families. This type of dancing is the norm in small towns where people of all ages dance together. The dancing is diverse: contras, squares, circles, mixers, and a variety of other dances. The continuation of traditional American dancing has always depended on introducing new people to the dance. For families, there is no better way of introducing their children than the community dances, where they are welcomed as part of the group and get to dance with their parents and neighbors. Community dancing is not limited to families with children; dancers of all ages and skills are essential for the community dance to be successful. Advanced dancers can receive a lot of satisfaction from passing their skills and their love of dance on to a new generation; older folks can enjoy the gentle community contact.

The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children over 4 and senior citizens. Family maximum \$12. For more information about the dance, or if you would like to volunteer, call Jamie and Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099.

Sept. 17 Children's Chautauqua Day at the park! - Robbin Schaeffer calling with Andrea Hoag and Dave Wiesler.

Future dates to put on your calendar: October 8 and October 29.

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FSGW Editorial Policy

We try to print all copy relevant to FSGW's purpose and membership. (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.").

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. In addition, we print a calendar each month unless it pushes the entire issue into a more expensive category for either postage or printing.

MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY NEWS

Board Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 pm

The next board meeting will be September 12 at the home of Paul Levitt, the dance chair. Any FSGW member may attend. If you have items for the board to consider, please call Phil Hayden at 410-643-6607 or Jamie Platt at 301-320-7099.

Board Highlights

The Board met on Aug. 1st at 7:30 pm. Topics discussed and actions taken:

- Previous meeting's minutes adopted as corrected.
- Programs and Special Events firmed up through December.
- New renewal method was presented: members will get two notices before membership and/or Newsletter is terminated.
- New membership plan was presented and will be discussed at September meeting.
- Treasurer's report included a number of new accounting changes that he believes should be instituted.
- Better use of volunteers and how to reward them was discussed.

Capital Tangueros: Tango Madness Weekend

Tango Concert & Exhibition: On Thursday, September 21, there will be a free live concert & exhibition featuring music of the New York-Buenos Aires Connection. Tango exhibition with Rebecca Shulman & Jorge Udrisard. Noon to 1:00 pm on the Neptune Plaza opposite the US Capitol on 1st Street, SE. For information call 202-707-1743.

Argentine Tango Workshops: On Sat. & Sun., September 23 & 24, workshops for all levels will be taught by Rebecca Shulman and Jorge Udrisard at Ft. Myer, VA Community Center, Bldg. 405. Exact time & fees to be arranged. For information call the FSGW Hotline: 202-546-2228 or 703-276-1430. Package price & reduced rate for preregistration before Sept. 10.

The Capital Tangueros (Tango) Ball: On Saturday, September 23, 9:00 pm - 1:00 am, dance to live tango music by the New York-Buenos Aires Connection, with the best bandoneon player in the United States at Ft. Myer, VA Community Center, Bldg. 405. For ticket information call 703-276-1430.

Capital Vintage Dance Society Friday, September 8, 7:30 pm

19th Century Dance Review: polka, waltz, schottish, redowa. At East Silver Spring Elementary School, 631 Silver Spring Ave., Silver Spring, MD, the first Friday of each month. Workshops for dancers of all levels. Taped music from classic/recent recordings. Members \$5.00, non-members \$7.00. No spike heels, please! For additional information, call Bob at 301-949-7528.

Storytelling

Saturday, September 23, 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Mary Welch in Falls Church on Sat., Sept. 23 at 7:30 pm for an evening of shared stories and potluck refreshments. Call 703-532-4517 for directions and RSVPs.

Sacred Harp Singing Sunday, September 24, 4:00 pm

This month's singing of early American folk hymns, anthems, and fuging tunes from *The Sacred Harp* and other shape-note tunebooks will be in Georgetown, at the parish hall of the historic (1866) Grace Episcopal Church, 1041 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Shape-note singing school for beginners at 3 pm (taught by Alix Baillie, Dept. of Music, Catholic U.), regular singing at 4, potluck dinner at 6:15, and more singing after dinner. Loaner tunebooks will be available. Directions: Grace Church is just south of the C&O Canal at the corner of Wisconsin Ave. & South St. For more info call: 301-897-5274 or 703-532-7520.

Gospel Sing Sunday, September 10, 4:00 pm

The September Gospel Sing will be at the home of Nancy Bailey in Arlington, VA. Call her at 703-532-7520 for directions. Singing starts around 4:00 pm with a break at 6:00 pm for a covered dish supper and then more singing. Everyone is welcome!

Open Sing Friday, September 8, 8:30 pm

The September Open Sing will be held on an atypical date, Friday, September 8 (to avoid Labor Day Weekend conflicts) at the typically welcoming home of Jennifer Woods and Bob Clayton in Silver Spring, MD. Lisa Null has selected a topological topic, "Boxes, Circles, and Songs from Every Angle." Come prepared to share songs (or song requests). For directions, call 301-587-7174. The October Open Sing will be Friday, October 6 at the FSGW Getaway, at Camp Letts, MD so plan now to attend.

FSGW English Country Dance

Every Wednesday, 8:00 - 10:30 pm

Now in Glen Echo Town Hall Enjoy the wood floor, *air conditioning*, live music, friendship and fine English Country dancing every Wednesday, starting at 8pm. Wear shoes suitable for the slippery floor. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Members \$5, nonmembers \$6.

- Sept. 6 Christopher Field & Mary Kay Friday split the calling duties as Susan Brandt & Dave Wiesler provide the music.
- Sept. 13 Stephanie Smith calls to the music of Liz Donaldson and Steve Hickman.
- Sept. 20 Rich Galloway calls dances from the Baltimore Playford Ball as Liz Donaldson & Elke Baker provide the music.
- Sept. 27 Diane Schmit continues our focus on Baltimore Playford Ball dances, with music by Andrea Hoag & Liz Donaldson.

Directions: From the Beltway, take either the Clara Barton Parkway (from VA) or the Cabin John Expressway (from MD) toward Glen Echo. From the left lane, take the Glen Echo exit (which involves a U-turn and a right fork). At the tee, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Continue NW on MacArthur past Glen Echo Park. Harvard Ave. and the Town Hall will be on your left, 2 blocks past the small shopping center. The Town Hall is at 6106 Harvard Ave., in the building with the Post Office. For information: Norm Bernhardt 301-320-2469 or Rich Galloway 301-589-0939.

Foggy Bottom International Folkdancers

Every Thursday, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

The group meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church on 23rd St., NW, between G & H Sts.-- one block from Foggy Bottom Metro. Beginner/Intermediate classes from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. No experience or partner needed. Request dancing from 9:00 - 10:45 pm. Mostly taped music. Occasional parties and workshops. Still only \$3 for the entire evening. Call Jamie: 301-320-7099.

AROUND TOWN

Irish Festival: A celebration of traditional music and dance. Sunday, Sept. 10, 12 - 6 pm at Glen Echo Park. Continuous tunes by local musicians. Donations encouraged. Info: Jim at 301-840-1416.

In Concert with Sue Trainor

- Sat. Sept. 9 Patches & Liz Coffeehouse North, Timonium Methodist Church, Timonium, MD 8 pm. For info: 410-329-3288.
- Sun. Sept. 10 Sue Trainor & Sue Ribaudo, Fells Pt. Market Sq., Baltimore, MD 4 pm. Free concert. For info: 410-366-0808.
- Wed. Sept. 20 Music Americana Showcase at Bad Habits, Arlington, VA 8:15 pm. \$6.00 For info: 703-998-5808.
- Sat. Sept. 23 Sedalia Center, Stu McCabe Bldg, Lynchburg, VA 8:00 pm. \$5.00 For info: 804-229-5080.

In Concert with Doris Justis

- Sept. 2 Open Door Coffeehouse, Alexandria, 8 pm. 202-775-1742.
- Sept. 3 Uptown Bakery, Arlington, 9 am-noon. 703-527-6262.
- Sept. 8 Uptown Bakery, Arlington, 8 11 pm. 703-527-6262.
- Sept. 28 Folkal Point, Columbia, MD, 8 pm. 301-982-0686.
- Sept. 29 Church St. Coffeehouse, Cambridge, MD, 7:30 pm. 410-228-3161.

All Souls Church Arts Council: Side by Side, a special concert featuring Doris Justis, Sean McGhee, & Philip Cary Cloch. Sept. 9, 8 pm. All Souls Church, 2300 Cathedral Ave., DC. \$10. For info: 202-686-9210.

Takoma Park Folk Festival: Sunday, Sept. 10, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. See the flyer in this newsletter for information.

Scottish Heritage Fair: with pipers, highland dancing, Gaelic singing, storytelling, weavers, fiddles & harpers, Scottish sports, & a Ceilidh tent. Sat., Sept. 16 10 am - 5 pm. Ft. Ward Park, Alexandria, VA. For info: 301-656-3454.

Washington Storytelling Festival: stories drawn from world folklore and more. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 30 & Oct 1. 1 - 5 pm both days plus adult stories each evening. Bethesda Writers Center, Bethesda, MD. For info: 703-698-5456.

The Institute of Musical Traditions: Monday Night Concert Series at the Silver Springs Unitarian Universalist Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Shows begin at 9:00 pm. For info & advance tickets call 301-270-9090.

Sept. 18 Swing guitar night with Marcy Marxer, Bill Kirchen, & Tom Mitchell. \$10.

Sept. 25 Connemara & the SirenSong Album Release/Label Kick-off. The debut of *Sirensong*, a collection of instrumentals and songs of sea lore. Special guest: Zan McLeod. \$10.

House of Musical Traditions Workshops

Fiddling from Scratch: Starts Wednesday, Sept. 13. A 6-week course, "Fiddle basics in a friendly atmosphere" taught by Andrea Hoag, who taught adult-beginner fiddlers in Seattle before moving to the Other Washington. For information: 301-565-2777 or 301-270-9090.

Didjeridu Workshop: Sunday, Oct. 16, 2 - 4 pm. Keith Leaman, master didjeridu player and maker will present a workshop. Topics covered (at beginner/intermediate level) include relaxation, posture, and growling. For information: 301-270-9090.

Showtunes Circle 4th Wednesday of each month

Showtunes Circle is an informal, for-fun-only get together for people who like to sing songs from musicals. We do not perform in public. We sing only for our own pleasure. You do NOT need to be musically talented to join us. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Able pianists welcome to attend. For info: 301-468-9233 or 301-589-1439.

Nordic Dance and Music Weekend

September 9 - 10

The Nordic Dancers of Washington, DC and Scandia DC are sponsoring a dance and music weekend Sept. 9 - 10. The weekend will featuring Stig and Helen Eriksson from Norrköping, Sweden and members of the *Klintetten Music Group*. Local artists Andrea Hoag and Loretta Kelley will join the musicians. The weekend will take place at Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800B Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD. Registration from 9 - 9:15 am on Sat. Classes 9 - 5 pm with lunch break. Evening 8 - 12 pm. Sunday events from 11 - 3 pm. Fee \$60. Sat. Evening only \$8. Lunch Sat. \$5. For more info: 410-798-1622 or 202-333-2826.

Fiddle & Violin Classes with Andrea Hoag. She is an encouraging and playful teacher who has started more than 500 fiddlers down the musical road. She plays with Future Geezers, Bruce Sagan, & others. For info and to register call 301-565-2777. Fiddle/violin from scratch: all the basics in a friendly group. Takoma Park. Tues., Sept. 5 - 26, 8 - 9:30 pm. \$75. Continuing Fiddle: more tunes, technique, styling, bowing. Takoma Park. Thurs., Sept. 7 - 28, 8 - 9:30 pm. \$75. Old-time Fiddle/string band class: tunes, styling, & the art of playing together. Fairfax, Mon., Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 23, 30. \$90.

Fiddle Contest September 23, 2 pm

Cash prizes for top fiddlers. Ribbons for all. Traditional fiddlers of all styles and levels welcome. Register by phone or at the contest. Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington, VA. Registration & Info: 703-799-9539; Directions: 703-528-5406.

Dupont Music Circle

Every Wednesday, 8 pm

Loin with others to sing and play British Islas folk music. Singers & listeners welcome, especially acquestic instrumentalists. Free

Join with others to sing and play British Isles folk music. Singers & listeners welcome, especially acoustic instrumentalists. Free. Site alternates between DC (9/6 & 20) and Arlington (9/13 & 27). Info: 703-658-0957 or 202-775-8837.



LOCAL CLUB VENUES

Caffe Florian Coffehouse

Saturday, September 9, 8 pm

Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD. This month is the open mike, occasionally supplemented by a featured performer. Free admission. For info call Syl Smith: 301-449-8804.

The Del Ray Coffeehouse

Saturday, September 9, 7:30 pm

Del Ray offers live music in a smokefree setting with fresh coffee and tea and baked goodies. Local performers can perform at the open mike. Directions and info: 703-549-2088 or 703-549-5906. This month featuring **Babette Wright Trio**, **Uptown**, and **Judy Louise Watson & Paul Waton**.

Coffeehouse at Good Counsel

Saturday, September 16, 8:30 pm

A smoke and alcohol free coffeehouse located in the Good Counsel High School Cafeteria, 11601 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD. Complimentary refreshments served. Each month there is an open mike from 8:30 - 9:30 followed by a featured artist. Admission is still \$5. For info call 301-680-8669.

Sept. 16 Barb Martin

The Folkal Point at the Coho Grill

Thursday, September 28, 8:00 pm

Folkal Point is a weekly concert series located in the banquet room of the Coho Grill, Hobbit's Glen Golf Club, 11130 Willow Botton Drive, Columbia, MD. For more info: 301-982-0686. **Bill Danoff**, with **Side by Side** opening.

Tiffany Tavern

Every Tuesday, 8 pm

IRISH MUSIC SESSION, 1116 King Street, Alexandria, VA. For info: Sean Doherty 703-548-3095.

Open Door Coffeehouse

First Saturday of every month, 8 pm

The Open Door Coffeehouse is a no-smoking, no-alcohol coffeehouse located in the social hall of Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St., Alexandria, VA at the intersection of I-395 and Rte. 7. Donation admission. For more info: 202-775-1742. Sept. 2 Allen Folklife, Doris Justis & Friends





LOCAL DANCES

Editorial Policy for Dance Events:

Because so many dancers seek dances with live music, all notices about dances 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. N.B.: All copy must contain Area Codes in the Info Tel. #s!

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE LISTINGS: BEG: Beginning INT: Intermediate N/E: No experience necessary N/P: No partner necessary TPIS: Takoma Park Intermediate School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, MD.

Friday Night Dance

AT GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL*

AT TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL*

The Friday Night Dancers and the National Park Service sponsor contra dances (with occasional squares) every Friday night at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on MacArthur Boulevard. The dances begin at 8:30 pm. The admission price is \$5 unless otherwise noted. A 4-week series of classes for beginning dancers starts on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. The cost of the series is \$12 and does not include admission to the dances. These lessons are progressive - participants should plan to attend ALL classes. For recorded info about who will be playing for the current week's dances, call the Dance Hotline at 301-270-1678. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the dance or would like to play or call for a Friday Night Dance, please contact Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099 or bplatt@access.digex.com.

- Sept. 1 Andre Hoag and Dave Wiesler / caller TBA
- Sept. 8 Open band with Greg Frock 7:30 10:30 pm
- Sept. 15 Mighty Possums with Bill Wellington
- Sept. 22 Some Assembly with Ann Fallon
- Sept. 29 CAROUSEL BALL 7:30 10:30 pm

A very special evening of contras and waltzes with the Carousel Orchestra to benefit the Glen Echo Park Foundation. Admission is \$12 and includes a ride on Glen Echo's famous Dentzel carousel. Fancy dress optional.

Glen Echo Town Hall is at the corner of MacArthur Blvd. & Harvard Ave., two blocks north of the entrance to the Glen Echo Park parking lot, which is the place to park. Please no NOT park on Glen Echo town streets! The hall has a small dance floor. Attendance will be limited.

Takoma Park Middle School is located at 7611 Piney Branch Road in Silver Spring.

Reston Contra Dance

Saturday, September 9, 8 - 11 pm

Bob Hirsch will call to the tunes of June Apple. \$4.50 Beginners workshop at 7:30 pm. \$1.50. At the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA. Info: 703-471-0629.

Zydeco Dance

Friday, September 15, 7:30 - 11 pm

Dance to the music of **Zydeco Caryz**. Zydeco and Cajun dance lessons at 7:30, dance at 8. At the Market 5 Gallery in Eastern Market's North Hall, at 7th & North Carolina Ave., SE. Admission \$10.

Washington Swing Dance Committee

Saturday, September 16

The Washington Swing Dance Committee is Boogie-ing in the Ballroom! Join us at The Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park for summertime dance fun. There will be a pre-dance workshop from 8 - 9 pm. Admission is \$8. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, MD. For more info: 301-340-9732. In addition, there will be two afternoon Lindy workshops taught by **Steven Mitchell** and featuring **The Crabtown Big Band**. Dancing begins at 3:30 pm. For info call Suzi Nann: 301-498-1813. Sept. 30 **The Uptown Rhythm Kings**

Swing & Waltz Dance Classes taught by Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff, \$36 for four week classes. Taped music. Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom: Thursdays Sept. 7 - 28, 7 - 8 pm Beginner Swing, 8 - 9 pm, Beginning Waltz, 9 -10 pm Beginning Lindy.

Synergy Dance Center:

Mondays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 2. Intermediate & advanced swing, intro one-step.

Arlington Swing Classes: Sundays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 15. Beginning & intermediate swing. For info: 703-978-0375.



Cajun Dances

Glen Echo Park

Cherry Hill Park Ballroom

Saturday, September 9, 9 pm

Sunday, September 10, 6 pm

Dance to the sounds of Michael Doucet, Mark & Ann Savoy. Workshops at 8 pm Sat. & 5 pm Sun. \$10. Info: 301-309-0895.

Vienna Tap & Grill

Tornado Alley

Friday, September 15, 9 pm

Sunday, September 24, 5 pm

Enjoy red hot cajun music and come dance to *Squeeze Bayou* at Vienna Tap & Grill, 146 Maple Ave., Vienna, VA. For info: 703-548-6425. Tornado Alley, on Elkin Street just off University Blvd, Wheaton, MD. Info: 301-270-2586 or 301-929-0795.

IRISH CEILI DANCE

Sunday, September 17, 5-9 pm

The Greater Washington Ceili Club's first monthly dance of the season will be held on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17 from 5 to 9 pm at the conference center at Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD. Music for sets and ceili dancers will be provided by Jesse Winch & Friends. A workshop featuring the Borlin Polka set will be offered at 4:00 pm by Jim Keenan. Admission: \$10 GWCC & FSGW members, \$12 non-members, \$8 students/seniors, \$5 kids 11-16, kids under 11 free, max family admission \$30. For more info: 703-532-7422 or 301-948-7176.

Northern VA Dance Group English Country Dances:

Sept. 12 & 26, 7:45 pm. English Country Dance and Workshop. Figures, phrasing, and style taught. Calling by Howard Markham and guests. Musician: Pat Wexelblat, recorder. Guest musicians welcome -- call Howard. N/P, N/E. \$3. Harding Hall. 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, VA. For info: 703-471-0629.

Sept. 18. English Country Dance, 3rd Saturday. Calling by Barbara Harding, recorded music. All are welcome. No admission charge. N/P, N/E. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, VA. For info: 703-437-3615.

English Country Dance

September 9 & 23, 8:15 - 10:45 pm

Barbara Harding calling to music by *Peascods Gathering*. Instruction from 8-8:15 pm. N/E, N/P \$5. Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Info: 301-493-6281 or 301-946-5388. (Call to confirm location.)

Oklahoma Twisters Western Swing Dance Party

Saturday, September 30, 9 pm (8 for workshop)

Two-step the night away to the western swing music of the *Oklahoma Twisters* (George Welling, Ira Gitlin, Jeff Reynolds, Lynn Kasdorf, and Bill Mason). Herb Frederickson will hold a beginners two-step workshop from 8 to 9 pm, and the dance will be from 9 to 12. Herb may also show us some steps during the breaks. Admission is \$5 for the dance and \$3 more for the workshop at 8. No alcohol, smoking, or country line dancing please. The dance will be held on the charming wooden dance floor of the old Sterling Annex in Sterling, VA. (near Herndon and Dulles airport). For info & directions: 703-430-6673 or 703-591-4908.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCES

A wide variety of dances to choose from! All taped music. N/P, N/E.

Mon: SCOTTISH DANCE 8:15pm NIH Fitness Center, Bldg. T-39, Bethesda. Info: Peggy Dennis 301-983-9738.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Leland Community Center, 4301 Willow St., Bethesda, MD. Beginner's class - 10 classes 7:15 - 8:00pm \$40, Intermediate/Advanced class 8 - 10pm 5 classes \$24.25, 7 classes \$30.75, 10 classes \$40.50. For info call the Diamonds 301-871-8788.

Tues. SCOTTISH DANCE 8pm, Washington Episcopal School, River Rd., Bethesda. Info: Jim 202-234-6840.

Wed.: SCOTTISH DANCE 8pm. Durant Center on Cameron St., Alexandria, VA. Info: 703-549-6077.

SILVER SPRING GUMBO GROUPIES Long Branch Community Center, 8700 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring. 7:30pm For info 301-439-4815.

ISRAELI DANCES 7:30pm 1st & 3rd is Oldies, 2nd & 4th is newer dances. Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Rd, Potomac, MD. Info: Ben 301-441-8213.

<u>Thurs</u>: IRISH DANCE CLASSES- Frost Center, Aspen Hill Rd. Thursdays. 8pm. \$25 donation to the Frost Center. For more info 301-840-1416.
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Conn. Ave. NW, DC. 7:30 - 9:30pm FREE. Info 301-572-4215.
SCANDINAVIAN Couple Dance Basics: Thurs. Nights 7-9:30pm starting Sept. 14. N/P, N/E, BEG. Indian Springs Terrace Rec Center, Silver Spring, MD. Info: 301-588-8745.

Fri. INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, MD. 8 -10pm 8 classes \$30. For info 301-572-4215. TRAD. EUROPEAN COUPLE DANCE, Catonsville Presbyterian Church, 1400 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD, 2nd & 4th of each mth., 8pm, \$2. Info 410-997-8173.

Stat. Scandinavian couple dance Takoma Park-Langley Community Center, 7315 New Hampshire Ave., 8-11pm, \$4. Info:202-333-2836.

THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER REQUIRES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL DANCE GROUPS RESUBMIT THEIR LISTING FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE EDITOR NEEDS THE INFORMATION NO LATER THAN THE AUGUST 10th DEADLINE.

IF THERE IS NO NEW COPY BY THE DEADLINE, THERE WILL BE NO LISTING!



DANCE CLASSES

Contra and traditional square dance lessons: 8 weeks starting Wed., Sept. 20 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm at the Bond Mill Elem. School, Laurel, MD. Special emphasis on timing and style. Recorded music. Info & directions: 301-459-7358.

Beginers dance lessons: partner dancing. For people with little or no experience. Dances include the 1-step, 2-step, waltz, polka, & others. Classes on Tuesdays, Sept. 26 to Oct. 10, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Market 5 Gallery in Eastern Market's North Hall, 7th Street and North Carolina Ave., SE. \$30. Recorded music. More info: Terry Davey, 301-881-8457.

Learn the fundamentals of Hungarian dancing: 6-weekly classes starting Sept. 21, 7:30 pm at the Starting Point Dance Studio, College Park, MD. Recorded music. \$25. Info: Cathy at 301-929-0120.

Hungarian & Transylvanian folk dance lessons: learn the basic steps at a monthly class starting Sept. 9, 7:30 pm. N/P, N/E. Bring soft-soled shoes! Taped & live msuic. \$4. Starting Point Dance Studio, College Park, MD. Info: Cathy at 301-929-0120.

Greek, Israeli & other International folk dances. Learn specialty ethnic dances from professional teacher Anna Pappas.

- 10 Fridays, starting Sept. 29 at Holiday Park Center. 10:30-11:30 am. \$40.50 Info: 301-468-4448.
- 10 Fridays, starting Sept. 29 at Cold Spring Elementary. 8-9:30 pm. \$40.50. Info: 301-217-6880.
- 10 Tuesdays, starting Oct. 3 at Forest Glen Center. 10:30-11:30 am. \$40.50 Info: 301-681-1255.
- 10 Wednesdays, starting Sept. 20 at River Road Unitarian Church. 8:30-9:30 pm. \$35. Info: 301-229-0400.

Scandinavian Couple Dance Basics, 8 Thurdays starting Sept. 14, 7:30-9 pm. N/P, N/E, BEG. Indian Spring Terrace Rec Center, Silver Spring, MD. Info: 301-588-8745.

AND BEYOND

MARYLAND

Baltimore Folk Music Society News Hotline: 410-366-0808

Squares and Contras

Wednesdays, 8 pm, Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St. Admission \$5 for BFMS, \$7 nonmembers. Your card is required to enter as a member. Basic steps taught at a workshop 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

- Sept. 6 Larry Edelman calling to the music of Michael Kerry, Dale Russ, & Laurie Andres.
- Sept. 13 Robbin Schaffer calling to the music of Maggie Brown's Favorites.
- Sept. 20 Michael Schechtman calling to the music of Donna Long & Brendan Mulvihille.
- Sept. 27 Ann Fallon calling to the music of Some Assembly Required.

&

a Saturday Dance on Sept. 9 from 8-11 pm with Jim Morrison calling to music from some Charlottesville, VA musicians.

English Country Dancing

Mondays at 8 pm at Lovely Lane Church. Same admission fees as above. Beginners welcome.

- Sept. 4 Christopher Field calling to the music of Andrea Hoag, Dave Wiesler, & Susan Rudy,
- Sept. 11 John Turner calling to the music of Paul Hutchinson & Liz Donaldson.
- Sept. 18 Rich Galloway calling to the music of Terpsicore.
- Sept. 25 Diane Schmidt calling to Devil Among the Taylors.





REST OF MARYLAND

Frederick Country Dances

Saturday, September 30, 8 pm

Greg Frock calls mostly contras to the music of *Celtic Naught!* Dances hosted by Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council every fourth Saturday at the Old Armory, corner of Second and Bentz. Directions: From 270, Take 15N, exit at Rosemont Ave. and go straight at light onto 2nd St., follow to Bentz. Armory is on the right. FREE beginners workshop promptly at 7 pm. MMFAC members \$4, non-members \$6, Frederick City residents \$3. Info: 717-334-5392. (Note: 5th Saturday this month only!)

Frederick Scottish Country Tea Dance

Sunday, September 27, 2:30 pm

The Frederick Scottish Society invites you to a Scottish Country Dance and Highland Tea, at the Gambrill State Park Tea Room. \$7.50. Dance review classes held on Thursdays, September 7, 14, & 21. For more info: 301-694-8131.

Annapolis Traditional Dance

Saturday, September 2, 7:30 pm

The Annapolis Traditional Dance Society will hold a Labor Day Weekend contra dance on Sat. Sept. 2 at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall on route 178 in Crownsville, MD. **Andy Kane** will call and music provided by *June Apple*. Waltz workshop at 7 pm. For info and directions: 410-544-9505.

Labor Day Balkan Dance & Music Weekend

September 1 - 4

Larry Weiner and Margaret Loomis, of *Old World Music and Dance*, will be holding another exciting, fun-packed Labor Day folk dance and music camp at beautiful Camp Ramblewood, only 1½ hours from the DC area, in northeastern Maryland. They will be bringing Joszi Szavai and the 5-member *Vizin Orchestra* from southwestern Hungary, to teach music classes and dances from the ethnic Serbian and Croatian communities of the multi-culturally diverse region. Dance instruction will also be provided by Steve Kotansky, teaching line and couple dances from the Balkans, and Joe Graziosi, teaching dances from the Greek islands and mainland. Music will be provided by the superb bi-costal band, *Ziyia*, with George Chittenden, Lise Liepman, Beth Cohen, Christos Govetas and Dan Auvil. Loretta Kelly will add Scandinavian music for parties. Beginners are welcome! For more info: 301-565-0539.

Prospect Coffeehouse Concert Series

Saturday, September 16, 8 pm

Celtic Thunder perfoms at the Kepler Theatre, Hagerstown Junior College, Hagerstown, MD. Info: 301-790-2800 x 346.

Indian Summer Music Fest

September 29 - October 1

Featuring among others: Wherligig, Walt Michael 7 Company, Fulerum Bridge, Jem Moore & Ariane Lydon, Robin Bullock, Tommy Hard, Jackstraw, Peter Alexander & Thunder Hill, Eric Byrd & Shelly Dorsey-Ensor. Concerts, workshops, open mike, and informal music. Camping in the rough at the Singleton-Mathews Farm, New Windsor, MD. Info: 410-857-2771.

VIRGINIA

Ballroom Dancing to the *New Hots Jazz Orchestra*, a 14-piece big band featuring hot dance tunes of the 1920s - 40s will play for ballroom dancing from 9:00 pm - Midnight on the second Friday of September through November at Ofelia's Dance Int'l Studio and Club, 14301-D Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly, VA. Party dress is expected. Partners not required. \$12. Info: 703-802-7518.

The *Bluemont Morris Dancers* perform traditional English Morris Dances to celebrate the return of the sun in the Spring and the plenty of the harvest in the Fall. Practices are on Mon. evenings in Sterling, VA, near Dulles Airport. New members, including beginners, are welcome. Call Laura at 703-845-8536.

H M Dancers: Wednesdays at 7 pm

Eighteenth century English Country dances, cotillions and minuets classes. Weds. at the Northern VA Electric Co-op in Manassas, VA. For more info, call Christine 703-636-4639.

Sing Along: in Loudoun County

A monthly sing along group gets together for fun, food and music in Loudoun County. Singing follows a potluck dinner. For time and place, please call 703-779-7323.

WEST VIRGINIA

Shepherdstown Music and Dance

Saturday, September 2, 8 pm

Denise Lair calls contras and squares to the music of *The Mashed Potato Heads*, with Laura Legnick on fiddle, Tom Hinds on piano, and Ralph Gordon playing bass. Dance starts at 8pm, beginner's workshop at 7:15 pm. Shepherdstown Men's Club, King & German Sts., Shepherdstown, WV. Bring soft soled shoes. Admission is \$6, SMADS members \$4.50. For more info: 304-725-0266 or 304-263-2531.

8th Annual Upper Potomac Dulcimer Fest in Shepherdstown

September 8 - 10

Numerous workshops Saturday & Sunday, concerts Friday & Saturday evenings. For info: 304-263-2531.

Country Dance Weekend

September 15 - 17

A new committee (affiliated with CDSS) is producing this year's high-spirited event at Buffalo Gap Camp in Capon Bridge, WV. Staff: *Wild Asparagus*, Sue Dupre, *Critton Hollow String Band*. Weekend cost \$155. Watch for flyersate the local dances. For info call 301-432-7779.

Upper Potomac Dulcimer Fest

September 8 - 10

Workshops, classes, concerts and jam sessions will feature the hammered dulcimer. Nationally known players such as Walt Michael, Jem Moore, Steve Schneider and *No Strings Attached* are featured specialists. The weekend fest will be held in scenic Shepherdstown, WV. All levels of instruction. Rental instruments available. Advance registration is necessary. For more info and tickets: 304-263-2531.

PENNSYLVANIA

York Folk Dance Association

Saturday, September 2, 8 pm

The York Folk Dance Association invites you to a **special barn dance** in Stewartstown, PA. The events start at 5 pm with a potluck picnic. At 6 pm there will be a workshop; fun squares for conta dancers. From 7:30-8, a beginners workshop; from 8-11, a contra dance. **Beth Molaro** calling to *the Contra Rebels*. There will also be a hayride and bonfire! Cost \$6; Squares workshop \$2. For more info:1717-845-2897 or 717-246-2065. The barn is off exit 1 of I-83 in PA.

NORTH CAROLINA

Fall Dance weekend at John C. Campbell Folk Dance School, Brasstown, NC. Contras, Squares, English County Dances, Storytelling, Singing: with Laurie Andres, Bob Dalsemer, Martha Owens, Steve Hickman, Toppy Kramer, John Devine, Daron Douglas, Hanne Dalsemer. Tuition, room & board begins at \$136 (camping) and up. For info: 1-800-365-5724.

EUROPE

S & S Folk Festival Tours of 1995: Czech Contra Dance Adventure -- October 12 - 24: Join Czechs, Danes and other Europeans at the Czech Country Dance Festival in Prague with Don Armstrong calling and Diana Shaw clogging. For info call Sam or Sarah at 703-527-3993 or write to S & S Folk Festival Tours, 2701 North 24th St., Arlington, VA 22207.



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