Spend the Weekend with Nightingale
Dec 8 - 10 Program and Two Dances

Come and spend the weekend with one of the hottest young dance bands around. The outstanding New England contra dance band Nightingale will be performing at three separate events during the weekend of Dec. 8 - 10, allowing FSGW members to experience their outstanding musicianship in depth. They will appear in concert on Fri. Dec. 8th at the FSGW monthly program (as always, FREE to members), lead a dance workshop on the afternoon of Dec. 10th and then play the Sunday night dance that evening.

Nightingale is a three-person group from Vermont specializing in the dance music and songs of New England. They mix Québécois, Irish, Newfoundland and Scandinavian music into a heady brew suitable for listening and dancing. The members of the group are fiddler Becky Tracy, accordion and piano player Jeremiah McLaine and guitarist, mandolinist and vocalist Keith Murphy, who uses his feet to bang out the rhythm Québécois style. Nightingale has performed at concerts and dances all over the Eastern US, appearing at the Champlain Valley Festival and numerous dance camps. They have released one album, The Coming Dawn on their own label.

Nightingale will appear at the monthly FSGW membership program on Fri. Dec. 8th at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver spring, MD. The concert will begin at 8:30 pm and is FREE to members, $9 to non-members, who may join the society at the door. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring is located at 10309 New Hampshire Ave. in Silver Spring, three blocks north of the New Hampshire Ave. Beltway exit.

On Sun. Dec. 10th, Nightingale, joined by caller Mary DesRosiers, will perform a Québécois soiree. The event, featuring songs and dances from French Canada, will be held at Cherry Hill Park in College Park, MD. The music will begin at 2:30 pm and run until about 5 pm. Admission to the soiree is $6 for FSGW members and $8 for non-members. Those who attend the soiree will receive a ticket good for $1 off of the admission to that evening's dance which also features Nightingale and Mary DesRosiers and is being held at Cherry Hill. Admission to the dance which begins at 7:30 pm is $6 for FSGW members and $8 for non-members.

Cherry Hill Park is located at 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. in College Park, MD. From the beltway, take exit 25B (Route 1 southbound) and turn right at the second traffic light (about 1/10th of a mile) onto Cherry Hill Rd. Cherry Hill Park will be on your left about 1 mile down Cherry Hill Rd. Turn left into the park and continue past a stop sign to a T intersection. Turn right at the T and park near the clubhouse.

SEE PAGE 2 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT NEW YEAR’S EVE DANCE
This month the FSGW Sunday night dance moves to our winter home at Cherry Hill Park, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, Maryland. The hall was built for dancing, with a 60' by 60' suspended wood floor and good acoustics. Our dances feature a mix of traditional American contras and squares performed to wonderful live music. We welcome both experienced and new dancers and you don't 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 walkthroughs. Directions to Cherry Hill Park: Take the Beltway to exit 25B (Route 1 South). At the second light (1/10 mile) turn right onto Cherry Hill Road. Go one mile until you see the park on your left. Turn left and follow the entrance road one block past a stop sign to a T intersection. Turn right and park near (or past) the clubhouse. If you're lost call 301-595-7181.

We have two special events this month: On December 10, Mary DesRosiers and Nightingale will host a Québécois Soiree before the evening dance. The energetic music and dance of Quebec has been a major influence on the contras we dance today, so come learn to dance with an accent. On December 31, we'll be holding our annual New Years Eve Contra Ball at the Leland Community Center in Bethesda.

Dec 3 Live from New York, Mary Virginia Brooks matches her high spirited and playful calling to the equally spirited music of The Velcro Monkeys from Charlottesville, Virginia. The fiddles of Laura Light and Tim Higgins, TJ Wangerman on mandolin and tenor banjo, and Craig DuBose on piano and guitar will provide evolving tunes that stick with you.

Dec 10 DANCE SPECIAL: QUÉBÉCOIS SOIREE WITH NIGHTINGALE 2:30 AT CHERRY HILL. Nightingale migrates South from Vermont for a special day of dancing. The festivities begin at 2:30 with a Québécois Soiree: Mary DesRosiers (from Nelson, New Hampshire) calls quadrilles, contras and circle dances from Quebec to expand your dance horizons, with Nightingale providing their usual incomparable tunes and an occasional song. The afternoon is guaranteed to be fun, sociable and offer challenges to intrigue experienced dancers while letting newer dancers stretch their skills. There will be plenty of time for dinner before the evening dance, and participants in the Soiree will receive a one dollar discount at the evening dance.

Our regular Sunday dance also features Mary's calling with music by Nightingale. Becky Tracy's astounding fiddle playing combines with the intricate accordion of Jeremiah McLaine and Keith Murphy's piano and guitar to provide what one dancer called "Northern dance music the way it's supposed to be played: with power, style and dimension."

Dec 17 Whenever Brendan Mulvihill and Donna Long play for us, dancers keep checking the stage for hidden musicians, since Brendan's fiddle and Donna's piano produce enough sound to be mistaken for a Celtic orchestra. Denise Lair calls her usual smooth assortment of contras and squares to warm up a cold winter night.

Dec 24 Christmas Eve - NO DANCE

Dec 31 Special New Years Eve Dance 8:00-Midnight at the Leland Community Center Tom Hinds travels up the road from Charlottesville resolved to call an innovative and exciting evening of contras and squares to music from Adam's Housecat. Bo Bradham's skilled fiddle complimenting Craig Dubose on piano and guitar are a combination well known to D.C. dancers. Tonight, they are joined on bass by New Yorker Pete Jung (composer of Far Away, one of the most romantic waltzes around) to help you get the New Year started on the right (and left) foot. Our inventive organizing committee will provide suitable celebratory decorations and refreshments, including champagne at midnight. The dance costs $14.00 for FSGW members and $17.00 for non-members. Admission will be by pre-registration, either by mail or at the Sunday night dance. Directions to the hall will be sent with your confirmation letter. For further information, call Tom Harris and Martha Monroe at 301-270-9025.
Bob Zentz Concert  
Saturday, December 16, 8:30 pm  

Bob Zentz is the quintessential music man. He is a singer of two thousand songs, a master of eleven instruments, and a wandering minstrel. He has spread his songs far and wide, in tours across America and abroad. The FSGW audience has a rare chance to see Bob in concert at 8:30 pm, Saturday, December 16, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave. Silver Spring, MD., three blocks north of the New Hampshire Ave. Beltway exit.

Bob enjoys the challenge of building his performances around specific themes. Bob draws on thirty years of performing experience, as well as time spent as a teacher, radio-TV personality, sailor, festival organizer, promoter, instrument-builder, award-winning songwriter and recording artist. He calls these programs "informances," because the audience learns while being involved and entertained through history, humanity, humor and musicianship. The "Infotainment" becomes the perfect vehicle for presenting a great variety of Custom-Made Programs in schools, libraries, museums, festivals and camps, for young and old alike. Admission to this evening of song and information is $8 (FSGW) and $12 (non-members). Refreshments will be served. For more info call FSGW Hotline 202-546-2228.

New Year's Eve Gala English Dance

Dig out the finery, think champagne, and usher in the New Year at a Gala English Dance called by Sue Dupre with music by Reunion. Reception at 6:30pm, pot-luck supper at 7pm, dessert break at 10:30 pm, toast to the New Year at midnight. Sue will call mostly English Country dances, with some waltzes and couple dances. The dance will be held on December 31 at historic Adelphi Mill from 6:30pm to 12:45 am. Registration is limited and must be made in advance. Look for the registration flyers at BFMS and FSGW events, or send a stamped self-addressed envelope and check payable to FSGW ($17/members, $19/non-members) to Bob Farrall, 7613 Fountainebleau Dr., Suite 2112, New Carrollton, MD 20784. For more info call Karla or Bob at 301-577-5018.

Chesapeake Dance Weekend Announces Staff

FSGW’s Chesapeake Spring Dance Weekend committee has lined up a high-energy staff for the March 29-31, 1996 Dance Weekend at Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD. You’ll contra dance to the music of New York’s Grand Picnic and the calling of Sis Hinkle. Ron Buchanan will call Southern dances, backed by the venerable Ralph Blizzard & The New Southern Ramblers. Polish your Scandinavian couple-turning dances with teacher Roo Lester and star fiddlers Andrea Hoag and Bruce Sagan. And, for something completely different, knock your socks off moving to African percussion with dancers from Sankofa Dance Theatre.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.
WATCH FOR REGISTRATIONS FLYERS IN NEXT MONTH’S NEWSLETTER!!!
**FSGW English Country Dance**

*Every Wednesday, 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.*

Now in the Glen Echo Town Hall, a climate controlled facility. Enjoy the wood floor, live music, friendship and fine English Country dancing every Wednesday, starting at 8 p.m. Bring shoes for a floor that is sometimes slippery. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Members $5, non-members $6.

**SPECIAL EVENT: Welcome Dance on December 13.** Read about it below. Workshop and reduced admission for newcomers: At the first two dances of the month (on 12/6 and 12/13), Norm Bernhardt will continue to conduct the FREE workshops for newcomers that he started in November. Starting time is 7:30 and newcomers may continue on with the dance with admission REDUCED by ½.

Dec. 6  **Christopher Field** calls to music by **Andrea Hoag**, **Liz Donaldson**, and **Becky Ross**.
Dec. 13  Special event: **WELCOME DANCE!** Bring a friend for the first time to the Glen Echo Town Hall and the friend gets in FREE! Regular attenders get a $1 discount for each newcomer they bring. Dances to be called by **Brad Saylor** accompanied by **Liz Donaldson**, **Steve Hickman**, and **Ken Wright**.
Dec. 20  **Picking Up Sticks** by **Liz Donaldson**, **Bruce Edwards**, and **Malcolm Stephens** provide music for calling by **Mary Kay Friday**.
Dec. 27  **Liz Donaldson** and friends call to the music of **Susan Rudy** and **Howard Markham**.

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. Info: Norm Bernhardt, 301-320-2469; Rich Galloway, 301-589-0939; or Roger Broseus via e-mail, RogerB@cais.com.

**COMMUNITY DANCE**

**COMMUNITY DANCE UPDATE**—The Sunday afternoon community dances will be taking a break this month. On January 21, 1996, **DeLaura Padovan** will call to the music of **Steve Hickman** and friends. The dances for January to March will be located at the Glen Echo Town Hall and they will return to the Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom in April.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM YOUR GENEROUS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:**

Have we got at deal for you! On the occasion of the holiday season, we are offering all your friends an introductory trial membership in the Folklore Society at only $10 for six months! What a great way to take care of your holiday gift list, to enrich the lives of your friends and to help your society grow! But wait, there’s more. The three individuals signing up the most new members will have their own memberships extended for an extra year. Is that a deal, or what? Send the names, addresses and phone numbers of your friends, with payment, to FSGW Membership, 10101 Ashburton Ln., Bethesda, MD 20817 and be sure to include your name to receive credit. Questions? Call Alex at 301-530-5683.
Notes from the President

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

On December 5th, the FSGW Board will be holding its monthly meeting at the National Park Service office at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. It's located up the ramp next to the Park Police office. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM. The Board invites all interested members to attend.

Until the last few years, the Folklore Society was one of the premier producers of folk-related concerts in the Washington area. Since then, a number of local performance venues have been doing that job as well or better than us. We still put on great programs and special events, but our attendance at these events is down and we are having a very difficult time competing with places like the Barns at Wolf Trap, the Birchmere, and other local clubs and coffee houses, who have been producing high quality acts on a regular basis to a regular and expanding clientele.

The issue before the Board is how to deal with this problem. We produce 9 FREE programs yearly for FSGW members. These programs are expensive and some Board members wonder if it is worth producing them if only 50 or 70 people attend. From an organization of more than 3,000 members, this is a very small percentage who benefit from the programs. The performances are high quality and get good coverage in the Newsletter, so it is not true that people are unaware. The same is true with the Special Events. Occasionally, we get a big name act and hundreds of people attend. Usually, we don't get that many. Big name acts cost more to produce, so there is much more risk in producing them. Also, many of those performers are first in touch with the Barns or the Birchmere, who have consistently good audiences and regular ads in the Washington Post, Washington City Paper, and other publications. Should we concentrate on better known acts, or should we showcase performers who are good, but have not been that successful commercially?

During the past several months, the Board has been grappling with the question of growth. This issue has come up in several contexts. There was a discussion of whether we should seek funding from United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign, which would require an audit and probably more bureaucratic hoops than some of us would want to jump through. Still, with an increase in funding, FSGW could venture out in many new directions. For example, we could expand our outreach activities. We could help fund local performers who would like to perform at schools, senior citizen homes, parks, and other non-commercial venues. We could coordinate a program of local musicians who may want to teach traditional music in the schools. We could bring community dances to schools and community centers in the area. All of these activities are consistent with the purpose of the Society and would enhance our image in the community and, hopefully, bring in new members. Even without United Way or CFC support, we need to determine to what extent we want to pursue our outreach efforts. Please tell us your ideas and whether you would like to get involved with these activities.

MINIFEST UPDATE—We need your help. The Minifest is a one day festival, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 1996, at the Takoma Park Middle School. As you may know, it is an all-volunteer effort. We need performers, volunteers, and coordinators. Please call me to let me know that you are interested 301-320-7099.

GETAWAY THANKS: I have been told that the Getaway was a great success. I want to thank Barry Schlesinger and all the other volunteers who spent many hours organizing and producing this event. I also want to thank Marty Summerour for helping with the community dances and the FSGW outreach efforts. Because of her efforts, we will be co-sponsoring a series of free performances at Mason District Park in Annandale next summer.

Jamie Platt

THANKS FROM THE GETAWAY CHAIR

.. to the people who actually did the work to make the 31st Getaway happen: Dennis and Judy Cook (Registration), Carol and Chuck Moran (Program), Jennifer Woods (Housing), and Bob Clayton, Dolores Nichols (On-site registration), Linda Beste (Children's activities), Rebecca Clayton, Dean Clamons and Carly Gewirz, Bruce Gewirz, Susan Hills, Eric Cole, Dick Rodgers and all the workshop leaders.
Board Meeting
Tuesday December 5, 7:30 pm
The next board meeting will be Tues Dec 5, at the National Park Service Office at Glen Echo Park. (See the message from the President p. 5.) Any FSGW member may attend. If you have items for the board to consider, please call Phil Hayden 1-410-643-6607 or Jamie Platt 301-320-7099.

Capital Vintage Dance Society
Friday, December 1, 8 pm
You are cordially invited to an evening of waltzing by The Capital Vintage Dance Society of FSGW. Music will be provided by Elke Baker on violin, Marty Taylor on flute and Dave Wiesler on piano. Dress as formally as you please, but NO SPIKE HEELS! Admission $8 members, $10 non-members. This event will be held at the East Silver Spring Elementary School, 631 Silver Spring Ave., Silver Spring, MD starting at 8pm. The Capital Vintage Dance Society normally meets at that location every first Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. For more info call FSGW Hotline 202-546-2228 #33 or 301-949-7528.

Sacred Harp Singing
The usual fourth-Sunday Sacred Harp singing will not take place in December. Instead, in accordance with custom, we shall hold our ever-popular New Year's Day singing on Monday, January 1, 1996 at 3 pm. The tentative location is the Rock Spring Congregational Church, 5010 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA. Introduction to shape-note singing at 2 pm, singing 3-6 pm and after dinner, potluck at 6 pm. Everyone welcome. To confirm location and get directions, call the FSGW Hotline (menu item 42) or 301-897-5274.

Open Sing
Friday, December 1, 8:30 pm
The Dec. Open Sing will be held at the home of Bob Clayton and Jennifer Woods in Silver Spring, MD, not far from the Silver Spring Metro Stop on Silver Spring, MD! Singing will begin somewhere around 8:30 pm. All are welcome. The topic for Dec. is: “It’s a Date” -- the song should mention a date (time of day, day of the week, specific date on the calendar, fruit, etc. -- seasonal songs that are obviously seasonal songs work also.)." Bring your own refreshments, and some to share if you’d like. For directions and/or further information, call Jennifer or Bob at 301-587-7174.

Tango Trade
Saturday, December 2 & 16, 3 pm
Argentine Tango practice and informal swapping of steps and tips on technique. FREE. West End Public Library at 24th & L St. Washington, DC (Upstairs). Sats. 3 - 5 pm. Dec 2nd & 16th. Recorded Music. Beginner’s welcome. (Music and hosts may not be provided when other tango events scheduled the same day.) Sponsored by Capital Tangueros 703-267-1430.

Argentine Tango Workshops
December 9 & 10
Taught by tango master Rebecca Shulman at American University, 4400 Mass. Ave. NW., Cassell Center, Dance Studio Room 103. Sat., Dec.9, all tango; 1-2:25 (BEG, N/P, N/E), 2:30 -3:45 (INT, N/P), 4 - 5 (ADV, N/P) one class $15, two $25 or three for $35. Sun. Dec. 10 at 1 - 2:45 tango - “Variations on a Turn” (INT/ADV), 3:15 - 5 milonga and tango waltz (INT/ADV) $20 per class or $35 for both. Sponsored by Capital Tangueros 703-276-1430.

Storytelling
Saturday, December 16, 7:30 pm
On Sat. Dec. 16 at 7:30 pm, Alan and Arwen Centa invite storytellers and listeners to their home in Takoma Park for an evening of holiday (and other) stories and potluck refreshments. Please call at least 24 hours in advance for RSVPS and directions. 301-270-3916.

Gospel Sing
December 10, 4:00 PM
The Gospel Sing will be held Dec. 10 at the home of Debby Churchman in Arlington, VA. Call her at 703-532-2696 for directions. Singing starts around 4:00 PM with a break for a covered dish supper at 6:00 and then more singing. Everyone is welcome!

Foggy Bottom International Folkdancers
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 info: (301) 320-7099.

Two Great Ski-Dance Weekends in 1996
The American Ski-Dance Weekend (January 12-15) featuring mostly contras with caller Suzanne Giradot with Peter Fricke and music by Elke Baker, Larry Unger and Dave Wiesler.
Washington’s Ski-Dance Weekend (February 16-19) mostly English Country Dancing called by Scott Higgs with Peter Fricke, to music by Findhorn: Liz Donaldson, Ralph Gordon, Steve Hickman, Malcolm Stephens and Marty Taylor.
Both weekends will be held at Camp Soles, a rustic winter sports camp in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. Cross country ski instruction and dance workshops are planned throughout both weekends. Cost is $132 for FSGW, CDSS, BFMS, PATC Touring Section and the Sierra Club Outings Section members, $148 for non-members, and $90 for children 12 years and under. Look for flyers at area dances or call Peter Fricke at 304-728-6400 (evenings) or Bob Mathis or Tali Stopak at 301-589-7539 for further info. For a registration form send a SASE to Bob Mathis, 2705 Spencer Rd., Chevy Chase, MD. 20815.

AROUND TOWN

Institute of Musical Traditions
Concert Series
The Institute of Musical Traditions Monday Night Concert Series 1994-95. Unless otherwise noted, all concerts are held at the Silver Spring Unitarian Universalist Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave. Silver Spring, MD. Shows begin at 8pm. Come to any concert and pick up a $2 coupon towards your next purchase at the House of Musical Traditions. Also get your music Mileage Madness card -- attend 6 concerts and get the 7th one FREE. FSGW members get $1 off each ticket purchased. Additional group discounts available. Call 301-588-7525 for more info, or for advance tickets (now available for all concerts). Affordable on-site child care also available with advance reservations and half-price tickets for the 14 and under set. Call to get on our mailing list and receive our new DEC/JAN/FEB series mailer. Admission is $8 unless otherwise noted.

Dec 4 Lisa Moscatello & Friends
Dec 9 10th Annual Holiday Concert: Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer with Trout Fishing in America 11 am (families) at Blair High School, 313 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring $7 advance/$8 door/ $5.50 groups of 10 or more 8 pm (Adults) at Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring, MD. $10 advance/ $12 door ($2 off w/stub from family show).
Dec 18 Tom Prasada-Rao & Dana Cooper $10/$12
**Christmas Revels**  
**Dec. 1-3 and Dec 8-10**

The 13th annual Christmas Revels will be a Masque of Medieval and Renaissance carols, processions, dance and drama. The production portrays the story of "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight," a suspense-filled tale of a challenge and a quest that ultimately becomes a test of character. Dramatized by Susan Cooper with music chosen by John Langstaff, the story begins at Christmastide in the Court of King Arthur and journeys to the castle of Sir Bercilak of Hautdesert.

Guest musicians will be the superb early music ensemble **Piffaro: the Renaissance Band**. Sir Gawain will be played by the delightful **Mark Jaster** and the lords and ladies of the court will be **Le Choeur de Noël**. Two children’s choruses, **Les Petites Chanterelles** and **Les Jeunes Pages de la Table Ronde** will enchant us with traditional French children’s songs and **The Foggy Bottom Morris Men** will once again strive to awaken the frozen winter earth.

The Christmas Revels will be held at the George Washington University’s Lisner Auditorium. For more info call 301-657-3285.

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**Ensemble Galilei**

Christmas carols, a celebration of the Winter Solstice and Celtic songs of the season will be performed by **Ensemble Galilei** at this years holiday offering: A Celtic Solstice Concert (with Christmas Cheer!) **David Abe** of **Celtic Thunder** and **Maggie Sansone** will join **Ensemble Galilei’s Marcia Diehl, Nancy Karpeles, Sue Richards** and **Carolyn Surrick**. Some of the performances will sell out, so get your tickets early! For more info call 410-841-6298.

Dec 4 Strathmore Hall, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. 301-530-0540 8 pm

Dec 10 Music at the Avalon, Avalon Theater, 40 East Dover St., Easton, MD. 410-822-0345 3 pm

Dec 13 National Geographic, 1600 M St. NW, Washington, DC 202-857-7700 5:30 & 8 pm

Dec 15 Music in the Great Hall, McDowell Hall, St. John’s College, 60 College Ave. Annapolis, MD 410-626-2539 8pm

Dec 16 Same venue 8 pm

Dec 17 Same venue 7 pm

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**Connemara**  
**Saturday, December 9, 8 pm**

**Connemara** will present a benefit concert for the Hungry and Homeless on Sat. Dec. 9 at 8pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church at Broad Creek, Fort Washington, MD. Appearing with **Connemara** will be **Jody Marshall** and **Don Stallone**. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advance by sending a check to St. John’s - Broad Creek along with a SASE to St. John’s Episcopal Church, 9301 Livingston Rd., Fort Washington, MD 20744. Advance tickets will be offered preferential seating until show time. For more info call 301-489-6991.

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**Freyda Epstein Offers**  
**Workshops on the Alexander Technique**  
**Saturday & Sunday December 9 & 10**

The Alexander Technique is method of relieving stress and tension, improving posture and enhancing performance in physical tasks, including singing and playing an instrument. It can help you experience greater ease and flexibility by identifying and changing patterns of movement that create tension in you body. These workshops will be taught by **Freyda Epstein**, a certified teacher of the Alexander Technique. The format for each day will be a workshop (10 am - 1 pm, $65) followed by optional 50-minute private lessons as scheduled in advance ($45/lesson). Saturday is primarily for singers, while Sunday’s session will address the needs of other musicians and include other tasks (such as computer work). For more info contact Susan Hills at 703-978-3735 or by e-mail: pinelady@aol.com.

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**Band Aid**  
**Saturday, December 16, 10 am**

Band Aid is an all-day workshop from 10 am - 3 pm, Sat. Dec. 16. It will be taught by **Liz Donaldson**. The workshop will cover ensemble playing, good ways to back up, blending, keeping up tempo, dealing with disaster, improvising and more! All in a friendly and fun atmosphere. All instruments welcome. $15 per person. For more info call Liz at 301-986-1291.
Urban Legends House Concert
Sunday, Dec. 17th 3pm

The Urban Legends (Ruth Goldberg, Ira Gitlin, George Welling) invite you to attend a cozy concert featuring their usual spunky blend of original, traditional and popular acoustic music. With any luck, they'll also have copies of their long-awaited debut cassette, "Why Get Up?". The concert will take place at the Capitol Hill home of Stan and Sue Goldberg, 508 3rd St. SE. Admission is $4 for adults, $1 for children. For information, call 703-532-4599.

Dupont Music Circle
Every Wednesday, 8 pm
Come sing and play British Isles (and other) folk music with us. We don’t charge, and we don’t pay; it’s just for fun. Site alternates between DC (12/6, 12/20) and Arlington (12/13, call first to confirm 12/27). For info call 202-775-8837.

IN CONCERT

New St. George

Squeeze Bayou
Dec 1 Borders Books & Records, Columbia, MD. 7:30 - 9:30 pm FREE. For info 301-270-2586
Dec 14 Borders Books & Records, Gaithersburg, MD. 7:30 - 9:30 pm FREE. For info 301-270-2586
Dec 31 Annapolis First Night. For info 301-270-2586

Sue Trainor
Dec 2 First Saturday Coffeehouse p.
Dec 15 333 Coffeehouse, Unitarian Church of Anne Arundel County, 333 DuBois Rd., Annapolis, MD. Admission $5. 8 pm. For info 410-647-4275.

FUTURE EVENTS

MID-ATLANTIC AREA HOSTS
NORTH AMERICAN FOLK ALLIANCE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 14-18, 1996
The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance is a non-profit umbrella organization designed to "foster and promote traditional, contemporary and multicultural folk music, dance and related performing arts in North America." Members of the Folk Alliance range from organizations (societies, festivals, agencies, record labels, etc.) and performers to back porch pickers and singers and fans. The central office has moved to DC; call 202-835-3655 for membership and conference information.

The annual Folk Alliance conference moves from city to city across the continent -- last year it was in Portland, Oregon, the year before it was in Boston, the year before that in Calgary, Alberta. In 1997, it will be in Toronto. This year, it's in Washington, DC. Wherever the conference is, large numbers of folkies (about 1500 at each of the last two) from near and far congregate to exchange news, strategies, tunes, and business cards. Folkies in the host region are called upon to support the conference by volunteering to help with registration, hospitality, and other tasks to insure a smooth and enjoyable visit for conference attendees.

It's an amazing experience to see a large, fancy, urban hotel overtaken by folkies -- literally! -- and it's great fun to be part of the huge, annual sort of hug/schmooze. If you'd like to find out more about helping out (before and/or) during the conference, please call Peter Kent at 301-495-5610.

Early Bird Special
Maggie’s Music is now accepting early enrollments for Maggie’s Music Celtic Day on April 13, 1996. Enroll now and pay only $63 for a day of workshops and classes and an evening concert by some of the best Celtic musicians in the country. For more info or to enroll call 410-268-3394 or write to Maggie’s Music, P.O. Box 4144, Annapolis, MD 21403. Workshop leaders include Al Petteway, Sue Richards, Maggie Sansone, Bonnie Rideout, Karen Ashbrook and more.
LOCAL CLUB VENUES

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon  
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm  
Open mike with a 3-song limit. $1 cover. Member Showcase 2nd Tuesday. Holiday Party 12/19 FREE $9 ($8 members) Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon, VA. Info: 703-437-7766 or 703-573-6855. Smoke FREE venue.

First Saturday Coffeehouse  
Saturday, December 2, 8 pm  
All Souls Episcopal Church, 2300 Cathedral Ave. NW, This is an alcohol and smoke-FREE listening room for folk and acoustic music. $7 More info call 202-232-4244.  
Dec 2 James Mee, Sue Trainor and Doris Justis Trio  
Dec 31 New Year’s Eve Extravaganza. 8th annual Folk Against Drinking and Driving featuring Doris Justis Trio & Folk Family, Andrew McKnight, Bill Parsons, Donal Leace, Bill Baker, Pete Mealy & Laurie Griffith, Kindred Spirits and Steve Gellman $10 at door with reservations, $15 at door w/o reservations. For info 202-686-9210.

Caffé Florian Coffeehouse  
Saturday, December 9, 8 pm  
Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd. Camp Springs, MD., 0.3mi south of Allentown Rd. The Caffé Florian is held the second Saturday of each month. September through May. The open mike is occasionally supplemented by a featured performer. Admission is FREE. Info call 301-449-8804.  
Dec 9 Open Mike

Folkal Point  
Thursdays  
The Folkal Point is a volunteer-operated weekly concert series located in the banquet room of the Coho Grill, Hobbit's Glen Golf Club, 11130 Willow Bottom Dr., Columbia, Maryland. Concerts are held every Thurs. Admission $8 unless noted. Smoke-FREE venue. Info 301-982-0686.  
Dec 7 Terra Nova Dec 14 DARK Dec 21 DARK Dec 28 DARK

Music Americana Showcase  
Wednesday, December 27, 8:15 pm  
Music Americana presents a monthly showcase of national and regional folk music performers at Bad Habits, 5444 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA. Showcases will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm. Admission is $6 & proceeds benefit the World Folk Music Association. Dick Cerri is host & emcee.  
Dec 27 Side by Side, David Mallet, Grace Griffith and others TBA

"Star of Europe Coffeehouse"  
Sunday, 7 - 9 pm  
First and third Sundays of each month located at Star of Europe Restaurant, 5125 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Washington, DC. Space is limited so reservations are strongly suggested. The space is a comfortable, smoke-FREE listening room featuring the talents of folk/acoustic artists. For reservations 202-244-3106  
Dec 3 TBA Dec 17 TBA
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
The Friday Night Dancers and the National Park Service sponsor contra dances every Friday night at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on MacArthur Boulevard. The dances begin at 8:30. The admission price is $5 unless otherwise noted. Beginners' classes are generally offered from 7:30 - 8:00. No classes will be offered December through February, however, due to temperatures in the ballroom. The four-week series of classes will resume on the first Friday of March, 1996. Beginners are always welcome at the Friday night dance, with or without benefit of lessons. You do not need to bring a partner. THE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE WILL REMAIN AT GLEN ECHO THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS! IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHETHER A DANCE WILL BE CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER, CALL THE PARK SERVICE'S RECORDED MESSAGE AT (301)492-6282. THE MESSAGE WILL BE UPDATED AT 9:00 AM, 12:00 NOON AND 3:00 PM. THE 3:00 MESSAGE IS THE DEFINITIVE WORD! For recorded information about who will be playing for the current week's dances, call the DC 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.

Bands and callers this month will be:
Dec 1 Nightingale with Bill Wellington
Dec 8 Open band with Mary DesRosiers
Dec 15 Folk Remedy with Andy Kane
Dec 22 Beyond the Beltway with Ann Fallon
Dec 29 Celtic Naught with Laurie Fisher
Jan 5 Devil Among the Taylors / caller TBA

Santa Lucia Scandinavian Dance
Saturday, December 2, 8 pm
Scandinavian dance party and candlelight celebration of upcoming Santa Lucia Day, music by Peascods Gathering at TPIS. N/E, N/P. $5. For info call 301-493-6281 or 703-356-3036.

Washington Swing Dance
Saturday, December 2, 9 pm
Don't let winter intimidate you! You'll be thankful for the cooler weather outside to offset the hot, hot dance fun inside! The Washington Swing Dance Committee offers at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Tom Principato for blues and rock. Introductory swing workshop from 8 - 9 pm, dancing from 9 - midnight. Admission to the dance is only $8 with $1 going directly to the rehabilitation fund drive for the Spanish Ballroom. For more info call 301-340-9732

Cajun Dance
Sunday, December 3, 6 pm
Sunday evening Cajun music continues at Tornado Alley with Squeeze Bayou. It is an early evening of Cajun dancing and children are welcome. Workshop takes place from 5 - 6 pm. Dancing from 6 - 8:30 pm. Admission is $7 for adults. Kids FREE. Tornado Alley is located just off of University Blvd. On Elkin St. in Wheaton, MD. For info 301-270-2586.

Maryland Klezmer Club
Sunday, December 3 & 17, 6:30 - 9 pm
Come join the Machaya Klezmer Band every other Sunday from 7-9 pm at the Chevy Chase Holiday Inn for good food and live Jewish “Klezmer Club” music and dancing. Our next scheduled evening is Nov. 5. For reservations and admission charges call the Chevy Chase Holiday Inn at 301-656-1500.
Irish Country Set Dance Workshop
Wednesday, December 6, 7 pm
Irish Country Set Dance workshop will be held from 7 - 9:30 pm at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD. The instructor will be Timmy McCarthy, dance master and musician direct from County Cork, Ireland. Both live and recorded music. Admission $8. For info 301-840-1416.

Reston Contra Dance
Saturday, December 9, 8 pm
Andy Kane will be the caller and June Apple will be the band for the Reston contra dance on Sat. Dec. 9, 8 - 11pm at The Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd. Reston, VA. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Dance $4.50. Beginners' wksp 7-8 pm., $1.50. Dances are now on the SECOND Saturdays. Info call 703-709-9121.

Zydeco Dance
Saturday, December 9, 9 pm
Enjoy light, melodic, bouncy Zydeco music and come dance to Geno Delafose and French Rockin' Boogie in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, MacArthur Blvd. At Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo, MD. Beginners Zydeco workshop from 8-9 pm. Dance 9-12 pm. Admission $10 (Includes dance workshop and dance). For more info 301-309-0895. Sponsored by Crawfish Productions in cooperation with the National Park Service.

English Country Dance and Workshop
Tuesday, December 12, 7:45 pm
Figures, phrasing, and style taught. Calling by Howard Markham, Pat Ruggiero, occasional guests. Calling by Howard Markham, Pat Ruggiero, occasional guests. Musicians: Jeff Steinberg, fiddle and Pat Wexelblat, recorder. Guest musicians welcome--call Howard. N/P, N/E. $3. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, Virginia. For info 703-471-0629.

Táncház Hungarian Dance Party
Saturday, December 9, 7:30 pm
Tisza Ensemble will sponsor a Hungarian Dance Party, Sat. Dec. 9 at 7:30pm at Starting Point Dance Studio. Calvert Rd, College Park, MD. Admission $4 ($3 for Tisza members). Táncház starts promptly at 7:30pm with 15 mins. of instruction in basic elements of Hungarian dancing, followed by 45 mins. of instruction in a traditional Hungarian or Transylvanian dance. Dancing is to live and recorded music. Please bring folk-dance shoes or other footwear that will not damage the dance floor. Food and drink appreciated for the snack table. For more info call 301-946-5867.

Buffalo Dance Circle Holiday Party
Monday, December 11, 8 pm
Buffalo Dance Circle invites you to our annual Holiday Party at the Knights of Columbus in Bethesda on Mon. Dec. 11 from 8 - 11:30 pm. There will be live music and wonderful dancing to the joyous and exciting sounds of the Machaya Klezmer Band directed by Jay McCrensky. The Peascods Gathering will also play beautiful international music from many countries. Among their specialties are Scandinavian and English. There will be other live music as well as some of your favorite recorded music such as Hungarian, Greek, Roumanian, Turkish, as well as Bulgarian from our Nov. 6 workshop. We will also have a pinata for the children under 10. Please bring your favorite ethnic dish or other goodies to share and wear an ethnic costume if you wish. There will be a dance at the Knights of Columbus on Mon. Dec. 18. Admission is $6 for the Holiday Party and $4 for the Dec. 18 dance. For info call 301-871-8788.

Irish Mini Ceili Dance
Thursday, December 14, 8 pm
A mini Irish Ceili dance will be held from 8 to 10:30 pm at the Frost Center, Aspen Hill Rd, Rockville, MD. Irish Country Sets and Ceili dances will be performed. Live music. Admission $4 donation. For info 301-840-1416.

Zydeco Dance
Friday, December 15, 8pm
Come to a Zydeco/Cajun dance at the Market 5 Gallery in Eastern Market's North Hall. The Oct. 20 dance will feature the popular local band Zydeco Crayz. Dance instruction will be give from 7:30 - 8pm. The dance will be held from 8pm to 11pm. Admission is $10. Eastern Market is located on 7th St. SE between C St. & North Carolina Ave. For info call 202-543-0587.
Clogging
2th and 4th Thursdays
Come to the Clog Palace for free-style Appalachian clogging, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Chicken Place, 11201 Grandview Avenue, Wheaton MD. Admission $5. From the Beltway, take Georgia Avenue north toward Wheaton, then a left onto Veirs Mill road. At the second light, take a right onto Reede Drive. Take an immediate left onto Grandview Avenue. The Chicken Place is just before the large public parking lot on the right. Information: Julie Mangin (301)495-0082.
Dec 14 The Hoover Uprights (Bill Schmidt, Kate Brett, Kevin Enoch, and John Schwab)
Dec 21 Community Music Night featuring local musicians. All admissions collected this night will be contributed to the Rosemary Seim Fund. Rosemary was a local dancer who was killed in an automobile accident in August. A dance scholarship to the Buffalo Gap Dance Camp has been established in her memory. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to: The Rosemary Seim Fund, c/o Victor Matsuo, 2404 Colston Drive #203, Silver Spring MD 20910.

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English Country Dance
3rd Saturday, December 16
Calling by Barbara Harding, recorded music. All are welcome. No admission charge. N/P, N/E. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, Virginia. For more information, call Barbara Harding at 703-437-3615.

Northern Virginia Ceili
Saturday, December 16, 7:30pm
The Northern Virginia Ceili will be on Sat. Dec 16 at the John Wood Center, 3701 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. from 8pm to Midnight. FREE lessons for beginners from 7:30 - 8pm. Music by the Bogwanderers Ceili Band. Admission: Adults $10; children under 16 $5; family $20; children under 6 FREE. Complimentary tea, coffee and soda bread; soft drinks for sale. For info 703-978-8265.

Swing Dance
Saturday, December 16, 9 pm
Have a Swingin’ holiday season with the hot sounds of the Tom Cunningham Orchestra in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. The band will be wailin’ with your favorite tunes of the Swing Era on Sat. Dec. 16 from 9 pm to midnight. Admission is $8 including a swing lesson at 8pm. For info call 703-533-8864.

Scandia DC’s Annual Holiday Dance Party
Saturday, December 16, 8pm
Scandinavian couple dancing at the Indian Springs Terrace Recreation Center, 9717 Lawndale Dr., Silver Spring, MD; dancing from 8 - 10:45; live music by Loretta Kelley and the Scandia DC Spelemanslag; N/P; no teaching; $4. For info 202-333-2826.

Tom Cunningham Orchestra
CD Release Party
Sunday, December 17, 7:30 pm
The Tom Cunningham Orchestra is proud to announce the release of their new CD All the Cats Join In. Join in the celebration on Sun. Dec. 17 at Fleetwood’s, 44 Canal Center Plaza, in Alexandria, VA at 7:30 pm. Admission $6. Validated parking available. Reservations and directions 703-548-6425.

Argentine Tango Tea Dance (Milonga)
Sunday, December 17, 2 pm
An afternoon of tangos will be held at Dancers, 4609 Willow Ln., Bethesda, MD. The dance will be to recorded music and will be authentic style 30's, 40's & 50's Argentine Tango and some Milonga. For more info call 301-656-0595
New Year's Swing Dance  
Sunday, December 31, 9 pm

Join the Crabtown Big Band to swing in the New Year at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. This special event is alcohol-FREE, smoke-FREE and will cost $15 with $1 going towards the rehabilitation fund dive for the Spanish Ballroom. There will be a FREE swing workshop from 8 - 9 pm with the dancing starting at 9 pm. The evening will end with a special waltz set. For info 301-340-9732.

New Year’s Eve Ceili  
Sunday, December 31, 8:30 pm

See the New Year in with a Ceili. Paddy Keenan, Donna Long and Brendan Mulvihill with special surprise guests will provide the music. Cherry Hill Park Clubhouse, College Park, Md. 8:30 pm - 12:30 am. Admission is $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Mail requests to Trish Callahan, 1302 Colvin Forest Dr., Vienna, VA 22182. Make checks payable to the Greater Washington Ceili Club. Info 202-547-2923.

International Dancing in Arlington, Va  
Tuesdays, 8 pm

International folk dance open-class every Tuesday evening 8 - 10 pm at Key Elementary School, Key Blvd., Arlington, VA. Between Adams and Veitch Sts. 3 blocks from Courthouse Road Metro. $3, refreshments served. Dancing nonstop to recorded music with instruction-walkthrough-requests throughout. Singles welcome, and all ages and levels of expertise. Call Sam or Sarah Stulberg 703-527-8998 for further information about dance, dance activities and/or foreign folk events.

DANCE CLASSES

Dance classes -Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff, Synergy Dance Center, December 4 - 18, 7:10-8:10 pm Beg. swing, 8:10-9:10 pm Int., Waltz, 9:10-10:10 pm Int. Swing. 3 week session is $33. Synergy Dance Center, 4321 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016. Make checks payable to Halbark Dance. For more info 703-978-0375.

Greek, Israeli and other International folk dances beginning under the sponsorship of the Mont. Co. Recreation Dept. 301-217-6880. Learn specialty ethnic dances from a professional teacher Anna Pappas. 10 Fridays starting 9/29 at Holiday Park Center, 10:30-11:30 am $40.50. Info 301-468-4448. 10 Fridays starting 9/29 Cold Spring Elementary 8-9:30 pm $40.50 Info 301-217-6880. 10 Tuesdays, starting 10/3 Forest Glen Center 10:30-11:30 am $40.50 Info 301-681-1255. 10 Wednesdays starting 9/20 River Road Unitarian Church 8:30-9:30 pm $35. Info 301-229-0400. All the above to recorded music.

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 - 8:00 pm $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.  
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Key Elementary, Key Blvd., Arlington, VA. 8 - 10 pm $3 For info  
Wed.: SCOTTISH DANCE 8pm. Durant Center on Cameron St., Alexandria, VA. Info: 703-549-6077.  
SILVER SPRING GUMBO GROUPIES Long Branch Community Center, Social Hall A, 8700 Piney Branch  
Rd., Silver Spring. 7:30pm For info call 301-439-4815.  
ISRAELI DANCE featuring "oldies" nights 1st and 3rd Weds. of each month, newer dances 2nd and 4th, Har  
Shalom, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac, 7:30-11 pm. 1st hour basic steps for beginners. Info: 301-441-8213.
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 Wed. of each month 7:30 pm.

Dec 6  Lou Shapiro calling for Nightingale
Dec 13 Michael Schectman calling for Maggie Brown’s Favorites
Dec 20 Holiday Party: Robbin Schaffer calling for Critton Hollow String Band
Dec 27 Dick Bearman calling to music of Elke Baker, Liz Stell and Bill Matthiesen
For information, please call the hotline: 410-366-0808.

English Country Dance.
Mondays 8pm Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St. Admission $5 for BFMS, $7 nonmembers. Your card is required to enter as a member.

Dec 4  Diane Schmit calling to the music of Steve Hickman and Liz Donaldson
Dec 11 Christopher Field calling to the music of Marty Taylor, Dawn Culbertson and Dave Wiesler
Dec 18 CANDLELIGHT & SATIN HOLIDAY DANCE Rich Galloway and Dawn Culbertson calling to the music of Elke Baker, Andrea Hoag and Susan Rudy.
Dec 25 NO DANCE
For information, please call the hotline: 410-366-0808.

BFMS Mid-Winter Ball 1996
Quick! Now’s the time to send in your reservation for the 15th Annual Mid-Winter Ball! The Ball will be held at St. Stanislaus Church Hall, 700 South Ann St. in Fells Point, on Sat. Jan. 13, 1996. Mingle at the Tea at 7 pm, showing off your best dessert or a scrumptious snack. Get in the spirit of things with the Grand March at 8 pm then sway to the superb sounds of Yankee Ingenuity, with calling by the legendary Tony Parkes! Pick up a flyer at an event or call the BFMS Hotline 410-366-080 to find out exactly what to do. If you need to talk to a real person you can call 410-788-2761, but do so between 5 - 9 pm. Tickets will be sold in advance and we do sell out.

Open Band
Tuesday, December 12
Welcome to our community musicians (New England, Southern or any other variety) of all skill levels to Baltimore’s Open Band. If you can’t meet with us to play the 2nd Tuesday of call Robbin and David at 410-366-2742 or Susan at every month, we’ve got sheet music available. For a good time 410-1730 for more info and directions.

Special Concert and Dance
Saturday, December 2, 8 pm
The Double Decker String Band, an old time style string band based in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area will play a concert beginning at 8 pm. From 9:30 - 11 pm, there will be a square dance called by Baltimore’s own calling chanteuse, Kate Charles. The concert and dance will be held at Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., Baltimore. Admission is $8 for members, $10 for non-members. $5 for children. For info call BFMS Hotline 410-366-0808.
REST OF MARYLAND

Patapsco Scottish Dancers
2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month, 8 - 10 pm
Come try out Scottish social dancing. We welcome beginners. Annamarie Pluhar and Elke Baker teach, Elke provides first class music on the fiddle. We meet at the Caryl Maxwell Dance Studio, 8030 Main St. on 4th floor. Bring soft soled shoes and $5. For more info call 301-869-0963 or 301-589-6813.

Coffeehouse at Mays Chapel
Fridays, 8:30 pm
The Coffeehouse of Mays Chapel United Methodist Church, 11911 Jennifer Rd., Timonium, MD presents concerts where the doors open at 7:30 pm with the concert at 8:30 pm. The concerts are non-profit educational, alcohol and smoke FREE. The church is wheelchair accessible. For info call 410-922-5210.
Dec 1 Tom Rush $15 Marge Calhoun opens
Dec. 8 Cathy Fink/Marcy Marxer plus Trout Fishing in America $12
Dec 15 IONA $10

Patches and Liz Coffeehouse North
2nd & 4th Saturdays
The Patches and Liz Coffeehouse North takes place on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month in the Timonium Methodist Church, 2300 Pots Spring Rd., Timonium, MD. Concerts begin at 8 pm and admission is $8 per person unless otherwise stated. Refreshments available. For more info and directions 410-771-4709.
Dec 9 Bill Parsons
Dec 23 DARK

Frederick Country Dance
Saturday, December 25, 8pm
Howard Bass calls contra dances to the music of The Mighty Possums. Dances hosted by Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council every fourth Saturday at the Old Armory, corner of Second and Bentz. Directions: From 70 or 270, take 15N, exit at Rosemont Ave. and go straight at light onto Second St., follow to Bentz. Armory is on the right. FREE beginners workshop promptly at 7pm. MMFAC members $4, non-members $6, Frederick city residents $3. Info call 301-694-6794 or 717-334-5392.

Prospect Coffeehouse
Saturday, December 9, 8 pm
Prospect Coffeehouse Concerts are held at the Kepler Theater on the campus of Hagerstown Junior College, Robinwood Dr., Hagerstown, MD. unless otherwise stated. General admission is $7 at the door, $5 for MGCAA members and FREE to HJC students and faculty. Complimentary light refreshments are available at intermission courtesy of Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe of Shepherdstown and Mountain Green. For more info 301-739-5265(eves.)
Dec 9 Lox and Vodka

Nowell Sing We Clear
Saturday, December 2, 8 pm
Common Ground presents John Roberts, Tony Barrand, Fred Breunig and Andy Davis in Nowell Sing We Clear on Sat. Dec. 2 at 8 pm at the Theatre on the Hill, Western Maryland College, Westminster, MD. Advance tickets are $10 $8 senior. Children under 12 FREE. Adult tickets at door will be $12. For info call Common Ground 410-857-2771.

VIRGINIA

Bluemont Morris Dancers
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 David 202-797-7395.

HM Dancers
Wednesdays 7pm
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
Sing Along in Loudoun County. Meets monthly for fun, food and music. Singing follows pot luck dinner. For time and place call 703-779-7323 (FREE)

Bluemont Oldtime Country Dances
Saturday, December 16, 8 pm
Sat. Dec. 16 will be the Bluemont Annual Midwinter Ball with Robert Cromartie calling to the music of Elke Baker and David Wiesler. Join the fun, seasonal music, rituals, foolery and a potluck supper. Old Bluemont School Community Center, Bluemont, VA. Admission is $5 per person, $3 for Bluemont Friends. For more info 703-777-6306.

WEST VIRGINIA
Shepherdstown Dance and Concert
Saturday, December 2, 3 pm
Sue Dupre calls contras to the music of Nightingale, with Becky Tracy, Jeremiah McLaine and Keith Murphy. The evening begins with a Nightingale concert at Reynolds Hall, Shepherds College at 3 pm, followed by a pot luck dinner at 6 pm. A FREE beginner’s workshop starts at 7:15 pm with the dance at 8 pm at the Shepherdstown War Memorial Building, corner of King and German Streets, Shepherdstown, WV. For info 304-725-0266.

Shenandoah Coffeehouse
Shepherdstown, WV
Saturday, December 16, 8 pm
Shepherdstown War Memorial Building (Men’s Club), W. German St., Shepherdstown, WV. All shows start at 8 pm. December 16 features Andrew McKnight, Laurie Rose Griffith & Pete Mealy and Bill Parsons.

PENNSYLVANIA
York Folk Dance Association
Friday, December 1, 8pm
The York Folk Dance Association invites you to a Folk/Contra dance at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 340 East Market St. All regular dances held Fridays. The contra dance will be 8 - 11pm with a beginner’s workshop 7 - 8pm. Cost $6. Please wear flat, soft-soled shoes. For more info call 717-845-2897 or 717-246-2065.
Dec 1 Ann Fallon calling to the music of Liz Donaldson and Steve Hickman.
PLEASE NOTE: There will be a special New Year’s Eve Contra Dance, December 31st as part of the First Night Celebration in York. Robbin Schaffer will call to Some Assembly. An advance button cost $6 or the dance will cost $8 that night. For more info call 717-845-2897.
WAY BEYOND

St Croix, Virgin Islands
February 7 - 13, 1996

Spend a week on St. Croix with the best of New England and Old Time music and dance with Wild Asparagus and the Super 400's. George Marshall and Kathy Anderson will be the callers. The cost is $750. This does not include airfare. It includes transportation to and from the airport in St. Croix, a place in a double occupancy room, breakfast the first morning, catered dinners each night and all evening parties. A deposit of $100 will hold your reservation. Final payment is due by January 15th. Cancellation policy: $50 non-refundable after 11/15, $100 non-refundable after 12/15. Entire amount non-refundable after 1/15/96. For more info call 413-323-9604.

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Sunday, December 10

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