December Program

Andy Cohen & Larkin Bryant Cohen  Saturday, December 21, 8:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring

Buckle your seat belt for a wild evening. Andy Cohen and Larkin Bryant recently joined forces, combining their massive repertoires, voices, instrumental abilities and entertainment skills into a single entity. With over 70 years of musical experience between them, you can expect rags, ballads, original songs and tunes on a dozen instruments, traditional dance tunes from Appalachia to Canada, and gut bucket blues styles from Beale Street. When circumstances permit, they appear under the sobriquets of “Professor Futz” and “Bony Maroni.”

Andy Cohen is an exuberant, lusty-voiced acoustic guitar player and piano “pounder” who has made his living for the last 35 years playing old Southern music: blues, ragtime, Gospel music and field hollers, sentimental songs and string band repertoire. A dynamic performer, Andy easily captures his audience while remaining true to the integrity of the traditional music he reveres. Not satisfied with mimicry, Andy has that rare ability to absorb the very substance and character of the older players, using himself as a vehicle to represent them culturally and musically. His repertoire comes from direct contact with many of the old masters and from the study of literally hundreds of old recordings.

If you play the dulcimer, you know Larkin Bryant for the book that you probably learned out of, she is the most respected figure in the dulcimer world. But Larkin is not limited to the dulcimer. All kinds of things go into her quiet vignettes: gospel music, folk songs from her coffeehouse days in Memphis, the blues of Furry Lewis and Bukka White, whom she knows back then. If you have not seen Larkin, you probably should.

The church is on New Hampshire Avenue, about 4 blocks outside the beltway, on your right if you are coming from the beltway. Admission is $9, but free to FSGW members. For additional info, call Dennis Cook at 301-776-4314.

During the day on Saturday the 21st of December, both Larkin & Andy will be giving separate finger picking workshops. Andy will be giving a Piedmont-style guitar workshop, and Larkin will be giving a dulcimer workshop. The cost is $20 per person for either workshop. Attendance is limited. To sign-up for a workshop, call Judy Cook on 301-776-4314.

**Swallowtail** in Concert  — Tuesday, January 14th  — **SAVE THIS DATE.**  Next month we have a rare opportunity to hear one of the country’s most popular contra-dance bands in concert.

**Mini Festival Upcoming**  -- **Mark Your Calendar for January 25th, 1997!**

The Mini is coming. The new location is the Eastern Middle school on University Blvd, just east of the beltway. The schedule is already beginning to gel. If you want to volunteer to help, call Judy Cook on 301-776-4314.
FSGW SUN DAY NIGHT DANCES

Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD  7:30 – 10:30 pm

FSGW's Sunday night dance is held in the historic Spanish Ballroom at the Glen Echo Park National Historic Site, off MacArthur Boulevard (just below the intersection of Goldsboro Road) in Glen Echo, Maryland. 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 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 members of FSGW and affiliated groups (BFMS, CDSS, ATDS), $8.00 for all others. At this time, we are planning to hold the dances at Glen Echo all year round. The Spanish Ballroom is not insulated and, aside from a few heaters, the only heat is that generated by the dancers. So dress accordingly as the weather turns cold. In case of inclement weather, check with the National Park Service (301-492-6282) to learn whether the dance is canceled. This information is available by 3:00 pm.

Note: ($1 of admission price goes to the Glen Echo Foundation for the restoration of the Park and the Ballroom.)

Dec 1  A local treat. Musician and dancer Howard Bass dons his calling hat tonight. Findhorn supplies the music: Steve Hickman on fiddle, Marty Taylor on concertina & flute and Liz Donaldson on piano.

Dec 8  A New England treat. Mary DeRosiers calls to the music of Nightingale. The band features Becky Tracy on fiddle, Keith Murphy on guitar, piano and rhythmic feet and Jeremiah McClain on accordion and piano.

Dec 15  A southern treat. Old friend Bob Dalsemer travels up from the farthest reaches of North Carolina to call tonight's dance. Music is by Charlottesville, VA's UFO: Laura Light (fiddle, etc.), Pete Vigour (fiddle, guitar), Jim Morrison (fiddle guitar, pedal steel), Kim Cary (bass) and Jimbo Cary (drums).

Dec 22  A treat from the Midwest and the east. Energetic, exuberant Kathy Anderson will wow us with her contras and squares. The music of the Contra Rebels, playing for the dance for the first time will knock you out. The Rebels include Jack Quigley on guitar, Bob Buckingham on fiddle, Renny Allgyer on banjo and Todd Clewell on bass.

Dec 29  A western treat will help you dance off the Christmas candy. Californian Erik Hoffman is the caller, aided and abetted by Andrea Hoag on fiddle and David Wiesler on piano.

Dec 31  New Year's Eve dance featuring Mary Virginia Brooks calling to the music of Grand Picnic. Registration must be made in advance. A flyer is included in this Newsletter or can be found at FSGW events, or send a stamped self-addressed envelope and check payable to FSGW ($16 for members, or $20 for non-members) to: Carl Mintz, 704 East Capitol St., Washington, DC 20003.

Upcoming Dances
Jan  5  Ann Fallon calls, music by TBA
Jan 12  Tom Hinds calls, music by Folk Remedy
Jan 19  Swallowtail (they will also be performing in a special concert on Tuesday, January 14)
Jan 26  Bill Trautman calls, music by TBA

Circle April 11-13, 1997, for the Chesapeake Dance Weekend at Camp Letts, in Edgewater, MD, featuring Wild Asparagus, the Critton Hollow Stringband with caller Larry Edelman, and Balfa Toujours. See the registration flyer which is included in this Newsletter.
NEW FSGW / NVFFA COFFEEHOUSE • AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Fifth Wheel Coffeehouse

The Fifth Wheel Coffeehouse is the place to bring friends and family and all the relatives who are visiting this holiday season. It is a new joint venture of FSGW and the Northern Virginia Folk Festival Association, the Arlington-based non-profit that runs the Northern Virginia Folk Festival. We will kick off the series with some holiday revelry from northern Europe, at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association conference center at 4301 Wilson Blvd in Arlington.

Charlie Pilzer will lead the band. You probably know his work on keyboards and bass for area dances and as a member of the Scandinavian-American band Spaelimennir. He will be joined by Andrea Hoag, noted performer, recording artist and teacher of Scandinavian (and other) fiddle styles; and Loretta Kelley, who also plays and records Scandinavian fiddle music and whose authentic work on hardanger fiddle is widely recognized. In addition, white-clad morris dancers will be there with bells on! You will see how this traditional English dance is really performed and maybe try it yourself to mark the change of season.

Continuing the holiday afternoon, Tom McHenry will lead a community sing. A veteran of Rock Creek vocal trio and the chantey group The Boarding Party, Tom knows more songs that you can shake a stick (or mistletoe sprig) at. So be sure to bring your voice to join in the chorus.

A coffeehouse also features food, and real Sons (and daughters) of Norway have promised traditional holiday finger foods. Sweets, coffees, teas and ciders will be available at reasonable prices. Speaking of reasonable prices -- you can enjoy all the music, dance, singing and camaraderie for a mere $5.50 per person; kids under 12 enter free.

The NRECA conference center is at the intersection of Wilson Boulevard and North Glebe Road, at the corner of Taylor Street, across from Balston Common. It is about a block from Balston Metro. There is street parking and free garage parking (enter on Taylor Street). Information will be on the FSGW hotline and on the NVFFA hotline at 703-549-6044.

House Concert

Wally Macnow

Wally Macnow, for many years an active member of the DC area folk community, returns for a special post-Christmas house concert at the Calyton/Woods home in Silver Spring. Wally is a former member of the singing trio Rock Creek, and is best known for his trove of not-so-well-known traditional songs. Now the proprietor of a mail-order business devoted to hard-to-find American and British traditional recordings, Wally is a strong singer with a distinctive baritone voice and is also known for his offbeat sense of humor. Add to that his solid guitar accompaniments and you have the promise of a great evening of good songs, a large number of them with choruses which Wally encourages the audience to join in on. Admission is $6 (FSGW members) & $8 (non-members). Call 301-587-7174 for directions. (Warning, they have 2 cats & a dog, so if you're allergic...)

FSGW Monthly Programs • Previews of Coming Attractions

Here is the line-up for the monthly programs the rest of the season. They are always on the third Saturday night at 8:00 pm. They will all have food. There will be a sing-around following each concert. And they are free to members. Mark your calendar now, so you do not miss any of them.

Jan 18 Double Decker String Band, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring
Feb 15 Murray Callahan (English music hall), at the Washington Ethical Society
Mar 15 Bob Zentz (VA Maritime), at the Ravensworth Baptist Church
Apr 19 Lance Brown (tribute to Will Rogers), at the Washington Ethical Society
May 17 George & Vaughn Ward, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring

We sadly bring you the news of the death of David Alexander, one of our long-time contra and swing dance friends, after a courageous 3-year struggle with leukemia. He is survived by his wife Eileen & 4 children, Malcolm, Michelle, Paul, & Miki Rose. Eileen asks that fellow dancing friends keep in touch with her and visit. In lieu of flowers, contributions in David's name should be made to the Hospice of Washington, 3720 Upton Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016 (202-895-0147).
FSGW English Country Dance

**Wednesday, 8:00 - 10:30 pm**

Enjoy the holiday season with friends new and old in the folk dance community while enjoying the extraordinary diversity of talent at the FSGW English country dance. Enjoy, too, the ever-growing crowd of dancers who attend the Wednesday night series. Top-notch callers are accompanied by musicians who play tunes that are unique to each dance. Dance on a wood floor in the elegant community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall. Enjoy the friendly crowd, known for its welcoming nature, light refreshments, and dance. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Members $5, non-members $6.

Dec 4  **Mary Kay Friday**, calls to the music of Steve Hickman and Malcolm Stephens on fiddles, Liz Donaldson on piano and accordion.

Dec 11 **Brad Sayler** treks up to Glen Echo again from Charlottesvile, calling to the music of Susan Brandt on flute, Liz Donaldson on piano and accordion, and Becky Ross on fiddle.

Dec 18 **Stephanie Smith's** calling will be accompanied by Liz Donaldson and Jeff Steinberg on fiddle.

Dec 25 Enjoy a special CHRISTMAS evening of dancing, **FREE to members**. Rich Galloway calls to music provided by Elke Baker on fiddle, Karin Loya on cello.

Dec 31 New Year's Dance at the Adelphi Mill, called by **Brad Sayler** with music by Dave Weisler, Marty Taylor, & Andrea Hoag. Advance registration required. See the flyer in this Newsletter.

Jan 1 Revelers should take a nap, drink some coffee or whatever it takes to be able to make it to dance in the evening to the calling of **Bob Farrell** with music provided by Malcolm Stephens on fiddle and Dave Wiesler on piano.

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 (6106 Harvard Avenue), 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.

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**MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY NEWS**

**Board Meeting**
Monday, December 2, 7:30 pm

The December Board meeting will be at the home of Board member Stephanie Smith in Bethesda, MD. Any FSGW member may attend. If you have any issues for the Board to consider, please contact the appropriate Board member or Jamie Platt. Board members’ telephone numbers are listed in the Newsletter (see page 15).

**Open Sing**
Friday, December 6, 8:30 pm

Brush up a few of your favorites to share or just come and listen and join in the choruses, at the Silver Spring home of Susan Clark. The topic is “Who Am I;” referring generally to the persona of the songs you choose to sing. “A Poor Wayfaring Stranger,” “A Rake and A Rambling Boy,” “Captain Kidd,” are a few that come to mind immediately, the possibilities are many. For directions or further info, call Susan Clark at 301-565-5126.

**Gospel Sing**
Sunday, December 8, 4:00 pm

The monthly 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 for a covered dish supper at 6:00 pm and then more singing. Everyone is welcome!
Storyswap

This month at the home of Alan Centra in Takoma Park for an evening of Christmas ghost stories (and others) and a potluck dinner. Tellers and listeners welcome. Call 301-270-3916 for directions and rsvps.

Workshops by our December Program Performers

Larkin Bryant Cohen (she wrote the book) will give a dulcimer workshop. She will focus on finger picking. $20 per person. Attendance limited to 20 people. For more info & to register, call Judy Cook, 301-776-4314.

Andy Cohen will give a guitar workshop. He will focus on Piedmont-style finger picking. $20 per person. Attendance is limited to 12 people. For more info & to register, call Judy Cook on 301-776-4314.

Sacred Harp Singing – Special New Year’s Day Sing

The usual fourth-Sunday Sacred Harp singing will not take place in December. Instead we shall hold our customary highly popular New Year’s Day singing on Wednesday, January 1, 1997, at 3:00 pm in Arlington, VA. Check the January newsletter for location and details, or call the FSGW Hotline at 202-546-2228, # 42.

FSGW CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Free Smithsonian Concert Co-sponsored by FSGW

The event is the first of four NMAH-FSGW collaborations. American Sampler presents Hesperus: “A Crossover Christmas.” Music from medieval and Renaissance England mingles with traditional American songs and dances from Appalachia performed by Hesperus with soprano Johana Arnold, Scott Reiss (recorders, hammered dulcimer, percussion), Tina Chancey (bowed strings, recorder), Bruce Hutton (a zillion plucked strings). Cosponsored by the FSGW and the National Museum of American History, the program is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. At the Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.

FREE and open to the public, no tickets required. For further information call 202-357-4182 or 202-357-2700.

Community Dance

This month’s dance moves to its Winter home at the Glen Echo Town Hall (see directions under FSGW English Country Dance). It would make a great outing for a church, community, or social organization, scout troop (with parents), or friends from work. These dances are a wonderful way for parents to introduce their children to the joys of dancing, but they are not only for families with children; dancers of all skill levels are invited to attend. Admission is $4 for adults and $3 for children 5 and over. There is a $12 family maximum. If you are bringing children, please try to arrive on time, because there will be more teaching during the early part of the dance. For further information, call 301-320-7099.

Dec 8: Mary DesRosiers calling, music by Nightingale. (see description of band & caller under FSGW Sunday dances)

International Folk Dancing

The Foggy Bottom Folkdancers meet in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 23rd St. NW, between G & H Streets – one block from Foggy Bottom Metro, parking available. Good dance floor. Beginner/Intermediate classes from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Request dancing from 9:00 -10:45 pm. No experience or partner needed. Mostly taped music. Occasional parties and workshops. For info, call Jamie at 301-320-7099.

1997 Ski-Dance Weekend information: See page 14 under the heading: Pennsylvania.

Capital Tangueros -- Argentine Tango Workshops

Hosted Argentine Tango practice sessions -- All levels, at the Maryland Youth Ballet, 7702 Woodmont Ave. #203, Bethesda, MD $5.00. For more info, call 703-276-1430. Also see the Capital Tangueros' Internet address:
http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/4119/
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Folklore Society is an extended family made up of people with different interests, different backgrounds, and different abilities. I am repeatedly reminded of the extraordinary work that our members do. For example, Dennis and Judy Cook have taken a leadership role with both the FSGW Getaway and the FSGW Minifest. As Program Chair, Dennis has already scheduled the 1996-97 FSGW programs and works the sound system for many of our concerts and dances. Jennifer Woods has been taking a lead on the FSGW house concerts and has opened her home for these events. Rob Guttenberg, a local singer/songwriter, has produced a recording to benefit the Bethesda YMCA Youth Services. Many musicians and singers from our extended family were involved (see announcement on page 12). Mary Cliff, who spends so much time and energy in support of traditional folk music on WETA, also works with the Northern Virginia Folk Festival Association. Last month, the FSGW Board agreed to proceed with plans for a jointly sponsored coffeehouse in Northern Virginia. Mary put the pieces together and we will be having our first event on December 29th (see details on page 3). On behalf of our 2,800 members, I thank these dedicated and hardworking individuals.

As I noted last month, we are looking for people to help raise money for the Society, or to support specific events. I have been contacted by people interested in writing grant proposals, but we also need some people who could help us contact local businesses. If you are interested in joining the development committee, or if you have some ideas about raising money for FSGW, contact Norm Bernhardt at 301-320-2469.

Jamie Platt

AROUND TOWN

Footlights, a modern drama discussion group  
Wednesday, December 18, 7:30 pm

Come join us to discuss plays from the modern English-speaking theater! This month we will discuss the recent play "Arcadia," by English playwright Tom Stoppard, author of "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead" at La Madeleine French Bakery, 7607 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD, just up the street from the Bethesda metro station. For more info call 202-484-8303.

Christmas Revels  
1st & 2nd weekends in December, 2:00 & 8:00 pm

The 1996 Christmas Revels celebrates the winter solstice with glittering music, dance and drama from icy Northern Europe for the whole family. The Three Billy Goats Gruff and sections of the Finnish national epic the Kalevala will be enacted complete with trolls, giant puppets, masks, and The Karelian Folk Ensemble. Authentic Norwegian dancers will be accompanied by The Northern Lights Band, led by bassist Charlie Pilzer. Fiddlers include Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley on the Norwegian hardingfele, and Matt Fichtenbaum on the Swedish nyckelharpa. Family traditions from the Faroe and Orkney Islands, the Shetlands, and Iceland will be shared. The Nordica Brass, The Revels Northlands Chorus and The Tomte Children add to the enchantment. 8 performances at Lisner Auditorium of The George Washington University, 21st & H Sts. NW. $25 adult/ $15 child (under 12). Last 3 rows discounted: $15 adult, $10 child. Info call 301-657-3285.

Nightingale in Concert / Holiday Potluck  
Saturday, December 7, 8:00 pm

At the Glen Echo Town Hall, Harvard Avenue and MacArthur Blvd. Nightingale, a Vermont-based trio, whose music travels through Quebec, Newfoundland, Ireland, France, Scandinavia and beyond to produce a blend of Northern music that is unique and compelling. With Keith Murphy on guitar, vocals, and foot percussion, Becky Tracy on fiddle, and Jeremiah McLane on accordion, Nightingale moves easily from carefully woven song arrangements to driving instrumentals. Many know Nightingale as a fabulous contra dance band, but they have a different, and equally wonderful, concert repertoire. Join us at 6:00 pm for a pre-concert potluck (please bring your own dish to share). Admission is $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Send a check payable to "Friday Night Dancers/Nightingale Concert" to Jamie & Betsy Platt, 6105 Yale Ave., Glen Echo, MD 20812. For more info, call 301-320-7099 or e-mail to bplatt@access.digex.com.
Institute of Musical Traditions — 15th Anniversary Concert Series  Monday evenings, at 8:00 pm
Concerts held at the Silver Spring Unitarian Universalist Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave., (exit north off beltway and go 3 blocks, right on Oaklawn). Reserve in advance and save $2. FSGW members get $1 off ticket prices. Kids are ½ price. For more info, call 301-588-7525.

Dec 2 Connemara w/ Jody Marshall and Sue Richards, with some Christmas selections. Tickets $8 advance/$10 door
Dec 9 Priscilla Herdman, Anne Hills & Cindy Mangsen in "Voices of Winter." Tickets $12 advance / $15 door.
Dec 16 La Rondinella, featuring Barbara Hollinshead, soprano, Alice Kosloski, alto, Paul Bensel, recorder, Tina Chancey, bowed strings, and Howard Bass, lute.

Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer, and Tom Chapin in concert  Sunday, December 1, 2:00 pm
Special IMT concert: Cathy, Marcy and Tom perform songs from their award-winning recordings for children and families. Cathy & Marcy accompany themselves on guitar, banjo, hammered dulcimer, steel drums, congas, mandolin. Tom Chapin plays banjo and guitar. This is Cathy & Marcy's 11th annual holiday concert, at Blair High School, 313 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD. $8.00 in advance, $10.00 at the door. For info call 301-588-7525. The snow date is Wed, Dec 4 at 7:00 pm.

U.S. Navy Museum Concert  Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 pm

Dupont Music Circle  Wednesday, December 4 & 18, 8:00 pm
Come sing and play British Isles (and other) folk music with us. We do not charge, and we don't pay; it's just for fun. First Wed. of each month in Arlington; third Wed. of each month in DC. For info, call 703-658-0957.

Panzer House Concerts  Saturday, December 7, 8:00 pm
Monthly series in Columbia, MD presents Justina and Joyce opening. Suggested donation is $8. BYOB, light refreshments served. For reservations and directions, call 410-531-9233.

Mill Run Dulcimer Band Concert  Saturday, December 7, 7:00 pm
20th year reunion concert at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax, VA. $7.00. For info, call 703-941-1071.

Shenandoah Coffeehouse at the Reston Community Center  Sunday, December 8, 7:00 pm

Fabrangen Project Hope presents a Hanukkah Klezmer Festival  Sunday, December 8, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Club Acoustic Productions' House Concert Series  Sunday, December 8, 7:00 pm
Herdon, VA concert featuring Massachusetts' based singer-songwriters Justina and Joyce. Socializing & light refreshments starting at 6:30 pm (BYOB). Admission is a suggested $10 donation and seating is limited so reservations are required. For info, directions, & reservations, call 703-689-0444.

Community Choir  Sunday, December 8, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Adelphi Friends Meeting House, 2303 Metzerott Rd. (off NH Ave.) Join Busy Graham and Wendy Lanxner for an informal afternoon of singing — unusual rounds, international folk songs, favorite tunes, and more. All ages and abilities welcome. This group generally meets the 1st Sunday of every month. For more info, call Busy Graham at 301-589-4920.

White House Visitors Center Concert  Sunday, December 8, 1:30 pm
Mary Fitzgerald, Celtic harper & singer in concert with flutist/vocalist Scott Alexander. The Center is located at 1430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in the District. FREE. For info, call 202-208-1631.
Shirlington Artists Guild Coffeehouse
Singer/songwriter Randy Barrett in concert. $10 admission includes dessert & coffee. The gallery is at 4024 South 28th St., Arlington, VA (in the Village at Shirlington, 5 doors from the Carlyle Grand Cafe). Reservations, call 703-379-6666.

The Eatery at Fair Lakes Center
Doris Justis and Folk Family perform. $3.00 Info 703-817-1196.

Caffe Florian Coffeehouse
Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD. Open mike: acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers, and poets. Free, but a donation is requested. Sign-up 7:30 pm. Info: Sil Smith, 301-449-8804.

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Bad Habits - Music Americana Showcase
Side by Side (Doris Justis, Sean McGhee, Philip Cary Block), and Bill Danoff, $6.00. 5444 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA. For info, call 703-998-5808.

Celebrate 12 Years of Music Americana Showcases at the Birchmere
Featuring Caryn Lin, Bill Danoff, Side By Side, and more! Celebrate 12 years of showcases, at which nationally known folk singers and songwriters have been featured and local and regional musicians have been introduced to Washington area audiences. The Birchmere, 3901 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA. For info, call 703-549-5919 or 202-362-2225. Showcases are hosted by radio personality Dick Cerri.

Leaf Through Used Bookstore & Gathering Place

9th Annual "Folk Against Drinking & Driving" concert
Doris Justis, Donal Leace, Hollyfield & Spruill, Steve Gellman, Venus Rising, and more. Potluck supper at 7:00 pm. At the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street, NW, in the District. For info, call 202-686-9210.

First Night Alexandria

The Folkal Point at the Coho Grill
Hobbit's Glen Golf Club, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia, MD. In the banquet room of the Coho Grill. $8.00 unless otherwise noted. Food and beverages can be purchased. For info call 410-531-5350 or 301-982-0686.

Dec 5 Christine Kane: "While much of [her music] is tender and soulful in the best acoustic folk tradition, some of it really rocks -- even when Kane is playing solo" (Independent Weekly, Asheville).

Dec 12 Nightingale ($10): Through carefully woven song arrangements and driving instrumentals, the trio blends the finest of the Canadian and Scandinavian traditions into performances full of surprises and variety.

Voices In The Glen - Storytelling.
Sat, Dec 14 at the Delray Coffeehouse (703-549-4848); Sat, Dec 21 in Takoma Park (301-270-3916); and daily between Dec 26 & 31 at the Smithsonian’s American History Museum (202-357-4185).

IONA, Traditional Celtic music performances: Sat, Dec 14 7:30 pm; Benefit concert & release of "Journey into Bethlehem" CD. At the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 15695 Blackburn Rd., Woodbridge, VA. Donations requested (proceeds to Grandma’s House & G.S. Lutheran Church Youth ministry). For info, call 703-878-3104. Fri, Dec 20 6:00 pm; Union Station, Washington, DC. Info 703-451-4492. Free! Fri, Dec 27 2:00 & 3:00 pm; Sulky Plantation, Route 28, Chantilly, VA. Info 703-437-1794. $6 Adults, $4 Seniors, $3 Children - incl refreshments & house tour. Tues, Dec 31 8:00 - 11:00 pm; 1st Night Montgomery, Downtown Silver Spring, MD. Info 301-217-6798. $10.00.
Scottish Christmas Concerts, featuring Bonnie Rideout, Al Petteway, and Maggie Sansone
Dec 6 Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 8:00 pm, Alexandria, VA, 703-765-5950.
Dec 13 National Geographic Society, DC (with guest piper, Eric Rigler), 202-857-7700.
Dec 15 Avalon Theater, Easton, MD, 410-822-0345.
Dec 21 Harmony Hall Center, Fort Washington, MD, 301-292-8331.

Starbucks Coffee Weekly Acoustic Music Series Performances
All shows are presented from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Cascades Marketplace, Sterling VA, every Wed. & Thurs. 703-421-0932, free admission/donations
Wed, Dec 4 Jeff Cannon
Wed, Dec 11 Venus Rising
Wed, Dec 18 Lisa Taylor
Burke Center Plaza, 6003-A Burke Center Parkway, Burke VA, Wed. 703-250-2292, free admission/donations
Wed, Dec 4 Jeff Aug
Wed, Dec 11 Lisa Taylor
Wed, Dec 18 Venus Rising
Northpoint Plaza, 1444 Northpoint Village, Reston VA, Wed. 703-787-9341, free admission/donations
Wed, Dec 4 Lisa Taylor
Wed, Dec 11 Doris Justis
Wed, Dec 18 Andrew McKnight

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 Dances
The Friday Night Dancers & 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. The admission price is $5 unless otherwise noted. If you are unsure whether a dance will be held due to weather, call the Park Service's recorded message at 301-492-6282 after 3:00 pm for the final 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, contact Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099 or bplatt@access.digex.com.

Dec 6 L7's with Kate Charles calling.
Dec 13 Open Band with Ann Fallon calling.
Dec 20 Andrea Hoag and friends with Erik Hoffman calling.
Dec 27 Moose Chowder with Laurie Fisher calling.
Jan 3 Folk Remedy / caller TBA.

CDSS Northern Virginia Dance Group -- English Country Dances & Workshops
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:45 pm. Figures, phrasing, and style taught. $3.00. Guest musicians welcome — call Howard. N/P, N/E. Admission $3.00. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St., Herndon, VA. For info, call Howard or Pat at 703-471-0629.
Dec 10 Calling by Carl Dreher, Howard Markham, & friends; music by Pat Wexelblat & Alice Markham, & friends.
Dec 24 No dance.

3rd Saturday, Dec 21, 8:00 pm. Calling by Barbara Harding, recorded music. All are welcome. N/P, N/E. Free admission. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, VA. For more info, call Barbara at 703-437-3615.

Scandinavian Dance
Saturday, December 7, 8:00 - 10:30 pm
Dance party and candlelight celebration of upcoming Santa Lucia Day at TIPS. Music by Peascods Gathering. N/P, N/E. $5.00. For info, call 301-493-6281.
Washington Swing Dance Committee Saturday, December 7 & Tuesday, December 31, 9:00 pm
Both dances at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. For info, call the WSDC hotline - 301-340-9732.
Sat, Dec 7: Come on out and jump, jive and wail to the jump blues sounds of The Uptown Rhythm Kings featuring Shoutin' Eric Sheriden. Admission to the dance is $8, with $1 going directly to the Spanish Ballroom rehabilitation fund, and includes the introductory swing workshop from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Open dancing is from 9:00 pm until midnight.
Tues, Dec 31: New Year's Eve dance, featuring the classic big band sounds of the Sunset Royal Orchestra. Get out your glad rags & celebrate the new year. Sparkling cider and a light snack will be served, and the evening's festivities will end with a special set of waltz tunes from 12:15 to 12:30 am! Admission for this special evening will be $15, and, as always, includes the swing workshop. Workshop 8:00 - 9:00 pm, dancing from 9:00 pm until 12:30 am.
As always, you are invited to volunteer for free or reduced admission. Call 202-726-3972 & leave a message to volunteer.

Cajun Dance Friday, December 13, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
Squeeze Bayou's first appearance at Phantasmagoria, 11319 Elkin St., Wheaton, MD. (formerly the old Tornado Alley location). Dance workshop is 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Dancing 8:00 - 11:00 pm. For more info 301-949-8886 or 301-270-2586.

Reston Contra Dance Saturday, December 14, 8:00 - 10:45 pm
Ann Fallon will be the caller with the June Apple Band. All levels of experience welcome, no partner needed. Dance $4.50; beginners' workshop 7:00 pm., $1.50. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Hunters Woods shopping center. Info: Alice Markham, 703-709-9121. Dances are on the second Saturday.

English Country Dance Saturday, December 14, 8:15 - 10:45 pm
Candlelight Christmas party, with music by Peascods Gathering, calling by Barbara Harding, at the Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Personal instruction for beginners at 8:00 pm. $5.00. For info, call 301-493-6281.

Scandinavian Music & Dance - Tisza Ensemble Saturday, December 14, 7:30 - 10:30 pm
Tanchaz dancing with teaching circles followed by a performance. At the Starting Point Dance Studio, Rte 1 & Calvert Rd., College Park, MD. Beg/NP. Bring dance footwear! Admission $4.00. For info, call Richard Morrison at 301-946-5867.

Céili Dancing & Country Sets Saturday, December 14, 8:00 pm
Northern Virginia Céili, at the John Wood Municipal Center, 3730 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax City, VA. Music by the Bogwanderers. Free dance instruction by Maureen James at 7:30 pm. $10.00. For info, call 703-978-8265.

Zydeco Dancing Saturday, December 14, 9:00 pm - midnight
Dance to the sounds of Creole Zydeco Farmers (Clarence Etienne, Morris Francis, Chester Chevalier, & Murphy Richard) at the Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo, MD. Beginners workshop 8:00 - 9:00 pm. Admission $10. For more info call 301-309-0895

5th Annual Christmas Concert, Benefit For the Hungry & Homeless Saturday, December 14, 8:00 pm
At St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad Creek Historical District, 9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD. The concert will feature California-based singer-songwriter Alisa Feinman. For info and advance tickets ($10), call 301-449-0254. Advance ticket holders will be offered preferential seating until showtime. Donations of canned foods will be accepted at the concert; contributors will be entered in a door prize drawing.

International Folk Dancers of Bethesda Monday, December 16, 8:00 pm
Holiday party at the Knights of Columbus, 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. Music by Peascods Gathering, plus other live & recorded music. Admission $6.00. Bring refreshments for pot luck dinner. For info, call 301-871-8788.

Scandia DC (Scandinavian couple dancing) Saturday, December 21, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
at the Greenbelt Community Center, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. Holiday dance party, music by Julia Fernborg (Swedish fiddle) & Loretta Kelley (Norwegian hardangfele). Bring finger food to share. N/P. $5.00. Info 202-333-2826.

Swing Dance Saturday, December 28, 9:00 pm
Dance to the tunes of The Tom Cunningham Orchestra at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. Swing workshop from 8:00 - 9:00 pm; dance from 9:00 - midnight. Admission $10.00. For info, call 703-533-8864.
Rock Around the Clock  Saturday, December 28,  8:30 pm
Swing into the Holiday season with Bad Influence.  7:30 pm workshop.  At Cherry Hill Park clubhouse, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD. $8 members/$10 non-members. For more info, call 301-897-8724.

Contra Dance  Tuesday, December 31,  8:00 - Midnight
New Year's Eve Dance and Celebration at the Greenbelt Community Center with Fiddletyxs and Lou Shapiro.  Contra and Square Dancing, the first hour beginner oriented.  Food and drink are available across the hall at the New Deal Cafe. Clean soft soled shoe required.  Admission for the dance and many other activities $5. For info, call 301-397-2208.

International Folk Dancing  Wednesdays, 8:00 - 10:30 pm
Kahler Hall, Beavercreek Road and Harper's Farm Road, Columbia, MD. Admission is $3. Recorded music. Beginners are welcome. Teaching until 9:00 pm. We have parties & workshops. For info: 410-997-1613 (night), 301-405-4642 (day).

Foggy Bottom Morris Men  Thursdays, 8:00 - 10:00 pm
Foggy Bottom Morris is looking for a few good men! We practice our brand of English traditional morris dancing at the Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, MD. No experience necessary, but some minimal physical conditioning and some sense of rhythm would be helpful. For info, call 301-270-2014 or 301-840-5959.

CLASSES

Band Aid (a music class) - An ensemble playing workshop taught by pianist Liz Donaldson. Saturday, Dec 14, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm All instruments welcome. Come play a wide variety of tunes. Bring lunch, drinks provided. $15. To register call 301-986-1291.

Dance Classes by Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff, starting in December. For additional info, call Donna at 703-978-0375. Synergy Dance Center: Mondays starting Dec 2; 7-8 pm = Experienced Swing; 8-9 pm = Experienced Lindy.


International Folk Dance open class every Tuesday from 8 - 10 pm at Key Elementary School, Key Blvd. (between Adams & Veitch, 3 blocks from Courthouse Metro) Arlington, VA. $3. Recorded music. Instruction, walk-throughs, & requests. Singles welcome and all ages or levels of expertise. For Info call 703-527-8998.

Greek Dancing, Sundays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm. This 8-week series of classes meets at the Youth Center in Greenbelt, MD. Beginners welcome. $30. For info, call Chris Tennant at 301-498-6218.

Irish Dance Classes (traditional country sets and ceilidh dances for adults) Wednesdays, until Dec 4. BEG 7:00 - 8:15 pm, ADV 8:15 - 9:30 pm at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo MD. Cost $35.00. Instructor is Jim Keenan. For info, call Jim at 301-840-1416. Taped music, N/P, N/E.

Irish Dance Classes (Advanced traditional country sets and ceilidh dances for adults) Thurs, until Dec 12, 8:00 - 9:30 pm at Frost Center Aspen Hill Road, Rockville, MD. $35.00. Instructor is Jim Keenan. Taped music. Live music 3rd Thurs of each month. Mini Ceili of Irish Country Sets and Ceili Dances will be held in conjunction with the Thurs evening dance class. For info call Jim 301-840-1416.

Scottish Country (social) dancing -- classes for BEG and INT. Taped and live music. N/P, N/E. First night $2.00. Mondays: Dance and Aerobic Center (Bldg T-39), NIH, Bethesda, MD. For info, call 202-966-3595. Tuesdays: Greenbelt, MD Center. For info, call 202-234-6840. Other locations in MD and VA

Clogging Classes, Sundays for 10 weeks beginning January 12, at Springhill Center near Tysons corner, VA. For info, call Jim Maxwell, 703-503-9260.

International folk dance classes every Monday at the Leland Community Rec. Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Bethesda, MD. Classes: BEG, 7:15 - 8:00 pm; INT/ADV, 8:15 - 10:00 pm. N/P, mostly recorded music. For info, call 301-871-8788. Note: Dec 9 classes meet at the Knights of Columbus hall in Bethesda.
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Folk Music Releases


It's A Pleasure To Know You, a new recording from the best of the annual YMCA Youth Services Benefit Concerts, which raise money for substance abuse programs. Rob Guttenberg, who works for the YMCA and performs in the DC area, has produced this recording, which included performances by Al Petteway, Grace Griffith, Ironweed, Kim & Reggie Harris, Walt Michael, Freyda Epstein, and other local musician and singers. The proceeds from this recording will benefit the YMCA Youth Services. For ordering information, call 301-229-1347.

The October 1996 release of the Digital Tradition database is available. The DT now has 6,000 songs, about 4000 of which have tunes, and fills 4 floppies. Call Dennis Cook at 301-776-4314 to arrange a free disk exchange.

AND BEYOND

MARYLAND

Baltimore Folk Music Society Dances

All dances take place at the Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street. Admission is $6 for members (including FSGW) and $8 for non-members. All dances are taught and walked through. Beginners are always welcome and are encouraged to arrive promptly at 8:00 pm. BFMS Hotline 410-366-0808 has up to the minute info on all events, or look on the BFMS web page, www.satelink.net/bfms/.

Square and Contra Dancing - Wednesday evenings.

Free workshops introducing basic contra dance figures take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30.

Dec 4 Caller: Greg Frock, Band: Je ne sais quoi, Dave Wiesler, Susan Brandt, Carl Friedman and Ralph Barthine.
Dec 11 Caller: Mary DesRosiers, Band: Nightingale, Keith Murphy, Jeremiah McLean, Becky Tracy.
Workshop: Nouveaux Danseurs.
Special workshop: Ragtime Tango, taught by Renee Camus, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, $3 for workshop (not included in dance price)
Dec 25 No dance – Christmas Day.

English Country Dancing - Monday evenings. Beginners are always welcome.

Dec 2 Caller: Jenny Beer, Music: Carl Friedman, Dave Wiesler.
Dec 9 Caller: Mary Kay Friday, Music: Marty Taylor, Susan Rudy, Liz Donaldson.
Beginner's Workshop at 7:30 (included in price of dance admission)

Zydeco Dance Series - Zydeco Crazy, Bayou Rhythms of Louisiana, Friday, Dec 13. Dance workshop at 8:00 pm. Dancing 9:00 to midnight. The Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College (CCC). $10 general public, $8 BFMS members and CCC faculty/staff, $4 CCC students (please show ID for reduced admission). Workshop included in cost of admission.

Deadline for the January 1997 Issue: 9 pm, Tuesday, December 10
Second Saturday Contra Dance - Bob Dalsemer calling contra and square dances to the music of Microchasm (Steve Hickman, Laura Lengnick, John Devine, & Ralph Gordon). Sat, Dec 14, 8:00 - 11:00 pm. Free introductory dance workshop at 7:30 pm. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD, (just inside Baltimore beltway - I-695 - at exit 20 South). $6 members (BFMS, FSGW, CDSS), $8 non-members.

BFMS Mid-Winter Ball, Sat, Jan 25, 1997, featuring Bob Dalsemer calling square and contra dances to the music of Grand Picnic, in Schaefer Ballroom for the Arts, 706 Cathedral Street at West Madison Street in downtown Baltimore. Reception at 7:00 pm. Grand March at 8:00 pm. $14 Members, $18 Non-Members (Member rate applies to members of BFMS, FSGW, CDSS, ATDS). Advance tickets only. For registration, call 410-653-6263. For info, call 301-565-3650 or 410-426-7806.

Swing Dance to Michael Raitzyk Jazz Orchestra - Saturday, Dec 14. Workshop (intro to Lindy): 8:00 - 9:00 pm, dance: 9:00 - midnight. $10/$8. At the Ellicott City Armory, 4244 Montgomery Rd, Ellicott City, MD. For info, call 202-622-3761 or 410-730-4243.

Open Band Rehearsal - Tuesday, Dec 10. For more info and directions, call 410-254-1730.

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society - Saturdays, December 7 & 21, 8:00 pm
At the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 70, 1311 Generals Hwy (Rte. 178), Crownsville, MD (5 miles north of the Annapolis Mall). Beginners' contra class starts at 7:30 pm, and Contra dances run from 8:00 - 11:00 pm. Wooden floor, free parking! No street shoes please - Soft-soled, non-marring shoes are required. Cost: $6 for members, $8 for non-members. For info call ATDS hotline at 410-544-9505 or Bob K. at 410-923-6734, or their web site: http://www.pobox.com/~dancers.

Dec 7 Caller: Andy Kane, Band: Medicinal Purpose. Dec 21 Caller: Greg Frock, Band: ATDS Open Band

Frederick Contra Dance - Saturday, December 28, 8:00 pm
The Rakes of Jupiter (Buzz Lloyd, Rex McGee, Steve Benka) with Sue Dupre calling. At the Old Armory, corner of 2nd & Betz. Festive attire encouraged - please bring finger foods to share (nothing that requires utensils). Free beginners' workshop at 7:00 pm. Admission $4.00 for MMFAC members, non-members $6.00. For info, call 301-694-6794.

Patches and Liz Coffeehouse North - Second & Fourth Saturdays, 8:00 pm
Timonium Methodist Church, 2300 Pots Spring Rd., Timonium, MD. 410-771-4709. $8.00. Refreshments are available. Concerts feature singer-songwriters and folk music performers from the Baltimore-Washington area as well as music artists from across the U.S.
Dec 14: Linda Baer
Dec 28: (no concert)

Coffeehouse at Mays Chapel United Methodist Church - Friday, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 8:30 pm
11911 Jenifer Rd., Timonium, MD. $15. For additional info, call 410-922-5210 or 301-843-6685.
Dec 6 Tom Paxton, Susan Graham White opens.
Dec 13 Richard Shindell plus The Burns Sisters Band (Marie, Jeannie & Annie).
Dec 20 Ensemble Galilei.
Dec 27 Nowell Sing We Clear band with John Roberts, Tony Barrand, Fred Breunig, and Andy Davis.

St. John's College - Sundays, December 15 & 22, 3:00 & 7:00 pm
Ensemble Galilei presents "Christmas in the Great Hall," featuring songs of the seasons.
At the Great Hall of St. John's College in Annapolis, MD. Tickets are $15. For info & tickets, call 410-267-0908.

Celebrate the Holiday season with Ensemble Galilei! This unique ensemble combines the sounds of the viola da gamba, Celtic harp, fiddle, oboe and recorder in a program of familiar carols, ancient melodies and original tunes. Ticket prices for all concerts are $15 general admission, $12 student/seniors. For more info, call Carolyn Surrick at 410-841-6298.
Dec 8 3:00 pm at the Avalon Theater, 40 E. Dover St. Easton, MD. Info 410-822-0345.
Dec 15 3:00 and 7:00 pm; Sat, Dec 21, 8:00 pm, Sun, Dec 22, 3:00 and 7:00 pm at McDowell Hall, St. John's College Annapolis, MD. Info 410-626-2539.

First Night Annapolis, transforms the entire city into a stage for a splendid New Years Eve celebration. Over 250 indoor seated performances in over 50 unexpected spaces throughout the historic district. For info, call 410-268-8553.

VIRGINIA

Bluemont Midwinter Ball - Saturday, December 21, 8:00 pm
Tom Hinds calling to music by Bo Brannan, Craig Dubose and friends. Seasonal music, rituals, foolery, and a potluck supper. Beginners' workshop at 7:30 pm. Admission $5. Bluemont School Community Center, route 734 (just off route 7). For more info, call 703-777-6306.
WEST VIRGINIA

Shepherdstown Music and Dances Saturday, December 7, 8:00 pm
Paul Ackerman will call contra in Shepherdstown with music provided by Buz Lloyd on fiddle, Dave Weisler on piano and Steve Benko on hammered dulcimer. Free beginner's workshop at 7:15, dancing from 8:00 - 11:00 pm. At the War Memorial Building (Men's Club) on German St., Shepherdstown, WV. For more info, call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

Shenandoah Coffeehouse Series Saturday, December 14, 8:00 pm
War Memorial Building, corner of King & German Sts., downtown Shepherdstown WV, 540-687-6759, $7 admission; featuring Lisa Taylor, Susan Graham White and Venus Rising.

PENNSYLVANIA

York Folk Dance Association Contra Dances Friday, December 6 & Tuesday, December 31, 8:00 pm
At the Asbury Church, 340 East Market Street, York, PA. For more info call 717-845-2897, or e-mail sdenise@umabnet.ab.umd.edu.
Fri, Dec 6 Beth Molaro calls to the old-timey music of Baltimore's Looney Tunes. Beginners' workshop 7:15, dance 8 - 11. $6.00.
Tues, Dec 31 New Year's eve contra dance as part of the city-wide First Night festivities - one admission price for all events. Robbin Schaffer calls to the delightful tunes of Some Assembly. Buy your First Night buttons in advance for $6 ($8 day of event).

1997 SKI-DANCE WEEKENDS January 17 - 20 & February 14 - 17
American Ski-Dance Weekend (Jan 17-20) will feature contras and swing; callers/leaders are Carol Kopp, Kate Charles, and Karl Knopp; musicians include Elke Baker, Larry Unger, and David Wiesler.
Washington's Ski-Dance Weekend (Feb 14-17) will feature contras and English country; callers are Brad Sayler and Ann Fallon; musicians include Marty Taylor, Steve Hickman, Jonathan Jensen, and Julie and Wes Woods-Merchant. Both weekends include free ski instruction by PATC instructors. Watch for the flyers at FSGW events or send a stamped, SASE to Ski-Dance Weekends, c/o Peter Fricke, P.O. Box 2011, Shepherdstown, WV 25443 for registration forms and information.

KENTUCKY

Winter in the Woods, December 26 to January 1, 1997. Cumberland, KY. This family-orientated week features dance (Contras, English, Southern Squares, waltzes), instrumental workshops (pennywhistle, hammer dulcimer, guitar), sing-alongs, arts and crafts, and a complete children's program. Featured bands: Ten Penny Bit and The Fall Creek Delta Boys. The facility is outstanding; private rooms each with own bath, 3 excellent wooden dance floors, and a gorgeous country setting. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the New Year! Cost is $375. For more info call Tali Stopak or Bob Mathis at 301-589-7539.

Late Newsletter Submissions

Alpine Dancers Sunday, December 8, 4:00 - 6:30 pm
Free open practice of the Alpine Dancers. New dancers welcome. Christmas Performance at the Carrollton Mall 4-5 pm (Riverdale Road at Annapolis Road/Route 450) and then come to our regular practice location at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. Call for confirmation and directions. Specializing in couples and trio dances from Austria and Germany. Taped music. Info: 301-577-3503.

Cowboy Christmas Ball and Pot Luck Dinner Sunday, December 15, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
The Oklahoma Twisters and "Dance Master" Herb Fredrickson host this annual event. Two-step, swing, polka, waltz or just listen to Western Swing with a seasonal touch. $10 admission. At the Womans Club, 222 N. Washington St. Falls Church, VA. Experience & Partner optional. Pot luck is on the "honor system." For details leave message: 703-536-4369.

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Washburn acoustic-electric guitar, black "grand concert" size, single cutaway; VGC. $400 w/ hard shell case. Call Bob Clayton, 301-587-7174.

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Special New Year's Eve Dance

8 pm - Midnight

December 31, 1996

Leland Center, Bethesda, MD

(Directions sent with registration confirmation)

Grand Picnic, one of the most exciting bands on the East Coast, travels down from the Big Apple with their favorite caller,
Mary Virginia Brooks,
for an elegant evening of contras & squares.

Registration: $20.00 General Public
$16.00 FSGW Members

Festive attire or hatwear is welcome, but not necessary!
There will be finger foods to eat and champagne at midnight!

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c/o C. Mintz, 704 E Capitol St., Washington, DC 20003
The 15th Chesapeake Dance Weekend
April 11-13, 1999

FSGW's Chesapeake Dance Weekend takes place at Camp Letts in Edgewater, Maryland (20 minutes from Annapolis). Dance on the fine wood floor of the dining hall, overlooking the beautiful South River. Savor delicious meals prepared by Caterer Debby McClatchy. Breathe easy above a dance floor kept dust-free by Floormaster Stan Fowler. Choose among daytime dance and music workshops, and spend the evenings dancing contras, squares, and Cajun/zydeco. The camp offers walking trails, tennis courts, horseback riding (modest fee), and boating. Heated, dormitory-style cabins sleep 8-12 persons per room. Tenting (BYOT) is an option. Check-in begins at 4pm Friday; program concludes at 3:30pm Sunday.

For more information call 202/547-6262 or 703/845-0426.

The Program

Northern Music & Dance:
WILD ASPARAGUS, one of contra dancing's most beloved bands, has a gift for turning simple dance tunes into flights of whimsy infused with irresistible energy. Behind the Cheshire cat grin of caller George Marshall wait dozens of the best contra dances. George also plays concertina, and is joined by David Cantieni on woodwinds, Dave Grant on bass, Ann Percival on piano, and Becky Tracy on fiddle.

Southern Music & Dance:
CRITTON HOLLOW STRING BAND delivers old-time music charged with a driving spirit and down-home warmth. Erstwhile Baltimorean Larry Edelman returns from Colorado to call squares and contras to the wonderful playing of Joe Herrmann on fiddle, Sam Herrmann on hammered dulcimer, Joe Fallon on bass, and Paul Kovac on guitar.

Cajun and Zydeco Music & Dance:
BALFA TOUJOURS carries on the soulful, impassioned musical tradition of the Balfa Brothers, and has been called "the future of Cajun music." Christine Balfa, guitarist and primary vocalist for the band, will teach Cajun and zydeco dance styles. She'll be joined by Dirk Powell on accordion and fiddle, and Kevin Wimmer on lead fiddle.

Appalachian Clogging:
LAURA LEWIS took up clogging in 1985, and has since built a full-time dance career, six years of which she spent touring with the Fiddle Puppet Dancers. She'll teach clogging, backed by the stellar old-time fiddling of Chris Romaine.

Registration

Send in the application form with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, a check, and your decorated name tag. Cost for the weekend is: FSGW and BFMS members/$150; non-members/$165. Fee covers program, accommodations, and meals. A number of reduced-price admissions ($80) are available in exchange for 6 hours of kitchen work. Cancellations received by March 21 will receive a refund minus a $15 processing fee.

Spaces fill up quickly; early registration is recommended (adult, full-time registrants only). A lottery will be held for all applications postmarked by December 31. Admission after that time will be on a space-available basis, in order of application receipt. We will maintain a balance of men and women. Confirmation letters will include directions to camp and information about what to bring.
The folklore Society of Greater Washington

Gala New Year's Eve Dance

Tuesday, December 31st, 1996
6:30 pm to 12:45 am
at Historic Adelphi Mill

with Brad Sayler
calling English Country Dances, Waltzes & Couple Dances

and music by
The Dynamic Trio
Andrea Hoag, Marty Taylor & David Wiesler

* Reception   6:30
* Potluck Supper 7:00
* Dancing     8:00 to 12:45
* Dessert     10:00
* Midnight Toast

Advanced Registration Necessary
Space Limited - Genders Balanced

For information or to offer help call:
Karla or Bob Farrall 301-577-5018

REGISTRATION FORM
Please reserve _____ places at FSGW's Gala New Year's Eve Dance for:

Name(s) ____________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________
Day Phone _________________________ Evening Phone _________________________

Enclosed find a check payable to FSGW for $__________
FSGW Members $18.00 each
Guests $20.00 each

I (need) (can offer) hospitality for _______ people.

Send this registration form, your check (payable to FSGW), and a stamped, self-addressed, long business envelope for directions to:
FSGW New Year's Eve Dance c/o Karla & Bob Farrall
7613 Fountainbleau Drive, Suite 2112
New Carrollton, Maryland 20784
The 15th Chesapeake Dance Weekend

April 11-13, 1997

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Application Form

Name__________________________ male__ female__
Address________________________ I can provide a ride__
______________________________ I need a ride__
Telephone: (eve)_________________ (day)_________________
My dietary preference is: omnivore__ no red meat__ vegetarian__
I would like to be considered for a kitchen scholarship__________
I may snore at dance camp and keep others awake___________
I would like to be in a cabin with___________________________

My check includes camp tuition for _____ person(s):
☐ $150 (member)/☐ $165 (non-member)/☐ $80 (scholarship)

Please make check payable to: Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW).
Send payment, application, decorated button, and self-addressed, stamped envelope to:
Chesapeake Dance Weekend, 418 A Street SE, #2, Washington, DC 20003.