Program & FSGW Meeting

Lance Brown's Tribute To Will Rogers
Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm

This tribute is a journey back into the roots of the American experience. Lance Brown plays and sings the songs and popular western music of Will's day as a backdrop to Will Rogers' life story. Lance explores how Will's wisdom and humor were influenced by his early contact with the working cowboys of the late 1800's.

This event is at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street NW, a few blocks south of the circle where 16th Street meets Colesville Road, about 4 blocks south of the Silver Spring Metro. Call the hot line, 202-546-2228 code 21 to confirm the event in case of snow. Admission is $9, FREE to FSGW members. Remember, please bring your membership card or your pre-addressed Newsletter.

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Special Event

La Rondinella
Friday, April 25, 8:00 pm

Since its establishment in 1987, La Rondinella has become known for its ravishing arrangements of Sephardic song -- the music of the exiled Jews of Spain -- and for its creative blend of Renaissance and traditional music.

The Glen Echo Town Hall is located at 6101 Harvard Avenue in Glen Echo, MD just off MacArthur Blvd. and 2 blocks northwest of Goldsboro Rd. Look forward to an evening of richly textured music in an intimate atmosphere. For more info, call the FSGW Hotline at 202-546-2228, code 22.

Admission is $10 for FSGW members, and $13 for non-members. Light snacks will be available.

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Members, Please Note: 2 FSGW meetings this month

The elections for the 1997-98 FSGW Board will take place in May. There will be 2 meetings of the membership -- Sunday, April 6th at the Sunday evening dance & Saturday, April 19th at the program. FSGW members will be admitted without charge at these two events. Please bring your membership card or pre-addressed Newsletter. Nominations for the Board will be accepted at both meetings.
FSGW Sunday Night Dances

Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD  
Sundays, 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. Remember, the Spanish Ballroom is not insulated, so dress accordingly.

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

Mar 30 Local caller Michael Schechtman is joined by the famous Open Band, making their first Sunday night appearance for our dancing pleasure.

Apr 6 Bev Smith calls to the music of the New Devils: Steve Hickman on fiddle, Marty Taylor on concertina and flute and Johnathan Jensen on piano.

NOTE: This dance will be an FSGW meeting and as such is FREE TO MEMBERS. Remember to bring your membership card or pre-addressed Newsletter.

Apr 13 The most popular contra dance band in America, Wild Asparagus, follows up its appearance at our Chesapeake Dance Weekend. George Marshall calls and plays concertina and bodhran, David Cantieni plays a host of wind instruments, Ann Percival plays piano, keyboard and guitar, Becky Tracy plays fiddle and Dave Grant is on bass. Don't miss it.

Apr 20 Kate Charles calls to some of our best local musicians: Cathy Fink on banjo, Marcie Marxer on guitar and et. al. on whatever they choose to play.

Apr 27 Carlotta McIntyre calls the contras and plays hammered dulcimer with Caledonia. Janet Muse (piano) and Laura Light (fiddle) complete this stellar band.

May 4 Suzanne Girardot calls, music by Childsplay (20 fiddlers).

May 11 Lou Shapiro calls, music by Martin's Flight.

May 18 Robert Cromatie calls, music by Elke Baker & Dave Wiesler.

Elections for the FSGW Board will take place in May. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or if you know someone who would make a great Board member, contact David Boynton 703-368-3339, Betsy Platt 301-320-7099, or Mary Cliff 703-534-7581. Several Board members have expressed an interest in running again, but all Board positions are open.
FSGW WEDNESDAY NIGHT ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Glen Echo Town Hall Wednesdays, 8:00 – 10:30 pm

FSGW's English country dances offer a mix of fun and refined dancing, led by talented callers who are accompanied by top-notch musicians who play tunes that are unique to each dance. Come at 7:30 for a FREE workshop for newcomers. 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. Dancers of all experience levels welcome. Members $5, non-members $6.

Apr 2 Stephanie Smith calls to music provided by Liz Donaldson on piano, Judy Kleppel on oboe, and Beck Ross on fiddle.

Apr 9 Rich Galloway is accompanied by Liz Donaldson on accordion, Steve Hickman on fiddle, and Dave Weisler on piano.

Apr 16 Brad Sayler calls to music of Susan Brandt on flute, Johnathan Jensen on piano, and Howard Markham on concertina.

Apr 23 Diane Schmit calls to music of Liz Donaldson on piano, Barbara Heitz on flute, and Ellen Jacobs on fiddle.

Apr 30 Spring Ball Chair, Mary Kay Friday, calls to music of Liz Donaldson of piano, Karin Loya on cello, and Jeff Steinberg on fiddle.

Looking ahead: May 7, caller: Rich Galloway; May 14, caller: Mary Kay Friday.

Special Event May 21: Internationally renowned caller and choreographer Colin Hume will call.

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 northwest 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 at RogerB@cais.com.

Annual Washington English Country Spring Ball

at Whitby Gymnasium, National Cathedral School, Washington, DC

Saturday, May 17

English country dancing at its finest. Music will be provided by Earl Gaddis (a member of Bare Necessities) on violin and viola, Liz Donaldson, a popular and accomplished piano player who has long experience playing for English country dances as well as other styles of folk dance, and Baltimore's Marty Taylor playing the flute and concertina. Marty is also well-known throughout the North East as an accomplished folk musician.

Admission by prior reservation only. $20 for members of FSGW, BFMS or CDSS, $22 for non-members. Reception: 7:30 pm. Dance: 8:00 pm. A gender balance will be maintained. Dances will not be called so attendance of the FSGW's Wednesday evening English country dances is strongly encouraged: dances will be taught and practiced in the weeks preceding the ball. A practice session will be conducted in the afternoon before the ball. Watch for fliers at local dances. For info, contact Marian Lapp at 703-533-2966 or Roger Broseus via e-mail: RogerB@cais.com.
FSGW House Concerts

**Ken Perlman**

Saturday, April 12, 8:00 pm

Clawhammer banjo and ragtime guitar virtuoso Ken Perlman will make a long overdue appearance for FSGW. Ken's unique approach to 5-string banjo and acoustic guitar makes him one of the top musicians on today's folk music scene. He draws his material from traditional sources -- the music of Scotland, Ireland, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island and the American South. His approach to the music, however, is highly innovative. He has developed many new instrumental techniques, and much of his repertoire has never before been played on 5-string banjo or guitar. On the circuit, Ken is often referred to as a musician's musician -- a player whose style is so accomplished and unique that other musicians go out of their way just to hear him. He has several recordings to his credit, the most recent being Island Boy on Wizmak. Ken is also an active folklorist and columnist. He has regular columns in *Banjo Newsletter*, *Sing Out!* and *Acoustic Musician*. If you want a bit more info on him before the concert, check out his homepage on the web at http://members.aol.com/kenperlman/homepage.htm. This concert is at the home of Ursy Potter and Carter Hearn in McLean, VA (Just off the beltway). For directions, call 703-821-1373. Admission is $6 for FSGW members, $9 for nonmembers. Refreshments will be provided.

**Norman and Betty McDonald**

Sunday, April 20, 8:00 pm

Betty and Norman McDonald hail from the North East of England (canny Newcastle!) and sing a variety of Geordie, Scottish, English and American songs -- whatever strikes their fancy, in the true folk way -- both a capella and accompanied by guitar and banjo or autoharp. Their last appearance in this area was at an FSGW house concert in October 1995, and their charming way with a song captivated those who had the chance to see them. Betty and Norman sing in harmony as well as solo, and know an amazing number of songs: unusual versions of ballads, parlor songs, sentimental pieces from the past, and an occasional contemporary song in the folk vein. "...They sing songs from their native area simply and with much charm...." (*Folk Roots*, June 1991). The chance has come again, in an intimate house concert setting at the nearby Silver Spring home of Bob Clayton and Jennifer Woods. Call 301-587-7174 for directions. Admission is $6 (FSGW) and $9 (non-members). Refreshments will be served.

**Lance Brown Program**

Saturday, April 19 at 8:00 pm

Lance has intimate knowledge of his subject. He has done extensive research at the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore, OK and has spent over 8 years touring the country performing his "Tribute." While Lance does perform as Will Rogers through most of the show, he also provides some personal insights into the man and his times. Lance claims his mission is to carry the Will Rogers legacy into the next generation. The universal quality of Will's humor still holds true today, over half a century after his death. It was Will Rogers who was quick to point out, "America has the best politicians money can buy." He explained, "I don't make jokes. I watch the government and I report the facts." Or in looking on the bright side of taxes, he quipped, "Thank God we don't get as much government as we're paying for."

**La Rondinella Special Event**

Friday, April 25 at 8:00 pm

With the warm, expressive voice of Alice Kosloski leading the way, the group will present a program of its favorite Sephardic songs, along with some music of the Spanish Renaissance and other music with Jewish associations. *La Rondinella*'s two recordings of Sephardic music have received critical praise throughout the US and their music has been featured on National Public Radio's "Millenium of Music." *La Rondinella* is Howard Bass on lute & guitar, Paul Bensel on recorder, crumhorn & percussion, Tina Chancey on treble & bass viol, rebec, kamej, lyra, recorder, & percussion, and Alice Kosloski, alto.

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MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY NEWS

Board Meeting
The April Board meeting will be at the Glen Echo Park Ranger Station. 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 (page 19).

Open Sing
At Judy & Dennis Cook's House in Laurel, MD. Topic: Spring, Springs, and Other Levity. It's nearly spring and that provides dozens of related topics for the sing (love, flowers, showers...), but as if that's not enough, we've added springs...mechanical boing-boing, and, other levity - songs of frivolity & jocularity. Brush up one of your favorite songs and come have a good time. For info, call Judy or Dennis at 301-776-4314. (The May Open Sing will be held the 2nd Friday, May 9th and will have a topic of musical instruments. Put a banjo on your knee.)

Gospel Sing
The monthly Gospel Sing will be 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!

Storyswap
This month at the home of Bill and Maren Mayhew in Beltsville for an evening of shared stories and pot luck refreshments. Call 301-595-7920 for directions and rsvps. Storytellers & listeners invited.

Sacred Harp Singing
If you were turned on to early American hymnody & psalmody at the Potomac River Sacred Harp Convention (see article, this issue), come to our monthly singing at the home of Suzanne & Hunter Hale, 6122 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA. Singing 4:00 - 6:00 pm; potluck supper 6:00 - 7:00 pm, and more singing after supper. All are welcome. Loaner tunebooks available. For more info and directions call the FSGW Hotline, #42 or 301-897-5274. Admission is free.

The 21st Washington Folk Festival
Planning and preparations are already underway for the Washington Folk Festival at Glen Echo Park. This is a free event and showcases a wide variety of Washington area performers from all ethnic and geographic backgrounds. This is an all-volunteer event: everyone, including the performers, planners, technicians, and sound engineers, EVERYONE donates their services. We need your help to carry out this Festival. In fact, we still need a Volunteer Coordinator, and a Publicity Coordinator, and we have dozens of other positions to fill. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or chairing one, please contact Festival Coordinators Dean Clamons at 703-631-9655 or e-mail dean@n5170a.nrl.navy.mil, or Beth Curren at 301-657-2789 or e-mail dwainl@aol.com. Betsy Platt has volunteered to be Program Committee Chair. Anyone interested in performing, or who wishes to suggest a performer, should contact her, preferably at her e-mail address: bplatt@access.digex.com. She can also be reached by telephone at 301-320-7099. People wishing to volunteer for Operations can contact Dwain Winters at dwainl@aol.com or at 301-657-2789. Rick Sherbert is the Crafts Coordinator. He can be reached at 301-229-4184. Volunteers are needed for crafts, hospitality, publicity, planning and operations. The Festival is a wonderful event. It can only happen through the efforts of people like you.

FSGW Information is available to all by phone: 202-546-2228 or on our web page: www://fsgw.org
Preview of Coming FSGW Monthly Program

Our final monthly program is Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 pm and features George & Vaughn Ward, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring. There will be a sing-around after the concert. Remember, it is free to members.

The Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention

Friday, April 4, 7:30 to 9:30 pm: Shape-Note Singing School
Saturday, April 5, 10 am to 3:30 pm: All-Day Singing and Dinner on the Grounds
and 4:00 - 5:30 pm: New Traditions Singing
Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway (Route 1 at Telegraph Rd.), Lorton, VA

Sunday, April 6, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm: All-Day Singing and Dinner on the Grounds
Hearst Hall, National Cathedral School, next to the Washington National Cathedral
at Wisconsin Ave. and Woodley Rd., NW, Washington, DC

Experience the powerful four-part harmony of Sacred Harp singing at the Folklore Society's eighth annual Potomac River Convention, where shape-note singers from around the country will join local singers. All are welcome: beginners, experienced singers, and listeners. The Sacred Harp tunebook (first published in 1844) contains 18th-century New England hymns, psalm tunes, anthems, and fuging tunes; early 19th-century Southern folk hymns and spiritual songs; and 20th-century songs in the old style. This rugged a cappella music has melodies in the tenor part, hauntingly beautiful open harmonies and pulsing rhythms. The lyrics are mostly from the great religious poetry of 18th-century England. Participants face each other and sing for their own pleasure in a strong, forthright style. The "fa-so-la" system of shaped noteheads (triangles, ovals, squares, and diamonds to indicate intervals) helped many early Americans to sight-read music. Singers democratically take turns leading songs of their choice in the center of the square.

The Friday-evening singing school will be taught by P. Dan Brittain of Cazenovia, New York, band director, church choir director, long-time shape-note singer in Georgia for 20 years, and the composer of four tunes in the current edition of The Sacred Harp. Dan will focus on teaching the class how to sing in the traditional style.

The two all-day singing sessions at lovely, historic, and acoustically lively locations will include 80 - 90 songs each day, potluck lunches, and time for fellowship. Saturday's New Traditions Singing will feature shape-note music, old and new, not in The Sacred Harp. If you wish to lead such a song, bring 100 copies and observe copyright restrictions.

Tunebooks will be available for loan or sale. Admission is free, but a collection will be taken to defray expenses. Local singers, please bring LOTS OF FOOD to feed the many out-of-towners. For child care, call Ella Wilcox at 703-204-1532 before 9:00 pm. For more info, consult the Convention's Web page at http://www.his.com/~sabol/PRC97.html, or call the FSGW Hotline #56, or Mary K. Friday at 202-543-0355.

Letter From The President

Like Paris, Washington is a wonderful place to be in the spring. Cherry blossoms, azaleas, and other plant species make their mark in our gardens and public places. When it's spring, the Washington Folk Festival can not be far away. I have heard that the program will be great. I hope that you all make it a point to attend this year and bring 30 of your best friends. I'm sure that there is a need for volunteers, so here is your chance to take an active part in this extraordinary festival. Spring is also the season for many other music and dance events. As always, FSGW will be taking an active role in many of these activities.

Last month, I wrote about the upcoming elections, but there has been very little response so far. The Society does so much for you. Think about how you can give back a little. We still need nominations for Board positions, particularly for membership and publicity, although all board positions are open. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or if you know someone who would make a great Board member, contact Dave Boynton at 703-368-3339, Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099, or Mary Cliff at 703-534-7581.

In February, I attended the Folk Alliance Conference in Toronto. Betsy and I had a great time. There was some fantastic music (and some not so great music). There were more than 1,000 attendees, nearly everyone involved in presenting music and dance programs, either as a performer, organizer, manager, or merchant. We attended several workshops dealing with organizational matters and outreach. I wish that I attended these workshops 2 years ago before becoming FSGW President. I certainly learned a lot. Hopefully, some of this knowledge can help the Society in the future. I'm looking forward to the next conference in Memphis.

Jamie Platt

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FSGW CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Fifth Wheel Coffeehouse – Body Language
Saturday, March 29, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
We’ll dance and make music with our hands, our feet and other body parts. Steve Hickman will start us off with the rhythmic body music called hambone; yes, you can make music with your hands, hips, cheeks, hips, etc! Members of the Pilipino-American Cultural Arts Society will show us the coconut and bamboo dances – traditional dances of the Philippines. Then it’s on to Europe, where members of the Alpenveilchen will show us the traditional schuhplattler, including stomping and sawing moves. To cap off the afternoon, Judy Cook will lead a community sing on the subject of body parts – songs about hearts and hands, arms and feet, lips and eyes.... Coffee, tea and munchies include gingerbread men and ladyfingers. At the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd. in Arlington, at Taylor Street, across from Ballston Common, a couple blocks from Ballston Metro. We can park in the building until 6:00 pm. Admission is $5 (plus .50 hall rental) for members and seniors, and $6 (plus .60 hall rental) for others. Under 6 and over 90 free. For info, call 703-549-6044 or 202-546-2228 message no. 25.

Capital Tangueros
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 4, 5, & 6
Fri, Apr 4 7:30 - 11:00 pm: Live Music Milonga (Argentine Tango Dance) featuring visiting musicians from Montreal: Jacques Saint-Cyr and Michel Belair. Includes a Tango demonstration and short talk by visiting tango master Maria Castello (originally from Buenos Aires) dancing with her partner Jacques. At: Old Stone House at Meadowbrook Community Center, Meadowbrook Lane (Rock Creek Park). Directions & info: 202-244-2787. Admission is FREE.

Weekend Argentine Tango Workshops with Maria Castello (Open to those with a basic familiarity with walking to the cross and ochos. If you don’t know these, call 703-276-1430. Location: Chevy Chase Ballroom (formerly Dance Land II) 5207 Wisconsin Ave., NW, DC. Please see Capital Tangueros home page: http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/4119.
Sat, Apr 5: 12:30 - 2:15 pm Includes technique & movement for leaders & followers. Adapting figures to the crowded dance floor; how to improvise. 2:45 - 4:30 pm Building on the technique from the first class, figures in two different social dance styles. $20 each class ($2 FSGW discount). N/P required but dance shoes are.
Sun, Apr 6: Two Mini Classes: Maximum of 4 couples per class. 1:00 - 2:30 pm Tango figures and technique; 2:30 - 4:00 pm Milonga, leading, keep moving, and rhythms for followers. $25 per person per class. Partner and pre-registration required before April 4.

Community Dance
Sunday, April 13 & 27, 3:00 - 5:30 pm
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 info, call 301-320-7099.

April 13: DeLaura Padovan calling to the music of Steve Hickman and John Devine.
April 27: Lou Shapiro calling. Music by Ellen Jacobs, her friends, and students.

Upcoming dances: May 11, May 25 (tentative), June 15, June 29. Put these dates on your calender.

International Folk Dancing
Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
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. N/E, N/P. Mostly taped music. Occasional parties and workshops. For info, call Jamie at 301-320-7099.

Thursday, April 17th, 8:00 - 10:15 pm: a Bosnian workshop with Meho Alic. Meho, a former dancer, artistic director, and choreographer for the "Unis" Folk Dance Ensemble based in Sarajevo, performed dances from all the regions of the former Yugoslavia. Unis won numerous awards for its performances. This is a unique opportunity to learn dances from Bosnia.
American Sampler presents Music & Dance of India, Cambodia & Vietnam  
Fri & Sat, May 16 & 17
The last in a series of 4 FSGW-Smithsonian collaborations presents 3 groups from the greater Washington area. On Friday, May 16 at noon, the Devi Dance Theater presents dance and from the centuries-old Kuchipudi tradition of India. On Saturday, May 17 at 1:00 pm, dancers from the Cambodian American Heritage group present traditional dances of Cambodia. At 2:00 pm, the Nguyen Dinh Nghia Family presents traditional music of Vietnam. Saturday's program concludes with the Devi Dance Theater, beginning at 3:00 pm. Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History. FREE. For info, call 202-357-4182 or 357-2700.

AROUND TOWN

Celtic Day '97  
Saturday, April 5
A camp for folkies at the Unitarian Church of Silver Spring, MD, includes all day workshops from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm and an evening concert. Workshop leaders include Bonnie Rideout, Scottish fiddle; Al Petteway, fingerstyle guitar; Myron Bretholz, bodhran; Robin Bullock, flatpicking guitar & fiddle; hammered dulcimer classes by Maggie Sansone, Karen Ashbrook and more! Non-musicians welcome too! (one classroom is for all day lecture/demonstrations on Celtic culture and music). For more info, call 410-268-3394. $63. Sponsored by Maggie's Music & The Institute of Musical Traditions.

9th Annual Benefit Folk Concert for YMCA Youth Services  
Saturday, April 12, 7:30 -10:30 pm
Concert features Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen, Donal Leace and Rob Guttenberg. Held in the Masur Auditorium, on the National Institutes of Health's campus. All proceeds support the counseling and substance abuse prevention programs of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA's Bethesda Youth Services. $10/advance, $12.50/door. For info, call 301-229-1347.

Benefit for the Mental Health Association, Market Square  
Sat & Sun, April 12 & 13, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Market Square on King St, Old Town Alexandria, VA. For info, call MHAA at 703-212-0010. Folk music on Saturday. Sat, Apr 12, 1 - 4 pm: Suzanne Michele, Andrew McKnight, & Bill Parsons. Sun, Apr 13 , 1 - 4 pm: Jazz

LOCAL VENUES & EVENTS

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 of the $12 ticket price. FSGW & BFMS members get $1 off ticket prices. Kids are ½ price. For more info, call 301-588-7525.

Apr 7  Lou & Peter Berryman, with Nicolo Whimsey opening.
14 Chris Proctor, with Wendy Lenxner opening.
21 Tony Furtado.
28 Grace Griffith, Lisa Moscatiello, and Chris Noyes.

Apr 12  Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Celebrating the release of their new CD

Kids Fest at Chatham Mall  
Saturday, April 5, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Route 40 West, Ellicott City, MD. FREE. Entertainment, exhibits and demonstrations all day, celebrating "The Month of the Young Child." Sue Trainor and Sue Ribaudo perform at 4:00 pm. For info, call 410-313-6400.

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Savory Saturday, April 5, 8:00 - 10:00 pm
At 7071 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park, MD. Suzanne Michele is featured with Sally Davis. For info, call 301-270-2233.

Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington Sat, April 5 - 8:00 pm & Sun, April 6 - 7:00 pm
At the Kreeger Fine Arts Auditorium, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD. An exciting music and dance concert, "It Takes Three to Tango," featuring guitarist Michel Belair, dancer Maria Castello and flutist/dancer Jacques Saint-Cyr. Program focuses on Tango Argentino. $10 JCC members/$12 general admission. For more info, call 301-881-0100, ext. 6741.

Bethesda Acoustic House Concert Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 pm
Rod MacDonald, performs contemporary folk music with haunting lyrics and rich melodies and just a touch of irony and wit. Rod has three CDs to his credit and is just back from a three-week tour of Europe. Suggested donation: $9. For info, call Frank Allen Philpot at 301/897-5695 or contact him via e-mail at Fphilpot@aol.com.

Shirlington Artists Guild Coffeehouse Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 pm
Folk, country, and traditional blues by the Barbara Martin Trio (singer-songwriter Barbara Martin, bassist Steve Wolf, and guitarist Mac Walter). $10 admission includes dessert & coffee. The gallery is located at 4024 South 28th St., Arlington, VA (in the Village at Shirlington, 5 doors from the Carlyle Grand Cafe). For reservations, call 703-379-6666.

Shenandoah CFHS Sunday, April 13, 7:30 pm
At the Reston Community Center, $7. With Amy & Jennie, Barbara Martin & Frank Gotwals. For info 703-476-4500.

International Music Associates - Classical Indian Music Tuesday, April 15, 12:10 pm
At the Church of the Epiphany, 1517 G Street, NW, DC (½ block from Metro Center). Shubha Sankaran & Subhash Karmarkar in a program of classical Indian music. FREE. For info, call 202-347-2635.

Footlights, a modern drama discussion group Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Come join us to discuss plays from the modern English-speaking theater, this month: Terrence McNally's "Love! Valour! Compassion!" At Luna Books, 1633 P St., NW, in Washington, DC. Dinner at 6:30. For more info, call 202-484-8303.

Newsletter Submissions to: FSGW Newsletter % Carl Mintz, 704 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003-1344.
Music Americana at Bad Habits Grille
Wednesday, April 16, 8:15 pm
Admission $6.00 - to benefit The World Folk Music Association. 5444 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA. Dick Cerri is host and emcee. Featuring Allen Damron, others TBA. For info, call 703-998-5808.

333 Coffeehouse
Friday, April 18, 8:00 pm
At the Unitarian Church of Anne Arundel County, 333 Dubois Road, Annapolis, MD. Barb Martin with Betty & Norman McDonald. Admission is $5.00 per person. For info, call 410-647-4275.

"Folkways of North America"
Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm

New Deal Cafe
Saturday, April 19, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
At the Community Building, Roosevelt Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. Suzanne Michele is featured at this great new music venue featuring mostly vegetarian soups, salads and desserts. For info, call 301-424-5642.

Club Acoustic House Concert
Sunday, April 20, 7:00 pm
in Herndon, VA. Showcasing emerging artists: this month Maria Sangiolo from New Hampshire. Suggested donation is $10. Light refreshments available; non smoking. For info, call 703-689-0444 (or e-mail clubacou@erols.com).

Concert - featuring Allan Wayne Damron
Sunday, April 20, 7:30 pm
a wonderful performer who brings laughter and guitars, great songs and banjos to the stage. $8, includes light refreshments. At 2911 Woodstock Ave., Silver Spring, MD. For info, call 301-588-5314.

Cafe Herndon Celebrates Earth Day – two performances
Friday, April 25, 6:30 & 8:30 pm
At the Herndon Community Center, featuring Magpie. Childrens' show at 6:30 costs $4/advance & $5/door. Adults' show at 8:30 costs $5/advance & $6/door. For info, call 703-435-6868.

Peaberry's Coffee House
Friday, April 25, 8:30 - 10:30 pm
1115 Nelson Street, Rockville MD. Doris Justis. For info, call 301-251-9027.

Washington Storytellers Theatre - Cuban-American Stories
Saturday, April 26, 8:00 pm
At St. Patrick's Church, 4700 Whitehaven Pkwy. (off Foxhall Rd.), DC. Carmen Deedy performs her one-woman show, "Growing Up Cuban in Decatur, Georgia." $10. For info, call 202-291-2170.

A Concert of Old-time Sentimental Music
Sunday, April 27, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
The Mill Run Dulcimer band performs at Colvin Run Mill Park, 5 miles west of the Capitol beltway at Tysons Corner, VA on Route 7. Donations accepted. For info, call 703-941-1071.

Dupont Music Circle
Friday, April 4 & Wednesday, April 16, 8:00 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. First Fri. of each month in Arlington; third Wed. of each month in DC. Call 703-658-0957 for more info.

Center Court in the Marley Station Mall
Fridays, April 4 & 18, Noon
7900 Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie, MD. Sue Trainor, Sue Ribaudo and friends will be featured in the new "Family Friday at Noon" series. There is no admission charge. For more info, call 410-766-2033.

St. Elmo's Coffee Pub - live acoustic music
Tuesday, April 8 & 22, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
At 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave.(corner of Del Ray Ave.), Alexandria, VA. $5. For reservations and info, call 703-739-9268.

April 8 Bonnie Rideout
April 22 Bill Baker

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The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
At the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA. Open mike with a 3-song limit. $1 cover. Member Showcase 2nd Tuesday. Garnett Rogers on April 29. $10 ($9/members). For info, 703-437-7766 or 703-573-6855. Smoke-free.

The Folkal Point at the Coho Grill

Thursdays in April, 8:00 pm
Hobbit's Glen Golf Club, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia, MD. In the banquet room of the Coho Grill. $8.00 unless otherwise noted. Smoke-free. Food and beverages can be purchased. For info, call 410-531-5350 or 301-982-0686.

Apr 3 Lisa Moscatiello, accompanied by Dave Chappell on guitar.
Apr 10 Pierce Campbell, guitarist and vocalist, and country folk blues singer Mary Ann Rossoniy.
Apr 24 Bill Staines sings and delights his audiences with a magical blend of wit and gentle humor. $10 admission.

Traditional Celtic Concerts

Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 6:30 & 7:00 - 8:30 pm
At the Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls, VA. Traditional Celtic music in the (non smoking) Snuggery dining room. Two sittings each evening. Tickets are $9.00. Full dinner menu is available. For info & reservations, call 703-759-3309.

Leaf Through Used Book Store and Gathering Place

April Schedule
At in the Congressional South Shopping Center, across the parking lot from Magruders (across the street from the Twinbrook Metro stop). Admission is free and all are invited. For info, call the store at 301-230-8998. No preregistration for open mikes necessary.

Starbucks Coffee - Weekly Acoustic Music Series Performances

Wed & Thurs, 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Cascades Marketplace, Sterling, VA; every Wed. & Thurs. 703-421-0932, free admission / donations.

Burke Center Plaza, 6003-A Burke Center Parkway, Burke, VA; Wed. 703-250-2292, free admission / donations.

Northpoint Plaza, 1444 Northpoint Village, Reston, VA; Wed. 703-787-9341, free admission / donations.

Connecticut Ave. & N Street, NW, Washington, DC; Every Fri. from 6 - 8 pm 202-785-4728.

Voices In the Glen -- Storytelling in the Washington area. Call Margaret Chatham at 703-698-5456 for specifics.
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) at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on MacArthur Blvd. Dances begin at 8:30. Admission is $5 unless otherwise noted. Beginners are always welcome. A four-week series of classes for beginning dancers starts on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. The cost of the series is $12 and does not include admission to the dances. The lessons are progressive & participants should start the series on the first Friday of the month, and attend all 4 classes. This month’s classes will be taught by Ann Fallon. 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 info about the current week's dances, call the DC Dance Hotline at 301-270-1678. If you wish to discuss the dances or would like to play or call for a dance, contact Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099 or bplatt@access.digex.com.

April
4  Please & Thank You with Chart Guthrie calling.
11 Open band / Open Mike night.
18  Wild Asparagus with George Marshall calling.
25  Terpsichore with Bill Wellington calling.

May
2  Reckless Abandon with Tom Hinds calling.

CDSS Northern Virginia Dance Group – English Country Dances & Workshops
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:45 pm. Figures, phrasing, and style taught. 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.

Tues, Apr 8  Carl Dreher calls, music by Pat Wexelblat, recorder and Howard Markham, concertina.

Apr 22  Howard Markham & Pat Ruggiero call, music by Laurie Mielke & Tom Anastasio.

Sat, Apr 19 8 pm. Barbara Harding calling. Recorded music. N/P, N/E, free admission. For info, call 703-437-3615.

Apr 26  Spring Dance Party, at Sterling Community Center Annex, 1115 West Church Rd., Sterling, VA (3 miles no. of Dulles Airport off Rte 28). English Country dancing. Music by Liz Donaldson (piano), Malcolm Stephens (fiddle), and Pat Wexelblat (recorder), calling by Howard Markham and Pat Ruggiero. $7. N/P. Beginners orientation at 7:30, dancing 8 to 11. Contributions welcome for refreshments. For info, call 703-471-0629.

Scandinavian Dance
Saturday, April 5, 8:00 - 10:30 pm
Music by Peascods Gathering, at Takoma Park Middle School. Teaching followed by general dancing. $4.00. N/P, N/E. For info, call 301-493-6281 or 703-356-3036.

Norwegian dance & CD release party
Saturday, April 5, 8:30 - 11:00 pm
At the Meadowbrook Community Center, Rock Creek Park, Montgomery County, MD (near East-West Highway (410) and Beach Drive). 7:30 - 8:30 pm: Teaching of the Norwegian Telespringar dance. Live hardingfele playing for the teaching provided by Loretta Kelley. $4 donation requested. 8:30 - 11:00 pm: Dance party featuring Telespringar and other Norwegian folk dances, with music provided by Loretta Kelley and friends. Free. For more info, call 301-270-4925.

Swing and Two Step
Friday, April 11, 9:00 pm - 1:00 am
To an evening of Cajun music with Squeeze Bayou plus Texas Swing with The Oklahoma Twisters. The bands will be alternating sets at Phantasmagoria, 11319 Elkin St., Wheaton, MD. Admission $10. For more info, call 301-949-8886.

Irish Céili & Set Dancing
Saturday, April 12, 8:00 pm - Midnight
At the John C. Wood Muni Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax City, VA. Music by the Bogwanderers Céili Band. $10.00. Free dance instruction at 7:30 pm. For info, call Bob Hickey at 703-978-8265.

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Reston Contra Dance  
**Saturday, April 12, 8:00 - 10:45 pm**

*Greg Frock* 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, but there will be NO dance in May.

Western Swing Dances  
**Sunday, April 13, 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

with *The Oklahoma Twisters*. At The Washington House, 222 North Washington St., Falls Church, VA. Admission $6. Lessons 7:00 - 8:00 pm ($3). Beginners and singles welcome. BTOB. For info, call 703-536-4369, 24 hours a day.

Cajun Music  
**Friday, April 18, 8:45 - 11:30 pm**

with *Squeeze Bayou* - Cherry Hill Park in College Park, MD. Workshop 8:00 - 8:45 pm. Admission $10. For more info, call 301-270-2586.

Scandia DC (Scandinavian couple dancing)  
**Saturday, April 19, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Greenbelt Community Center, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Norwegian dance Hallingspringar taught from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. Music by *Loretta Kelley, Skandals*, and the *Scandia DC Spelmannslag*. Teachers: *Linda Brooks & Ross Schipper*. N/P. $5.00. For info, call 202-333-2826.

Strauss Waltz - Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom Benefit Dance  
**Saturday, April 26, 9:00 pm - Midnight**

Come support the renovation of the Spanish Ballroom and dance to the *Silver Strings* band. Beginners workshop with *Ken & Donna*: 8:00 - 9:00 pm. Grand march at 9:00 pm. $12 (incl workshop). For info, call 301-309-0895.

Greater Washington Céili Club -- Irish Céili Dance  
**Sunday, April 27, 5:00 - 9:00 pm**

At the conference center at Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD. Music for sets & Céili dances will be provided by *Billy McComiskey* (accordion), *Kieran O'Hare* (uilleann pipes), *Philippe Varlet* (fiddle), and *Andy Thurston* (guitar). A workshop featuring "The Dublin Set" will be offered at 4:00. $10 GWCC & FSGW members, $12 nonmembers, $8 students/seniors, $5 kids 11-16, kids under 11 free. Max family admission $30. For more info, call 301-294-3568.

Washington Swing Dance Committee  
**Saturday, April 5 & 19, 9:00 pm - Midnight**

At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Dance preceded by a free introductory workshop in beginner swing from 8:00 until 9:00 pm. Admission is only $8, with $1 going directly to the Ballroom rehabilitation fund. Or, call 202-726-3972 to volunteer and receive free admission! See FSGW Sunday Night Dance (on page 2) for directions to the Ballroom. For more info, call the WSDC hotline at 301-340-9732.

Sat, April 5  *The J Street Jumpers.*

Sat, April 19  *Mitch Woods and his Rocket 88s!*

Waltzing at Glen Echo Park  
**Sunday, April 6 & 20, 3:30 pm**

The waltz dance begins at 3:30 pm with an introductory Waltz workshop followed by 2 hours of social dancing to live music. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cost is $5 per person. For more info, call Donna Barker at 703-978-0375. See FSGW Sunday Night Dance (on page 2) for directions to the Ballroom.

Sun, April 6  with the *New Devils*.

Sun, April 20  with the band *Hesperella*.

Cajun & Zydeco Dances  
**Saturday, April 12, Sunday, April 13, & Friday, April 18**

Apr 12  *Nathan Williams and the Zydeco Cha Chas* at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park, MD. 9:00 pm - Midnight. $10. Beginners workshop from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. For info, call 301-309-0895.

Apr 13  *Glen Delafose and French Rockin' Boogie* at Cherry Hill Park Ballroom in College Park, MD. 7:00 - 10:00 pm $10. Beginners workshop from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. For info, call 301-309-0895.

Apr 18  *Squeeze Bayou* at Cherry Hill Park Ballroom in College Park, MD. 9:00 pm - Midnight. $10. Beginners workshop from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. For info, call 301-309-0895.
Scottish Dance Weekend
Friday – Sunday, April 11-13
at the National Cathedral School, Wisconsin & Woodley Avenues, NW. Not a Scottish Country Dancer? Check it out at no charge!
Come by on Fri, April 11 at 8:00 pm to enjoy fiddler Elke Baker and Dave Weisler. Formal ball Sat, Apr 12 at 8:00 pm, featuring Liz Donaldson and Findhorn. Classes for Scottish Country Dancers with at least 6 months experience taught by Elaine Brunken and Bruce Hamilton, beginning Sat at 9:00 am. For more info, call 202-234-6840.

Alpine Dancers
Sundays, April 6 & 27, 4 - 6:30 pm

International Folk Dance
Tuesdays, 8:00 - 10:00 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.

International Folk Dancing
Wednesdays, 8:00 - 10:30 pm
Kahler Hall, Beavervill Road & 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).

Swiss Folklore Group - Dancing
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Cajun and Zydeco Dancing - Gumbo Groupies
Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Join us for dancing, practice, and informal instruction at the Longbranch Community Center, 8700 Piney Branch Rd (between University Blvd. and Flower Ave.), Silver Spring, MD. Free. Recorded and (occasional) live music. For info, call Peter or Lydia at 301-439-4815.

Scottish Country Dance
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:15 - 10:00 pm
Live music by National Fiddling Champion Elke Baker. At 8030 Main St., Ellicott City, MD. Caryl Maxwell Dance Studio, 3rd floor. Beginners welcome, N/E, N/P. $6-per class. For more info, call 301-589-6813 or e-mail apluhar@tvp.org or Elke at 301-869 0963.

Friday Night International Folk Dance Group – NEW
Fridays, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
Meets April 11, 18 and 25, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Teaching from 8 - 9 pm. Everyone is welcome, N/P; BEG. $5.00. Big kick-off party April 11 with live music, including Loretta Kelley playing Scandinavian music, and others - lots of fun! Other dates will have both live and recorded music. Wooden floor. For info, call 301-565-0539 or 410-715-9210.

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 Oak View ES, 400 East Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD. No experience necessary, but some minimal physical conditioning and some sense of rhythm would be helpful. For info, call Bill Brown at 301-270-2014 or Jud McIntire at 703-528-0588.

Bluemont Morris
Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
A group of men and women who do traditional English morris dances in the spring and fall. The group is very fun and the dancing is addictive and great exercise. We practice in Reston, VA. If you would like to join us, please call Laura at 703-845-8536.

International Folk Dance Festival
Friday – Sunday, May 23 - 26
Held at the Bolton Arms, Bethesda, MD & the Chevy Chase Women's Club. Staff includes Richard Powers, the New River Trio, Nina Kavadjikova, Ervin Varga, Zuzana Beresova, the Duni Vetre Serbian Orchestra and more. Daily or weekend registration available. For registration & info, call the Diamonds, 301-871-8788.

Strauss Ball (dinner & dancing) – An Evening In Vienna
Saturday, May 31, 7:00 pm
At the Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA, featuring the Johann Strauss Chamber Orchestra. $70. For info, call 703-960-5030.

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FOLK MUSIC RELEASES

Elke Baker, 1995 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion's new album Over the Border presents 38 tracks of Celtic and American fiddle music. With Elke are supporting musicians David Wiesler on piano, Larry Unger on guitar and banjo, Ralph Gordon on bass and cello, Sue Richards on Celtic harp and Myron Bretholz, percussion. The album is available from Elke at 9411 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882, and is carried at The House of Musical Traditions.

CLASSES

Band Aid (a music class) - An ensemble playing workshop led by pianist Liz Donaldson. Saturday, April 26, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. All instruments welcome. Come play a variety of tunes. Bring lunch, drinks provided. $15. To reserve space, call 301-986-1291.

Group Classes in mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, autoharp, and country guitar. Beginning Mon, April 7: 7 weeks for $60. At Friendship Church, 3537 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA. 7:15 and 8:30 pm. Rental instruments available. Call 703-941-1071.

Irish Dance Classes (Advanced traditional country sets and Céilí dances for adults) Thursdays, Jan. 16 - May 22 from 8:00 - 9:30 pm at Frost Center, Aspen Hill Road, Rockville, MD. Cost: donation to the Frost Center of $35.00. Instructor is Jim Keenan. Taped music. Live music by Matt/Josh/Jim/Cathy and mini-Céill on the third Thursday of each month. For info, call Jim 301-840-1416.

Irish Dance Classes Set and Céilí dancing presented by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Saturdays, Jan 11 - May 3, 10:00-11:00 am at Frost Center, Aspen Hill Road, Rockville, MD. Cost: donation to the Frost Center of $35.00. Instructor is Jim Keenan. Taped music. Live music by Matt/Josh/Jim/Cathy and mini-Céill on the third Thursday of each month. For info, call Jim 301-840-1416.

Scottish County Dance Society - Basic & General Scottish Social Dancing. Mondays: Dance and Aerobic Center (Bldg T-39), NIH, Bethesda, MD. Taped and live music. For info, call 202-966-3595.


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.

Clogging Classes, Sundays for 10 weeks beginning April 6, 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 Recreation 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.

Newsletter Submissions to: FSGW Newsletter % Carl Mintz, 704 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003-1344.
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 see the BFMS web page, www.statelink.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.

- Apr 2 Caller: Greg Frock, Band: Celtic Naught.
- Apr 16 Caller: Dick Bearman, Band: Baltimore's Open Band.
- Apr 30 Caller: Suzanne Girardot, Band: Reckless Abandon. Special workshop: Schottische (Scandinavian couple dance), taught by John Bartholomew and Marge Scerbo. N/P. FREE to all dance attendees. Workshop begins at 7:00 pm.

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

- Apr 7 Caller: Rich Galloway, Music: Dave Wiesler.
- Apr 21 Caller: Mary Kay Friday, Music: Jonathan Jensen, Beginners workshop: 7:30 pm. Free.
- Apr 28 Caller: Diane Schmit, Music: Carl Friedman, Judy Kleppel, Liz Donaldson.

Second Saturday Contra Dance Series. Apr 12: Intro dance workshop: 7:30 pm, contra dance: 8:00 - 11:00 pm. "Mystery Caller" calling contra and square dances to the music of Ellen Jacobs, Larry Robinson, and Mark Vidor

St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville. $6 for members of BFMS and affiliated organizations.

BFMS presents: A Baltimore Bicentennial Celebration Sunday, April 20, 2:30 - 5:00 pm, at St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall. Adults $7 BFMS members, $9 non-members, Children $5, Families $16 BFMS members (FSGW, ATDS, CDSS), $20 non-members. For further info, call 410-321-8419 or the BFMS hotline at 410-366-0808.

Tango Workshop and Dance Party - Saturday, May 17. Advanced registration. For more info, contact Monica Beltran at meb@smart.net or 410-488-1856. Look for flyers at dances.

Cajun Dance to Balfa Toujours, Friday, April 25. 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.


Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity - Benefit Concert

in Baltimore City featuring Jane Kelly Williams and Andrew Lawrence at Homewood Meeting House in Baltimore. For info, call 410-435-0082 or jenny@charm.net.

CoffeeHouse at Mays Chapel

At the United Methodist Church, Timonium, MD. For info, call 410-922-5210.

| Apr 4 | Al Petteway & Amy White |
| Apr 11 | Jonathan Edwards |
| Apr 18 | Robin Bullock and Lisa Moscatiello |
| 25 | John Gorka |

Mountain Green Concerts

At Hagerstown Junior College. Beau Soleil Avec Michael Doucet - Cajun/Zydeco. $15. For info, call 301-790-2800 x309.

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Annapolis Traditional Dance Society – Contra Dance Saturday, April 5, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
At the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 1311 Generals Hwy. (Route 178), Crownsville, MD. Beginners' class at 7:30 pm. Wooden floor! No street shoes please - soft-soled, non-marring shoes required. $6 for members, $8 for non-members. For info, call ATDS hotline at 410-544-9505, or their web site: http://www.pobox.com/~dancers. Beverly Smith calling to the old-time music of Andrea Hoag, Chris Romaine, & John Schwab. There will be an ice cream social afterwards.

Frederick (MMFAC) Monthly Contra Dance Saturday, April 26, 8:00 pm
Greg Frock will be calling to the music of The Mighty Possums (Joe DeZarn, Sandy Mitchell, Tabby Finch, and maybe Ralph Gordon). At the Adult Recreation Center at the corner of Bentz and 2nd Streets. Beginners' workshop at 7:00 pm. For more info, call Boe Walker at 301-694-6794 or boewalker@aol.com.

Bluemont Old-time Country Dances Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm
Howard Bass, figure caller with Andrea Hoag & friends. $5.00. Beginners workshop at 7:30 pm. For info, call 703-777-6306. Directions to the Bluemont Community Center: located in western Loudoun County just off Route 7 on the east slope of the Blue Ridge. From Route 7, exit at Bluemont on Route 760; proceed 200 yards to the T intersection with Route 734 at the Snickersville Country Store; turn left, Community Center is 1/4 mile on left. Call to confirm dance location!

Americana Stage in Leesburg Friday, April 18, 8:00 pm
9 South King Street. Stephanson, Mitchell and Previti is a unique mix of swing, blues and folk. For concert info and tickets, call 703-777-3523. Tickets $8. Smoke Free.

Shepherdstown Music and Dance – Contra Dance Saturday, April 5, 8:00 pm
At the Shepherdstown War Memorial Building. Ann Fallon calling to the music of The Findhorn Trio. Free beginners' class at 7:15 pm. Bring soft-soled shoes. $6 / $4.50 for members. For more info, call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

Contra Dance, Cinco de Mayo celebration, and Massage workshop May 2 - 4
Joyce Murlless calling to Glow in the Dark String Band (Joe Nelson, Judy Williams, and Mary Elfner). At the Avalon clothing optional family resort, Paw Paw, WV. For more info, call 304-947-5600. Camping and lodge rooms available for the weekend. Preregister for Massage workshop by April 15: call Ellen Dorosh, 301-432-8079 or emdorosh@intrepid.net.

Almost Heaven 10th Annual Contra and Swing Dance Weekend May 24 - 26
At Camp Horseshoe, in Monongahelia National Forest. Featured are Swallowtail playing contras and The O-Tones playing rhythm and blues. Waltz & swing workshops with Ken and Donna, Jim Maxwell and others will teach a variety of dances and workshops. $150 until May 14, $160 after, kids $80. For info, call 301-933-3645, or e-mail noams@clark.net.

Old World Music & Dance At Buffalo Gap May 23 - 26
Memorial Day Weekend - International Folk Dance featuring Zlatne Uste Balkan Brass Band, Loretta Kelley and others teaching the music and dance from the Balkans including Greece, Macedonia, Serbia, and Bulgaria. For info, call Larry Weiner or Margaret Loomis 301-565-0539. E-mail: weiner@erols.com

Country Dance & Song Society at Buffalo Gap July 5 - 12 & July 12 -19
CDSS will present 2 programs at Buffalo Gap this summer: a week of English & American Dance on July 5-12 (program director Sue Dupre), and a Family Music & Dance on July 12-19 (program directors Andy & Robin Davis). For further info or registration, contact CDSS, 17 New South Street, Northampton, MA 01060, or call 413-584-9913, or camp@cdss.org.
PENNSYLVANIA

York Folk Dance Association – Contra Dances
Beginners’ workshop 7:30 pm, dance 8:00 - 11:00 pm. Cost: $6.00. Info: 717-845-2897, sdenise@umabnet.ab.umd.edu.
Fri, April 4  At the Red Lion Grange, Red Lion, PA. Open Mike Night for callers, music by the Contra Rebels!
Sat, April 19 Barn dance in Jay’s barn, east of Stewartstown, PA. Donna Hunt calls to the music of Steve Hickman, Sandy Mitchell and Jim Bieneman. Potluck picnic at 5:30. The evening will also include a hayride.

Advanced Dance Mini-Weekend, Pittsburgh

The Valley Contra Dance
At the First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St., Bethlehem, PA. Featuring Wild Asparagus. $10, $26/family.
Challenging Contras workshop with George Marshall 4:00 - 6:00 pm, $6.00. For info, call 610-867-2881 or 610-966-5526.

Spring Gulch Folk Festival (Lancaster County, PA)

Deadline for the May 1997 Issue: 9 pm, Thursday, April 10
CLASSIFIEDS

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Accompanist needed. Composer/cabaret singer needs accompanist/director to help get the show on the road. Please call 301-654-3342.

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We try to print all copy relevant to FSGW's purpose and membership. (from the FSGW Bylaws: "The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people.").

In most instances, it is simply impossible to print copy in full. When space is tight, FSGW news receives top priority, followed by local non-FSGW news, followed by listings of out-of-town, non-FSGW events.

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