George & Vaughn Ward

Saturday, May 17, 8:00 pm

Our final monthly program features George and 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. Mark your calendar now, so you do not miss it.

George and Vaughn Ward are a veritable encyclopedia of Adirondack folk heritage. For the past quarter century, they have researched, preserved and presented the traditions that have nurtured that region. Their material confirms and celebrates the traditional ways of life in the Adirondacks.

George, who admits playing more than 17 instruments, has been called the Canal Balladeer for his programs on the Erie Canal. He is a highly respected arts educator, and has taught the music and lore of New York State’s canals, woods, and waterways. He has composed a number of songs based on his research into canal and woods life as well as the scores for several PBS documentary films.

Vaughn is the “Momma Liar” of the Adirondack Liars Club and the collaborator with traditional storytellers in the Bowman Books series. She is a folk arts consultant for the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council and specializes in the performance and tale traditions of communities north of the Mohawk.

Together, the Wards’ performance is both informal and captivating, the traits of seasoned singers and storytellers. A sing-around with George and Vaughn will follow the performance.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring 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.

Members, Please Note: Election Ballots Will Be Sent Separately

The election ballots for the 1997-98 FSGW Board will be sent separately this year. Please take the time to vote for FSGW Board members. Ballots must be postmarked by May 10th to be counted. Ballot boxes will also be available at FSGW events on or before Sunday, May 11th.

Renovations at Glen Echo Park Require Postponement of the 21st Annual Washington Folk Festival (originally scheduled for May 31 & June 1) for One Year (See story on page 5).
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 contra 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 air-conditioned or heated, so dress accordingly.

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

May 4 Coming down from the Cape May weekend are Suzanne Girardot, a Seattle caller, and Childsplay, 20 or so fiddlers playing instruments crafted by Bob Childs.

May 11 Local caller Lou Shapiro leads tonight’s dance to music by Martin’s Flight: fiddler Sandy Mitchell, pianist Marc Glickman, and bassist Ralph Gordon.

May 18 Robert Cromatie journeys up from North Carolina to call to the music of Elke Baker and Dave Weisler.

May 25 Baltimore-based Andy Kane teams up with the Hens & Roosters, an old-time band from southeast Pennsylvania. The H&R feature Claire Bartholemew and Chris Ferrer on fiddle, Frank Scott on banjo, Woody Woodring on guitar, and Bob Taylor on bass.

Jun 1 Beth Molaro calls, music by the Freight Hoppers.
Jun 8 Erik Hoffman calls, music by Andrea Hoag & Dave Weisler.
Jun 15 Tom Hinds calls, music by Blue Bamboo.
Jun 22 Greg Frock calls, music TBA.
Jun 29 Robbin Schaeffer calls, music by the Coco Old Time String Band.

Please remember to return your ballot for FSGW Board positions. Ballots must be postmarked by May 10th or returned to any FSGW event on or before Sunday, May 11th.
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. 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 from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Cost for dance: members $5, non-members $6. In early May, we will continue to enjoy preparation for the Spring Ball by practicing dances which will be on the ball program. Newcomers: come for a FREE orientation at 7:30 pm.

May 7 Rich Galloway calls to the music of John Ward on fiddle, Judy Kleppel on oboe, and Liz Donaldson on piano.

May 14 Mary Kay Friday calls to the music of fiddlers Jeff Steinberg and Steve Hickman, and Liz Donaldson on piano.

May 17 (Saturday) Washington Spring Ball. See announcement below.

May 21 SPECIAL EVENT: English country dancers don't wind-down this year after the Spring Ball: London's own Colin Hume will be calling to the music of 'Spruce, Silver, and Ivory: Malcolm Stephens on fiddle, Susan Brandt on flute, and Dave Wiesler on piano. Colin's calling is not to be missed. He has choreographed many "dances with a difference;" associated tunes fill books of music he has published for English and other folk dance forms. Dancers appreciate his entertaining sessions which may include some dances that baffle as well as delight.

May 28 Brad Sayler returns from Charlottesville to call to the music of Becky Ross on fiddle, Hope Stanton on concertina, and Liz Donaldson.

Coming-up in June Stephanie Smith on the 4th; Rich Galloway on the 11th; Diane Schmit on the 18th; and Mary Kay Friday on the 25th.

Directions: From the Beltway, take either the Clara Barton Parkway (from VA) or the Cabin John Expressway (from MD) toward Glen Echo. From the right 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 Saturday, May 17

at Whitby Gymnasium, National Cathedral School, Washington, DC

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 Northeast 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.
**MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY NEWS**

**Board Meeting**

Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 pm

The May 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).

**Storyswap**

Saturday, May 3, 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners meet to share stories and snacks. Call Diane Temple at 703-329-9270 for directions to her friends' house in the Mount Vernon area.

**Open Sing – Songs of Musical Instruments**

Friday, May 9, 8:30 pm

**NOTE:** Second Friday This Month! At Dottie Hurley's House in Silver Spring, MD. Dick Rogers will lead the May Open Sing. The topic is songs that mention musical instruments...so put a banjo on your knee, get out the old orange flute, or hope for your heavenly harp. Just brush up one of your favorite songs and come have a good time. For directions or more info, call Dottie at 301-871-7652.

**Gospel Sing**

Sunday, May 11, 4:00 pm

The monthly Gospel Sing will be at the home of Peggy and Hunter Jones in Potomac, MD. Call them at 301-762-6343 for directions. Singing starts around 4:00 pm with a break for a covered dish supper at 6:00 and then more singing until around 8:00. "Tell Mother I'll Be There" and "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again" are sure to be sung this session. Everyone is welcome!

**Sacred Harp Singing**

Sunday, May 25, 3:00 pm

Our singing of American shape-note music will be at the Barcroft Community House, 800 S. Buchanan St., Arlington, VA. Come try out this newly discovered (by us) old clapboard church with lively acoustics. Shape-note singing school for beginners 3-4 pm; potluck supper 6-7 pm; more singing after supper. All are welcome. Loaner tunebooks available. For more info, call the FSGW Hotline #42 or 301-897-5274. Directions: Take Columbia Pike (Rte. 244) to S. Buchanan St., which is 1.2 mile east of Bailey's Crossroads and 3 blocks west of George Mason Dr. S. Turn north on Buchanan and go 3 blocks to the Community House on the left.

**Upcoming House Concert for June**

Mark your calendar Now!

Erik Hoffman, West Coast dance caller, and local favorites Andrea Hoag and Dave Wiesler will do a house concert on Thursday, June 5 at Ursy Potter's house in Great Falls, VA at 8:00 pm. The program will feature dance tunes of all sorts, piano rags, a bebop fiddle duet, and original tunes and songs by all three.

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**ELECTIONS:** As I noted in my last letter, spring is the time for the Washington Folk Festival and for elections to the FSGW Board. First the good news. The elections committee (Dave Boynton, Betsy Platt, and Mary Cliff) came up with a wonderful slate of candidates for the next Board. Other candidates have been nominated at FSGW meetings and by petition. Some current Board members will be running again. Dave Boynton and I will be back, but only as Past Treasurer and Past President, respectively. All positions are up for grabs, even if there is only one candidate. You will be receiving a ballot soon. I urge you to vote for the candidates that you feel would make the best contribution to the Society.

**FOLK FESTIVAL:** The cancellation of this year's Washington Folk Festival was the most difficult decision the Board has made for a long time. Last year, when the Minifest was canceled, Montgomery County did the deciding for us; they closed the schools, because of snow. The conditions at Glen Echo Park are, in many ways, worse than the streets leading to the Takoma Park Middle School were last year. As the cancellation notice states, there is a silver lining to all this. Next year, we will be able to provide the quality festival that you have all come to expect.

Jamie Platt

Deadline for the June/July 1997 Issue: 9 pm, Saturday, May 10
FSGW House Concert

Sara Grey & Jerry Epstein

FSGW favorites Sara Grey and Jerry Epstein make a rare duo appearance in an FSGW house concert at 8:00 pm, Tuesday, May 27, in the Silver Spring, MD, home of Jennifer Woods and Bob Clayton. Sara and Jerry have known each other for years, and have made music together informally on many occasions, but this is the first time they will have appeared as a duo act. Lovers of traditional music will not be disappointed.

Sara Grey plays banjo and guitar, and has an amazing musical vocabulary, ranging from English and Scots traditional ballads to Appalachian tunes and songs. She is also possessed of one of the more distinctive soprano voices in folk music, and uses it to good advantage, whether singing solo or harmony.

Jerry Epstein is a singer and concertina player well-known for his scholarship, vocal styles, and his devotion to the traditional folk-song. A member of the Bermuda Quadrangle, as well as a teacher of vocal styles, Jerry is a fine combination of academic folklorist and concert performer. He has taught many classes in traditional vocal styles for FSGW and for folklore societies throughout the eastern United States.

Admission to this first-of-its-kind concert is $6 (FSGW members) and $9 (non-members). Refreshments will be served. Call 301-587-7174 for directions and more information.

Renovations at Glen Echo Park Require Postponement of the 21st Annual Washington Folk Festival (originally scheduled for May 31 & June 1) for One Year

We are sorry to have to announce that the Washington Folk Festival has been canceled this year. The Folklore Society and the National Park Service management at Glen Echo have jointly agreed that the current and expected condition of the Park make it infeasible to present the Festival. Other scheduled events at the Park will continue during the construction, but the size and complexity of the Festival make it impossible to maintain its program quality and adequately accommodate the large audience that it draws.

The work at the Park includes laying of new water, sewer, electrical, and phone service as well as re-paving and landscaping. This work has been badly needed since the Park Service acquired Glen Echo. The Board and the Festival Committee are disappointed that we will not be able to present the Festival this year, but we are pleased to see the work taking place. This project, along with Stan Fowler's work on the Bumper Car Pavilion, promises to make Glen Echo a better festival site than ever. If you need additional information, contact Festival Coordinator Dean Clamons at (H) 703-631-9655 or (O) 202-767-2732.
FSGW Co-Sponsored Events

Community Dances

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.

May 11: Ann Fallon calling to the music of Richie Schuman and Al Taylor.

Upcoming dances: June 15 and June 29. Put these dates on your calender.

Music & Dance of India, Cambodia & Vietnam

American Sampler: the last in a series of 4 FSGW-Smithsonian collaborations presents 3 groups from the greater Washington area. They provide a glimpse of South Asian culture in honor of Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. On Friday, May 16 at noon, the Devi Dance Theater presents dance 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. For info, call 202-357-4182 or 357-2700. FREE.

Capital Tangueros

Weekend Argentine Tango Workshops with Susana Miller, visiting tango master from Buenos Aires dancing with her partner Cacho Dante. 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/. For info, call Pat at 301-231-9363.

Sat, May 17 Intermediate/Advanced level: 1:00 - 2:45 Features Salon style (Milonguero, or 'close embrace') with focus on posture, grounding, breathing, balance, and sensitivity to the lead and follow roles; exercises to help each dancer develop his/her own walking style. 3:00 - 4:45 Continuation of first class: dancing to the feeling and rhythm of the music; develop a foundation for your unique improvisational style through intimate knowledge of music, body and space; focus on advanced steps, turns, balances. $20 each class ($2 FSGW discount). N/P required.

Sun, May 18 Beginner level fundamentals: 2:00 - 3:15 Learn basic lead and follow techniques with emphasis on establishing solid foundation; develop sensitivity to music and greater comfort with partners. 3:30 - 4:45 Continuation of first class: brief review of basics with focus on moving to music; exercises to help each dancer develop his/her own walking style; learn how to negotiate on crowded dance floors. $17 each class ($2 FSGW discount). N/P required.

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. Air conditioned room with 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. $4.00. For info, call Jamie at 301-320-7099.

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AROUND TOWN

Northern Virginia Folk Festival Assoc Spring Sampler  
Sunday, April 27, Noon - 5:00 pm
At Van Dyck Park, 3700 block of Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. Free parking at Democracy Square on Layton Hall Drive, or get the shuttle bus from the Vienna Metro. Enjoy music and dance from 4 stages, sample international food and crafts and join in the kids' activities. FREE. For info call Fairfax Arts at 703-352-ARTS or the NVFFA at 703-549-6044.

Festival of Cultures at the Library of Congress  
Sunday, May 4, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Celebrate 100th anniversary of the re-opening of the newly renovated Thomas Jefferson Bldg. of the Library of Congress (across from the US Capitol). Tours of the bldg., children's reading corner, and other events, including Nilmma Devi and the Sutradhar Institute of Dance (Indian dance), Celtic Thunder (Irish), The Legendary Orioles with Hand Dancers (rhythm & blues), Sweet Honey in the Rock, The Seldom Scene (bluegrass), and Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys (Cajun & Zydeco). FREE. For info, call 202-607-1940.

Indonesian shadow puppet play (Javanese wayang kulit)  
Saturday, May 17, 8:00 pm
1½ hour English language performance at the Embassy of Indonesia, 2020 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, DC. Sponsored by the United States-Indonesia Society. Live gamelan orchestra accompaniment. Marc Hoffman as puppeteer (dalang). Music begins 7:15 pm, play begins 8:00 pm. Reservations required, call 202 416-1611. FREE.

Irish Folk Festival  
Saturday, May 24, 8:00 pm & Sunday, May 25, 11:30 am
5/25 At Wolf Trap Farm Park in Vienna, VA. Performers are Solas, Dennis Cahill, Les Freres Brunet, Wendy MacIsaac, Trian, Aine Meanaghan, Celtic Thunder, Jesse Smith, Kieran O'Hare, Sean Keane, Seamus Begley, and many, many more. Evening concert features Tulla Ceili Band. For tickets, call 703-208-6500. For info, call 301-565-0654.

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 28A 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.

May 5  Ceoltoiri: Sue Richards, Karen Ashbrook & Connie McKenna with special guest Carol Rose Duane
May 12  Martin Sexton
May 19  Linn Barnes & Allison Hampton

Fri/Sat June 6-7: Special Benefit Concerts for IMT and Class Acts outreach program, featuring Jay Ungar and Molly Mason. $12 advance/$15 door, $50 - $100 tickets include reception and other bonuses. Call 301-588-7525 for details.

FREE Kennedy Center Concert -- Margaret MacArthur  
Thursday, May 1, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
FSGW favorite and Vermont traditional singer Margaret MacArthur performs on the Millennium Stage in the Grand Foyer. Margaret has been chosen by Sen. James Jeffords to represent her state as part of the Vermont State Day celebration.

Panzer House Concert  
Saturday, May 3, 8:00 pm
Monthly series in Columbia, MD. Performing are Annie Gallup and Chuck Brodsky. Suggested donation is $8. BYOB, light refreshments served. For reservations and directions, call 410-531-9233.
Club Acoustic House Concert  
Sunday, May 4, 7:00 pm

in Herndon, VA. Showcasing emerging artists: this month featuring Annie Gallop and Chuck Brodsky. Suggested donation is $10. Light refreshments available; non smoking. For info, call 703-689-0444 (or e-mail clubacou@erols.com).

Bethesda Acoustic House Concert  
Sunday, May 4, 7:30 pm

Susan Graham White, winner of 9 singer/songwriter awards in the last 8 years performs contemporary folk. Suggested donation: $9. For info, call Frank Allen Philpot at 301/897-5695 or contact via e-mail at Fphilpot@aol.com.

The Washington Revels May Fair  
Sunday, May 4, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

At Leafy Woodend in Chevy Chase, 8940 Jones Mill Road in Chevy Chase, MD. Featuring over 50 artisans vending their wares, complimented by strolling musicians and groups of morris and Renaissance dancers throughout. At 2:00 pm The Washington Revels will Bring in the May in nautical style as a crew of 19th century American sailors find themselves in a Cornish village on May Day. Full of sea chanteys and ballads as well as other Spring rites, concluding with maypole dancing and English country dancing for all. Admission $5 for adults,$1 for children under 12. For info, call 202-364-8744.

The Concert Society at Maryland presents Klezmer Conservatory Band  
Sunday, May 4, 7:30 pm

At the Tawes Theatre, University of MD at College Park. Tickets: $26/21/16. Pre-concert seminar - 6:00 pm ($5/person, $10/family (up to 4). Phone charge/info: 301-403-4240, Web site: http://www.wam.umd.edu/~consocmd.

The Washington Revels in a Spring Festival at Meridian Hill Park  
Saturday, May 10, Noon - 4:00 pm

The Georgia Sea Island Singers featured with The Washington Revels at Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park, just off 16th and Euclid Sts., N.W. FREE and open to the public, the Festival will include steel band music, African-American singer Charles Williams, traditional African-American and Hispanic children's games, and of course, the May Revels chorus with songs of seasonal celebration. Frankie and Doug Quimby, The Georgia Sea Island Singers, will perform powerful songs, shouts, games, "patting juba," clapping or playing tambourine for accompaniment. For info, call 202-364-8744.

Shirlington Artists Guild Coffeehouse  
Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 pm

The popular folk duo Side by Side (Doris Justis & Sean McGhee). $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.

Coffeehouse at Good Counsel  
Saturday, May 17, 8:30 pm

Good Counsel High School, 11601 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD. With Hollyfield & Spruill. $5.00. For more info, call 301-680-8669.

Burke Centre 20th Anniversary Sunday Concert  
Sunday, May 18, 3:00 - 5:30 pm

On the grounds of the Burke Conservancy, 6060 Burke Center Parkway at Coffer Woods Rd., Burke, VA. IONA in concert. FREE. For info, call 703-978-2928.

Music Americana at Bad Habits Grille  
Wednesday, May 21, 8:15 pm

Admission $6.00 - to benefit The World Folk Music Association. 5444 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA. Dick Cerri is host and emcee. Features Dana Robinson, Susan Piper, Matthew Kahler. Others TBA. For info, call 703-998-5808.

Benefit Concert: Celebrating Rachel Carson  
Thursday, May 22, 7:30 - 10:00 pm


Cafe BUUF — Open Mike Coffeehouse  
Friday, May 23, 7:30 pm

Sponsored by Bowie Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 7701 Laurel-Bowie Road (Route 197), Bowie, MD. Sign-ups at 7:30, show starts at 8:00. For info, call 301-464-3234, or http://pw1.netcom.com/~csreedm/cafebuuf.htm. No cover.

Calvert House Inn  
Saturday, May 24, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

At 6211 Baltimore Ave., Riverdale, MD. The Sunshine Skiffle Band will perform for your dancing and listening pleasure. $5. For info, call 301-864-5220.

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Caffe Florian Coffeehouse

Thursday, May 1 & Saturday, May 10, 8:00 pm
Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD, 0.3 mi south of Allentown Rd.
May 1 Jim Scott in concert. Tickets $6 in advance, $7 at the door.
May 10 Open mike, acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers, and poets. Sign-up is at 7:30 pm. Free.

Dupont Music Circle

Friday, May 2 & Wednesday, May 21, 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, May 2, 16, & 30, 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, May 13 & 27, 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.

CoffeeHouse at Mays Chapel

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, & 30; 8:30 pm
5/16 Susan Graham White & David Buskin; 5/23 Christine Lavin; 5/30 Dougie MacLean

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
At the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elen Street, Herndon, VA. Open mike with a 3-song limit. $1 cover. Member Showcase 2nd Tuesday. 5/20 Bruce Davis $9 ($8/members). 5/27 12th Birthday Party FREE. For info, 703-437-7766. Smoke-free.

Ellicott Theatre

Friday & Saturday, May 23, 24, 30, & 31
At 8217 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD. For info and tickets, call 410-465-0899.
Fri, May 23, 9:00 pm. Funk orchestra Jay Jay ($7).
Sat, May 24, 8 & 10 pm. Al Petteway and Amy White CD release concert ($10).
Fri, May 30, 8:00 pm. Hard Travelers ($10).
Sat, May 31, 8:00 pm. Linda Baer ($10).

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

May Schedule
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.

Newsletter Submissions to: FSGW Newsletter % Carl Mintz, 704 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003-1344.
The Courtyard - A new "Concert Cafe" Sunday thru Thursday, 8:00 pm; Friday & Saturday, 9:00 pm
A smoke-free restaurant/listening room at the Willston II Shopping Center, 6108 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA (at intersection of Rte. 50 & Patrick Henry Dr). Great food, parking! Price varies. For info & reservations, call 703-533-2828.
5/2 Chesapeake; 5/3 Oebi Smith; 5/4 Irish music & dance; 5/6 6° Showcase; 5/10 The Wicomicos;
5/13 Bruce Davis; 5/16 Hot Soup!; 5/17 Red Letter Day; 5/18 Buck Creek Traditional Jazz Band; 5/20 6° Showcase;
5/21 Don Consolenti; 5/22 Barb Martin; 5/24 Dana Robinson w/Andrew McKnight; 5/27 6° Showcase;
5/28 Ian Bruce; 5/29 Louise Taylor; 5/31 Mary Flower.

Starbucks Coffee - Weekly Acoustic Music Series Performances 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Call the telephone number listed for each store for performers and other information.
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.
Annapolis Road (Free State Mall), Bowie MD, Thurs.. 301-352-5500.
Dock Street (Waterfront), Annapolis MD, Thurs., (No phone given).
York Rd., Baltimore MD, Fri. 7 - 9 pm, 410-377-6378.

Sing Rounds with Ann Bauer Mondays, May 5 thru June 2, 7:30 - 9:30 pm
At Ann's house in Springfield, VA. Sing old favorites and learn new rounds from Ann's new book Round Lake Accotink.
For info and directions, call 703-425-5943.

Footlights, a modern drama discussion group Thursday, May 15, 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Come join us to discuss plays from the modern English-speaking theater, this month: Wendy Wasserstein's "The Heidi Chronicles." At Luna Books, 1633 P St., NW, in Washington, DC. Dinner at 6:30. For more info, call 202-484-8303.

Voices In the Glen - Storytelling in the Washington area. Call Margaret Chatham at 703-698-5456 for specifics.

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) 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 Tom Hinds (804-263-8070). 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.

May
2 Reckless Abandon with Tom Hinds.
  Open band with Beth Molaro.
  Raise the Roof with John Krumm.
  Sue Brandt and friends with Kate Charles.
  Mighty Possums with Andy Kane.
Jun 6 Scrod Pudding with Bill Olson.

Deadline for the June/July 1997 Issue: 9 pm, Saturday, May 10
CDSS Northern Virginia Dance Group — English Country Dances & Workshops
2nd & 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.
May 13: Carl Dreher calls, music by Pat Wexelblat, recorder and Jeff Steinberg, fiddle.
May 27: Howard Markham and Pat Ruggiero call, music by Pat Wexelblat, recorder and Malcolm Stephens, fiddle.
English Country Dance, 3rd Saturday. For more info, call Barbara at 703-437-3615.
May 17: 8:00 pm. Calling by Barbara Harding. Recorded music. All are welcome. N/P, N/E, free admission.

Scandinavian Dance
Saturday, May 3, 8:00 - 10:30 pm
Last dance of the season. At Takoma Park Middle School. Music by Peascods Gathering. Teaching followed by general dancing. $4.00. N/P, N/E. For info, call 301-493-6281 or 703-356-3036.

Western Swing and Cajun
Friday, May 9, 9:00 pm - 1:00 am
The Oklahoma Twisters and Honkytonk Confidential at Phantasmagoria, 11319 Elkin St, Wheaton MD. For info, call 301-949-8866.

Sons of Norway — A Night of Scandinavian Music
Friday, May 9, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
At the Great Hall, St. Luke Lutheran, 9100 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring MD, 2 mi. inside Beltway. Norwegian dance 7-8 pm taught by Linda Brooks/Ross Schipper, $4. No charge for Concert/Dance 8:00 - 10:00, live music by Loretta Kelley, Hardanger fiddle; Andrea Hoag, fiddle; Charlie Pilzer, bass; Larry Robinson, bazoukie. Scandinavian costumes invited. Spectators welcome. Reservations required for potluck desserts, 10:00 - 10:45. For info, call Frank Jones 703-243-5770.

Tisza Ensemble Hungarian Folk Dance Party (Tanchaz)
Saturday, May 10, 7:30 - 10:30 pm
At Starting Point Dance Studio, College Park. Live music and teaching. Please bring dance shoes. Please see our web page for details http://www.glue.umd.edu/~hungaria/tisza, or phone Richard Morrison at 301-946-5867.

Irish Ceili & Set Dancing
Saturday, May 10, 8:00 pm - Midnight
At the John C. Wood Muni Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax City, VA. Music by the Bogwanderers Ceili Band. $10.00. Free dance instruction at 7:30 pm. For info, call Bob Hickey at 703-978-8265.

Western Swing Dances
Sunday, May 11, 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. BYOB. For info, call 703-536-4369, 24 hours a day.

Scandia DC (Scandinavian couple dancing)
Saturday, May 17, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

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.

Washington Swing Dance Committee
Saturday, May 3 & 17, 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, May 3 Darryl Davis rocks the house with old-fashioned rock and roll and boogie woogie piano.
Sat, May 17 Commemorate Armed Forces Day with a big band bash.

English Country Dances
Saturday, May 10 & 24, 8:15 - 10:45 pm
At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Music by Peascods Gathering, Barbara Harding calling. $5.00. N/E, N/P. For info, call 301-493-6281 or 301-577-5018.
Waltzing at Glen Echo Park  Sunday, May 4 & 18, 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, May 4  with Childsplay.  Sun, May 18  with the band Waltz on a Dime.

Cajun & Zydeco Dances  Friday, May 9 & Saturday, May 10
May 9  Cajun Dance: 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.
May 10  Zydeco Dance: Creole Zydeco Farmers 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.

International Folk Dance Festival  –  Memorial Day Weekend  Friday – Monday, May 23 - 26
Held at the Holton Arms, Bethesda, MD. Staff includes Richard Powers (vintage French & American dance), accompanied by the New River Trio, Nina Kavadjikova (Bulgarian dance & singing), Ervin Varga, Zuzana Beresova (Slovakian dance) accompanied by the Zeleziar Ensamble, the Duni Vetre Tamburitza Orchestra, and more. Daily or weekend registration ($150) available. For registration & info, call the Diamonds, 301-871-8788.

Mon, 5/26 at the Chevy Chase Women’s Club, 7931 Conn Ave, Chevy Chase, MD. Special workshop (3:00 - 4:00 pm) and tea dance (4 - 5:15 pm) with Richard Powers (teaching vintage waltz, swing, and latin). Refreshments served, $10. Both venues have wonderful wooden dance floors. For info, call the Diamonds, 301-871-8788.

Alpine Dancers  Sunday, May 18, 4 - 6:30 pm

International Folk Dance  Tuesday, May 13, 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.

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. $5 per class. For more info, call 301-589-6813 or e-mail apluhar@tvp.org or Elke at 301-869 0963.

International Folk Dancing  Wednesday, 8:00 - 10:30 pm
Kahler Hall, Beaverkill 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), 301-495-4642 (day).

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

Cajun and Zydeco Dancing  –  Gumbo Groupies  Wednesday, 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.

Friday Night International Folk Dance Group  –  New  Fridays, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
Meets May 2, 9, 16 & June 13, 8 - 11 pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Teaching from 8 - 9 pm. Everyone is welcome, no partner necessary; beginners are encouraged to attend. Great wooden dance floor - lots of fun! Admission $5.00. For more info, call Larry Weiner 301-565-0539, John Robinson 410-715-9210, or Marge Scerbo 410-437-1959.

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.

FOLK MUSIC RELEASES

Barbara Heitz has released a new album, Wheels of the World, recorded with her group Goldenwood. Joining Barbara on flute and piccolo are Gloria Stearns on violin and Rick Schmidt on cello, guitar and Ashiko drum. The album is available from Barbara at P.O. Box 2188, Centreville, VA 20122; 703-818-7399; and Borders Books & Records.

CLASSES

Band Aid (a music class) - An ensemble playing workshop led by Sandy Mitchell, area fiddler, guitarist, and mandolin player. Sunday, May 25, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Spend a delightful, informative day playing a variety of tunes under Sandy's direction. All instruments welcome. Bring lunch, drinks provided. $18. To reserve space, call Liz Donaldson at 301-986-1291.

Fiddling North and South, a workshop in fiddle styles with Andrea Hoag, Thurs. May 1 - June 19. Participants will study Irish, Swedish, West Virginia, and blues styles & techniques while learning tunes by ear. It will include two performance opportunities. From 8 - 9:30 pm at House of Musical Traditions in Takoma Park. The fee is $125 (or $90 May-only). Call 301-565-2777 to register.

Swedish fiddle workshop by Swedish fiddler David Bastviken in playing the Swedish slängpolska, for fiddles and other instruments, on Saturday, May 10 from 2:30 - 5:30, at the home of Linda Brooks and Ross Schipper, 3600 T Street NW in Georgetown. The workshop will be followed by a potluck supper and dancing (7:30 - 10 pm). $20; call Andrea Hoag at 301-565-2777 to register.

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-Céilí on the third Thursday of each month. For info, call Jim 301-840-1416.


Dance Classes: Instructors: Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff. For further information, please call Donna at 703-978-0375. No partner required except where indicated:

Monday Nights, Apr. 28 - May 19: Maryland Youth Ballet, 7702 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. 7-8 pm = Beg. Waltz; 8-9 pm = Beg. Swing. 9-10 pm = Beg. Lindy. Classes are $40/person for each 4-week series. Register at first class.

Wednesday Nights, May 7- 28: MD Youth Ballet, 7702 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. 7-8 pm = Master One-Step (partner required); 8-9 pm = Exp. Swing; 9-10 pm = Exp. Lindy. Classes are $40/person for each 4-week series. Register at first class.

Thursday Nights, May 1 - 29: 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD. 6-7 pm = Beg. Swing; 7-8 pm = Exp. Swing; 8-9 pm = Exp. Waltz; 9-10 pm = Exp. Lindy. Cost is $43/person per 5-week series. Register at first class.

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.
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 by Nouveaux Danseurs introducing basic contra dance figures on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30.

May 7 Caller: Susan Denise, Band: Microchasm, Laura Lengnick, Dave Weisler, Steve Hickman & John Devine.
May 14 Caller: Kate Charles, Band: Big Hoedown, Bruce Molsky, Rafe Stefanini, Beverly Smith.
May 21 Caller: Susan Taylor, Band: Findhorn, Liz Donaldson, Marty Taylor, Steve Hickman. 7:00 p.m. Workshop: Pols (Scandinavian couple dance), taught by John Bartholomew & Marge Scerbo. N/P. FREE to all dance attendees.
May 28 Caller: Caller Pot Pourri, coordinated by Robbin Schaffer. Call 410-466-1195 if you would like to call. Band: Maggie Brown's Favorites, Carl Friedman, Joe Balkoski, Mark Vidor, Ralph Barthine.

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

May 5 Rich Galloway calling with Steve Hickman, Judy Kleppel, & Liz Donaldson.
First Monday Pizza Gathering at Kimberly and Christopher Field's at 7:00 p.m. RSVP by 6 pm to 410-366-5033.
May 12 Mary Kay Friday & Naomi Davis calling with Carl Friedman, Dawn Culbertson, and Dave Wiesler.
May 19 Colin Hume calling with Malcolm Stephens and Jonathan Jensen.
May 26 Christopher Field calling with Marty Taylor and Liz Donaldson.

Second Saturday Contra Dance Series. May 10: Intro dance workshop: 7:30 pm, contra dance: 8:00 - 11:00 pm.
Ridge Kennedy calling, music by Martin's Flight - Sandy Mitchell, fiddle, Marc Glickman, piano, and Ralph Gordon, bass.
At St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville. $6 for members of BFMS and affiliated organizations.
For more info, contact Ralph Barthine at 410-561-4573 or rbarthin@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us.

Tango Workshop and Dance Party - Saturday, May 17. Advanced registration. Workshop with Steve Gester and Toni Janiec: 1:00 - 5:30 pm at Bryn Mawr School, Old Gymnasium, 109 W. Melrose Ave., Baltimore. $25 members (BFMS, FSGW, CDSS), $32 non-members. Dance Workshop: 8:30 - 11:30 pm featuring tangos, waltzes, Scandinavian couple dances, swing, etc. at St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., Baltimore. $7 members (BFMS, FSGW, CDSS), $9 non-members. For more info, contact Monica Beltran at meb@smart.net or 410-488-1856. Look for flyers at dances.

Tex-Mex/Celtic Dance to The Mollys - Friday, May 16. 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.

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society — Vintage Tea Dance & Contra Dance
Saturday, May 3
At the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 1311 Generals Hwy. (Route 178), Crownsville, MD. Tea dance (waltzes, tangos, foxtrots, etc.) from 2 - 5 pm, music by New Devils (cost=$6). No potluck, but Larry Unger will teach "Playing Music for Contra Dances" from 6:30 - 7:30 (cost=$2). Free beginners' lesson at 7:30. Contra dance from 8 - 11 pm (ice-cream social afterward) featuring the old-time music of Reckless Abandon (Larry Unger, Matt Hewitt, Lise Brown, & Carol Hamm), the caller is TBA. Cost= $6 for members/affiliates and $8 for others or both dances together $10 (for anyone)!

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society — Swing Dance
Saturday, May 10, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
At the Fraternal Order of Police Hall in Crownsville, MD featuring the Royal Sunset Orchestra. The dance costs $9. Free swing dance lesson: 7-8 pm. Dance on a wood-floored hall located at 1311 General's Highway (Rte. 178) in Crownsville.

For info on the above 2 events, call ATDS hotline at 410-544-9505, or their web site: http://www.pobox.com/~dancers.

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Swing Baltimore May dances, 9:00 p.m. - Midnight (There is a swing dance workshop @ 8:00 p.m.) At the Avalon Dance Studio (Swing Baltimore's New Home), 624 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD. Dance is $8 for members & $10 for nonmembers. For info, call 410-377-7410. For lessons call Leslie Cooms at 410-869-9771 (Avalon Dance Studio). May 10 - Tom Mitchell Quintet May 31 - To Be Announced

Southern Maryland Music & Dance At the Margaret Brent Middle School in Helen, MD (St. Mary's Co.). Bill Trautman calls contra to the fiddle playing of Sandy Mitchell. $6.00. Intro workshop at 7:00 pm. For info, call 301-769-3840. Saturday, May 17, 8:00 pm

Frederick (MMFAC) Monthly Contra Dance Tom Hinds will call to a nameless band but nonetheless a hot combination of local musicians: Liz Donaldson on piano, Steve Hickman on fiddle, and Ken Wright on banjo. 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. Saturday, May 24, 8:00 pm - 1:00 am

Historic Avalon Theater May events, 8:00 pm Located at 40 East Dover Street, Easton, MD. For ticket info, call 410-822-0345 or http://www.stardem.com/avalon/. Admission $10 unless otherwise noted. 5/1 Guy Davis; 5/3 Burns Sisters with Bill Parsons; 5/9 Karen Goldberg Trio; 5/10 Denise and De Nephews; 5/15 Hot Soup (donation); 5/16 Songwriters Showcase with Bill Parsons, Andrew McKnight & Lisa Taylor; 5/30 Disappear Fear ($12).

Common Ground on the Hill July 6 - 11 At Western Maryland College (1-hr. from DC). A traditional music and arts center offering a quality learning experience with musicians, dancers, visual artists and crafts people. A week of classes, informal jams, concerts and merrymaking. Staff includes Karen Ashbrook, Mike Auldridge, Robin Bullock, Guy Davis, Footworks, Vance Gilbert, Ralph Gordon, Joe Hickerson, Mike Holmes, Reed Martin, Walt Michael, Barry Mitterhoff, Christina Muir, Paul Reisler, Sue Richards, Sankofa Dance Theater, Tony Trischka and more! For info and catalog, contact Common Ground on the Hill, WMC Box 1296. Western Maryland College, Westminster, MD 21157, 410-857-2771 (x2772). E-mail: cground@qis.net.

VIRGINIA

Drum & Strum CFHS Thursday, May 1, 7:00 pm & Friday May 2, 9:00 pm At 51 E. Lee St., Old Town, Warrenton, VA; For info, call 540-347-7484 or newgrass@crosslink.com.
5/1: Hands on acoustic guitar workshop with Beppe Gambetta, $20 per student - advance sales only, limited space.
5/2: Beppe Gambetta concert - Italian guitar virtuoso. $10 advance/ $12 at door.

Americana Stage in Leesburg Friday, May 16, 8:00 pm 9 South King Street. Bill Baker, acoustic country blues, & Randy Barrett. For concert info and tickets, call 703-777-3523. Tickets $9. Smoke Free.

Bluemont Old-time Country Dances Saturday, May 17, 8:00 pm Beth Molaro, figure caller with The Mighty Possums. $5.00. Beginners workshop at 7:30 pm. N/P. For info, call 703-777-6306. Directions to the Blue Ridge. From Route 7, exit at Blue Ridge 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!

Loudoun Habitat for Humanity - 3rd Annual "Folks For Shelter" Concert Saturday, May 17 At the Luckets Community Center, Rte. 15, 8 miles north of Leesburg. Children's concert from 5 - 6 pm featuring Eileen Joyner & Linda Rees and the Lucky 4; admission is $5 per child, accompanying adults free. The evening concert starts at 8 pm ($12 in advance, $15 day of the show), and features Andrew McKnight, Lisa Taylor, Furnace Mountain Duo, Jerry Bresee, Les Thompson & Stephanie De Lage, and John Rickard and Friends. Tickets and Info at 703-777-7884.
4th Friday Coffeehouse (formerly the Warrenton CFHS)  
Friday, May 23
At 341 Church St., Warrenton VA. Dana Robinson and Andrew McKnight, New Voices of the Appalachians; $5. For info, call 540-347-7441 or leastman@mnsinc.com. (Note, no time given.)

**PENNSYLVANIA**

York Street Fair – Free Contra Dance  
Sunday, May 11
The Street Fair begins at noon; contra dancing from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at a stage on Cherry Lane. Kate Charles calling to the Contra Rebels. For info, call 717-845-2897 or sdenise@umabnet.ab.umd.edu.

Spring Gulch Folk Festival (Lancaster County, PA)  
May 16, 17, & 18

Sat, May 17: Contra dance 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Donna Hunt calls to York's fabulous Contra Rebels.

Cape Breton Concert & Contra Dance  
Monday, May 26
At Brookside Park, Dover, PA. This YFDA event features a trio of young and talented musicians: Kendra MacGillivray, her 16-year-old brother, Troy, and Wendy MacIsaac. All 3 play fiddle, piano and step-dance. Beth Molaro will be calling the contra dances. Potluck at 2:00 pm, Concert at 4:00 pm; dancing starts around 5:00 pm. $10.00. For info, call 717-845-2897; sdenise@umabnet.ab.umd.edu; www.w4c.com/dance/york.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Shepherdstown Music and Dance – May Day Celebration  
Saturday, May 3
Celebrate the magic of a traditional English May. 11:45 am May Day Parade, German St., 12:15 pm May Revels on the college green with maypole dancing, singing and performances. Bring picnic lunch. 2:00 pm Free Family Dance with Martins Flight, calling by Sue Dupre. 2:30 - 4:30 pm On-going Morris dance performances (6 teams). 8:00 pm Contra dance with Martins Flight (Sandy Mitchell, Marc Glickman & Wendy Morrison) with calling by Sue Dupre ($6, members $4.50, dancing kids $2.50. Free beginner’s workshop at 7:15 pm. At the Shepherdstown Men’s Club building. Bring soft-soled shoes. Silent auction of unusual wares and art during the dance to support team’s trip to England. For more info, call 304-725-0266 or 304-263-2531.

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 Elffner). 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.

Buffalo Gap Community Camp – Work Weekend  
May 10 & 11
For information about the camp, call the camp at 304-856-1122 or call Charlie Pilzer at 301-588-0326 or e-mail to bginfo@beartrack.com. Note: See the March Newsletter for a listing of the 1997 season camps.

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.

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Old World Music & Dance At Buffalo Gap

Memorial Day Weekend - International Folk Dance - focusing on music and dance from the Balkans. Staff includes Steve Kotansky (Macedonia dances), Joe Graziosi (Greek Islands dances), and Michael Ginsburg (Balkans dances). Zlatne Uste Balkan Brass Band will provide music in the Serbian/Macedonian/Bulgarian brass band tradition. Ken McCormick and Alan Zemel will be playing music from the Greek islands, and Loretta Kelley will provide Scandinavian music for our evening parties. For info, call Larry Weiner or Margaret Loomis 301-565-0539. E-mail: weiner@erols.com.

Camp Angels Crossing Dance Weekend

45 Minutes north of Elkins in Newburg, WV. Nightingale with Ron Buchanan and Kathy Anderson. Also playing Mark DeLozier, Rich Moore, and David Polechko. Camping, food, and weekend, $68. For info, call David Polechko at 412-363-3815 or e-mail lesliedw@bluemarble.net.

CDSS English and American Dance Week at Buffalo Gap

Program includes the English teaching of Scott Higgs, American Contras and Squares by Susan Kevra, Northwest Morris from Rosie Donovan and Ritual Dancing from Alistair Brown and Carl Dreher. Other staff members are Laurie Andres, Bill Tomczak, Dave Langford, Becky Tracy, Keith Murphy, Bob Pasquarello, Kathy Talvitie, Bob Mills, Robert Mills and Susie Lorand. The program director is Sue Dupre. For additional info, see below.

CDSS Family Week at Buffalo Gap

Share traditional English and American dance, music and storytelling as well as the beauty of the outdoors with children. Peter & Mary Alice Amidon will tell stories and lead children's classes, Brad Foster will teach English dance, Kari & Paul Eric Smith will teach sword and morris and John Krumm will call American contras and squares. Other staff members are DeLaura Padovan, Steve Hickman, John Devine, Jonathan Jensen, Daron Douglas, Patty Tarter, Susie Secco, and Tully Larew. The program directors are Andy and Robin Davis.

NOTE: For further information or registration for the above 2 events, contact CDSS, 17 New South Street, Northampton, MA 01060, or call 413-584-9913, or camp@cdss.org.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Heritage Institute

A week of dance, music, and fellowship. Glen Morningstar, Ted Hodapp, and Helen Davenport will lead the dancing. In addition to plenty of contras, there will be Swedish, Norwegian, English, and Morris dancing. Complete children's programs. An outstanding facility: private rooms with air-conditioning; 3 large wooden dance floors. Price: $395. For more info, call Tali Stopak or Bob Mathis at 301-589-7539 or e-mail tauxier@aol.com.

NEW JERSEY

The Folk Project Spring Festival Weekend

Features Steve Gillette, Cindy Mangsen, Joel Nabus, Chuck Brodsky, Dave Kleiner, Dave Cornell, Sue Secero, & Toby Fagenson. Contra dancing and concerts with Wild Asparagus and George Marshall and Four Potato Stew and Conna Hund. 3 major concerts, 2 major dances, skits, more than 30 workshops (mostly participative) in dance, singing, instrumental music, 2 round robins, swimming/boating/hiking, kids crafts and dance, food & lodging supplied. At Lakeside YMCA Camp in rural northwestern NJ. Attendance by pre-registration only. Deadline May 4. For further info, call Jim West, 609-882-5390 or 609-426-9064 or jcwest1@ix.netcom.com.
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