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NEWSLETTER

Nowell Sing We Clear

Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm

AN FSGW SPECIAL EVENT PAGEANT OF MIDWINTER CAROLS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring

Nowell Sing We Clear celebrates Christmas in song, music, dance, and drama as it was known for centuries in Britain and North America and as it continues in many places to the present. The songs come from an age when the midwinter season was a time for joyous celebration and vigorous expression of older, perhaps pagan, religious ideas.

This seasonal pageant features spirited unaccompanied singing as well as the energetic dance band sound of fiddle, button accordion, electric piano, drums, and concertina, and traditional step dancing. The audience will be supplied with songsheets and encouraged to sing along. A special and unusual treat is the enactment of a mummers play from Kentucky. Performed in the traditional manner, the play is typical of folk dramas which survive to this day throughout Britain and North America symbolizing and portraying the death of the land at midwinter and its subsequent rebirth in the spring.

Nowell Sing We Clear performers are John Roberts and Tony Barrand, widely known for their lively presentations of English folk songs, and Fred Breunig and Andy Davis, well known in New England as dance callers and musicians. The group has several recordings of songs from the show which have been popular items in many households at this time of year. The most recent release is *Hail Smiling Morn*.



Come celebrate this special time of year with your families and friends, and join in the singing and general seasonal merriment with *Nowell Sing We Clear*.

Admission: General Public, \$18.00, FSGW Members, \$14.00, Children under 13, \$7.00.

Advance tickets for this popular show may be purchased by sending a check for the total amount, payable to FSGW, to Stephanie Smith, 7111 Braeburn Place, Bethesda, MD 20817. Your tickets will be held in your name at the door.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring is located at 10309 New Hampshire Avenue (just 3 blocks north of the Beltway - at the corner of Oaklawn Drive). Please use the church parking lot or the community building parking lot one block further north on New Hampshire avenue to avoid congestion on nearby residential streets. Thank you.

For general information, please call the FSGW hotline (202) 546-2228 #22, or (301) 320-0511 #1, or check the FSGW web page at: <http://www.fsgw.org>



House concert with Louis Killen on December 7th - details on page 4.

The FSGW MiniFest is fast approaching. Mark Saturday, January 31st on your calendar. See page 4 for more details.

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

New Winter Location - Cherry Hill Park Sundays, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

We are moving to the Conference Center at Cherry Hill Park for the winter. It has a great wood floor. Our costs are somewhat higher at Cherry Hill than at Glen Echo, so we are leaving our admission prices unchanged; the dollar per dancer donated to Glen Echo will be allocated to rent at CH. We'll still be short, so please encourage your friends to dance with us and enjoy the climate-controlled dance hall.

Directions from the Capitol Beltway: Take exit 25 (US Route 1 South). At the first light, turn right onto Cherry Hill Road and go 1 mile (you will pass over the beltway). The entrance is on the left (there is a left hand turn lane). Go to the end of this road and turn right. The Center is about 1/4 mile on your left.

Directions from I95: Take exit 29B (MD Route 212) and go 1 mile. Turn left on Cherry Hill Road. Go another mile and the entrance is on your right. (Then follow directions above.)

There are a few rules / conditions to observe so we can be good neighbors: Fire rules limit us to 190 dancers.

Please drive SLOWLY and be considerate of the Park residents!

Please car pool if at all possible so we take up less space outside the hall.

Also, we cannot have small children running around the hallways or the side rooms. Thanks.

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

- Dec 7 **Beth Molaro** is back with her high energy calling style. *Laura & the Lava Lamps* are a great musical match for her. **Laura Lengnick** on fiddle with **Dave Weisler** on keyboard & **Ralph Gordon** on bass.
- Dec 14 **Kate Charles** comes down from Baltimore to call with *Big Hoedown*, one of the finest southern old-time bands around. The band, formerly the L-7s, has a new Rounder recording and will be on *Prairie Home Companion* in January. **Bruce Molsky** plays fiddle & banjo, **Rafe Stefanini** plays banjo & fiddle and **Bev Smith** plays guitar.
- Dec 21 Make welcome **Laura Brown** who leaves the dance floor to call tonight, ably assisted by *Findhorn*, another gathering of terrific local musicians. **Steve Hickman** is the fiddler, **Liz Donaldson** is the keyboardist, **Marty Taylor** plays flute & concertina, and **Ralph Gordon** is on bass.
- Dec 28 Our last dance this year features Annapolitan **Ann Fallon** calling to the music of *Spank*, a group of southern old-time musicians from Bloomington, Indiana. Relatively speaking, this is the dance chair's favorite band. **Rob and Beth Mangum** play fiddle & guitar, **Evie Ladin** plays banjo and **Sam Bartlett** and **Abby Ladin** are on tenor banjo and bass.
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve special dance featuring *Reckless Abandon* (playing waltzes and a little swing) with **Robert Cromartie** calling an elegant evening of contras. This event requires prior registration. See flyers in last month's Newsletter or at local dances or call Carl at 202-543-4999.

Jan 4 **Brad Sayler** calls, music by **Laura Light** & friends.

Jan 11 *Swallowtail* will be here for a double dance (afternoon & evening).

Jan 18 **Mary Virginia Brooks** calls, music by *Footloose*.

Jan 25 **Michael Schechtman** calls, music by the *Subdominants*.

Chesapeake Dance Weekend

April 3 - 5, 1998 at Camp Letts

in Edgewater, MD. Staff includes

Hillbillies from Mars with **Tony Parkes** and

Bruce Molsky & *Big Hoedown* with **Kathy Anderson**.

For more information, call 703-845-0426.

FSGW WEDNESDAY NIGHT ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Glen Echo Town Hall

Wednesdays, 8:00 – 10:30 pm

Attend the FSGW's English country dances and find a mix of fun and refined dancing led by talented callers who are accompanied by top-notch musicians playing tunes that are unique to each dance. Dance on a wood floor in the elegant community room at the Glen Echo Town Hall. Enjoy the friendly crowd, known for its welcoming nature, light refreshments, and dance from 8:00 to 10:30 pm. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Cost: members \$5, non-members \$6.

Colin Hume, internationally renowned caller of English country dances will be with us on December 10. Colin has choreographed numerous ECD and contra dances and composed a large number of dances tunes. He serves on the staff of dance camps on both sides of the pond, including Pinewoods and the Campbell school in North Carolina. Don't miss Colin's return to the FSGW English country dance.

Dec 3 **Diane Schmit** calls to music provided by **Liz Donaldson** on piano, **Laurie Mielke**, recorder, and **Jeff Steinberg**, on fiddle.

Dec 10 Special Guest Caller, London's **Colin Hume** is accompanied by **Susan Brandt** playing flute, **Liz Donaldson** on piano, and **Andrea Hoag**, fiddle.

Dec 17 **Mary Kay Friday** calls to the music of **Liz Donaldson** piano, **Karin Loya**, cello, **Becky Ross**, on fiddle.

Dec 24 Callers and musicians take a break to celebrate Christmas Eve (no dance).

Dec 31 Annual New Year's Eve Ball at Adelphi Mill, featuring **Jenny Beer** calling English country dances, waltzes, & couples dances to the music of the *Findhorn Trio* (**Steve Hickman**, **Marty Taylor**, & **Liz Donaldson**). Advance registration necessary. For registration info, call 301-577-5018.

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 at the fork). At the tee, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Continue NW on MacArthur past Glen Echo Park. Harvard Ave. and the Town Hall will be on your left, 2 blocks past the small shopping center. The Town Hall is at 6106 Harvard Ave., in the building with the Post Office.

Info: Norm Bernhardt, 301-320-2469; Rich Galloway, 301-589-0939.

IN MEMORIAM

This month we are saddened to note the passing of Ingrid Leeds, long-time FSGW member, dancer, artist, and friend. Ingrid died of leukemia November 2 at Georgetown University Hospital. She lived in Bethesda. She and her husband Mort helped to found the FSGW. Ingrid was a local artist who helped found the Torpedo Factory art center in Alexandria, where she maintained a studio. Her early dancing was ballroom and squares in New York City. In Indianapolis during the 50's she helped organize a dance group. In the 60's Ingrid became part of a demonstration group, the Walsh Club Folk Dances which gave demonstrations of many types of international dances. She learned Scottish dancing and attended a number of Tartan Balls. As Glen Echo grew into a dance center, she attended evening dances there with regularity. Ingrid was a regular at Buffalo Gap, Chesapeake Spring Dance Weekend, and Victoria's Revenge Dancefest in Cape May. The New England band, *Wild Asparagus*, particularly attracted her, and she went to several of the week-long dances, including St. Croix, US VI. As an artist, she wove these themes of *Wild Asparagus* into her paintings, resulting in a show called "Wild Asparagus" at Spectrum Gallery, which she helped found in 1967. All in all, Ingrid was an warm and charming mix of artist, dancer, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and good human being.

MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY EVENTS

HOUSE CONCERT

Sunday, December 7, 8:00 pm

Come hear **Louis Killen** in the delightful intimacy of Ursy Potter's McLean, Virginia living room. Louis comes from Gateshead-on-Tyne in northeastern England. Throughout his 30+ year career, he has become one of the foremost authorities on British traditional ballads, industrial folk songs, and songs of the sea. **Louis Killen** is truly a singers' singer and is "a singer of great versatility whose mastery of traditional phrasing and ornamentation make him one of the giants of the folk revival." For directions, call Ursy or Carter at 703-821-1373. Admission is \$8.00 for FSGW members and \$10.00 for non-members.

The Minifest is Coming!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 31, 1998**. That is the date of the upcoming Minifest, to be held at Eastern Middle School in Silver Spring, MD. (Snow-out date is the following Saturday.) This fund-raiser for the Folklore Society fills six hours with a smorgasbord of dancing, song swaps, crafts, storytelling, and performances by some outstanding folk artists. (You can't do it all, but it's fun to try!) It doesn't end there, either; all this is followed by the evening dance and evening concert.

We look forward again to a broad base of support from all of you who volunteer to help make it a successful event and fund-raiser. Many of you do this every year and I am grateful for your help. I look forward to seeing some new folks helping out this year, too. Think about setting aside some time during the festival to help make it happen and run smoothly. If you are interested in working 2 hours or more in exchange for free admission, please contact me, Laura Sailer, Minifest Coordinator, at 202-244-9161. Thank you!

Open Sing

Friday, December 5, 8:30 pm

Come join us at the home of Judy and Dennis Cook for an evening of songs on the topic of courtship. We could do a whole evening just singing about love, but sometimes love has nothing to do with courtship. And what about judicial courts, tennis courts, quarts of beer For directions or further info, call 301-776-4314.

Storyswap

Saturday, December 13, 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners meet at the home of Jane Dorfman in Bethesda. FREE. Open to tellers and listeners. Pot luck refreshments. Call 301-654-5818 for directions and rsvps.

Gospel Sing

Sunday, December 14, 4:00 pm

The monthly Gospel Sing will be at the home of Eric Nothman in Bethesda, MD, about a mile from River Road and the Beltway. Call him at 301-469-0173 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!

Sacred Harp Singing – Special New Year's Day Singing Thursday, January 1, 3:00 pm

The usual 4th-Sunday Sacred Harp singing of early American shape-note music will not take place in December. Instead we shall hold our customary and highly popular New Year's Day singing in Arlington, VA. Check the January newsletter for location and details, or call the FSGW Hotline at 202-546-2228, #42.

Board Meeting

Monday, December 1, 8:00 pm

The December 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 our President, Carly Gewirz, at 703-631-9655.

IN MEMORIAM

Susan Wantland (1946-97), a beloved member of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, is remembered as a person of joy, good humor, compassion, and as is the case with most truly brilliant people, of radiant kindness. A librarian, musician, translator, calligrapher, and editor and publisher by profession, Susan was born in Bridgeport, CT, and lived in diverse parts of the country from Texas to Maryland. Her professional accomplishments are myriad, ranging from mastery of seven languages to the editorship of several national-level publications, including the national magazine of MENSA. It is in connection with the latter organization that she met her future husband, Jim Wantland. Her last job was as publications director at the American Society of Plant Physiologists.

A volunteer for diverse cultural organizations at various times in her life, Susan loved the arts, including singing, painting, and needlework, and music held a special place in her life. In 1992, she discovered shape-note singing at an FSGW Minifestival, and she later became an active member of the Potomac River Sacred Harp Singers, a group affiliated with FSGW. The music, sung most prominently from a tune book first published in 1844, *The Sacred Harp*, contains hymns, odes, and anthems of great power and beauty. Shape-note singing brought Susan joy, and the fellowship of the singers brought her a sense of spiritual belonging that, together with her family's love, helped her face her final weeks and a battle with cancer with strength, composure, and grace.

The FSGW Board unanimously approved the creation of the **Susan Wantland Memorial Fund** for Sacred Harp Singing and the Minifestival. Donors to the fund can send contributions to: The Susan Wantland Memorial Fund, c/o FSGW, P.O. Box 5693, Washington, DC 20016-5693.

FSGW CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Community Concert & Dance Program at the Glen Echo Town Hall Sunday, December 14

It features a concert of family-friendly talent from 3:00 - 4:00 pm and dancing from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Dec 14 **Merrilee Pallansch**, a local story teller, has performed at the Folk Festival, the Corcoran Gallery, and the White House. She will present a wonderful selection of stories and fairy tales from around the world. **Bob Mathis** will call the dance with music provided by **Ritchie Schuman**, **Jim Hyland**, and **Janet Lenhardt**.

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 ages and skill levels are invited to attend. Admission: adults \$5, children 5 & over \$4, (\$15 family maximum). For further info, call 301-320-7099. For directions to the Town Hall, see page 3.

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. Air conditioned room with good dance floor. Beginner / intermediate classes 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Request dancing 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.

Capital Tangueros Check the Tangueros home page: www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/4119/, or call the FSGW hotline - x 36 - for December events.

TWO SKI-DANCE WEEKENDS UPCOMING IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1998

Three-day events, they feature cross-country skiing and outdoor daytime activities, with evening contra and country dances, song sessions and dance workshops. A children's afternoon and evening program is planned. The weekends are held at Camp T. Frank Soles, in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. The fees include 3 nights lodging and 8 meals, music and dance program/children's program and cross-country ski instruction. Costs are: FSGW, CDSS, PATC members - \$132; non-members - \$148; children (<13 years) - \$52. For info, call Bob Mathis at 301-589-7539.

American Ski-Dance Weekend (January 16-19; MLK Holiday) features **Jim Kitch** calling contras and squares to the music of **Elke Baker**, **Larry Unger** and Friends. Workshops will be called by **Peter Fricke** to the music of **David Wiesler**.

Washington's Ski-Dance Weekend (February 13-16; Presidents' Day Holiday) features **Sue Dupre** calling contras and English country dances to music by **Amaryllis**. **Peter Fricke** and **Julie & Wes Merchant** will also be calling and playing.

AROUND TOWN

Dumbarton Concerts Presents The Barnes and Hampton Celtic Consort in *A Celtic Christmas*

Dumbarton Concerts, in Georgetown's historic Dumbarton Church, rings in the holiday season with 7 performances of *A Celtic Christmas* by the Barnes and Hampton Celtic Consort on Saturday, Dec 6 at 3:30 pm & 8 pm, Sunday, Dec 7 at 3:30 pm, Thursday, Dec 11 at 7 pm, Friday, Dec 12 at 8 pm and Saturday, Dec 13 at 3:30 pm & 8 pm. **Linn Barnes** and **Allison Hampton** are joined by an all-star troupe including WETA radio and television personality **Robert Aubry Davis** who will read, among other favorites, Dylan Thomas's *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. The Consort weaves its musical magic with the sounds of Celtic harp, lute, bodhran, pipes, flutes, tinwhistle and more to invoke the Celtic spirit this holiday season. Our Standing Room Only Café, serving light gourmet fare and a variety of excellent wines, open at 6:30. Tickets are \$25; \$22 for students and senior citizens. For info, call 202-965-2000.

Join in the ancient and joyous celebration of the winter solstice with *The Christmas Revels* at **Lisner Auditorium**. Set in the great banquet hall of a medieval castle, the story revolves around what happens when a fool (**Mark Jaster**) finds himself in charge of the kingdom! Along the way there is much music (including guest artists **Piffaro** and *The Renaissance Band* from Philadelphia), jesting, and merriment for everyone in the family. Eight performances at Lisner Auditorium of The George Washington University, 21st & H Sts. NW: Dec 5-7 and Dec 12-14, Fri and Sat eves at 8 pm, Sat and Sun mats at 2 pm. Tickets: \$25 adult/\$15 child (under 12). Call 301/657-3285 for ticket reservations.

LOCAL VENUES & EVENTS

Institute of Musical Traditions – December 1997 Concerts

Monday Nights & More!

Concerts are held at the Silver Spring Unitarian Universalist Church (except Dec 7 concert), 10309 New Hampshire Ave. (Exit 28A - New Hampshire Ave. - north off beltway & go 3 blocks, right at Oaklawn). \$2 coupon towards your next purchase at the House of Musical Traditions at any concert. Attend 6 concerts & get the 7th free. FSGW members get \$1 off each ticket. For more info or advance tickets, call 301-588-7525. 14 and under ½ price.

Mon, Dec 1 8 pm **Al Petteway and Amy White** (\$10 advance, \$12 door)

Sun, Dec 7 3 pm Holiday Family Concert with **Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer** and special guest **Ella Jenkins** (\$8 advance, \$10 door). NOTE: at Blair High School, 313 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD.

Mon, Dec 8 8 pm **Judy Small** (from Australia) (\$10/12)

Mon, Dec 15 8 pm **John Jackson, Blues** (\$10/12)

Mon, Dec 22 8 pm A Scandinavian Christmas with **Ellen Jacobs, Andrea Larson, Larry Robinson, Loretta Kelley**

Where? House Concerts

Thursday, December 4

At Kim Kaplan's house in Silver Spring. **Josh White, Jr.** - an evening of his wonderful voice and uplifting songs. \$10 donations, light refreshments included. For info, directions, or reservations, call 301-588-5314 or JKKaplan@erols.com.

Panzer House Concerts

Saturday, December 6, 8:00 pm

Monthly concert series featuring acoustic music in an intimate setting in Columbia, MD. Reservations required. Call to RSVP and for directions 410-531-9233. BYOB. Light refreshments. Suggested donation \$8. **Peter Mealy and Laurie Rose Griffith** with **Julie Sanderson**.

St. John's Episcopal Church - Celtic Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 6, 8:00 pm

At 9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD. **Connemara** (**Grace Griffith & Cathy Palmer**) with **Jody Marshall** and **Sue Richards** present a Celtic Christmas Concert to benefit the Hungry and Homeless. \$10 donation requested. For info, call 301-449-0254

Bethesda Acoustic House Concerts**Sunday, December 7, 7:30 pm**

Monthly series featuring acoustic singer/songwriter **Debi Smith**, a frequent guest on "A Prairie Home Companion" and "All Things Considered," performing contemporary ballads accompanying herself on the guitar and the Irish drum. Suggested donation: \$10 (includes dessert & coffee). For reservations and directions call 301-897-5695.

Shirlington Artists Guild Coffeehouse**Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 pm**

At 4024 South 28th St., Arlington, VA (in the Village at Shirlington, 5 doors from the Carlyle Grand Café). Singer-songwriter **Susan Graham White**, **Dusty Rhodes** opens. \$10 (includes dessert & coffee). Reservations: 703-379-6666.

Del Ray Coffeehouse**Saturday, December 13, 7:30 - 10:00 pm**

At the Del Ray United Methodist Church Hall, 100 E. Windsor Ave., Alexandria, VA; off Rt. #1 South between Crystal City & Old Town Alexandria. **Mary Fitzgerald** and **IONA**. \$7.00. Coffee, sodas, homemade brownies & muffins for sale. For info, call 703-549-4848.

Calvert House Inn**Saturday, December 20, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At 6211 Baltimore Ave., Riverdale, MD. Hear the *Sunshine Skiffle Band*, jug-band jazz from the 20's - 40's. \$5. For info, call 301-864-5220.

Caffé Florian Coffeehouse**Saturday, December 6 & 13, 8:00 pm**

At Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD., 0.3 mi south of Allentown Rd.

Dec 6 *Liquid Didj*, formed by a member of *Big Blow* and *the Bushwackers*, are releasing their first CD.

Dec 13 Open mike: acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers, and poets. Sign-up starts at 7:30 pm. Free.

For info, call Syl Smith at 301-292-6482, or visit our website at www.dmuuc.org.

Celtic Holiday Concerts at the Greenbelt Arts Center**Friday & Saturday, December 12 & 13, 8:00 pm**

At 123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD. Both concerts will include music and song from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Brittany, and the Isle of Man, including some music with a holiday theme. Reservations recommended. \$8, (children & seniors \$6). For info, call 301- 441-8770. Dec 12 the *Homespun Ceilidh Band* & the Celtic quartet *Skye Gathering* will play small-group arrangements of tunes as well as big-band foot-stomping reels, jigs, and strathspeys. Dec 13 the *Homespun Ceilidh Band*, *Skye Gathering*, the Scottish Gaelic singing group *Mac-Talla*, and special guest storyteller **Jan Brenner**.

The Folk Club of Reston – Herndon**Tuesdays, 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. Holiday party on 12/16. FREE. For info, call 703-437-7766 or 703-318-0768. Smoke-free venue.

Folk, Celtic, and Bluegrass Music at O'Brien's**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 8:30 pm**

Folk and acoustic music venue at O'Brien's, 387 E. Gude Drive in Rockville, MD. For concert schedule info, call 301-762-3395. Ticket prices will vary. Tues. shows will feature a variety of contemporary acoustic musicians and singer-songwriters. Wed. shows will feature Irish and other Celtic performers. Thurs. will be Bluegrass night.

Vic's Music Corner - A new acoustic music series, hosted by Victor Heyman. Concerts are held twice a month, on selected Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Featuring national, regional and local performers.

Wed, 12/10 **Vance Gilbert** with **Terry Gonda** opening Tues, 12/16 **Lisa McCormick** with **Darryl Purpose** opening

St. Elmo's Coffee Pub - live acoustic music**2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, 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.

The Folkal Point at the Coho Grill**Thursdays, 8:00 pm**

In the Hobbit's Glen Golf Club, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia, MD. \$10. Full menu available.

Dec 4 **Greg Greenway**, **Bill Parsons** opens.

Dec 11 **Jack Williams** (singer & classical guitarist) and **Carolyn Aiken** (singer guitarist).

For further info,

call 410-531-5350.

Common Ground – Live Acoustic Music**Fridays, 8:00 pm**

At the Firehouse Pub & Grill, 233 S. Main St., Mt. Airy, MD. Featuring guitar, mandolin, fiddle, hammered dulcimer, flute and banjo. Music starts at 7:30 pm, concerts at 8:00 pm. For info, call Carl or Jeanne Martin, 301-540-2092.

The Courtyard Concert Café**Sun, 7:30 pm; Mon thru Thurs, 8:00 pm; Fri & Sat, 9:00 pm**

A smoke-free restaurant/listening room at the Willston II Shopping Centre, 6108 Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50 & Patrick Henry Dr.), Falls Church, VA. Price varies. For info & reservations, call 703-533-2828.

Leaf Through Used Book Store and Gathering Place**December Events**

In the Congressional South Shopping Center, across the parking lot from Magruder's (across the street from the Twinbrook Metro stop). Admission is free and all are invited. For info, call the store at 301-230-8998.

Sat, Dec 6, 6:00 pm, Blues and Original Tunes by **Nancy Magill**, vocal and guitar

Thurs, Dec 11, 7:30 pm, Old Fashioned Hootnany. Sing or play along with the musicians of *Michael's Boat*.

Thurs, Dec 18, 7:00 pm, Open reading/open mike format hosted by Jim Semark, poet and musician.

Poets, writers, singers, musicians are invited to perform, and the public is invited to attend.

Sat, Dec 20, 6:00 pm, Blues Concert with **Ray Kaminsky**. Ray performs songs from his CD, *Barker Hill Blues*.

Birchmere**December Events**

At 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA. Info, call 703-549-7500 or www.birchmere.com. Tickets, call 202-432-7328.

12/4 **Holly Near** and **Ronnie Gilbert**; 12/14 **Leon Redbone**; 12/15 **Iris DeMent**; 12/21 **Savior Fare** (Cajun).

Footlights, a modern drama discussion group**Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

Come join us to discuss plays from the modern American theater! We will discuss Carson McCullers's "The Member of the Wedding" (1950). At North China Restaurant, 7814 Old Georgetown Rd. (MD-187) at Cordell Ave. in Bethesda.

Admission is free. For more info, call 202-484-8303 or e-mail dsobelso@capaccess.org.

LOCAL DANCES

Editorial Policy for Dance Events & Classes: 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. Numbers!**

Abbreviations used in the listings: **BEG:** Beginning **INT:** Intermediate **ADV:** Advanced **N/E:** No experience necessary **N/P:** No partner necessary **TPIS:** Takoma Park Middle School, 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. Classes for beginning dancers are discontinued during the cold weather, they will be resumed in March. For more info, or if you would like to play or call for a Friday Night Dance, please contact Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099 or bplatt@access.digex.com.

Dec 5 **Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer** with **Kate Charles** calling.

Dec 12 Open band with **Ann Fallon** calling.

Dec 19 *Dancing Bears* (**Tom Hinds, Laura Light, John Devine**) with **Denise Lair** calling.

Dec 26 *Spank* (**Sam Bartlett, Abbie & Edie Ladin, Rob & Beth Mangum**) with **Laurie Fisher** calling.

Jan 2 *Taylor Among the Devils* with **Tom Hinds** calling.



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.

Dec 9 **Howard Markham** calls, music by **Liz Donaldson**, piano and accordion. Seasonal dances and events.

Dec 23 NO dance.

3rd Saturdays, 8:00 pm. Recorded music. All are welcome. N/P, N/E, FREE. For info, call Barbara at 703-437-3615.

Dec 20 Calling by **Barbara Harding**.

Cajun and New Orleans Rock & Roll Dance**Saturday, November 29, 8:00 pm - 2:00 am**

At Phantasmagonia, 11319 Elkin St., Wheaton, MD. Dance to *Blackberry* (Cajun & Creole) from 8 - 9:30 & *Krewe of Renegades* (New Orleans R&R) from 10 - 2. Dance workshop from 7-8 pm. \$10. For info, call 301-949-8886.

International Folk Dance Group**Friday, December 5, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Seasonal Party with *Lukna Glavata* (Macedonian Traditional Instrument Band), *Loretta Kelley* (Norwegian Hardingfele) & *Karpuzi* (Greek Music). Everyone is welcome, N/P; Beginners are encouraged to attend. Great wooden dance floor - lots of fun! Admission \$5.00. Recorded music. For more info, call Larry Weiner 301-565-0539, John Robinson 410-715-9210, or John Bartholomew 301-565-3650.

Scandinavian Dance**Saturday, December 6, 8:15 - 10:45 pm**

At Rosemary Hills Elementary School, in the gym, 2111 Porter Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Music by *Peascods Gathering*. Candlelight celebration of Santa Lucia Day. \$4. N/P, N/E. Info: Carl at 301-493-6281 or Fred at 703-356-3036.

Swing Dance**Saturday, December 6, 9:00 pm - Midnight**

In the historic Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, MD with *Deanna Bogart*. \$8.00. For info, call 301-340-9732.

Sunday Afternoon Waltz at Glen Echo Park**Sunday, December 7, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Dance to the band *Elke Baker and Friends*. Introductory waltz workshop at 3:30 pm, 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. *Mary Fitzgerald* and *IONA*. \$7.00.

Traditional Hungarian Folk Dance & Music - Tisza Ensemble**Saturday, December 13, 7:30 - 10:30 pm**

Hungarian folkdance party with teaching circles at the Starting Point Dance Studio, Route 1 & Calvert Rd., College Park, MD. Beg, N/P. Live and recorded music. Bring dance footwear. \$4.00. For info, call Richard Morrison at 301-946-5867.

English Country Dances**Saturday, December 13, 8:15 - 10:45 pm**

At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by *Barbara Harding*. \$5. N/E, N/P. For info, call Carl Minkus 301-493-6281 or Karla Farrall 301-577-5018.

Scandia DC (Scandinavian couple dancing)**Saturday, December 20, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Greenbelt Community Center (Dance Studio), 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Holiday dance party. Music by *Loretta Kelley* (Norwegian Hardangfele) and *Ellen Jacobs* (Swedish fiddle). N/P; \$5. For info, call 202-333-2826.

Cajun & Zydeco Dances**Friday, December 12 & Saturday, December 13, 9:00 pm - Midnight**

Cost is \$10. Beginners' workshop from 8:00 - 9:00 pm both nights. For info, call 301-309-0895.

Fri, Dec 12 Cajun: *Sheryl Cormier & The Cajun Sounds* at Cherry Hill Recreation Park Clubhouse, College Park, MD.

Sat, Dec 13 Zydeco: *Geno Delafosse & French Rockin Boogie* at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park, MD.

Taylor Made Squares, a square dancing club**Tuesday, 8:00 - 9:30 pm**

At the Long Branch Community Center on Piney Branch Road in Silver Spring. There is a wood floor, records are used and the event is free. *Betsy Taylor*, the caller, can be reached at 301-589-4868 for further info. Singles and couples are welcome, and instruction will be given if needed.

Swing Dances**Every Friday, 9:00 - Midnight**

At America Restaurant, Tysons Corner Center, Lower level. *Tom Cunningham Orchestra*. Lessons 8-9 pm. \$10 cover.

Reston Contra Dance - no dance in December - next dance**Saturday, January 3, 1998, 8:00 - 10:45 pm**

Tom Hinds calls with the *June Apple Band*. Dance \$5.00; Beginners workshop at 7:00 pm, \$1.00. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Hunters Woods shopping center, Reston, VA. For info, call Alice Markham at 703-709-9121.



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. POT-LUCK PARTY on Dec 9, 7-10 pm. \$5. Wear a costume, bring a dish, and dance non-stop. For info, call 540-659-3993 or 703-527-8998 (voice mail) or e-mail [sstulberg@aol.com](mailto:ssstulberg@aol.com).

"Oldies" Israeli Dances**1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

Wed. at the Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD. Instruction from 8 - 9:15. Newer dances on 2nd & 4th Wed. Recorded music. \$4.00. Recorded music. For info, call Ben Hole at 301-441-8213.

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

At the Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Rd., NW, DC. Dancing to recorded music. Free. Beginners welcome. For info, call Fran Walters at 301-530-5643.

Cajun and Zydeco Dancing – Gumbo Groupies**Wednesdays, 8:00 - 10:00 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.

International Folk Dancing**Wednesdays, 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).

Ceilis (Irish set and ceili dancing)**2nd Saturday, 8:00 pm**

From Sept thru June. Free lesson for beginners at 7:30 pm. At the John C. Wood Recreation Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA. Live music by the *Bog Wanderers Ceili Band*. N/P, N/E. Families and non-dancers welcome. Price: \$10 for adults, \$5 children 6-15, under 6 free (\$20 family maximum). Directions/information: Bob Hickey, 703-978-8265.

Blackthorn Ceili**3rd Saturday of each month, 8:00 pm**

Irish ceili and set dancing. From Sept to May. At St. Michael's, 805 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Live music by the *Blackthorn Ceili Band*. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for under 16, free for children under 8. For directions & info, call Clare Stohlman, 301-929-6135.

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 fun & the dancing is addictive and great exercise. We practice in Reston, VA. If you would like to join us, call Laura at 703-845-8536.

➤ **LATE SUBMISSION:** The Spanish Ballroom will swing again on New Years Eve from 9:00 pm to 12:45 as the Washington Swing Dance Committee presents its annual New Years Eve dance, this year with the fabulous jump blues of the *J Street Jumpers*. Cost is \$15.00 and includes a one hour swing lesson from 8-9 and sparkling cider and desserts at midnight. For more info, call the WSDC Hotline at 301-340-9732.



CLASSES

Band Aid – Ensemble Playing Workshop

Saturday, December 13, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Joe Hermann (of *Critten Hollow Stringband*), will lead an *Old-Time Music Band Aid*. Joe will present a variety of old-time tunes and demonstrate fiddling styles and good back-up techniques for playing old-time music. All instruments welcome. \$18.00 per person, bring a bag lunch, drinks provided. To reserve space, call Liz Donaldson at 301-986-1291.

DANCE CLASSES: Instructors: Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff. N/P, recorded music. For info, call Donna 703-978-0375.

Monday Nights, Maryland Youth Ballet, Second Floor, 7702 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. Dec. 1 - 22: 7 - 8 pm = Beginning Swing; 8 - 9 pm = Beginning Waltz; 9 - 10 pm = Beginning Lindy. Classes are \$40/person for each 4-week series. Register at first class.

Swing/Jitterbug workshop & dance every Wednesday night, Vienna's Grille, 146 Maple Ave., East, Route 123, Vienna, VA (no dance on Dec. 24 & 31). 7:15 - 8:15 pm: Smooth Combinations for Advanced Swingers; 8:15 - 9 pm: Beg. Swing; 9 - 11 pm: Social Dance with DJ & live bands on selected nights. \$10/night - workshop(s) & dance (\$12 nonmembers) \$7/night - dance only (\$9 nonmembers)

International Folk Dance Classes Mondays, Dec 8, 15, & 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. Classes: BEG, 7:15 - 8:00 pm; INT/ADV, 8:15 - 10:00 pm. \$5 per class. N/P, mostly recorded music. Instructors: Phyllis and Brandon Diamond. HOLIDAY PARTY Dec 15 from 7:30 - 11:30 pm. \$6 (Children under 9 are free). Music by *Peascods Gathering* and others. Bring potluck goodies. Wear your ethnic costumes. For info, call 301-871-8788.

Irish Ceili and Set Dancing. Wednesdays, beginning 9/17, at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo & Thursdays, beginning 9/11, at the Frost Center, Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville. Beginners 7:00-8:15 pm. Intermediate and advanced 8:15-9:30 pm. 12-week session is \$35. Instructor is Jim Keenan. Taped music. For info, call 301-840-1416. Ceili on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Irish Ceili and Set Dance Classes. Saturday mornings, Oct 11 - Dec 13. BEG Class at 10:00 am (N/P, N/E). EXP dancers (N/P) at 11:00 a.m. At the John C. Wood Recreation Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA. Instructor: Marilyn Moore. Taped music. Cost: \$20 for the 10-week series. For directions & info, call 703-532-7422 or 703-978-8265.

Zydeco Classes, Saturdays for 5 weeks beginning October 25 at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. BEG, 9:30 am; ADV BEG, 10:45 am. Taped Music. For info, call 301-309-0895.

Cajun Classes, Tuesdays for 5 weeks beginning November 4 at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. BEG, 7:15 pm; ADV, 8:30 pm. Taped music. For info, call 301-309-0895.

Scottish Country Dancing - Wed, 8:00 pm, Durant Center, Alexandria, VA. Live music once a month. N/P. Basic and general class available. Northern Virginia Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. For info, call 703-329-9118.

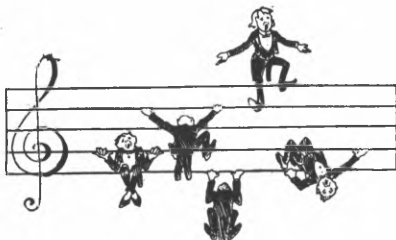
Scottish Country Dance - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:15 - 10:00 pm. Live music by National Fiddling Champion **Elke Baker**. At 8030 Main St., Ellicott City, MD. Caryl Maxwell Dance Studio, 3rd floor. Beginners welcome, N/E, N/P. \$5 per class. Soft-soled shoes please. For more info, call 301-589-6813 or e-mail apluhar@tvp.org or Elke at 301-869 0963.

Scottish Country Dancing - Tuesdays, 8:00 pm, Greenbelt Community Center, beginners welcome, N/P, N/E. \$3 a night, first night. Free. Taped music. For info/directions, call 202-234-6840 or e-mail: jmccullo@erols.com.

Scottish Country Dancing - Mondays, 8:00 p.m., NIH Fitness Center (Bldg T-39), Bethesda, MD. N/P, N/E. Beg and ADV. \$3 a night. Taped music. For info/directions, call 301-942-2831, or e-mail: BLPeet@aol.com

Western Square Dancing for BEG. Wednesdays at the North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8814 Kensington Pkwy. Taped music. N/P. \$3.50/session, 7 - 8:30 pm. Mainstream dancing from 8:30 - 10:00 pm. For info, call 301-762-4541 or 301-593-6267.

Traditional Clogging with some Irish: At Wakefield Recreation Center, Beltway and Braddock in VA. Taught by Jim Maxwell & other Patchwork cloggers. Taped music. For info, call Jim Maxwell at 703 503-9260. Come visit our current classes on Tuesday evening. New classes will begin on Thursday evening in January.



AND BEYOND

MARYLAND

Baltimore Folk Music Society Dances (BFMS)

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.satelink.net/bfms/.

Square and Contra Dancing – Wednesday evenings. For more info, call 410-321-8419.

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

Dec 3 Caller: **Bev Smith** from Philadelphia, Band: Baltimore's Open Band. Callers' Collective, 7:30 - 8:00 pm.

Dec 10 Caller: **Robbin Schaffer**, Band: **Elke Baker** and **Larry Unger**.

Dec 17 Caller: **Colin Hume**, caller extraordinaire from London, England, Band: *Laura and the Lava Lamps* - **Laura Lengnick** (fiddle), **Dave Wiesler** (piano), **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

Dec 24 No Dance

Dec 31 No Dance

Jan 7 Special appearance: **George Marshall** calling to the music of *Swallowtail!* Mark your calendars!

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

For more info,

Dec 1 Caller: **Rich Galloway**, Music: Baltimore's Open Band, led by **Andrea Hoag**.

call 410-740-3250

Dec 8 Caller: **Dawn Culbertson**, Music: **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano, accordion).

Dec 15 Caller: **Colin Hume** -- special guest caller from London, England, Music: **Marty Taylor** (flute, concertina), **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, ocarina, and more). Beginner's Workshop at 7:20 (included in price of admission).

Dec 22 Caller: **Carl Friedman**, Music: **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Liz Donaldson** (piano, accordion).

Dec 29 Caller: **Christopher Field**, Music: **Colleen Spence** (flute), **Dave Wiesler** (piano).

2nd Saturday Contra Dance Series. Intro dance workshop: 7:30 pm, contra dance: 8:00 - 11:00 pm. N/P

At St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville. \$6 for members of BFMS and affiliated organizations, \$8 nonmembers. For more info, contact **Ralph Barthine** at 410-561-4573 or rbarthin@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us.

Dec 13 **Susan Taylor** calling to the music of the *Buzzard Rock Bayou Boys*.

Zydeco workshop and dance – Friday, December 12. *Roy Carrier and the Night Rockers*. Free Zydeco dance workshop at 8:00 pm, Zydeco dancing to live music 9:00 pm - Midnight. At the Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College. \$10 general public, \$8 BFMS members. For event info, call 410-552-1004.

"Break from the Holiday Season" Concert and Dance with Big Hoedown, Saturday, Dec 20, concert at 8:00 pm, dance at 9:15 pm. At Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore. Admission: \$8 for members (BFMS, FSGW, ATDS, CDSS), \$10 non-members, \$5 children. For more info, call 410-561-4573 or e-mail rbarthin@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us.

BFMS Mid-Winter Ball - January 31st, with **John Krumm**, calling square & contra dances to the music of *Microchasm* (**John Devine**, **Steve Hickman**, **Laura Lengnick**, **Dave Wiesler**) with special guest **David Crandell**. Reception at 7:00 pm, Grand March at 8:00 pm. \$14 members (BFMS, FSGW, CDSS, ATDS), \$18 non-members. Tickets will be sold in advance only. Reservations must be received by Jan 24. For more info, call 410-437-1959 or e-mail scerbo@umbc.edu.

Irish Fiddle workshops & concert with Brian Conway, New York Irish fiddler **Saturday, December 13**

Workshops 1:00 - 3:00 (Advanced players - can play at speed); 3:30 - 5:30 - (Intermediate players - can get through a tune, have been exposed to at least the basics of Irish fiddle ornaments). Students should bring tape recorders if they have them. Fee: \$30. Group size is limited so please register early. Concert, 7:30pm at J Patrick's pub, 1371 Andre St., Baltimore. **Brian Conway**, accompanied by **Andy Thurston** (Baltimore's guitar and bouzouki wizard). Admission \$10, at the door. For info, call 301-948-7176 or e-mail fotyc@earthlink.net for address for sending workshop registration.

Baltimore's Open Band Rehearsal**Sunday, December 14, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Jam followed by a potluck supper. At Ben Hobbs', 7107 Wardman Rd in Baltimore. Music available if you'd rather play alone, but we'd love to meet you and learn your favorite tunes. For more info, call Susan at 410-254-1730.

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society**Saturday, December 6, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 1311 General's Highway (MD Route 178), Crownsville, MD. Lovely wooden floor. New dancer orientation at 7:20 pm. **Denise Lair** calling to the music of **Tom Hinds** and **Laura Light**. Admission: \$6 for members & affiliates, and \$8 for the general public. For more info, call the ATDS hotline at 410-544-9505.

Christmas concert**Sunday, December 14, 7:30 pm**

Ensemble Galilei will play at St. Anne's Church on Church Circle in Annapolis. For ticket information, call 410-626-2881.

333 Coffeehouse, Annapolis**Friday, December 19, 8:00 pm**

At the Unitarian Church of Annapolis, 333 Du Bois Rd., off Bestgate (Exit 24 from Rt 50 E). *Hot Soup* and **Robin Bullock**. Admission: \$6.00 - Students & Seniors \$5.00. For info, call 410-266-8044 (Leslie) or 410-647-4275 (Max).

Frederick (MMFAC) Holiday Contra Cotillion**Saturday, December 27, 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

Wear your holiday finery to Frederick's Cotillion. Calling the dances will be **Robbin Schaffer**, to the music of *The Curiously Strong String Band*, featuring **Laura Lengnick** and **Steve Hickman** on fiddles, **Mike Bell** on guitar, and **Celia Wyckoff** on bass. Expect a festive atmosphere and refreshments! At the Adult Recreation Center on the corner of Bentz and 2nd Streets in Frederick, MD. Free beginners' workshop starts at 7:00 pm. Admission prices are \$6, \$4 for MMFAC members, and \$3 for Frederick City residents. For more info, contact Boe Walker at 301-694-6794.

Coffeehouse Concerts at Mays Chapel, 11911 Jenifer Rd., Timonium, MD. For info call 410-922-5210.

Fri, Dec 5 **Lucy Kaplansky & Ellis Paul** (\$12).

Fri, Dec 12 **Kevin Welch** (\$15).

Fri, Dec 19 A Scottish Christmas with **Maggie Sansone**, **Bonnie Rideout** and **Al Petteway** (\$15).

VIRGINIA

Bluemont Old-time Country Dances**Saturday, December 20, 8:00 pm**

Midwinter Ball, **Bill Wellington** calling with music by **Sandy Mitchell & Lynn Mackey**. At the Old Bluemont School Community Center, off VA route 7. Call 703-777-6306 or e-mail bluemontes@aol.com for info and directions.

WEST VIRGINIA

Shepherdstown Music and Dance**Saturday, December 6, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Shepherdstown Men's Club Building, corner of German and King Sts. Soft-soled shoes required! **Laura Brown** calls to the music of **Elke Baker** and friends. A hambo workshop will be taught at 4:00 pm by **Betsy and Jamie Platt**. A holiday potluck dinner will follow at 6:30 pm. Admission to the workshop is \$5. Dance admission is \$4.50 for members and \$6 for non-members. For more info, call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

Scottish fiddle concert**Saturday, December 13, 8:00 pm**

Elke Baker on fiddle will be joined by guitarist **Larry Unger** and bassist **Ralph Gordon** for an evening concert of Highland airs, jigs and reels. It will be held at the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church. Admission is \$12 for non-members, \$10 for members, and \$6 for children under 12. Call Joanie at 304-263-2531 for more info.

Terpsichore 97 (in the hills of West Virginia)**December 28, 1997 to January 1, 1998**

Dance and sing as we celebrate the New Year. Featuring *No Strings Attached* and callers **Robbin Schaffer**, **Ron Buchanan**, & **Chris Bischoff**. Workshops on contra, waltz, English, garland dance, & rapper sword. Accommodations, children's program and day care available. For more info: call Bob Mathis or Tali Stopak at 301-589-7539.

PENNSYLVANIA

York Folk Dance Association

Friday, December 5, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

At the Red Lion Grange, Rt. 24 & Lombard St., Red Lion, PA. Beginners' workshop 7:30. **Denise Lair** calls to the old-timey music of **Tom Hinds** and **Laura Light**. Beginners' workshop at 6:30 pm. \$6.00. For info, 717-845-2897 or www.w4c.com/dance/york or e-mail sdenise@umabnet.ab.umd.edu

FAR AWAY

Dance in the Caribbean! - February 18 - 25, 1998. Tropical Dance Vacation. Contras and Squares on St. Croix, US Virgin Islands with *Wild Asparagus & Big Hoedown*. **Kathy Anderson** and **George Marshall** calling. \$795 plus airfare to and from St. Croix. For info, contact: **George Marshall** 413-323-9604 or gmarshal@tiac.net.

Scottish Dance Week in Hawaii - March 8-15, 1998. A relaxing getaway with a week of dancing on the Big Island of Hawaii, with exciting music by **Elke Baker**, **Earl Gaddis**, **Ralph Gordon** and **Beth Murray**, and noted dance instructor **John Drewry**. Call or e-mail for details - **Ken McFarland**, 800-822-3435; farlands@polarnet.com.

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