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# NEWSLETTER

## PROGRAM

**Andy O'Brien, Billy McComiskey & Dan Milner**

**Saturday, January 17, 8:00 pm**

In concert at Ravensworth Baptist (Annandale, VA)

\$10 / FREE to FSGW members

In the late 1970's and early 1980's, *The Irish Tradition* was the finest band playing Irish music in America. Holding forth nightly at Capitol Hill's famous Dubliner pub, their infectious mix of jigs, reels and ballads introduced a generation of Washingtonians to Celtic music. During their 7 years together, *The Irish Tradition* made 3 recordings, toured the USA, Canada, the UK and Ireland, and performed at Wolf Trap and on the *Prairie Home Companion* radio program.

We have a rare opportunity to hear 2 members of the trio in a special program focusing mainly on Irish folk songs and ballads. The concert features **Andy O'Brien** and **Billy McComiskey** of *The Irish Tradition* together with long-time friend **Dan Milner**. Come hear the finest in traditional Irish music from absolutely outstanding singers and musicians.

TO GET THERE is very quick and easy, take I495 to the Braddock Road north exit in VA. Turn left at the first light and keep turning left into the Church parking lot.

**See page 3 for additional information.**

## **The Minifest is Coming! The Minifest is Coming!**

**Eastern Middle School**

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Noon - 10:30 pm**

During the afternoon festival-goers choose among 9 different programs taking place simultaneously at various locations in the school, including concerts, dances, song swaps, jams, and crafts demonstrations.

There will also be an evening concert and dance. Kick up your heels to the tunes of National Champion Scottish fiddler **Elke Baker**, with **Tom Hinds** calling, or listen to the blues of **John Jackson**, the singing of *Hot Soup*, and more. Or take in some of both.

**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: 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.

**Note: Do not park in any empty RV spaces. Park BEYOND the conference center only.**

Jan 4 Another great Charlottesville combo. **Brad Sayler** calls to the music of **Laura Light** (fiddle), **Paul Rosen** (mandolin) and **Tom Hinds** (keyboard).

Jan 11 Dance heaven has arrived. A double dose of *Swallowtail*, from 2:30 - 5:30 in the afternoon and again for the regular evening dance. **Ron Grosslein** (fiddle, mandolin, flute), **David Cantieni** (wooden and silver flutes, oboe, saxophone, bombarde), **Tim Van Egmond** (hammered dulcimer, spoons), **George Marshall** (concertina, bodhran, bones), **Timm Triplett** (piano).

Note: fire laws limit attendance at each dance to 190, so come early.

Jan 18 Add New York caller **Mary Virginia Brooks** to Carolina-based *Footloose* and the result is pure excitement. The band includes **Ted Ehrhard** on fiddle, **Pete Campbell** on keyboard and **Dave DiGiuseppe** on accordion.

Jan 25 Dance with some of our local talent. Caller **Michael Schechtman** teams up with the *Subdominants*, featuring **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Dave Wiesler** (keyboard), newcomer **Paul Oorts** (on assorted strings) & **Karen Ashbrook** (hammered dulcimer & flute).

Feb 4 *Martin's Flight*, caller TBA.

Feb 11 **Elke Baker et al**, caller TBA.

Feb 18 *Adam's House Cat*, caller TBA.

Feb 25 *Some Assembly*, caller TBA.



**Chesapeake Dance Weekend • April 3 - 5 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. Start the New Year by helping to continue the long tradition of ECD, revived several years ago in the Washington/Baltimore area by our local callers. 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: members \$5, non-members \$6.

- 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.
- Jan 7 Gad About, **Rich Galloway**, returns from travels far and near to call to music played by **Liz Donaldson** on accordion and piano, **Becky Ross** on fiddle, and **Dave Wiesler** on guitar and piano.
- Jan 14 **Diane Schmit** graces the stage at the Town Hall, calling to music of **Liz Donaldson** on piano, **Barbara Heitz** on flute, and **Howard Markham** on concertina.
- Jan 21 Musicians **Bruce Edwards** on bassoon and concertina, **John Ward** on fiddle, and **Dave Wiesler** on piano play for Charlottesville's **Brad Sayler**.
- Jan 28 **Stephanie Smith** calls to the melodies of **Liz Donaldson** on piano and accordion, **Judy Kleppel** on oboe, and **Colleen Spence** on flute.

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; Roger W. Broseus, IDoATexist.com.

### JANUARY POGRAM INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

**Andy O'Brien**, a native of Killarney, Ireland and long a resident of Baltimore, has a vast store of Irish folk songs which he delivers with his big County Kerry voice. A devout fan of classical guitar music, his own guitar work is artfully formed to accompany both Irish songs and dance tunes.

**Billy McComiskey** was Senior All-Ireland Champion for accordion in 1986. Born in New York, Bill started playing at age 6. His major influences were the old masters: Sean McGlynn, Paddy O'Brien and Joe Cooley. Much in demand, Billy has played everywhere from the pubs of Belfast to The White House. One of his 2 recordings with the group Trian received a Grammy nomination. He has a solo recording on the Green Linnet label.

Singer **Dan Milner** had lived in England, Ireland, Canada and the US by the time he was 10. He's still traveling. A shantyman at New York's South Street Seaport for nearly 30 years, a champion Irish singer and a mainstay of the Big Apple's folk scene for nearly 30 years, he is also the author-compiler of Oak's well-known *Bonnie Bunch of Roses* collection of Irish and British folk songs. Dan has just finished a recording of Irish ballads and songs of the sea with Billy McComiskey, Andy O'Brien and others.

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Festival-goers choose among 9 different programs taking place simultaneously at various locations in the school, including concerts, dances, song swaps, jams, and crafts demonstrations. Journey 'round the world from the koto music of Japan to the slavic singing of *Slaveya*. Learn folk dances from England, Greece, Scandinavia, Macedonia & Bulgaria. Learn swing dancing, tango, & Cajun dancing. Or come for contras, squares, & waltzes. Share and swap songs. There's jamming all afternoon too: old time, Scandinavian, Celtic, country-western/honky-tonk. There's a full program for KIDS of all ages, including learning to sign songs with a sign language pro. Many fine artisans will be on hand to demonstrate and sell their crafts. At 7:30 concert and dance both begin. Kick up your heels to the tunes of National Champion Scottish fiddler **Elke Baker**, with **Tom Hinds** calling, or listen to the blues of **John Jackson**, the singing of *Hot Soup*, and more. Or take in some of both. The *MiniFest* is an exciting opportunity for people of all ages to participate in traditional and contemporary folk music and dance from around the world. The *MiniFest* is a fund-raiser for FSGW, produced by dedicated volunteer performers and workers. If you are interested in working 2 hours or more in exchange for free admission, please contact Laura Sailer, *Minifest* Coordinator, at 202-244-9161. Thank you! Full Day (both afternoon & evening activities):

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Adult FSGW members	\$12	Adult non-members	\$15	
Members kids aged 5-12	\$ 5	Non-member kids 5-12	\$ 6	Kids under 5 years old Free

Half Day (either afternoon or evening activities):

Adult FSGW members	\$ 7	Adult non-members	\$10	
Members kids aged 5-12	\$ 3	Non-member kids 5-12	\$ 4	Kids under 5 years old Free

To get to Eastern Middle School, 300 University Blvd. at Franklin: from 495, exit University Blvd. east toward Langly Park. Turn left at first light (Franklin). Metro: Red Line to Silver Spring, then Bus #14 to Eastern Middle School; it departs Metro at :01 and :31 past every hour until 7:00 pm only.

IF IT SNOWS: CALL 301-244-9161 to find out if the *MiniFest* is postponed.

### Board Meeting

**Monday, January 5, 8:00 pm**

The January 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.

## FSGW CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

**Community Concert & Dance Program at the Glen Echo Town Hall**

**Sunday, January 18**

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

WAMMY award-winner **Sue Trainor** will treat you to a hour of zaniness and song. **Laura Brown** will call the dance with music by **Alexander Mitchell** and **Marc Gilckman**.

These concerts and dances are a wonderful way for parents to introduce their children to the joys of music and 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 max). For further info, call 301-320-7099. For directions to the Town Hall, see pg 3.



## MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY EVENTS

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

Yes, there is an alternative to football to enrich this holiday: our popular and extended New Year's Day singing of American shape-note music in 4-part harmony at the Rock Spring Congregational Church of Christ, 5010 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA. Singing from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, followed by a potluck supper from 6:00 to 7:00 and more singing after supper. We'll sing from "The American Christmas Harp" as well as "The Sacred Harp" and other tunebooks. Some loaner tunebooks available. Admission is free, but the church requests a donation for the needy (cash, check, or nonperishable food). Directions: From Rt. I-66 take the Glebe Rd. (Rt. 120) exit, go north 1½ miles to Old Dominion Blvd. and bear left. Go 2 blocks, then turn left onto Rock Spring Rd., and go 1 block to the church. For more info, call 301-897-5274 or the FSGW Hotline #42.

### **Open Sing**

**Friday, January 2, 8:30 pm**

Come to Daphne Williams' House in Chevy Chase. **Flawn Williams** will lead the open sing on the topic of *Seasons and Seasonings*. We usually go around the circle and give each person a chance to lead or suggest a song. Any song that might fit into either topic is fair game: seasonal songs, songs that mention a month or season of the year, songs with refrain lines that mention herbs ("Parsely, Sage, etc.?) Brush up a couple of your favorite songs and come have a good time. For directions or more info, call Daphne at 202-244-0682.

The February Open Sing will be held Friday, February 6th, 8:30 pm at the Silver Spring home of Lisa Null & Charlie Baum on the topic "Hello, I must be going: greeting & parting songs."

### **Storyswap**

**Saturday, January 3, 7:30 pm**

Storytellers and listeners meet at the home of Ralph and Margaret Chatham in Falls Church. Free, potluck refreshments. Open to listeners and tellers. Call 703-698-5456 for rsvs and directions.

### **Gospel Sing**

**Sunday, January 11, 4:00 pm**

The monthly Gospel Sing will be at the home of Nancy Bailey in Arlington, VA. Call her at 703-532-7520 for directions. Singing starts around 4:00 pm with a break for a covered dish supper at 6:00 pm and then more singing. Everyone is welcome!

### **Sacred Harp Singing**

**Sunday, January 25, 4:00 pm**

At St. John's Episcopal Church, 415 S. Lexington St., Arlington, VA. Potluck supper at 6:00 pm. Free-will offering for the needy. Directions: Take Rt. 50 (Arlington Blvd.) to Carlin Springs Rd. (4½ miles west of the Roosevelt Bridge and 1½ miles east of Seven Corners). Go south on Carlin Springs Rd. and go 4 blocks. Turn left at 4th St. and go one block to the church. For info, call 301-897-5274 or the FSGW Hotline #42.

### **International Folk Dancing**

**Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm**

The Foggy Bottom Folkdancers meet in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/](http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/4119/), or call the FSGW hotline - x 36 - for January events.



## TWO SKI-DANCE WEEKENDS UPCOMING IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

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.

January 16-19; MLK Holiday - American Ski-Dance Weekend 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**.

February 13-16; Presidents' Day Holiday - Washington's Ski-Dance Weekend 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

### The Folger Consort

Friday, Jan. 16 at 8:00 pm & Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 pm

*Hildegard: Hymns and Sequences* at Washington National Cathedral. Stunningly beautiful music by the 12th-century nun, mystic, author, natural historian, and musician is performed by singers and instrumentalists in the crossing of Washington's great Gothic cathedral. Pre-concert discussion Friday at 6:00 pm. For info and tickets (\$22 - \$32, with discounts available). For info and tickets, call 202-544-7077.

### 13th Annual World Folk Music Association Benefit Concert

Friday and Saturday, January 16 - 17

At the Birchmere in Alexandria, VA. Special tribute to John Denver at 7:30 pm Friday, with **Bill Danoff**, **Taffy Nivert**, **Hard Travelers**, **Fat City**, **Starland Vocal Band**, **Tom Paxton**, **Donal Leace**, *Side by Side* and others. On Saturday afternoon at 2 pm, **Tom Paxton** will host a New Folk Concert with **Vance Gilbert**, **Paul Kamm & Eleanore MacDonald**, **Eileen McGann**, *Mustard's Retreat*, **Ellis Paul**, *Salamander Crossing* and **Cosy Sheridan**. On Saturday evening at 7:30 pm the line-up will include **David Buskin**, **Tom Chapin**, **Mike Cross**, **Judy Henske**, **James Keelaghan**, *The Kennedys*, *Limelites*, **David Mallett**, **Holly Near**, *Rowe by Rowe* with special guest **Chuck Romanoff** of *Schooner Fare*. For info, call 202-362-2225 or toll free 1-800-779-2226. To order tickets by phone, call 703-237-9500 or toll free 1-888-843-0933.

## LOCAL VENUES & EVENTS

### Institute of Musical Traditions – January 1998 Concerts

Monday Nights

Concerts are held at the Silver Spring Unitarian Universalist Church, 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. Jan 12, 7:00 pm Supper of hot soups, breads and salads. \$10 (RSVP by Jan 9).  
 8:00 pm **Garnet Rogers** with special guests *Hot Soup!* (**Sue Trainor**, **Christina Muir** and **Sue Ribaud**) (\$10 advance, \$12 door).  
 Mon. Jan 19, 7:00 pm MLKing Celebration: *Blues & Roots* with **Cephas & Wiggins** and **Djimo Kouyate** (of Senegal) and Family (\$12 advance, \$15 door).  
 Mon. Jan 26, 8:00 pm **Cliff Eberhardt** / *The Cantrells* (\$12 advance, \$14 door).

### Del Ray Coffeehouse

Saturday, January 10, 7:30 - 10:00 pm

At the Del Ray United Methodist Church Hall, 100 E. Windsor Ave., Alexandria, VA; off Route #1 South between Crystal City & Old Town Alexandria. **Blair Pettyjohn**, **Suzanne Michelle**, **Richard Dahl**, and **Mary Sue Twohy**. Admission \$7.00. Coffee, sodas, homemade brownies & muffins for sale. For info, call 703-549-4848 (9:30 am - 1:30 pm).

**Caffé Florian Coffeehouse****Saturday, January 10, 8:00 pm**

At Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD., 0.3 mi south of Allentown Rd. Open mike, held on the second Saturday of each month, September through June; acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers, and poets. Sign-up starts at 7:30 pm. Free. Info: Syl Smith, 301-292-6482, or visit our website at <http://www.dmuuc.org>.

**Shirlington Artists Guild Coffeehouse****Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 pm**

At 4024 South 28th St., Arlington, VA (5 doors from the Carlyle Grand Café). Our 3rd anniversary, featuring singer-songwriter **Carolyn Jane**. Guitarist **Jeff Aug** opens. \$12 (includes dessert & coffee). Reservations, 703-379-6666.

**Food for Thought****Thursday, January 15, 7:30 pm**

At 1738 Connecticut Ave., NW. *Jesse Palidofsky Group* featuring flutist **Robin Richmond** performs their unique blend of folk/jazz originals. \$5. For info, call 202-797-1095.

**Voices in the Glen****Saturday, January 17, 10:00 am**

What kinds of stories work for what age audiences – a free panel discussion. At the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on Virginia Route 7 between the beltway and I-66. Questions, call Margaret Chatham at 703-698-5456.

**Coffeehouse at Good Counsel****Saturday, January 17, 7:30 pm**

At Good Counsel High School, 11601 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, MD. The *Jesse Palidofsky Group*, featuring singer-songwriter **Jesse Palidofsky** and flutist, **Robin Richmond**. Admission \$5. For info, call 301-680-8669 eves.

**Calvert House Inn****Saturday, January 17, 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.

**House Concert****Saturday, January 24, 8:00 pm**

In Rockville, featuring **Susan Graham White** and **Andrew McKnight**. The suggestion donation is \$10, with all money going to the performers. Refreshments provided. For more info, contact Scott at 301-309-0983 or [moorep@erols.com](mailto:moorep@erols.com).

**Panzer House Concerts****Saturday, January 24, 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 served. Suggested donation \$8. Double bill with "Hard Traveler" **Mack Bailey** and Nashville singer-songwriter **Tanya Savory**.

**Church of the Saviour folk concert****Saturday, January 24, 8:00 pm**

At 2025 Massachusetts Ave. NW, near Dupont Circle. In a rare local appearance, *Magpie*. Also sharing the bill is the *Jesse Palidofsky Group*. Admission \$8. For info, call 301-593-7207 or 202-387-1617 (only on the night of show).

**Where? House Concerts****Thursdays, January 15 & 22, 8:00 pm**

At Kim Kaplan's house in Silver Spring. For info, directions, or reservations, call 301-588-5314 or [JKKaplan@erols.com](mailto:JKKaplan@erols.com).

1/15 *Rowe By Rowe* - **Tom Rowe** of *Schooner Fare* and his son **David** have formed a new duo. The harmonies of father and son are really special and the music they have written or arranged has got to be heard. \$15.

1/22 Singer-songwriter, storyteller, and humorist **Bill Staines**. \$10 donations.

**Marley Station****Fridays, January 16 & 30, Noon**

Located at 7900 Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie, MD - Center Court in the Mall. **Sue Trainor** and **Sue Ribaud** are featured every other week in the "Family Friday at Noon" series. For info, call 410-766-2033.

**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, 12-minute limit. \$1 cover. Member Showcase 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays. *Randy Barrett Trio* 1/27/98 \$9 (\$8/members). Info: 703-437-7766 or 703-318-0768.

**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.

**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.

Jan 8 **Peter Mealy and Laurie Rose Griffith** with **Michelle Swan** opening.

For further info,

Jan 15 **Ellis Paul** with **Elizabeth Perez** opening.

call 410-531-5350.

Jan 22 **Louise Taylor** with **Richard Berman** opening.

Jan 29 *Iona*

**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 Jeanean 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****January 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.

Thurs, Jan 15, 7:00 pm Open Mike Evening. Artists of Word and Music Series (monthly 3rd Thursdays).

Sat, Jan 17, 2:00 pm Musical Performance **John Mornini**, original and contemporary tunes, vocal and guitar.

Thurs, Jan 29, 7:30 pm Old Fashioned Hootenany. Sing/play along with the musicians of *Michael's Boat*.

Sat, Jan 31, 7:30 pm Musical Performance & Other Mellow Music, an evening with **Chris Mayberry**.

**Six Degrees Showcase****every Tuesday at 8:00 pm**

At the Courtyard Concert Cafe at 6108 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA. Admission is \$5.

For info or reservations,  
call 703-533-2828.

Jan 6 *The Oklahoma Twisters* (western swing).

Jan 13 **Erin McKeown** (singer songwriter from Fredericksburg).

Lisa Moscatiello hosts.

Jan 20 **Pete Papageorge** (Bethesda Singer Songwriter).

Jan 27 **Kim Person & Lana Puckett** (songwriters from Yorktown, VA).

**Birchmere****January Events**

At 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA. Info, call 703-549-7500 or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com). Tickets, call 202-432-7328.

1/8 Danny Gatton tribute concert featuring **Vince Gill**; 1/16 & 17 WFMA Benefit Weekend Festival; 1/18 *Klezmatiks* (\$17.50); 1/21 *Dr. John* (\$25); 1/22 *Jazz Mandolin Project* (\$15); 1/24 **Tom Rush** (\$17.50); 1/30 & 31 *Four Bitchin' Babes*: **Sally Fingerett, Megon McDounough, Debi Smith, Camille West** (\$19.50).

**Footlights, a modern drama discussion group****Wednesday, January 21, 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

Come join us to discuss plays from the modern American theater! In January we will discuss Herb Gardner's *A Thousand Clowns* (1962). At Luna Books, 1333 P St., NW, about 4 blocks east of the Dupont Circle metro. Free admission. For info, call 202-484-8303 or e-mail [dsobelso@capaccess.org](mailto: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 Tele Numbers!**  
**Abbreviations used in the listings:** **BEG:** Beginning **INT:** Intermediate **ADV:** Advanced **N/E:** No experience necessary **N/P:** No partner necessary.

### 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. Beginner classes start at 7:30 pm before each dance. 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](mailto:bplatt@access.digex.com).

- Jan 2 *Taylor Among the Devils* with **Tom Hinds** calling.
- 9 Open Band with TBA calling.
- 16 *Swallowtail* with **Tim Van Egmond** and **George Marshall** calling.
- 23 *Celtic Naught* with **Robbin Schaffer** calling.
- 30 *Swing on a Dime* – Open Mike Night (call Ann Fallon at 410-268-0231 to schedule a calling spot).
- Feb 6 *Mighty Possums* with **Bill Wellington** calling.

#### Swing Dance on New Year's Eve

**Wednesday, December 31, 9:00 pm to 12:45 am**

At Glen Echo's Spanish Ballroom. The Washington Swing Dance Committee presents its annual New Year's 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.

#### International Folk Dance Group

**Friday, January 2, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

Post New Year's party with *Lukna Glavata* (Macedonian Traditional Instrument Band), *BAMCo* (Balkan Brass Band); at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 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 John Bartholomew 301-565-3650.

#### Reston Contra Dance

**Saturday, January 3, 8:00 - 10:45 pm**

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

#### Scandinavian Dance

**Saturday, January 3, 8:15 - 10:45 pm**

At Rosemary Hills Elementary School, in the gym, 2111 Porter Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Music by *Peascods Gathering*. Teaching followed by general dancing. \$4. NE, NP. Info: Carl Minkus 301-493-6281, Fred Aalto 703-356-3036.

#### Telespringar Dance

**Sunday, January 4, 3:00 - 6:00 pm**

At the Meadowbrook Community Center, Rock Creek Park, Montgomery County, MD (near East-West Highway (410) and Beach Drive). **Loretta Kelly** playing Hardanger fiddle. For more info or precise directions, call Annamarie 301-588-4001 / e-mail [aplumar@tvp.org](mailto:aplumar@tvp.org) or Loretta 301-270-4925 / e-mail [lakelley@attmail.com](mailto:lakelley@attmail.com). No partner necessary. \$6.

#### Hungarian Folk Dance & Music - *Tisza Ensemble*

**Saturday, January 10, 7:30 - 10:30 pm**

Hungarian folkdance party with guest teacher **Elemer Vadász** from Hungary, and 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. \$5.00. For info, call Richard Morrison at 301-946-5867.

#### CDSS Northern Virginia Dance Group – English Country Dance

**Saturday, January 17, 8:00 pm**

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St., Herndon, VA. Calling by **Barbara Harding**. Recorded music. All are welcome. N/P, N/E, FREE. For info, call Barbara at 703-437-3615.

**Swing Dance****Saturday, January 17, 9:00 - Midnight**

At The Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo. The great sounds of *Big Joe and the Dynafloes*. Admission \$8 (includes the introductory swing workshop from 8 to 9 pm). As always, you are invited to volunteer for free or reduced admission. Call 202-726-3972 and leave a message to volunteer. For more info, call the WSDC Hotline at 301-340-9732 (WSDC).

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

At the Greenbelt Community Center (Dance Studio), 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Teaching from 8 - 9. Live and recorded music. Teachers Linda Brooks and Ross Schipper. N/P. \$5. For info, call 202-333-2826.

**Sunday Afternoon Waltz at Glen Echo Park****Sunday, January 18, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Dance to the band *Footloose*. 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. The Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. (intersection of Goldsboro Rd. and MacArthur Blvd.) in Glen Echo, MD.

**Zydeco Dance****Saturday, January 31, 9:00 pm - Midnight**

At the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park, MD. *Squeeze Bayou*. Cost is \$10. Beginners' workshop from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. For info, call 301-309-0895.

**Swing Dance****Saturday, January 10 & 24, 9:00 - Midnight**

At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo. Dance to the sound of the *Tom Cunningham Orchestra*. Introductory swing workshop from 8 to 9 pm. Admission \$12. For more info, call 703-533-8864.

**English Country Dances****Saturday, January 10 & 24, 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.

**Alpine Dancers****Sundays, January 11 & 25, 4:00 - 6:30 pm**

Free open practice of the Alpine Dancers. New dancers welcome. New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. Call for confirmation and directions. Specializing in couples and trio dances from Austria and Germany. Taped music. For info, call 301-577-3503, Carol & Herbert Traxler.

**International (European) Folkdance****Fridays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Recorded music. Teaching from 8 - 9:15 pm. N/P; BEG. Wooden dance floor! Admission \$5.00. For more info, call Larry at 301-565-0539 or John at 301-565-3650.

**Taylor Made Squares, a square dancing club****Tuesdays, 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.

**International Folk Dance****Tuesdays, 8:00 - 10:00 pm**

At Key Elementary School, Key Blvd. (between Adams & Veitch, 3 blocks from Courthouse Metro), Arlington, VA. \$3. Recorded music. Instruction, walk-throughs, & requests. Singles welcome and all ages or levels of expertise. For info, call 540-659-3993 or 703-527-8998 (voice mail) or e-mail sstulberg@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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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).

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

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

**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.

**Valentine Waltz****Saturday, February 14, 9:00 pm - 1:00 am**

Dance to the strings of the *New Vienna Ensemble* in the Organization of American States Ballroom (17<sup>th</sup> & Constitution Ave., NW, DC). Traditional Viennese waltz evening, gentlemen: white tie, ladies: floor length ball gowns. Dessert buffet, open bar. By reservation only, no door sales. Tickets \$125 per person - send to The Committee for Western Civilization, 2615 O Street, NW, WDC 20007. For info, call 202-338-3185

**CLASSES****Band Aid – Ensemble Playing Workshop****Sunday, January 25, 1:00 - 5:00 pm**

The next Band Aid will be led by pianist, Liz Donaldson. We'll focus on old favorites and playing well together. All instruments welcome. Cost \$15. To register or find out more, contact Liz at 301 986-1291 or liz@us.net.

**Music In The Glen**, group classes in **Irish fiddle** and **pennywhistle** for various ages and ability levels, 6 Saturdays -- January 17 - 28. Two locations: the home of Betsy O'Malley in Vienna, VA, and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, off MacArthur Blvd. 1 hour classes, \$50 for the series. For more info and to register, call 703-560-4719.

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

Sunday Nights, Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N. Highland St., Arlington, VA. Jan. 11 - Feb. 22: 7 - 8 pm = Int. Swing; 8 - 8:30 pm = Social Dancing/Practice; 8:30 - 9:30 pm = Adv. Swing; Classes are \$54/person for a 6-week series. (No class 1/25/98). Please preregister by calling Ed Kegley at 703-644-6610.

Monday Nights, Maryland Youth Ballet, 2nd Floor, 7702 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. Jan 5 - 26: 7 - 8 pm = Intermediate Swing; 8 - 9 pm = Intermediate Waltz; 9 - 10 pm = Intermediate Lindy. Classes are \$40/person for each 4-week series. Register at first class.

Jitterbug workshops & dance every Wednesday Night, Vienna's Grille, 146 Maple Ave., East, Route 123, Vienna, VA. 7:15 - 8:00 pm = Learn the Basics; 8:00 - 8:45 pm = Int./Adv. Swing; 8:45 - 11 pm = Social Dance with DJ and Live Bands on selected nights. \$10/night for workshop(s) and dance (\$12 nonmembers) \$7/night for dance only (\$9 nonmembers)

**International Folk Dance Classes** Mondays at the Leland Community Center in Bethesda, MD. 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. For info, call 301-871-8788.



**Dance Classes** starting the week of week Jan 12 – 8 session series – taped music – N/P, BEG/INT. For info, call 301-340-8723.  
 Mon, 1/12 - Oldies Israeli Line Dances, Potomac Community Ctr, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac, MD. \$40. 8:00 pm.  
 Tues, 1/13 - Line Dance with Anna, Potomac Community Ctr, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac, MD. \$40. 1:30 pm.  
 Wed, 1/14 - Int'l Folk Dances, River Road Unitarian Church, 6301 River Road, Bethesda, MD. \$40. 7:30 pm.  
 Wed, 1/14 - Line Dancing, River Road Unitarian Church, 6301 River Road, Bethesda, MD. \$40. 8:30 pm.  
 Fri, 1/16 - Line Dance with Anna, Cold Spring Elementary, 9201 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac, MD. \$40. 7:00 pm.  
 Fri, 1/16 - Greek/Israeli Folk Dance, Cold Spring Elementary, 9201 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac, MD. \$40. 8:30 pm.

**Irish Dance Classes**, Saturday mornings, 1/10/98 thru 4/11/98. Beginning 10:00, EXP 11:00. Classroom 8, John C. Wood Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA. Instructor: Marilyn Moore, Taped music, N/P N/E. \$20 for 14 week session. Info: 703-532-7422.

**Irish Ceili and Set Dancing**. Wednesdays at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo & Thursdays, 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 Music - Group Instrumental Classes**, Saturdays for 6 weeks starting Jan. 17 at 2 locations (in VA and DC). \$50.00 for series. BEG pennywhistle for ages 9-12; BEG fiddle and BEG & INT pennywhistle for teens & adults. Teachers: Karen Ashbrook, Tess Slominsky, and Rob Greenway. For schedule and more info, call Betsy O'Malley at 703-560-4719.

**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 - classes begin Jan 22, 8:30 pm: At Wakefield Recreation Center, Beltway and Braddock in VA. Taught by Jim Maxwell and other Patchwork dancers. All welcome - BEG or EXP - older or younger and N/P. We also have classes for children and adults at other times. \$44 and 8 lessons. For info, call Jim at 703-503-9260, email James\_Maxwell@ed.gov.



## 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/](http://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 pm.

Jan 7 Caller: **George Marshall and Tim Van Egmond**; Band: *Swallowtail* - New England's premiere contra dance band! **Ron Grosslein, David Cantieni, Tim Van Egmond, George Marshall, and Timm Triplett**.

Jan 14 Caller: **Susan Taylor**; Band: *Footloose* - **Pete Campbell, Ted Ehrhard, David DiGiuseppe**.

Jan 21 Caller: **Tom Hinds**; Band: *Fiddlestyx* - **Steve Hickman, Jon Simmons, John Devine, Jim Bienemann**. Ragtime Tango Workshop 7 - 8 pm, taught by **Renee Camus**; admission \$3

Jan 28 Caller: **Laura Brown**; Band: *Maggie Brown's Favorites* - **Carl Friedman, Ralph Barthine, Mark Vidor, Joe Balkoski**.

**English Country Dancing – Monday evenings.** Beginners are always welcome. For more info, call 410-740-3250

Jan 5 Caller: **Diane Schmit**; Music: **Dave Wiesler** and **Marty Taylor**.

Jan 12 Caller: **Brad Saylor**; Music: **Andrea Hoag** and **Francine Krasowska**.

Jan 19 Caller: **Mary Kay Friday**; Music: **Carl Friedman**, **Liz Donaldson**, and **Colleen Spence**.

Beginners workshop at 7:15, cost included in admission to the dance.

Jan 26 Caller: **Rich Galloway**; Music: **Susan Brandt** and **Jonathan Jensen**.

**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.

Jan 10, **Andy Kane** calls to music of *Loony Tunes* (**Alice Rodman**, **Lisa Roberts**, **Tom Reedy**, and **Jim Bienemann**).

**Zydeco workshop and dance** – Friday, January 16, 9:00 pm - midnight. *Dikki Du and the Zydeco Crew*. Free workshop 8:00 pm. At the Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College. \$10 / \$8 BFMS. For info, call 410-552-1004.

**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.

**BFMS house concert** featuring **Ed Trickett**, on Saturday, January 24, at 8:00 pm in Catonsville, MD. Admission is \$6.00 for members of BFMS and affiliated groups, \$8.00 for non-members. Telephone reservations are appreciated. Please bring a beverage or snack to share at the break.

**Swing Baltimore Dances****Saturdays, January 10 & 24, 9:00 pm - Midnight**

At the Avalon Studio, 624 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD. For info, call 410-377-7410. Dances: \$10 / \$8 members.

1/10 *The Big 4 Combo*, featuring **Big Joe Maher**. Free intro swing workshop 8 - 9 pm.

1/24 *Jazz Caravan*. Intro Boogie Woogie workshop 7:45 - 9 pm with **Christer** and **Ann Isberg**. Workshop and Dance package \$24/\$20 members.

**Southern Maryland Traditional Music & Dance Monthly Contra Dance** **Saturday, January 17, 8:00 pm**

At the Margaret Brent Middle School, Route 5, Helen, MD. Dance to the music of the *Goosebone Prophets* with caller **DeLaura Padovan**. Free beginners' workshop at 7:30 pm. N/P N/E. \$6. For more info, call 301-769-3840.

**Crab Contras - Mid-Winter Dance****Saturday, January 24, 8:00 pm**

At Cross Court Athletic Club in Easton, MD. **Ann Fallon** calling and music will be provided by **Steve Hickman** on fiddle and **Liz Donaldson** on piano. Admission is \$7. For info, call Jane - 410-745-2655 or Renee - 410-820-8789 or [contras@wesell.com](mailto:contras@wesell.com).

**Annapolis Traditional Dance Society****Saturdays, January 3 & 13, 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. \$6/members & affiliates; \$8/others. For info, call the ATDS hotline at 410-544-9505.

Jan 3 Contra dance; caller **Laura Brown**, with **Laura Lengnick** leading the *ATDS Open Band*.

Jan 13 X-Rated (Experts - short or no walkthroughs) contra dance -- *Swallowtail*.

**333 Coffeehouse, Annapolis****Friday, January 16, 8:00 pm**

At the Unitarian Church, 333 Du Bois Rd., off Bestgate (Exit 24). **Suzanne Michel** and *Y'All!* \$6.00, Students & Seniors \$5.00 (proceeds go to charitable causes). Food available. For info, call 410-266-8044 (Leslie) or 410-647-4275 (Max).

**Frederick (MMFAC) Contra Dance****Saturday, January 24, 8:00 pm**

**Kate Charles** will call contras and squares to the tunes of *Martin's Flight* (**Alexander Mitchell** on fiddle, **Marc Glickman** on piano, and **Ralph Gordon** on bass). At the Adult Recreation Center at Bentz and Second Streets in Frederick, MD. Beginners' workshop starts at 7 pm. Admission is \$4 for MMFAC members, and \$6 for everyone else.

**Baltimore's Open Band Rehearsal****Thursday, January 8, 8:00 - 10:00 pm**

At Eileen Franch's, 607 E. 34th Street 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.

**Appalachian Bluegrass Winter Workshops** - 8 weeks of multiple workshops to develop your instrumental and vocal skills. Workshops begin the week of Jan 12. Cost is appx \$100. Workshops include Applied Fretboard Logic, Creative Flatpicking, Nothing But The Blues, Beyond Chord Diagrams, Lablature and Songwriting with Andrew Lawrence; More Lap Dulcimer with Christina Muir; For Singers, Explore Harmony with Hot Soup, Mandolin with Akira Otsuka; Beginning Guitar, Not Quite Beginning Guitar, and Blues Harmonica with Doug Potts. For info and registration, call 410-744-1144.

## VIRGINIA

### Bluemont Old-time Country Dances

**Saturday, January 17, 8:00 pm**

At the Old Bluemont School Community Center, off VA route 7. **Howard Bass** calling with music by the *Mighty Possums*. Call 703-777-6306 or e-mail [bluemontes@aol.com](mailto:bluemontes@aol.com) for info and directions.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Shepherdstown Music and Dance - Dances

**Saturdays, January 3 & 31, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Shepherdstown Men's Club Building, corner of German & King Sts. Soft-soled shoes required! Admission \$6 / members \$4.50. For more info call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

- 1/3 Contra dance with **Howard Bass** calling to the music of *Taylor Among the Devils* (**Marty Taylor, Jonathan Jensen, Steve Hickman**). A free beginner's workshop will be held at 7:15 pm.
- 1/31 Swing Dance to the music of the *Rusty Mason Quartet* with **Rusty Mason, Ralph Gordon, Steve Jones, and Herb Drake**.

### Shepherdstown Music and Dance - Concert

**Saturday, January 10, 8:00 pm**

*Thirteen Strings from Scandinavia* concert features **Andrea Hoag** on fiddle and **Loretta Kelley** on Hardanger fiddle. At the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, corner of Washington & King Sts. Admission is \$10 for members & seniors, \$12 non-members, and \$6.00 for children. Call 304-263-2531 for concert info.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### York Folk Dance Association

**Friday, January 2, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Red Lion Grange, Rt. 24 & Lombard St., Red Lion, PA. Beginners' workshop 7:30. **Ann Fallon** calls to the music of the *Contra Rebels*. Beginners' workshop at 6:30 pm. \$6.00. For info, 717-845-2897 or [www.w4c.com/dance/york](http://www.w4c.com/dance/york) or e-mail [sdenise@umabnet.ab.umd.edu](mailto:sdenise@umabnet.ab.umd.edu)

## F A R A W A Y

**Dance in the Caribbean! - February 18 - 25.** Tropical Dance Vacation. Contrabands 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 [gmarshall@tiac.net](mailto:gmarshall@tiac.net).

**A Longsword Sampler - February 20-22** at John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC with **Tony Barrand**, music by **Margaret Dale Barrand** (accordion & pipe-and-tabor). All experience levels welcome. Workshop weekend will introduce participants to a variety of midwinter longsword dancing customs. Special sessions will be held on the songs, the plays, and the making of "locks" and videos of many dances will be shown. Tuition \$75. Room and board packages available. For further info, call 1-800-365-5724 or e-mail to: [jccfs@grove.net](mailto:jccfs@grove.net). See our web pages [www.grove.net/~jccfs/](http://www.grove.net/~jccfs/).

### NEW RELEASES BY LOCAL ARTISTS

FSGW member & long-time Glen Echo Festival participant **Reed Martin** has released a cassette entitled *Old Time Banjo*. Cost is \$10. To order, call Reed at 301-229-3482 or send \$10 to Reed Martin, 6431 79<sup>th</sup> St., Cabin John, MD 20818.

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