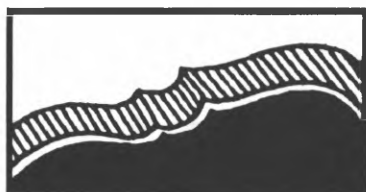


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NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EVENT

The Copper Family

Saturday, February 7, 8:00 pm

At the Washington Ethical Society (NW, DC)

Admission \$15 / \$12 (FSGW members)

From rural Sussex England, Bob, John, Jill and Jon share their wonderful living-tradition with their family stories and rich harmonies. Keepers of a body of song and a style of harmony singing that has become immensely popular in Britain and America, The Copper Family brings us over 400 years of family singing tradition. (Continued on page 4)

PROGRAM

Simple Gifts

Saturday, February 21, 8:00 pm

At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring (4 blocks outside the beltway on New Hampshire Ave. in Silver Spring).

Admission is \$10 but is FREE to FSGW members.

This trio of outstanding, eclectic instrumentalists provide a delightful variety of lively tunes from around the world. Linda Littleton plays violin, recorder and hammered dulcimer. Rachel Hall plays English concertina and piano. Karen Hirshon plays violin, mandolin, banjolin, guitar, spoons and tambourine. (Continued on page 5)

TWO HOUSE CONCERTS

Paul Sutphin on Saturday February 14 and Judy Cook on Saturday, February 28. Details on page 5.

The Minifest is Here!

Eastern Middle School

Saturday, January 31st, 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 and Craig DeBose on guitar and piano, 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 6 & 7 for more details and schedule of events.

Glen Echo Park needs your support - please read the info on page 4 and come to the meeting on Feb. 3

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.

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

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.

The following is reprinted from the Country Dance & Song Society News (Jan-Feb 1998).
The author wishes to remain anonymous.

"...Each dance takes on a life of its own - a personality, a spirit. Mistakes get made, feathers get ruffled, but it all gets ironed out. And that's how it should be ... I got upset about a little incident at last night's dance. A dear friend of mine, great dancer, has just finished a dance. Actually she hasn't been dancing for a while due to her one year old. Exhilarated and happy, she turned from the dance floor only to be confronted by a man who said, "You really screwed up that dance for everyone." She was dumbfounded and hurt and left the dance shortly thereafter.

"I think that fellow has missed the point. It is true that even the best dancers can get turned around, whether through play or confusion. It doesn't matter. We are a dance community. We have not gathered here, or anywhere, to prove our prowess. We have gathered to dance - and to do that with others. I have watched shy, clumsy beginners become wonderful and happy parts of the dance community. And I am sure you have seen people whose lives have been profoundly changed by contra dancing and its wonderful *welcoming* community of dancers.

"Let us *always* welcome newcomers. Let us *always* share our understanding and warmth - even when mistakes are made. And as you and I grow gray, and our knees hurt and we are a bit slower, let's hope the younger dancers will see us as part of the same dance community - that they, too, will share their tolerance and friendliness - that they will smile warmly and point us in the right direction when we get turned around. And that this sharing tradition will go on and on. Meanwhile, let's keep the spirit of dance alive by giving our thanks and sharing our love for one another through dance."

THE SCHEDULE

- Feb 1 Baltimorean Robbin Schaeffer calls to the music of *Martin's Flight*. The band includes Alexander Mitchell on fiddle, Marc Glickman on piano & Ralph Gordon on bass.
- Feb 8 Bev Smith, guitarist with *Big Hoedown*, is also a fine caller. Playing for her, and us, are local fiddler Elke Baker & Zan McLeod on guitar.

- Feb 15 Baltimore-area dancer **Steve Gester** calls, with music by the popular Charlottesville trio, *Adam's Housecat*: **Bo Bradham** on fiddle, **Craig DuBose** on keyboard, guitar & piano, and a mystery guest on bass.
- Feb 22 Once again Baltimore supplies the caller; tonight it is **Susan Denise**, accompanied by *Some Assembly*: **Paul Miller** on guitar, **Mary Carlotta Flora** on flute & **Donna Boylan** on piano.
- Mar 1 **Nancy Mamlin** calls, music by the *Wabash Cannibals*.
- Mar 8 Caller **Tom Hinds** is joined by members of his recent calling class, music by the *White Cockade*.
- Mar 15 We return to Glen Echo with **George Marshall & Wild Asparagus**.
- Mar 22 **Beth Molaro** calls, music by **Jimmy Triplett & the Raincrows**.
- Mar 29 **Peter Amidon** calls, music by *Popcorn Behavior*.

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 fine 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 p.m. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Cost: members \$5, non-members \$6.

- Feb 4 **Brad Sayler** calls to the music of **Susan Brandt** on flute, **Liz Donaldson** on piano, and **Ken Wright** on cello.
- Feb 11 **Rich Galloway** and **Norm Bernhardt** pair up to call to the music of **Elke Baker** on fiddle, **Liz Donaldson** on piano, and **Sue Richards** on harp.
- Feb 18 **Mary Kay Friday** calls, accompanied by **Barbara Heitz** on flute, **Jeff Steinberg** on fiddle, and **Dave Wiesler** on piano.
- Feb 25 **Diane Schmit** calls to music by **Becky Ross** on fiddle, **Liz Donaldson** on piano, and **Hope Stanton** on concertina.

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 Broseus, IDoATexist.com {AT=@}.

ATTENTION FRIENDS OF GLEN ECHO PARK

The fate of Glen Echo Park, including the Spanish Ballroom, is in jeopardy. The first step in the process of determining its fate will be a public scoping meeting held February 3. **THE PARK AND THE BALLROOM NEED YOUR HELP!** Please, we need all dancers and other friends of the park to show up and demonstrate public support for the continued use of the Ballroom as it is now. Show the Park Service you care about our favorite place to dance, and home of the Washington Folk Festival!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 7:00 pm *

CLARA BARTON RECREATION CENTER, 7425 MACARTHUR BLVD.

(Across the one-lane bridge from Glen Echo Park - on the right: less than a mile north of the ballroom)

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call the Park Service at 703-285-1924; tell them you wanted to come to the meeting but were unable to, and ask to be put on the Park Service's mailing list to be apprised of developments (this is different from the list that is being compiled at the ballroom).

* please note - time has been changed from the originally scheduled 6:00 pm

NOMINATIONS TO THE FSGW BOARD

Each spring the Folklore Society elects new Board members, who serve as committee chairs as well as making policy decisions for the Society. It's a big commitment of time and energy to sit on the Board, but the rewards can also be great. If you feel you are in a position to give something back to the ongoing, all-volunteer efforts of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington by running for office, or if you would just like more information, please call Carly Gewirz at 703-631-9655 or Dean Clamons at 202-767-2732.

The Copper Family, our February Special Event

Bob Copper, now 82, is the clan elder and recorded with his cousin **Ron Copper** in the 1950's. They appeared extensively on BBC radio for many years and Bob has collected a wonderful body of song from England's south coast in addition to the family tradition. Bob's children, **Jill** and **John**, and Jill's husband **Jon Dudley** carry on the singing tradition with style and grace and a deep love of the old songs. **The Coppers** have been a strong influence during the revival of traditional singing since the middle of this century.

The parish records in Rottingdean Church document **The Copper Family** to 1593 in the same Sussex England village where they still live, work, and sing. In the early days working folk were largely self-sufficient. Entertainment was all homespun, whether it was round the cottage hearth or in the tap-room of the inn on a Saturday night. A songster was welcome in any company for there was nothing like a song to cheer flagging spirits. Through the generations, **The Coppers** have had a reputation locally for singing and it was upon this more than anything else that their fame rested. Their love of the songs was handed down in turn from generation to generation.

Come share a delightful evening with this wonderful family. The Washington Ethical Society is at 7750 16th St. NW (5 blocks south of the Silver Spring Metro). Admission is \$15, \$12 for FSGW members.

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Simple Gifts - our February Program**(continued from page 1)**

Linda brings her love for the music of her Jewish and Eastern European ancestors, Rachel brings memories of her travels in Scandinavia and Ireland, and Karen contributes her joy in old-time American music. Although they treat each style of music with respect, you won't find the usual arrangements here. It is obvious that *Simple Gifts* is a band that enjoys exploring new musical territory.

Linda Littleton can barely remember a time before she played violin. Rachel Hall grew up in a musical family and began playing piano for Cincinnati's contra dance when she was in junior high school. Karen Hirshon is largely a self-taught musician. She was a founding member of, and toured nationally with, the bluegrass band *Whetstone Run*.

Simple Gifts will also present a **workshop on Making a Band Work** on Saturday afternoon. Learn the tricks and skills of making good music with other musicians. The workshop is for all levels of musicians interested in playing music with other musicians. The workshop will deal with issues of arranging music and performing. They will talk some at the beginning, then divide people into groups where they work out a tune together as a band. (Who knows, we may form some fun bands that will keep going). The workshop is \$30/\$25 (FSGW members). Attendance is limited. The workshop will be at the home of Judy and Dennis Cook in Laurel, MD. Call them at 301-776-4314 for further information.

HOUSE CONCERTS**Paul Sutphin****Saturday, February 14, 8:00 pm**

Featuring "Round Peak" Old Time songs and tunes by North Carolina Folk Heritage Award Winner, Paul Sutphin, accompanied by Paul Brown and Terri McMurray.

Paul Sutphin is a singer and guitar player from the Piedmont area of North Carolina who has been playing and singing traditional string band music from his childhood. Now 79, he is in his prime as a musician and singer. In addition, he is renowned as a primary force in developing the "Round Peak" style of old time music, having started both the *Camp Creek Boys* and the *Smoky Valley Boys*, among others. Many of his versions of old time songs, have become the standard among old time bands. In addition, he developed his own unique style of guitar picking for song accompaniment and string band backup.

Paul will be joined by Paul Brown (on fiddle and vocals) and Terri McMurray (banjo and vocals) of Toast, North Carolina, fine singers and musicians in their own right. Paul and Terri are well known as hosts and teachers at festivals and music camps throughout the United States.

This concert will be at the home of Lars and Becky Hanslin, Chevy Chase, MD Call 301 654-4317 for directions. Admission is \$6 for FSGW members and \$8 for non-members.

Judy Cook**Saturday, February 28, 8:00 pm**

Judy Cook brings a powerful voice, a great unaccompanied style and a deep respect for tradition to her performances of a huge repertoire of (mostly) American songs and ballads.

Born in Virginia, the third of four children, Judy grew up with singing from both parents. Coming of age in the folk boom of the late 1960's and early 1970's, Judy began researching the background of the songs she loved and found many new and wonderful sources of traditional music. Judy began performing professionally in the early 1990's and is well respected on both sides of the Atlantic as a singer and propagator of the old songs.

Judy's singing is marked by a command of narrative that pulls the audience in to really understand what the song is about. Her style and presentation are a credit to the sources.

Come hear Judy in the comfort of Ursy & Carter's living room in McLean, VA. Call Carter or Ursy at 703-821-1373 for directions. Admission is \$6 for FSGW members and \$8 for non-members.

The 1998 Minifest is Here !

Eastern Middle School, Silver Spring, MD

Saturday, January 31st, Noon - 10:30 pm

To get there: from 495 (Washington Beltway) take exit 29 (University Blvd.) East toward Langly Park, and turn left at first light (Franklin); from Metro (red line), take Silver Spring exit, then Ride-On Bus #14 to Eastern Middle School. (Bus #14 departs Metro at :01 and :31 past every hour -- Last bus leaves Silver Spring Metro 6:01 pm; last bus leaves Eastern Middle School 6:38 pm). Festival cost is \$15 for full day, maximum. Members get discount, kids are less than half price. (See last month's Newsletter for price schedule). If you cannot take in the whole festival, a half-day ticket will get you into just the afternoon or just the evening, but you'll probably want to do it all! IF IT SNOWS: CALL 202-244-9161 to find out if the *MiniFest* is postponed.

This year's *MiniFest* gets off to a great start at noon with the *Toho Koto Society*, three great mini-concerts, a "Too Much Too Soon" swap on songs of Excess, and a Sacred Harp sing. This is just the beginning. Schedule inside (still awaiting a few confirmations at press time) gives most activity details from noon until 6:00 pm for the two dance rooms, two participatory workshop rooms, two showcase rooms, jam room, and rooms for the international program and for kids.

(PARENTS NOTE: for nap-time in kids' room you may wish to bring nap mats, blankets, teddies, etc. for your toddlers.) There will also be some hands-on crafts demonstrations, and food, and House of Musical Traditions in the cafeteria throughout the afternoon.

In the evening is the evening dance with **Tom Hinds** calling to the tunes of **Elke Baker** (fiddle) and **Craig DuBose** (guitar and piano), and there is the TRIPLE BILL evening concert featuring *Hot Soup* (**Sue Trainor**, **Sue Ribaud**, and **Christina Muir**), **John Jackson**, and the Andean music of *Mystic Warriors*.

This year's *MiniFest* brings back many old favorites, such as performers **Ed Trickett**, **Tom McHenry**, and **Andy Wallace**, to name but a few, and time honored workshops such as Sacred Harp, Gospel, Sea Songs and Ballads. This year we also present some new *MiniFest* performers such as **Marge Bunday**, **Gail Snider**, **Gwilym Davies**, and **Jan Wuester** and some new groups composed of old and new friends, as well as some fresh workshop ideas, such as the opening and closing pair of song-swaps in room 601, the biography in song on Woodie Guthrie, Napoleonic Songs led by Jennifer Woods, and story and song swap about *What Went Wrong at the Wedding*. This year's crafts will have hands-on and demonstrations, with Origami, Grow-Your-Own Shiitake Mushrooms, the Northern Virginia Carvers, and others.



John Jackson

There's sure to be something for everyone. See you there!



1998 FSGW MiniFestival Draft Schedule

NOTE: Subject to Change Without Notice!!

Time	812 Kids	703-5 Dance 1	707-9 Dance 2	811 Jams	608 Showcases	815 Showcases	601 Participatory	807 Participatory	607 International	Cafeteria
12:00 PM	Hot Soup for Kids Sue Trainor Sue Ribaud Christina Muir	Open Waltz caller: Liz Donaldson music: Elke Baker	Clogging caller: Tom Hinds music: Chris Romaine et al	C& W and Honky-Tonk Jam leader: Nan Goland	Ed Trickett mini-concert	George Stephens & Mary LaMarca mini-concert	Too Much, Too Soon: Songs of Excess leader: Lisa Null	Sacred Harp Sing leader: TBA	Toho Koto Society	
12:15 PM										
12:30 PM										
12:45 PM					Andy Wallace	David Diamond	Chorus Songs Swap			
1:00 PM	Invitational Story Telling Part 1	Waltz Workshop	Community Dance caller: Laura Brown music: Chris Romaine et al	Old Timey Jam leader: Joel Bailes	mini-concert	mini-concert	leader: TBA	Napoleonic Songs Swap leader: Jennifer Woods	Stories of Japan and Elsewhere	
1:15 PM										
1:30 PM	Songs, Stories and Instruments	Elke Baker and Liz Donaldson			Angelita Porcella mini-concert	Tom McHenry mini-concert		English Songs Just for Laughs	Celtic	
1:45 PM										
2:00 PM	Noelie Angevine	English Country caller: Mary K. Friday music: Liz Donaldson et al.	Cajun callers: Mike Hart & Sharon Schiliro music: Squeeze Bayou	Scandinavian Jam leader: Ellen Jacobs	TBA	TBA	"What Went Wrong at the Wedding"	Song Swap	Slaveya: mini concert of music from Eastern Europe	FOOD AND CRAFTS
2:15 PM										
2:30 PM	Songs & Signs									
2:45 PM	Libby McKnight									
3:00 PM	Nap Time (Bring Your Own Comfies)	Scandinavian callers: Linda Brooks & Ross Schipper music: TBA	Swing Workshop callers: Ken Haltenhoff & Donna Barker music: TBA	Jug Band Jam leader: Dick & Lois Parks, et al	Women of Whimsey mini-concert	Elke Baker mini-concert	Sea Songs Swap leader: Tom McHenry		Carribean & Mexican Music Pat Chen et al	THROUGH THE AFTERNOON
3:15 PM										
3:30 PM										
3:45 PM					Judy Cook	Banjo Styles Demonstration Scott McKnight et al				
4:00 PM	Songs for Babies Ella Wilcox & Miriam Kilmer	Macedonian caller: Larry Weiner music: Luk na Glavata	Tango caller: Steve Gester music: Wendy Morrison & Ellen Jacobs	Blues Jam leader: TBA	mini-concert			TBA	German Hour Peter Sailer et al	
4:15 PM										
4:30 PM	Train Songs Marje Bunday				Ironweed mini-concert	Concertina Tutorial: (Care & Feeding) Don Nichols		Gospels Song Swap leader: Nancy King		
4:45 PM										
5:00 PM	Invitational Story Telling Part 2	Armenian caller: Jamie Platt music: Karpouzi	Contra Dance caller: TBA music: Wendy Morrison et al	Open Jam					Mystic Warriors: Andean Music Concert	
5:15 PM										
5:30 PM										
5:45 PM					English & American Versions of Songs Gwilym Davies et al	Woody Guthrie Biograpy in Song Dick Rodgers et al	Too Little, Too Late: (Songs of Missed Opportunities & Other regrets.) Leader TBA			

7:30 CONCERT- TRIPLE BILL: HOT SOUP!, JOHN JACKSON, & MYSTIC WARRIORS

7:30 DANCE: TOM HINDS CALLING, MUSIC BY ELKE BAKER ET AL

MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY EVENTS

Open Sing

Friday, February 6, 8:30 pm

Come to the home of Lisa Null and Charlie Baum in Silver Spring. The topic is "Hello, I Must Be Going." Songs of greeting and/or parting. We usually go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat-sheets often appear. Everyone is welcome. The open sings have a loose topic to encourage us to learn new songs or put the polish back on some old ones. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on the topic, come join in the fun anyway.

Storyswap

Sunday, February 8, 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners meet in the home of Alan Centa in Takoma Park. Call 301-270-3916 for directions and rsvps.

Gospel Sing

Sunday, February 8, 4:00 pm

The monthly Gospel Sing will be at the home of Bill and Bonnie Grimm in Glenmont, MD near Aspen Hill. Call them at 301 942-9342 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

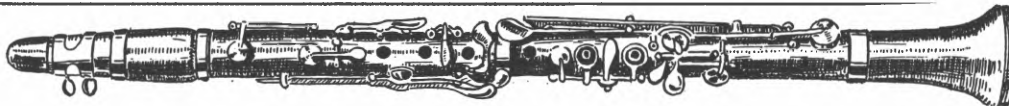
Sunday, February 22, 4:00 pm

Location undetermined by press time. Please call the FSGW Hotline at 202-546-2228 and press 42 for current information and directions to the February Sacred Harp singing.

Board Meeting

Monday, February 2, 8:00 pm

The February 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

"The Blues Is a Feelin'": African Traditions in America

Saturday, February 28, 7:30 pm

At Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Tickets: \$21 (\$16 for FSGW members), \$9.50 children & full time students w/ID. (includes admission to a workshop on improvisation from 10 - 11:30 am and a storytelling performance for children ages 8-12 from 2 - 3 pm). Call 301-403-4240 Mon-Fri 10 am - 4 pm.

Community Concert & Dance Program at the Glen Echo Town Hall

Sunday, February 8

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

Judy Cook leads a songfest for the whole family, then plays for the dance along with her husband, Dennis. Susan Taylor, from Baltimore, calls traditional American dances.

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.

International Folk Dancing**Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm**

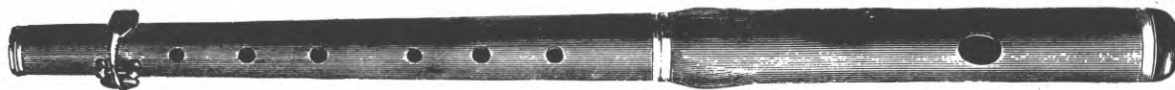
The Foggy Bottom Folkdancers meet in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 23rd St., NW, between G & H Streets – one block from Foggy Bottom Metro, parking available. Air conditioned room with good dance floor. Beginner / intermediate classes 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Request dancing 9:00 - 10:45 pm. N/E, N/P. 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 February events.

SKI-DANCE WEEKEND 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. It features 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 weekend is 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.

AROUND TOWN**Pete Seeger - at the National Press Club in downtown DC****Tuesday, February 10, 12:30 pm**

Folk legend **Pete Seeger** is the guest speaker at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW. Pete will speak his mind on "The Race Between Laughter and Disaster" and answer questions. Also, he has agreed to sing a song or two. Price \$27.50 (includes lunch). Some tickets are still available. For info, call Dan Freedman at 202-943-9239.

**LOCAL VENUES & EVENTS****Institute of Musical Traditions – February 1998 Concerts****Monday Nights at 8:00 pm**

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, Feb 2 **Karen Ashbrook, Steve Schneider** with special guest **Paul Oorts** (\$10 adv. / \$12 door).

Mon, Feb 9 *Fortaleza: Music of the Andes* (\$10 advance, \$12 door).

Sat, Feb 14 **John Jennings**, special guests **Carol Elizabeth Jones** and **James Leva** (\$12/15).

Mon, Feb 16 **Dave Van Ronk**, special guest **Sparky Rucker** (\$10 / \$12).

Mon, Feb 23 **Anne Hills** (\$10 / \$12)

Benefit concert for House of Ruth Battered Women's Shelter**Saturday, February 7, 8:00 pm**

At Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Celtic music by *Ceoltoiri* (**Connie McKenna**, vocals & guitar; **Karen Ashbrook**, hammered dulcimer, flute & whistles; guest harper & pianist **Carol Rose Duane**) and *Connemara* (**Grace Griffith**, vocals & guitar; **Cathy Palmer**, fiddle; **Jody Marshall**, hammered dulcimer & piano). \$12 suggested donation. For info, call Karen at 301-588-2820.

Concert at White Flint Mall, Rockville Pike, in Bethesda **Sunday, February 8, 7:30 pm**

Artisan, British a capella trio performs contemporary folk music with tight vocal harmonies in the tradition of the King's Singers, at Imagination Stage. Tickets \$12/advance, \$15 at performance. For info, call Frank Philpot at 301-897-5695.

Shirlington Artists Guild Coffeehouse **Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 pm**

At 4024 So. 28th St., Arlington, VA (in the Village at Shirlington, 5 doors from the Carlyle Grand Café). Singer-songwriter **Mary Boyd Brown** performs original folk, blues & rock. \$12 (includes dessert & coffee). Reservations, 703-379-6666.

Del Ray Coffeehouse **Saturday, February 14, 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. Music for romance: *Marcus & Lisa - Bridges to Bliss*. Admission \$7.00. Coffee, sodas, homemade brownies & muffins for sale. For info, call 703-549-4848 (9:30 am - 1:30 pm).

Grace Metz Jr, High School - Manassas, VA **Saturday, February 14, 6:30 pm**

Featuring **Cliff Waldron** and the *New Shade of Grass*, **Bill Emerson** and **Mark Newton** and the *New Group*, **Pixie Christie** from WAMU radio, and *High Noon*. \$15.00. For info, call 703-367-0633.

Caffé Florian Coffeehouse **Saturday, February 14, 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>.

Hungarian Folk Music **Sunday, February 22, 7:00 pm**

Hungarian legends **Fodor Sándor (Neti)**, **Kalman Balogh**, and the *Ökrös Ensemble*, at Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW. Tickets: Resident Associates \$13; Gen. Admission \$17; Students \$8. For info or tickets, call 202-357-3030.

Bethesda Acoustic House Concerts **Sunday, February 22, 7:30 pm**

At 5207 King Charles Way, Bethesda, MD. Monthly series featuring acoustic singer/songwriters. **Les Sampou** performs contemporary folk music with a country/blues flavor. Refreshments provided. Suggested donation \$10. For reservations and info, call 301/897-5695.

Panzer House Concerts **Sunday, February 22, 7:00 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 \$9. **Anne Hills** with **Shane Jackman** opening.

Music and dance from Appalachia **Saturday, February 28, 8:00 pm**

Crossroads Dance Project and *Footworks* (who recently opened for *Riverdance* in London) perform clogging, stepdancing with a fresh exciting style, and they interpret the intense and rhythmic melodies of our American Highlands. Live music will be provided. Reception following the performance, with light refreshments! \$15. Tickets at the door or in advance by e-mail at dmf@sysnet.net or call 202-363-9798.

Coffeehouse at Good Counsel **Saturday, February 28, 8:30 pm**

At Good Counsel High School, 11601 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD. Benefit for Good Counsel Bands, featuring *Acoustic Breeze*, *Shifflett & Ellinghaus*, and *Sheepshead Bay*. Admission \$5. For info, call 301-680-8669 evenings.

Marley Station **Fridays, February 6 & 20, 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.

Voices in the Glen - Storytelling in the Washington Area **February events**

Many events in February for all both adults, teens, and children. Call Margaret Chatham at 703-698-5456 for information.

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 vary. Tues. shows feature a variety of contemporary acoustic musicians and singer-songwriters. Wed. shows feature Irish and other Celtic performers. Thurs. is Bluegrass night.

Vic's Music Corner - for new acoustic and singer/songwriters. It specializes in presenting lesser known performers, highly regarded by folk aficionados, who are becoming national touring acts.

Wed, 2/25 8:00 pm **Cliff Eberhardt, with Leslie Tucker** opening. \$10.

Fri, 2/27 8:30 pm **Lisa Moscatiello** performs with her band (**Rico Petruccelli and Dave Chappell**). \$8.

St. Elmo's Coffee Pub - live acoustic music **Every Friday & Saturday night, 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 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 2nd Tuesdays. **Les Sampou** 2/24. \$9 (\$8/members). Info: 703-437-7766 or 703-318-0768. Smoke-free.

Six Degrees Showcase **Tuesdays, 8:00 pm**

At the Courtyard Concert Café at 6108 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA. Admission is \$5. For info or reservations, call 703-533-2828. **Lisa Moscatiello** hosts.

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. For info, call 410-531-5350.

Feb 5 **Kate McDonnell and Kevin Connelly.** Feb 19 **Shane Jackman and Susan Graham White.**

Feb 12 **Randy Barrett Trio.** Feb 26 **Judith Kate Friedman with Dana Robinson.**

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, banjo and jam nights. 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 **Mon thru Thurs, 8:00 pm; Fri & Sat, 9:00 pm; Sun, 7:30 pm**

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

Leaf Through Used Book Store and Gathering Place **February 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.

Sun, Feb 1, 2 pm, Poetry reading, **Joe Zitt**, from his book *Shekhinah, The Presence with Comma*, vocal quartet.

Sun, Feb 8, 2 pm, Musical Performance, **Janet Saadian**, Acoustic Singer/songwriter.

Sun, Feb 15, 2 pm, Musical Performance, **Michelle Swan**, Urban Acoustic, vocal and guitar.

Thurs, Feb 19, 7 pm, Artists of Word and Music Series, open mike evening held the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Thurs, Feb 26, 7:30 pm, Old Fashioned Hootenany, sing/play along with musicians of *Michael's Boat*.

Birchmere **February Events**

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

2/11 - **Bela Fleck** and the *Flecktones* (\$22.50); 2/21 - *BR5-49* (\$16.50); 2/24 - *Gonzo's Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie*; 2/26 - **Doc Watson** (\$25); 2/28 - **Cheryl Wheeler** (\$17.50)

Footlights, a modern drama discussion group **Thursday, February 19, 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

Come join us to discuss plays from the modern American theater! In February we will discuss Mary Coyle Chase's Pulitzer Prize winning play *Harvey* (1944). At North China Restaurant, 7814 Old Georgetown Rd. (at Cordell Ave), Bethesda, MD (301-656-7922). Free admission. For 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 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.

Feb 6 *Mighty Possums* with **Bill Wellington** calling.

13 Open band with **Laura Brown** calling.

20 *Klezmos* with **Andy Kane** calling.

27 *Mando Mafia* / caller TBA

Mar 6 *Wabash Cannibals* with **Nancy Mamlin** calling.



CDSS Northern Virginia Dance Group – English Country Dance

February events

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St., Herndon, VA.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:45 pm. English Country Dance and Workshop, figures, phrasing, and style taught. Live music.

Guest musicians welcome - call Howard. N/P, N/E. \$3. For info, call Howard or Pat at 703-471-0629.

3rd Saturdays, 8 pm. English Country Dance. Calling by **Barbara Harding**. Recorded music. All are welcome. N/P, N/E, free admission. For more info, call Barbara at 703-437-3615.

Cajun Dance with Squeeze Bayou

Friday, February 6, 7:30 - 10:00 pm

At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Alexandria, VA. Workshop at 7:00 pm. \$8 admission. For info, call 703-922-5383.

Arminius Social Club Fasching (Mardi Gras - Carnival) Dance Saturday, February 7, 8:30 pm - 12:30 am

At the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5417 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. Admission \$14 Club members / \$16 non-members includes dance, beer, soft drinks, coffee, food platter. The *Edelweiss Band* plays dance music. For info, call Gerhard Meinzer at 301-559-1944 or Joan Stoneberger at 410-635-2435.

Reston Contra Dance

Saturday, February 7, 8:00 - 10:45 pm

Greg Frock calls with the *June Apple Band*. Dance \$5. Beginners workshop 7 pm, \$1. At the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Hunters Woods shopping center, Reston. From 495: toll road (267 W) to exit 12, Reston Pkwy; left on Pkwy ½ mile to 3rd light: left on Glade Dr., go one block & turn left on Colts Neck, then immediate right into center for parking during construction. Follow signs to walk to Community Center. Info: Alice Markham, 703-709-9121.

Scandinavian Dance

Saturday, February 7, 8:15 - 10:45 pm

At Rosemary Hills Elementary School, in the all-purpose room at the west end of the school, 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.

Hungarian Folk Dance & Music - *Tisza Ensemble*

Saturday, February 7, 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. For info, call Richard Morrison at 301-946-5867.

Special afternoon Waltz Ball at the beautiful Forest Glen Ballroom Sunday, February 8, 2:30 - 6:00 pm
 Music by *Alexander Mitchell & Friends*. Dance sponsored by the Linden Civic Assoc. as a benefit for the Save Our Seminary organization. Intro waltz instruction from 2:30 to 3 pm, followed by waltzing from 3 to 6 pm. Cost is \$10/person (\$8 for LCA residents). Ballroom located at the Walter Reed Annex, National Park Seminary, Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD. Dancers are encouraged to dress up for this occasion and to bring refreshments to share. There will be opportunities for everyone to compose letters of support for the preservation of this beautiful ballroom and the other historic buildings on the Seminary grounds. If you would like to volunteer your services for this event (we need word processors, set-up crew, cleanup crew, etc.), call Donna Barker at 703-978-0375. For info about the Seminary, maps and directions, please visit the S.O.S. website at <http://www.operant.com/Seminary>

Zydeco Dance Saturday, February 14, 9:00 pm - Midnight
 At the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park, MD. Marti Gras party - *Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas*. Costumes encouraged. Cost is \$10. Beginners' workshop from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. For info, call 301-309-0895.

Sunday Afternoon Waltz at Glen Echo Park Sunday, February 15, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Dance to the band *Waltz du Jour*. Introductory waltz workshop at 3:30 pm, followed by 2 hours of social dancing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cost is \$5 per person. The Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. (intersection of Goldsboro Rd. and MacArthur Blvd.) in Glen Echo, MD. For more info, call Donna Barker at 703-978-0375 or visit our web site at <http://www.erols.com/swing4me>.

Swing Dance Saturday, February 21, 9:00 - Midnight
 At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo. The great boogie-woogie sounds of *Daryl Davis Band*. 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).

Saengerbund Annual German Mardi Gras Masquerade Bail Saturday, February 21, 7:00 pm - 1:00 am
 At the Kena Temple's Elegant Ballroom, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA. Admission \$20 per person in advance/ \$25 per person at the door. Two great bands - *The Innersound Latin Band* and the *Nord Bayern Blitz*. German specialties - dinner, deli & desserts available. For tickets or info, call Anna Kolb at 301-652-8360 or Linda Martz at 703-406-3076.

Swing Dance Saturday, February 28, 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.

Alpine Dancers Sundays, February 8 & 22, 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. Web site: <http://www.geocities.com/Vienna/Strasse/1945/alpine.html>

English Country Dances Saturday, February 14 & 28, 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.

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.

Israeli Dances**Wednesdays, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD. Instruction from 8 - 9:15. Oldies on 1st and 3rd Wed, newer dances on 2nd & 4th Wed. Recorded music. \$4. 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.

**LATE "LOCAL VENUES" SUBMISSION****Celtic Concerts at the Old Brogue****Sunday Evening Concerts**

At Snuggery, at the intersection of Walker Road and Route 193 in Great Falls, VA. The concerts offer two sittings each evening, 5 - 6:30 pm and 7 - 8:30 pm. Admission is \$9 for each concert. A season ticket for all 6 dates is \$42. Info & Reservations - 703-759-3309. Feb 1: *Celtic Thunder*; Feb 8: *Maggie Sansone & Bonnie Rideout*; Feb 15: *IONA*; Feb 22: *Tony Cuffe* on harp, tin whistle and guitar; Mar 1: *Elke Baker*; Mar 8: *Any Puirt in a Storm*.

CLASSES

Band Aid – Ensemble Playing Workshop

Sunday, February 22, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Area pianist Liz Donaldson will lead this session which will lean towards tunes in 3/4 time, Waltzes, Hambos, Minuets. All instruments welcome. Cost \$15. To register or find out more, contact Liz at 301-986-1291 or liz@us.net.

DANCE CLASSES: Instructors: Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff. N/P, recorded music. For further info, including maps and directions, please visit our web site at <http://www.erols.com/swing4me> or call Donna at 703-978-0375.

Monday Nights, Maryland Youth Ballet, 2nd Floor, 7702 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. Feb. 2 - 23: 7 - 8 pm = Experienced Swing; 8 - 9 pm = Experienced Waltz; 9 - 10 pm = Experienced Lindy. Classes are \$40/person for each 4-week series. Register at first class.

Jitterbug/East Coast Swing Dance - every Wednesday night, Vienna's Grille, 146 Maple Ave., East, Route 123, Vienna, VA. Come to the workshops and dance (taught by Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff) or just the dancing from 8:45 to 11 pm. 7:15 - 8:00 pm = Beginners Welcome - 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 Sponsored by PSDC. \$10/night for workshop(s) & 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 thru 4/11. Beginning 10:00 am, EXP 11:00 am. Classroom 8, John 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 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.

Scandinavian Folk Dance Basics: Hambo, Schottis, Snoa (Pivot), waltz, and others. Tuesdays, Feb 21 - Mar 31 at 8:00 pm. Recorded music. N/P. \$5 donation. Meadowbrook Community Center, in Rock Creek Park, off East-West Hwy. At Meadowbrook Drive (past the stables). For info, call Frank or Elaine at 301-588-8745.

Traditional Clogging including some Irish: Classes underway at Wakefield Recreation Center, Beltway and Braddock in Virginia, Thursdays at 8:30 pm. \$7 per class, taught by Jim Maxwell and other Patchwork dancers. We also have classes for children and adults at other times. For info on performances or classes please call, Jim Maxwell at 703 503 9260 or James_Maxwell@ed.gov.

Baroque Dance (17th / 18th C.) Classes, taught by Cheryl Stafford. Tuesday nights, 8:30-9:45 pm, taped music. At Ballet 106 in Gaithersburg, MD. N/P, N/E. \$15/class. For info and directions, call Cheryl at 301-330-0072.

Hammered Dulcimer Workshop with Steve Schneider. He will teach a hands-on workshop on enhancing musicality and exploring getting a greater range of expression, awareness and enjoyment out of playing. Sat 1/31: 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Advanced Beginner Level Workshop. At 7425 Buffalo Ave., Takoma Park, MD. Cost-\$20/advance, \$25 at the door. To register or for info, call Karen Ashbrook 301-588-2820. Sun 2/1: 1:30 - 5:30 pm. Intermediate Level Workshop. At 3124 Jerman Lane, Oakton, VA. Cost \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. For info or registration, call Norm Taylor at 703-242-1131.

Telemark Workshop. Saturday February 7 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 7005 Piney Branch Rd., DC. (almost in Takoma Park). Olav Sem and Inger Karin Zettergren teaching Telespringar/Telegangar. Alf Tveit teaching hardingfele and accompanying dancing. Loretta Kelley assisting. Workshops from 10:00 am -12:30 pm, 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Evening party at 8:00 pm. Bring dance shoes. Cost \$35 for entire day, if preregistered, \$40 at the door. For more info, contact Annamarie Pluhar, 301-589-6813 or apluhar@tvp.org or Loretta, 301-270-4925 or lakelley@attmail.com.

Contra Dance Workshop, Saturday, March 7, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. At Charlie Pilzer's in Takoma Park, MD. Members of *The White Cockade* will teach band dynamics, arrangements, tune choices, dealing with callers, and style. Pre-registration urged (so presenters know participants' interest and experience level) but not required. \$15 (payable at workshop). Contact Alice Markham, 703-709-9121, or e-mail Cal Howard at caldance@gis.net.

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 pm.

Feb 4 Caller: **Andy Kane**; Band: *Martin's Flight*: **Alexander Mitchell, Ralph Gordon, Marc Glickman.**

Feb 11 Caller: **Ann Fallon**; Band: *Baltimore's Open Band*. New Dancers' Workshop at 7:30.

Feb 18 Caller: **Robbin Schaffer**; Band: *C# Refugees*: **Carl Friedman, Kathy Talvitie, Robin Kynoch, Pete Soloway.**

Feb 25 Caller: **Susan Denise**, Band: *Taylor Among the Devils*: **Steve Hickman, Marty Taylor, and Jonathan Jensen.**

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

Feb 9 Caller: **Rich Galloway**; Music: **Susan Brandt, Liz Donaldson, Robbin Schaffer.**

Feb 16 Caller: **Diane Schmit**; Music: **Jonathan Jensen, Colleen Spence.**

Beginner's Workshop at 7:15 (included in price of admission)

Feb 23 Caller: **Mary Kay Friday**; Music: **Marty Taylor, Carl Friedman, Francine Krasowska.**

2nd Saturday Contra Dance Series. Valentine's Day Extravaganza, Feb. 14. For info, call 410-561-4573.

Waltz workshop 7:00 - 8:00 pm, dance 8:00 - 11:00 pm. **Robbin Schaffer** calling to the music of the *Fiddlestyx*. At St. Mark's On the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore (just inside the Baltimore beltway - I-695 - at exit 20 South). Admission: Workshop \$2, dance \$6 for BFMS and St. Mark's members, \$8 for non-members.

A Mardi Gras Party, Friday, February 20, with **Geno Delafosse** and the *French Rockin' Boogie*. For info, call 410-552-1004. Free Dance Workshop at 8:00 pm, dancing 9:00 pm to midnight. At The Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College (CCC). Admission: \$10 general public, \$8 BFMS members and CCC faculty/staff, \$4 CCC students.

BFMS house concert featuring **Christina Muir** on Saturday, February 28 at 8:00 pm at the home of Nancy Mears, Towson, MD. Call Nancy at 410-296-4564 for directions and to let her know you're coming. \$8 for members of BFMS and affiliated organizations, \$10 for non-members. The concert will be followed by a singing party, so bring a song or two (or just listen or sing along). Please bring a beverage or snack to share.

Swing Baltimore Dances**Saturdays, February 14 & 28, 9:00 pm - Midnight**

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

Jan 14 *Rick Serfas and the Soul Providers.*

Free intro swing workshop 8 - 9 pm.

Jan 28 *Jimmy and the Blue Dogs.***Southern Maryland Traditional Music & Dance Monthly Contra Dance** **Saturday, February 21, 8:00 pm**At the Margaret Brent Middle School, Route 5, Helen, MD. Dance to the music of the *Bushwood Mill Band* with caller **Elgin Perry**. Free beginners' workshop at 7:30 pm. N/P, N/E. \$6. For more info, call 301-769-3840.**Annapolis Traditional Dance Society****Saturdays, February 7 & 14, 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.

Feb 7 Contra dance; callers **Alan Gedance & Ann Fallon**, with music by **Elke Baker & Friends**Feb 14 Valentine's SWING DANCE! *Hula Monsters* and *Flying Feet* teaching!**333 Coffeehouse, Annapolis****Friday, February 20, 8:00 pm**At the Unitarian Church, 333 Du Bois Road, off Bestgate (Exit 24). Folksingers **Don Conoscenti** and **Dave Crossland**.Cameos by **Lana Puckett** and **Kim Person**, **Lew Cronin**, **Alan Williams** and **Margaret Koach** are scheduled. \$6 / students & seniors \$5 (proceeds go to charitable causes). Food available. For info, call Max at 410-647-4275.**St. John's College in Annapolis****Sunday, February 22, 7:00 pm**In the Great Hall. Baritone **Larry Edward Vote** and pianist **Brian Ganz** will perform Schubert's *Winterreise*. Pre-concert discussion with the musicians and WBJC's Jonathan Palevsky will begin at 6 pm. Candlelight reception with wine and desserts follows the performance. Tickets are \$15; for students and seniors, \$12. Call 410-626-2881.**Frederick (MMFAC) Contra Dance****Saturday, February 28, 8:00 pm****Ann Fallon** will call mostly contras to the tunes of Charm City's *Maggie Brown's Favorites* (**Carl Friedman** on fiddle, **Ralph Barthine** on guitar, **Joe Balkoski** on piano, accordion, recorder, and percussion, and **Mark Vidor** on piano and accordion). 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****Sunday, February 8, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

At Lloyd Lachow's, 7A Deer Cross Court in Reisterstown. Music available if you'd rather play alone, but we'd love to meet you and learn your favorite tunes. Pot luck following. For more info, call Susan at 410-254-1730.

VIRGINIA

Bluemont Old-time Country Dances**Saturday, February 21, 8:00 pm**At the Old Bluemont School Community Center, off VA route 7. **Andy Kane** calling with music by *Roustabout*. Call 703-777-6306 or e-mail bluemontes@aol.com for info and directions.

WEST VIRGINIA

Shepherdstown Music and Dance – Dances**Saturday, February 7, 6:30 pm**

20th Anniversary Gala Celebration. At the Shepherdstown Men's Club Building, corner of German & King Sts. Soft-soled shoes required! Admission \$6 / SMD members \$4.50. For more info, call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

Come and help celebrate the start of 20 years of contra dancing in Shepherdstown at this gala dance with **Robbin Shaffer** calling to music by *The Mighty Possums*. An hour of waltzing will start at 6:30 pm, followed by the contra dance at 8 pm. There will be no beginner's workshop. Following the dance, a special candlelight dessert will be served. A silent auction of elegant wares and services will be held. The special admission for this festive evening will be \$10 for SMD members, \$12 for non-members, and \$6 for dancers 25 years old and under. Festive attire is encouraged.

PENNSYLVANIA

York Folk Dance Association – Contra Dance

Friday, February 6, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

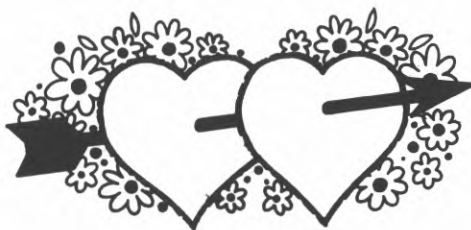
At the Red Lion Grange, Rt. 24 & Lombard St., Red Lion, PA. Beginners' workshop 7:30 pm. **Susan Denise** calls to the music of *Some Assembly*. \$6. For info, call 717-845-2897 or www.w4c.com/dance/york or e-mail sdenise@umabnet.ab.umd.edu

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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. See our web pages www.grove.net/~jccfs/.

NY Pinewoods Education Festival - March 28-29. Staff includes: **Peter Kennedy**, **Andy Wallace** (Folklore sessions), **Andy Cohen**, **Jeff Davis**, **Bruce Mulsky**, **Lorraine Lee Hammond**, **Patrick Ourceau** (instrumental workshops), **Jerry Epstein**, **Ellen Weiss** (vocal), **Tom Gibney** (Gospel), **Jack Langstaff** (program for teachers), **Henry and Betsy Chapin** (family program). Register now. Space is limited, and some workshops may close early. For more info, call Jerry at 718-429-3437 or visit the Pinewoods web page at <http://users.aol.com/nypinewood/club.html>.

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