Noted Vermont balladeer Margaret MacArthur will be making a rare Washington area appearance at a special house concert at the 18th century home of Sondra and Andy Wallace in Largo, MD just minutes from the beltway.

Margaret, with a huge and varied repertoire, is one of New England’s cultural treasures. She was designated as such by the New England Arts Biennial Commission in 1985, one of only seven to receive this honor. She spent most of her childhood in the Ozarks of Missouri, where she became interested in traditional music. She began collecting songs there, and in Western Kentucky, before moving to Vermont in 1948. For the past 50 years Margaret has combed the Green Mountain State for stories and songs, amassing a remarkable store of material. She also sings songs of Arizona, where she lives and performs during the winter.

Margaret sings unaccompanied, in the old Vermont style, as well as accompanying herself on guitar, dulcimer, and the harp-zither, an old instrument she has revived, and which is aptly called the “MacArthur Harp”.

She has toured extensively, carrying the rich legacy of Anglo-American folk songs to all parts of the country as well as Canada and Great Britain, and has about a dozen recordings to her credit. In the words of Washington Post critic Mike Joyce, “She’s a champion of simpler times and rural places as well as a collector of heartfelt poems and curious tales...but whatever their source or subject matter, MacArthur imbues them with warmth and tunefulness.”

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear a wonderful singer in a special setting. Admission is $7 for FSGW members and $10 for non-members. For directions or further information, call Andy or Sondra Wallace at 301.324.7311.
FSGW Sunday Night Contra Dance
Sundays • 7:30 to 10:30pm

In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, MD on MacArthur Boulevard at Goldsboro Road. Called dances include a mix of traditional American contras and squares with live music by excellent bands. Experienced and new dancers are welcome, and no partner is needed. New dancers should come early, since dances become more challenging later in the evening. Admission: $8, $6.00 for FSGW members and affiliated groups (BFMS, CDSS, ATDS). The dancing can be quite aerobic and the Ballroom is not heated, so please dress accordingly.

November
29 Beth Molaro with Mighty Possums

December
6 Denise Lair with Laura Light (fiddle), Paul Rosen (mando) and Tom Hinds (piano)
13 Robbin Schaffer with David Wiesler (piano), Mary Lea (fiddle), Paul Oorts (mandolin) and Ralph Gordon (bass)
20 Chris Bischoff with Swing on a Dime (Alexander Mitchell, Wendy Morrison, David Wiesler, Ralph Gordon)
27 Bev Smith with Folk Remedy (Elke Baker, Liz Donaldson, and Ken Wright)

New Year's Eve Contra Ball at Leland Community Center see page 7 of this Newsletter.

January
3 Bree Kalb with the Elftones (from NC)
10 George Marshall and Tim van Egmond with Swallowtail
17 Ann Fallon with Some Assembly
24 Tithonia

FSGW English Country Dance
Glen Echo Town Hall, MD
Wednesdays • 8 to 10:30pm

Come to 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 wooden 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. Cost: members $5, non-members $6. Open to dancers of all experience levels. From the Beltway, take either the (Clara Barton Parkway) from VA or the Cabin John Expressway (from MD) toward Glen Echo. Take the Glen Echo exit to MacArthur Blvd. Turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Two blocks past the small shopping center, turn left onto Harvard Ave. Info: Norm Bernhardt at 301.320.2469, Rich Galloway at 301.589.0939 or Roger Broseus at english@fswg.org.

NEW! Free lessons, Basics of English Country Dance, the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 sharp.

December
2 Caller: Brad Sayler with David Arnold (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina).
9 Caller: Diane Schmit with Liz Donaldson (piano), Barbara Heitz (flute), and Becky Ross (fiddle). Free lesson by Liz Donaldson at 7:30 sharp.
16 Special guest artist, Mary Lea, fiddler par excellence, will join Ralph Gordon (bass fiddle) and Dave Wiesler (piano). Mary Lea is an internationally recognized musician who plays with the premier band, Bare Necessities. Our own Mary Kay Friday will be calling.
23 Caller: Rich Galloway with Susan Brandt (flute), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Jeff Steinberg (fiddle).
30 Caller: Baltimore’s Dawn Culbertson with Liz Donaldson (piano), Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), and Colleen Spence (flute).
31 New Year’s Eve Dance at historic Adelphi Mill. See page 8 of this Newsletter.

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FSGW Open Sing
Friday December 4 • 8:30pm
This month’s open sing will be held at the home of Jean Austin in Gaithersburg, MD. Jean will lead the topic “Celebrations.” Everyone gets an opportunity to contribute songs on the topic, or you may just come and listen. There is a short break for refreshments, and singing usually last until around midnight. Info/directions: Jean, 301.948.2458.

FSGW Board Meeting
Monday December 7 • 8pm
The FSGW board meetings are held at the Glen Echo Park Ranger Station. All FSGW members are welcome to attend. If you have any issues for the board to consider, please contact the appropriate board member or our president, Carly Gerwiz at 703.631.9655.

FSGW Gospel Sing
Sunday December 13 • 4pm
Gospel sings are held every second Sunday at various homes. The singing usually starts at 4:00 and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6:00 with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome!
This month’s Gospel Sing will be at the home of Debby Churchman in Arlington, VA. Directions: Debby, 703.532.2696.

FSGW Storyswap
Saturday December 19 • 7:30pm
Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Nancy and Bill Fauth in Germantown, MD. Free, open to tellers and listeners. Bring something for pot luck snack. RSVP/Direc-
tions: 301.963.4054.

FSGW Sacred Harp
New Year’s Day Singing
Friday January 1 • 3pm
At Rock Spring Congregational Church, Arlington, VA. This annual 4-hour singing begins earlier than usual. There will be a potluck supper at the adjacent Neighborhood House at 6pm and more singing after supper. Please bring a contribution (money and/or nonperishable food) for the church’s aid to the needy of Arlington. From Washington, take I-66 West to the Glebe Rd. (Rt. 120) exit, turn right onto Glebe, & go North 1.3 mile to Old Dominion Drive (see below). From Fairfax, take I-66 East to the Fairfax Dr./Glebe Rd. exit. Turn left at the 2nd traffic light onto Glebe, & go N 1.7 mile to Old Dom-
inion. Bear left onto Old Dominion Dr. (Rt. 309, the 1st sign-
al after Lee Hwy.). Go 2 blocks, then turn left at the signal onto Rock Spring Rd. Go 1 long block to the church at 5010 Little Falls Rd., at the corner of Rock Spring & Little Falls. Info: 202.543.3539.

Institute of Musical Traditions Concert Series
Monday December 7 • 8pm
IMT schedule/order tickets: 301.270.4847 or order by mailing check to IMT, PO Box 3580, Silver Spring, MD 20918, or stop by the House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD. Discount of $2 for FSGW members, students, seniors and members of groups of 5 or more. All shows begin at 8pm.

December
6 13th Annual Holiday Family Concert with Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer and special guest Tom Paxton. See separate listing in this section.
7 Ariane Lydon (formerly of Passages) with Jem Moore. Advance $10, $12 at door. Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, at 3215 Powder Mill Rd., Adelphi, MD. Beltway exit 28A onto New Hampshire Ave., right at second light onto Powder Mill Rd. Bear left at Riggs Road to stay on Powder Mill and continue about 1/2 mile. Church will be on right.
14 Tom Prasado-Rao $10/$12. Paint Branch Unitarian (see directions above)
21 A Solstice Concert in the Celtic and Scandinavian traditions featuring Grey Larsen and Danny Noveck, Ceoltoirí and Andrea Hoag, $14/$16. Olney Theatre. From beltway take Connecticut Ave 8 miles, bear left onto Georgia Ave. In 5 miles take right onto Rte 108 (Sandy Spring Road). Theater on your left in 1.5 miles.

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon
Tuesdays • 7:30pm
At the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA. Open mike with a 3-song/12 minute limit. $1 donation. Member showcase 2nd Tuesdays. Smoke-free. Info/advance tickets: 703.437.7766 or 703.318.0768.
Dec 22 Holiday party. Free!

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Table with names and contact information.

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Local Events (continued)

Marley Station

Tuesday December 1 • noon

Family Friday at Noon at Center Court in the Mall, 7900 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD. Free. Info: 410.766.2033.

An American Christmas Revels

December 4-6 & 11-13


IONA Celtic Music

December

4 House Concert of Celtic Christmas music in conjunction with the annual juried craft show at Hidden Springs Farm, 438 Riverbend Rd., Great Falls, VA. $7. Info: 703.759.2440. 7pm.
19 John Addison Concert Hall, 10701 Livingstone Road, Ft. Washington, MD. $10 (Students & Seniors $8) 301.292.8331. 8pm.
30 A seasonal concert at 3601 Sully Rd (Rte 28), Chantilly, VA. Admission $6 ($4 Seniors, $3 Children) includes Mansion tour and refreshments. 703.437.1794. 2 pm & 3 pm.

Slaveya at the Kennedy Center

Friday December 4 • 6 to 6:45pm


DuMont Music Circle First & third Friday • 8pm

For 15 years informal Dupont Music Circle has been meeting twice a month to sing and play English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Quebeccois, American, and other traditional music just for fun. It’s on the first Friday in DC and on the third Friday in Arlington. Call to confirm. Confirm/directions: Liz at 703.658.0957.

Where? House Concerts

Saturday December 5 • 8pm

Where? House Concerts presents informal, intimate folk music in a living room setting in Silver Spring, MD, near the Forest Glen Metro. Admission is $12, reservations required. Tickets include light refreshments. Doors open at 7:30. Info/directions/reservations: 301.588.5314 or jkkaplan@erols.com.

BandAid Workshop

Sunday December 6 • 1 to 5pm

This ensemble playing workshop will be led by area pianist Liz Donaldson. It will focus on playing by ear, improvising without fear, and rhythm licks. All instruments welcome. Cost $15. Info/registration: Liz Donaldson at 301.986.1291 or liz@us.net.

Glen Echo Park Update

(This item appears monthly in order to provide FSGW members with a quick and easy way to stay current on the status of the National Park Service (NPS) plans for Glen Echo Park)

- The battle to ensure that the programs and structures at Glen Echo Park are preserved is still on. Maryland Governor Glendening, who pledged $6.3 million in matching state funds for Glen Echo Park renovations has been re-elected, but the NPS preferred scenario, the details of which will be available later this winter, may well be a combination of plans that may not be in line with the Montgomery County Working Group and many Park supporters vision.
- If you want to let key decision-makers know how strongly you feel about the Park and the Ballroom, write Interior Department Secretary Bruce Babbitt, NPS Director Robert Stanton, and/or your congressional representatives. You might want to let them know that the NPS has a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of significant county and state funding by submitting a line item in the FY2000 federal budget of $3.3 million for Glen Echo Park. You might also want to let them know you want the Spanish Ballroom used primarily for social dance.
- You can help the National Campaign to Save Glen Echo Park by volunteering to help with fund raising, database management, event planning or other NCSGEP efforts.
- To find out more or discuss your ideas, join National Campaign to Save Glen Echo Park (NCSGEP) supporters at their next meeting and potluck. Watch this space in the January Newsletter for the date and time or call 301.320.TALK.

Thanks to the NCSGEP for providing the information for this update.

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Local Events (continued)

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer with Tom Paxton

Sunday December 6 • 3pm

Presented by Community Music and the Institute of Musical Traditions, this year's Holiday Family Concert will feature Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer with special guests Tom Paxton and the University Park Elementary School Choir, Betty Scott Director. At Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Mill Rd., Kensington, MD (From beltway 495 take Connecticut Ave, Kensington exit. After 3rd light, veer right onto University Blvd, first left on Newport Mill Rd, school on right.) Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Snow date is Dec 8. Info/order tickets: 301.270.4847. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for the "Marvelous Toy Drive" if you can.

Vic's Music Corner

Wednesday December 9 • 8pm

Vic's Music Corner is a venue especially for new acoustic and singer/songwriters who are highly regarded by folk aficionados. It meets at O'Brien’s Barbecue, 387 E Gude Drive, Rockville. Shows are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month at 8pm. $10. Advance reservations are encouraged. Info/reservations: Vic at 301.881.4685 or victor@heymanmail.com.

December 9 Erica Wheeler, a native of Chevy Chase. Erica is an excellent songwriter and a lively performer. Opening will be Not By Chance, a male duo from Fredericksburg VA. They write songs with social content and superb harmonies.

Bulgarian Dance Performances

Thursday December 10

Ivan Dimitrov Dance Ensemble will perform at the World Bank H Street auditorium on December 10 at 7:30pm and at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage December 13th at 6pm. Info: 301.404.4826.

Folger Consort Christmas Concert

Friday December 18 • 8:00
Saturday December 19 • 7:30
Sunday December 20 • 3:00 and 7:30

The Folger Consort presents concerts for Christmas this year exploring the sounds of 16th-century Spain and 17th-century South and Central America in Navidad! A New World Christmas. This concert will mark the return of critically acclaimed vocal sextet The Western Wind. The Consort is also joined by instrumentalists James Bolyard, Ryan Brown, Michael Collver, and Webb Wiggins. $20-$28. Info/tickets: 202.544.7077.

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27th Annual FSGW Mini Fest

January 30th, 1999

The 27th Annual FSGW Mini Fest
Saturday January 30 • noon to 11pm
It's that time of year again! We will be at Eastern Middle School again this year. It's on University Boulevard just inside the Beltway. The Mini Fest runs from 12 noon to 6 pm with workshops of all kinds (kids, storytelling, song, instrumental, dance, etc.) has a dinner break from 6-7:30 pm and resumes with a concert and a dance!

Volunteers • Performers • Crafts Persons WANTED!
If you are interested in performing at the Mini Fest, want to display your crafts, or are willing to volunteer to help in some way in setting up, running the Festival during the day, or cleaning up at the end of the day, please call (or e-mail) Mini Fest Chairs

Jennifer Woods, 301.587.7174 (knitpick@aol.com)
or Carl Mintz 202.543.4999.

Dates in 1999

January Program, Georgia Sea Island Singers
Saturday, January 16th, WES Auditorium

27th Annual FSGW Mini Fest
Saturday, January 30th • Eastern Middle School, Silver Spring, Maryland

House Concert: Phil Cooper & Margaret Nelson
Thursday, March 18th location TBA

Chesapeake Dance Weekend
April 16-18 • Camp Letts, Edgewater, Maryland

10th Annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Convention
April 23-25, • VA & DC

Pub Night: Chris Timson & Anne Gregson
Tuesday, May 18 Location TBA

Concert: Roustabout
Saturday, May 22, location TBA

22nd Annual Washington Folk Festival
June 5 & 6 • Glen Echo Park, Maryland
Local Dances

Special policy for dance submissions:
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 telephone numbers!

FSGW Sunday night contra dances
Sundays • 7:30 to 10:30pm
See page 2 for details.

FSGW English Country Dances
Wednesdays • 8 to 10:30pm
See page 2 for details.

FSGW English New Year’s Eve Gala
Thursday December 31
6:30pm to 12:45am
Dig out the finery, think champagne, and usher in the New Year at a Gala English Dance called by Brad Sayler with music by Andrea Hoag, Carol Compton, and Susan Brandt. Decorating at 6:30, potluck supper at 7:30, potluck dessert at 10:30 with a champagne toast at midnight. Brad will call mostly English Country dances, with some waltzes and couple dances. At historic Adelphi Mill. Registration is limited and must be made in advance (see flyer on page 7 or send a stamped self-addressed envelope and check payable to FSGW ($20/members, $22/non-members) to Bob Farrall, 7613 Fountainebleau Drive, Suite 2112, New Carrollton, MD 20784.) Info: Karla or Bob at 301.577.5018.

FSGW New Year’s Eve Contra Dance
Thursday December 31 • 8pm to mid
Have a great time this New Year’s Eve. Dance to Tom Hinds calling an elegant evening of contra and squares with Aleander Mitchell, Wendy Morrison, Marc Glickman, and Paul Oortz. At Leland Center in Bethesda, MD. $16, $20 non-members. See flyer/registration form on page 8. Info: Jamie, 301.320.7099

Foggy Bottom International Folk Dancing
First, second and third Thursday • 7:30 to 10:45pm
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 is available. Air conditioned room with good dance floor. Beginner/intermediate classes 7:30-9 pm. Request dancing 9-10:45pm. No experience or partner needed. Mostly taped music. Occasional parties and workshops. Admission: $4. Info: Jamie at 301.320.7099.

Friday Night Contra Dances at Glen Echo
Fridays • 8:30pm
The Friday Night Dancers and the National Park Service sponsor contra dances (with occasional squares) at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MacArthur Blvd at Goldsboro. Admission is $5 unless otherwise noted. Beginner classes start at 7:30pm. For more information, or if you would like to play or call for a Friday Night Dance, contact Betsy Platt, 301.320.7099 or bplatt@access.digex.com.

December
4 Beth Molaro with Dance du Jour
11 Open band / Open Mike Night
18 Mary Lea, Dave Wiesler, Steve Hickman, Ralph Gordon
25 Merry Christmas - no dance

January
1 Laurie Fisher with Hotpoint String Band

English Country Dancing
Second and fourth • 8:15 to 10:45pm
Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Caller: Barbara Harding with Peasods Gathering. $5. Beginners and singles welcome. Info: Carl Minkus 301.493.6281 or Karla Farrall 301.577.5018.

Klezmer Club
Sundays December 6 & 20 • 6:45-9:15pm
Join Machaya Klezmer Band for klezmer music and dancing including instruction at the Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Ave. (across from Saks Fifth Avenue). Info/reservations: Eroll at Julian’s Restaurant, 301.951.0001.

Arlington International Folk Dancing
Tuesdays • 7:30 to 9:30pm
Key School, 1601 Wilson Blvd. (between Roslyn & Courthouse Metros), Arlington, VA. $3. Recorded music. Instruction, walk-throughs and requests. Singles welcome and all ages or levels of expertise. Info: 540.659.3993 or 703.527.8998 sstulberg@earthlink.net.

Taylor Made Squares Dancing Club
Tuesdays • 8 to 9:30pm
Betsy Taylor calls squares to recorded music at the Long Branch Community Center on Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring.
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington

Special New Year's Eve Dance

8 pm - Midnight

December 31, 1998

Leland Center, Bethesda, MD

(Directions sent with registration confirmation)

An elegant evening of contra & squares.

Tom Hinds calling to the music of Alexander Mitchell on fiddle & mandolin, Wendy Morrison on concertina & flute, Marc Glickman of piano, & Paul Oortz on mandolin

Registration: $20.00 General Public
$16.00 FSGW Members

Festive attire or hatwear is welcome, but not necessary!
There will be finger foods to eat and champagne at midnight!

Advance registration ONLY! • NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!
This event always fills early, so register soon!

For further information call the FSGW Hotline: 202-546-2228
(or Jamie Platt at 301-320-7099)

NOTE: FSGW Members will receive priority in registration through December 1st

FSGW New Year's Dance Registration

To assure your place be sure to include a self-addressed AND stamped envelope with this registration form!

Name: ___________________________ Gender □ F □ M Name(s) as you want them on buttons □ Yes □ No

Address: _________________________ State _________ Zip: ________________

Phone: (h) _____ (w) ____________ FSGW Members $16.00

E-mail: ____________________________ Non-members $20.00

Please list additional names & addresses on the back.

Amount enclosed: $_________.

Please make checks out to FSGW

Send form to: FSGW New Year's Dance

% Carl Mintz, 704 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003-1344
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**Gala**

**New Year's Eve Dance**

Thursday, December 31st, 1998
6:30 pm to 12:45 am
at Historic Adelphi Mill

with Brad Saylor
calling English Country Dances,
Waltzes & Couple Dances

and music by
Rural Felicity
Andrea Hoag, Carol Compton & Susan Brandt

* Decorating & Set-up 6:30
* Potluck Supper 7:30
* Dancing 8:30 to 12:45
* Dessert 10:30
* Midnight Toast

Advanced Registration Necessary
Space Limited - Genders Balanced

For information or to offer help call:
Karla or Bob Farrall 301-577-5018

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please reserve _____ places at FSGW's Gala New Year's Eve Dance for:

Name(s)__________________________________________

Address__________________________________________

Day Phone_____________________________Evening Phone__________________________

Enclosed find a check payable to FSGW for $_____

I (need) (can offer) hospitality for _________ people.

FSGW Members $20.00 each
Guests $22.00 each

Send this registration form, your check (payable to FSGW), and a stamped, self-addressed, long business envelope for directions to:

FSGW New Year's Eve Dance c/o Karla & Bob Farrall
7613 Fountainbleau Drive, Suite 2112
New Carrollton, Maryland 20784

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Dance Events (continued)

ence or partner necessary. Info: 301.589.4868.

Israeli Dancing  Wednesday • 8 to 11 pm

At the Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD. Instruction 8-9:15. Oldies on first and third Wednesdays, newer dances second and fourth. Recorded music. $4. Info: Ben Hole, 301.441.8213.

Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers  Thursday • 7:30 to 9:30 pm

At the Chevy Chase Elementary School, 4015 Rosemary (off Connecticut Ave., one block from Bradley Blvd.). Instruction and walk-throughs until 8:30. All levels welcome. Admission $1. Recorded music. Info: Roland Forbes, 301.572.4215 or Anna Pappas, 301.340.8723.

Foggy Bottom Morris Men  Thursday • 8 to 10 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 E. Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD. No experience necessary, but some minimal physical conditioning and some sense of rhythm would be helpful. Info: Bill Brown 301.270.2014 or Jud McIntire 703.528.0588.

Mount Vernon International Folk Dancing  Thursday • 8 to 10 pm

Dance in the meeting hall of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA. Instruction, walk-throughs, requests. No experience or partner needed. Admission $2.50. Recorded music. Info: 703.780.2393 or kkkrogh@ix.netcom.com.

Squeeze Bayou Cajun Dance  Friday December 4 • 7:30 to 10 pm

First Friday Cajun Dance, Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 Chambliss St., Arlington, VA. Workshop at 7pm. Admission $8. Info: 703.757.0211.

Norwegian Dance Workshop  December 4-6

A weekend of workshops and dance parties. Karin Brennesvik and Tom Lovli, National Champion Dancers will teach telespringar and numedal gangar with Loretta Kelley and Paul Morrisett accompanying. At locations in Greenbelt, Takoma Park, and Silver Spring MD. Workshops $10, Parties lnewman@his.com.

Greenbelt International Folk Dancing  First, third and fourth Friday • 9 to 11 pm

International Folk Dancing at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Recorded music, unless otherwise noted. Teaching at 8. No partner or experience necessary. Wooden dance floor. Admission $5.00. Info: Larry Weiner at 301.565.0539.

Scandinavian Dancing  Saturday December 5 • 8:15 to 10:45 pm


Arminius Social Club St. Nick’s Dance  Saturday December 5 • 8:30 pm to 12:30 am

Dance to the Edelweiss Band. Admission $14 ($16 non-members) includes beer, soft drinks, coffee, food platter. Knights of Columbus Hall, 5417 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. Info: Gerhard Meinzer; 301.559.1944 or Joan Stoneberger, 410.635.2435.

Sunday Afternoon Waltz  Sunday December 6 • 3:30 to 6 pm

Social dancing (mostly waltzes, of course) at Glen Echo Park (at the intersection of Goldsboro Rd. and MacArthur Blvd in Glen Echo, MD.) with live music and an introductory class at 3:00pm. All levels are welcome to attend. Admission $5. Info: Donna Barker at 703.978.0375, or www.erols.com/ swing4me.

Bands for December

Blue Bamboo 20 Waltz on a Dime (optional “dress-up” holiday dance)

Bethesda International Folk Dancing  First, third and fourth Monday • 7:15 to 10 pm

Dance on the wood floor of the Leland Community Recreation Center social hall, 4301 Willow Lane, Bethesda, MD (on holidays, classes move to Knights of Columbus Hall, 5417 West Cedar Lane). No partner necessary. Mostly recorded but occasionally live music. Admission $5 per class. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond at 301.871.8788.

7:15-8 Beginners
8-10 Intermediate/Advanced
Dance Events (continued)

Note: Dec 21 class will be held at the Knights of Columbus.

Bluemont Morris  Mondays • 7 to 8:30pm
A group of men and women who do traditional Morris dances in the spring and fall. The group is fun and the dancing is addictive and great exercise. Practice in Reston, VA. If you would like to join, call Laura 703.845.8536.

English Country Dance (CDSS)
Tuesday December 8 • 7:45pm
At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St. Herndon, VA. Workshop includes figures, phrasing, and style. Music by Pat Wexelblat (recorder) and Jeff Steinberg (fiddle). No partner or experience necessary. Admission $3. Info: Barbara Harding at 703.437.3615.

Folk Dancing at the Swiss Embassy
Second and fourth Wednesday • 7:30 to 10pm
Swiss folk dancing to recorded music on the wooden floor at the Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Avenue NW, DC. Sponsored by the Swiss Folklore Group, admission is free. Beginners are welcome. Info: Fran Walters at 301.530.5643.

Hungarian Folk Dancing
Saturday December 12 • 7:30 to 10:30pm
Tisza Ensemble dance party for adults and kids. Teaching of basic steps in circles throughout the evening. Live music by Maros & Tanchaz! Ensembles as well as recorded music. Bring dance shoes. Admission $5. Info: Sylvia Balazs, 301-441-4659, tisza@gmx.net or www.magyar.org/folklor/tisza/.

English Country Dance Christmas Party
Saturday December 12 • 8:15 to 10:45pm
Dance under candlelight at Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Caller: Barbara Harding with Peascods Gathering. $5. Beginners and singles welcome. Info: Carl Minkus 301.493.6281 or Karla Farrall 301.577.5018.

Ceili Dancing
Saturday December 12 • 8pm to mid

Reston Contra Dance
Saturday December 12 • 8 to 10:45pm
Denise Lair calls with the June Apple Band. Dance $5. Beginners workshop 7 pm, $1. Info: Alice Markham, 703.709.9121.

Alpine Dancers
Sunday December 13 • 4 to 6:30pm

Chanukah Soul Concert and Dance Party
Sunday December 13 • 7:30pm
Jewish Soul singer Neshama Carlebach of Toronto Canada, and her NY band will join David Shneyer and members of the Fabrangen Fiddlers in celebrating the first night of Chanukah. Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda MD. A party and folk dancing will follow the concert. Admission: $18, $15 for seniors, $10 for students. Reservations recommended. Info: 301.309.2310.

Bethesda International Folk Dance Holiday Party
Monday December 14 • 7:30 to 11:30pm
Join us for our annual holiday party at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. There will be a pinata for children under nine and music by Peascods Gathering (international folk dance) and Machaya (klezmer). There will be teaching and folk dance costumes are encouraged. Admission $7 (free for children under 9). Bring your favorite dish to share. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301.871.8788.

Zyedco Dance with Creole Zydeco Farmers
Monday December 14 • 9pm to midnight
Dance Events (continued)

Admission $10. Info: 301.309.0895.

Scandinavian Couple Dancing
Saturday December 19 • 8pm

Holiday Party! All live music. Featured fiddlers are Andrea Hoag (Swedish fiddle) and Loretta Kelley (Norwegian), with the Scandia DC Spelmannslag beginning the evening with a set of gammaldans tunes (waltz, schottis, polka, etc.). Short talk throughs of the dances will be provided. Scandia DC sponsors this dance at Greenbelt Community Center (dance studio), 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. Bring finger food to share and wear a costume if you can. Cost $7. Info: Linda www.erols.com/s526/.

English Country Dance (CDSS)
Saturday December 19 • 8pm

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St. Herndon, VA. Caller: Barbara Harding with recorded music. No experience or partner necessary. Free. Info: Barbara Harding at 703.437.3615.

Classes

Class listings may be submitted by FSGW members ONLY.

Scottish Country Dancing Classes

Scottish Country Dancing Classes. Learn to enjoy this form of social dancing related to English and Contra:

- Mondays, 8:15pm ~ NIH Aerobics and Dance Center. Directions: 301.942.2831.
- Tuesdays, 8:00pm ~ Greenbelt Community Center. Directions: 301.589.3045
- Wednesdays, 8:00pm ~ Durant Center, Alexandria. Directions: 703.329.9118.

$3/lesson. Recorded music is used and no partner is required. Wear soft-soled shoes. General info/other locations: Jim McCullough, 202.234.6840 or jmcullo@erols.com.

Swing and Lindy Dance Classes 7 to 11pm

Dance classes and open dancing with Flying Feet Enterprises. Each 4-week class is $36. Register at first class. Or just come for open dancing with a DJ after the lessons from 9 to 11:30. Recorded music. No partner required. Info: Ellen Engle or Marc Shepanek at 301.299.8728, flyfeet@erols.com, or www.erols.com/flyfeet.

Dance classes with Ken & Donna

Dance classes with Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff. No partner required. Recorded music used for classes. No partner necessary.


Registration: Barb Lebenberg, 703.591.8166.

- 7-8pm Advanced swing
- 8-8:30pm Open dancing
- 8:30-9:30pm Dips and Showstoppers for advanced swing dancers

Didgeridoo Workshop Saturday December 12

Learn how to play this ancient Australian Aboriginal instrument with Karl Kalbaugh, whose playing has been heard on National Geographic “Explorer”, The Discovery Channel, and several commercial recordings. Session one (11am to 1pm) for beginners will focus on basic sounds of the didgeridoo and the technique of circular breathing. Session two (2pm to 4pm) for intermediate players will focus on more advanced sound techniques and rhythm. A discussion of Aboriginal culture and instrument selection will be included. Classes will be held at the House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park, MD. Class size will be limited. Use of a didgeridoo is included in the workshop cost of $20 for one session, $30 for both sessions. Call 301.270.9090 by Dec 10 to reserve a space.

Traditional Clogging Thursday January 14

Traditional Clogging classes at Wakefield Recreation Center in Virginia. Students will learn the basic steps and a routine they can perform with the Patchwork dancers. The next Wakefield class begins on Thursday, January 14th at 8:30. We also teach children and adults at other times and places, as well as perform, so call at 703-503-9260, 202.401.3571, or James_Maxwell@ed.gov.
Out-of-Town Events & Dances

Maryland

Annapolis Contra Dance (ATDS)
Saturday December 5 • 8pm

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society holds its dances at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Hall, 1311 Generals Highway (MD Rte 178), Crownsville, Maryland. Each dance is followed by the famous ATDS Ice Cream Social! Instruction begins at 7:20. Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Hall, 1311 Generals Highway (MD Rte 178) in Crownsville, MD. $8, $6 for ATDS & FSGW members. Info: 410.268.0231.

December

5 Contra dance. Caller Kate Charles with Pas de Quoi (Laura Light, Tom Hinds and Paul Rosen). Instruction at 7:20.

January

2 Contra Dance. Caller: Deborah Hyland with Some Assembly.


Annapolis, 333 Coffeehouse
Friday December 18 • 8pm

The 333 Coffeehouse is a non-profit, non-alcoholic venue run by volunteers for the love of music. It features songwriters; acoustic folk singers and spoken art. Proceeds go to charitable causes. Third Friday of each month at the Unitarian Church, 333 Du Bois Road (exit 24 B off Rt. 50 to Bestgate). Inexpensive gourmet fare offered. Admission is $6.00, $5.00 for students/senior citizens. Info: Leslie at 410.266.8044 or Max at 410.647.4275.

Baltimore, BFMS Somebody Scream Zydeco Dance Series
Friday December 18 • 9pm to mid

Come dance to hand-clappin’, toe-tappin’ sounds the Creole Zydeco Farmers. Free dance workshop at 8. At the Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College. $10. Info: 410.415.5395.

Baltimore Open Band Rehearsal
Sunday December 13 • 4 to 6pm

We’re getting ready for the second annual massive Mason-Dixon Orchestra (BOB and SPUDS of Philly) dance in Arden, DE. Come and play with us now or then. We’re always welcoming musicians of all levels to play with the ever-lovable Baltimore Open Band. Folks gather each month at rotating locations to play, practice, chat and chew. Rehearsal and potluck this month will be at Leon’s in Timonium. Directions: 410.561.1710.

Baltimore, Holiday Contra & Square Dance
Saturday December 19 • 8 to 11pm

Kris Kringle and assistant Susan Taylor will call with Some Assembly Required (Mary Corletta, Joe Klausner, Paul Miller and Donna Boyd). Free candy canes and hot spiced cider; dancers are invited to bring goodies to share. There will be an introductory workshop at 7:30. Admission is $8, $6 for BFMS/FSGW members. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD. Info: Ralph Barthine at 410.561.4573 or rbarthin@bcpl.net.

Baltimore, Lovely Lane Contra Dance (BFMS)
Wednesdays • 8pm

This weekly contra dance is sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Song Society. All dances are taught and walked through. Beginners are always welcome and are encouraged to arrive promptly at 8:00 p.m. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. Free workshops introducing basic contra dance held on 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30. Admission is $8, $6 for BFMS/FSGW members. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD. Info: 410.321.8419.

Baltimore, Lovely Lane English Country Dance
Mondays • 8pm

English Country Dancing is joyous, lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. The figures are simple, and each dance is taught and walked through. New dancers are always welcome. Come alone or with a friend. Admission is $8, $6 for BFMS members. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD. Info: 410.321.8419.

November

30 Rich Galloway with Susan Brandt (flute) and Liz Donaldson (piano, accordion).

December

7 Christopher Field with Carl Friedman (fiddle), Marty Taylor (flute, concertina), Francine Krasowska (piano). Beginners’ workshop at 7:15.

14 Diane Schmit with Jonathan Jensen (piano, ocarina, recorders, etc.) and Mary Lea (fiddle).

21 Bring all the leftover cookies from your holiday parties and we’ll celebrate! Rich Galloway with Dave Wiesler (piano) and Jeff Steinberg (fiddle).

28 Dawn Culbertson with Susan Brandt (flute) and Larry Brandt (guitar).
Out-of-Town Events & Dances (continued)

Calvert County Contra/Ceili Holiday
Saturday December 12 • 7 to 10pm

We’re having a party! Come join us for our first contra/ceili Christmas party at the Southern Community Center in Lusby, MD. We’ll call some contra dances as well as some ceili dances. We’ll have an open band with a variety of music and a pot luck dinner. No charge but bring a covered dish or desert to share. Info: 301.769.3840 or mtoole@radix.net.

Camp Springs, Café Florian Coffeehouse
Saturday December 12 • 8pm

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. Free. Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD., 0.3 mile south of Allentown Rd. Info: Syl Smith at 301.292.6482.

Columbia International Folk Dancing
Wednesdays • 8 to 10:30pm

Kahler Hall, Beaverkill Rd. & Harper’s Farm Rd., Columbia, MD. Admission $3. Recorded music. Beginners welcome. Teaching until 9 pm. We have parties and workshops. Info: 410.997.1613 (night), or 301.495.4642 (day).

Columbia, Folkal Point Concert
Thursday December 3

At the Coho Grill at Hobbits Glen Golf Course, Columbia MD. Intimate room. Full menu available. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are $10 except as noted. Advance tickets available. Info/soundbite: 410.531.5350.

Dec 3  Susan Graham White and Caroline Horn
Dec 10  Holiday show with Joni Bishop and Tom Vincent

Columbia, Panzer House Concerts
Saturday December 12 • 8pm


Dec 12  Lisa McCormick

Frederick Celtic Club
Friday December 4 • 8pm

Common Ground On The Hill, 611 North Market St., Frederick MD. Great food, music and hardwood dance floor. Info: 301.662.7499.

December
4  Old Time Jam and clogging
5  Critton Hollow String Band in Concert. $8.00 cover. Reservations: Jeanean at 301.540.2092.
12  Concert with Reelsong

Frederick, Contra Dance
Saturday December 26 • 8 to 11pm

Robbin Schaffer will return our festive holiday dance, with The Mighty Possums, featuring Joe DeZarn and Alexander Mitchell (fiddles), Tabby Finch (keyboard), and Ralph Gordon (bass). At the William R. Talley Adult Recreation Center at Bentz and Second Streets, Frederick, MD. Beginners’ workshop at 7. Admission $6. Info: Marc Glickman, 301.695.4390 or Boe Walker, 301.694.6794.

Sykesville, Baldwin’s Station Concerts
Wednesday December 2

Baldwin’s Station & Pub, 7618 Main St, Historic Sykesville, MD. Shows begin at 8pm. Info: 410.795.1041.

December
2  Oscar Brand, $15.
9  Brooks Williams, $15.
16  Mike Cross, $20.
23  Celtic Christmas with Connemara, $12.

January
2  Peter Ostroushko and Dean Magraw. Shows at 7 & 10pm. $18.00.

Timonium, Mays Chapel Concerts
Friday December 4

Mays Chapel United Methodist Church, 11911 Jenifer Road, Timonium, MD. Tickets are available in advance for some concerts by sending a check in a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Uptown Concerts, PO Box 150, Randallstown, MD 21133. Shows start at 8:30pm unless otherwise indicated. Info: Joyce R. Sica at 410.922.5210

December
4  Maggie with Kim & Reggie Harris, $12.
11  The Carrie Newcomer Band, $12.
18  A Celtic Christmas with IONA. Special guests, Myron Bretholtz and Tony Cuffe, $12.
31  An Album Recording Party with The Testoster-Tones followed by a New Year’s Eve Party. Tickets $40 each for concert and party, $20 party only.
Out-of-Town Events & Dances (continued)

WEST VIRGINIA

Jackson Mills, Terpsichore's Dance Holiday
December 28 to January 1

The Lloyd Shaw Foundation is pleased to sponsor this intergenerational camp at Jackson Mills State Park, WV with complete programs for both children and adults. Spend the holiday singing and dancing contras, squares, English, Scottish, clogging, and International. Caller: Robbin Schaffer with Peter Amidon, Peter Fricke, and Rob Craighurst. Adults: between $200 to $240 (depending on the accommodations). 3 and under: free. Info: Bob Mathis, 301-589-7539 robert_mathis@fc.mcps.k12.us.

Shepherdstown Candlelight Concert
Saturday December 19 • 8pm

Enjoy a special candlelight concert with Irish flute virtuoso, Grey Larsen. Grey plays both English and Anglo concertinas, fiddle, guitar, piano, tin whistle and more and he will be accompanied by multi-instrumentalist Danny Noveck for a concert of fine Irish music. The concert takes place in the newly renovated Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church on the corner of King and Washington Streets in Shepherdstown, WV. Admission is $12 adults, $10 seniors and $6 for children. Info: Joanie Blanton at 304.253.2531 or blanton@intrepid.net.

Shepherdstown, Christmas Waltz & Potluck
Saturday December 5 • 4 to 8pm

Join us for an afternoon and evening of Holiday dance events in conjunction with Christmas in Shepherdstown festivities. A Waltz workshop will start us off at 4pm and will be taught by Steve Gester and Tony Janiac. An hour of open waltzing will be included. A Holiday potluck dinner will begin at 6:15pm, with after-dinner Cajun dancing. A free New Contradances workshop will begin at 7:30pm, with the contra dance following at 8:00pm (see next listing). Admission to all events (including evening dancing) is $6.00, $4.50 for members, $3.00 under age 25. Dancers need to bring soft-soled shoes. Shepherdstown Men's Club, corner of German and King Streets. Info: 304.725.0266 or 304.876.2169.

Shepherdstown Contra Dance
Saturday December 5 • 8 to 11pm

Shepherdstown Music and Dance presents an evening of contras at the Shepherdstown War Memorial Building (Men's Club), corner of German and King Streets in downtown Shepherdstown, WV. Dancers should bring soft-soled shoes. $6.00, $4.50 members, $3.00 under age 25. Free beginner's workshop at 7:15pm. Info: 304.725.0266 or 304.876.2169.

This month's caller is Laura Brown with The Mighty Possums. Come in the afternoon to waltz and eat (details in listing for Christmas in Shepherdstown waltz & potluck).
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