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FSGW Special Event

Bethesda, MD

## NOWELL SING

### WE CLEAR!

*a celebration of Christmas in song,  
story, music, dance, and drama*

**Friday December 1 • 8pm**

Drawn mostly from English-language folk traditions, *Nowell Sing We Clear* recounts the Christmas story while demonstrating the customs that make up the twelve magical days following the return of the light at the winter solstice. Many of these ancient customs are the basis of today's holiday traditions: the feasting and visiting, gift-giving, carol singing from door-to-door, and the adorning of houses and churches with garlands of evergreen. This seasonal pageant features spirited unaccompanied singing as well as the energetic dance band sound of fiddle, button accordion, electric piano, drums, and concertina, and traditional step dancing. The audience will be supplied with songsheets and encouraged to sing along. A special and unusual treat is a mummings play from Kentucky. Performed in the traditional manner, the play is typical of folk dramas that survive to this day throughout Britain and North America portraying the death of the land at midwinter and its subsequent rebirth in the spring.

*Nowell Sing We Clear* performers are **John Roberts** and **Tony Barrand**, who are well-known for their lively presentations of English folk songs, and New England dance callers and musicians **Fred Breunig** and **Andy Davis**. The group has several recordings of songs from the show. Their most recent release is *Hail Smiling Morn*.



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### FSGW Monthly Program

*A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL! Saturday December 9*

## Mamu Lwanga,

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## Spanish Ballroom

Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

# 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 for FSGW members and affiliated groups (BFMS, CDSS, ATDS).** The ballroom is not air-conditioned, so we recommend that dancers dress in layers, as they may get warmer as the evening progresses. **Info: Jay Ladin at 301.565.9104 or [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org).**

## December

- 3 Shawn Brenneman calls with Greg Hooven, Bill Wellington & Lynne Mackey
- 10 Bev Smith calls with the *Contra Rebels*
- 17 Susan Hankin calls with *Abrazo Sin Fin* (Laura Lengneck, Paul Oorts, Dave Wiesler & Ralph Gordon)
- 24 Christmas Eve; NO DANCE
- 31 New Years Eve dance at the Leland Center. Advance reservations only

## January

- 7 Tom Hinds calls with westcoasters Laurie Andres & Cathy Whitesides. This dance will be free to FSGW members (bring your membership card).

## Leland Community Center

Bethesda, MD

## New Year's Eve Contra Ball • Sunday December 31 • 8pm

New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year, and the FSGW Sunday Night Dance is holding a grand New Year's Eve Contra Ball from 8pm to 12:15am at the Leland Community Center in Bethesda, MD. **Susan Taylor** will call to the music of **Laura Light** on fiddle, **Jeff Spero** on piano, **Dan Sebring** on guitar, bass, and mandolin, and **Spencer Lathrop** on drums. Punch and finger foods will be available, but feel free to bring something to share. Champagne and sparkling cider will be served at midnight. **Cost: \$19 FSGW/ \$23 general public.**

**NOTE:** *By advance registration only;* no tickets will be sold at the door. FSGW members will receive priority in registration through December 1st. Make checks payable to **FSGW** and send the completed registration form (see November newsletter) AND a self addressed and stamped envelope (SASE) to: **FSGW New Year's Contra Dance, c/o Carl Mintz, 704 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003-1344.**

For additional information (including a registration form), visit our web page at [www.fsgw.org/nycontra.htm](http://www.fsgw.org/nycontra.htm) contact our dance chair, **Jay Ladin** at 301.565.9104 or [dance@fsgw.org](mailto:dance@fsgw.org).

## Glen Echo Town Hall

Glen Echo, MD

# FSGW Community Dance

## Sunday December 10 • 3:30 to 5 pm



This is a special time of the year and so is our monthly event. We will start off our community gathering with songwriter and entertainer **Sue Trainor**. Sue has a great way of connecting with kids; she'll make you laugh and have everyone singing along. After Sue's concert, we'll push back the chairs for our monthly community dance. So bring a treat to share at the break. As always, we welcome kids and adults, particularly those folks who have two left feet. **Cost is \$4 for children, \$5 for adults (maximum \$15 per family).** *Directions:* From the Beltway, 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. Please avoid parking in front of the town hall. **Info: Tali or Bob at 301.589.7539 or [talibob@star-power.net](mailto:talibob@star-power.net).**

## FSGW Program

WES Auditorium, DC

## Ugandan Music, Dance, and Stories with **NAMU LWANGA** Saturday December 9 • 8pm

FSGW's December program will be held one week earlier than usual, on Saturday, December 9. The program will feature Ugandan native **Namu Lwanga**, a performer who has mesmerized audiences not only at our own Washington Folk Festival, but all over the world. We are truly privileged that she has agreed to present a full evening of her riveting music, dance, stories, and song to FSGW.

Born, raised, and educated in Uganda, Namu now lives and works in the Washington, DC, area, where she uses her experiences and the rich culture of her native land to weave programs that combine stories, songs, music, and dance. She sings in more than nine different traditional languages, and utilizes the Zouk, soukous, soca, and reggae musical styles. She plays the *Ndongo* (bowl lyre), the *Nndingidi* (tube fiddle), *Akogo* (thumb piano), *Madinda* (xylophone), and drums.

Namu has three CDs of modern African music, and her *Web of Tales* video won a Parents Choice award in 1995. In addition to performing as a solo artist, she is a playwright and actress whose credits include Arena Stage, Ford's Theater, Source Theater, Round House Theater, and the Woolly Mammoth Theatre in Washington, DC, where she is a resident company member. She also is the director of *Kayaga of Africa*, a performing dance and music group named after her mother.

Join us at the **Washington Ethical Society Auditorium, 7750 16th St. NW, on Saturday, December 9, at 8pm. The concert is FREE for FSGW members, \$10 for nonmembers.** The Ethical Society is located just south of the DC-Maryland line near the intersection of 16th Street and Kalmia Road, 7750 Sixteenth St., NW.

For information on the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, visit the FSGW website at [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org) or call our hotline at 202.546.2228.



## Mini-Fest in the Works • Saturday February 3, 2001

The 29th annual FSGW Mini-Fest will be held on **Saturday, February 3, 2001**, at the new **Takoma Park Middle School at 7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, MD.** The Mini-Fest will include 10 stages and non-stop activity from noon until 6pm, and both a concert and a dance beginning at 7:30pm. The Mini-Fest provides us all with a wonderful opportunity to meet new performers and craftsmen from our community, to reacquaint ourselves with those we already know, and to participate ourselves.

Although February seems distant, there is much to do. As always, this event is only possible due to the hard work of FSGW's creative and energetic volunteers. If you are interested in programming, performing, or presenting your crafts, send an email to [minifest@fsgw.org](mailto:minifest@fsgw.org) or call **Lisa Harmon**, Mini-Fest chair, at **301.592.0432**. If you would like to volunteer on festival day, please call **Gail Snider** at **202.667.3484**.

## Glen Echo town Hall

Glen Echo, MD



## FSGW English Country Dances

### Wednesdays • 8 to 10pm

Come to the FSGW's English country dance. Find a mix of fun and refined dancing led by talented callers who are accompanied by topnotch musicians playing tunes that are unique to each dance. On a given night you may hear anything from the ubiquitous piano and fiddle to the flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, or viola. Dance on a wood floor in the fine climate-controlled community room at the Glen Echo Town Hall. Enjoy the friendly crowd (known for its welcoming nature), light refreshments, and dancing from 8 to 10:30pm. Open to dancers of all experience levels. **Cost: members \$5, nonmembers \$6.** Free beginners' lesson every second Wednesday at 7:30 sharp.

**Directions:** 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@fsgw.org.**

**Please note:** In deference to the residents of Glen Echo, please park behind the hall and not on the street that passes by the front. Disperse parking, preferably on the opposite (east) side of MacArthur Blvd.

## December

- 6 **Mary Kay Friday** calls to the music of **Dave Wiesler** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), and **Susan Brandt** (flute), the trio also known as **Circadian Rhythm**.
- 13 Caller **Stephanie Smith** is accompanied by **Colleen Reed** (flute), **David Knight** (fiddle), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). FREE LESSON: Basics of English Country Dance at 7:30 sharp; leader: **Martha Seigel**
- 20 **Rich Galloway** leads dances accompanied by **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Becky Ross** (fiddle), and **Judy Kleppel** (oboe)
- 27 **NO DANCE:** callers and musicians take a well-deserved holiday
- 31 **New Year's Eve Dance** (see separate article below or flyer in November newsletter)

## Adelphi Mill

MD

## Millennium New Year's Eve 2000 Dance

### Sunday December 31 • 8:30pm

Come celebrate the real start of the new millennium at the Historic Adelphi Mill to Philadelphia caller **Sam Rotenberg** leading mostly English Country Dances along with waltzes and couple dances. Music by **Liz Donaldson**, piano; **Barbara Heitz**, flute; **Alexander Mitchell**, violin. The evening begins at 7:30 with a potluck supper, with dancing from 8:30 to 12:45. There will be a dessert break at 10:30 and a toast at midnight. Advance registration is necessary. Space is limited! **FSGW members \$25, guests \$27.** There is a \$3 reduction for registrations received by December 14. **Info: Karla or Bob Farrall 301.577.5018 or Norm Bernhardt 301.320.2469.**



## House Concert &amp; Workshop

Laurel, MD

**MARK GILSTON****House Concert****Saturday December 16 • 8pm**

Come hear **Mark Gilston** in his first FSGW house concert! **Mark** has been performing folk music for over twenty years. His vast repertoire is eclectic and entertaining, encompassing songs and instrumentals from America and Europe, especially Britain and the Balkans. Among his many instruments are concertina, Appalachian dulcimer and Bulgarian bagpipes, just to name a few. He has been featured at numerous folk festivals, colleges, clubs and coffee houses including Sidmouth, the Eisteddfod and the FSGW Getaway. The concert is at the home of **Dennis and Judy Cook in Laurel, MD.**  
**Admission: \$10/\$7(FSGW). Directions: 301.776.4314.**

**MUSIC STYLES OF THE WORLD WORKSHOP****Sunday, December 17 • 11am, Brunch, 1pm Workshop**

**Mark Gilston** has been studying musics of the world since he was a small child listening to his mother's collection of Russian, Jewish and Spanish 78's. His father learned songs in his youth in Appalachia and continued learning songs from army buddies in World War II. Mark gained a profound love and deep interest in world music, and after earning a BS in Folklore, continued his studies in ethnomusicology in graduate school at SUNY Binghamton. He also taught folk dancing for many years. Mark has spent considerable time travelling in the Balkans, learning music in villages and collecting at various festivals and holidays. He has a particular interest in bagpipes from around the world.

The workshop will begin with a brunch (included) at 11am provided by your hosts, **Dennis and Judy Cook** in Laurel, MD. Cost: \$25/\$20(FSGW). Space is limited, so e-mail **Cooks@ceimd.com** or call **301.776.4314** to reserve a comfortable seat.

**NOWELL SING WE CLEAR!** *continued from front page*

Advance tickets may be purchased by mailing a check payable to FSGW, to  
**NSWC, c/o J. Woods, 8401 Cedar St., Silver Spring, MD 20910.**

Orders will be held at the door. Individual members of FSGW are limited to one ticket at member prices; family memberships may purchase up to four tickets at member prices. Ticket cost is \$14 for FSGW members, \$18 for non-members, and \$7 for children under 13. Please include a phone number or e-mail address so that you will be notified in the event that the concert is sold out by the time your order is received. Doors will open at 7:30pm. Advance ticket holders will be seated first.

**Nowell Sing We Clear** will be presented on Friday, December 1 at 8pm at the **Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church** located at **6601 Bradley Boulevard in Bethesda, MD.**

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** From Virginia take I-495 to Exit 39 East, Route 190 East (River Road). Move to left immediately and continue to first intersection (Burdette Road). Turn left on Burdette to Route 191 (Bradley Boulevard). Turn right on Route 191 and continue through two intersections to church on left. From the District of Columbia take Route 355 (Wisconsin Avenue) North to Route 191 (Bradley Boulevard) approximately 1 1/2 miles north of the District line at Western Avenue. Turn left on Route 191. Continue on Route 191 approximately three miles to church on right. (Hillmead Road crosses Bradley just before the church.)

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*In Memoriam —***Martha Hayes 1953-2000**

The folk community lost a good friend when **Martha Hayes** died of breast cancer at her home in Silver Spring, MD, on November 2, 2000. She was 46.

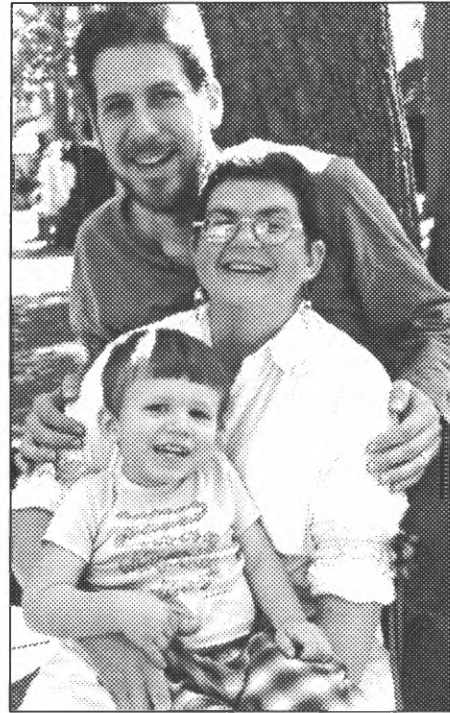
Martha loved folk dance and music, and she lent her amazing organizational skills to FSGW when she chaired the FSGW Mini-Fest in 1994.

A member of the **Rock Creek Morris Women** since 1983, she served once as squire (team president) and countless times as an organizer of team events. Through a difficult course of chemotherapy last winter, Martha organized *Rock Creek's* July trip to England, and a hard-won remission allowed her to dance during the tour. With her on the trip were her husband **Jim Lewis** and son **Noah Lewis**.

A hydrologist, Martha worked most recently for the U.S. Geological Survey. Previously, she had worked for the National Museum of Natural History, the Army Corps of Engineers, and American Management Systems. She was a member of Temple Emanuel in Kensington, River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda, the Association of Women Geologists, the American Geophysical Union, and the Washington Wellesley Club. Martha grew up in Uruguay and Bethesda, and was a graduate of Walt Whitman High School and Wellesley College. She received a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts.

Possessed of an open heart, a wry sense of humor, and an endlessly curious and keen mind, Martha will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Donations in her memory may be made to the **Martha Hayes Memorial Fund, Wellesley College, 106 Center Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.**

*Pictured: Martha with her husband Jim Lewis and son Noah Lewis in England, July 2000.*



## 35 Years Ago This Month • December 1965

*by Joe Hickerson*

The December 10, 1965, FSGW program at All Souls Unitarian Church was a performance of Jewish folksongs and some Anglo-American counterparts by **Tossi and Lee Aaron**. The vol. 2, no. 4 (December 1965) issue of the Newsletter of The Folklore Society of Greater Washington announced this program and future FSGW events, **John Dildine's** new folk music series on WAMU-FM, and a published catalog of recordings available from the Library of Congress Archive of Folk Song. Also included was **Chuck Perdue's** "The Kicking Mule" column, an obituary of **Frank Proffitt**, and copies of newspaper commentaries "On Censoring Folk Songs."

The following were performing in the area this month: **Don Leace, Carol Hedin** (Cellar Door); **Paul Phillips, Joseph Corey** (Brickskeller); **Red Allen** (Shamrock); **Budge Bushong, Royal Hutchinson** (Endor Inn); **Lester Wolf, Dwight Alcott, Jim Preston** (Through the Gate); **Mike Kent, Frank Bullard** (Gate II). Many of these appearances were reported in the no. 20 (12/65) and no. 21 (1/66) issues of **Dick Rodgers' Washington Folk Strums**.

On December 4 at Catholic University **Joseph C. Hickerson** presented a paper entitled "The Unconstant Lover": Some Relationships Between Folk Music and Its Adulators" for a joint meeting of the Greater Washington Chapter of the American Musicological Society and the Washington-Baltimore Chapter of the Music Library Association.

Meanwhile, the Library of Congress Archive of Folk Song registered the following researchers and visitors: Alfred Brusoe (son of Wisconsin fiddler **Leizime Brusoe**), **Hazel Buchbinder** (Fish Creek, WI), **R.P. Christeson** (Arlington, VA), **Worth Long** (Central Alabama Music Project), **Mike Rosenbaum** (Sound Hole, Baltimore), Robert Stevenson (UCLA), **Happy Traum** (NYC), **Carl Withers** (NYC). The Library of Congress Folk Archive published a new LP recording this month: AFS L60, *Songs and Ballads of the Bituminous Miners*, recorded and edited by **George Korson**.

**Joe Hickerson's** folk music credentials are almost too numerous to mention. Head of the Archive of Folk Culture at the Library of Congress until his retirement in 1998, he is now even more available to sing and lecture about folk music. One of the founding members of FSGW, he has served as the Society's President, Program Chair, and Book Review Editor, and has kindly agreed to contribute a column each month describing FSGW and other area events 35 years ago. If any readers have flyers, clippings, etc. concerning local events in 1966, please mail copies to Joe at 43 Philadelphia Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912 for possible inclusion in this column.

## Other FSGW Events

### New FSGW Treasurer— Jim Cole

**Jim Cole** has been appointed to be FSGW's new Treasurer, filling out **Pat McGee's** unexpired term. He will be working closely with Pat, who will remain active in FSGW financial matters in the brand-new FSGW staff position of bookkeeper.

Jim has been a member of FSGW for the past 10 years. He moved to this area 30 years ago to attend graduate school at the University of Maryland, where he received a Masters in Library and Information Science. He has worked at the Library of Congress for past 25 years, where he is currently Assistant Chief of the Information & Reference Division in the Copyright Office. He has completed basic accounting courses.

### FSGW Board Meeting • MD

**Tuesday December 12 • 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, **Carl Mintz at 202.543.4999**.

### FSGW Open Sing • MD

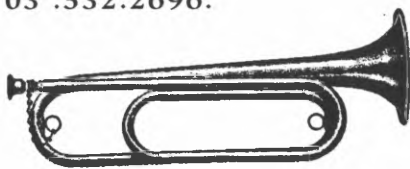
**Friday December 8 • 8:30pm**

Come to the FSGW Open Sing, usually on the first Friday of each month but on the second Friday in December to avoid conflict with **Nowell Sing We Clear** (see separate listing). We take turns doing music that's connected (however vaguely) to a given topic. You're welcome to sing, play, request a song, or just listen. People new to the Sing can do any song regardless of topic. This month's Sing will be held at the home of **Jennifer Woods and Bob Clayton**, in downtown Silver Spring, MD. The topic will be "Memories," songs either about memories or that evoke memories. Donations of refreshments are welcome, and singing usually lasts until around 11:45pm. **Info/directions: 301.587.7174**.

### FSGW Gospel Sing • VA

**Sunday December 10 • 4pm**

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. The singing usually starts at 4pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6pm, with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Debby Churchman in Arlington, VA**. **Info/directions: 703 .532.2696**.



### FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • VA

**Monday January 1 • 3 to 8pm**

FSGW sponsors monthly singings of early American hymns, anthems, and fuguing tunes in four-part harmony. The main tunebook is *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, but *Christian Harmony* (Deason-Parris revision) is also used, and original shape-note compositions by local singers are sometimes sung. All are welcome to come and sing or listen. Loaner tunebooks are available. Admission is free. (At some church locations a free-will offering is taken.)

No singing in December. Instead, welcome 2001 with the annual New Year's Day Singing at **Rock Spring Congregational Church in Arlington, VA**, 3 to 8pm. If you have *An American Christmas Harp*, *Northern Harmony*, or *Eclectic Harmony*, bring them to supplement the usual *Sacred Harp* and *Christian Harmony*. Please also bring money or nonperishable food for the church's food bank for the needy, and, of course, something deliciously perishable for the 5:30pm potluck.

To get there from Washington, take I-66 west to the Glebe Rd. Rt. 120 exit, go right on Glebe, and north 1.3 miles. Or from I-66 going east from Fairfax County, take the Fairfax Dr./Glebe Rd. exit. Turn left at the second traffic light onto Glebe Rd. & go north 1.7 miles. From this point the directions are the same. At the first traffic light after Lee Hwy. bear left on Old Dominion Blvd. Rt. 309. Go 2 blocks then turn left at the traffic light onto Rock Spring Rd. Go one long block to the church, which is on the right at the corner of Little Falls Rd. Or, from Maryland or Washington, take Chain Bridge across the river to Glebe Rd. Just after Williamsburg Blvd. bear right on Little Falls Rd. (may be unmarked) opposite the Baptist church on your left. Take Little Falls across Old Dominion to Rock Spring Rd. & the Congregational church on your left. **Info: 202.543.3539**.

## FSGW Events *continued*

### Storyswap • MD

**Saturday December 2 • 7:30pm**

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Jane Dorfman** in Bethesda, MD for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. Co-sponsored by FSGW and *Voices in the Glen*. **Directions/RSVP: 301.654.5818.**

### 15th Annual Family Holiday Concert • MD

**Saturday December 9 • 1 & 3:30pm**

**Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer's 15th Annual Family Holiday Concert** with special guest **Red Grammer** will be presented on Saturday, December 9 in the NOAA Auditorium, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD (2 blocks from Silver Spring Metro;

free parking next door). Shows are at 1pm and 3:30pm. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Ticket orders: 301.263.0600. **Concert info: 301.891.1228.**

### Foggy Bottom International Folk Dancing • DC

**Thursdays • 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 7:30-9pm. Request dancing 9 to 10:45pm. No experience or partner needed. Mostly taped music. Occasional parties and workshops. Co-sponsored by the FSGW. **Admission: \$4. Info: Jamie 301.320.7099.**

## Local Events

### IMT Concerts • Silver Spring, MD

**Mondays • 8pm**

All concerts take place at 8pm in the lovely meeting room of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD, unless otherwise noted. The Institute of Musical Traditions is a non-profit arts presenting organization, supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Arts Council of Montgomery County, Prince George's Arts Council, Heyman Mailing Service, and by our individual and in-kind contributors, loyal audiences, and volunteers. **Info/tickets: 301.263.0600 or PO Box 629, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Website: <http://www.imtfolk.org>.**

#### December

- 4 **Northern Harmony**, an unusual multi-generational group with a repertoire from many lands and many centuries. \$12 adv/\$14 door
- 9 **Celtic Guitar Christmas. Al Petteway & Amy White** join forces with **Robin Bullock** to present a seasonal concert of traditional and original instrumental music. At NOAA Auditorium, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD (2 blocks from Silver Spring Metro; free parking next door). \$14 adv/\$16 door
- 11 **Voices of Winter**, a special collection of songs of the winter season presented by **Priscilla Herdman, Anne Hills & Cindy Mangsen** at NOAA Auditorium. \$14 adv/\$16 door

18 **Moonfire**, embodying the ancient pulse of Celtic rhythms in artfully crafted arrangements. CD release party for *Past, Present & Future*. \$12 adv/\$14 door

### Medium Rare Café • Burke, VA

**Friday December 1 • 8pm**

**Mack Bailey w/John Lyon** will perform at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Lane, Burke, VA. \$12 at the door/\$10 advance. Smoke-free. Advance tickets: P. O. Box 2939, Springfield, VA 22152. **Info/directions/full year schedule: 703.924.8992 or [fuzzy@medium-rarecafe.com](mailto:fuzzy@medium-rarecafe.com).**

### Metaphysical Coffee House • Falls Church, VA

**Saturday December 2 • 8:30 to 10pm**

Join us at our coffeehouse events for fine folkie music, poetry, coffee & desserts, and great fellowship! Monthly music of local songwriters, balloters and poets. At The Celebration Center of Religious Science 2840 Graham Road, Falls Church, VA (near intersection of Graham Rd. & Lee Highway). Music starts at 8:30pm. **Erin and Dan, Damion Wolfe, and Garth Ross** are featured in December, along with poet **Susan Skirboll**. Cost: \$10 (coffee, tea, juice and desserts included). **Info: [www.ccrs.org](http://www.ccrs.org) - see events.**



## Local Events *continued*

### Free Concerts at HMT • Takoma Park, MD *Sundays • 1 to 3pm*

Join us at The House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD, for free music on Sunday afternoons, 1 to 3pm. Weather permitting, we'll gather outside. Otherwise we'll meet inside the large drum room at the store. Make your Sunday trip to the Farmer's Market complete with a stop at HMT for free live music! **Info: 301.270.9090.**

#### December

- 3 Steve Cutts
- 10 Rachel & Jaqui
- 17 Klezcentricity

### Irish Stepdancing • DC *Sunday December 3 • 4 to 7pm*

On the first Sunday of every month, from 4 to 7pm, Nanny O'Brien's Pub will present step dancers doing reels and jigs and whatever they like. Open to all dancers. Music provided by **Dennis & Angela Botzer** (fiddles) and other *seisiun* musicians. No cover. Best pint of Guinness in town. Nanny's is at 3319 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. (tel. 202.686.9189). **Info: Doc 301.422.6550.**

### A Colonial Christmas • Bethesda, MD *Sunday December 3 • 5pm*

*A Colonial Christmas: From Spain to the Colonies* will be presented by **Coral Cantigas** at 5pm on December 3 at the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd. in Bethesda. Enjoy baroque music of Spain and its colonies and folk carols of these regions in a performance that will entertain and delight your entire family. Free parking. **Info: 301.816.2314 or www.cantigas.org**

### Bethesda Acoustic House Concerts • Bethesda, MD *Sunday December 3 • 7pm*

**Bob Franke** and **Lui Collins**. This split bill brings together two of New England's most prominent singer/songwriters. Bob Franke's songs have been recorded by dozens of other performers. Lui Collins performs melodies from the mountain tradition with contemporary lyrics. Bob and Lui perform separately, but each has recorded some of the other's songs. No smoking. \$10. **Info: 301.897.5695 or Fphilpot@aol.com**



### Medium Rare Café • Manassas, VA *Sunday December 3 • 7:30pm*

**Slaid Cleaves w/ Bill Parsons** will perform at the Bull Run Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Corner of Church and Main Streets, Manassas, VA. \$12 at the door/\$10 advance. Smoke-free. Advance tickets: P. O. Box 2939, Springfield, VA 22152. **Info/directions/full year schedule: 703.924.8992 or fuzzy@medium-rarecafe.com.**

### The Birchmere • Alexandria, VA

3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA. All shows at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Full-service menu, food and drink. Advance ticket sales: phonecharge 202.432.7328 or TicketMaster 703.573.SEAT. **Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com.**

#### December

- 3-5 *The Bluegrass Sessions* with **Bela Fleck, Sam Bush**, and others
- 9 **Deanna Bogart**
- 15 *1964: The Tribute*
- 30 *Hank Williams Tribute*, with **Robin & Linda Williams, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, John Starling, Bill Kirchen**, and others (\$17.50)

### Sea Shanty Open Pub Sings • MD/VA *Tuesdays December 5 & 19 • 8pm*

*The Ship's Company chanteymen* will be hosting more of their ever-popular open mike sea chantey (shanty?) sings, twice a month, at two locations (no waiting!). 1st Tuesdays at 8pm: The Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Ave., Wheaton, MD; tel. **301.946.4511**; no cover/minimum good food and imported beer. Arrive early-by 7-for a table. 3rd Tuesdays at 8pm, **NEW VENUE: Cate's Bistro**, 715 King Street, Alexandria, VA; tel. **703.549.0533**; "an Italian bistro with a French flair à la Monte Carlo" (what does this mean? pizza, pasta, seafood, and more). The format is round-robin from one table to another. You are welcome to sing or request a song, play a tune, join in or simply listen, but participation is encouraged. Mostly a cappella, but instruments are welcome. To quote Bob Web - from Salthouse Docks: "Clarity and volume are more important than tonal quality." **Info: Don Stallone 301.949.5684, shipscompany@hotmail.com.**

### Shenandoah Coffeehouse • Leesburg, VA *Friday December 8 • 8pm*

**Michael DeLalla & Doris Justis**. Our monthly concerts in Leesburg are held in the sanctuary of our sponsors, the Unitarian Universalist Church of

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Loudoun, 20460 Gleedsville Rd., minutes south of Leesburg. Concerts are usually on the third Friday. All concerts are smoke and alcohol free and provide a comfortable listening setting for relaxed enjoyment of both lyrics and music. The Shenandoah Coffeehouse Series is an environmentally friendly event; feel free to bring your favorite coffee mug. Coffee and other refreshments are graciously provided by our sponsors. Doors open at 7:30pm and showtime is 8pm. Tickets \$10. **Info:** [scs@mediasoft.net](mailto:scs@mediasoft.net). **Website:** [www.shenandoahacoustics.com/scs](http://www.shenandoahacoustics.com/scs).

### **Caffé Florian Coffeehouse • Camp Springs, MD** ***Saturday December 9 • 7:30pm***

Open mike, held on the second Saturday of each month, September through June; acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers, and poets. Sign-up starts at 7:30pm. Free. Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD, 0.3 mi south of Allentown Rd. **Info:** **Den Frumen** 301.856.2573 or [www.dmuuc.org](http://www.dmuuc.org).

### **Where? House Concerts • Silver Spring, MD** ***Saturday December 9 • 7:30pm***

This will be **Susan Graham White's** last concert for the foreseeable future, while she takes a break from performing to concentrate on her horse show career. Where? House Concerts presents great folk music in the informal, intimate setting of **Kim Kaplan's** living room in Silver Spring, MD, near the Forest Glen Metro. Doors open 7pm; music at 7:30. \$10 suggested donation includes light refreshments. **Reservations/directions:** 301.504.1637 or [jkkaplan@erols.com](mailto:jkkaplan@erols.com).

### **CABOMA Jam • Arlington, VA** ***Sunday December 10 • 2 to 6pm***

Annual holiday potluck and jam of The Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-time Music Association. CABOMA holds jams the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (only 2nd Sunday in December this year), from 2 to 6pm in the Lyon Park Community Center at the corner of N. Filmore and Pershing, Arlington, VA. All are welcome to visit a jam to see if you are interested in joining CABOMA. If you come in December, please bring a pot-luck side dish, salad, or dessert. We'll jam that day also. **Info:** **Dave** 301.274.3441, [mail@caboma.org](mailto:mail@caboma.org), or [www.caboma.org](http://www.caboma.org).

### **Baltimore-Washington Jam • Greenbelt, MD** ***Tuesday December 12 • 4:30 to 7:30pm***

The December jam will be on December 12 from 4:30 to 7:30pm at the New Deal Coffee House in

Greenbelt (113 Centerway, in the Roosevelt Center across from the Old Greenbelt Theater; tel. 301.474.564). Bring your copy of Rise Up Singing, if you have one. **Info:** **Sue** 301.362.3904 or [balt-washjam@yahoo.com](mailto:balt-washjam@yahoo.com).

### **Laurel Jam Session • Laurel, MD** ***Wednesdays December 13 & 27 • 7 to 10pm***

Adults of all ages who enjoy acoustic music are invited to come and sing, play or listen to folk, bluegrass, and other traditional music in an informal setting. At The Phelps Senior Center, 701 Montgomery Street, Laurel, MD. **Info:** 301.776.6168 during business hours.

### **Vic's Music Corner • Rockville, MD** ***Wednesday December 13 • 8pm***

Vic's Music Corner, a concert series held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, is dedicated to introducing outstanding acoustic singer/songwriter's from across the country to the greater Washington area. At O'Brien's, 387 E. Gude Drive, Rockville, MD. Delightful room, smoke-free, good food, quiet during performances. Tickets: \$12 (unless otherwise noted). **Reservations:** 301.984.1897, [rebaheyman@compuserve.com](mailto:rebaheyman@compuserve.com). **Info:** <http://www.victorheyman.com>.

#### **December**

- 13 **Darryl Purpose & Amilia Spicer**  
27 NO SHOW

### **Irish Traditional Music Seisiun • Wheaton, MD** ***Sunday December 17 • 7 to 10pm***

Irish traditional music seisiun with **Dennis Botzer** (fiddle, flute) on the third Sunday of each month 7 to 10pm at the Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue, Wheaton, MD. Traditional musicians welcome. Great dinners and a very nice pint of Guinness. **Info:** **Dennis**, 301.422.6550.

### **Washington Saengerbund Traditional Christmas Concert**

***Sunday December 17 • 3pm***

Traditional German Christmas music sung by the **Washington Saengerbund** at the United Church, 20th and G Streets NW, Washington. Free; offering to help the needy. **Info:** 202.310.4691.

### **Shenandoah Coffeehouse • Reston, VA** ***Sunday December 17 • 7pm***

**Michael DeLalla**, **Margo Hennebach** w/ **Mark Saunders**, and **Vyktorina Pratt Keating** combine

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their talents. Our monthly concerts in Reston are held in the conference room of our sponsors, the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne Village, typically on the third Sunday. All concerts are smoke and alcohol free and provide a comfortable listening setting for relaxed enjoyment of both lyrics and music. The Shenandoah Coffeehouse Series is an environmentally friendly event; feel free to bring your favorite coffee mug. Coffee and other refreshments are graciously provided by our sponsors. Doors open at 6:30pm and showtime is 7pm. Tickets \$8. **Info:** [scs@mediasoft.net](mailto:scs@mediasoft.net). **Website:** <http://www.shenandoahacoustics.com/scs>.

### Folk Club of Herndon-Reston • VA

**Tuesdays • 7:30pm**

At the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA. Most Tuesday evenings, open mic format. Each performer gets 12 minutes, including setup time. \$1 donation. 2nd Tuesdays we have a 25-minute member showcase. Smoke-free. **Info/advance tickets:** 703.435.2402.

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19 *Annual holiday party*, round-robin format

### Early Music Concert • Rosslyn, VA

**Thursday thru Saturday December 21 thru 23**

*Hesperus* presents a Christmas mini-fest with music, crafts and refreshments. The musical centerpiece, *Dancing Day*, is a concert of spirited medieval, Renaissance and traditional Christmas music, performed Thursday through Saturday, December 21-23 at 7:30pm (with an extra Saturday matinee at 3pm). To

complete the festivities, the Spectrum lobby will be filled with craftspeople selling pottery, prints and quilts, and there will be free cider and goodies. All will take place at the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA, (Metro Stop: Rosslyn) next to the Newseum. **Rosa Lamoreaux** (soprano), **Tina Chancey** (viol & fiddle), **Mark Cudek** (cittern & lute), and **Scott Reiss** (recorder, whistle & hammered dulcimer) perform on both the concert and the new CD of the same name just released by Koch International Classics. The program features old favorites such as *Lord of the Dance*, *Tomorrow Will be My Dancing Day*, and *Sweet was the Song*, as well as a sprinkling of medieval English carols, Italian laudi, and a new version of *Greensleeves*.

### Hammer Dulcimer Jam • Falls Church, VA

**Saturday December 30 • 1:30 to 4:30pm**

Hammer dulcimer players meet most months to swap tunes and play at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. **Info/confirm:** Ellie at 703.578.3106 or [eholsople@aol.com](mailto:eholsople@aol.com).

### Archie Edwards Blues Jam • DC

**Saturdays • 1pm**

*The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation* holds an acoustic blues jam almost every Saturday afternoon starting about 1pm. All skill levels welcome. These jams are held at the same barbershop where Archie Edwards himself used to cut hair and play music: 2007 Bunkerhill Road, NW, DC. **Call to confirm:** 202.526.7539.

## Local Folkie Focus

The Washington area is enjoying a blossoming of venues for local performers at area bookstores, coffee shops, and community halls. We'd like to be able to list every folk event going on, but space considerations prevent us from listing every performer's schedule individually. The *Newsletter* will provide a monthly listing of local folk performers who are appearing at small venues. If you would like to be included, please send your name or band name, a BRIEF description of your musical style ("bluegrass," "unaccompanied singer," "contemporary songs," "Balkan dance band," etc.) and how people can find out about your performance schedule (web address, e-mail, or your phone number). As space permits, we will try to accommodate everyone whose performance is related to the traditional folk orientation of the Folklore Society and who submits their contact information to the Newsletter Editor by the deadline.

### Solo Performers

**ANDREW MCKNIGHT** <http://songs.com/andrew>  
**BILL PARSONS.** [bill@songs.com](mailto:bill@songs.com) or [www.billparsons.com](http://www.billparsons.com)  
**CHRISTINA MUIR.** <http://songs.com/hotsoup>  
**CHUCK DURFOR,** fingerstyle guitar (new CD *Fallen/Forgotten*). <http://hometown.aol.com/cdurfor>  
**CLETUS KENNELLY.** [www.cletuskennelly.com](http://www.cletuskennelly.com)  
**ERIC SCHWARTZ** <http://www.eric schwartz.com>  
**GARTH ROSS** <http://www.garthross.com>  
**HERB TYSON** <http://www.herbtyson.com>

### JERRY BRESEE

<http://www.shenandoahacoustics.com/jbreesee>

**JOE HICKERSON,** vintage paleo-acoustic, pre-plugged folksinger-nonsongwriter (except for occasional verses here and there). Info: [Jhick@starpower.net](mailto:Jhick@starpower.net) or 301.270.1107

**JOHN McVEY** <http://www.johnmcvey.com>

**JUDY COOK,** singer of unaccompanied traditional songs and ballads (new CD *Far from the Lowlands*). Info: 301.776.4314, [judy@ceimd.com](mailto:judy@ceimd.com), or <http://www.ceimd.com/folksing.htm>

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### LENA & SANFORD MARKLEY

<http://www.lena-and-sanford.com>

### LISA TAYLOR

<http://www.shenandoahacoustics.com/ltaylor>

### MARY SUE TWOHY [www.marysuetwohy.com](http://www.marysuetwohy.com)

### MARY BYRD BROWN

<http://www.geocities.com/SunsetStrip/Stage/8829/>

### RAY KAMINSKY, Piedmont and Delta blues guitarist/vocalist.

<http://www.earbuzz.com/raykaminsky>

### STEVE KEY 202.244.7524 or [stevekey@aol.com](mailto:stevekey@aol.com)

### STEVEN GELLMAN [Hiddenpoet@aol.com](mailto:Hiddenpoet@aol.com) or [www.HiddenPoet.com](http://www.HiddenPoet.com)

### TOM PRASADA-RAO <http://songs.com/tpr>

**LIBERTY DAWNE AND THE OVERHAULERS** (Franklin Taggart and Ira Gitlin). Old-fangled country music. [Libertydawne@erols.com](mailto:Libertydawne@erols.com)

**SQUEEZE BAYOU** Cajun dance music. Info: 301.270.2586 or <http://members.aol.com/kcollin/squeeze/index.html>

**THE OKLAHOMA TWISTERS** Keeping Western Swing Alive in the Nation's Capitol. Info: [www.oktwisters.com](http://www.oktwisters.com)

**THE URBAN LEGENDS** Traditional and contemporary acoustic music featuring **Ruth Goldberg, George Welling, Ira Gitlin, and Jamie Daly**. Info: [www.theurbanlegends.com](http://www.theurbanlegends.com), [urban.legends@press-room.com](mailto:urban.legends@press-room.com), or 703.532.4599

## Other

**ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES HERITAGE FOUNDATION**, acoustic blues. [www.acousticblues.com](http://www.acousticblues.com)

**CAJUN/ZYDECO EVENTS IN THE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON AREA**. [Jrice@physiome.com](mailto:Jrice@physiome.com) or [www.bme.jhu.edu/~jrice/czschedule.html](http://www.bme.jhu.edu/~jrice/czschedule.html)

**HUNGRY FOR MUSIC**, the record company with a social mission. [www.hungryformusic.com](http://www.hungryformusic.com)

**JENNIFER CUTTING** (new CD *Forgiveness*, with **Maddy Prior!**). [www.kinesiscd.com/jennifercutting/](http://www.kinesiscd.com/jennifercutting/) or [Jcut@loc.gov](mailto:Jcut@loc.gov)

**KLEZCENTRICITY**, wild and authentic Yiddish-American music. Info: [www.klezcentricity.com](http://www.klezcentricity.com), [djg@well.com](mailto:djg@well.com), or 301.589.4847

**NOT WHAT YOU THINK**, 10 years of a *cappella* singing by the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington, DC. 202.232.4167 or [www.lgcw.org](http://www.lgcw.org)

**SHENANDOAH COFFEEHOUSE SERIES** [www.shenandoahacoustics.com/scs](http://www.shenandoahacoustics.com/scs)

## Groups

**ALEXANDRIA KLEZTET** Traditional and innovative klezmer. Info: 410.521.0616, [kleztet@aol.com](mailto:kleztet@aol.com), or <http://members.aol.com/kleztet/>

**BILL KIRCHEN & TOO MUCH FUN**. Roots rock and rockabilly. [www.billkirchen.com](http://www.billkirchen.com)

**BOTTOMLAND** Info: 301.587.1198, [bottomland@hotmail.com](mailto:bottomland@hotmail.com), or [www.bottomland.org](http://www.bottomland.org)

**CORAL CANTIGAS** Choral music of Latin America, Spain, and the Caribbean. 301.816.2314 or [www.cantigas.org](http://www.cantigas.org)

**HOT SOUP** Harmony and laughter with **Christina Muir, Sue Trainor, and Jennifer Agner**. Info: [hot-soup@pobox.com](mailto:hot-soup@pobox.com) or [www.songs.com/hot-soup](http://www.songs.com/hot-soup)

**KREWE OF RENEGADES** New Orleans R&B, funk, and soul. Info: 301.942.5217, [KreweRC@earthlink.net](mailto:KreweRC@earthlink.net), or [www.kreweofrenegades.com](http://www.kreweofrenegades.com)

## Local Dances

### Friday Night Contra Dances at Glen Echo • MD *Fridays • 8:30pm*

The Friday Night Dancers, in cooperation with the National Park Service, sponsor contra dances with occasional squares and couple dances to live music in Glen Echo Park's Spanish Ballroom. The Park is located at MacArthur Blvd. and Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo, MD. Free beginners' classes start at 7:30pm. Dances start at 8:30. Admission: \$6. To play for or call a dance, send email to [fndbooking@folkdancer.com](mailto:fndbooking@folkdancer.com). For other information, call the Friday Night Dance Hotline 202.216.2116 or see our webpage at <http://fnd.folkdancer.com>.

### December

- 1 **Bev Smith** calls to the music of *Je Ne Sais Quebecois*. **Carl Friedman** (fiddle), **Susan**

**Brandt** (flute), **Marc Glickman** (piano), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

8 **Eva Murray** calls to the music of the *Glen Echo Open Band*

15 **Gaye Fifer** calls to the music of *Rhapsody*. **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Marty Taylor** (flute), and **Dave Wiesler** (piano)

22 **Becky Hill** (from Cleveland, OH) calls to the music of *Terpsichore*. **Elke Baker** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

29 **Laura Brown** calls to the music of *Goosebone Prophets*. **Laura Lengnick** (fiddle), **John Devine** (guitar), and **Bob Taylor** (bass)



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### Santa Lucia Scandinavian Dance Party

**Saturday December 2 • 8 to 10:45pm**

At Rosemary Hills Elementary School, in the gym at the east end of the school, 2111 Porter Rd, Silver Spring, MD. Dance to candlelight in celebration of upcoming Santa Lucia Day, with music by **Peascods Gathering**. Everybody welcome, beginner or experienced, single or paired. Cost: \$4. **Info: Carl Minkus 301.493.6281, Fred Aalto 703.356.3036, Dottie Beck 703.671.3240.**

### St. Nick's Dance • Bethesda, MD

**Saturday December 2 • 8:30pm to 12:30am**

Dance to live music by the **Edelweiss Band** at the Arminius Social Club's dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. Members \$16, non-members \$18. Includes free beer, sodas, and a food platter. **Info: 301.559.1944 or 1.410.635.2435.**

### Swing at Glen Echo Park • MD

At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. No partner or experience necessary. Non-smoking, non-alcohol events. *Directions:* From the Beltway (495), Maryland side, take Exit 40 to the Cabin John Parkway. From the Virginia side, take Exit 41 to the Clara Barton Parkway. Follow signs for MacArthur Blvd. Exit and Glen Echo.

#### December

- 2 **Toys for Tots** dance, with music by **Sassparilla**. Introductory swing dance lesson by **Dan and Leslie Darlington** at 8pm, dancing from 9 to midnight. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Toys for Tots program. The Marines were so impressed with last year's giving. Let's do an even better job this year! Admission \$8. To volunteer for one hour and get in free, leave a message at 202.726.3972. **Info: WSDC hotline 301.340.9732 or www.wsdc.org.**
- 16 **Tom Cunningham Orchestra**. Lesson 8pm; dancing 9 to midnight. Admission \$10.
- 30 **Tom Cunningham Orchestra**. Lesson 8pm; dancing 9 to midnight. Admission \$10.
- 31 **New Year's Eve Dance**, with music by the **Bill Eliot Combo**. Introductory swing dance lesson at 8pm; music and dancing 9 to 12:30. Cost: \$10. Dress: As casual or as formal as you wish. Midnight toast, balloon drop, alcohol- and smoke-free venue. All ages welcome. Admission \$8. To volunteer for one hour and get in free, leave a message at 202.726.3972. **Info: WSDC hotline 301.340.9732 or www.wsdc.org.**

### Waltzing at Glen Echo Park • MD

**Sundays December 3, 17 & 31 • 3:30pm**

Sunday afternoon waltzes are held at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. (intersection of Goldsboro Rd. and MacArthur Blvd.) in Glen Echo, MD, with easy access from the Beltway. At 3pm there is a half-hour introductory waltz workshop by **Donna Barker**, followed by social dancing for 2-1/2 hours to live music until 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission to the waltz is \$5 per person (unless otherwise noted), which includes the waltz lesson. For late-breaking information visit <http://www.erols.com/swing4me>, or call **Donna Barker 703.978.0375.**

#### December

- 3 **Waltz d'Amore**
- 17 **Abrazo Sin Fin**
- 31 **Special New Year's Waltz Dance**, with **Valse Elégante** (Ralph Gordon, Alexander Mitchell, Liz Donaldson, Paul Oorts, and Susan Brandt) and special performances by **the Alpine Dancers**. Learn a new waltz dance (*Iseltaler masolka*) with instructor **Carol Traxler**. Surprises all day, food and drinks — cost is only \$7 per person and includes a special *zwiefacher* lesson from 3 to 3:30pm. Dancing until 6pm, in time for you to enjoy a leisurely New Year's Eve dinner and evening celebration! Be a party animal and dance all afternoon AND evening! Dressy attire suggested.

### Dances of the British Isles • MD/VA

**Saturday December 9 • 8 to 10:30pm**

Join us for our candlelight Christmas Dance! **Barbara Harding** will call English country dances and dances from the Isle of Man. Beginners and singles welcome, as are snacks for the refreshment table. Instruction for beginners at 7:45pm. Music and snapdragons (flaming raisins) by **Peascods Gathering**. Admission \$5. Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. **Info: Dottie Beck 703.671.3240 (dottieb@erols.com) or Carl Minkus, 301.493.6281.**

### Ceili Dance • Fairfax, VA

**Saturday December 9 • 8pm to midnight**

**Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann** (CCE) sponsors a monthly (2nd Sat.) Ceili Dance at the John Wood Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA. Lesson at 7:30pm. **Bogwanderers Ceili Band** plays 8pm to 12 midnight. Free tea, coffee, sodabread. Admission: \$10 (Family \$20). **Info: Gene Nazarowitz 703.444.9368.**

## Local Dances *continued*

### Cajun/Zydeco at Glen Echo Park • MD *Saturday December 9 • 9pm*

At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. Dress is casual. No partner or experience necessary. Admission \$10. *Directions:* From the Beltway (495), Maryland side, take Exit 40 to the Cabin John Parkway. From the Virginia side, take Exit 41 to the Clara Barton Parkway. Follow signs for MacArthur Blvd. Exit and Glen Echo. **Info:** 301.309.0895, [ewicker@concentric.net](mailto:ewicker@concentric.net), or [www.ppgi.com/crawfish.html](http://www.ppgi.com/crawfish.html).

#### December

9 *Dwight Carrier & the Zydeco Ro Doggs.* Zydeco workshop 8pm. Dancing 9pm to midnight

### "Texas" Tea Dance at Glen Echo Park • MD *Sunday December 10 • 3:30 to 6pm*

Two-step, waltz, swing and polka to the area's only Western Swing dance band in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park (7300 MacArthur Blvd. at Goldsboro Rd. in Glen Echo, MD). Casual dress. Newcomers welcome. No experience or partner needed. Dance lesson/mixer at 3 and 4:30pm with **Mary Pat Cooney**. Live music for social dancing from 3:30 to 6 by **The Oklahoma Twisters**. \$5 admission includes workshops. **Info:** George 703.644.0551 or [www.press-room.com/~okt](http://www.press-room.com/~okt)

### Alpine Dancers • New Carrollton, MD *Sunday December 10 • 4 to 6:30pm*

Free open practice of the **Alpine Dancers**, specializing in couples and trio dances from Austria and Germany. Taped and live music. New dancers welcome. New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. Confirm date as practices may be replaced by performances. **Confirmation/directions:** Carol & Herbert Traxler at 301.577.3503 or [www.geocities.com/Vienna/Strasse/1945/alpine.html](http://www.geocities.com/Vienna/Strasse/1945/alpine.html).

### English Country Dance (CDSS) • Herndon, VA *Tuesday December 12 • 7:45pm*

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St, Herndon, VA. This is our official December party. Come enjoy your favorite English country dances, to live music. Cost: \$3. Leader: **Barbara Harding**. Musicians: **Pat Wexelblat** and friends. **Info:** Barbara Harding 703.437.3615 or [barbharding@juno.com](mailto:barbharding@juno.com).



### Folk Dancing at the Swiss Embassy • DC *Wednesdays December 13 & 27 • 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/confirm:** Fran Walters 301.530.5643.

### Gumbo Groupies • Silver Spring, MD *Thursday December 14 • 8 to 10pm*

Informal cajun and zydeco dancing on the second Thursday of each month to mostly recorded music. Musicians welcome! Longbranch Community Center, 8700 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD. FREE! **Info:** 301.588.3614 or [blpineles@erols.com](mailto:blpineles@erols.com).

### American-Austrian Society Christmas Ball • Ft. Myer, VA *Saturday December 16 • 7pm to 12:30am*

The American-Austrian Society's (A-AS) festive formal dinner dance in Austrian style (*Krampus Kranzchen*) will be held in the beautifully decorated Grand Ballroom of the Ft. Myer Officers' Club, Arlington, VA. Christmas music on Alpine harp will be followed by Viennese songs and *heurigens* music during the elegant dinner with wine and dessert of *Apfelstrudel* and *Kaffee mit Schlag*. **The Viennese Strings** will play Viennese dance music by Strauss, Lehar, Waldteufel and others for hours of dancing. At midnight join in long lines for the *Fledermaus* Quadrille, which will be taught. Black tie / white tie optional. Singles tables available. Tickets are \$80 for non-A-AS members and \$75 for members. Reservation form and map with directions are at the web site <http://www.geocities.com/americanaustriansociety>. **Invitation requests and info:** 301.249.9352 or e-mail to [makawood@cs.com](mailto:makawood@cs.com) or [caroltraxler@mail.com](mailto:caroltraxler@mail.com).

### English Country Dance (CDSS) • Herndon, VA *Saturday December 16 • 8pm*

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St. Herndon, VA. Caller: **Barbara Harding** with recorded music. No experience or partner necessary. Free. **Info:** Barbara Harding 703.437.3615 or [barbharding@juno.com](mailto:barbharding@juno.com).

### Scandinavian Holiday Dance Party • Greenbelt, MD *Saturday December 16 • 8 to 11pm*

Scandia DC sponsors this holiday dance party at Greenbelt Community Center (dance studio), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. No teaching. Costumes and contributions of finger food welcome

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but not required. Live fiddle music by **Andrea Hoag**, **Loretta Kelley**, and the **Scandia DC Spelmannslag**. No partners necessary. Cost: \$7. **Info: 202.333.2826**, [linda@scandiadc.org](mailto:linda@scandiadc.org) or [www.scandiadc.org](http://www.scandiadc.org)

### **Bethesda International Folk Dancing • MD** ***Mondays • 7:30 to 10pm***

Dance on the wood floor of the Leland Community Recreation Center social hall, 4301 Willow Lane, Bethesda, MD. No partner necessary. 7:30pm Beginners teaching, 8pm intermediate/advanced and requests. Mostly recorded but occasionally live music and workshops. Admission \$5. **Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301.871.8788.**

### **Bluemont Morris • Reston, VA** ***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.**

### **Israeli Folk Dancing • DC** ***Tuesdays • 7:30 to 10:30pm***

At Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, DC. 7:30 beginners teaching, 8:30 advanced/open dancing. Recorded music. Admission \$5/\$2 students. **Info: Helen Rubin, 703.207.1551 or [helen@israelidance.com](mailto:helen@israelidance.com).**

### **Taylor Made Squares Dancing Club • Silver Spring, MD** ***Tuesdays • 8 to 9:30pm***

**Betsy Taylor** calls squares to recorded music at the Long Branch Community Center on Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, MD. There is a wood floor and admission is free. No experience or partner necessary. **Info: 301.589.4868.**

### **Arlington International Folk Dancing • VA** ***Tuesdays • 8 to 10pm***

At the Key School, Key Blvd. at Veitch St. near the Courthouse Road Metro, Arlington, VA \$3. Recorded music. Instruction, walk-throughs, and requests. Singles welcome and all ages or levels of expertise. **Info: 703.527.8998 or [sstulberg@earthlink.net](mailto:sstulberg@earthlink.net).**

### **Israeli Dancing • Potomac, MD** ***Wednesdays • 8 to 11pm***

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.**

### **Foggy Bottom Morris Men • Silver Spring, MD** ***Thursdays • 8 to 10pm***

Join the **Foggy Bottom Morris Men**. Authentic Cotswold- and Border-Morris dance taught by **Nick Robertshaw** (Herga Morris Men, Hammersmith Morris Men, Brackley Morris Men), accompanied by live, traditional concertina and accordion dance music from the English villages of Badby, Bampton, and the Welsh-English border regions. The FBMM perform at traditional music and dance festival venues locally, regionally, and internationally. Practices at Oak View Elem. School, Silver Spring near Takoma Park. **Info: Bill Brown 301.270.2014 or [wmlbrown@earthlink.net](mailto:wmlbrown@earthlink.net), Brad Graham 703.916.0213, Bob Collins 410.536.0986.**

### **Mount Vernon International Folk Dancing** **• Alexandria, VA** ***Thursdays • 8 to 10pm***

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@aol.com](mailto:kkkrogh@aol.com).**

### **Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers • DC** ***Thursdays • 7:30 to 9:30pm***

At the newly renovated Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave., NW, DC (corner of Connecticut Ave. and McKinley St., two blocks south of Chevy Chase Circle). Instruction and walk-throughs until 8:30. All levels welcome. No partner necessary. Recorded music. Leader **Roland Forbes**. **Info: Jackie Davis 301.424.8827 or Naomi Rogers 301.438.0063.**

### **Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • MD** ***Fridays • 8:30 to 11pm***

Focusing on dances from Eastern and Western Europe, Scandinavia, and the Mediterranean, International Folk Dancing at Greenbelt will continue throughout the summer. No partner or experience necessary. Teaching from 8:30 - 9:15pm, request dancing 9:15-11pm. Mostly recorded music. At the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (beautiful wooden floor!), 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Admission \$5. **Info: Larry Weiner 301.565.0539 or [weiner@erols.com](mailto:weiner@erols.com); John Robinson 410.715.9210; and John Bartholomew 301.565.3650.**



# Classes

*Class listings may be submitted by FSGW members ONLY.*

## **Practice and Play Scandinavian Music** **Saturday December 16 • 7:30 to 9:30pm**

Join the **Scandia DC Spelmannslag** which is open to all interested musicians (it meets every third Saturday from Sept. thru May), at the Greenbelt Community Center. Practice session from 7:30 to 8:30pm with a featured fiddler. Play for the Scandia DC Dance from 9 to 9:30pm. Learn to play Scandinavian music from an expert. Syllabus of repertoire tunes and tape available to participants; Volume 2 out soon. Nominal fee of \$3 covers the room rental and dance entrance. **Info: 202-333-2826, linda@scandiadc.org or www.scandiadc.org**

## **BandAid Workshop** **Sunday December 17 • 10:30 to 3pm**

The next **BandAid**, an ensemble playing workshop, will be held Sunday, December 16 from 10:30am to 3pm. Area pianist **Liz Donaldson** will lead the session, concentrating on tunes from the English Dance repertoire. All instruments welcome. Drinks provided. Bring a bag lunch, and, if you like, a goodie to share. Cost \$18. Space is limited. **Info/registration: Call Liz Donaldson at 301 986-1291 or liz@us.net.**

## **Clogging**

Traditional Clogging classes at Wakefield Recreation Center in Virginia. Learn the basic steps and a routine you can perform with the **Patchwork Dancers**. The next class begins on Sunday January 14th at 5. For classes or performances call **703.503.9260, 202.401.3571, email us at jpmaxwell@yahoo.com or visit our web page at home.earthlink.net/~jim-maxwell**

## **Irish Ceili and Country Set Dancing**

Irish ceili and country set dances are social dances performed to exciting and energetic reels, jigs, hornpipes, and polkas. Classes are to taped music. Several dances to live music are held each month in Washington DC area. No partner, Irish ancestry, or previous dance experience required.

**TUESDAY:** Ridgeview Intermediate School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. \$25/semester. Began September 5. Sponsored by Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers. **Info: Marilyn O'Brien 301.926.6943 or http://hometown.aol.com/obieobwan/club/index.htm.**

7 to 8pm                      Beginners  
8:15 to 9:30pm            Advanced

**THURSDAY:** September 7 to December 14. Irish Set Dancing will be taught by Jim Keenan at the Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville, MD. Cost: \$30 donation to the Frost Center. **Info: 301.840.1416.**

7:30 to 8:30pm            Beginners  
8:15 to 9:30pm            Advanced

## **Norwegian Couple Dancing** **1st and 3rd Thursdays • 8 to 9:30pm**

Mostly Telespringar and Telegangar, the traditional dances of the region of Telemark. **Loretta Kelley** will play for dancing once a month. **Annamarie Pluhar and Arna Desser** teaching. Beginners, advanced dancers, singles and couples welcome. The best shoes to dance in have smooth soles with a solid heel. Cost: \$5. At NIH Fitness Center T-39. **Info: Annamarie at 301.588.4001, apluhar@idd-solutions.com or apluhar@ziplink.net; Arna 410.295.2944, desser@usna.edu**

## **Beginning Scandinavian Dancing**

2nd and 4th Thursdays: December 14 and 28, 8 to 9:30 pm. Learn hambo, schottish, waltz, and other couple turning dances. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Mostly recorded music, with occasional live musicians. Come whenever you can; class is continuous. Some hambo is done every time. Wear smooth soles for turning. NIH Fitness and Dance Center, building T-39, Bethesda, MD. (Enter NIH at Wisconsin and Center Drive, go to the south center of NIH, and park in the NIH permit parking next to the building, or walk eight minutes from the Medical Center Metro stop. See a map at <http://WWW.NIH.GOV/about/images/nihmap.gif> or on a flier.) Cost \$5. **Contact Lisa Brooks at 301.654.7667, 301.435.5544, or lisa\_brooks@nih.gov.**

## **Scottish Country Dance**

Come and try out Scottish Country Dancing. It's a "first cousin" to English Country and contra dancing, and you're likely to find the differences interesting and enjoyable. Social dances are held regularly year-round, and there are plenty of opportunities for dance weekends, summer camps, and group travel. First evening free; tuition varies by location. Live and taped music. No partner needed. Separate classes for beginners. All classes 8 to 10pm. For information about groups in Baltimore, Frederick, Charlottesville and other areas, contact Jim McCullough at 202.234.6840 or [jmccullo@erols.com](mailto:jmccullo@erols.com).



## Classes *continued*

**MONDAY:** NIH Fitness and Dance Center, Building T-39, Bethesda MD. **Contact Denise or Blaine Peet at 301.942-2831 or blpeet@juno.com.**

**TUESDAY:** Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, Greenbelt, MD. **Contact Janet Simmon at 301.977.1757 or janet.simmon@wap.org.**

**WEDNESDAY:** Durant Center, Alexandria VA. **Contact Jay Andrews at 703.719.0596 or andrewj@erols.com.**

### Social Dancing

Social dancing classes with **Donna Barker**. **Info: Donna 703.978.0375 or <http://www.erols.com/swing4me>.**

**SUNDAYS:** Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N. 20th St., Arlington, VA. "Drop-in" ANY Sunday for one

or both lessons and dancing! The entire evening is ONE price (dancers can take one or both classes): PSDC members pay \$10 lessons & dance, \$7 dance only; Nonmembers: \$12/\$9. Snacks included.

7:00-7:45 Review the basics for Hollywood  
Lindy Dancers  
7:45-8:30 Int./Adv. Jitterbug with a Lindy Flair  
8:30-10:30 Social Dancing (DJ)

**WEDNESDAYS:** Vienna's Tap Room, 146 Maple Ave. East, Route 123, Vienna, VA. Drop-in any Wednesday. PSDC members: \$12 lesson & dance, \$9 dance only; Nonmembers: \$14/\$11.

7:15-8pm Beg. Swing  
8-9pm Adv. Swing  
9-11pm Social Dancing (DJ)

## Out-of-Town Events & Dances

### MD • Annapolis - Sean Donlon's Pub

**Tuesdays • 9 to 11:30pm**

**Patrick Cavanagh** (tenor banjo and mandolin) and **Dennis Botzer** (fiddle, flute, tin whistle and guitar) are playing every Tuesday night at Sean Donlon's Pub, 37 West Street, Annapolis, right next to the Ram's Head Tavern. Traditional musicians are also welcome to join in the music, which runs from 9 to 11:30pm. Telephone at the pub is 410.263.1993. Excellent evening dinners and a lovely pint of Guinness. **Info/directions: Doc 301.422.6550.**

### MD • Annapolis - 333 Coffeehouse

**Friday December 15 • 8pm**

**Judy Cook** and the trio **Grace Griffith, Lisa Moscattello,** and **Chris Noyes** are December's featured performers, and **Chuck Durfor** and **Margo Hennebach** will make cameo appearances. The 333 Coffeehouse is a non-profit, non-alcoholic venue run by volunteers for the love of music. It features song-writers, 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. Doors open 7:30pm; music begins promptly at 8pm. Admission: \$6, \$5 for students/senior citizens. **Info: Leslie at 410.266.8044 or Max at 410.647.4275.**

### MD • Annapolis Contra Dance

**Saturday December 16 • 8pm**

**Ann Fallon** calls to the music of **Laura Lengnick** and **Dave Weisler**. Introductory lesson 7:30. Admission \$8/\$6 ATDS. No partner or experience

needed. At Fraternal Order of Police Hall, Rt. 178, Crownsville, MD. **Directions/info: 410.224.8488 or [w4c.com/dance/atds](http://w4c.com/dance/atds).**

### MD • Annapolis - Ram's Head Tavern

**Friday December 29 • 8:30pm**

**Hank Williams Tribute Concert** with **Robin & Linda Williams, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, John Starling, Bill Kirchen, Dave Giegerich,** and others. Friday, December 29 @ 8:30pm. At the Ram's Head, 33 West St., Annapolis, MD. Tickets \$17.50 (+ 10% state tax).

### MD • Baltimore - English Country Dance (BFMS) 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. Come alone or with a friend. New dancers are always welcome but are encouraged to arrive on time, as easier dances are taught earlier in the evening. An optional workshop for newcomers is held at 7:30pm on the first Monday of every month. Admission: \$8, \$6 for BFMS members. At St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore (1/2 mile inside the Baltimore Beltway - I-695 - at Exit 20 South). **Info: 410.321.8419 or [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org).**

### December

- 4 Caller: **Rich Galloway**. Music: **Marty Taylor** (flute and concertina) & **Robbin Schaffer** (piano).

## Out-of-Town Events & Dances *continued*

### *Baltimore English Country Dances continued*

- 11 Caller: **Mary Kay Friday**. Music: **Liz Donaldson** (piano and accordion) & **Colleen Spence Reed** (flute).
- 18 Caller: **Christopher Field**. Music: **Laurie Mielke** (recorder), **Jonathan Jensen** (piano), & **Becky Ross** (fiddle).
- 25 **CHRISTMAS: NO DANCE**

### **MD • Baltimore - Lovely Lane Contra Dance (BFMS)** *Wednesdays • 8pm*

This weekly contra dance is sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. All dances are taught and walked through. Beginners are always welcome and are encouraged to arrive promptly at 8pm. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. Free workshops introducing basic contra dance held on 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30. Admission: \$8, \$6 for BFMS/FSGW members. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD. **Info: 410.321.8419 or [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org).**

#### December

- 6 Caller: **Susan Taylor**. Music: *Contra Rebels*.
- 13 Caller: **Andy Kane**. Music: **Paul Oorts** (guitar and mandolin) & **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle).
- 20 Caller: **Gaye Fifer**, from Charlottesville. Music: *Mostly Mortal Wombat*.
- 27 **Holiday Dance**. Caller: **Peggy Myers**. Music: *Open Band*.

### **MD • Baltimore - 2nd Saturday Dance (BFMS)** *Saturday December 9 • 7 & 8pm*

*Klezmos* will present a Klezmer concert of traditional Eastern European music at 7pm, followed by an American contra dance from 8 to 11pm with **Robbin Schaffer** calling. Pianist **Marc Glickman** will also teach and lead a few traditional Jewish dances. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Contra dancing is easy to learn, lots of fun, and great exercise. All dances are taught. Beginners, singles, couples, and families are welcome, and you don't need to bring a partner. 7pm free workshop: Intro to contra dancing. 8 to 11pm contra dance. Free beverages will be served at the break and participants are invited to bring goodies to share with their fellow dancers. At St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore (1/2 mile inside the Baltimore Beltway - I-695 - at Exit 20 South). Admission: \$8, \$6 for BFMS/St. Mark's members. Discounts for children, families, students. **Info: Ralph Barthine 410.561.4573 or [rbarthin@bcpl.net](mailto:rbarthin@bcpl.net).**

### **MD • Baltimore - Cellar Stage**

*Friday December 1 • 8pm*

Uptown Concerts (a nonprofit organization affiliated with the North American Folk Alliance) presents The Cellar Stage in the fellowship hall of St. John's United Methodist Church of Hamilton (5315 Harford Road Baltimore, MD; just 3 miles inside the Beltway). All shows begin at 8pm. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Access the large parking lot from Gibbons Street. **Concert info: Joyce Sica 410.922.5210, [joycesica@aol.com](mailto:joycesica@aol.com), or <http://www.charm.net/~dirtylin/uptown.html>.**

Advance tickets advised. By phone: call Midnight Music 1.888.843.0933. By mail: send your check or money order to Uptown Concerts, PO Box 150, Randallstown, MD 21133. Please make checks payable to Uptown Concerts. Include a phone number and be sure to specify the show(s) for which you are purchasing tickets. To get on our e-mail mailing list and stay informed, send your e-mail address to [uptownconcerts@aol.com](mailto:uptownconcerts@aol.com).

#### December

- 1 *The New House Band* (\$15 adv/ \$17 door)

### **MD • Catonsville - Somebody Scream (BFMS)** *Saturdays December 2 & 16 • 9pm*

At the Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College (CCC). Free zydeco dance workshop at 8pm. Music for dancing 9pm to midnight. Refreshments on sale. Directions: From I-95, exit at Route 195 but take Route 166 (Rolling Road) north towards Catonsville. At the second traffic light (Valley Road) turn left into the CCC campus. The Barn Theater is the stone building on the hill beyond parking lot A. Free, well-lit parking is available nearby. Admission: \$10 (reduced admission for BFMS members and CCC faculty, staff, and students with ID). **Info: [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org).**

#### December

- 2 *The Creole Trio*
- 16 *Dwight Carrier and the Zydeco Ro Doggs*

### **MD • Columbia - Borders Books and Music** *Usually Fridays • 7:30pm*

Free performances at Borders Books and Music, 6151 Columbia Crossing Circle, Columbia, MD. Children's storytime every Monday at 10:30am and every Wednesday at 11am. Open Mike Music every Sunday at 4pm in Cafe Espresso. All soloists and duos welcome. Sign-up sheet available at 3pm each Sunday. **General info: 410.290.0062.**

#### December

- 1 **Adam Dorfman**
- 8 *Tree Surgeons*

## Out-of-Town Events & Dances *continued*

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- 14 *Camarata Musica* (7pm)
- 15 Jared Denhard
- 22 Sue Richards
- 29 Dominic Gaudious & Ian Hesford

### MD • Columbia - The Folkal Point

**Friday December 8 • 8pm**

A festive evening with *Hot Soup* at The Folkal Point in Oliver's Carriage House, 5410 Leaf Treader Way, Columbia, MD. Bring your singing voices and check out this great new night and new location for The Folkal Point! The concert hall is in a converted carriage house, spacious and airy. You'll find it just off Vantage Point Road in Town Center, very near the intersection of Rts. 29 and 175. Tickets \$12 advance (PO Box 10, Columbia, MD 21045/include SSAE) and \$15 at door. Doors open 7:15pm. Dessert and coffee available. **Info: 410.531.5350, [www.serve.com/folkalpoint](http://www.serve.com/folkalpoint).**

### MD • Columbia - Panzer House Concerts

**Saturday December 9 • 8pm**

Louise Taylor and Denise Franke. Suggested donation \$10. BYOB. Light refreshments served. Reservations required: 410.531.9233, [spanzers@cs.com](mailto:spanzers@cs.com), or [www.columbiaskiclub.org/phc](http://www.columbiaskiclub.org/phc).

### MD • 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 9pm. We have parties and workshops. **Info: 410.997.1613 (night), or 301.495.4642 (day).**

### MD • Frederick Contra Dance

**Saturday December 23 • 8 to 11pm**

Becky Hill calls to the music of *Folk Remedy* (Elke Baker on fiddle, Ken Wright on banjo, and Liz Donaldson on piano). Beginners welcome and no partner necessary. Free beginner workshop at 7pm; dance starts at 8. Admission: \$6. Our new location is the Seventh Day Adventist hall, located near the intersection of Rte. 70 and 355, near the Frederick Keys ball stadium. Further information, including directions and a map, is available on our website at <http://w4c.com/dance/mmfac/>. **For human contact, call Boe Walker at 301.694.6794.**



### MD • Sykesville - Baldwin's Station & Pub

**Usually Wednesdays • 8pm**

At Baldwin's Station & Pub, 7618 Main St., Sykesville, MD 21784. Productions by Uptown Concerts, a non-profit organization affiliated with the North American Folk Alliance. Unless otherwise stated, all shows are on Wednesdays and begin at 8pm. **Concert info: Joyce R. Sica, 410.922.5210, [joycesica@aol.com](mailto:joycesica@aol.com), or <http://www.charm.net/~dirtylin/uptown.html> (compliments of Dirty Linen Magazine). Tickets/reservations: 410.795.1041.**

#### December

6 *The Poor Clares* (\$15)

13 *Mike Cross* (\$20)

20 *Connemara* (\$15)

21 *Connemara* (\$15)

### PA • Lancaster Contra Dance

**Saturday December 16 • 8pm**

The Lancaster Traditional Society presents *Three Thin Dimes*, featuring Mike Williams on fiddle, Hilary Fraley on bouzouki, and Jill Smith on piano, with Sue Dupre calling. At St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA. Beginners workshop at 7:15pm. Dance 8 to 11pm. **Info: Shane 717.390.7277 or Shirley [sam@mcc.org](mailto:sam@mcc.org)**

### PA • Red Lion - YFDA Contra Dance

**Friday December 1 • 8pm**

The York Folk Dance Association invites you to a contra dance at the Red Lion Grange on Capehorn Road, located at the northeast corner of Rt. 24 and Lombard Rd. This monthly dance will feature local hometown band *The Contra Rebels* playing stomping, old-time music. Shane Knudsen, from Lancaster will call some fun and interesting dances. Singles, couples, beginners and families are all welcome. Experience is not necessary. All dances will be taught. Beginners' workshop 7:30, contra dance 8 to 11pm. Cost: \$6. **Info: 717. 845.2897, [janramer1@compuserve.com](mailto:janramer1@compuserve.com), or <http://www.w4c.com/dance/york>**

### VA • Charlottesville Contra Dance

**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays • 8 to 11pm**

In the gym on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays. At MACAA. Take Rt. 29 South to Charlottesville. Turn east onto Rt. 250. Just after the light at McIntire Rd. Turn north on Park St. Go a block to the first marked pedestrian crosswalk and turn left into the alley. Beginner's workshop at 7:30. Admission \$6. **Info: [contradanc@aol.com](mailto:contradanc@aol.com), [www.ContraDance.sbc.edu](http://www.ContraDance.sbc.edu), or Rob Craighurst at 804.971.8863.**

## Out-of-Town Events & Dances *continued*

### WV • Charles Town - Jumpin' Java

**Saturdays • 8 to 10pm**

The Jumpin' Java Coffeehouse offers acoustic music as well as fine coffees, espresso drinks, sandwiches, and other lite fare and desserts. Open every day, with music every Saturday from 8 to 10pm. Requested donation: \$2/adult. No smoking, no alcohol. Directions: Take Rt. 340 west from Frederick, MD and continue straight into downtown Charles Town, WV. Jumpin' Java is at 109 West Washington Street, on the left in the center of town. **Info: 304.728.0195.**

### WV • Shepherdstown Contra Dance

**Saturday December 2 • 8 to 11pm**

**Laura Brown** will call a festive evening of contras on Saturday, December 2 at the Shepherdstown contra dance. Music will be by **The Mighty Possums**, featuring **Ralph Gordon** on bass, **Tabby Finch** on piano, and **Joe DeZarn** and **Alexander Mitchell** on fiddles. The dance will be held at the War Memorial Building (Men's Club) in downtown Shepherdstown and will start at 8pm, with a free beginners' workshop at 7:15pm. Admission: \$6 nonmembers, \$5 members, \$3 for dancers under age 26. Dancers must bring clean soft-soled shoes. All are invited to bring their best offering for the Holiday potluck dinner at 6pm before the dance. **Info: 304.263.8323 or 304.876.2169.** **Website: [www.w4c.com/dance/shepherdstown](http://www.w4c.com/dance/shepherdstown).**

### WV • Shepherdstown Holiday Concert

**Friday December 15 • 8pm**

Holiday Candlelight Concert with **Morning Star Consort** and **Night Kitchen**. Celebrate the season in a candlelight concert featuring two of our finest locally based ensembles. **Morning Star Consort** combines the crystalline tones of **Sharon Hall** on fiddle, **Jeffrey Esko** on guitar, viola da gamba and flute, **John Grahor** on bass and special guest vocalist **Laura First** playing a timeless blend of Classical and Celtic music. **Night Kitchen** combines the talents of **Tabby Finch** on harp, hammered dulcimer, piano and accordion, with **Linda Hickman** on flute, **Michael DeLalla** on guitar and **Jesse Winch** on percussion. Long-time denizens of the Irish music scene, the have recently

been exploring South American styles and will bring a worldly blend to a largely Celtic evening. At St. Peter's Lutheran Church on the corner of King and High Streets in Shepherdstown, WV. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 members and seniors, \$6 children and students. \$40 family maximum. **Info: Joanie Blanton, 304.263.2531 or [blanton@intrepid.net](mailto:blanton@intrepid.net) or [www.w4c.com/dance/shepherdstown](http://www.w4c.com/dance/shepherdstown).**

### WV • Shepherdstown - Shenandoah Coffeehouse

**Saturday December 16 • 8pm**

**Michael DeLalla, Margo Hennebach w/ Mark Saunders, and Vyktoria Pratt Keating** combine their talents. Our monthly concerts in Shepherdstown are held typically on the 3rd Saturday at the War Memorial Building at 102 West German Street in historic downtown. Our sponsor is the Blue Moon Cafe, at the corner of Princess and High Streets in Shepherdstown, where concert-goers can get dinner before the show. All concerts are smoke and alcohol free and provide a comfortable listening setting for relaxed enjoyment of both lyrics and music. The Shenandoah Coffeehouse Series is an environmentally friendly event; feel free to bring your favorite coffee mug. Coffee and other refreshments are graciously provided by our sponsors. Doors open at 7:30pm and showtime is 8pm. Tickets \$8. **Info: [scs@mediasoft.net](mailto:scs@mediasoft.net). Website: <http://www.shenandoahacoustics.com/scs>.**

### WV • 4th Annual Terpsichore's Holiday

**December 27 to January 1.**

The 4th Annual Terpsichore's Holiday in WV, a great way to celebrate the New Year. Enjoy contras (**Chris Bischoff**), squares (**Bill Alkire**), Scandanavian (**Bruce Sagan**) swing (**Marcie Brown**), English (**Mary Kay Friday**), rapper, shape note singing, dance band, adult crafts, and lots more. A pre-school and children's program will also be provided (drama, story telling, dance—to name but a few classes). This is an intergenerational program that promises to have something for everyone. **Info: Bob Mathis 301.589.7539, [talibob@starpower.net](mailto:talibob@starpower.net), or [www.lloydshaw](http://www.lloydshaw).**



## Seeking Women To Sing

**Bread & Roses Feminist Singers** (BRFS) and the **Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington, DC** (LGCW) are seeking women to sing in a performance of Minnesota composer **Diane Benjamin's**, *Where I Live*, a breast cancer oratorio which was commissioned by the Denver Women's Chorus. *Where I Live* will be presented on a Saturday in late April 2001 as part of a half-day GLBT Arts Festival, sponsored by the GLBT Arts Consortium to benefit The Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer. All women singers are welcome to participate. There are no auditions and no requirements for participating beyond commitment to the success of the project, 10 rehearsals (beginning in February 2001), and some individual work to become familiar with the piece. There is a \$25 charge to cover the costs of the music and an (optional) CD of the composition. Some scholarship help is available. Deadline for registering is: December 15th, 2000. **Info: BRFS, 703.205.9060, mieloerge@yahoo.com or Jill at the LGCW, 202.546.1549, jpstrach@aol.com.**

## ADVANCE WARNING • FSGW 2001

**Saturday, January 13:** GARNET ROGERS, Canadian singer-songwriter. \$14/\$18 at Northern Virginia Community College

**Saturday January 20:** MARTYN WYNDHAM-READ, songs of Australia and England

**Saturday February 3:** 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FSGW MINI-FEST, Takoma Park, MD (see separate article).

**February 16-19:** SKI-DANCE WEEKEND in the Laurel Highlands of PA. Contrabass, English, and squares called by **Frederick Park** and **Bob Mathis**. Music by **Andrea Hoag** and **Dave Wiesler**. Children's program. Co-sponsored by FSGW, Sierra Club Outings Section, and Potomac Appalachian Trail Club Ski-Touring Section. **Info: Bob Mathis/Tali Stopak 301.589.7539, Stephanie Smith 301.229.3577 or steph@boo.net**

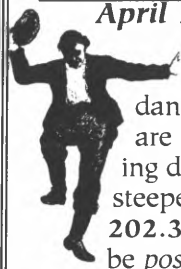
**Saturday February 17:** DOUBLE DECKER STRINGBAND, boisterous old-timey songs and tunes

**Saturday March 17:** JEFF AND GERRET WARNER present *The Warner Collection* in field recordings and live performance

**Thursday March 22:** ED MILLER, Scottish traditional singer

**Saturday April 21:** JOEL MABUS, songs new and old performed with fiddle, banjo, and guitar

**April 27-29:** 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FSGW CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND, Camp Letts/Edgewater, MD.



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**Saturday May 19:** MARGARET MACARTHUR, songs from Vermont and neighboring New England states

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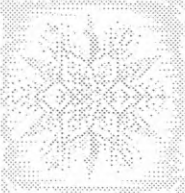




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# DECEMBER 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 8pm Nowell Sing We Clear 8pm Cellar Stage, Charlottesville & York Contra Dances 8:30 FND Contra Dance, Intl. Folk Dance In Greenbelt	<b>2</b> 7:30 FSGW Storyswap 1pm Blues Foundation Jam 7:30 Balt. Intl. Folk Dance 8pm Jumpin' Java, Scan Dance, Shepherdstown Contra Dance 8:30 St. Nick's Dance 9pm Swing at Glen Echo 9pm Somebody Scream
<b>3</b> 7:30 FSGW Contra Dance 1pm HMT Concert 2pm Scottish Dance 3:30 Waltz at Glen Echo	<b>4</b> 7:30 Bethesda Intl. Folk Dance 8pm IMT Concert, Baltimore Eng. Country Dance	<b>5</b> 7:30 Herndon-Reston Folk Club, Israeli Dance 8pm Sea Shanty Pub Sing, Taylor Made Squares, Arlington Intl. Folk Dance	<b>6</b> 8pm FSGW Eng. Country 7pm Laurel Jam Session 7:30 Swiss Dance 8pm Baldwin's Station, Columbia Intl. Folk Dance, Baltimore Contra Dance, Israeli Dance	<b>7</b> 7:30 Intl. Folk Dance In Foggy Bottom, Chevy Chase 8pm Intl. Folk Dance In Mt. Vernon	<b>8</b> 8:30 FSGW Open Sing 8pm Folkal Point, Shenandoah Coffeehouse 8:30 FND Contra Dance, Intl. Folk Dance In Greenbelt	<b>9</b> 8pm Namu Lwango 1pm Blues Foundation Jam 5pm Hungarian Dance 7:30 Caffé Florian 8pm Shepherdstown Concert, Jumpin' Java, Dances Of The Brit. Isles, Baltimore Contra Dance, Celli Dance, Balt. Intl. Folk Dance 8:15 Eng. Country Dance 8:30 Israeli Dance 9pm Zydeco at Glen Echo
<b>10</b> 3:30 FSGW Community Dance 4pm FSGW Gospel Sing 7:30 FSGW Contra Dance 1pm HMT Concert 3:30 Texas Tea Dance 4pm Alpine Dancers 7:30 Medium Rare Cafe	<b>11</b> 7:30 Bethesda Intl. Dance, Swing At Glen Echo 8pm IMT Concert, Baltimore Eng. Country Dance	<b>12</b> 8pm FSGW Board Meeting 7:30 Herndon-Reston Folk Club, Israeli Dance 7:45 Eng. Country Dance 8pm Taylor Made Squares, Arlington Intl. Folk Dance	<b>13</b> 8pm FSGW Eng. Country 8pm Vic's Music Corner, Baldwin's Station, Columbia Intl. Folk Dance, Baltimore Contra Dance, Israeli Dance	<b>14</b> 7:30 Intl. Folk Dance In Foggy Bottom, Chevy Chase 8pm Gumbo Groupies, Intl. Folk Dance In Mt. Vernon	<b>15</b> 8pm 333 Coffeehouse, Medium Rare Café, Shepherdstown Concert, Charlottesville Contra Dance 8:30 FND Contra Dance, Intl. Folk Dance In Greenbelt	<b>16</b> 8pm Mark Gilston FSGW hc 1pm Blues Foundation Jam 7pm Krampus Kranzchen 8pm Panzer House Concert, Jumpin' Java, Scan Dance, Eng. Country Dance, Balt. Intl. Folk Dance, Annapolis & Lancaster Contra Dances 9pm Swing at Glen Echo 9pm Somebody Scream
<b>17</b> 11am Mark Gilston Workshop 7:30 FSGW Contra Dance 1pm HMT Concert 3:30 Waltz at Glen Echo 7pm Irish Session At The Royal Mile, Shenandoah Coffeehouse 7:30 Bethesda House Concert	<b>18</b> 7:30 Bethesda Intl. Dance 8pm IMT Concert, Baltimore Eng. Country Dance 9pm Swing At Glen Echo	<b>19</b> 7:30 Herndon-Reston Folk Club Holiday Party, Israeli Dance 8pm Sea Shanty Pub Sing, Taylor Made Squares, Arlington Intl. Folk Dance 8:30 Storytelling	<b>20</b> 8pm FSGW Eng. Country 7pm Laurel Jam Session 7:30 Swiss Dance 8pm Baldwin's Station, Columbia Intl. Folk Dance, Baltimore Contra Dance, Israeli Dance	<b>21</b> 7:30 Intl. Folk Dance In Foggy Bottom, Chevy Chase 8pm Baldwin's Station, Intl. Folk Dance In Mt. Vernon <b>First Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30 FND Contra Dance, Intl. Folk Dance In Greenbelt	<b>23</b> 1pm Blues Foundation Jam 1:30 Hammer Dulcimer Jam 8pm Jumpin' Java, Balt. Intl. Folk Dance, Frederick Contra Dance
<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30 Herndon-Reston Folk Club, Israeli Dance 7:45 English Country Dance 8pm Taylor Made Squares, Arlington Intl. Folk Dance	<b>27</b> 7pm Laurel Jam Session 8pm Columbia Intl. Folk Dance, Baltimore Contra Dance, Israeli Dance	<b>28</b> 7:30 Intl. Folk Dance In Foggy Bottom, Chevy Chase 8pm Intl. Folk Dance In Mt. Vernon	<b>29</b> 8pm Charlottesville Contra Dance 8:30 Hank Williams Tribute, FND Contra Dance, Intl. Folk Dance In Greenbelt	<b>30</b> 1pm Blues Foundation Jam 8pm Jumpin' Java, Balt. Intl. Folk Dance 9pm Swing at Glen Echo
<b>31</b> 6:30 New Year's Eve 2000 Dance 8pm New Year's Eve Contra Ball 3:30 Waltz at Glen Echo 9pm Swing at Glen Echo	<b>JANUARY</b> <b>1</b> 3:30 FSGW Sacred Harp					



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