FSGW Special Event House Concert and Workshops
Washington, DC

Walt Koken and Clare Milliner

Old Time Fiddle and Banjo
Saturday, December 4 • Workshops from 2- 4:45 pm
Concert 7 pm (with a pot-luck supper in-between)

Clare Milliner and Walt Koken play fiddle duets and fiddle & banjo pieces from the “Old Time” tradition. Koken, born in Missouri, has played banjo and fiddle on four continents and is looking forward to future adventures. He is probably best known for his fiddling with the Highwoods Stringband in the 1970s, successor to the Fat City String Band from the San Francisco Bay area. He has made two solo banjo CDs for Rounder Records and one on his own Mudthumper label, all with his old Orpheum banjo. In recent years, he and Clare have been playing dances, festivals, and with friends in local sessions.

Milliner, a life-long resident of Chester County, PA, has played violin since she was eight years old. She has spent some twenty years collecting and annotating fiddle tunes, and is collaborating with Walt to publish a book of over 1300 of them. She and Walt recently released a CD on Mudthumper of banjo-fiddle duets, Just Tunes. For the past fifteen years, she has played for dances and concerts with friends who call themselves The Cacklin’ Hens and Roosters Too.

Together, they present a lively program of traditional fiddle tunes and banjo pieces from Appalachia, as well as the Gulf Coast region and the Midwest.

This concert is at the home of Doria Howe and Michael Stein, in the Dupont Circle area of Washington, DC, and will be preceded by afternoon fiddle and banjo workshops with Walt and Claire and a potluck supper. Reservations requested for the workshops: contact Doria Howe at doriah@aol.com or 202-986-0683.

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FSGW Sunday Night Dance Glen Echo, MD

FSGW Sunday Night Dance
Contras & Squares
Sundays • 7:30 to 10:30 pm

In the Bumper Car Pavilion or the Spanish Ballroom (check dates) at Glen Echo Park (Directions, page 12). FSGW, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with awesome callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. ***NEW! FREE WELCOME/ORIENTATION TO TRADITIONAL AMERICAN DANCE SESSION AT 7 PM. COME EARLY TO GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON ALL THIS STUFF. PERSONALIZED TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS! *** Dances become more challenging later in the evening. Admission $8 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members; $10 for the general public. Children 12 and under $4. Bring something to drink (no alcohol is permitted in the Park). If you use scented products, such as perfumes, please be considerate of those with allergies and use a gentle hand. Info: Janine Smith at dance@fsgw.org or www.fsgw.org.

December

5 Caller Linda Leslie drives that big ole Firetruck down from New England, bringing some fine New England style dance music - Ethan Hazzard-Watkins (fiddle), Anna Patton (clarinet), and Seth Houston (guitar, piano). They promise to be on their best behavior and leave back home the 8” of snow they brought with them when they played for us in January 2004! In the Ballroom.

12 Dick Bearman calls with The June Apple Band making the music: Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Bob Garber (clarinet, pennywhistle), Alice Markham (piano), and Mike McGeary (banjo, mandolin). In the Bumper Car Pavilion.

19 Eva Murray calls with Cabaret Sauvignon makin’ that big band sound: Andrea Hoag (fiddle), Karen Ashbrook (hammered dulcimer, flute), Paul Oorts (banjo, mandolin, accordion), and Dave Wiesler (piano, guitar). In the Bumper Car Pavilion.

26 TBA calls to TBA. This will be one very special dance! In the Ballroom

2005 Sneak Preview:

January

2 Start the New Year out right (and left grand!) Kathy Anderson calls with Leah Weiss (fiddle), Gary Wright (guitar), Kate Brett (banjo), and Kevin Enoch (bass) playing some white hot, hard-driving tunes. In the Ballroom.

From our Dance Chair:

Chesapeake Dance Weekend

Nag, nag, nag. You know I’m gonna nag you every month until you finally do it. Just send in your registration and be done with it! Please don’t make me ask again. You know you wanna be there at Camp Letts April 15 - 17, 2005 with your dance buddies, dancin’ to the phenomenal music of Flapjack, The Hoover Uprights, Mary Lea and Jacqueline Schwab. With those incredible callers Joseph Pimentel, Beverly Smith and Brad Sayler. C’mon, just go to www.fsgw.org and click on Chesapeake Dance Weekend, read all about it, print out a form and get crackin’!
Planning for the 2005 FSGW Mini-Fest is underway. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 5, at Takoma Park Middle School, rain or shine (snow, however, is another thing!) Would you like to help? Do you have suggestions for activities? Would you or your group like to participate? Please email MiniFestival@fsgw.org and we’ll be in touch.

April & Jerry Blum, Mini-Fest Co-Chairs

Other FSGW Events

FSGW Open Sing • Montgomery Village, MD
**Friday, December 3 • 8:30 pm**
FSGW Open Sing on the first Friday of each month. We take turns doing music that’s connected (however vaguely) to a given topic. Sing, play, request a song, or just listen. New people may present any song regardless of topic. Donations of refreshments are welcome, and singing usually lasts until around 11:45 pm. The December Sing will be at the home of Heather Pierce. The topic is “Crime and Punishment.” Come join us on the chain gang with a song or two of law breaking, indiscretion, and retribution. We promise you’ll have a good time and no torture (unless you have perfect pitch). Call Heather at 301-869-7551 for directions/info. If you would like to receive monthly reminders of the Open Sings via e-mail please send a request to Jim Bunch at jabunch@umich.edu

FSGW Storyswap • Falls Church, VA
**Saturday, December 11 • 7:30 pm**
Free, storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Margaret and Ralph Chatham for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Info/directions/RSVP: 703-698-5456

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD
**Sunday, December 12 • 4 - 8 pm**
Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6 pm with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! The December Gospel Sing will be at the home of Sandy Littlejohn in Takoma Park, MD. Info/directions: 301-495-2726.

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA
**Saturday, January 1, 2005 • 3 – 8 pm**
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. It’s our tradition to hold a 5-hour singing on New Year’s Day in place of the 4th-Sunday singing in December, beginning an hour earlier than usual — at 3 pm — and running until 8 pm, with a potluck supper break at 6. In addition to the 1991 Sacred Harp (loaner tunebooks available), we may also sing from the American Christmas Harp. With participation from a wide region, this event is a stirring start to the year. Info: 301-229-8534. Directions: St. Peter’s is one-half mile south of Chain Bridge, on the west side of Glebe Road (crossing from Washington, on your right, from Virginia, on your left). The church is not visible from Glebe Rd. Turn on Tazewell St. to reach the parking lot.

**CO-SPONSORED EVENTS**

Glen Echo International Folkdancers
• Glen Echo, MD
**Thursdays • 7:30-10:45 pm**
The Glen Echo International Folkdancers meet Thursday nights at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobin Drive (next to the shopping center across the street from Glen Echo Park). Lesson at 7:30. Request dancing from 9-10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary, but wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Admission $5. Co-sponsored by FSGW. Info: Jamie at 301-320-7099 or dancingplanet@erols.com.

**Announcing...New FSGW Membership Dues!**
New membership fees go into effect on February 6, 2005, at 12:01 A.M.!!!! Renew now through February 5 (the day of the fabulous FSGW Mini Fest at the Takoma Park Middle School) and beat the rate hike! See back page of this newsletter for rate information and an application, or log on to www.fsgw.org, print a membership application and extend your membership before the new rates take effect. Questions? Send an e-mail message to our Membership Chair at members@fsgw.org.
FSGW English Country Dances

Wednesdays • 8 to 10:30 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, page 12). Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians playing a delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, and viola. Enjoy the welcoming crowd and light refreshments. Experienced and new dancers welcome, no partner needed.

Admission $7 for FSGW members, $9 for Non-members. Info: Norm Bernhardt at 301-320-2469; Stephanie Smith at 301-229-3577, or Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org.

December

1  Bob Farrall calls to the music of Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina), Liz Donaldson (accordion), and Julie Gorka (piano)
8  Becky Ross (fiddle), Anna Rain (recorder), and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music while Susan Taylor calls the dances.
15 Guest caller Tom Amesse from NJ calls to the playing of Paul Oorts (mandolin), Howard Markham (concertina), and Kendall Rogers (piano)
22 Liz Donaldson calls to the music of Francine Krasowska (piano), Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), and Judy Kleppel (oboe)
29 Martha Seigel calls while Colleen Reed (flute), Karin Loya (cello), and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music

FSGW Gala New Year's Eve English Dance
at Historic Adelphi Mill, Adelphi, MD
Friday, December 31 • 6:30 pm - 12:45 am

Dance the night away to the music of Liz Donaldson (piano), Becky Ross (fiddle), Marty Taylor (winds and concertina). Advance Registration Necessary - Space Limited. For information or to offer help call Karla or Bob Farrall 301.577.5018 or Tom Spilsbury 301.585.7857. Details and registration form at www.fsgw.org.

FSGW New Year's Eve Contra Ball, Friday, December 31 • 8 pm

At the lovely Chevy Chase Woman's Club, Chevy Chase, MD. Tom Hinds calls the figures to music by Evening Star — Steve Hickman (fiddle), Claudio Buchwald (piano) and David Crandall (saxophone, flute). This promises to be one very swell time. More details and registration form at www.fsgw.org.

Walt Ken Ken Clare Milliner Old Time Fiddle & Banjo Workshops & Concert continued

Schedule

(All on Saturday, December 4) Come to any, or all!
Banjo Workshop 2-3:15 pm — Walt with Clare + fiddle accompanying
Fiddle Workshop 3:30-4:45 pm — Clare, with Walt + banjo accompanying
Pot luck dinner 5-6:30 pm
House Concert 7 pm

Admission is $10 for the concert; $35 for the workshops (one or both) and $40 for workshops and concert. Metro: Red Line to Dupont Circle. Street parking anywhere in the neighborhood, or in the Universal building lot at Florida & 20th Streets, NW. Contact Doria Howe and Michael Stern at doriah@aol.com or 202-986-0683 for precise directions.
Concerts & Concert Series

Thursday

Amnesty International Benefit Concert
• Washington, DC

Thurs, December 9 • 7-10 pm
The Unusual Suspects (Richard Seidel, Kim Capps, and T.J. O’Malley), perform a benefit for the Adams Morgan chapter of Amnesty International. Cletus Kennelly opens. $10 includes hors d'oeuvres. At Skewers - Café Luna Restaurant, 3rd Floor, 1633 P Street, NW, just three blocks east of Dupont Circle. For info call 703-836-4521 or jwilly@comcast.net.

Sally Rogers in House Concert • Ellicott City, MD

Sat, December 11 • 8:15 pm
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Friday

John McCutcheon • Towson, MD

Fri, December 3 • 7:30 pm
Exquisite renditions of traditional materials as well as passionate performances of her own original and inventive body of songs. The concert will take place at a home in Ellicott City, MD Admission is $12 by advance registration only due to very limited seating. For more information, directions, and reservations please e-mail ebbecca@comcast.net (preferred) or call 410-964-2378.

Helicon • Baltimore, MD

Sat, December 18 • 3:30 and 8 pm
Helicon presents their 19th Annual Winter Solstice Concerts at Goucher College, Baltimore, MD This Baltimore tradition is a reunion concert of seasonal and traditional music from around the globe featuring Baltimore's Chris Norman on flute, pipes, whistle and vocals, Ken Kolodner on hammered dulcimer and fiddle, and Robin Bullock on guitar, fiddle, cittern, piano and mandolin. Tickets $22 advance; $25 at the door; group discounts available—www.kenkolodner.com or 410.243.7254 for tickets.

Hank Williams Tribute at Birchmere • Alexandria, VA

Sat, January 1, 2005 • 7:30 pm
At 3701 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA. With Robin and Linda Williams, Bill Kirchen, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Dave Giegerich, Rickei Simpkins, Ralph Gordon. Ticket info: 1-800-551-SEAT

Saturdays

The Backroads Band • Silver Spring, MD

Sat, December 4 • 7:30 pm
Karen Collins, Ira Gitlin, Greg Hardin & Rob Howe will be playing early country and honky tonk music at the Half Moon BBQ, 8235 Georgia Avenue. Admission - $7. 301-585-1290.

D.C. Labor Chorus • Silver Spring, MD

Sat, December 4 • 7:30 pm
Holiday season “Evening of Favorite Songs” in the Auditorium of the George Meany Center for Labor Studies/National Labor College. The concert will feature singalongs, songs from many cultures and traditions, and personal favorites of chorus members. Children are welcome to attend. The D.C. Labor Chorus is made up of singers from many unions in the D.C. area. Admission is free, and contributions will be welcome at the door. Info: Elise Bryant 301-431-5408.

Celtic Christmas Celebration • Rockville, MD

Sat, December 4 • 7:30 pm
Maggie Sansone, vocalist and hammered dulcimer player, presents a Celtic Christmas Celebration with Lisa Moscattiello, vocals and guitar; Laura Byrne, Irish flute; Rosie Shipley, fiddle; Fred Lieder, cello. At Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville. Tickets available at door; Adults, $15; students, $8; 12 and under, free. Details at 301-530-1735.

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Sundays

The Canticle Singers • Baltimore, MD

Sun, December 5 • 5:30 pm
Ken Kolodner will accompany the Baltimore based choir, The Canticle Singers in a concert of seasonal music at The Cathedral of Mary our Queen, Baltimore, MD. For information/directions/contact Wendy Wickham 410.592.6059

NAVIDAD! CAROLS & PARRANDAS
• Bethesda, MD

Sun, December 12 • 5 pm
'Tis the season of traditional and popular Latin American Christmas carols — villancicos and parrandas — accompanied by folkloric instruments, such as cuatro, güiro, guitar, and maracas. Explore the European, indigenous and African influences in Latin American music. Be part of a special sing-along per-
Concerts & Concert Series continued

performance and unique festive celebration that is sure to sell out! Washington's Latin American chorus Coral Cantigas' 2004-2005 Season features unique repertoires and an outstanding group of musicians, a special sing-along performance at the Christmas performance, Childhood Treasures: children's songs with a twist; and the powerful music of the Andes performed on more than 35 traditional instruments. All performances will be in Spanish with bilingual concert program notes and texts. Season subscription prices are $38 adults and $30 students and seniors. At Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda. For tickets and information, call 301-424-8296 or visit www.cantigas.org.

Saturday, & Sunday

Hesperus • Washington, DC and Rosslyn, VA December 18 & 19

The award-winning, world-traveled music ensemble Hesperus presents its annual Crossover Christmas Concert featuring Scott Reiss, Tina Chancey, Bruce Hutton and traditional singer Molly Andrews. The group performs its own festive fusion of European early music with American traditional blues, swing, Old-Time, vaudeville, and Cajun styles, on more than two dozen early and folk instruments.

Saturday, December 18 • 7:30 pm at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 4201 Albemarle St., NW, Washington, DC and

Sunday, December 19 • 3 pm & 7 pm at the Rosslyn Spectrum, Wilson Blvd. and N. Kent St., Rosslyn, VA. Both venues have free parking, and both are metro accessible (Tenleytown and Rosslyn stations respectively).

Tickets are $20/ $10 for students and those on a fixed income, and can be obtained by contacting Hesperus at 703-525-7550 ScottReiss@cs.com. For more information, visit www.hesperus.org.

German Christmas Music • Washington, DC Saturday, December 18 • 1:30 and 2:30 pm


Traditional German Christmas Concert • Washington, DC Sunday, December 19 • 3 pm

Washington Saengerbund Traditional Christmas Concert at the United Church, 20th and G Streets, NW, Washington, DC. An offering is taken to help those in need. Following the concert, refreshments are served in the church basement social hall. Info: www.saengerbund.org; hotline 202.310.4691.

CONCERT SERIES

Sundays

Focus Concert Series • Alexandria, VA Sunday, December 12 • 7 pm

Craig Carothers headlines and Brian Gundersdorf (of We're About 9) opens at the Focus Inn Alexandria at 2280 N. Beauregard St. (Church of the Resurrection). $12 general, $10 members. Contact: Herb at 703-548-8699, herbc1@earthlink.net or log onto www.focusmusic.org for more details.

Institute of Musical Traditions (IMT) Series • Silver Spring, MD Mondays • 8 pm unless otherwise noted

All concerts are at Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring, 10309 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. For tickets, please call 301-754-3611 or go to http://www.imtfolk.org.

December

6 Al Petteway, Amy White & Robin Bullock - 5th Annual Celtic Holiday Concert
7 Bruce Molsky & Tony McManus (Tuesday)
11 The 19th Annual Holiday Family Concert by Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer with special guest John McCutcheon. (Saturday)
13 Acoustic Showcase with Chocolate Fountain & Wine

Steve Key's Music Showcase • Frederick, MD Mondays • 7-10 pm

This is a new weekly series at the Frederick Coffee Co., 100 East St. (corner of Church St., in Frederick's Old Town district), 301-698-0039. Each show has a featured set by touring professionals and short sets by a variety of performers. There is no cover charge, but donations will be accepted during the featured act's set. Interested performers may contact host Steve Key at steve@stevekey.com.

Tuesdays

Folk Club of Herndon Reston • VA

Hosted by the Folk Club of Reston-Herndon at the Tortilla Factory Restaurant, 648 Elden St. Doors open 6 pm. $10 ($9 Folk Club members). 703-435-2402 or clubacoustic@erols.com.
Concerts & Concert Series continued

Wednesdays

Focus Concert Series • Rockville, MD

"Focus Presents Vic's Music Corner." Wednesday, December 8 • 8 pm.

Hot Soup headlines and Alastair Moock opens. At O’Brien’s BBQ, 387 East Gude Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. $15 general, $12 members. Contact: David at spitzerd@earthlink.net, O’Brien’s at 301-762-3395 or log onto www.focusmusic.org for more details.

BFOTM Concert Series • Newark, DE

Friday, December 10 • 8 pm

Bob Paisley & the Southern Grass (bluegrass) at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 420 Willa Road, Newark, DE. For more information: phone: 302-475-3454 email: bfotm@dca.net web: www.brandywinefriends.org snail: PO Box 3672, Greenville, DE 19807.

Fridays

333 Coffeehouse • Annapolis, MD

Friday, December 17 • 8 pm

Norfolk-based singer/songwriter Bob Zentz. A singer of songs old and new, Zentz brings to life people, places and times gone by, all while casting a spell on any audience with his array of unusual "unplugged" instruments. His own "home-made" songs comment most often on the ecology of the human spirit. Opening for Bob will be his daughter Skye, a fledgling singer/songwriter. Admission is $10; $8 for students and seniors. The 333 Coffeehouse is a nonprofit alcohol-free listening room run by volunteers. It offers a variety of local and regional talent on the third Friday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 DuBois Avenue, off Bestgate Road. For more information go to www.fsgw.org/333/ or call 443-786-0463.

BFMS Lovely Lane Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD

Wednesday, December 8-11 pm

Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD. 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 8 pm. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. Free beginners' workshops on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30. Admission is $7 for

Harford Rd. Access the large parking lot from Gibbons Avenue. Information call 410-922-5210.

Saturdays

Common Ground on the Hill Concert Series • Westminster, MD

Saturday, December 4 • 8 pm

Walt Michael (hammered dulcimer, guitar, vocals) and Michael Chapdelaine (guitar). At the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster, MD $17 general admission, $15 seniors & arts council members, students with ID, children (12 & under) Buy your tickets online at www.commongroundonthehill.org or call the Common Ground Office: 410-857-2771.

The Cellar Stage at St. John’s • Baltimore, MD

Co-sponsored by Uptown Concerts and St. John’s of Hamilton, at the United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Rd. Information call 410-857-2771.

Sundays

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Bear Dancers Sunday Contra Dance • Bear, DE

Sunday December 12 • 2-5 pm

Bob Hophkin coordinates local callers to the music of TBD at 208 Mariners Way, Bear, DE. Suggested donation $6, all proceeds to performers. Please check www.baltwirl.com for updated info. Info/directions: dancers@baltwirl.com or 302-838-0493 x5 or www.baltwirl.com.

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Dances

Directions: From Baltimore/DC: 195 north to Del state line, take Exit 1 (Rte 896 South); just past Denny Road turn left onto Howell School Road. At T intersection with Red Lion Road turn left, cross RR tracks and turn right onto Kirkwood/St. George's Road for about 0.5 miles, then right onto Mariners Watch. Check web site for directions to avoid tolls.

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Dances continued

BFMS/FSGW members, $10 for non-members. $2 student discount. Info: www.bfms.org or Greg Frock at 410-433-4419.

December

1  Sue Dupre with Sugar Beat
8  Steve Gester with the Altered Gardeners
15 Robbin Shaffer with Je ne sais Quebe cous
22 DeLaura Padovan with Evening Star
29 Bob Hofkin with the Open Band

Fridays

Friday Night Contra Dance • Glen Echo, MD
Fridays • 8:30-11:30 pm
The Friday Night Dancers, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County & the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture sponsor contra dances with occasional squares and couple dances to live music in Glen Echo Park’s Spanish Ballroom located at MacArthur Blvd. and Goldsboro Rd. The new dancer class starts at 7:30 pm. Dances start at 8:30. Admission price is $8. To play for or call a dance, send an email to fndbooking@folkdancer.com. For other information, see our webpage at http://fnd.folkdancer.com

December

3 Linda Leslie calls to Firetruck (from Massachusetts) — Anna Patton (clarinet), Ethan Hazzard-Watkins (fiddle), and Seth Houston (guitar, piano). New England musicians bring their inventive music to Glen Echo, including the rare contra-clarinet!
10 Laura Brown calls with the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band.
17 Nils Fredland calls to Glen Echo favorite Mando Mafia (Rick Friend (guitar), Bill Giltinan (mandolin), Vaughan Mairs (bass), Pete Marshall (octave-mandolin), Kelly Perdue (mandolin)), whose Wall-of-Mandolin sound makes dancers an offer they can’t refuse! “...danceable, foot-tappable, unignorable and irresistible”—Folk Roots Magazine.

THURSDAY,
December 23 Caller TBA with Late for Supper — Todd Clewell (fiddle), Jill Smith (piano), and friends are busy playing great contra dance music, even though they’ll be “Late for Supper”.

THURSDAY,
December 30 Caller TBA with Gypsy Meltdown — Colleen Reed (flute), Keith Gillis (guitar), Kathy Kerr (fiddle) — having grown up at the Friday Night Dance, they are becoming a regional favorite with their great fiddle, guitar, and haunting flute.

Chaptico New Year’s Eve Contra • Chaptico, MD
Friday, December 31 • 7:30-12 pm
Admission $10 for all. Bring a snack to share. At Christ Episcopal Church’s spacious Parish Hall. Wear non-scruffing shoes to protect wood floor. Zach Fowler Rd., Chaptico, MD. Sponsored by Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance. Info/directions: www.smtmd.org or call 301-475-5522.

Saturdays

Second Saturday Contra • Pikesville, MD
December 11 • 8-11 pm
How many shopping days till when? Whatever. Come procrastinate the night away with the ho-ho-ho-liest caller in town, and the most cynically named contra-band band since “The Lucrative Gig Boys” - SKAM Artists. Steve Hickman (fiddle), Kendall Rogers (piano), and Marty Taylor (recorders, concertina).

Susan Taylor calls. Free dance lesson at 7:30. $10/$8 BFMS members & affiliates; $2 student discount. St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway.


Bluemont Contra • Purcellville, VA
December 18 • 8 pm
The Bluemont Dance is back, at the Purcellville Skating Rink! Join us for a holiday treat with the Elftones! Be sure to check the website for directions and info on the rest of the season’s schedule. Beginners workshop at 7:30, dance 8:00-11:00. Potluck refreshments. Admission: $7, $5 for Bluemont friends and students. Info: www.bluemont.org or 703-777-6306.

Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA
Friday, December 10 • 8 pm
Dave Colestock calling to the Contra Rebels. Contra Dancing Keeps on Going! Come singly or whole family. All ages and experience levels welcome. Light refreshments provided, snack donations add to the atmosphere. 7:30 to 8 pm free new dancers workshop, dance 8-11 pm. Students $4, adults $9 NOTE: There is no dance on December 24, Christmas Eve. At 5501 Locust Lane, call Dave Felix for more info 975-2758 or http://locustlanecontra.freeservers.com/.

ATDS (Annapolis) 3rd Saturday Contra • Severna Park, MD
Saturday, December 18 • 8 pm
Nils Fredland calls to the Avant Gardeners — Laura Light (fiddle) and George Paul (accordion).

Deadline for January 2005 Newsletter: FRIDAY, December 10th
Dances continued

Free dance lesson at 7:30 pm, $7 members, $9 non-members. ••••Note new location!! The Holy Grounds Youth Center at the Community Center, 623 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, MD. •••• Sponsored by the Annapolis Traditional Dance Society. Please check the website for directions, call, or email for more information: http://www.contradancers.com/atds, or 410-451-1791, or pshaf@yahoo.com.

Lancaster Contra Dance • PA
Saturday, December 18 • 8 pm
Mostly Mortal Wombat with Dave Colestock calling. At St. John's Episcopal Church 321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA. Beginners workshop at 7 pm. Dance 8-11 pm. $7/$4. For information call Shane at 717-390-7277 or email Shirley at sam@mcc.org.

4th Saturday Contra Dance • Frederick, MD
No December dance – see you in January!

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

BFMS Family Dance • Pikesville, MD
Saturday, December 11 • 5-6:30 pm
The sparkling Susan Taylor will bring holiday joy to all as she calls to the spirited sounds of SKAM Artists. Be prepared for some surprise fun from the band. A potluck dinner will follow the festivities. Admission is $4 for members, and $5 for non-members. Family rates are $16 for member families, and $20 for non-member families. Come enjoy some good, old-fashioned family togetherness away from the commercial hustle-bustle of the season!!! At St. Mark's on the Hill, 620 Reisterstown Road in Pikesville, MD.

ENGLISH COUNTRY

Mondays
English Country Dance (BFMS) • Pikesville, MD
Mondays • 8-10:30 pm
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. Beginners' workshop on the first Monday promptly at 7:30 pm. Sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. Admission: $6 for Members, $8 for Non-members, $2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway. Info: Mike Franch at 410-889-3252.

Tuesdays
English Country Dance (CDSS) • Herndon, VA
2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 7:45-10 pm
$3. No partner or experience necessary. Info: Barbara Harding 703-437-3615 or bharding@quixnet.net.

Wednesdays
FSGW English Country Dances • Glen Echo, MD. See listing on page 4.

Saturdays
English Country Holiday Dance
• Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, December 11 • 8 -10:45 pm
At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. Dance to music by Peascods Gathering, calling by Barbara Harding and Bob Farrall. Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisins snapdragons for good luck in the following year. Beginners and singles welcome. $5. Info: Carl Minkus 301.493.6281, Karla Farrall 301-577-5018.

INTERNATIONAL

ALPINE/SWISS

Alpine Dancers - New Carrollton, MD
Sunday, December 12 • 4-6:30 pm
Alpine Dancers hold free, open practice at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. New dancers welcome. Couple and trio figure dances from Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Recorded and live music. Confirm dates, as practices may be replaced by performances.
Info/directions: Herbert & Carol Traxler, 301-577-3503; Regina Loffredo, 301-464-9193, www.alpinedancers.org email caroltraxler@yahoo.com; www.traxlers.org/events.

Wednesdays
Swiss Folklore Group • NW Washington, DC
2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 7:30-9 pm
Open dance at the Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Ave, NW. No partner needed, taped music, free. Info: 301-530-5643 or email: franw@olg.com.

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**DECEMBER 2004**

**MINI FESTIVAL**
Saturday, February 5
12 noon to 10:30 pm
Takoma Park Middle School,
Takoma Park, MD

**POTOMAC SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION**
April 2 & 3, 2005

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8 Common Ground Concert  
8 Burke Circle Dance  
9 WSDC Glen Echo Swing Dance |

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**SAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND**

April 15-17, 2005

Les Letts, Edgewater, MD

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**25TH WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL**

June 4 & 5, 2005
### Driving & Mass Transit Directions to Frequent Venues:

**Washington Ethical Society (WES)**  
**Auditorium. 7750 16th St., NW,** just south of the intersection of Kalmia Rd. and 16th St., about four blocks inside the DC/MD line.  
**From the Beltway:** Take the Georgia Avenue South exit. Stay in either right lane. Go 0.4 miles from the exit ramp, where the right lanes curve and put you on 16th St South. Follow 16th past East-West Hwy (Rte 410); cross the MD/DC line at Portal Dr. Kalmia Road is the first traffic signal south of the line, and WES is the second building on the right after you cross Kalmia. You may park on Kalmia Road by turning right rather not walk, and an S-4 Metrobus will deliver you to the corner of Kalmia Rd. and 16th St.  
**By Metro:** Red Line to Silver Spring. Exit and walk south on Colesville Road two blocks to the traffic circle; cross Kalmia. 7750 16th St., NW, is the second building on the right after you cross Kalmia Road, by turning right the DC/MD line.  
**By public transportation:** Take the #29 bus from the Friendship Heights Metro Station. Ask the driver to let you know when to get off for Glen Echo Park. The bus stops running before the dance ends. Ask the dance coordinator to announce you need a ride. We’ve never left anybody at the park. Last bus leaves Friendship Heights Metro at 7:30 pm.

**Spanish Ballroom/Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park. 7300 MacArthur Blvd. at Goldsboro Rd., in Glen Echo, MD.**  
The Bumper Car Pavilion is located just past and to the right of the carousel.  
**From the Beltway:**  
**MARYLAND SIDE:** at 2-lane Exit 40 take the left fork for Cabin John Parkway. Where Cabin John merges with Clara Barton Pkwy, move into the left lane, under the overhang.  
**VIRGINIA SIDE:** get into the far right hand lane at the top of the bridge. At the first fork, bear right. Stay in the left lane; watch for Cabin John traffic merging from the right at the overhang.  
**MD/VA:** Watch for signs to MacArthur Blvd. Make a very sharp hairpin turn and move immediately into the right lane. At the T intersection/stop sign, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Upper parking lot on the left. For lower parking lot, go around the small traffic circle and make the first left onto Oxford St.  
**Glen Echo Town Hall**  
**6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD:**  
**From the Beltway:**  
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**Please note:** Please park in the lot behind the hall, on University Drive, or on the east side of MacArthur, NOT on Harvard Street.

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**FSGW Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 7 • 8 pm**  
The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 at Glen Echo Park. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate board member or Anne Sergeant, FSGW President, at 301.270.4553 in advance of the meeting.
Dances continued

**CEILI/IRISH**

**2nd Saturday Ceili • Fairfax, VA**

**December 11 • 7:30-11 pm**

Workshop at 7, music by the Bog Wanderers. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) sponsors this dance at the John Wood Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy in Fairfax. Workshop 7 pm. The Bog Wanderers Ceili Band plays. Free tea, coffee, sodabread. Softdrinks $.75 Admission: Members $10, non-members $12, 6-16 $6; maximum family charge $25. **Info: Vickie Barr 703-521-4340.**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Mondays**

**Bethesda International Folk Dancers Holiday Party • College Park, MD**

**Monday, December 13 • 8-11:45 pm**

Come join the Bethesda International Folk Dancers for our Annual Holiday Party, at the wonderful Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, Md. We dance on a magnificent wood floor. There will be a crackling fire in the fireplace, hot cider, and lots of holiday cheer. This is the one time of year that we invite you to bring your children or grandchildren, but they must be supervised. Our perennial favorite holiday international folk ensemble, The Peascods Gathering, has played for us for more than a quarter century! This big band encompasses a large repertoire of international folk dance favorites ready to inspire your feet. Be prepared for Brandon Diamond to also spin your favorite international, Scandinavian, swing, Latin, Cajun dances and the waltz. Bring goodies to share. Revive your folk dance costumes. Fee $10. No charge for children under 8. No partner or experience necessary. Bring a friend who would like to meet friendly, helpful dancers. Our group will not dance on December 20 or December 27. Our classes will resume on January 3, 2005 at the Leland Community Center from 7:30-10 pm. On January 17 and February 21, 2005, we will meet at the Women's Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma Rd, at the corner of Old Georgetown and Sonoma Rds. **Call Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, e-mail diamonddancecircle@comcast.net or visit our website: www.diamonddancecircle.com.**

**Tuesdays**

**Arlington International Folk Dancing • VA**

**Tuesdays • 8-10 pm**

Key Elementary School, off Veitch St. between Wilson and Key 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.**

**Wednesdays**

**Columbia International Folk Dancing • MD**

**Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm**

Kahler Hall, Beavercreek Rd. at 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).**

**Thursdays**

**The FSGW Glen Echo International Folkdancers are listed on page 3.**

**Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers • Washington, DC**

**Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 pm**

Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington DC (Connecticut Ave. at McKinley St., 2 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.**

**Mount Vernon International Folk Dancing • Alexandria, VA**

**Thursdays • 8-10 pm**

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church meeting hall, 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.**

**Circle Dance • Arlington, VA**

**Thursdays, December 2, 9, and 16, 8-9:45 pm**

Circle dances draw on the traditions of many cultures that honor our connection to the earth, including dances from Europe, South America, and Africa. Recorded music. All levels welcome/all dances are taught. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington at the corner of Route 50 and George Mason Dr. $10 per session or purchase a block of sessions at reduced cost. **Info: Judie David at 703-451-2595 or Vedavid@starpower.net.**

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Dances continued

Fridays

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

Focusing on dances from Eastern and Western Europe, Scandinavia, and the Mediterranean. No partner or experience necessary. Teaching from 8:30 - 9:15 pm, request dancing 9:15-11 pm. Mostly recorded music. 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; John Robinson 410-715-9210; and John Bartholomew 301-565-3650.**

Saturdays

Circle Dance • Burke, VA  
**Saturdays, December 4 & 18 • 8-10:30 pm**

See listing for Circle Dance under Thursdays.

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, Lake Haven Dr. (off Burke Lake Rd. near the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway).

ISRAELI

Israeli Dancing • Silver Spring, MD  
**Tuesdays • 7:30-11 pm**

Shaare Tefila Congregation, 11120 Lockwood Drive, Silver Spring (near intersection of Route 29 and New Hampshire Ave.) 7:30-8:30, beginner/intermediate teaching and dancing. 8:30-11, advanced teaching, open dancing and requests. Admission $6/$5 members/$4 students. **Info: Helen Rubin, 301-460-4214 or helen@israelidance.com.**

Israeli Dancing • Potomac, MD  
**Wednesdays • 8:15-10 pm**

Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac (between Democracy Blvd and Montrose Rd). "Oldies" only (dances before 1990). Instruction: 8:15-8:45; requests 8:45-10. Recorded music. $5.  **Info: Ben Hole, 301-441-8213.**

Israeli Dancing • Greenbelt, MD  
**Saturday, December 11 • 8:15 - 11 pm**

Israeli "Oldies" party (dances before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. $5. **Info: Ben Hole at 301-441-8213.**

MORRIS

Bluemont Morris • Reston, VA  
**Mondays • 7-8:30 pm**

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.

**Info: Laura 703-845-8536. ttp://monticello.avenue.org/amm/**

Rock Creek Morris Women • Silver Spring, MD  
**Wednesdays • 7-30 pm**

Visit exotic locales—Toronto, Brattleboro, the Biltmore Estate! Dance aerobically to live music! Strap bells to your legs! Join a strong community that dances, plays, sings, and drinks together. Practice held at Eastern Middle School, Silver Spring.

**Info: 703-845-0426 or louiseneu@earthlink.net or www.uswet.com/RCMW.html.**

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

Learn and perform traditional dances from English villages, long-sword, and seasonal mumming too. As long as you enjoy dance and movement you can experience the vigorous thrill of the Morris! We welcome new and slightly used dancers at practices and at the Quarry House afterwards. Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave. **Info: Jud McIntire at 703-528-0588 or Bill Brown at 301-270-2014 or website, www.fbmm-morris.org.**

SCANDINAVIAN

Scandinavian Candlelight Holiday Dance and Luciafest • College Park, MD  
**Sunday, December 12 • 7:30-10:30 pm**

At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, Md. Music by **Peascods Gathering.** Dancing to candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her crown of candles and traditional holiday refreshments. Singles, couples, beginners, experienced, all welcome. $10. **Info: Lorraine Silsbee 301-585-1130, Carl Minkus 301-493-6281.**

Scandinavian Holiday Dance Party • Greenbelt, MD  
**Saturday, December 18 • 7-10 pm**

Scandia DC sponsors this third Saturday dance which will feature all live music by Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. No partners necessary. No Teaching, but reminder talk

HAPPY NEW YEAR 🎆
Dances continued

throughs will be provided before each dance. Wear a costume and bring finger food to share if you can, but most important, come and join in the fun of wonderful music and dance. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) 15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt. $7

Scottish

Similar to English Country - No partner needed - Bring soft, flexible shoes - Taped and live music - For new and experienced dancers.

Scottish Country Dance • NW Washington, DC
Mondays • 8-10 pm
Satterlee Hall, St. Alban’s Episcopal School, Washington, DC. Info: John MacLeod, 301-622-5945 or blackolav@cs.com and Betty Lee Barnes, 202-966-3595 or Thistledance@starpower.net.

Scottish Country Dance • Greenbelt, MD
Tuesdays • 8-10 pm
Greenbelt Community Center. Info: Jennifer Mayrovitz: 410-922-6369 or rjmayro@erols.com.

Scottish Country Dance • Alexandria, VA
Wednesdays • 7:30-9:30 pm
Jefferson-Houston High School, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA. Be sure to confirm class date (school events may pre-empt). Info: Mel or Ellie Briscoe at 703-461-7383 or mail@briscoe.com.

Square

Taylor Made Squares • Silver Spring, MD
Tuesdays • 8-9:30 pm
Betsy Taylor calls squares to recorded music at the Long Branch Community Center, Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Wood floor. No experience or partner necessary. Info: 301-589-4868.

Hot Squares! • College Park, MD
Tuesday, December 14 • 8:30-11pm
New Event!! Hot Squares in the Olde Towne Tonight! Second Tuesdays Square Dance Parties! Ann Fallon, Laura Brown, Eva Murray, Janine Smith and Susan Taylor call hot squares to the sizzling music of Waverley Station (David Knight on fiddle and Liz Donaldson on piano). At Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD. All are invited to this party, which will take place monthly on 2nd Tuesdays. Admission: $6.00. Refreshments to share are welcome. Info: 410-268-0231 or 301-762-2231 or squaredancers@comcast.net http://home.comcast.net/~SquareDancers/.

Swing

WSDC Dance • Glen Echo, MD
Saturday, December 4 • 9 pm

Waltz / Ballroom / Social

Sunday Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo, MD
3-6 pm
At 3 pm there is a half hour introductory waltz workshop, followed by social dancing until 6 pm. Live music. Admission $7 includes lesson. In the Spanish Ballroom or the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. For late-breaking information call Donna Barker at 703-978-0375 or visit our web site at http://www.dancedc.com.

December
5 Squeeze Bayou – Special Waltz with Cajun Spice!
19 Cabaret Sauvignon

"An Evening in Vienna" Christmas Ball at Meridian House • Washington, DC
Sunday, December 12 • 6 pm
The Christmas Ball sponsored by The Hospitality and Information Service (T.H.I.S.) at Meridian House begins at 6 pm with a champagne reception, 7 pm Opening Ceremony with Viennese style Cotillion, 9 pm Grand March, 10 pm Fledermaus Quadrille. Tickets are $75 per person. Dessert and beverages. Dance music by Con Brio Salon Orchestra. Black tie (white tie optional). Dances will include Viennese waltzes, other ballroom dances, polkas, and the Fledermaus Quadrille.
Information and tickets are available from Mrs. Bocek at 703-528-0487 or rbocek@verizon.net or at www.vienneseball.org/meridian.html.
Dance Classes

Beginning Scandinavian Dancing • Bethesda, MD  
Tuesdays, December 14 & 28 • 8-9:30 pm

New Day! Learn hambo, schottish, waltz, zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Mostly recorded music. Come when you can; class is continuous and some hambo is done every time. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning. $5.


Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and South Dr. for vehicle inspection (have ID ready). Go to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to dancing in Building T-39. Or walk 8 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop. See a map at www.HamboDC.org or on a flyer.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Listed by day of the week

Sundays

Scottish Traditional Music Jam • Wheaton, MD  
1st Sundays • 3-6 pm

Scottish traditional music jam, first Sundays, Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue. Musicians welcome.

Info: John Ward at 301-277-6220 or fidhle@iamdigex.net.

Monthly Young People's Irish Session  
• Vienna, VA  
2nd Sundays • 1-3:30 pm

Betsy O'Malley hosts and leads a young people's Irish Music Session at her home in Vienna, VA. The earlier part of the session, 1-2, is devoted to younger and 'greener' musicians. The later time, from 2-3:30 is for older and more experienced players. Ages have ranged from 8 up to 18. The next meeting is on December 12. If you're interested or have questions, contact Betsy O'Malley at 703-560-4719 or betsy.omalley@verizon.net.

CABOMA Jam • Arlington, VA  
2nd and 4th Sundays • 2 pm

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association (CABOMA) holds jams the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Lyon Park Community Center, corner of N. Filmore and Pershing, Arlington, VA. Info: Dave at 301-274-3441.

Mondays

Jammin' Java • Vienna, VA  
Mondays • 7:30-10:30 pm

Two songs or 8 minutes total. Free, open to all. 231 Maple Avenue East. Sign up at 7; show starts at 7:30. To sign up, contact: Kris Ohleth krisohleth@yahoo.com.

Tuesdays

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Wheaton, MD  
1st Tuesdays • 8 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host an open mike sea chantey on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 8 pm, Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue, Wheaton, MD. No cover/minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Mostly a capella but instruments are welcome. Info: Myron Peterson at shipscompany@hotmail.com.

This is the last in the series of 35 years ago articles.
Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued

Folk Club of Herndon-Reston • Herndon, VA

Tuesdays • 7:30-9:45 pm
Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA.
Open mic format. Each performer gets 12 minutes (including setup time). $1 donation. 2nd Tuesday includes a 25-minute member showcase. Smoke-free environment. Info: 703-435-2402.

Change Ringing with Handbells

Tuesday, December 7 • 7:30 pm
What’s change ringing? The English folk tradition of using tower bells to ring beautiful mathematical patterns (not melodies). It’s surprisingly pleasing to the ear. Handbells are used for home/pub practice, and for the fun challenge of keeping track of where two bells go in the pattern. Caution: addictive! At Jenny Foster’s house near Frederick, MD. Phone: 301-371-4312 Email: pi@xecu.net.

Wednesdays

Laurel Jam Session • Laurel, MD

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 7-10 pm
Adults who enjoy acoustic music are invited to come and sing, play, or listen to folk, bluegrass, and other traditional music in an informal setting. Phelps Senior Center, 701 Montgomery Street. Info: 301-776-6168 during business hours.

Semimonthly Fiddlers Group • Arlington, VA

3rd Wednesdays (see Friday listing)

Open Mic Nite • Alexandria, VA

3rd Wednesdays • 7 pm
St. Elmos Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Avenue. 3rd Wednesdays, hosted by Michelle Swan. Two songs each. All are welcome. Signup starts at 7. Info: 703-739-9268 or mswan64@yahoo.com.

Thursdays

American Balalaika Symphony, Open Rehearsals • Arlington, VA

Thursdays • 8 pm
Fiddle, mandolin, and guitar experience translates easily to the balalaika and domra. Enthusiastic beginners welcome! Come play Russian and East European folk and classical music. Most Thursdays at The Church of the Covenant, 2666 Military Road, Arlington. Info: John at JohnK@balalaika.biz or 703-837-9083.

Irish Traditional Music Session • Frederick, MD

Thursdays • 7 pm
At Boe’s Strings, 26 S. Market Street. Info and tune list at www.BoesStrings.com or Boe at 301-662-0750.

Fridays

Open Mic • Olney, MD

1st and 3rd Fridays • 7-10 pm
Songwriters’ Association of Washington (SAW) will be hosting an open mic at Caribou Coffee (Olney Village Mart Center, 18101 Olney Village Mart Drive, Olney, MD 20832, (301-570-0909) every first and third Friday of the month, 7-10 pm. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 pm. For more information about the open mic at Caribou Coffee, or SAW, contact SAW, 301-654-8434, www.saw.org, or Caribou Coffee, 301-570-0909, www.cariboucoffee.com.

Semimonthly Fiddlers Group • Arlington, VA

1st Friday and 3rd Wednesday • 7-10:30 pm
Intermediate and advanced players. All instruments welcome. We play old-time, Scandinavian, blues, swing/jazz, Cajun, and other styles at 1909 N. Ohio St., Arlington, VA 22205. Lilli Vincenz, 703-532-2731; FiddlerLilli@zzapp.org.

Dupont Music Circle • Alexandria, VA

Friday, December 17 • 8 pm
Since 1983 the informal Dupont Music Circle has met to sing and play English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Quebecois, American, and other traditional music for fun. Third Friday, usually. New location. Info/confirmation: Liz at 703-658-0957.

Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD

December 10 • 8:30-11:30 pm
The fabulous Glen Echo Open Band plays for the second Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability are welcome. Info: fnd.folkdancer.com.

Saturdays

Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Washington, DC

Saturdays • 1 pm
The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation holds an acoustic blues jam almost every Saturday afternoon, starting about 1 pm. All skill levels welcome. 2007 Bunkerhill Road, NE, Washington, DC. Info: confirmation: 202-526-7539.

Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA

Saturday, December 18 • 1:30-4:30 pm
Hammer dulcimer players meet bimonthly at the Dolley Madison Library to swap tunes and play together. Other acoustic instruments welcome. Info: Ellie at 703-578-3106, hdjam@holspple.com, or http://pages.prodigy.net/holspple.

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**Storytelling**

**Speakeasy-Washington Storyteller’s Theatre**  
*Washington, DC*  
**2nd Tuesdays • 8 pm**

All Speakeasys take place at HR-57, 1610 14th Street NW, Washington, DC at 8 pm. Doors open 7:30. Admission $5. HR-57 sells beer, wine and some food. Sign up for the open mic when you arrive. Open mic stories are strictly limited to 7 minutes and must incorporate the theme. Info: www.washingtonstorytellers.org.

**Holiday Buffet: A Celebration for Every Appetite • Washington, DC**  
**Friday, December 3 • 8 pm**

Washington Storytellers Theatre continues its 15th Anniversary Season with a very special evening of Holiday Tales featuring some of Greater Washington, DC’s finest storytellers. Host Tom Stamp guides us on a tour of the four corners of the world in search of all the many unique and diverse Holiday Celebrations. Tom will be joined by four of the area’s best-loved storytellers including Bill Grimmette and Ralph & Margaret Chatham in this evening of wonder and enchantment. At the City Museum of Washington, 801 K Street NW. Metro accessible: Red (Chinatown), Green/Yellow (Mt. Vernon or Chinatown), Blue/Orange (Metro Center). Street/garage parking nearby (check website). Ticket Price: $15 at the door or in advance by calling 301-891-1129 or on-line at www.washingtonstorytellers.org (Senior, Student and Group rates available).

**Workshops, Weekends, Festivals, & Special Events**

**Four Night Cruise to Key West and Cozumel • December 2-6**

Join the World Folk Music Association, Uptown Concerts and The Country Roads Concerts for a 4-night cruise aboard the Carnival ship Imagination. Sailing from Miami, the cruise will include stops in Key West and Cozumel and feature two private concerts by Jonathon Edwards and Lisa McCormick. Other private events include a cocktail party and a Q&A / Autograph session with Jonathon and Lisa. Get all the details by visiting the Fan Club Cruises web site. http://www.fanclubcruises.com/wfma2004.htm.

**The Christmas Revels • December 3-5 and 10-12 • Washington, DC**

Set in an ancient time, our 22nd Christmas Revels is a mid-winter’s tale of the King and the Fool, sparkling with the music of Hildegard von Bingen, brilliant brass arrangements and the virtuoso playing of the world renowned early music ensemble Piffaro on period instruments. It is a show for the whole family, and the whole community. As The Washington Post has observed, the Christmas Revels is “a seasonal gift to the community in song, dance, magic, foolery and tradition.” Location: George Washington University’s Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets NW (Foggy Bottom Metrorail station). Performance times are Friday evenings at 7:30 pm; Saturdays 2 pm and 7:30 pm and Sundays 2 pm. Info: www.revelsdc.org. Purchase tickets at tickets.com or at the Lisner box office.

**Christmas Candlelight Tours • Washington, DC**  
**December 6, 10, 17, 18 • 5-8 pm**

Christmas Candlelight Tours of the historic Heurich Mansion “The Brewmaster’s Castle,” with live seasonal music by the Alpine Singers (December 10 and 17), the Washington Saengerbund (December 18), and Alpine Harp music by Daniel Jones at each date. Christmas Carol sing-along in German and English. Tours $5. Info: www.brewmasterscastle.com; 202-429-1894.

**BandAid Workshop • Bethesda, MD**  
**Saturday, December 18 • 10:30 am - 3 pm**

Washington area pianist Liz Donaldson will lead the session offering a variety of styles, including tunes from the English Dance Repertoire. All instruments welcome. Drinks provided. Bring a bag lunch, and, if you like, a goodie to share. Cost $20. Space is limited. Info/registration: Call Liz Donaldson at 301-986.1291 or liz@us.net.

**Contradancers Delight Holiday • Morgantown, WV**  
**December 26-30**

Beth Molaro and Robert Cromartie calling to Lift Ticket and Elftones. Great dancing to wonderful music and calling in a luxury resort setting at reasonable and flexible rates. At Lakeview Resort. You can attend the whole five days or for a shorter period of time. Eight hours of dancing per day, daily contra caller workshops (with Robert) and square dance caller workshops (with Beth), plus dance and singing workshops and evening programs. Want to know more? Check out the CDH website at: www.war-
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rendoyle.com or contact Warren Doyle at doylew@lmc.edu or wdoyle@mountain.org 828-897-8362

Terpsichore's Holiday • Cumberland, MD

December 27- January 1

Five days and nights of traditional folk dance and music for all ages at the beautiful Rocky Gap resort in western Maryland. Joseph Pimentel, Gaye Fifer, Fred Todt, Enid and Lew Cocke and more will lead workshops in Contras, English, International, Swing and Couples dances. Live music by Laura Light, George Paul, John Devine, Kendall Rogers, Brad Battey and Jeff Steinberg.

For more information contact Jeff Kenton, 301-587-1525, jkenton@verizon.net or Bob Mathis, 301-589-7539, talibob@starpower.net. Website: www.dance-camp.net.

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat

• Harpers Ferry, WV

January 8-9, 2005

Intensive weekend workshops in traditional fiddle styles including Scottish, Cape Breton, Shetland, Irish, French Canadian, Old Time, Scandinavian, Klezmer and Bluegrass, plus a Dance Band Workshop and a class on Backing up Fiddle Tunes for the Hammered Dulcimer. Teaching staff includes Elke Baker, Steve Hickman, Andrea Hoag, Alan Oresky, Ellen Jacobs, Liz Donaldson and Ken Kolodner in a relaxed, retreat setting at the Historic Hilltop House Hotel in Harpers Ferry, WV. Saturday night Contra Dance with an open band with Liz Donaldson and Elke Baker leading the band as well as jam sessions for all. For more information see our website at www.dulcimerfest.org, email udpf@earthlink.net or call Joanie Blanton at 304-253-2531. Classes are limited, advance registration recommended, “Early Bird” discount on registration.

20th Annual WFMA Benefit Weekend

• Alexandria, VA

January 14-15, 2005 • The Birchmere

The complete list of performers can be found on our web site at http://wfma.net.

Tickets can now be ordered by mail, phone or online. To order by phone, call 1-888-843-0933. Information on ordering by mail or online can be found at http://wfma.net/con05.htm.

2005 Victoria's Revenge Dancefest

• Cape May, NJ

May 13-14, 2005


Flyers at local dances & on our web site www.contra dancers.com. For additional info, call 301-320-7099.

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