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Join us for an evening of dancing at Glen Echo Park. (Directions, page 14). 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. **FREE Welcome/Orientation session on Traditional American Dance 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 17 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. In the event of inclement weather, call the Park at 301-634-2222 after 3 pm for possible cancellation info if the Park closes. **Info: David Shewmaker at dance@fsgw.org or www.fsgw.org.**

**December – All dances are in the Spanish Ballroom**

3 The Fabulous Janine Smith with Roustabout. Old Time Music is still better than it sounds! That’s right, folks, some of the finest Old Time musicians are back, good friends who have been making music for a long time. Roustabout includes Chris “Floppo” Romaine on fiddle, Bruce Hutton on guitar, Lars Hanslin on banjo and whatever, and hopefully Jim Bollman of the Boston area, a banjo player, collector, and author will come down to join them. And don’t forget, Janine will be calling the New Year’s Contra Dance!

10 From Asheville, North Carolina, Adina Gordon will call to the incredible sounds of Crowfoot. If you haven’t had a chance to dance to Crowfoot, you’ve been missing out: but never fear, your chance is here! This is some of the liveliest contra dance music you will have an opportunity to dance to. Defining themselves as “contemporary Celtic music,” their inspirations for style and original compositions draw on the musical traditions of Ireland, England, Quebec, Appalachia and beyond. This dynamic trio consists of Adam Broome, originally of England now of Maine, on guitar and cittern; Jaige Trudel from Maine on fiddle, and the too talented Nicholas Williams, who makes his home in Montreal, on flutes, accordion, and piano. www.crowfootmusic.com/

17 Rick Mohr, from Boston, MA, will call to Rhapsody. Rick is a major force in the folk dance scene. He has run the Country Dance and Song Society’s English-American Week at Pinewoods for several years, is well known as both a dance composer and tune writer, and has been involved in the English Ritual dance scene for at least a couple of decades. He also has wide acclaim for his Singing Squares which we expect will be a part of the night’s repertoire. Rhapsody consists of some the region’s most talented dance musicians, including the extraordinary Alexander Mitchell on fiddle, mandolin and guitar; Dave Wiesler, considered by some to be the contemporary piano stylist for contra dance music, on piano and guitar; Marty Taylor on recorder, penny whistle, and English concertina; and the inimitable Ralph Gordon on bass. Someday maybe Ralph will break out his cello for a dance.

24 Park Closed, no dance.

31 FSGW New Year’s Contra with Janine Smith calling to music by Andrea Hoag (fiddle) with sibling team Leigh Pilzer (saxophones) and Charlie Pilzer (bass). See insert on page 23 for info.
Nowell Sing We Clear has toured for more than three decades with its unusual songs, carols, stories, and customs. Drawn mostly from English-language folk traditions, the songs tell of the events and characters involved in the Christmas story and detail the customs which make up the twelve magical days following the winter solstice. Many of these ancient customs are the basis of the today’s holiday traditions, — visiting and feasting, gift-giving, carol singing from door-to-door and adorning of houses and churches with garlands of evergreen.

Nowell Sing We Clear celebrates Christmas as it was known for centuries in Britain and North America and as it continues in many places to the present. The songs come from an age when the midwinter season was a time for joyous celebration and vigorous expression of older, perhaps pagan, religious ideas. A special and unusual treat is the enactment of a Mummers Play from Kentucky. Performed in the traditional manner, the play is typical of folk dramas which survive to this day throughout Britain and North America symbolizing and portraying the death of the land at midwinter and its subsequent rebirth in the spring.

While much of the singing is done unaccompanied, the pageant is also stamped with the energetic dance band sound of fiddle, button accordion, electric piano, drums, and concertina. The audience will be supplied with song sheets and encouraged to sing along. Some “new”, that is “different”, songs and carols are introduced every year. Performers are John Roberts and Tony Barrand, widely known for their lively presentations of English folk songs, and Fred Breunig and Andy Davis, well known in New England as dance callers and musicians.

FSGW Members: $22; Non-members $25

At the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

The building is fully handicapped accessible and has an ample parking lot. For further information, contact Marty Summerour at msummerour@cox.net or 703-354-6460.

Driving Directions: Take the I-495 Beltway to Exit 50. US 50 East, “Arlington.” Go past intersection of Graham Road & US 50 (Loehmann’s Plaza) to next major intersection which is Annandale Road. Turn Left and go about 1/2 mile. James Lee Community Center is on the right (#2855-A). Watch for signs.

Metro: Use the #3A Metrobus, departing from East Falls Church on the Orange Line at 7:06 pm. (or a walk of 1.5 miles from East Falls Church Metro station)

Advance Reservations! Advance Reservations!

The Theater is intimate, so we are offering reservations and advance tickets. Phone 301-587-7174 and tell us how many tickets you want; they will be held at Will-Call until 7:45 p.m. on the day of the show. Tickets not picked up or paid for in advance will be released to be sold on a first-come, first-served basis after 7:45. (Tickets which have been paid for in advance will be held until picked up, not released.)

FSGW Members: $22, Nonmembers $25.

Please list the names of ALL FSGW members you are ordering tickets for.

To place a reservation or ask questions, contact Jennifer Woods at 301-587-7174 or knitpick@mac.com.

Paid Ticket mail-orders received after November 25th will be held at the door. Please include an email address or phone number. Check the FSGW webpage for ticket availability. It will be kept updated.
FSGW English Country Dances
at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD

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 14). Bring clean, non-scruffing 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: Stephanie Smith at 301-229-3577 or Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org.

December

6 Diane Schmit calls to the music of Judy Kleppel (oboe), Anna Rain (recorders) and Liz Donaldson (piano)

13 Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Karin Loya (cello), and Francine Krasowska (piano) make the music while Susan Taylor calls the dances.

20 Guest Caller Colin Hume (England) calls while Colleen Reed (flute), Becky Ross (fiddle) and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music.

27 Bruce Edwards (concertina and bassoon), Julie Gorka (piano and fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano and accordion) play while Stephanie Smith calls.

New Year's English Country Dance Gala • Historic Adelphi Mill
Sunday, December 31 • 6:45 pm - 12:30 am

Celebrate the turning of the calendar at a Gala New Year's Eve Dance! Dale Mantautas and Ron Lehmkuhl from Charlottesville will call the dances to music by Becky Ross (fiddle), Marty Taylor (winds and concertina) and Jonathan Jensen (piano). Potluck supper at 7:30. FSGW Members $28/person; non-members $30. Register by December 14 and deduct $3. See insert from November newsletter to register or visit www.fsgw.org. Info: Karla & Bob Farrall 301-577-5018 or JoAnn Morris 301-585-7750.
Special Free Concert

FREE for FSGW Members

JOE GLAZER TRIBUTE CONCERT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 7:30 PM

FEATURING MAGPIE, JOE UEHLEIN & THE U-LINERS, THE DC LABOR CHORUS, STEVE & PETER JONES, LAUREL BLAYDES
SAINT MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10701 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD • ROCKVILLE, MD 20852

Tickets: Free for FSGW Members.
Contributions towards the Labor Heritage Foundation SongWriting Contest are welcome.
Non-members $20 (each ticket is a tax-deductible contribution to the Labor Heritage Foundation)

Joe Glazer, “Labor’s Troubadour” died September 19 in his Chevy Chase home at the age of 88. He served the labor movement and the U.S. government by performing and recording the songs he collected or composed over seven decades, during which time he wrote over 100 labor and protest songs. He created the Great Labor Song Exchange (now called the Great Labor Arts Exchange), now an annual festival at the National Labor College in Silver Spring.

Joe had been planning an annual national song writing contest to be administered by the Labor Heritage Foundation, which he co-founded in 1984 with Joe Uehlein and Saul Schniderman to “strengthen the labor movement through the use of music and the arts.” This Tribute Concert, sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington and the Institute of Musical Traditions, is to raise funds to realize Joe’s dream as a fitting memorial to his life’s work. A number of artists who worked with him over the years are donating their performances, including Magpie, Laurel Blaydes, Steve & Peter Jones, The U-liners and the DC Labor Chorus.

The Labor Heritage Foundation is perhaps best known for presenting the annual Joe Hill Award for lifetime achievement in the field of labor culture to such icons as Cesar Chavez, Pete Seeger, Hazel Dickens and Utah Phillips.

Members please call and reserve your free seats but please be judicious as to how many you will need. Please consider a donation at the event to get the Songwriting Contest off on a solid financial foundation. Joe was a great supporter of FSGW and we can keep his memory vital with this tribute. We are also offering two front rows of “Labor Angels” priority seating for $50/seat. Unclaimed reservations will be released at 7:15.


For info on the Labor Heritage Foundation: www.laborheritage.org/
The December Open Sing will be at the home of Gary & Sheryl Ehrlich. In honor of Gary's birthday (December 10) and the approach of the New Year, the theme will be "That was the Year That Was": songs that mention years, songs recalling good times (or bad times), songs about memories or reminisces, etc. (And of course, with a theme like that, any Tom Lehrer songs •grin•). Info/Directions: 301-838-0112 or electro@speakeasy.net.

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Ralph and Margaret Chatham for an evening of shared stories (of the season or otherwise) and potluck snacks. Free, bring something to contribute to potluck snacks. Please call 703-698-5456 for directions and to give the Chathams some vague notion of how many attendees to expect.

Come to the fabulous Family Dance with Adina Gordon calling to the music of Crowfoot. It's a great way for families to spend time together and for parents and grandparents to introduce their kids to the joys of music and dance. FSGW is now the sole sponsor of this event, and we want to see you there! Admission is still $5 for the entire afternoon (age 4 and older). Bring your entire family, neighbors, church or synagogue group, birthday party, and girl or boy scout troop. Please bring a snack/drink to share. At the Glen Echo Town Hall on Harvard Avenue. Info: www.fsgw.org.

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 Bill Thompson and Ann Herzog in NW DC. Info/directions: 202-797-9259.

It's our tradition to hold a 5-hour singing on New Year's Day, beginning an hour earlier than usual, with a potluck supper break at 6 pm. 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 opens the year with a "shout of sacred joy." FSGW sponsors free group singings of early American hymns, anthems, and fugues in unaccompanied four-part harmony, monthly on the fourth Sunday. Everyone is welcome to sing or listen. At St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. 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.

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The Glen Echo International Folkdancers meet Thursday nights at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin 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. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Admission $5. Info: Jamie at 301-320-7099 or dancingplanet@erols.com.

December Special Events
7 Romanian National Day Celebration. All Romanian program with Romanian food and dances.
14 Kurdish Night. Michael Chyet will teach a workshop of Kurdish dances.
Concerts & Concert Series

The Christmas Revels • Washington, DC
December 8-17

The Washington Revels present their 24th annual holiday production, The Christmas Revels, a musical and theatrical celebration of the Winter Solstice. This year features early American music, dance, and drama drawn from Appalachian, Shaker, African-American, Pennsylvania Dutch, Moravian, and Native American traditions. Special guests include Peter and Mary Alice Amidon, leading the Revels company in traditional American song and dance; Dovie Thomason, Native American storyteller; and local musicians Steve Hickman, fiddler, John Devine, singer and guitarist, and Charlie Pilzer, bassist. Join a lively cast of adults and children for the show that the Washington Post says “should become part of every family’s holiday festivities.” Tickets $12-$40, discounts for Youth (18 and under) and Groups of 10 or more. Eight performances, December 8-17 at the Lisner Auditorium of George Washington University. Info/tickets: www.revelsdc.org or 800-595-4849.

Saturdays

Elizabeth LaPrelle/Jim Lloyd • Frederick, MD
Saturday, December 2 • 7 pm

Twenty-year-old Elizabeth LaPrelle has been performing Appalachian ballads and old-time songs and winning prizes for her singing at fiddlers’ conventions since she was eleven. Raised in Rural Retreat, VA, Elizabeth learned from singing with her family. Elizabeth is joined by Jim Lloyd, old time performer par excellence. Jim is a Rural Retreat barber as well as their Vice Mayor and an award-winning musician and teacher, a collector of stories, songs, banjos, guitars, and playing styles. At The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll St. Info: 301-698-0656 or info@delaplaine.org.

D.C. Labor Chorus • Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, December 2 • 7:30 pm

The D.C. Labor Chorus will present a holiday season “Evening of Favorite and Sacred Songs” featuring singalongs, songs from many cultures and traditions, and personal favorites of chorus members. In the Auditorium of the George Meany Center for Labor Studies/National Labor College, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue. Admission is free, and contributions will be welcome at the door. Info: Elise Bryant 301-431-5408.

Jody Marshall • Broadlands, VA
Saturday, December 2 • 7:30 pm

Ring in the season by helping us celebrate Jody Marshall’s wonderful new solo-recording, Carol of the Bells—a sparkling collection of Christmas music old and new that features hammered dulcimer with Celtic harp, fiddle, recorders, guitar, piano, and other instruments. AtLantis House Concerts, reservations required. Suggested donation $15. Info/reservations: 571-333-7222 or HouseConcerts@Lantis.us.

The Robyn Helzner Trio • Bethesda, MD
Saturday, December 9 • 7:30 pm

Visit the vibrant world of Jewish music, from the exuberant melodies of Israel sung in Hebrew, traditional songs of Eastern Europe sung in Yiddish, love songs of Spain in Ladino, to contemporary compositions from North America. The dynamic vocal harmonies and stellar musicianship of Robyn, Dov Weitman on mandolin, and Matt Holsen on bass and keyboard will enrich your experience with Jewish music. Refreshments included. At Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, 7727 Persimmon Tree Lane. Tickets: $18 adults, $5 ages 18 and under. Info/tickets: www.adatshalom.net or 301-767-3333.

Walt Michael & Company • Westminster, MD
Saturday, December 9 • 8 pm

Walt Michael & Company perform at the annual holiday concert. At Carroll Arts Center Theater, 91 W. Main St. Tickets: Adults $17, Seniors 65+, Children 12, Student w/ID $15. Info/tickets: 410-857-2771, cground@qis.net or www.commonsgroundonthehill.org.

Cliff Eberhardt • Rockville, MD
Saturday, December 9 • 8 pm

Folk ‘n’ Great Music at Cheryl and David’s House Concerts presents a concert with singer-songwriter Cliff Eberhardt performing. “If life were fair and stardom based on raw talent, Cliff Eberhardt would be a household name” – Washington Times. With opening set by LisaBeth Weber from PA. Suggested donation $15. To reserve seats, email cherylanddavid@earthlink.net or visit www.folkngreatmusic.org.

Renaissance Christmas Concert • Shepherdstown, WV
Saturday, December 23 • 8 pm

Shepherdstown Music and Dance presents a Holiday Candlelight Concert with Hesperus’s Tina Chancy, Charles Weaver, Molly Andrews, Nick Blanton, Ballata Recorder ensemble and Singin’ the Bones performing a program of holiday Renaissance music on variety of instruments including recorders, viols, hammered dulcimer, tabors, whistles, lute, theorbo and voice. This lovely concert is sure to cheer the heart and celebrate the season in one of Shepherdstown’s oldest churches. At St. Peter’s Lutheran Church on the corner of King and High Streets. Tickets: $15 adults, $12 seniors, $10 SMD members, and $8 children. Info: Joanie at 304-263-2531, upd@earthlink.net or www.contradancers.com/shepherdstown/concerts/.

Send all Newsletter submissions to: newsletter@fsnw.org

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Concerts & Concert Series continued

Sundays

*Félix Navidad! Carols & Parrandas • Bethesda, MD

**Sunday, December 3 • 5 pm**

'Tis the season of lively and lyrical Latin American Christmas carols, villancicos, and parrandas accompanied by folkloric instruments, such as cuatro, güiro, guitar, and maracas. Come in from the cold and experience the heartwarming sounds of Christmas, Latin American style! Performed by Coral Cantigas, Washington's Latin American chorus. At Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd. Info/tickets: 301-424-8296 or www.cantigas.org.

Fynesound • Falls Church, VA

**Sunday, December 10 • 7 pm**


Gospel with Grit: Blues Musicians Perform Songs of Spirit • College Park, MD

**Friday, December 1 • 8:30 pm**

A benefit concert for Archie's Barbershop with Roddy Barnes, Mike Baytop, Kim Capps, and Allison and Alan Radcliffe-Holmes. This spirited concert will explore the connection between blues and gospel music. Help keep acoustic blues alive – all proceeds benefit the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. At University United Methodist Church, 3621 Campus Dr., College Park 20740. Suggested donation $10/person, $5/students. Info: www.acousticblues.com or contact Mike Baytop at 202-526-7539.

Tom Paley • Arlington, VA

**Friday, December 8 • 7 – 9 pm**

Tom Paley performs a house concert at the Banjo Sanctuary, 4700 South 9th Street, Arlington 22204. Tickets $20, maximum 25 people. Reservations: Lew Stern at brooklynbanjoboy@comcast.net.

Jennifer Cutting's Oceans Quartet • Annapolis, MD

**Friday, December 15 • 8 pm**

Both ethereal and energizing, traditional and contemporary, an Ocean Quartet concert features Jennifer Cutting's newest electric folk arrangements of traditional Celtic tunes and her award-winning originals. The Ocean Quartet features Jennifer Cutting, WAMA's 2004 Musician of the Year and Songwriter of the Year, WAMMIE award-winning singers Lisa Moscatiello and Grace Griffith, and fiddler Rosie Shipley. The 333 Coffeehouse is a nonprofit alcohol-free listening room run by volunteers. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 DuBois Avenue, off Bestgate Road. Admission $10, students/seniors $8. Info: www.fsgw.org/333/ or 443-786-0463.

Concert Series

Music Matters Showcase • Columbia, College Park and Silver Spring, MD

Music Matters Showcases spotlight several musicians and styles in one night. You'll hear an eclectic mix of styles of music featured. Discover award winning artists and exciting new talent. Showcase is free; donations can be given to support Bread for the City's work with the homeless.

Info: www.josephisaacs.com or 410-964-0671.

December

9 Matt Rodela, Eileen Bernstein, Lost Iniquity

At Mad City Cafe, 10801 Hickory Ridge Road, Columbia. 7-10 pm

10 LaRocca, Tom Goss, Hannah Spiro with Vinny Proffitt

At Premiere English Coffee, 8827 Centre Park Drive, Columbia. 11:30 am-2:30 pm

23 Brown-Smith Vibration, Matt Rodela, Uncle John Sawbriar

At Mayorga Coffee, 8040 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring. 6:30-9:30 pm

30 Tiffany Der, Club Foot Whiskey, Transcendent Third

At College Perk, 9078 Baltimore Avenue (Route 1), College Park. 8-11 pm

Saturdays

WestSide Cafe • Frederick, MD

**Saturday, December 10 • 8 pm**

Acoustic music is presented in a non-smoking listening room, open to all ages. WestSide Cafe, 1A W. 2nd St. Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com.

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9 The Laura Baron Band

Sundays

WestSide Cafe • Frederick, MD

**Sunday, December 3 • 8 pm**

Trent Wagler & The Steel Wheels perform. Acoustic music is presented in a non-smoking listening room, open to all ages. At WestSide Cafe, 1A W. 2nd St. Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com.

Focus Concert Series • Alexandria, VA

**Sunday, December 10 • 7 pm**

Members of Lox and Vodka perform with special guest Mary Sue Twohy. At the Focus Inn Alexandria at 2280 N. Beauregard St. (Church of the Resurrection). $15 general, $12 members. Info: Herb at 703-380-3151, herbc@earthlink.net or www.focusmusic.org.
Concerts & Concert Series continued

Mondays

Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD

Mondays • 7:30 pm

At Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road. Info: 301-754-3611 or www.imtfolk.org.

December

4 Al Petteway, Amy White and Robin Bullock (Yule Concert)

11 John Jorgenson Quintet

WestSide Cafe • Frederick, MD

Monday, December 4 • 8 pm

Ron Goad hosts a showcase of up to seven acts playing 3-song sets, and a featured act, Kate Klim, playing a 45-minute set at 9. At WestSide Café, 1A W. 2nd St. Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com.

Wednesdays

Focus Concert Series • Rockville, MD

Wednesday, December 13 • 8 pm

Lox and Vodka performs with special guest Laura Baron. At “Focus Presents Vic’s Music Corner” at O’Brien’s BBQ, 387 E. Gude Drive. $15 general, $12 members. Contact: David at focusrockville@earthlink.net, 301-275-7459, or www.focusmusic.org.

Dances

Sundays

The FSGW Sunday Night Dances are listed on page 2.

Special New Year's Eve Contra Dance • Shepherdstown, WV

Sunday, December 31 • 9 pm - 12:30 am

Dance away the last night of the year at our New Year’s Eve Gala Dance with Robbin Shaffer calling to the music of New Hip Trio with Joe Dezarn on fiddle, Liz Donaldson on piano and accordion and Ralph Gordon on bass. Festive attire is suggested for this special evening and at the break a selection of decadent desserts will be served in romantic candlelight. Tickets, available in advance, are $20 for general public and $15 for members. Info: Joanie Blanton at 304-263-2531, updfl@earthlink.net.

Wednesdays

BFMS Lovely Lane Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD

Wednesdays • 8—10:30 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. Free contra orientation at 7:30 on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. Admission is $7 for BFMS/FSGW members, $10 for non-members. $2 student discount. Info: www.bfms.org or Dan Katz at 410-987-1351 or 410-353-8361.

December

6 Adina Gordon from NC teams up with the wildly popular Crowfoot from Maine

13 Dave Colestock calls the figures to the energetic music of Waverley Station

20 Robbin Schaffer calls lovely dances to the music of Devine Comedy

27 Susan Taylor reels 'em in with Glickman's Irish

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...
Dances continued

to live music in Glen Echo Park’s Spanish Ballroom. The new dance class starts at 7:30. Admission $8. To play for or call a dance, send an e-mail to fnriggs@petml.com. Info: www.fridaynightdance.org.

December

1 Beverly Smith calls to Raise the Roof. A lively and energetic string band drawing from New England, Southern and French Canadian traditions.

8 Denise Lair calls to the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band.

15 Susan Taylor and Janine Smith calls to the Avant Gardeners. Come dance to the band that will thrill and delight you.

22 Greg Frock calls to Rambling House. Irish tunes for lively dancing.

29 Bob Hofkin calls to the June Apple Band. Mellow tunes and energetic rhythms to get you up on your feet.

Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA

All ages and experience levels welcome. Light refreshments provided, snack donations add to the atmosphere. Free new dancers workshop from 7:30 to 8. Students $4, adults $9. Dance schedule and directions: http://locustlancontra.freeservers.com/

Saturday, December 9 • 5-6:30 pm

Anna Rain calls to music by Gypsy Meltdown. Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. At St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway. Admission $4 BFMS members, $5 non-members. Family maximum is $16/member families, $20/non-member families. Group discounts available for Scout troops and youth groups. A pot luck dinner follows the dance at 6:30. Info: Diane at 410-321-8419, matchmaker2@comcast.net or www.bfms.org.

Baltimore Contra • Pikesville, MD

Saturday, December 9 • 8-11 pm

Caller Anna Rain with Gypsy Meltdown. Special guest appearance by Contra Claus. Festive holiday attire encouraged. Please bring some goodies to share with others! Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. $10/$7 BFMS members & affiliates; $2 student discount. Beginners workshop at 7:30. At St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway. Info: Diane at 410-321-8419, matchmaker2@comcast.net or www.bfms.org.

Lancaster Contra Dance • Lancaster, PA

Saturday, December 16 • 8-11 pm


Bluemont Dance • Purcellville, VA

Saturday, December 16 • 8-11 pm


ATDS (Annapolis) 3rd Saturday Contra • Severna Park, MD

Saturday, December 16 • 8-11 pm

Hot holiday dance! Our own Perry Shafran calls to the Avant Gardeners. Free dance lesson at 7:30, $7 members, $10 non-members. At the Holy Grounds Youth Center at the Community Center, 617 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd. Info: www.contradancers.com/atds, 410-451-1791, or pshaf@yahoo.com.

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD

No dance this month. Happy holidays and see you in January! Info: www.contradancers.com.

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. Admission: $7 for Members, $10 for Non-members, $2 student discount. At the Holy Grounds Youth Center at the Community Center, 617 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd. Info: Carl Friedman at 410-321-8419 or engdance@bfms.org.

December

4 New Dancers Workshop at 7:45. Caller Susan Taylor with music by Marty Taylor, Julie Gorka, and Robbin Schaffer.

11 Caller Carl Friedman with music by Becky Ross, Colleen Reed, and Liz Donaldson

18 Caller Colin Hume with music by Carl Friedman, Marty Taylor, and Jonathan Jensen

25 No dance

January 1

Caller Mike Franch with Jeff Steinberg, Marty Taylor, and Judy Meyers

Tuesdays

English Country Dance • Herndon, VA

2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 7:45–10 pm

Dances continued

**Wednesdays**

**FSGW English Country Dance • Glen Echo, MD** See the listing on page 4.

**Saturdays**

**English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD**

_Saturday, December 9 • 8:10-9:45 pm_

Dance to music by *Peasods Gathering*, calling by Barbara Harding and Bob Farrall. Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisin snapdragons for good luck in the following year. Beginners and singles welcome. At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. $5. **Info**: Carl Minkus 301-493-6281, Karla Farrall 301-577-5018.

**Alpine/Swiss**

_Saturday/Sunday_

**Alpine Dancers - New Carrollton, MD**

No dances in December. **Info**: Herbert & Carol Traxler, 301-577-3503, www.alpinedancers.org or caroltraxler@yahoo.com.

**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.

**Irish Ceili and Set Dancing • Gaithersburg, MD**

_Tuesdays • 7:9:30 pm_

_The Ring of Kerry Dancers_ (a non-profit club) conducts Irish ceili and set dance instruction. 7 to 8 (Beginners) and 8:15 to 9:30 (Advanced), starting September 5. At Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive. Adults and children (8 and up), are welcome. $35 per session (Sept-early Dec.). **Info**: Marilyn O'Brien at 301-926-6943.

**Irish Ceili and Set Dancing • Glen Echo, MD**

_Wednesdays • 7:9:30 pm_


**Irish Set Dancing • Rockville, MD**

_Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 pm_

At the Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Rd. Beginners' Orientation 7:30-8:00, Class 8-9:30. Cost is in form of a $30 donation to Frost Center School each semester (12 classes). Sponsored by Greater Washington Ceili Club (non-profit). **Info**: Paul O'Donnell 301-649-6410.

**2nd Saturday Ceili • Fairfax, VA**

_Saturday, December 9 • 7:30-11 pm_


**Set and Ceili Dance Classes • Fairfax, VA**

_Saturdays • 10:30 am-12 pm_

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) sponsors set and ceili dance classes held at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. September 9 through May 2007. **Info**: Larry Frank at 703-281-0910 or lfrank2@earthlink.net.

**International**

**Mondays**

**Bethesda International Folk Dancers • Bethesda, MD**

_Mondays • 7:30-10 pm_

Join a friendly group to learn dances from Bulgaria, Romania, Israel, Armenia, Russia, Hungary, Croatia, and Scandinavian countries. No partner necessary. All ages and levels of expertise welcome. Mostly recorded with occasional live music. Admission $6. Bring refreshments to share. Leland Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane. When Montgomery County schools are closed, classes meet at the Women's Club of Bethesda. **Recorded info message**: 301-871-8788, diamonddancecircle@comcast.net, www.diamonddancecircle.com.

**Tuesdays**

**Circle Dance • Arlington, VA**

_Tuesdays, December 5, 12, and 19 • 7:45-9:45 pm_

Circle dances draw on the traditions of many cultures, including Balkan, Greek, and Rom. Recorded music. No partners necessary. All levels welcome and all dances are taught. Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church 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.

**Arlington International Folk Dancing • Arlington, VA**

_Tuesdays • 8-10 pm_

Folk Dance for fun! Key Elementary School, off Veitch St., between Wilson and Key near Courthouse Road Metro. Admission $5. Recorded music, instruction, walk-throughs, and requests. Singles welcome, all ages or levels of expertise. Holiday Party Dec. 12, 7-10 pm.

Send all Newsletter submissions to newsletter@fsgw.org
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3. Glen Echo Waltz
3. Scottish Jam/Royal Mile Pub
5. Coral Cantigas Christmas Concert
7. Black Book Singers of DC
7:30 FSWG Sunday Contra
Janine Smith with Roundabout
8. Westside Cafe Concert

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7:30 Bethesda International Dance
7:30 Petteway/White/Bullock Concert
7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance
8. Baltimore English Country
8. Bethesda Scottish Country
8. Westside Cafe Concert

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6:30 Children's Irish Music Jam/Silver Spring
7. Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance
7:30 Folk Club of Reston/Herndon Open Mic
7:45 Arlington Circle Dance
8. Greenbelt Scottish Country
8. Arlington Int'l Folk Dance
8. Sea Chantey Pub Sing/Wheaton
8. FSWG Board Meeting

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7. Women's A Capella Chorus
7. Glen Echo Irish Dance
7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women
8. FSWG English Country
8. Baltimore Contra (Lovely Ln)
8. Alexandria Scottish Country
8:15 Potomac Israel Dance

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3. FSWG Family Dance, Glen Echo
3. Ballroom Tea Dance
4. FSWG Gospel Sing
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7. Lox and Vodka Concert
7:30 FSWG Sunday Contra
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7:30 Scandi Candlelight Holiday Dance

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Christmas Day

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9. Shepherdstown NYE Contra Dance

January 1, 2007
3-8 PM FSWG New Year's Sacred Harp Singing

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Driving & Mass Transit Directions to Frequent Venues:

Glen Echo Park, MD
Spanish Ballroom/Bumper Car Pavilion
7300 MacArthur Blvd. At Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo, MD

The Bumper Car Pavilion is located just past and to the right of the Carousel. The Spanish Ballroom is to the right of the Bumper Car Pavilion.

FROM THE BELTWAY:

Maryland Side: at 2-lane Exit 40 take the left fork for the Cabin John Parkway. Where Cabin John merges with the Clara Barton Parkway, 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. The Upper parking lot is on the left. For the lower parking lot, go around the small traffic circle and make the first left onto Oxford St.

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 last dance ends. Ask the dance coordinator to announce that you need a ride. We've never left anybody at the Park. Last bus leaves Friendship Heights Metro at 7:30 pm. In the event of inclement weather, call the Park at 301-320-2330 after 3 pm for possible cancellation if the Park closes.

Glen Echo Town Hall
6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD:

Same as for Glen Echo Park, save that Harvard Street is the THIRD left off of MacArthur Blvd. After the traffic circle.

PLEASE NOTE: Park in the lot behind the hall, on University Drive, or on the east side of MacArthur Blvd, NOT on Harvard St.

Washington Ethical Society (WES) Auditorium,
7750 16th St. NW. DC 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 Ave. South exit (29 south). Stay in either right line. Go .4 miles from the exit ramp, going south on 16th St. South. Follow 16th Street past the light at East-West Highway (Rt. 410); go straight at the circle at the DC/MD line. Kalmia Rd. is the second light after the DC/MD line. WES is the second building on the right following Kalmia Rd. Parking is on Kalmia or 16th St.

BY METRO: Red Line to Silver Spring Stop. Walk south on Rt. 29 Colesville Rd. to the traffic circle at 16th – go left down 16th four blocks to Kalmia Rd. and WES. If you'd rather not walk, an S-4 Metro Bus will deliver you to the corner of Kalmia Rd. and 16th.
Dances continued

Info: Sam or Sarah 703-527-8998 or sstulberg@earthlink.net.

**Thursdays**

The FSGW Glen Echo Folkdancers are listed on page 6.

Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers • Washington, DC

**Thursdays • 7:30–9:30 pm**

Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, (at McKinley St.). 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**

Beginners, intermediate, advanced all are welcome! Basic teaching 8-8:30, followed by requests, walk-throughs, advanced instruction. Join a friendly, diverse group on a beautiful dance floor. Donation $2.50. Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Info: 703-780-2393 or kkgoh@aol.com.

Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • Greenbelt, MD

**Fridays • 8:15–10 pm**

Focusing on dances from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Teaching from 8:15 to 9, request dancing 9 to 10:45. Mostly recorded music, 1st Fridays frequently feature live music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (beautiful wooden floor!), 15 Crescent Rd. Admission $7, $10 on 1st Fridays with live music. Info: Larry Weiner 301-565-0539, larry@larryweiner.com or John Robinson 410-715-9210.

Rock Creek Morris Women • Silver Spring, MD

**Wednesdays • 7:30 pm**

Learn to dance in the ancient English tradition of morris, and you’ll get all the aerobics you need. Join a strong community that dances, plays, sings, and drinks together. At Montgomery Knolls Elementary School. Info: 301-927-6373, 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, Bill Brown at 301-270-2014 or www.fbmm-morris.org.

**Saturday**

Circle Dance • Burke, VA

**Saturday, December 9 • 8-10:30 pm**

See listing for Circle Dance under Thursdays. At Accotinlk Unitarian Universalist Church, Lake Haven Dr. (off Burke Lake Rd. near the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway).

**Israeli**

Israeli Dancing • Kensington, MD

**Mondays • 7:30–11 pm**


**Norwegian Dancing House Party • Takoma Park, MD**

**Saturday, December 20 • 8 pm**

Norwegian springars are quite different from the familiar Swedish hambo. Mesmerizing live music by hostess Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle, w/4 or 5 sympathetic strings located underneath the bowed strings (see www.hfaa.org). Please bring clean shoes for dancing, food to share, and a little money to chip in. No need to bring a partner. Beginners welcome. Potluck dinner at 6:30 pm, dancing at 8 pm. Host: Loretta Kelley, 6807 Westmoreland Ave, 301-270-4925. Info/directions: Jenny, pi@xecu.net or 301-371-4312.
Dances continued

Scandinavian Candlelight Holiday Dance and Luciafest • College Park, MD
**Sunday, December 10 • 7:30-10:30 pm**
Music by Peascods Gathering. Basic teaching by Lisa Brooks and Fred Aalto. 7:00-7:30. 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. At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road. Info: Lorraine Silsbee 301-585-1130, Carl Minkus 301-493-6281.

Scandinavian Holiday Dance Party • Greenbelt, MD
**Saturday, December 16 • 7-10 pm**
Scandia DC sponsors this third Saturday dance featuring live fiddle music by local talent Andrea Hoag and Loretta Kelley, our guest fiddler Göran Olsson from Sweden, plus the Scandia DC Spelmanslag. No partners necessary. No teaching, but reminder talk-throughs will be provided before each dance. Wear a costume and bring finger food to share. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) 15 Crescent Rd. $7. Info: 202-333-2826, linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org.

**Scottish**


Scottish Country Dance • Bethesda, MD
**Mondays • 8-10 pm**
NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call/email in advance for directions. 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**
Dances all year round at the Greenbelt Community Center. Info: www.rscds-greaterdc.org or Bob Cameron at rbcthecscot@yahoo.com or 202-321-7718.

Scottish Country Dance • Alexandria, VA
**Wednesdays • 8-9:45 pm**
The Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. Info: Carol Porter, 703-379-5779 or nova-secretary@rscds-greaterdc.org.

**Square**

Hot Squares • College Park, MD
**Tuesday, December 12 • 8:30-11 pm**
Hot squares called by Laura Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith and Susan Taylor with music by Crowfoot. Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. Admission $8. Refreshments to share are welcome. Info: 410-268-0231 or 301-762-2231 or squaredancers@comcast.net.

Waltz/Balroom/Swing/Cajun

Washington Swing Dance Committee • Glen Echo, MD
**Saturday, December 2 • 8 pm-12 am**

Sunday Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo, MD
**Sundays, December 3, 17 and 31 • 3-6 pm**
Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, MD to a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The fun begins at 3 with a half-hour introductory Waltz lesson followed by 2½ hours of social dancing. Admission $8. Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222.

December
3 Rose by the Door
17 Rhapsody Dance Band
31 Honeysuckle Rose

1920s and '30s Tea Dance • Glen Echo, MD
**Sunday, December 10 • 3-6 pm**
Marc Shepanek and Ellen Engle, AKA Flying Feet Enterprises, present the music of the roaring 1920s and sophisticated 1930s by the LaSalle Dance Orchestra. You'll surprise yourself with how much fun you'll have being Fred and Ginger for a day! Whether it's a sophisticated swing, a passionate tango, a romantic waltz, or one of the other exciting rhythms the band plays, you're guaranteed an afternoon of wonderful dancing. Beginning Dance lesson is 3-3:30 (participants choose what dance they want the lesson to be), followed by dancing from 3:30-6. Admission $8. In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Info: www.flyingfeet.org or 301-299-8728.

Daryl Davis Swing Dance • Glen Echo, MD
**Saturday, December 16 • 8 pm-12 am**
Marc Shepanek and Ellen Engle present an evening of Swing/Boogie Woogie with Daryl Davis! THE Boogie Woogie man played keyboards with Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, The Jordanaires, Pinetop Perkins! So, dance the winter blues away with the irresistible rhythms of THE man who took the gospel of Boogie Woogie around the world and back to the good old USA. Admission $13. Info: www.flyingfeet.org or 301-299-8728.
Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD


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 12 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop (also need ID). See a map at www.HamboDC.org.

Beginning Class • Tuesdays, December 5 and 19

- 7:30-9:30 pm

Learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zweifacher and other couple turning dances. Some Hambo is done every time. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome.

Advanced Class • Tuesday, December 12 • 7:30-9:30 pm

Learn dances from Boda, Orsa, Rättvick, Folllinge, Viksta, Varnas, Telemark, and Valdres, as well as others, including your requests. Singles, couples, and intermediate and advanced dancers welcome.

SEAN-NÓS ("Old Style") Irish Dance • Washington, DC

Tuesdays • 7:30-8:30 pm

Sean-nós Irish Dance is a battering style dance, done close to the floor, and characterized by a playful performance quality and loose upper body. Dancers are encouraged to develop a keen musicality and their own individual style. Any shoe that makes noise appropriate, no taps please. All levels welcome. Live musicians will be provided. 9 week session, $100 beginning on October 17. St. James Church, 222 8th Street NE. Info: Shannon Dunne, sbdunne@gmail.com, or 202-338-1949.

Slow Blues Dancing • Glen Echo, MD

Sundays, December 3 and 17 • 7-11 pm

Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte offer ideas for you to dance to those slow, bluesy tunes. The class will refine techniques of leading and following, present ideas for moving from closed to open position, suggest alternate footwork, offer ways to use dips, and follow through with moving musically. Prior experience is not necessary. Each workshop is drop-in with different concepts to refine your technique of leading or following. No partner required. Class from 7-8:30, dance to music (sometimes live) until 11. $14 lesson and dance; $6 dance only (subject to change for live music); pay at the door. At the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Avenue. Info: www.dancedc.com or donna@dancedc.com.

Lessons in Viennese waltz, Polka, Mazurka, and Schottische • Washington, DC

November 12 - December 10

Lessons in Viennese waltz, Polka, Mazurka, and Schottische by the Traxlers at Meridian House, 1630 Crescent Place, NW. Lesson dates are Friday, December 8 and Sunday, December 10. Friday evening schedule (Viennese waltz 6-7:30; Polka, Mazurka, Schottische 8-9:30) and Sunday afternoon schedule (Viennese waltz 2:30-4; Polka, Mazurka, Schottische 4:30-6). Either ($60) or both ($100) lessons may be taken. Lessons also for a Cotillion of young dancers (age 18-30) who will open the ball on December 17. Registration information at www.viennesewaltz.org/meridian.html.

Songwriters Open Mic • Springfield, VA

2nd Saturdays • 7:30-10:45 pm

At Kings Park Community Room (next to Cricket Box gift shop), Kings Park Shopping Center at the intersection of Braddock, Rolling and Burke Lake Rds. Originals encouraged. Signups at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. Info: Jim Johnson at 703-913-7408, jimjohnson@verizon.net or www.saw.org.

Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA

Saturday, December 2 • 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Hammer dulcimer players meet monthly at the Dolley Madison Library to swap tunes and play together. Other acoustic instruments welcome.
Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued

Info: Heli at 703-689-3477, heliel@earthlink.net, or http://pages.prodigy.net/holsopple.

Songwriter Exchange • Vienna, VA

4th Saturdays • 10 am-12:30 pm


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: http://dcscottishsession.blogspot.com/ or contact Peter Walker at boghaddubh@gmail.com.

Black Book Singers of DC • Washington, DC

1st Sundays • 7 pm

Black Book Singers of DC invite all voices to sing sacred and secular music of the Renaissance. Some slight reading skills needed. Recreational sing monthly on the first Sunday eve near Van Ness Metro. Info: jgildemeister@cs.com.

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.

Annapolis Acoustic Jam • Annapolis, MD

Sundays • 9 am-Noon

Indoors at The Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: phyllis@saroffillustration.com.

Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club

Sunday, December 10 • 2:30 pm

Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club is for anyone interested in Scottish music! Monthly meetings (Oct.-May), usually 2nd Sunday, start with workshop at 2:30 led by Elke Baker, potluck supper and evening jam session. All instruments and levels welcome. D.C. area, location varies monthly; call/e-mail for location (Elke: 301-854-9161, Becky: BeckyRoss@PeatAndBarley.com). Info: www.PeatAndBarley.com/pvsfc.html.

Dupont Music Circle • Alexandria, VA

Sunday, December 17 • 3 pm

Since 1983 the informal Dupont Music Circle has met to sing and play English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Quebecois, American, and other traditional music just for fun. Usually on third Sundays. Info/confirmation: Liz at 703-658-0957.

**NEW LOCATION AND TIME**

Monthly Children’s Irish Music Jam Session • Accokeek, MD

2nd Mondays • 6:30–8 pm

Come out to National Colonial Farm and join the fun! We will meet at the Farm’s Education Center. Look for signs. National Colonial Farm is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road in Accokeek, MD. Info: 301-283-0167 or p.addamiano-carts@att.net.

Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD

2 Mondays/Month

Informal singing group meets twice monthly in Takoma Park to sing village songs of the Balkan region. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya@partan.com or Joan at 202-363-6197.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Wheaton, MD

1st Tuesdays • 6:30-7:15 pm

The Ship’s Company chañteymen host an open mike sea chantey at Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue in Wheaton. 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 ructic@yahoo.com/www.shipcompany.org

Folk Club of Reston/Hermndon • Herndon, VA

Tuesdays • 7:30 pm

At the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Open mic format. 2nd Tuesday includes a 25-minute member showcase. Smoke-free environment. Info: www.restonherndonfolklcub.com, 703-689-0444.

**NEW LOCATION AND TIME**

Monthly Children’s Irish Music Session • Silver Spring, MD

1st Tuesdays • 6:30-7:15 pm

Children’s Irish Music Session run by Karen Ashbrook with help from Paul Oorts will meet first Tuesdays (except January) to coincide with a weekly adult session at 8 pm led by Dennis Botzer. Children are welcome to stay and play if they know the tunes. At McGinty’s Pub, 2nd floor, 911 Ellsworth Dr, 301-587-1270 in downtown Silver Spring. http://mcgintyspublichouse.com/. Info/music booklet: http://karenashbrook.com.

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.
Women's A Cappella Chorus • Brooklyn Park, MD  
**Wednesdays • 7-10 pm**

_The Harbor City Music Company_, a women's a cappella chorus, is seeking motivated singers in all voice parts. Women who love to sing and perform are always welcome. Rehearsals are held at the Chesapeake Center, 194 Hammond Lane in Brooklyn Park, MD. Call 800-856-9868, hcmcsueg@comcast.net or www.harborcitymusiccompany.org.

Arlington Jam • VA  
**3rd Wednesdays • 7-10:30 pm**

Fiddles, guitars, all instruments welcome! Intermediate and advanced players interested in old-time, blues, Scandinavian, swing, and other styles. First Friday and third Wednesday at 1909 N. Ohio Street, Arlington, VA. Info: Lilli Vincenz, 703-532-2731 or FiddlerLilli@zzapp.org.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Baltimore, MD  
**2nd Wednesdays • 8 pm**

_The Ship's Company_ chanteymen host an open mike sea chantey at Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street, Baltimore (Fells Point). Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org.

American Balalaika Symphony, Open Rehearsals • Alexandria, 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 Hermitage in Northern Virginia, 5000 Fairbanks Avenue. Info: www.balalaika.biz or 703-248-8199.

Irish Traditional/Bluegrass Music Sessions • Frederick, MD  
**Thursdays • 7 and 8:30 pm**

At Boe's Strings, 26 S. Market Street. Info and tune list at www.BoesStrings.com or Boe at 301-662-0750.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Annapolis, MD  
**3rd Thursdays • 8 pm**

_The Ship's Company_ chanteymen host an open mike sea chantey at The Drummer's Lot (Maryland Inn), Main Street, Annapolis. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org.

Songwriters Open Mic • Greenbelt, MD  
**4th Thursdays • 7-9 pm**


Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD  
**Friday, December 8 • 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. Find recordings, tunebook names and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at www.openbandonline.com. The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac. Info: www.fridaynightdance.org.

Open Mic at Potter's House • Washington, DC  
**4th Fridays • 8 pm**


### Storytelling

Speakeasy DC • Washington, DC  
**Tuesday, December 12 • 7 pm**

December’s speakeasy theme is “Going Home: Stories About Returns, Reunions and Regression.” Admission $5. HR-57 sells beer, wine and some food. Sign up for the open mic on their website. Open mic stories are strictly limited to 7 minutes and must incorporate the theme. At HR-57, 1610 14th St, NW. Info: www.speakeasydc.org.
Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

John Cephas Guitar Workshop • NE Washington, DC  Saturday, December 9 • 11 am – 1 pm  
John Cephas, legendary blues artist and National Heritage Award winner, will present a Piedmont-style blues guitar workshop at Archie’s Barbershop, 2007 Bunker Hill Road, NE. $20 fee. Info: www.acousticblues.com or contact Mike Baytop at 202-526-7539.

Phil Wiggins Harmonica Workshop • NE Washington, DC  Sunday, December 10 • 11 am – 3 pm  
Phil Wiggins, recognized as one of the nation’s greatest harmonica players, will present harmonica workshops at Archie’s Barbershop, 2007 Bunker Hill Road, NE. The workshop has 2 parts: fundamentals beginning at 11 am, advanced techniques at 1 pm. The fee is $20/session, or both for $30. Info: www.acousticblues.com or contact Mike Baytop at 202-526-7539.

Band Aid Workshop • Bethesda, MD  Sunday, December 17 • 1-5 pm  
The next BandAid, an ensemble-playing workshop, will be led by Washington area pianist Liz Donaldson offering a variety of styles. All instruments welcome. Bring a goodie to share, if you like. Cost $20. Space is limited. Info/registration: Liz Donaldson at 301-986-1291 or liz@us.net.

4th Annual ‘Contradancers Delight’ Holiday • Morgantown, WV  December 26-31  
Wonderful music, mighty fine callers, great dancing, luxury accommodations and flexible, reasonable rates. Up to eight hours of dancing a day. With callers Beth Molaro (NC) and Nils Fredland (NH). Bands: Crowfoot (Maine/Canada) and the Elftones (NC). This event produced by Warren & Terry Doyle (NC dance gypsies). At Lakeview Resort, one mile off I-68. Info: www.warrendoyle.com.

Terpsichore’s Holiday • Roanoke, WV  December 27, 2006 - January 1, 2007  
Join us for a real vacation and experience the magic of 5 days and nights of dancing, singing, live music, non-dance activities, meals and 4-star accommodations at Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park! Enjoy the community spirit of our 10th annual folk music and dance camp. Activities include contras & squares, swing, English country, Morris, wood carving, round dances, dance band, swimming, longsword, rapper, arts & crafts, singing, storytelling, drawing, community dances, and nightly contra dances. Programs for ages 6 and over. Info: contact Jeff Kenton at 301-587-1525, jkenton@verizon.net or www.danceholiday.net.

Enjoy three nights of Swing, Cajun, Contras & Squares, Waltzes & Blues, plus daytime workshops in dance, fiddle, banjo, guitar, singing and more! Or just come to New Year’s Eve a music & dance smorgasbord of Swing, Cajun, Blues and other couple dances in one room with Contras & Squares in the other... plus sumptuous snacks & refreshments. We serve wholesome, delicious meals, and sumptuous late night snacks with beverages round the clock. Sleep in our heated bunkhouses (rooms hold 15-20, good showers). Registration fee $445, including food and accommodations; $415 if you’re sleeping off-site. Registration forms/info: www.ashokan.org/camp/ or 845-246-2121.

Upper Potomac Fiddlers Weekend • Harpers Ferry, WV  January 5-7, 2007  
Weekend workshop for players of bellows blown bagpipes, fiddle, flute and other intruments in a rustic, retreat setting at the Historic Hilltop House Hotel. Instructors include Jerry O’Sullivan (uilleann pipes), Bob Mitchell (Scottish Smallpipes), Ian Lawther (Northumbrian and Border pipes), Chris Norman (flute) and John Knowles (fiddle). Info: Joanie Blanton 304-263-2531, updf@earthlink.net or www.squeezethebag.info.

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat • Harpers Ferry, WV  January 20-21, 2007  
Workshops, classes, jam sessions and a contra dance for fiddlers and those who play with them. A variety of fiddle styles are presented by some of the region’s finest fiddle teachers with an emphasis on dance fiddle styles. Instructors include Elke Baker (Scottish), Amy Cann (New England, French), Tina Chancey (medieval, renaissance), Joe DeZarn (Irish), Joe Herman (old time), Andrea Hoag (Scandinavian), Ellen Jacobs (Folk Fiddle Basics), and Paul Oorts (mandolin and mixed instrument classes). Info: Joanie Blanton 304-263-2531, updf@earthlink.net or www.fiddleretreat.info.

26th Annual BFMS Mid-Winter Ball • Towson, MD  Saturday, January 20, 2007 • 6:45 pm  
The 2007 BFMS Mid-Winter Ball, Une Soiree au Moulin Rouge, is coming soon! The ball will feature the incredible calling talents of Susan Kevra, teamed with the energetic music of The Moving Violations. The Chesapeake Room at Towson University will be transformed into the elegant but wild Moulin Rouge, a dance club for the ages. Reception 6:45 pm, Grande Marche at 7:15. Tickets ($18 Members/affiliates; $22/others before Jan. 1, $22 Members/affiliates; $28/others after Jan. 1) available at most BFMS events, by mail, or online at www.bfms.org. Info: midwinter@bfms.org or 410-433-4419.
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June 16-30 and Sept. 8-22, 2007

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FSGW Annual Mini Festival
Saturday, February 5, 2007

Planning has started for the Saturday, February 5, FSGW Annual Mini-Fest at Takoma Park Middle School. If you are interested in helping in any way, or would like to perform during the afternoon, please let us know by email: minifest@fsgw.org.

Thanks to a dedicated group of dancers who helped assemble an FSGW mailing - our annual letter soliciting support for FSGW - at the Sunday contra dance on November 5.

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New Year’s Eve Ball
Sunday, December 31, 2006
Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase
7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD

MUSIC by ANDREA HOAG (fiddle), LEIGH PILZER (saxophones), and CHARLIE PILZER (piano)
JANINE SMITH calling the figures

Grand March begins at 8:00 pm. Dance contras, squares & waltzes until 12:15 am.

To register send completed registration form and check payable to FSGW to:

FSGW NYE Dance
c/o Lynn Pastore
884 Azalea Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

For more information visit www.fsgw.org or call (301) 251-8586.

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