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FSGW Special Event

McLean, VA



Nowell Sing We Clear

Tony Barrand, John Roberts,
Fred Breunig and Andy Davis

Saturday, December 22 • 8 pm



Nowell Sing We Clear has toured for thirty-three years 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 are honored during the twelve magical days following the winter solstice. Many of these ancient customs are the basis of today's holiday traditions – visiting and feasting, gift-giving, carol singing from door-to-door and adorning of houses and churches with evergreen garlands.

Nowell Sing We Clear celebrates Christmas as it was observed for centuries in Britain and North America, and as it is still kept in some places. Many 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 Mummings Play. 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 spring.

While much of the singing is unaccompanied, the performance also features the energetic dance band sound of fiddle, button accordion, electric piano, drums, and concertina. Song sheets will be available, and the audience is encouraged to sing along. Some “new” (that is “different”) songs and carols are introduced every year. While most of them are rarely-heard traditional tunes, some others are recently-composed. This year's show includes new songs by John Kirkpatrick and Ian Robb.

Performers **John Roberts** and **Tony Barrand** are widely known for their lively presentations of English folk songs, and **Fred Breunig** and **Andy Davis** are well known in New England as dance callers and musicians.

At the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. General admission is \$27 per person, but FSGW members may purchase tickets at the significantly reduced price of \$19. By mail, send your request to: Alden Theatre Box Office, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101. Please state that you are an FSGW Member, provide your membership number [look at the newsletter label], provide a check for the appropriate number of tickets, and provide a return mailing address (or enclose an SASE). To do this at the box office window [see address above], begin the transaction by telling the staff that you are an FSGW member. You need to present your membership card; you may purchase tickets at the box office using cash, checks, or Visa or MasterCard.

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FSGW Sunday Night Dances

at Glen Echo Park, MD • (Directions, page 14)





Contras & Squares • 7:30 to 10:30 pm

Introductory lesson every Sunday from 7-7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of dance at Glen Echo Park. Every Sunday FSGW (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with entertaining callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. **Welcome/Orientation session every Sunday at 7 pm. Come early to learn the basics or just figure out the vocabulary (California Twirl? Isn't that an ice cream flavor?)** Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. The Ballroom is not climate-controlled. Dancers should dress appropriately in layers and bring water or sports drinks. If you use scented products such as perfumes, note that some dancers have allergies – please apply it, if you must, with a light hand. Info: Robert Cox, dance@fsgw.org. **December dances will be in the Ballroom.**

**Admission: \$9 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members.
\$12 for the general public**

December

- 2 **Rumblestrip** comes roaring down the highway to deliver some high-energy dance music that'll definitely shake your struts. **Nat Hewett** on fiddle, **Liza Constable** on guitar, vocals and foot percussion, and **Glen Loper** on mandolin, banjo and percussion, with **Pamela Goddard** from Ithaca to do the calling. 
- 9 The delightful **Anna Rain** will assemble an interesting evening of dances, with music by **Some Assembly**, featuring **Joe Klausner** on fiddle and mandolin, **Mary Flora** on flute, **Paul Miller** on guitar and bodhran, and **Donna Boylan** on piano. 
- 16 Phantastic Philadelphians! The smooth-as-cream-cheese **Scott Higgs** will provide excellent calling to Philly-based **Contraptions**, with **Chloe Maher** on piano, **Bill Quern** on mandolin, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, and concertina, and **Nora Smith** on fiddle.
- 23 Dog tired from shopping? Have we got a dance for you! **The Love Mongrels** (**Orrin Star** on banjo, **Danny Knicely** on mandolin/guitar, **Alexander Mitchell** on fiddle, **Ralph Gordon** on bass) will get those Hush Puppies moving – with Downtown **Laura Brown**, who will hound you to get out on the dance floor and howl. 
- 30 It may be cold in the Ballroom but we'll have Too Hot Mamas calling – **Janine Smith** and **Susan Taylor** – and with music by the fabulous **Elixir**, the last dance of 2007 will be hot-hot-hot! **Ethan Hazzard-Watkins** on fiddle, **Jesse Hazzard-Watkins** on trumpet, **Anna Patton** on clarinet, and **Owen Marshall** on guitar and octave mandolin – who knew that Vermont is actually the tropics? 



Bridget Fitzgerald and John Gallagher

with Scott Prouty and Ellen Hatton
 Saturday, December 15 • 8-10 pm
 Free to Members!!



Bridget Fitzgerald and **John Gallagher** present traditional songs and tunes from Ireland and Appalachia. Bridget is a fine sean nos (old style) singer in the Irish language. She is a master of the regional style of Connemara, the Irish-speaking area of Fitzgerald's birth in County Galway Ireland. She was a founding member of *Cherish the Ladies* and has taught master classes at a number of folk music camps. Influenced by his musical friendship with Melvin Wine and other traditional musicians, John is attracted to an older regional style of fiddling and singing. Bridget and John will be joined by **Scott Prouty** and **Ellen Hatton**. Scott has placed in and won fiddle contests in West Virginia, taught fiddle classes at the Augusta Heritage Center, and often contributes to the recording projects documenting traditional musicians. Collectively John, Scott, and Ellen have performed as a group playing concerts and dances in West Virginia and the Greater Washington area. These four friends love good old music and their singing and playing celebrates the common origins of their styles.



Free for FSGW Members. Non-members \$15.00, Students \$12.00, Children \$7.50
Info: Julia Friend, 917.685.9243 or www.fsgw.org

Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Avenue, is handicapped accessible from the Silver Spring Ave doors by elevator or from Sligo Ave side by ramp access.

From Beltway 495: Exit 31B South (MD 97/Georgia Avenue) towards Washington through downtown Silver Spring. At the 5th light after Colesville Road (US29/MD384), turn left at Sligo Avenue. (It's the last light before the railroad/Metro underpass.) 633 Sligo Ave is half a mile, on the left between Carroll Ave and Schrider St.

From Washington DC : North on Georgia Ave into Maryland. Right on Sligo Ave (first street after the Metro/railroad underpass). Ascension is located between Carroll Ave and Schrider Street on the left.

Free Parking: East Silver Spring Elementary School on Silver Spring Avenue (just across the street that runs BEHIND the church). Turn onto Schrider Street (East of the church) and go one block to the stop sign at Silver Spring Ave. The school is on the far left corner. There's a back entrance to the church facing Silver Spring Ave. and the school. (624 Silver Spring Ave.) **Metro:** Red Line to Silver Spring station, then take a Ride-On Number 16 Bus to the church.



26th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend

Camp Letts, MD

Friday-Sunday, April 11-13, 2008

Before you get engulfed in the hustle bustle of the Holiday Season, make your plans to dance in the Spring to this incredible line up: **Tony Parkes** and **Airdance Trio**, **Beth Molaro** and **Rachet Mountain Rock Farmers**, and the music and dance of Quebec with **Reveillons!** Visit the Chesapeake Dance Website at www.fsgw.org

for all the details. NEW for 2008: You can register on-line!! Scholarships are available in return for help with meal preparation AND for dancers ages 13-25.

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

(Directions, Page 14)



Admission: \$7 for FSGW members, \$9 for non-members.

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, Page 14). Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians. Each evening offers a different and delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, viola, and recorder. Light refreshments served at the break. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner required.

Info: Stephanie Smith at 301.229.3577 or Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org

December

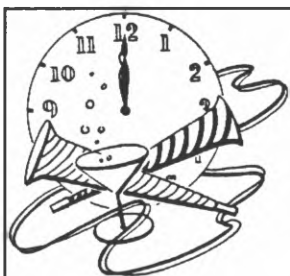
- 5 **Diane Schmit** calls to music by **Julie Gorka** (piano), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina), and **Edith Coakley** (fiddle).
- 12 **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) will provide the music, while **Dan Gillespie** leads the dancing.
- 19 **Martha Siegel** calls while **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle) and **Laurie Mielke** (recorder) play.
- 26 **Karin Loya** (cello), **Julie Gorka** (piano), and **Colleen Reed** (flute) provide the music while **Susan Taylor** calls the dances.



Family Dance • Glen Echo, MD (Directions, Page 14).

Sunday, November 11 • 3-5 pm

Take a break from all that shopping and bring your kids and your holiday visitors to the Glen Echo Town Hall to meet caller **Anna Rain**. Dancers of all ages and abilities will have a great time dancing to **Some Assembly**, with **Joe Klausner** on fiddle and mandolin, **Mary Flora** on flute, **Paul Miller** on guitar and bodhran, and **Donna Boylan** on piano. **Admission is still only \$5 per person (age 4 and up) for an entire afternoon.** This is a great activity for birthday parties, scouts, or family reunions. Please bring a snack/drink to share. More information at www.fsgw.org



FSGW New Year's Eve Contra Ball

There may still be space for YOU at the New Year's Eve Contra Ball, but get busy and send in your registration SOON. We expect a sell-out crowd for this shindig, which features music by **Crowfoot** (**Jaige Trudel** on fiddle, **Adam Broome** on guitar, and **Nicholas Williams** on flutes and accordion) with perennial bon vivant and mauvais joke-teller **Ted Hodapp** calling the figures, a toast at midnight to welcome in 2008, and unrestrained merriment. What's not to like?? For more information and to download the registration form, go to www.fsgw.org

Deadline for JANUARY 2008 Newsletter: MONDAY, December 10th

Pamela Goddard

Old Music from New England

Saturday, December 1 • 8 pm

The chance discovery that her high school library contained a full collection of Library of Congress field recordings permanently altered **Pamela Goddard's** life and, as she puts it, "saved her from an adolescence of heavy metal rock music." Pamela sang with her father at home, with the church choir, and travelled up and down the Hudson River soaking up music at the early Clearwater Picnics (now known as the annual *Hudson River Revival Festival*).

In the early 1980s Pamela was a literature major in college, studying folk songs in their narrative form while learning local history as a staff member of the Sleepy Hollow Restorations living history museums. In 1989 she moved "upstate" to the Finger Lakes region of Central New York. Working full-time as the Curator of Education and Co-Director of a local history museum, she continued calling dances and singing traditional songs. Recent years have found her exploring the sound archives at Cornell University and Middlebury College, and she continues to promote the traditional singing of New York and New England. In 2000, after nearly twenty years as a museum educator, Pamela decided to focus on her song and dance interests, and is now a free-lance writer, dance caller, (she is calling for FSGW on Sunday, December 2, for Friday Night on November 30, and in Baltimore on Monday, December 3) and folk singer.

In performance, she blends an intimacy with the music and careful historical scholarship with light humor, creating an easygoing relationship with her audience. Much of her repertoire is performed in the pure, unaccompanied style, and Pamela also accompanies herself on the mountain dulcimer. When not singing solo versions of the traditional songs of North America and Great Britain, Pamela performs with the eclectic *cappella* trio **Diamonds in the Rough**.

Please contact Dennis or Judy Cook at 301.776.4314 or cooks@ceimd.com to let them know you'll be coming, and to reserve a seat. All reservations held until at least 10 minutes before showtime.



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FSGW Board Meetings

Tuesday, December 4 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 at Glen Echo Park, MD. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate board member or **Charlie Baum, FSGW president** at 301-587-2286 in advance of the meeting.

FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Silver Spring, MD Friday, December 7 • 8:30 pm

Susan Clark is hosting December's FSGW Open Sing at her home in Silver Spring. This month's topic is "In Other Words." Bring a tune that once had other words, or one with its original words if we might know a later version better, or one with foreign words in it, or one that was originally written in another language – or even songs with lies or euphemisms, or even the phrase "in other words." Info/directions: 301.565.5126 or songsue@aol.com

FSGW Storyswap • Beltsville, MD Saturday, December 15 • 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners will meet in the home of Bill and Maren Mayhew for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. 301.595.7920 for RSVPs and directions.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Washington, DC Sunday, December 9 • 4-8 pm

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Singing starts at 4pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6pm 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 Washington, DC. Info/directions: 202-797-9259.

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Tuesday, January 1, 2008 • 3-8 pm

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. Our tradition is to hold a 5-hour singing on New Year's Day instead of a 4th-Sunday December singing. We begin an hour early (3 pm) and end at 8, with a potluck supper break at 6. We'll sing from the 1991 edition of the original Sacred Harp and possibly also from the 1958 edition of Walker's Christian Harmony (loaner books available). Open the year with a "shout of sacred joy!" Info: 301.229.8534.

Directions: St. Peter's is 0.5 miles south of Chain Bridge, on the west side of Glebe Road (coming from Washington, on your right; from Virginia, on your left.) The church is not visible from Glebe Rd. but its sign is. Turn on Tazewell St. to reach the parking lot. Info: 301.229.8534.

Co-Sponsored Event

Glen Echo International Folkdancers • Glen Echo, Md

Thursdays, 7:30-10:45 pm

Every Thursday at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive (just west of the shopping center across from Glen Echo Park). Lesson at 7:30. Request dances from 9-10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Admission \$5. Info: **Jamie** at 301.466.3018 or dancingplanet@erols.com

FSGW Bylaws Review and Revision

The Bylaws Revision Committee has completed and submitted a draft of proposed new bylaws, which will be available on the FSGW website early this month. The Board of Directors urges you to review these proposed changes. If you would like to comment on any issues respecting the bylaws, please send your comments to **Jane Ziki, Secretary**, at secretary@fsgw.org.

FSGW Midwinter Festival • Takoma Park, MD

Saturday, February 2, 2008 • noon-10:30 PM

Mark your calendar now. The 2008 edition of the FSGW Midwinter Festival (aka Mini-Fest) will take place on Groundhog Day, which makes a perfect excuse to host an all-day contra dance (noon to 10:30 pm) – at which we will, of course, do lots of contras with shadows. So, are you interested in performing (calling, playing, singing, dancing, hosting a workshop), or in financial gain (selling crafts)? How about doing some of the programming, and/or volunteering to help with load-in/load-out or taking on one 2-hour shift of overseeing this madness? Email yours truly, the newsletter editor, who is obviously crazy enough to take this on for another year. Newsletter@fsgw.org.

Concerts & Concert Series

Individual Concerts listed chronologically

Cathy & Marcy Winter Concert • Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, December 1 • 11 am and 1:30 pm

Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer's 22nd Annual Winter Family Concert, with special guests the **Army Blues Jazz Ensemble**. AFI Silver Theater, 8633 Colesville Rd. Info: 301.754.3611

Orfeia Concert • Washington, DC
Saturday, December 1 • 7:30 pm

Orfeia, featuring Eastern European vocal harmony with instrumental accompaniment, in concert at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 4201 Albemarle St., NW, with reception afterward. Suggested donation \$20, Seniors/students/military \$10. Info: 202.422.0604 or info@orfeia.org. Directions to church: www.columba.org

Peat & Barley Concert • Germantown, MD
Sunday, December 2 • 7 pm

CD-release concert for *Silver Lining*, by **Peat & Barley** (Becky Ross and Bill Mitchell). The French Quarter Cafe, 19847-N Century Blvd. \$5, includes intermission dessert buffet. Info: www.PeatAndBarley.com/schedule.html

Bluegrass Concert • Alexandria, VA
Wednesday, December 5 • 7:30 pm

Tony Rice & Larry Keel with *Natural Bridge*, new and old mountain music, at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$27.50. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Irish Christmas Concert • Alexandria, VA
Thursday, December 6 • 7:30 pm

Moya Brenna of *Clannad* performs music of the season at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$25 Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Fynesound Christmas Concert • Falls Church, VA
Sunday, December 9 • 7:30 pm

Fynesound presents its annual benefit concert – this year for the Diabetic Association. Knox Presbyterian Church, 7416 Arlington Blvd. Donations. Info: 717.677.4420 or www.fynesound.com, or www.knoxfc.org

House Concert • Edgewater, MD
Sunday, December 9 • 7:30 pm

George Kaufman at the home of Michele and Dennis Callaghan, 1722 Shore Drive. \$10 Donation. Dessert and coffee. Info: 410.956.2266 or callagh@verizon.net



Saffire in Concert • Alexandria, VA
Friday, December 14 • 7:30 pm

Gaye Adegbalola, Andra Faye, & Ann Rabson, the Uppity Blues Women, at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$29.50. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Avant Gardeners Concert • Annapolis, MD
Saturday, December 15 • 4:30-5:30

Laura Light and George Paul will perform a special concert at the Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Road, with a potluck supper to follow (5:30-6:30), and a contra dance from 7-10. Concert only: \$6 members, \$8 non-members. Info: 301.275.5252 or pshaf@yahoo.com or www.contradancers.com/atds

Winter Solstice Concert • Towson, MD
Saturday, December 15 • 3:30 pm and 8 pm

Ken Kolodner, Chris Norman and Robin Bullock perform *Hellicon's* 22nd annual celebratory concert at Kraushaar Auditorium, Goucher College, 1021 Dulany Valley Rd. (Directions at www.goucher.edu) Tickets \$23 advance/ \$26 door. Group rates available. Info: 410.243.7254 or kenkolodner@aol.com

Hank Williams Night • Alexandria, VA
Saturday, December 29, 7:30 pm

The Birchmere presents the 11th annual honky-tonk extravaganza, featuring Robin and Linda Williams, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Bill Kirchen, Rickie Simpkins, Mark Schatz and Dave Geigerich. 3701 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Tickets \$29.50. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com.

WFMA Benefit Concert • Alexandria, VA
Saturday, January 19, 7:30 pm

World Folk Music Association presents its annual benefit concert, featuring a tribute to **Tommy Makem**, at Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC Alexandria campus, featuring *Schooner Fare*, Jack Williams, *Modern Man, Hot Soup!*, Bethany Yarrow & Rufus Cappadocia, *Side by Side*, *The Shaw Brothers*, *The Makem Brothers*, and others. Tickets \$40-\$90. Info: www.wfma.net

Concert Series, listed by day of the week

Sundays

Focus Inn Alexandria • Alexandria, VA

Monthly concerts at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. 7pm; admission \$20. More info: 703.380-3151, herbcl@earthlink.net or www.focusmusic.org

December

9 Siobhan Quinn & Michael Bowers/Mae Robertson & Jim Ohlschmidt

Concerts & Concert Series continued**Mondays****Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD**

Weekly concerts at St. Mark Presbyterian, 10701 Old Georgetown, Rockville, MD 20852. Shows begin at 7:30; Admission: \$14/\$17. More info: 301.754.3611

December

- 3 Al Petteway, Amy White & Robin Bullock –
Celtic Christmas
10 Joe Jencks with Jon Carroll, Pat Wictor, Jim Robison & Siobhan Quinn

Wednesdays**Vic's Music Corner • Rockville, MD**

Focus Inn presents Vic's Music Corner on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, O'Brien's BBQ, 387 E Gude Dr, Rockville. Shows begin at 8 pm. \$12 members/\$15 general public. Info: David at focusrockville@earthlink.net, 301.275.7459, or www.focusmusic.org

December

- 12 *Hot Soup* (Christina Muir, Sue Trainor and Jennie Avila)
26 Dark

Literary/Music Series • Rockville, MD**Wednesdays • 7:30**

VisArts (a non-profit) will host a monthly literary reading/music series featuring poetry/fiction reading, music, literary open mic. Seeking musicians interested in providing a free 20-minute segment (all genres). Contact mayorgapoetry@gmail.com (preferably with audio clip), with "VisArts Music" in the subject line.

Thursdays**Baldwin's Station • Sykesville, MD**

7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD. \$20. Info: 410.795.1041 or www.uptownconcerts.com

December

- 13 *A Connemara Christmas* with Grace Griffith, Jody Marshall, Carey Creed, Dave Abe & Paul Nahay

Fridays**Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD**

In the basement of Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Road. Show begins at 8. Info: 410.521.9099 or www.uptownconcerts@gmail.com

December

- 7 Bethany Yarrow and Rufus Cappadocia
21 *Maggie's Music Christmas Show* - Maggie Sansone, Dominick Murray, Laura Byrne Egan

333 Coffeehouse • Annapolis, MD

Third Fridays at Annapolis Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 DuBois Rd, off Bestgate Ave. Acoustic music. Dessert and coffee available in this smoke- and alcohol-free environment. Admission \$10, \$8 for Seniors/students. Info: 443.786.0463 or www.fsgw.org/333/

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- 21 Michael Bowers and Siobhan Quinn

**Dances****Contra****Sundays**

**The FSGW Sunday Night Dances
are listed on the inside front cover.**

Wednesdays:**Baltimore Folk Music Society • Baltimore, MD****Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm**

Lovely Lane Ch., 2200 St. Paul St, Baltimore. Beginners are always welcome. Free lesson at 7:30 on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. **New prices as of September 1:** \$8 Members/\$12 Non-members, \$3 discount to students w/ID.

December

- 5 Caller Ann Fallon. Music by *Devine Comedy*
12 Greg Frock calls to music by *New Southern Cowtippers*
19 Caller DeLaura Padovan with *Hickman, Glickman & Devine*
26 Tori Barone calls to *Mortal Wombat*

Fridays:**Friday Night Dancers • Glen Echo Park, MD****Fridays • 8:30-11:30 pm**

The Friday Night Dancers (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) sponsor weekly contra dances to live music in the Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom. New dancer class every week at 7:30. \$9 per person. To play for or call a dance, contact fdgigs@petml.com For general information, visit www.fridaynightdance.org

*Dances continued***December**

- 7 Caller **Eva Murray** with **House Red** (**Jonathan Thielen** on fiddle, **Owen Morrison** on guitar, and **Shawn Brenneman** on piano)
- 14 Caller **Dick Bearman** with the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**.
- 21 Caller **Nils Fredland** with **The Love Mongrels** (**Orrin Star** on banjo, **Danny Knicely** on mandolin/guitar, **Jon Glik** on fiddle, **Ralph Gordon** on bass)
- 28 Caller **Susan Hankin** with **The New Hip Trio** (**Joe DeZarn** on fiddle, **Liz Donaldson** on piano, **Ralph Gordon** on bass).

Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA*2nd and 4th Fridays • 8-11 pm*

Air-conditioned hall, all ages and experience levels welcome. Light refreshments at the break, donations welcome. New dancer class at 7:30. \$8 Members/\$9 Non-members/\$4 students. Info: harrisburgcontra.org

Saturdays**Elverson Dance • Elverson, Pa***1st Saturdays • 7:30-10:30 pm*

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 61 Morningside Drive (3 miles east of downtown Elverson). \$8, \$5 for students and seniors. New dancers welcome. Smoke free, alcohol free. Beginners' lesson at 7. Children must be chaperoned. Info: Nancy Katzen, 610.780.5667

Baltimore Folk Music Society • Pikesville, MD*2nd Saturdays • 8-11 pm*

St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. December 8th, **John Krumm** and **Dr. Twambley's Audio Snakes**. Pot luck at 6:30; new dancer orientation at 7:30. \$8 BFMS and affiliates/\$12 Non-members/\$3 discount to students with ID. Info: Diane Friedman at matchmaker2@comcast.net, or 410.321.8419, or www.bfms.org

Annapolis Traditional Dance • Annapolis, MD*3rd Saturdays • 7 pm*

Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, Annapolis. This month a very special concert/potluck supper/dance, featuring **The Avant Gardeners**, with **Laura Light** and **George Paul**, and calling by **Ann Fallon**. Concert at 4:30, potluck at 5:30, dance from 7-10. Dance only \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Concert and dance \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Info: 301-275.5252 or www.smtmd.org.

Lancaster Contradance • Lancaster, PA*3rd Saturdays, 8-11 pm*

Susan Taylor calling to **June Apple**. St. John's Episcopal Church 321 W. Chestnut St. Beginners workshop at 7, Dance 8-11 pm. \$7/\$4. Info: Shane 717.431.7417 or sam@mcc.org or www.lancastercontra.org

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD*4th Saturdays • 8-11 pm*

At Trinity School, near the Harry Grove Stadium. Admission \$8. Under 16, \$4 Info/directions: www.contradancers.com or call Boe Walker at 301.694.6794. This month local favorite **Anna Rain** will call to lively tunes by **Joe DeZarn** on fiddle, **Tina Eck** on flute, **Patrick Cavanagh** on tenor banjo, and **Marc Glickman** on piano and bodhran.

*English Country***Mondays****Baltimore Folk Music Society • Pikesville, MD***Mondays • 8-10:30 pm*

English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New dancers are welcome. New dancer orientation first Wednesday at 7:45. Admission \$7 Members, \$10 Non-members, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South. Info: Mike Franch at 410.889.3252 or engdance@bfms.org

December

- 3 Caller **Pamela Goddard**, music by **Marty Taylor**, **Emily Aubrey** and **Julie Gorka**
- 10 Caller **Sharon McKinley** calling, with **Edie Stern** and **Robin Wilson**.
- 17 Caller **Carl Friedman**, music by **Judy Meyers**, **Becky Ross** and **Robin Wilson**
- 24 No dance.
- 31 FSGW New Year's Eve English Dance

Tuesdays**English Country Dancing • Herndon, VA***2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 7:45-10 pm*

Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Tr. Workshop includes figures, phrasing, and style. Live music (guest musicians welcome - call in advance). \$5 No partner or experience necessary. Info: Barbara Harding at 703.437.3615.

Wednesdays**THE FSGW ENGLISH COUNTY DANCES****ARE LISTED ON PAGE 4.****Saturdays****English Country Holiday Dance • Silver Spring, MD***Saturday, December 8 • 8-10:45 pm*

At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. Dance to music by **Peascods Gathering**, calling by **Barbara Harding** and **Bob Farrall**. This month features festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisin "snapdragons" for good luck in the New Year.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<h1>December 2007</h1> 				
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>Hanukkah 6</p> <p>Irish Session ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE Chase Intl Folk Dance rnon Int'l Folk Dance on Circle Dance Bottom Morris an Balalaika ck Bluegrass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>Hanukkah 7</p> <p>7 Arlington Jam 7:30 Olney Songwriters 8 Cellar Stage Concert 8:15 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 FSGW OPEN SING 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>Hanukkah 8</p> <p>10 am Batala Percussion 2 pm Archie Edwards Blues 6:30 BFMS Family Dance 7:30 Springfield Open Mic 7:30 Southern MD Contra Dance 8 Sligo School English Dance 8 BFMS Contra</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>
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get so late so soon?
 before it's afternoon.
 here before it's June.
 how the time has flown.

-Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss)



FSGW Advance Notice

Saturday, February 2, 2008
**ANNUAL MID-WINTER
 MINI-FESTIVAL**
 Takoma Park Middle School
 Takoma Park, MD

APRIL 5 & 6, 2008
**19TH ANNUAL POTOMAC
 RIVER SACRED HARP
 SINGING CONVENTION**

April 11-13, 2008
**26TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE
 DANCE WEEKEND**
 Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

October 3-6, 2008
44TH ANNUAL GETAWAY
 West River Retreat Center
 Edgewater, MD

Broadcast Events

You can listen to music from the FSGW weekly contra dance at the bi-weekly Internet radio show and PodCast. <http://www.contracast.com> "Old Time Jam" on the radio

Hubie King now hosts a radio show featuring old time music on WAMU in Washington, DC. The hour-long broadcast is aired twice weekly - 6 pm Monday and repeated at 6 am Thursday. You can listen on the web at www.bluegrasscountry.com, or tune in to WAMU's Bluegrass Country on HD Radio in Washington, DC at 88.5, Channel 2.

AND in case you hadn't heard, Mary Cliff's TRADITIONS is now broadcast on Saturday afternoons, 2 to 6 pm, on WAMU 88.5 HD Channel 2.

You'll need a new HD (digital) radio, or listen via the internet stream, on www.bluegrasscountry.org.

TRADITIONS is part of Roots & Branches on Saturday afternoon, and is followed by Thistle & Shamrock, E-Town, Mountain Stage and American Roots.

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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.

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.



Dances continued

Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Info: Carl Minkus 301.493.6281, Bob Farrall 301.577.5018.

Family

The FSGW Family Dance is listed on Page 4.

BFMS Family Dance • Pikesville, MD
Saturday, December 8 • 5-6:30; potluck 6:30-7:30

It's the annual BFMS Family Holiday Dance, this year featuring **John Krumm** from Philadelphia and **Dr. Twambley's Audio Snakes**. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South. Group discounts for youth groups, Scout troops, church groups, home schooling communities (12 or more). \$5 for BFMS members and affiliates; \$7 non-members; children under 2 free. Family maximum \$20 members, \$28 non-members. Info: Diane at 410.321.8419, or matchmaker2@comcast.net

*International***Mondays**

Bethesda International Folk Dancers • Bethesda, MD
Mondays • 7:30-10pm

No Classes on December 24 or December 31: classes resume January 7. No partner necessary, all ages and levels of expertise welcome. Beginners: 7:30-8:10. Intermediate/Adv.: 8:10-10pm. Mostly recorded with occasional live music. \$6 per class. Leland Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane. **Jan. 21st and Feb. 18th** we will meet at Women's Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma Rd (across from NIH). \$7 per class. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond at 301.871.8788, www.diamonddancecircle.com or diamonddancecircle@comcast.net.

Holiday Party • College Park, MD
Monday, December 17 • 8 - 11:45 pm

44th Annual holiday party, Cherry Hill Park Conf. Ctr, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. Recorded music, DJ'd by Brandon Diamond. Bring goodies to share, a friend who'd like to learn to dance, and wear your folk dance costumes. \$10. No partner or experience necessary. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond at 301.871.8788, www.diamonddancecircle.com or diamonddancecircle@comcast.net.

Tuesdays

Arlington International Folk Dancing • Arlington, VA
Tuesdays • 8-10 pm

Key Elementary School, Veitch St., between Wilson and Key near Courthouse Road Metro. Folk Dance for Fun Admission \$5 Recorded music, instruction, walk-throughs, and requests. Singles welcome, all ages or levels of expertise. Info: Sam or Sarah 703.527.8998 or sstulberg@earthlink.net or Kent Hibben at 301.520.3794 or kenthibben@hughes.net

Thursdays

The FSGW Glen Echo Folkdancers are listed on Page 7

Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers • Washington, DC
Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 pm

Chevy Chase Community Cntr, 5601 Connecticut, NW (at McKinley). Instruction and walk-through until 8:30. All levels welcome, no partner necessary. Recorded music. Leader: **Roland Forbes**. Info: Jackie Davis at 301.424.8827 or Naomi Rogers at 301.438.0063

Circle Dance Arlington, VA
Thursdays • 7:45-9:45 pm

Beginners especially welcome 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Dances on 2nd and 4th Thursdays are more advanced. **No dance December 27th.** All dances are taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Rte 50 at George Mason Dr. \$10 per session or pay a reduced fee for a series. Info: Judie David at 703.451.2595 or Vedavid@starpower.net.

Mount Vernon International Folk Dancing • Alexandria, VA
Thursdays • 8-10 pm

Beginners to advanced - all are welcome! Easy dances 8-8:30, followed by requests and advanced instruction. Join our friendly, diverse group on a beautiful dance floor. No partner necessary. Donation \$2.50. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Info: 703.866.2393 or kkrogh@aol.com

Fridays

Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • Greenbelt, MD
Fridays • 8:15-10:45 pm

Greenbelt Community Cntr Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd. Focus is dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Mostly recorded music. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching 8:15-9, requests from 9-10:45. \$7/\$10 on 1st Fridays (live music). Info: Larry Weiner at 301.565.0539, larryweiner.com or John Robinson at 410.715.9210

Israeli

Israeli Dancing • Kensington, MD
Mondays • 7:30-11 pm

Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave. Circle dances 7:30-9:30, couple dances 9:30-11. \$7/Students \$5. Info: Moshany, 240.350.3110, maspro@verizon.net

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.

Dances continued

Israeli Dancing • Greenbelt, MD
Saturday, December 15, 8:15-11 pm
 Israeli "Oldies" party (dances before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. \$5. Info: Ben Hole, 301.441.8213.

Morris

Arlington Northwest Morris • Arlington, VA
Mondays • 7:30-9 pm
 Learn and perform the traditional morris dances of Northwest England which combine simple footwork with power and precision. We are a welcoming group of women who practice in a great place with a wooden floor (easier on your knees) at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Info: **Suzanne @suzelise@comcast.net** or **Laura @LLPar42@aol.com**

Rock Creek Morris Women • Silver Spring, MD
Wednesdays • 7:5 pm
 Learn to dance in the ancient English morris tradition, and you'll get all the aerobics you need. Join a strong community that dances, plays, sings, and drinks together. Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, 807 Daleview Dr. 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 long-sword, traditional dances from English villages, and seasonal mumming. Anyone who enjoys dance and movement 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: Brad Graham, 410.480.3289 or **www.fbmm-morris.org**

Scandinavian

Norwegian Dance House Party • Takoma Park, MD
Saturday, December 1 • Potluck 6:30 pm, Dancing 8 pm
 Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare to 6902 Sycamore Ave. Mesmerizing live music by guest fiddler **Petra Kirstein** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see hfaa.org), plus some Swedish tunes by some of our regulars. Beginners welcome. Hosts: Ted Hodapp and Lynn Baumeister, 301.270.1875. Info/dirs: **Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312**

Candlelight Holiday Dance • College Park, MD
Sunday, December 9 • 7:30-10:30 pm
 Dance by candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Santa Lucia and her crown of candles and traditional holiday refreshments. Music by **Peascods Gathering**. Cherry Hill Park Conf. Ctr, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. Basic teaching by **Lisa Brooks** and **Fred Aalto** from 7-7:30. Singles, couples, beginners,

experienced dancers, all welcome. \$10 Info: **Lorraine Silsbee 301.585.1130, Carl Minkus 301.493.6281**

Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD
Saturday, December 15 • 7 - 10 pm
 Scandia DC sponsors a 3rd Saturday Holiday Dance Party this month, with fiddlers **Bruce Sagan, Göran Olsson** and the **Scandia DC Spelmanslag**. No partners necessary. No teaching this month, but most dances will be talked through. Wear a costume (if you have one), bring finger food to share if you can, but most important, bring yourself. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. \$7 Info: 202.333.2826, inclement weather call 301.474.5525. Info: **linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org**.

Scottish

For new and experienced dancers. No partner needed. Bring soft, flexible shoes. Recorded and live music.

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
 Dance all year round at the Greenbelt Community Center. Info: **www.rscds.greaterdc.org** or **Bob Cameron** at **rbcthescot@yahoo.com** or 202.321.7718

Scottish Country Dance • Alexandria, VA
Wednesdays • 8-9:45 pm
 Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. Info: **Carol Porter, 703.379.5779** or **nova-secretary@rscds-greaterdc.org**

Squares

Hot Squares Dance Party • College Park, MD
2nd and 5th Tuesdays • 8:30-11:00 pm
 Join the Hot Square Babes (**Laura Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith** and **Susan Taylor**) for a seasonal dance party at Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. Dec. 11th dance will feature popular local musicians **Steve Hickman** and **John Devine**. Beginners welcome, no partner or lessons required. \$8. Refreshments to share are welcome. Smoke- and alcohol-free environment. Info: 410.268.0231 or 301.762.2231 or **www.hotsquares.info**

Swing/Waltz/Ballroom

Washington Swing Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD
Saturday, December 1 • 8-midnight
Junkyard Saints. No partner or dance experience necessary. All ages welcome. Introductory lesson from

Dances continued

8-9 pm in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Admission \$12. Info: 301.340.9732 or wsdcswings@yahoo.com or www.wsdc.org

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, December 2 • 3-6 pm

Rumblestrip, in the lovely Spanish Ballroom. 30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2½ hours of social dancing – a lively mix of folk waltzes, Schottische, swing, tango, or polka. \$8. Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, December 16 • 3-6 pm

The Waltztrons, in the elegant Spanish Ballroom. 30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2 hours of social dancing – a lively mix of folk waltzes, Schottische, swing, tango, or polka. \$8. Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, December 30 • 3-6 pm

The Figments, in the elegant Spanish Ballroom. 30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2 ½ hours of social dancing – a lively mix of folk waltzes, Schottische, swing, tango, or polka. \$8. Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Listed by day of the week (Sunday thru Saturday)

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: <http://dcscottishsession.blogspot.com/> or contact Peter Walker at boghadubh@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. Info: Dave at 301.274.3441.

Dance Classes

Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD
Beginning Class: Tuesday December 18 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Advanced Class: Tuesday December 11 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Beginners learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn dances from Boda, Orsa, Rättvick, Ragujnda, and requests. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Sometimes live Swedish fiddle music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5. Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.

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, just northwest of building 41. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop (also need ID). See a map (essential) at www.HambDC.org or on a flyer.



Annapolis Acoustic Jam • Annapolis, MD
Sundays • 9 am-Noon

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

Bluegrass Jam • Reston, VA
5th Sundays • 1-4 pm
 Open acoustic bluegrass jam held any month having a 5th Sunday. Bring an instrument, sing along or listen – all are welcome. At Reston Used Book Shop, Lake Anne, 1623 Washington Plaza. Info: 703.435.9772.

Mondays

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.



*Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued***DC Bluegrass Union VFW Bluegrass Jams**
• Takoma Park, MD**2nd & 4th Mondays • 7-10 pm**Free. At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave. (corner of 4th Ave).Info: VFW Post 350 at 301.270.8008 or Barb Diedrich barb@alum.mit.edu.**Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD****Every Monday • 8 pm**Informal singing group meets Takoma Park (sometimes in DC) to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya@partan.com or Joan at 202.363.6197.**Tuesday****Monthly Children's Irish Music Session • Silver Spring, MD****1st Tuesdays • 6:30-7:45 pm**Children's Irish Music Session run by Karen Ashbrook with Paul Oorts precedes a weekly adult session at 8 pm led by Dennis Botzer. Children are welcome to stay and play if they know the tunes. McGinty's Pub, 2nd floor, 911 Ellsworth Dr, 301.587.1270. Info/music booklet: karenashbrook.com.**Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Wheaton, MD and Falls Church, VA****1st and 4th Tuesdays • See below for start times***The Ship's Company* chanteymen host open mike sea chantey sings. No cover/minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Mostly a cappella but instruments are welcome. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org.**1st Tuesdays – At Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue, Wheaton. 8 pm****4th Tuesdays – At Stacy's Coffee Parlor, 709 W. Broad Street, Falls Church. 7 pm****Folk Club of Reston/Herndon • Herndon, VA****2nd 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.restonherndonfolkclub.com, 703.689.0444.**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.

Women's A Cappella Chorus • Brooklyn Park, MD**Wednesdays • 7-10 pm**The Harbor City Music Company, a women's a cappella chorus, seeks motivated singers in all voice parts. Rehearsals at Chesapeake Center, 194 Hammonds Lane. 800.856.9868, hcmcsueg@comcast.net or www.harborcitymusiccompany.org.**Sea Chantey Open Pub Sings • Baltimore, Annapolis, & Charlestown, MD****2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays • 8 pm***The Ship's Company* chanteymen host open mike sea chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org**2nd Wednesdays – Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street, Baltimore (Fells Point)****3rd Wednesdays – Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401****4th Wednesdays – Wellwood Inn and Rivershack, 523 Water Street, Charlestown 21914****Arlington Jam! • Arlington, 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.**Cajun Jam • Silver Spring, MD****4th Wednesdays • 7:30-10:30 pm**

For dancers, musicians, and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Los Arrieros, 7926 Georgia Ave. Park in rear lot off Blair Rd. and on Georgia Ave. Beginners welcome.

Info: swopes123@aol.com.**Thursdays****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, 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.

*Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued***Songwriters Open Mic • Greenbelt, MD**
4th Thursdays • 7-9 pm

New Deal Café, 113 Centerway/Roosevelt Center. Originals encouraged. Signups at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. Info: 301.474.5642 or www.saw.org.

Fridays**Songwriters Open Mic • Olney, MD**
1st & 3rd Fridays • 7:30-10 pm

Caribou Coffee, 18101 Olney Village Mart Drive. Originals only. Signups at 7 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. Info: contact SAW at 301.654.8434, www.saw.org, or Caribou Coffee at 301.570.0909.

Arlington Jam! • Arlington, VA
1st Fridays • 7-10:30 pm

See Wednesday listing.

Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD
2nd Fridays • 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.friday-nightdance.org.

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

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Saturdays**Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Washington, DC**
Saturdays • 2 pm

The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation holds an acoustic blues jam almost every Saturday afternoon. All skill levels welcome. 2007 Bunkerhill Road, NE. Info/confirmation: 202.526.7539 or www.acousticblues.com.

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Folk Music Sing Along/Jam • Arlington, VA
1st and 3rd Saturdays • 2 pm

Indoors in Crystal City. All voices, instruments welcome. Visit the website for details: <http://folk.meet-up.com/45>. More info: liverpoolwalrus@yahoo.com.

Songwriters Open Mic • Springfield, VA
2nd Saturdays • 7:30-10:45 pm

Kings Park Community Room (next to Cricket Box gift shop), Kings Park Shopping Center, 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 15 • 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. 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

Bring your original song or portion of a song to share for friendly peer feedback. A song is not required to participate. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East (www.jamminjava.com). Info/directions: Paige Powell 703.671.4131, www.saw.org.



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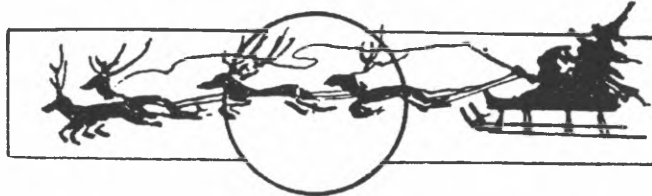
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