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FSGW Midwinter Festival

Takoma Park, MD

**Saturday, February 2 •
noon-10:30 pm**

FSGW is delighted to present its annual one-day indoor folk festival, to be held at the **Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road**. Because this year's "Mini-Fest" coincides with Groundhog Day, there will be an all-day Contradance in the Main Gym, featuring dances with "shadows," and spotlighting the many talented local bands and callers whose skills enliven the local dance community. Not into terpsichorean marathons? Not to worry – we've got seven (count 'em) other performance tracks going on simultaneously throughout the school from noon to 6.

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FSGW House Concert

Wheaton, MD

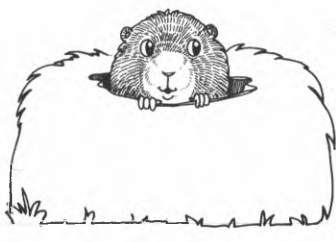
**Andrew McKay
& Carole Etherton**
Wales Watching
Monday, January 21 • 8 pm



Andrew McKay and **Carole Etherton** live in the Gower village of Llangennith, near Swansea in South Wales, UK – once home to reknowned source-singer Phil Tanner.

Andrew was born in South Wales, and his songs draw inspiration from historical tales of Swansea's industry and maritime traditions. He writes songs for a hobby, because, he says, they don't die as quickly as tropical fish. He has performed for some time as a member of **Baggyrinkle**, the Swansea chanteymen. His Mudcat Café moniker is "Crane Driver" – a reference to his instrument of choice, the obscure Crane Duet concertina – though some people wrongly assume he operates lifting machinery.

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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 for an introduction to the basics and a brief vocabulary lesson (Butterfly whirl? Isn't that a bug in a blender?)** 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. January dances will be in the Ballroom.**

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

January

6 Dick Bearman visits from the wilds of Maryland, calling to the masterful **Gigmeisters: Paul Oorts** on mandolin, **Alexander Mitchell** on fiddle, **Dave Weisler** on piano, and **Ralph Gordon** on bass.



13 Infallible Ann Fallon will engineer a track of dances with music by **Waverly Station: Liz Donaldson** on piano, **David Knight** on fiddle, and **Ralph Gordon** on bass. Come on, baby, do the Locomotion with me!



20 Eva Murray will get everybody – even old Northern horseshoers – out on the floor dancing to music by the **New Southern Cowtippers: Sandy Hofferth** on fiddle, **Howard Zane** on banjo, and **Jim Jones** on guitar.

27 It's the Oberlin College Invasion: David Giusti with **Lightning Strikes: Corey Walters** on flute, whistle, and mandolin; **Jonah Sidman** on fiddle; **Chloe Maher** on piano. Sizzling hot music that'll give you a jolt – watt's not to like?

26th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend

Camp Letts, MD

Friday-Sunday, April 11-13, 2008



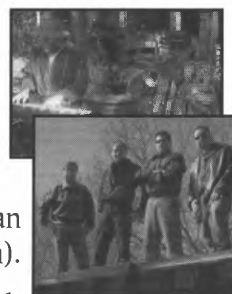
Plan your dance calendar now – this Spring, an incredible line up: **Tony Parkes** and **Airdance Trio**, **Beth Molaro** and **Rachet Mountain Rock Farmers**, and the music and dance of Quebec with **Reveillons!** Visit the Chesapeake Dance Website at **www.fsgw.org** for all the details. NEW for 2008: You can register on-line!! Scholarships are available in return for help with meal preparation AND for dancers ages 13-25.

FSGW Mid-Winter Festival *continued from the front page...*

IN THE CAFETORIUM, a different group every hour on the hour – better (and more musical) than Old Faithful. **Barrelhouse Brawl** at noon, followed by **Moch Pryderi**, **Backroads Band**, **Last Gold Dollar**, **Roustabout**, and **Broadside Electric**.



Hey-diddle-diddle, if you like the fiddle, stop by **Room 118** – from noon to 6 you can listen to and learn the differences among six distinct fiddle styles – **Becky Ross** (Scottish), **Alan Oresky** (Klezmer), **Bruce Sagan** (Scandinavian at 2 and Balkan at 4), **Trip Clements** (Old-Time), and **Mitch Fanning** (Irish).



Just down the hall in **Room 122** you'll find some storytellers who could teach Scheherazade a thing or two about narrative: **Bill Mayhew**, **Mike McCue**, **Megan Hicks**, **Bob Rovinsky**, **Margaret Chatham**, **Ralph Chatham**, **Elizabeth Thornton**, **Penelope Fleming**, **Miriam Nadel**, **Anne Sheldon**, and **Tim Livengood** will delight your ears, and we are especially proud to have the Twinbrook Tellers back again – these very young storytellers are talented beyond their years.

HOPING TO VOCALIZE A BIT? There's a **Pub Sing** and **Sacred Harp Singing** in the **Auxiliary Gym** (not simultaneously, of course). You could spend all day in **Room 114** – **Flawn Williams** will offer a one-hour do-wop workshop, **Slaveya** and **Sedanca** will feature songs from Eastern Europe, **Judy Cook** will showcase Civil War songs from her latest CD, and **Lisa Null** will remind you how thrilling ballads can be. Of course, if you spend all day in Room 114, you'll miss the duet singing, and "Harmonies from the Hills," and Gospel Sing in **Room 102**. Decisions, decisions, decisions....



Do you play well with others? Then head for the **Jam Room (aka Auxiliary Gym)** where **Archie's Barbershop** will play the blues and the **Irish Breakfast Band** will play... the greens? And don't forget the red-white-and-bluegrass **Participatory American Roots Jam** in **Room 102**.



A 1-hour dumbek workshop. An all-day "instrument petting zoo" for the kids. Morris Dancing and sword dancing in the Gym and the hallways.

But wait, there's more....

From **6 to 7:30**, there's waltzing in the Gym, with a brief waltz lesson by **Steve Gester**.

Then, from **7:30 to 10:30** two simultaneous evening programs (and you can sample both):



In the Gym, an evening dance – squares and contras, with calling by local favorites the **Hot Square Babes** – **Ann Fallon**, **Eva Murray**, **Laura Brown**, **Susan Taylor** and **Janine Smith**.

In the Cafetorium, Takoma on the Danube, an all Balkan program of music, dance, and song, featuring the smoldering **Balkanics**, plus **Lyuti Chushki**, **Zharava**, and **Tisza Ensemble**.



A Preliminary Schedule for the Mini Fest can be found on page 6.

Ticket prices:

Day plus evening (noon to 10:30 pm)

FSGW Adult Member \$14 FSGW Child (6-12) \$6 FSGW Family Maximum \$43
Non-FSGW Adult \$18 Non-FSGW Child (6-12) \$8 Non-FSGW Family Max \$55

Day (noon to 6 ONLY) or Evening (6 to 10:30 ONLY)

FSGW Adult Member \$8 FSGW Child (6-12) \$4 FSGW Family Maximum \$25
Non-FSGW Adult \$12 Non-FSGW Child (6-12) \$5 Non-FSGW Family Max \$37



You may purchase tickets through our website, www.fsgw.org, using PayPal.

Please print your receipt and bring it with you.

FSGW English Country Dances at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD Wednesdays • 8 to 10:30 pm (Directions, Page 19)



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

January

- 2 **Stephanie Smith** and **Anna Rain** call to music by **Judy Kleppel** (oboe), **Walter Robinson** (recorders), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).
- 9 **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) will provide the music, while **Diane Schmit** leads the dancing.
- 16 **Liz Donaldson** calls while **Francine Krasowska** (piano), **Dan Gillespie** (recorders) and **Karin Loya** (cello) play.
- 23 **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Julie Gorka** (piano), and **Harriet Kaplan** (cello) provide the music while **Bob Farrall** calls the dances.
- 30 **Tom Spilsbury** calls with music by **David Knight** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).



Family Dance • Glen Echo, MD (Directions, Page 19). Sunday, January 14 • 3-5 pm

Chug down to the Glen Echo Town Hall with your family, where caller **Ann Fallon** will call charming and easy dances for all ages and abilities. Music by **Waverly Station** (**Liz Donaldson** on piano, **David Knight** on fiddle, and **Ralph Gordon** on bass) means no train wrecks here! **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 Bylaws Review and Revision

The Bylaws Revision Committee has completed and submitted a draft of proposed new bylaws, which are available on the FSGW website. 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 Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Kensington, MD Friday, January 4 • 8:30 pm

Nancy King is hosting January's FSGW Open Sing in Kensington. Are you hungry for some good songs? Have an appetite for music? Need to nourish your soul? Come and sing about FOOD!! We expect a veritable banquet of musical refreshment! Info/directions: 301.933.3073 or nlking@bellatlantic.net

FSGW Storyswap • Alexandria, VA Sunday, January 13 • 2:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to gather in the home of **Debbie Griffin** in Alexandria for an afternoon of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. Info/directions: 703.379.2251.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Chevy Chase, MD Sunday, January 13 • 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 January Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Rick Morgan and Arlene Rodenbeck** in Chevy Chase, DC. Info/directions: 202.364.3663.

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

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. Join shape note singers from around the region to bring in '08 with a shout of sacred joy, at our annual New Year's Day Sacred Harp singing. Singing lasts from 3 to 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). Info: 301.229.8534.

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Sunday, January 27 • 4-8 pm

Explore the rich tradition of shape-note singing in four-part unaccompanied harmony at this free monthly event. Potluck supper break at 6. We will use the 1991 edition of the original *Sacred Harp* and possibly also the 1958 *Christian Harmony* (loaner books available). 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.

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



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FSGW Board Meetings

THURSDAY, January 3 • 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.

2008 MiniFest Performance Grid

	Gym	Cafetorium	Aux Gym	Room 102	Room 108	Room 114	Room 118	Room 122	
Time	Dance	Stage	Jams	Roots Americana	Blues and Complaints	Vocal Workshops	Fiddling Around	Storytelling	
noon-1	All day contra dance featuring contra dances with shadows (in honor of Groundhog Day) Local bands and local callers	Barrelhouse Brawl 12-1	Pub Sing led by Darriel Day and Allan Rathbone 12-1	Dick Levine 12-12:30	Ash Grove - blues 12:30-1	Judy Cook Songs of the Civil War 12-1	Scottish Fiddle Becky Ross 12-1	Bill Mayhew 12-12:15 Short stories for short people	Instrument Petting Zoo In the Lobby noon to 6
1-2		Moch Pryderi 1-2	Blues Jam with Archie's Barbershop 1-3	Harmonies from the Hills 12:30-1:30	Jeff Glassie & Julie Littell African American Work Songs 12:30-1:30	Slaveya - Balkan songs 1-1:30	Klezmer Fiddle Alan Oresky 1-2	Twinbrook Tellers 12:15-1 Stories from the Americas	
				Foggy Mountain Mini-Concert 1:30-2	Todd Crowley -Dust Bowl 1:30-2			Sedenca Bulgarian/Macedonian songs 1:30-2:30	Megan Hicks 1:30-2 Ground Hogs
2-3		Backroads Band 2-3	Fiddle and Banjo Duos Old-time & Bluegrass 2-3	Janie Meneely 2-2:30	Dick Rodgers/Bob Clayton - 60s-70s 2:30-3	Scandinavian Fiddle Bruce Sagan 2-3	Bob Rovinsky 2-2:30 From Iraq, Israel, & America		Performers only:
				Sidqi - dumbek workshop 2:30-3:30			Ralph Chatham 3-3:30 Soldier Jack: Eco-illogical Tale		
3-4		Last Gold Dollar 3-4	Irish Seisiún (Jam) with the Irish Breakfast Band 3-5	Duet Singing 3-3:30	Chromatics a capella science 3-4	Old-time Fiddle Trip Clements 3-4	Elizabeth Thornton 3:30-4 Participation songs/stories	Green Room Room 140 & Secured Instrument check-in Room 104 noon to 6 pm	
				Camp Meetin' Gospel Sing 3:30-4:30			Snakehead Run blues 3:30-4		
4-5		Roustabout 4-5		Old-Time Mini-Concert 4:30-5	Usual Suspects blues 4-4:30	Flawn Williams Do Wop 4-5	Balkan Fiddle Bruce Sagan 4-5	Penelope Fleming 4-4:30 Magic, Everywhere	
								Eleanor Ellis blues 4:30-5:30	Miriam Nadel 4:30-5 Rhyme and Reason
5-6		Broadside Electric 5-6	Sacred Harp Singing 5-6	Participatory American Roots Jam 5-6	Sears Trio - blues 5:30-6	Lisa Null Ballads 5-6	Irish Fiddle Mitch Fanning 5-6	Anne Sheldon 5-5:30 Good Old (Testament) Boys	
	Tim Livengood 5:30-6 How it got that way								
6-7:30	Waltz with Steve Gester								
7:30 - 10:30	Contras and Squares with the Hot Square Babes	Takoma on the Danube: Balkanics, Zharava, Lyuti Chushki, Tisza Ensemble							

Concerts & Concert Series

Bluegrass Concert • Alexandria, VA

Saturday-Sunday, January 4-5 • 7:30 pm

Ricky Skaggs and **Kentucky Thunder**, at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$35. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Squeeze the Bag! • Harpers Ferry, WV

Saturday, January 12 • 8 pm

Fin Moore, on Scottish smallpipes and border pipes, uilleann piper **Jerry O'Sullivan**, and **Ian Lawther** on the Northumbrian smallpipes joined by flute and binou player **John Skelton**, Cape Breton fiddle virtuoso **Wendy MacIsaac**, and flute, whistle, oboe and bombarde player, **David Cantieni**. Harpers Ferry Jr. High auditorium. Tickets by mail, \$15, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for SMAD members and \$8 for students. Info: www.smad.us, 304.263.2531 or updf@earthlink.net.

Orrin Star Mandolin Concert • Pikesville, MD

Saturday, January 12 • 8 pm

Solo concert at Guitars of Pikesville, 806 Reisterstown Road 2nd Floor S6 (above Sunfresh Produce). Donation: \$12-15. Info: 410.415.5400 or www.orrinstar.com

Old-Time Music Concert • Harrisburg, PA

Thursday, January 17 • 7:30 pm

Susquehanna Folk Music Society presents **Uncle Earl**. This female quintet plays Southern mountain folk music with a brilliant, bewitching blend of hill-billy drive and modern sass. Whitaker Center Stage 2, Third & Market Sts. \$15/SFMS Members, \$20/Non-Members, \$10/Students Info/tickets: 717.214.2787 or www.sfmsfolk.org

Hammer Dulcimer Concert • Baltimore, MD

Sunday, January 20 • 3 pm

Mountain and hammered dulcimer concert with **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer and fiddle), Tennessee-based **Dan Landrum** (hammered dulcimer), **Butch Ross** (mountain dulcimer) and **Christie Burns** (hammered dulcimer). Stony Run Meeting House, next to Friends School, 5116 N Charles St. Tickets \$17.50/advance and \$20/door; kids under 14, \$15. Info: kenkolodner@aol.com or 410.746.8387

Blues Guitar Concert • Harrisburg, PA

Sunday, January 20 • 7:30 pm

Susquehanna Folk Music Society presents **Eric Bibb** in concert at Whitaker Center Stage 2, Third & Market Sts. \$14/SFMS Members, \$18/Non-Members, \$10/Students Info/tickets: 717.214.2787 or www.sfmsfolk.org

Doc Watson Concert • Alexandria, VA

Sunday, January 27 • 7:30 pm

Legendary flatpicking and fingerstyle guitar virtuoso **Doc Watson**, along with **David Holt** and **Richard Watson** at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$35. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Native American Dance • Wormleysburg, PA

Friday, February 8 • 7:30 pm

Susquehanna Folk Music Society presents **Kevin Locke**, a visionary hoop dancer, Northern Plains flute player and traditional storyteller. Harrisburg Academy, 10 Erford Rd \$14/SFMS Members, \$18/Non-Members, \$10/Students Info/tickets: 717.214.2787 or www.sfmsfolk.org

String Band Jam and Concert • York, PA

Sunday, February 17 • 2:30 and 4 pm

Susquehanna Folk Music Society presents **The Carolina Chocolate Drops** featuring a pre-concert jam/workshop at 2:30, and a concert at 4 pm. This old-time string band carry on the rich tradition of fiddle and banjo music from Carolina's Piedmont region. Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market St. \$14/SFMS Members, \$18/Non-Members, \$10/Students Info/tickets: 717.214.2787 or www.sfmsfolk.org

Eastern European Music • Arlington, VA

Thursday, February 28 • 9 pm

Shtreiml presents its unique high-octane mix of not-so-traditional Eastern-European Jewish and Turkish music at the Iota Club, 2832 Wilson Blvd, 703.522.8340. **Jason Rosenblatt** (harmoica), **Rachel Lemisch** (trombone), **Thierry Arsenault** (percussion), **Adam Stotland** (bass), **Michael Winograd** (clarinet). Info: info@shtreiml.com or 610.348.1191.

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 \$12 members, \$15 non-members. More info: 703.380.3151, herbcl@earthlink.net or www.focusmusic.org

January

13 **Magpie**, traditional and contemporary folk, jazz, blues, country and ragtime



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 advance/\$17door. More info: 301.754.3611 or www.imtfolk.org

January

- 7 Jeffrey Gaines, Tim Farrell opening
- 21 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Winners Showcase and SAW Benefit
- 28 *Old Blind Dogs* CD Release

Tuesdays**Folk Club of Reston-Herndon**

Monthly concerts at the Tortilla Factory Restaurant, 648 Elden Street. \$11 Members, \$12 non-members. Doors open at 6, concert begins at 7. Info/directions: 703.435.2402, clubacoustic@cox.net or www.reston-herndonfolkclub.com

January

- 22 Rick Franklin and Neil Harpe – 20s and 30s blues and ragtime

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

January

- 9 Bill Staines with Sally Spring
- 23 Jim Photoglo and Tina Moyer

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

January

- 10 Seamus Kennedy
- 17 Mike Cross
- 24 Richard Shindell

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

January

- 1 Bill Staines
- 25 Laura Byrne, Patrick Egan, Donna Long & Billy McComiskey

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/

January

- 18 *Chromatics*

Saturdays**Sunspot at the Lyceum • Alexandria, VA**

Monthly concerts at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington (corner of Prince). \$20 advance/ \$23 door, children under 14 half-price. Info: 800.404.9049 or www.sunspotpro.com

January

- 19 Sarah Lee Guthrie (Arlo's daughter) and Johnny Irion.



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.

January

- 2 Caller **Susan Taylor**, music by **Evil Twins**
- 9 **Melissa Chatham** calls to music by **Baltimore Open Band**
- 16 **David Giusti** calls to music by **Lightning Strikes**
- 23 Caller **Ted Hodapp** with **Not Rocket Surgery**
- 30 **Susan Hankin** calls to **Gypsy Meltdown**

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 fndgigs@petml.com For general information, visit www.fridaynightdance.org

January

- 4 Caller **Steve Gester** with **The Evil Twins**
- David Knight** and **Laurie Fisher**
- 11 Caller **Greg Frock** with the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**.
- 18 Caller **TBA** with **Devine Comedy** (John Devine on guitar, Marti Taylor on flute, and Steve Hickman on fiddle)
- 25 Caller **Robbin Schaffer** with **The June Apple Band** (Jeff Steinberg on fiddle, Mike McGeary on guitar, Bob Garber on clarinet, Alice Markham on piano).

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). January 5, **Dave Colestock** calling to the **PGW**. \$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

Shepherdstown Dance • Shepherdstown, WV

1st and 5th Saturdays • 7:30-11 pm

War Memorial Building, corner of German and King Sts. January 5, **David Giusti** calling to **Lightning Strikes** \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members, \$4 for dancers under 12. Beginners workshop at 7:30, dance at 8. Start the new year right with this energetic, youthful and talented caller and band. Info: Joanie Blanton updf@earthlink.net

BFMS Cabin Fever Festival • Pikesville, MD

2nd Saturdays • 8-11 pm

St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. January 12, **Susan Taylor**, **Laura Brown**, **Ann Fallon** and **Janine Smith** with music by **Saddle Horn Stringband**. Pot luck at 6:30; Charleston lesson at 7:30. Step Jam percussive step dance demo. Cabin Fever Fashion Competition, judged by George Mercer. \$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

Reston Contra Dance • Reston, VA

2nd Saturdays • 8-10:45 pm

January 12, **Eva Murray** calls to music by the **June Apple Band** at the first of three 2nd Saturday winter contra dances. Beginners' workshop 7:15-8, dance 8-10:45. Admission: \$7 (workshop free). Partner not necessary. Bring snack to share (juice provided). Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, in the Hunters Woods Center. Info: 703.709.9121. Directions: Reston Community Center, 703.476.4500.

Annapolis Traditional Dance • Annapolis, MD

3rd Saturdays • 7 pm

No dance this month – see you at the Mid-Winter Ball! And we'll be back next month in our usual spot – Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, Annapolis. Info: 301-275.5252 or www.smtmd.org.

Lancaster Contradance • Lancaster, PA

3rd Saturdays, 8-11 pm

David Giusti calling to **Lightning Strikes**. 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.lancaster-contra.org

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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



January 2008

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—Sidonie Gabrielle

*Dances continued***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 **David Giusti** will call to music provided by **Lightning Strikes**.

*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

January

- 7 Caller **Mike Franch**, music by **Geud Band of Baltimore**
- 14 Caller **Diane Schmit** calling, with **Walt Robinson, Julie Gorka, and Edie Stern**
- 21 Caller **Christopher Field**, music by **Robin Wilson, Ralph Barthine, and Liz Donaldson**
- 28 Caller **Tom Spilsbury**, music by **Jeff Steinberg, Paul Oorts, and Jonathan Jensen**

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 COUNTRY DANCES**
ARE LISTED ON PAGE 4.**Saturdays****English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD**
Saturday, January 12 • 8-10:45 pm

At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. Dance to music by **Peascods Gathering**, calling by **Barbara Harding** and **Bob Farrall**. 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, January 12 • 5-6:30; potluck 6:30-7:30

First annual BFMS Cabin Fever Festival featuring **Susan Taylor** and **Saddle Horn Stringband**. 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 max \$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 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.

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](mailto:ssstulberg@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

Dances continued

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. 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, larry@larryweiner.com or John Robinson at 410.715.9210

Irish Ceili

Irish Ceili and Set Dance • College Park, MD

Sunday, January 27 • 5-9 pm

Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd (located inside the RV Park near Rte 1 and I-495). Workshop at 4. Live music. \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Potluck supper at 6:30. Sponsored by Greater Washington Ceili Club. Info/directions: Dick DeFreyre, 301.294.3568

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.



Israeli Dancing • Greenbelt, MD

Saturday, January 26, 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, January 5 • Potluck 6:30 pm, Dancing 8 pm

Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare to 6807 Westmoreland Ave. Mesmerizing live music by Grammy-nominated hostess Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see hfaa.org). Beginners welcome. Hosts: 301.270.4925. Info/dirs: Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312

Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD

Saturday, January 19 • 7 - 10 pm

Scandia DC sponsors a 3rd Saturday Dance Party this month, with fiddlers Loretta Kelley and Karen Myers and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8, Valdres Springar, a popular dance from Norway. 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.

*Dances continued**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 Camer-
on 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**

No January dance. The Hot Square Babes (Laura
Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith and
Susan Taylor) are taking a break until May 13. But
they'll be calling at the January 12 BFMS Cabin Fever
Dance and at the February 2 FSGW Mini-Fest evening
dance. Info: 410.268.0231 or 301.762.2231 or www.hotsquares.info

*Swing/Waltz/Ballroom***Slow Blues Dance • Glen Echo Town Hall, MD*****Sunday, December 30 • 7-11 pm***

90-minute workshop taught by Donna Barker and
Mike Marcotte, then dance from 8:30. \$14 for workshop
and dance, or \$7 for dance only. Info: 301.634.2231.
Please park in the Glen Echo Park parking lot and walk
down University Avenue three blocks; turn right on
Harvard Ave. Town Hall is on the left.

Washington Swing Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD***Saturday, January 5 • 8-midnight***

Big Joe and the Dynafloes. No partner or dance
experience necessary. All ages welcome. Introductory
lesson from 8-9 pm in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen
Echo Park. Admission \$12. Info: 301.340.9732 or
wscdswings@yahoo.com or www.wscd.org

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD***Sunday, January 6 • 3-6 pm***

Gigmeisters, in the lovely Spanish Ballroom.
30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2
1/2 hours of social dancing – a lively mix of folk waltz-
es, Schottische, swing, tango, or polka. \$8. Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD***Sunday, January 20 • 3-6 pm***

Avant Gardeners, in the elegant Spanish Ballroom.
30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2
1/2 hours of social dancing – a lively mix of folk waltz-
es, Schottische, swing, tango, or polka. \$8. Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222

*Zydeco/Cajun***First Thursday Cajun Dance • Silver Spring, MD*****Thursday, January 3 • 7:30-10:30 pm***

This month's concert and dance features **Squeeze
Bayou** with **Brian Simms** at Los Arrieros restaurant,
7926 Georgia Ave, south of Silver Spring Metro. Park in
rear lot off Blair Rd. and on Georgia Ave. Admission: \$10.
Come to eat and drink, dance, or just listen. No partner
or dance experience necessary. Info: 301.585.8813

Cajun Dance and Concert • Silver Spring, MD***Thursday, January 10 • 8-11 pm***

CajL'Angelus, (www.angelusband.com) a Louisiana
Cajun Family band, makes a rare visit to the D.C. area.
Los Arrieros restaurant, 7926 Georgia Ave., south of
Silver Spring Metro. Dominican, Colombian, and Mexi-
can food. Park in rear lot off Blair Rd and on Georgia
Ave. Admission: \$15. No partner or dance experience
necessary. Info: 301.585.8813



Dance Classes

Irish Set and Ceili

Tuesdays

Set and Ceili Dance Classes • Gaithersburg, MD
Tuesdays • Beginners 7-8, Advanced 8:15-9:30

Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive, beginning January 8. Instruction by The Ring of Kerry Dancers (non-profit). Beginners welcome, ages 8 and up. \$35 per semester (January through early June). Info/directions: **Marilyn O'Brien at 301.926.6943.**

Thursdays

Set and Ceili Dance Classes • Rockville, MD
Thursdays • Basics 7-8, Intermediate 8-9:30

Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Road, from January 3 to early June. Cost in the form of a \$30 donation to Frost Center School. Sponsored by non-profit Washington Ceili Club. Info/directions: **Paul O'Donnell, 301.649.6410.**

Scandinavian

Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD

Beginning Class: Tuesdays January 8 and 22 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Advanced Class: Tuesdays January 15 and 29 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Beginners learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn dances from Boda, Orsa, Rättvick, Ragunda, 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.HamboDC.org or on a flyer.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

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://dscottishsession.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.**

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.**

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 Diederich barb@alum.mit.edu.**

*Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued***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, hmcmsueg@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 Fiddler-Lilli@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.

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.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued

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

Both spoken word and music. Homemade dinner/desserts served starting at 7. Potter's House 1658 Columbia Road NW (Green line to Columbia Hgts). Suggested donation \$10. Info: www.PottersHouseDC.org.

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.

Batala Percussion Band • Washington, DC

Saturdays • 10am - 1 pm

Newly-formed all-woman ensemble plays Brazilian samba-reggae rhythm. Instruments provided by the band. No prior knowledge of music or percussion is necessary, only interest and willingness to learn. Practices will be in locations convenient to public transportation. Info: Mariana Pereira, Musical Director 202.361.8993, or drums@batalawashington.com, or www.batalawashington.com.

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.meetup.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

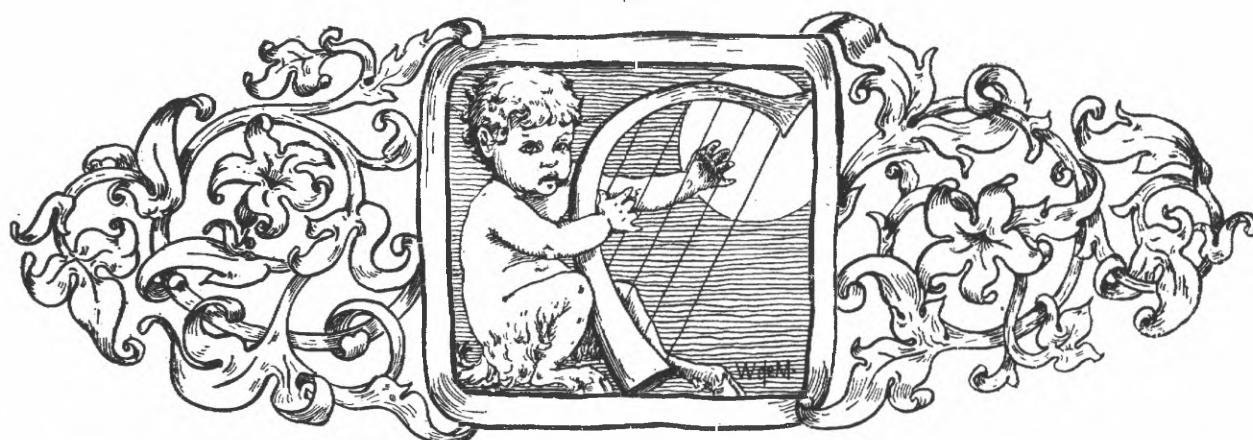
Saturday, January 26 • 1:30 - 4:30 pm

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.



Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

Orrin Star Mandolin Workshop • Cheverly, MD

Saturday, January 12 • noon - 2 pm

Rounds—those infectious folk melodies that magically harmonize when sung over themselves at staggered intervals—sound great on the mandolin. Join us for an afternoon of harmonic convergence as we make the rounds of several rounds Limited to 12. \$40 includes written hand-out. 6318 Jason St. Info at 301.773.6149 or <http://www.orrinstar.com/Pages/MandoShops.html>

Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend • Harpers Ferry, WV

Friday, January 11-Sunday, January 13

Second annual workshop for bellows-blown bagpipes, fiddle, flute and mixed instruments with **Jerry O'Sullivan, Ian Lawther, Finn Moore, John Skelton, Wendy MacIsaac, David Cantieni, Bob Mitchell** and more. Info at www.squeezethebag.info or **Joanie Blanton 304.263.2531** or updf@earthlink.net

27th Annual BFMS Mid-Winter Ball • Towson, MD

January 19, 2008 • 6:45- 11:30 pm

Ready to glitz? This year, BFMS is Puttin' On the Ritz It's the cat's pajamas, the bee's knees, the whole ball of wax. Not just a contra dance, we're gonna party like it's 1926. **Rick Mohr** calling to the hot, hot **Figments**. Info: midwinter@bfms.org or **410.433.4419**. Tickets available at most BFMS events, online at www.bfms.org, and by mail. \$24 members/affiliates; \$30 others. Be there, baby!

Blues Guitar Workshop • Harrisburg, PA

Sunday, January 20 • 4-5 pm

Eric Bibb presents a blues guitar workshop for intermediate to advanced guitar players. Whitaker Center Stage 2, Third & Market Sts. \$14/SFMS members, \$16/Non-members. Info/tickets: **717.214.2787** or www.sfmsfolk.org

FSGW Midwinter Festival • Takoma Park, MD

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

Mark your calendar and remember to bring your shadow. The 2008 edition of the FSGW Midwinter Festival (aka Mini-Fest) will take place on Groundhog Day.

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat • Harpers Ferry, WV

Saturday, February 9 - Sunday, February 10

Over 20 different workshops for fiddle and mixed instrument dance band classes at historic Hilltop House Hotel. Staff includes **Julia Borland** (seasoned beginners class), **Elke Baker** (Scottish), **Joe DeZarn** (Irish), **Barbara Greenberg** (English, New England), **Joe Herrmann** (Old Time), **Steve Hickman** (Texas Long Bow), **Laura Light** (Swing) and **Bruce Sagan** (Scandinavian). Saturday night dance features open band, jam sessions throughout the Hotel. Info: www.fiddleretreat.info or **Joanie Blanton 304.263.2531** or updf@earthlink.net

Ski-Dance Weekend • Western PA,

Friday, February 15 - Monday, February 18

Head to the hills of western Pennsylvania as we ski during the day and contra dance at night. Music by **Dave Weisler** and **the Avant Gardeners**. Callers are **Susan Hankin** and **Bob Mathis**.

Info: www.skidance.com. Sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.

Mountain Dulcimer Week • Winchester, VA

Sunday July 6 - Friday, July 11

Mark your calendar now! On the grounds of Shenandoah University, **Ralph Lee Smith & Madeline MacNeil**, Co-Directors. Learn to play, learn to play better. Info: **Ralph at 703.435.7420** or email www.ralphleesmith.comcast.com.

Andrew McKay and Carole Etherton House Concert *continued from front page.*

Carole was born in West Sussex. She can remember treating her neighbors to a xylophone concert at an early age, and being told at school that she couldn't sing. A visit to Horsham Folk Club introduced Carole to folk music, and she soon became a member of both the Mid Sussex Folk Singers and the Mudcat Café, where she's "SussexCarole."

Carole met Andrew at the Lancaster festival in 2004, and they were married in April 2006.

Come spend a musical evening listening to songs of the Wales. Call Rita Ferrara and Bill Day at 301.946.2161 (or e-mail pyro-art@comcast.net) to reserve a seat, let them gauge how many are coming, or give you driving directions. Their house is a couple of blocks off of Veirs Mill Road and the C2, C4, or Q2 busses from Wheaton Station on the Red Line.

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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.

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