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The 29th Annual Washington Folk Festival



Saturday, May 30 & Sunday, May 31 noon-7 pm

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents the 29th Annual Washington Folk Festival at Glen Echo Park on Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31. The WFF features music, dance, storytelling, and crafts by artists who make their home in the Washington area. On seven stages throughout the park, attendees can sample American traditions (including blues, bluegrass, country, gospel, and swing) and take a tour around the musical world to Africa, Eastern Europe, Ireland, Japan, Spain, South and Central



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FSGW Sunday Night Dances

at Glen Echo Park, MD • (Directions, page 27)

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 basic moves, and check out YouTube instructional videos as well (see below).** Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. All dances are in the non-climate-controlled Ballroom this month, so as the weather gets colder, dress 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.**

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

May

3 You aren't imagining things. **The Figments** are bringing their eclectic mix of music styles to the *Bumper Car Pavilion*. **Ethan Hazzard-Watkins** on fiddle, **Anna Patton** on clarinet, and **Owen Morrison** on guitar and foot percussion. Calling to this wonderfully energetic music will be the clean energy man, **Rick Mohr**. This will be an excellent night of dancing. Don't miss it! www.ethanhw.com/bands/html, <http://rickmohr.net>



Rick Mohr
The Figments



10 **Ridge Kennedy** is joining us from New Jersey, and local favorites **Gypsy Meltdown** will put a smile on your face. **Kathy Kerr** (fiddle), **Keith Gillis** (guitar), and **Colleen Reed** (flute and saxophone). <http://gypsymeltdown.com>



Ridge Kennedy

Gypsy Meltdown

17 One of our Faber-ite callers, **Tom Hinds**, shares the beautiful Spanish Ballroom stage with **Sugar Beat**, featuring **Elke Baker** on fiddle, **Susan Brandt** on flute, and **Marc Glickman** on piano.

24 Do you believe in magic? **Magic Foot** rocked the Bumper Car Pavilion last time through. **Colin Lindsay** on fiddle, **Chris Stevens** on accordion, **Brendan Taaffe** on guitar, and **Stefan Amidon** on percussion. And **Adina Gordon** showing off her flashy North Carolina calling style. www.myspace.com/magicfootmusic, <http://brendantaaffe.com>, <http://adinagordon.com>



Magic Foot



Adina Gordon

31 **Swallowtail** in the Ballroom. 'Nuff said. **David Cantieni** on winds, **Ron Grosslein** on fiddle, **Timm Triplett** on piano, **George Marshall** on concertina and bodhran, and **Tim van Egmond** on hammered dulcimer. George and Tim share the calling. Oh, yeah. www.swallowtail.com



On the Web:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1o7tdtHZyE&feature=related> "Contra Dance Training."

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrcKrr_SusY&feature=related "Hidden Secrets of

the Contra Elite."

Have you come across a previously-published online article about some aspect of dance you'd like to share? Please send your suggestions to Newsletter@fsgw.org

Special Event: First Annual Jonathan Eberhart Memorial Concert

Washington, DC

Ganga and Warner Williams & Jay Summerour

Saturday, May 2 • 8 pm

Jonathan



Jonathan Eberhart was a founding member of FSGW – a memorable singer and fine guitarist. As chanteyman (with the *Boarding Party*), award-winning science writer, radio host, songwriter, active Folklore Society member and discoverer of musical talent, he was a man whose presence was felt wherever he went. When he died in 2003, he left FSGW a concert fund to continue some of the work he loved so well. Please join us at the Washington Ethical Society to celebrate some very fine music, and the inspiring memory of a talented and generous friend. Jonathan’s on-line obituary is at http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1200/is_9_163/ai_98695638/

The first annual **Jonathan Eberhart Memorial Concert** features performers who knew Jonathan well, and who value Jonathan’s work with FSGW. **Ganga** draws on the folksongs of the bauls (wandering bards and mystics), the

bhatiali (river boatmen), and villages of Bengal, India. **Hitabrata “Bachoo” Roy**, his children **Broto** and **Krishna**, and **Nupur Lahiri** make compelling, rhythmic music, strong in lineage and inspiration. You’ll hear personal and spiritual songs, historical tales, and work songs played on harmonium, dotara (4-stringed lute), tablas, and ghungar (cymbals). More at www.brotoroy.com.

Warner Williams and **Jay Summerour** are locals. Warner grew up in Takoma Park, and started playing guitar when he was 6, with the Williams Family Band (mom, dad, and 11 siblings). Jay is from Rockville, and he learned harmonica from his grandfather. There’ll be some lovingly played traditional Piedmont blues, maybe a little Tin Pan Alley, or some early rock ‘n roll. More at www.littlebitablues.com.



This concert is free to FSGW members, although we suggest a \$5 donation to help defray the costs of the monthly program. Non-members \$15 (\$10 for students to age 22).

Directions to WES Auditorium on page 27. Additional info on the website or call Marty at 703.354.6460.

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



Admission: \$8 for FSGW members,
\$10 for non-members.

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, Page 27). Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians – every Wednesday 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

May

- 6 **Michael Barraclough** calls to music by **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **David Knight** (fiddle), and **Karin Loya** (cello).
- 13 **Tom Spilsbury** leads the dances to music by **Melissa Running** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle) and **Walter Robinson** (recorders).
- 20 **Tom Amesse** (guest caller from NY) calls to tunes by **Julie Gorka** (piano), **Becky Ross** (fiddle) and **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina).
- 27 **Dan Gillespie** calls the dances while **Liz Donaldson** (piano) **Rhonda Hotop** (fiddle) and **Anna Rain** (recorders) play the tunes.

Don't miss the 23rd annual Washington Spring Ball, coming up Saturday, May 16

with wonderful music by **Earl Gaddis**, **lydia ievins** and **Karen Axelrod**,
and delightful dances including perennial favorites *Fenterlarick*, *Kelstern Gardens*
Miss de Jersey's Memorial, and *Mr. Isaac's Maggot*.
See page 24 of this Newsletter for further information.



Family Dance Glen Echo Park • Bumper Car Pavillion (Directions, Page 27) Sunday, May 10 • 3-5 pm

Bring your family to Glen Echo Town Hall for a
delightful afternoon of dances for all ages, led by
Ridge Kennedy calling to music by **Gypsy Meltdown**.

Admission is only \$5 per person (age 4 and up) for an entire afternoon. This is a great activity for birthday parties, scouts, or family outings. More information at www.fsgw.org



Ridge
Kennedy

Gypsy Meltdown



29th Annual Washington Folk Festival *continued from front page*



America, Turkey, and elsewhere. Hours are noon to 7 pm each day, rain or shine, and there is no admission charge.

Among special guests this year are elder masters **Seymour Greene** on swing trombone, **Flory Jagoda** on Ladin traditions, **Speedy Tolliver** on old-time fiddle, and **Warner Williams** on blues guitar. We'll commemorate Pete



Seeger's 90th birthday with a participatory sing-along workshop; another workshop will honor the memory of legendary songwriter and storyteller **Utah Phillips**. Stop by the Spanish Ballroom and you'll be able to learn dances from a variety of American and international traditions.

A *tentative* schedule appears on **pages 25 and 26** of this *Newsletter*, but we urge you to check the on-line version at www.fsgw.org/wff/satsched2008.htm. The on-line version is much more up to date, and contains significantly more detail about the performers.



The FSGW Washington Folk Festival is produced by the **Folklore Society of Greater Washington** in cooperation with the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, the National Park Service, Montgomery County, MD, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, the Richmond Folk Festival, and WAMU 88.5 FM.

Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD. Off-site parking and shuttle service is available from the GEICO parking lot, 5260 Western Ave, Chevy Chase, MD. The GEICO lot is one block from the Friendship Heights Metro station.

The Washington Folk Festival Needs Your Help

The Washington Folk Festival is an all-volunteer event – all performers and all staff volunteer their services. If you'd like to help, you can volunteer by calling **Linda Goodman at 301.656.1627** or by filling out an on-line volunteer form at fsgw.org/wff/volunteersignup.php.



We have scheduled a major work weekend at Glen Echo Park on **May 16 and 17**. We'll be putting up the large tents and stages. If you ever wanted to be a circus roustabout here is your chance. (Sorry, we don't have any elephants, but we do have Ralph, the forklift.) It's actually more fun than you might think. Come give it a try.



In Memoriam: Brooke Billings Leonard

Brooke, 70, a native of Missoula, Montana, died of cancer on February 18, 2009 at her home in Gaithersburg. Brooke was a long-time member of FSGW and CDSS. She moved to Maryland in 1981 and quickly became “addicted” (her word) to dance. She was a regular at the contra, English Country, Scandinavian, zydeco, and swing dances in the area. She was a stalwart at Dancing Buffalo, Almost Heaven, and Chesapeake Dance weekends, and attended many other dance camps around the country. Her son, Marc Leonard, and his wife, Robin Brown, of Bellingham, Washington are dancers and musicians and her daughter, Morna Leonard, of Hamilton, Montana, is a dancer and caller.

Outside the dance world, Brooke was a mathematician, systems analyst, database designer, computer programmer, systems administrator and technical writer, member of AAUW, and an avid outdoor enthusiast always ready to go exploring. She had boundless curiosity and had she lived to 300 she couldn’t have done all the things that interested her. Graceful and gracious, present in the dance, welcoming to newcomers, a willing and tireless volunteer, and always a joy, she will be very much missed.



REMINDER!

The Next issue of the FSGW Newsletter covers BOTH June AND July.

All copy for BOTH Months is due on Sunday, May 10th!

Highlights of FSGW Board Meeting • April 2009 (April 7, 2009)

- Further discussion regarding the Cultural Alliance and benefits to FSGW members.
- Implementation of a bi-weekly email blast (opt-out rather than opt-in) to ensure that FSGW members get timely notice of changes to schedules and current concerts, dances, and programs.

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FSGW Board Meeting Tuesday, May 5 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 304 Arcade Bldg 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.

Bob Stuart & Megan Rogers

Coasting Along

Saturday, May 16 • 8 pm



Singer/songwriter **Bob Stuart**, one of Maine's best-kept secrets, will make his first-ever Washington area appearance on **Saturday, May 16**, joined by his daughter **Megan Rogers**.

Bob has spent the past three decades performing aboard coastal schooners and at festivals up and down the East Coast. He is not only a fine *a cappella* singer, but an expert guitar and banjo play-

er. He performs traditional music from America and the British Isles, and writes original compositions in traditional, folk, and jazz styles, some of which have been recorded by **Gordon Bok, Nick Apollonio, Glen Jenks, Rick Lee, and Margaret MacArthur**.

Megan sings songs that range from tender to sassy. Whether she's belting out *Jolene* or blending her voice with her father's on *Come By the Hills*, her singing is a rare treat.

Suggested donation \$15. At the Cooks in Laurel, MD. Info/directions: 301.776.4314. Seats are held until 10 minutes before the concert.

Additional information on the web, www.fsgw.org.



Spotlight by Starlight Concert Series Summer 2009

FSGW is proud to co-sponsor this year's concert series, presented by the Mason District Supervisor, Friends of Mason District Park, and the Fairfax County Park Authority. For a complete list, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances. Throughout the months of June, July, and August, there are concerts almost every Wednesday evening, Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday evening – 49 concerts in all. You might want to note the following (There will be full lists for June & July in the next issue and August in the August issue):

Sunday, June 14 • 7:30 pm: Washington Balalaika Orchestra

Friday, June 19 • 7:30 pm: Tom Paxton

Friday, July 3 • 7:30 pm: Dead Men's Hollow

Friday • July 10, 7:30 pm: Ganga

Friday, August 7 • 7:30 pm: Andrew Acosta & Speedy Tolliver String Band

The 20th Annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention



On April 4th and 5th, FSGW sponsored the 20th annual **Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention**. Our decades of experience were evident in the strong, precision singing and the joy shining from faces reconnecting with friends from years past. **Beverly Yaeger**, of Afton, Virginia, south of Richmond, served as Chair.



On Saturday afternoon at Pohick Church in Lorton, people from as far away as New Mexico and Michigan joined local singers to render 76 songs from *The Sacred Harp* — unaccompanied four-part



folk hymns, fuguing tunes, revival choruses, and anthems in four-shape “fa sol la” notation. After a potluck supper, at the New Traditions Singing, three local composers led original four-part works, and people took turns calling songs from *Eclectic Harmony*, a collection of shape-note songs drawn from sources other than the book used during the day. The convention had not met at historic Pohick Church for several years; singers were happy to find that the acoustics were as solid, the light as gracious as ever.

On Sunday, the singing moved upriver to the Great Falls Grange, picking up more participants from northern Virginia and Maryland. **Kim Moreno** of Baltimore was to give the Sunday morning Memorial Lesson, in remembrance of singers and loved ones recently deceased or too sick to come, but had to take her mother to the hospital instead, so her husband **Kevin** delivered a

moving meditation in her place, suggesting that our hollow square of singers included many gone on. Thanks to glorious spring weather,



people enjoyed “dinner on the grounds” in the picnic pavilion. And the food coordinator reported that the 100 numbers sung at the Grange sounded particularly great down below in the kitchen, under the stomping feet.



The Folklore Society and the Cultural Alliance (both of Greater Washington)

FSGW has re-joined the **Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington**, which for many years has assisted individuals and area non-profit organizations which present arts programs. As their website (www.cultural-alliance.org) says, “The Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington is dedicated to sustaining and increasing regional leadership, appreciation, support, and resources for arts and culture. We build and nurture a regional network by enhancing the connection, collaboration, and conversation within the arts and cultural community and among business and other interest groups.”

Our CAGW membership will provide opportunities and resources to update the functions and promote the work of FSGW. We hope to draw on CAGW research and resources (including assistance in marketing and development of professional Board skills) and to avail ourselves of CAGW services, which include volunteers, discounts, and access to a group health care program.

If you do not currently have health insurance, this latter benefit might be of interest. We understand that CAGW sponsors a comprehensive health insurance program, which includes medical, dental and vision plans. Health benefits are managed through Potomac Companies, Inc. in Gaithersburg, Md. We are informed that because FSGW is now a member of CAGW, FSGW Members may apply for coverage under the CAGW health insurance program. Please note that **open enrollment for 2009 is May 1- 31 only**. A new FSGW website page with information about this potential FSGW Membership benefit will be available soon.



FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Silver Spring, MD Friday, May 1 • 8:30 pm

Ken and Bonnie Curl will host this month's Open Sing – and the theme is “For Pete’s Sake, Sing!” in honor of Pete Seeger’s 90th birthday. So don’t peter out, get that peat moss into the flower bed, toss a chair in the trunk, and, we repeat, come and sing with us. Just inside the Beltway, off Route 29 (Colesville Rd). **Info/directions:** 301.588.4362 or kcurl4@comcast.net or bonnieacrul@gmail.com

FSGW Storyswap • Falls Church, VA Saturday, May 2 • 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Ralph and Margaret Chatham** for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. **Info/directions:** 703.698.5456.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD Sunday, May 10 • 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! This month's Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Mia Boynton and Larry Robinson** in Takoma Park. **Info/directions:** 301.589.3717 or 301.633.3508.

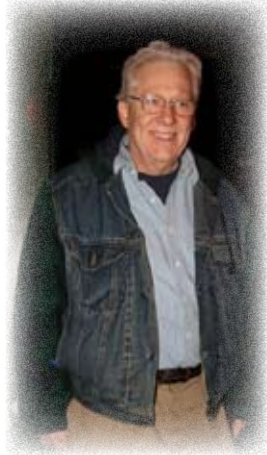
FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Sunday, May 23 • 4-8 pm

The monthly 4th Sunday Sacred Harp Sing features the rich tradition of four-part unaccompanied harmony and fugue singing from shape-note tunebooks. Loaner copies of the 1991 edition of the original *Sacred Harp* and the 1958 *Christian Harmony* are usually available. Potluck supper break at 6 pm. **Free.** All are welcome. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. **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**



Severn Savage Injured

Long-time FSGW member **Severn Savage** suffered severe burns in a kitchen accident on March 25, which has required skin grafts and weeks of recovery in the Johns Hopkins Burn Center. Severn is a warm-hearted and generous person, a long-time supporter of acoustic music, and well-known in the participatory sing community.

This is his third health crisis in 18 months; because he has exhausted his sick leave, he is in financial difficulty. His FSGW friends and family, to help him out in his time of need, are planning a benefit musical event (details to be announced [hopefully in June]). In the interim, please consider mailing a cheerful card with a donation (make checks payable to “Severn Savage”) to Severn’s cousin **Kathie Mack** – she will deposit your contribution to his account, and see to it that your card and good wishes for his recovery reach him.

Severn Savage c/o Kathie Mack
7208 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Concerts & Concert Series

World Blues Concert • Riverdale, MD

Sunday, May 3 • 5 pm

Karim Albert Kook and his wife **Iness**, both natives of Algeria, will perform at the Archie Edwards Blues Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Road, in a concert featuring world blues – songs in Arabic, French, English and Kabyle (a North African language). Info about the performers at www.karimalbertkook.com and www.myspace.com/ciness. Info about the concert or directions at www.acousticblues.com

Southern Style Concert • Alexandria, VA

Friday, May 8 • 7:30 pm

Dr. John and the Lower 911 joins the **South Memphis String Band**. Birchmere, 3901 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$39.50. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Seeger/Fink/Marxer Concert • Alexandria, VA

Saturday, May 9 • 7:30 pm

Peggy Seeger joins **Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer** and best-selling author **Deborah Tannen** for a special Mother's Day concert of stories and song. Birchmere, 3901 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$29.50. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Sunspot Concert • Alexandria, VA

Saturday, May 9 • 8 pm

Irish singer **Susan McKeown** and Yiddish singer **Lorin Sklamberg** (from the *Klezmatiks*), present songs from their recent collaborative CD. Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. \$25 advance/ \$28 door. Info: www.sunspotpro.com

Gordon Bok House Concert • Germantown, MD

Thursday, May 14 • 7:30 pm

Local favorite **Gordon Bok** performs at Tom Mielke's house. Suggested donation \$15 (FSGW members \$12). Info: txmilke@aol.com or 240.418.2231.

Sweet Honey in the Rock Concert • Alexandria, VA

Friday, May 15 • 7:30 pm

Birchmere, 3901 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$45. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Benefit House Concert • Washington, DC

Saturday, May 16 • 7:30 pm

Cheick Hamala Diabate and Friends perform at 2903 13th St NW, 2 blocks from Columbia Heights Metro (Green Line), for the benefit of Sigida Kenyali/Health in our Homes, a community effort to build a health clinic in Mali, West Africa. Info: www.malihealth.org. Meet the project's director and enjoy fascinating Malian ngoni music. \$15 (\$12 for FSGW members). Info/directions: 510.506.2222.

Gordon Bok Concert • Galesville, MD

Saturday, May 16 • 8 pm

Gordon Bok brings his rich coastal imagery to the Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Main St. Tickets \$15 advance/ \$20 door. Info: [janemeneely@gmail.com](mailto:janiemeneely@gmail.com) or 443.786.0463.

Blues and Ragtime Concert • Riverdale, MD

Sunday, May 17 • 7 pm

Mary Flower works in the intricately syncopated Piedmont finger picking style, as well as her own deeply bluesy lap-slide style. Hear her elegant, funky and inventive playing on vintage guitars at the Archie Edwards Blues Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Road. Info about the performer at www.maryflower.com.

Info about the concert or directions at www.acousticblues.com

SMTMD Concert • Chaptico, Md

Friday, May 29 • 7:30 pm

Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance presents singer/songwriter **Anne Hills** (who also writes children's books based on her songs) in concert at Christ Church Parish Hall, Zach Fowler Road. Directions and additional information at www.smtmd.org \$8 members, \$10 non-members.

Grace Griffith and Lynn Hollyfield • Indian Head, MD

Saturday, June 6 • 8 - 10 pm

Rare concert by WAMMIE-winning traditional folk vocalist **Grace Griffith**, joined by singer/ songwriter **Lynn Hollyfield** on guitar and harmony vocals at the Indian Head Black Box Theater, 4185 Indian Head Hwy. Directions: Indian Head Hwy/Rte 210 S all the way to Indian Head; theater is on the left, atop the big hill. \$12 Info/directions: www.indianheadblack-box.org or call 301.743.3040.

Anniversary Balalaika Concert • Alexandria, VA

Saturday, June 6 • 7:30 pm

The **Washington Balalaika Society** celebrates its gala 20th anniversary with a concert at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 N Beauregard St. Performing with the 60-piece WBS orchestra will be basso **Anatoly Panchoshny**, **Alexander Tsygankov** on *domra*, **Andrei Saveliev**, balalaika soloist, and the **Metro-politan Chorus of Arlington**. Tickets \$25 adults/\$20 seniors/\$15 students with ID. Group prices available. Info: 703.549.2010 or www.balalaika.org.



PLEASE NOTE!
THE NEXT ISSUE
COVERS TWO MONTHS!

Concerts & Concert Series continued

Concert Series, listed by day of the week

Sundays

Eastern Market Music Series • Washington, DC

Summer series of weekly concerts features a sampling of the area's best blues, bluegrass, contemporary, and international musicians. Outside Port City Java, at 7th and North Carolina Ave SE. Series runs May 3 through June 28, no concerts July/August, second series runs September 6 through October 11. **Info:** www.capitol-hillcommunityfoundation.org.

May

- 3 10:30 am, **Daryl Davis**
1 pm, **Blue Rhythm Boys**
- 10 10:30 am, **Alexandria Klezmet**
1 pm, **Bourbon Dynasty**
- 17 10:30 am, **Mystic Warriors**
1 pm, **Hokum Jazz**
- 24 10:30 am, **Finnegan's Jig**
1 pm, **Honky Tonk Confidential**
- 31 10:30 am, **Project Natale**
1 pm, **Reverb**

New Deal Café • Greenbelt, MD

113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center. **More info:** 301.474.5642 or www.newdealcafe.com. Every Sunday from 11 am-1 pm, **Jim Stimson** on Renaissance Lute, plus:

May

- 31 2 pm **Dan and Sassy of The Druthers**
5 pm **The Jelly Roll Mortals**

Focus Inn Alexandria • Alexandria, VA

Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. 7 pm; admission \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. **More info:** 703.501.6061, kay@focusmusic.org or www.focusmusic.org

May

- 17 **Jonathan Byrd with Carey Creed**

IMT "Next to the House" Concerts • Takoma Park, MD

Contradiction Dance Studio, 7014 Westmoreland Ave, features emerging artists in an intimate and informal setting. \$12 at the door. **Info:** www.imtfolk.org
No information at press time.

Mondays

Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD

Saint Mark's Presbyterian, 10701 Old Georgetown, Rockville, MD 20852. Shows begin at 7:30. **More info:** 301.754.3611 or www.imtfolk.org

May

- 4 **Pete Seeger 90th Birthday Tribute** – \$20 adv/\$25 door www.peteseeger.net
- 11 **Tanglefoot** Final Tour – \$17 adv/\$22 door
- 18 **Teada** – \$17 adv/\$22 door

Tuesdays

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Monthly concerts at the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Celebrating its 23rd year. Non-smoking venue. Doors open at 6, concert begins at 7:15. **Info/directions:** 703.435.2402, clubacoustic@cox.net or www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com. \$11 Members, \$12 non-members

May

- 18 **Michael Smith** singer/songwriter

Wednesdays

Focus Rockville • Rockville, MD

Focus Inn presents bi-monthly concerts, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at Branded 72 (formerly O'Brien's BBQ), 387 E Gude Dr. Shows begin at 8 pm. \$12 members/\$15 general public. **Info:** David at focusrockville@earthlink.net, 301.275.7459, or www.focusmusic.org

May

- 13 **Jack Williams with Sally Spring**
- 27 **James Lee Stanley and John Batdorf**

Thursdays

Baldwin's Station • Sykesville, MD

7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD. Shows begin at 8. Ticket prices vary. \$2 service charge on credit card orders, \$1 service charge for cash or checks. **Info:** 410.795.1041, www.uptownconcerts.com, or uptownconcerts@gmail.com

May

- 7 **Vance Gilbert** (www.vancegilbert.com) \$20
- 21 **Ellis Paul** (www.ellispaul.com) \$20

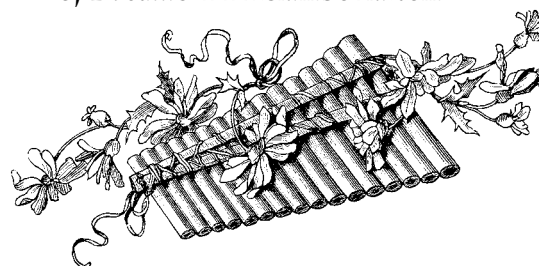
Fridays

Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD

In the basement of Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Road. Show begins at 8. \$20. **Info:** 410.521.9099 or www.uptownconcerts@gmail.com

May

- 1 **Hot Soup** www.hotsoup trio.com
- 15 **Paddy Keenan & John Walsh** www.paddykeenan.com or www.johnwalshguitar.com
- 29 **Gandalf Murphy & The Slambovian Circus of Dreams** www.slambovia.com



Concerts & Concert Series continued

Potter's House Benefit Concerts • Washington, DC

Potter's House, 1658 Columbia Rd NW, easy Metro access and off street parking available. Good music, good food, for a good cause. 7 pm. Benefit concerts, \$15 suggested donation; open mic night free. **Info:** 202.232.5483 or www.PottersHouseDC.org

May

- 1 *ChantillySongs, District North, and Hudson Quarter*
- 8 Palestinian peacemaker **Daoud Nasar** to benefit Friends of Tent of Nations of North America (FOTONNA.org)
- 15 **GillenandTurk.com** for benefit of **MOMIES TLC** mentoring project in DC
- 22 Closed for Memorial Day

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. Doors open at 7:30, concert at 8. Admission \$10, \$8 for Seniors/students. **Info:** 443.786.0463 or www.fsgw.org/333/

May

- 15 **Furnace Mountain** www.furnacemountain.com

Fredericksburg Songwriters' Showcase • Fredericksburg, VA

Last Fridays, 8 pm, Picker's Supply Concert Hall, above 902 Caroline Street (enter through the alley round back). \$10 (\$5 children, students). Last show until September 2009. **Info/directions:** 540.898.0611, showcase@bobgramann.com, or www.webliminal.com/songwrite

May

- 29 **Laurie Rose Griffith & Peter Mealy, and the Susan Greenbaum Duo.**

New Deal Café • Greenbelt, MD

113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center. **More info:** 301.474.5642 or www.newdealcafe.com.

May

- 22 *The Gliders*

Saturdays

New Deal Café • Greenbelt, MD

113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center. **More info:** 301.474.5642 or www.newdealcafe.com.

May

- 9 **Nancy Cassidy with Trees Leave**

Dances

**Community/Family
THE FSGW FAMILY DANCE
IS LISTED ON PAGE 4.**

Galesville Community Dance • Galesville, MD

Saturday, May 2 • 7 - 10 pm

Squares, longways set, and circle dances called by **Janine Smith**, to live music by **Leah Weiss, Gary Wright** and friends. No partner, experience, or lessons necessary. All ages welcome. *Potluck Dinner* from 5:45-7. Adults \$10, Age 10-18 \$5, under 10 free. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Rd. **Info:** 301.926.9142.

BFMS Family Dance • Pikesville, MD

2nd Saturdays • 5-6:30 pm

May 9. **Andy Kane** calls to music by **Charley and Megan Beller**. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South. Potluck dinner after the dance – 6:30-7:30. Group discounts for youth groups, Scout troops, church groups, home schooling communities (12 or more). \$5 for BFMS members and affiliates; \$7 non-members. Family max \$20 members, \$28 non-members. **Info:** **Diane** at 410.321.8419, or matchmaker2@comcast.net

Contra

Sundays

**THE FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES
ARE LISTED ON PAGE 2.**

Wednesdays

Baltimore Folk Music Society • Baltimore, MD

Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm

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

May

- 6 Caller **Ann Fallon**, with *Contra Rebels*
- 13 Open Mic night, with *The MetroGnomes*
- 20 Caller **Steve Gester** with *Looney Tunes*
- 27 Caller **Greg Frock** with *Mortal Wombat*



Dances continued

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 introductory 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

May

- 1 Caller **Rick Mohr** with *The Figments*
- 8 Caller **Susan Taylor** with the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*
- 15 Caller **Anna Rain** with *Endangered Youth*
- 22 Caller **Adina Gordon** with *Magic Foot*
- 29 Callers **George Marshall** and **Tim van Egmond** with *Swallowtail* (in the Bumper Car Pavilion)

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. Members \$8; Non-members \$9; Students \$4. Info: www.harrisburgcontra.org

Saturdays

Elverson Dance • Elverson, Pa
1st Saturdays • 4-10:30 pm

May 2 Bob Isaacs and *The Gnutones*. Special dance event. Challenging contra from 4-6, potluck dinner 6-7, evening dance 7:30-10:30. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 61 Morningside Drive (3 miles east of downtown Elverson) \$8, \$5 students/seniors. New dancers welcome. Soft-soled shoes, bring a snack to share at the break. Smoke free, alcohol free. Beginners' lesson at 7. Children must be chaperoned. Info: **Nancy Katzen**, 610.780.5667 or elversoncontra.org

Shepherdstown Dance • Shepherdstown, WV
1st Saturdays • 7:30-11 pm

May 2, Rick Mohr calling to *The Figments*. War Memorial Building, corner of German and King Sts. \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for dancers under 12. Beginners workshop at 7:30, dance at 8. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes. Snacks at the break. Info: smad.us or call **Jeanne Marie** at 304.263.8323 or **Becky** at 304.876.2169

Baltimore Dance • Pikesville, MD
2nd Saturdays • 6:30-11 pm

May 9. Andy Kane with **Perry Shafran** call to *Coalhouse Klezmer*. Potluck at 6:30, dance at 8. St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. \$8 BFMS and affiliates/\$12 Non-members. Students

\$5 members, \$6 non-members. Info: BFMS Hotline at 410.366.0808 or Diane Friedman at matchmaker2@comcast.net, or 410.321.8419, or www.bfms.org

SMTMD Dance • California, MD
2nd Saturdays • 7-10 pm

May 9, SMTMD Open Band. St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall, 44078 St. Andrew's Church Rd. Beginners instruction at 7, dance from 7:30-10:30. Wear floor-friendly non-scuffing shoes. \$6 for SMTMD member, \$8 for non-members. 12 and under free. Info: www.smtmd.org or 301.769.4762.

Annapolis Traditional Dance • Annapolis, MD
3rd Saturdays • 7-10 pm

May 16, Ann Fallon with *Furnace Mountain*. Free introductory session at 6:30, dance 7-10. \$10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and ATDS members. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No partner or experience required. Snacks to share are welcome. Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd. Info: **Jan Scopel** at 443.540.0867, janscope@hotmail.com <http://www.smtmd.org> or www.contradancers.com/atds

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

May 16, caller **Shane Knudsen** to *Run of the Mill String Band*. Lancaster County Park, pavilion 11. Potluck supper at 5:30. Beginners workshop at 6:15. Dance 7-10. \$8/5. Info: **Shane** 717.431.7417 or www.lancastercontra.org

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD
Normally 4th but 5th Saturday this month • 8-11 pm

This month only, the Frederick dance is the 5th Saturday, May 30. **George Marshall** and **Tim Van Egmond** calling to *Swallowtail*, at Trinity School, near Harry Grove Stadium. Free beginners' workshop at 7 pm, dance begins at 8. Adults, \$8, students \$5, 12 and under \$4. Info/directions: www.contradancers.com or call **Boe Walker** at 301.694.6794.

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

Sunday

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May 2009



DEADLINE IS FOR BOTH JUNE AND JULY!!!!



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| 9 am Annapolis Jam 10:30 Eastern Market 1 pm Eastern Market 3 pm Scottish Jam 3 Glen Echo Waltz 7 More Geese Than Swans 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE RICK MOHR WITH THE FIGMENTS | 7 DC Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Bethesda International Dance 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 7:30 IMT Concert Pete Seeger 90th B-day Tribute 8 Baltimore English Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Dance 8 Balkan Singing | 7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 FSGW BOARD MEETING 8 Greenbelt Scottish Dance 8 Arlington International Dance 8 Sea Chanteys /Wheaton 8:15 Hot Squares Dance | 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Dance 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance | 7 Fredericksburg 7:30 Silver Spring 7:30 Glen Echo 7:30 Chevy Chase 7:45 Arlington 8 Mt. Vernon 8 Foggy Bottom 8 Baldwin 9 Georgetown | |
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FSGW Advance Notice

Saturday, June 6 8 pm
GREAT BIG TATERS
 Concert
 Location TBA

Saturday, June 26 • 8 pm
Syncopaths
 Concert
 Location TBA

October 2-5, 2009
45TH ANNUAL GETAWAY
 West River Retreat Center
 West River, MD

2010

Saturday, February 6, 2010
 (tentative date)
FSGW Annual Mini Festival
 Takoma Park Middle School
 Takoma Park, MD

April 9-11, 2010
28TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND
 Camp Letts
 Edgewater, MD

April 2010
21ST ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP CONVENTION

June 5 & 6, 2010
30TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL
 Glen Echo Park, MD

October 1-4, 2010
46TH ANNUAL GETAWAY
 West River Retreat Center
 West River, MD

Dances continued

May

- 4 Caller **Tom Spilsbury**, with **Judy Meyers**, **Carl Friedman**, and **Robin Wilson**
 11 Caller **Michael Barraclough**, with **Judy Meyers**, **Marty Taylor** and **Emily Aubrey**
 18 Caller **Christopher Field**, with **The Geud Band of Baltimore**
 25 Caller **Mike Franch**, with **Ben Hobbs**, **Karin Loya**, and **Jeff Steinberg**

Wednesdays

THE FSGW ENGLISH COUNTY DANCES
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Saturdays

English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD
 May 9 • 8-10:45 pm

LAST DANCE OF THE SEASON; DANCES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. 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**.

International

Sundays

Alpine Dancers • New Carrollton, MD
 Sundays, May 17 and 31 • 4-6:30 pm

Alpine Dancers are looking for energetic beginners; we hold a free open practice at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy, near Beltway Exit 20A. Graceful and lively couples and trio figure dances from Austria, German, and Switzerland. Recorded music. Confirm dates. Info/directions: **caroltraxler@yahoo.com**, **301.577.3503**, **301.464.9193**, or **www.alpinedancers.org**

Mondays

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

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 Ln. \$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** or **Kent Hibben at 301.520.3794** or **KentLHibben@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

Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of meditation and joy. All dances are taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, corners of Rte 50 at George Mason Dr. Donation requested. 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

CCE Monthly Ceili • Great Falls, VA
 2nd Saturdays • 7-11 pm

May 9. Dance programs, directions and more online at **www.ccepotomac.org** or call **Kendra Swann 703.490.5207**.



Dances continued

GWCC Monthly Ceili • College Park, MD
Sunday, May 17 • 4-9 pm

Music by **Matt Cunningham** and his band, from Galway, Ireland. Set dance workshop at 4 pm. Potluck supper 6-7 pm. Cherry Hill Conference Center, 9700 Cherry Hill Road (punch entrance code 76000 at the gate). GWCC Members \$15, Non-members \$17, students 11-20 \$8. **Info: 301.294.3568 or www.gwcc-online.org**

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 Dance Party • Greenbelt, MD
Saturday, May 9 • 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 • 7:45-9:45 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 Cotswold villages, and seasonal mumming. Anyone who enjoys dance and movement can experi-

ence the vigorous thrill of the Morris! We welcome new and slightly used dancers at practices (and at McGintys afterwards). Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave. **Info: Brad Graham, 410.480.3289 or www.fbmm-morris.org**

Scandinavian

Norwegian Dance & Potluck • Kensington Park, MD
Saturday, May 30 • Potluck 6:30 pm, Dancing 8 pm

Strut the stuff you learned at the Spring Springar Spree. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare to Norwegian-style house party at 3812 Denfeld Ave. Mesmerizing live music by our own world-class **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see hfaa.org). Beginners welcome. Host is Sonia White. 301.503.7906. **Info/dirs: Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312.**

Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD
Saturday, May 16 • 7-10 pm

Scandia DC sponsors a 3rd Saturday dance, this month featuring fiddler **Loretta Kelley** and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8, Hallingspringar, a popular dance done to Hardanger fiddle music. 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, or 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 Jay Andrews at andrewj@erols.com or 703.719.0596**

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**



Dances continued

Squares

Hot Squares Holiday Dance • College Park, MD

Tuesday, May 5 • 8:30- 11 pm

Hola, amigos – **Señor Stefan Hickman e Señor Juan Devine** on fiddle and guitar respectively will play driving tunes for square dances called by the **Hot Square Babes**. Find that sombrero and come to the Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road. \$8, Refreshments to share are welcome. **Info: 410.268.0231 or 301.947.2231 or <http://www.hotsquares.info/>**

Squares Benefit Dance • Mt. Rainier, MD

Sunday, May 17 • 6pm

All proceeds to benefit Citizens Conservation Corps or WV's Green Corps Project. Potluck begins at 6; followed by presentation on mountaintop removal mining and green jobs initiatives in Appalachia. Dance begins at 8:00, with **Janine Smith** calling squares to a live old-time band. At Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Rd. **Info: gpopkin@gmail.com or 859.619.4769.**

Swing/Blues

Slow Blues Dance and Lesson

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 • 8:30-11

Thursday blues dances in the "back room" at Glen Echo Park. Beginner lesson at 8:30, dance from 9-11. DJ **Mike Marcotte** and guests. Admission is \$8 for lesson and dance. Sprung solid maple floor, plus heating and air conditioning! **Info: Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301.632.2222 or www.CapitalBlues.org**

Slow Blues/Swing Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday, May 10 • 7-11 pm

Start with the optional 90-minute workshop, taught by **Donna Barker** and **Mike Marcotte**, from 7 to 8:30. Then dance slow blues and swing to fantastic music by **ACME Blues Company** from 8:30-11. \$17 for workshop and dance, \$12 for dance only. In the Spanish Ballroom. **Info: Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or www.DanceDC.com**

Swing Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD

Friday, May 22 • 8-midnight

Swing dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion. One-hour beginners lesson by **Donna Barker** and **Mike Marcotte** begins at 8, with dancing from 9 to midnight to music by the **Boilermaker Jazz Band**. \$14. All net proceeds benefit Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture.

Slow Blues/Swing Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday, May 24 • 7-11 pm

An optional 90-minute workshop, taught by **Donna Barker** and **Mike Marcotte**, from 7 to 8:30. Then dance slow blues and swing to fantastic music from

8:30-11. \$17 for workshop and dance, \$12 for dance only. In the Spanish Ballroom. **Info: Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or www.DanceDC.com**

Waltz

26th Annual Strauss Ball • Glen Echo Park, MD

Saturday, May 2 • 8pm -midnight

An evening of Viennese waltz in the beautiful Spanish Ballroom. This benefit for Glen Echo Park is presented by Waltz Time. Lesson from 8-9. Dancing from 9-midnight with music by **Dave Wiesler, Alexander Mitchell, Ralph Gordon, Edith Coakley, and Barbara Heitz**. Dancers are encouraged to wear formal attire. The beautifully restored Dentzel Carousel will be open for dancers to enjoy until 10:30 pm. \$20. **Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222**

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday, May 3 • 3-6 pm

The Figments. A 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, in the Spanish Ballroom. \$8. **Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222**

Tango Vals • Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday, May 17 • 3-6 pm

Gigmeisters. A special Tango Vals dance. Come earlier than usual for a one-hour lesson, from 2-3 pm. The regular beginners waltz lesson will follow, from 3-3:30, then dance from 3:30-6 – a lively mix of tango vals, folk waltz, and couple dances such as hambo, schottische, swing, and more. \$8. **Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222**

Tea Dance Sunday Afternoon • Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday, May 24 • 3-6 pm

The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington, in the Spanish Ballroom. Basic dance lesson at 3, dance begins at 3:30. No partner or experience necessary. Swing, two-step, waltz, foxtrot, cha cha, and more. \$12. **Info: www.hotsociety.net or www.glenechopark.org**

Zydeco/Cajun

Zydeco Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD

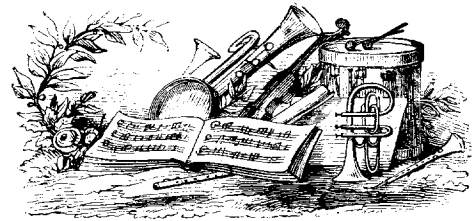
Sunday, May 10 • 3-6 pm

Join **Michael Hart** and **Sharon Schiliro** in the Spanish Ballroom at 3 pm for a 30-minute Zydeco dance lesson. The dance begins at 3:30 with Creole, Zydeco, Cajun 2-step, waltz and more to music by **LeRoy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners**. Admission \$18 **Info: Michael Hart at 301.762.6730 or www.DancingbytheBayou.com**



Dances continued

Cajun Dance • Silver Spring, MD
Thursday, May 7 • 7:30-10:30 pm
 Monthly Cajun dance/concert series. Los Arrieros Restaurant, 7926 Georgia Ave just north of DC line, south of Silver Spring Metro. Park in rear lot off Blair Rd or on Georgia. Admission \$10. No partner or dance experience necessary. **Info: 301.585.8813 or 301.229.4487**



Dance Classes

Ballroom

Wednesdays, May 6 - 27
 Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Each 4-week series is \$40 (plus applicable registration fee); pay at the door or pre-register at www.glenechopark.org. **Additional information at www.dancedc.com.** No partner or previous experience required for any class.

- Folk Waltz Basics** from 7-8 pm. Learn footwork, lots of moves and styling.
- Blues Dancing I** from 8-9 pm. Learn partnering techniques in closed and open positions, dips, and other creative moves.
- Argentine Tango** from 9-10 pm Learn basic lead/follow concepts, ochos, and ganchos. Practice CD included.

Irish

Tuesdays

Classes offered through the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, 22030. Classes given in 5-week sessions throughout the season (through June). Dances taught are at the beginning to intermediate level; cost is \$30 per session. **Information on Irish social or country dancing can be found at www.Ceilidance.com, and YouTube channel "ceili308" has videos of dances. More information: 703.273.6869 or ceiliset@yahoo.com**

The Ring of Kerry Dancers (non-profit) conducts Irish ceili and set dance instruction at Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive, Gaithersburg. Beginners 7-8, advanced 8:15-9:15 pm. Ages 8-adult. \$40 per semester (January-June). **Info: Marilyn O'Brien, 301.926.6943.**

Wednesdays

Sean-Nos Drop-in Anytime Sessions at Joy of Motion Atlas Studio, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington DC. Instructor **Shannon Dunne**. Beginner 7:30-8:30, advanced beginner 8:30-9:20 pm. **Info: www.joymotion.org.**

Thursdays

Sponsored by the non-profit **Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC)**, cost is a \$30 donation to Frost Center School. Basics/beginners 7-8, experience/advanced 8-9:30 pm. Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Road, Rockville. **Instructor Paul O'Donnell at 301.649.6410 or IrishGWCC@aol.com**

Saturdays, thru May 9

O'Neill-Malcom Branch Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) classes. Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. 10:30 am to noon. 6-week sessions taught by **Marilyn Moore**. \$30 per session for CCE members, \$40 for non-members. No experience or partner required. **Info: 703.281.5882 or marymulrenan@aol.com**

Scandinavian

Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD
Beginning Class: Tuesday, May 26 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Advanced Classes: Tuesdays, May 12 & 19 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm
 Beginners learn Hambo, Schottische, Waltz, *Zwiefacher*, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn *Finnskogspols*, *Nigpolska*, *Gammalvånster*, *Springleik*, and requests. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Sometimes live Swedish fiddle music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. Air-conditioned! \$5. **Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.**

Directions: **New Entrance to NIH:** Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and the **new Gateway Drive entrance** (south of South Dr., reachable ONLY from the north, on Wisconsin Ave). Have ID ready for vehicle inspection. Park there, or drive 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 (just out of the exit walk straight into the building for inspection – have ID ready). See a map (essential) at www.HamboDC.org or on a flyer.



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.

More Geese Than Swans • Washington, DC
1st Sundays • 7 pm

More Geese Than Swans meets on 1st Sundays to sing Renaissance choral music, sacred and secular. Some sight-reading skills necessary. Group meets near a Metro stop and welcomes new members. Info: Joan Gildemeister at 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.

New Deal Café • Greenbelt, MD
4th Sundays • 1:30-4:30 pm

Monthly open Irish jam. 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center. More info: 301.474.5642 or www.newdeal-cafe.com.

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

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

Mondays

Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD
Every Monday • 8 pm

Informal singing group meets in Northwest DC/Takoma Park to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya, 301.270.4175 or Katya@partan.com or Joan at 202.363.6197.

DC Bluegrass Union VFW Bluegrass Jams
 • Takoma Park, MD
1st & 3rd Mondays • 7-10 pm

Free. Non-smoking. At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave. (corner of 4th Ave), near New Hampshire and Eastern. Info: VFW Post 350 at 301.270.8008 or Barb Diederich barb@barbdiederich.com.

Tuesday

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Wheaton, MD
 and Washington, DC

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 – NOTE NEW LOCATION. Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St NW, DC (across 13th St from Metro Center station). 7-9 pm

Folk Club of Reston/Herndon • Herndon, VA
Tuesdays • 7:30 pm

Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Open mic format. 2nd Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase; monthly concerts usually 3rd Tuesday, price varies. Smoke-free environment. Info: www.restonherndon-folkclub.com, 703.435.2402.

Old Time Jam • Washington, DC
2nd Tuesdays • 8 pm

Fiddlers, banjo pickers, guitarists, bass players and cloggers all welcome at Nanny O'Brien's, 3319 Connecticut Ave NW, for an old-time jam. Info: ulrike@brauneis.us

Cajun Jam • Greenbelt, MD
4th Tuesdays • 7-9:30 pm

Dancers, musicians, and listeners – anyone who enjoys Cajun music. Beginners especially welcome. Free. New Deal Café, 113 Centerway. Info: swopes123@aol.com, or 301.434.5642.

New Deal Café • Greenbelt, MD
4th Tuesdays • 6-9 pm

Monthly open Cajun jam and dance. 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center. More info: 301.474.5642 or www.newdealcafe.com.

Wednesdays

Baltimore Singers Club • Fells Point, MD
2nd Wednesdays • 9 pm

Baltimore Singers Club convenes in the upstairs room at Bertha's Bar and Restaurant, at Fells Point (Baltimore). We don't usually have a theme, but narrative songs and ballads tend to dominate the repertoire. Everyone is welcome. Info: baltimoresingersclub.blogspot.com.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sings • Baltimore and Annapolis, MD
 2nd & 3rd 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.ship-scompany.org

2nd Wednesdays – Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street, Baltimore (Fells Point)

3rd Wednesdays – Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401

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 St. Info: Lilli Vincenz, 703.532.2731 or FiddlerLilli@zzapp.org.

Thursdays

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.

New Deal Café • Greenbelt, MD

Thursdays • 7-9 pm

Open mic. 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center. More info: 301.474.5642 or www.newdealcafe.com.

Fridays

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). Info: www.PottersHouseDC.org.

Saturdays

Batala Percussion Band • Washington, DC

Saturdays • 10 am - 1 pm

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.batala-washington.com.

Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Riverdale, MD

Saturdays • 1-5 pm

The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce the resumption of weekly Saturday afternoon blues jams. All skill levels welcome. Note the new location: 4701 Queensbury Rd, across the street from the Riverdale MARC train station, a few blocks east of Rte 1. Ample parking. Free, but donations welcome. Info/confirmation: 202.526.7539 or www.acousticblues.com

Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA

May 30 • 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: Ellie at 703.578.3106, [nvhdhp@holsopple.com](mailto:nvhdp@holsopple.com), or <http://pages.prodigy.net/holsopple>.

Storytelling

Storytelling Open Mic • Washington, DC

Tuesday, May 12 • 8 pm

Every 2nd Tuesday, open mic storytelling at Station 9, 1438 U St NW. \$10 at the door. This month's topic: **Coming of Age: Stories about proms, weddings, and other rites of passage.** Have a story on this month's theme? Sign up in advance at http://speakeasydc.org/openmic_form.php. More info: www.speakeasydc.org or 240.888.9751.

Storytelling Concert • Washington, DC

Saturday, May 16 • 7:30 pm

Telling Moments presents **Charlotte Blake Alston**, a storyteller/instrumentalist, in *Ehsoti: Standing on Tradition*, stories from the African and African-American oral tradition, at Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW. Tickets \$12. Info: 301.838.9614 or telmoment@verizon.net

Storytelling continued

Storytelling Boot Camp • Washington, DC
May 16 • 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Learn to tell your story. For the stage, for the office, for your family reunion, we can help you learn the basics of crafting and telling an engaging story. 6-hour one-day intensive class. Registration in advance required. True Reformer Building at 1200 U St NW. \$85 **Info:** www.speakeasydc.org or 240.888.9751.

Capital Fringe Festival • Washington DC
Thursday, July 9-26
 SpeakeasyDC participates again this year in the Capital Fringe Festival. This year's theme: "Being Bad: True Stories about the 7 Deadly Sins." If you are interested in participating, pick a sin (lust, greed, sloth, gluttony, wrath, pride, or envy) and send your story idea to **Amy Saidman** at amy@speakeasydc.org or call her at 240.888.9751. Requires time commitment for 10-12 rehearsals and six shows.

Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

4th Annual Spring Springar Spree
• Takoma Park/Rockville, MD
Friday-Sunday, May 1-3
 Share the joy of *Springar* – those wonderful Norwegian dances with addictive uneven 3-beat music played on the Hardanger fiddle. Dance classes and parties, Hardanger fiddle class, jamming. Classes fast-paced but taught to all levels. *Hallingspringar* dance class by **Laine Harris** and **Jennifer Brosious**. *Valdresspringar* review and *Telespringar* basics by **Bruce Emery**. Setesdalgar session. Music by **Loretta Kelley** and **Karin Code**. Beginners welcome. Fri/Sun at 6807 Westmoreland in Takoma Park; Sat at Rendezvous, 11910 Parklawn Drive in Rockville. No partner necessary. **Info:** **Jenny Foster** at pi@xecu.net or 301.371.4312.

Orrin Star Flatpicking Workshop • Takoma Park, MD
Saturday, May 9 • 2 - 4:15 pm
 Using the tune *Going Across the Sea*, **Orrin Star** will show you how some cool left-hand positions, bursts of crosspicking, and use of select mid-solo strums can **almost** make you sound like Norman Blake (the "Earl Scruggs" of solo flatpicking). At the HMT Studio, 7008 Westmoreland Ave., \$50, includes tab handout. Limited to 10 participants. **Info:** www.orrinstar.com. **Registration:** contact HMT at 301.270.9090 or lessons@hmtrad.com.

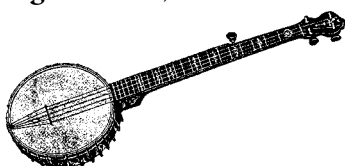
3rd Annual International Herdeljezi Festival • Adelphi, MD
Saturday, May 2 • 11am - 11 pm
 Come to the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, for a full day of workshops in Romani (Gypsy) dance and music from around the world, a Romani Bazaar and traditional Slava (party) with live music, special guests and open dancing for all. Special performers include **Drago Ensemble** from St. Petersburg, **Michael Ginsburg**, **N. Scott Robinson**, **Seido Salifoski**, **Romski Boji**, **The Silk Road Dance Company** and **Sidqi**. Classes from 10 am-5 pm, evening dance party at 7 pm. **Info:** www.wmfolklifecenter.org, or admin@wmfolklifecenter.org, or **Cheryl Sidwell** 571.332.4865

Piedmont Guitar Masters Workshop • Riverdale, MD
Sunday, May 17 • 1-3 pm
 Award-winning guitarist **Mary Flower** will teach a workshop designed for students at all levels, featuring blues and ragtime gems from Rev. Gary Davis, Willie McTell and others. All tunes will require basic finger-picking skills; students will learn pieces in different keys and different tunings. Bring a recording device if you wish. Tab handouts will be available. \$40. At Archie Edwards Blues Barbership, 4701 Queensbury Road. Info and registration: info@acousticblues.com.

Balkan Brass Band Workshop • Takoma Park, MD
Sunday, May 3 • 11 am - 1 pm
Michael Ginsberg, leader of **Zlatne Uste**, an internationally known group of American-born musicians who play Balkan traditional music (www.zlatneuste.org), will teach a brass workshop at Elektrik Maid, 268 Carroll St, NW (just at the DC/MD border). \$30. **Info:** bleamond@gmail.com, or 703.980.0667.

American Banjo Fraternity Rally • Williamsport, PA
Thursday, May 21 through Saturday, May 23
 Players and listeners are invited to attend the **American Banjo Fraternity Rally**, particularly the Saturday night concert of 1900s music at the Genetti Hotel, 200 West 4th St., 7:30 pm, featuring performances on 5-string banjos of different sizes, using nylon strings, played with fingers (no picks). **Info:** www.abfbanjo.org, 570.326.6600, or 800.321.1388.

Lindy Hoppers Special Event • New York, NY
Thursday, May 21 - Monday, May 25
 A celebration of the 95th birthday of **Frankie Manning**, Lindy hop legend, with five days of dancing, live music, workshops, discussions, tours, competitions, performances and more at the 12,000 sq. ft. Hammerstein Ballroom in Manhattan. Also featuring **Steven Mitchell**, **Virginie Jensen**, **Ryan and Jenny Francois**, **Sylvia Sykes**, **Sing Lim**, **the Harlem Hotshots**, **Ninjammerz**, **the Silver Shadows**, and three fantas-



Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

tic big bands – *The Harlem Renaissance Orchestra*, *George Gee and his Make Believe Ballroom Orchestra*, and *Frank Foster's Loud Minority Band*. Info: www.frankie95.com.

Almost Heaven Dance Camp • High View, WV
Friday, May 22 - Monday, May 25

You're invited to another exciting weekend that is always enjoyable for families and adults. Memorial Day weekend, featuring *Swallowtail*, *The Groovemongers*, and *Fiddlestyx*. *Robert Cromartie*, *Gaye Fifer*, and *George Marshall* will call contras and more. Program includes contra, swing, tango, waltz and other couples dances, plus children's and family activities, swimming in the pool, late-night parties. At Timber Ridge Camp. **Further information, including registration materials, at www.contradancers.com, or contact Marti Schweitzer, registrar, at almostmarti@gmail.com or 703.437.0766.**

SummerTunes 2009 • Frederick, MD
Saturday, July 25

Mark your calendar for this year's version of SummerTunes. Join *Alexander Mitchell* and *Liz Donaldson* in Frederick for the all-day Contra Dance Music workshop, and then stay and play for the MMFAC dance that evening. **Info will be available online at www.contradancers.com/mmfac, or contact Liz at liz@us.net or 301.986.1291 or Alexander Mitchell at fiddlemuse@yahoo.com or 240.344.7806.**

CDSS Folk Music Week • Plymouth, MA
Saturday-Saturday, July 25-August 1

Folk Music Week at Pinewoods Camp is like Brigadoon. This year, Program Directors *Anni Fentiman* and *Dave Webber* have pulled together an amazing staff. The opportunity to work with this group is unparalleled. *Sheila Kay Adams*, *Linda Higginbotham*, *Norman Kennedy*, *Sandra Kerr*, *Louis Killen*, *Brad Leftwich*, *Danny Spooner*, *Jim Taylor*, *Bill and Livia Vanaver*, *Bob Walser*, and *Julie Young*. Info: www.cdss.org/programs/2009/pw-folk-music.html

Vocal Week at Augusta • Elkins, WV
Sunday, August 2 - Friday, August 7

Vocal Week at the Augusta Heritage Center is Valhalla for singers! Ballads with *Peggy Seeger* and *Sheila Kay Adams*, spirituals with *Charles Williams*, vaudeville styling with *Rhiannon Giddens* of *The Carolina Chocolate Drops*, and jazz and show standards with *Anne Louise White*. Craft your own songs with the help of *Laurelyn Dossett*, enjoy vocal improv and doo-wop sessions with *Flawn Williams*, or backtrack to the Renaissance with *Emily Eagen*. Plus duet and trio harmony classes with *Joe Newberry*, *Ann Downey* of *Finest Kind*, and *Val Mindel*. Come add your voice to a hundred happy harmonizers. **Info: www.augusta-heritage.com/vocal.html or 304.637.1209.**

CDSS Music and Dance Week • High View, WV
Sunday, August 16 - Saturday, August 23

If you're looking for a fabulous summer week, filled with music, dance and song, try CDSS Week at comfortable Timber Ridge Camp, conveniently located about two hours west of the Washington/Baltimore area. The week will feature four complete and interlocking programs: an adult English and American dance program; a Family/Children's Program; an intensive American Dance caller's workshop; and a Young Dancers Program, designed specifically for dancers age 16 – 25. Singing, late night dance parties, art, nature walks, swimming, jamming and more will add to the fun. **Info: <http://www.cdss.org/programs/2009/timber-ridge.html>.**



Glen Echo Park Seeks Course Proposals for the Fall/Winter 2009-2010 session

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture is accepting proposals from individual instructors to teach classes at Glen Echo Park for the Fall/Winter semester in the following areas:

- Visual arts and dance for ages 3-6;
- Visual arts and dance for children ages 6 and up;
- Arts, crafts, dance and movement for teens and adults.

The Fall/Winter semester runs September 2009 through February 2010. For more information and to download a course proposal form visit www.glenechopark.org. Please contact mforster@glenechopark.org with any questions. The deadline for new course proposals is **Monday, May 11.**



The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents the annual

Washington Spring Ball

Saturday, May 16, 2009

at

Gwendolyn Coffield Community Center, Silver Spring, MD.

Music by :

Earl Gaddis, violin/viola, *Lydia Ievins*, violin,

Karen Axelrod, piano,



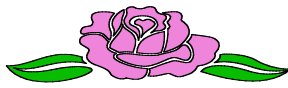
FSGW, BFMS or CDSS \$30, Nonmembers \$33, Students 1/2 price

Practice Session, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Rosemary Hills Elementary School

Music by Colleen Reed (flute) and TBA

followed by

Nearby Open House Dinner sponsored by Laurie and Jim Mielke



Reception 7:00 p.m.

Dance 7:30 p.m.

Light refreshments served during break

The Program

The Beggar Boy
Fenterlarick
Margate Hoy
The Minor Spaniard
Puck's Deceit
Trip to Kilburn

Dr. Vincent's Delight
Halfe Hannikin
Michael and All Angels
Miss de Jersey's Memorial
Slaughter House
Up With Aily
Wooin' Mairi

The Emperor of the Moon
Kelstern Gardens
Mignonette
Mr. Isaac's Maggot
Trip to Amsterdam
Winter Solstice

Only soft-soled shoes may be worn on the dance floor

At the ball, dances will be prompted for a few rounds, but not walked through. Work scholarships are available.

For more information, E-mail Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org or call Thomas Spilsbury at 301-585-7857

Send registration to:
Roger W. Broseus
10411 Farnham Drive
Bethesda, MD 20814-2219



Directions to the pre-ball practice, open house dinner, and Ball will be mailed with the program booklet or E-mailed with confirmation notice.



The Folklore Society of Greater Washington's 2009 *Washington Spring Ball*

Name(s) as you wish them to appear on name tag(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Check here to receive confirmation via E-mail. Hold instruction booklet at ball or ball practice (no SASE necessary)

Reserve _____ places at \$30 for members of FSGW BFMS CDSS Student (1/2 price)

Reserve _____ places at \$33 for nonmembers Student (1/2 price)

Overnight hospitality needed. Allergies? _____ Nonsmoking Separate beds Can house _____ people.

Enclose check, payable to FSGW, with a self-addressed, business-size envelope with appropriate postage (42¢ plus an additional 17¢ stamp for each dance booklet after the first); if no SASE is provided, booklet(s) will be held at the door.

29th Washington Folk Festival Schedule Sunday May 31, 2009

| 12:00 | Yurt Village Stage | Puppet Company Theater | Cuddle-Up Stage | Potomac Palisades Stage | Storytelling Stage | Spanish Ballroom | Crystal Pool Stage |
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| 12:00 | Alan Oresky | Cantaré | Speedy Tolliver and the New Old-Time String Band | OCEAN Orchestra | Jane Dorfman | Open Swing Dance | Hokum Jazz |
| 1:00 | Barbara Efron | Seymour Greene | Annie & Mac | Finnegan's Jig | Twinbrook Tellers | Family Dance | Archie's Barbershop |
| 2:00 | Lilo Gonzalez and Family | Flory Jagoda: Sephardic Songs from Bosnia | Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer | Positive Vibrations | Lauren Martino | | Men's Choir of Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C. |
| | Eric Maring | Husnu Aydogdu, Music of Turkey | Bruce Molsky | | Eve Burton and Justin Metcalfe-Burton | | |
| 3:00 | Lea Coryell and Ralph Lee Smith | Soumya Chakraverty | Doug Everton & The Wayward Street Band | Ziva's Institute of Spanish Dance | Linda Fang | Square Dance Workshop | Jinny Marsh's Hot Kugel Klezmer Band |
| | Cletus Kennelly and Lori Kelley | | Little Bit a Blues | Sir Alan and the Calypso Ponzi Schemers | Walter Jones, Jr. | Robert Rovinsky | Klezmer Dances for All |
| 4:00 | Ron Warren | Reuben Musgrave | Pete Seeger Workshop | Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance | Michael Fleming | Spanish Dance Workshop | Ian Walters & Swampkeepers |
| | Greg Ben Avram Project | Shahriar Saleh & Ali Analouei | | Tambores de San Juan | Miriam Nadel | | Laura J. Bobrow |
| 5:00 | Songwriters Cabaret 3 | Linn Barnes and Allison Hampton | New Sunshine Skiffle Band | Capital Assets | | | Patuxent Partners |
| 6:00 | Songwriters Cabaret 4 | Reed Martin | | Washington Toho Koto Society | | | |
| 7:00 | | | | | | | |

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"The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people."

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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

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. Then follow instructions in MD&VA, below.

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. Then follow instructions in MD&VA, below.

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. Be SURE to come to a COMPLETE STOP at the Stop Sign!!!!

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.

Washington Ethical Society (WES) Auditorium,

7750 16th St. NW, DC just south of the intersection of Kalmia Rd. and 16th St, about four blocks inside the DC/MD line.

FROM THE BELTWAY:

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

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



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