FSGW Screens New Lost City Ramblers Film

"Always Been a Rambler"

by Yasha Aginsky and the Arhoolie Foundation

Friday, September 25 • 8 pm

This film traces the journey of The New Lost City Ramblers and their pioneering influence in the revival of old time music. All along the way the group, Mike Seeger, John Cohen, and Tracy Schwarz, (who replaced founder Tom Paley) gathered and documented music at its sources, then exposed the old music to new audiences and musicians. A treasure trove of archival footage, photos, and music, the film includes performances and interviews by Doc Watson, Ricky Skaggs, Maybelle and Sara Carter and many other masters of old time music. Bonus footage includes eight rarely seen songs.

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FSGW Sunday Night Dancing
at Glen Echo Park, MD
(Directions, page 23)
Contras & Squares • 7:30-10:30 pm
Introductory lesson every Sunday from 7-7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of dancing 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. During the summer, most FSGW Sunday dances are in the Bumper Car Pavilion, so bring water or a sports drink, and dress appropriately in layers. Smooth soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning. 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: Penelope Weinberger, dance@fsgw.org.

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

September

6 Sorry to see summer end? No matter, don’t be sad, the Latter Day Lizards, a popular trio, take the stage this Labor Day Weekend to provide a delightful evening of music. Dave Langford on fiddle, Peter Barnes on piano, and Bill Tomczak. Carol Ormand teams with them to call lively contras and squares.

13 Get ready! Straight from FootFall and all warmed up, Contrazz fires up the contra line. Emotive accordion player, David DiGiuseppe blends with intense Rodney Marsh on saxophone, Bernie Petteway on guitar, Diane Petteway on piano, and Sara Romweber on percussion. The wonderful Robert Cromartie will be calling. Click here for a great clip: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6w05kLZ0ko&feature=channel

20 From the West Coast, Susan Petrick calls the dances while the OpporTunists play the final show of their east coast tour. Don’t miss this energy!

27 The dueling fiddle sounds of Cathy Mason and Craig Edwards of the The Rhythm Method String Band, plus Dedo Norris on bass, and Erica Weiss on guitar, end the month Susan Taylor will be calling the figures.

Favorite Quotes

Here we offer a new addition to the newsletter. Favorite quotes, (loosely defined) collected by an individual from our community. This first batch is courtesy of area folk maestro and contra dancer Orrin Star.

“The last time I played for a shut-in, she just laid there and showed no response. After awhile, I decided that was enough and in parting said, “I hope you get better soon.” She replied, “I hope you do too!”
—folk musician Dale Green

for more quotes from Orrin Star see pages 12 and 16.
Legends and Legacies:  
An American Folklife Center Celebration of Public Folklore  
Thursday and Friday, September 10-11  
Concert, Thursday, September 10 • 8 pm

The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress will host a two day event honoring folklorists Archie Green and Joe Wilson and celebrating the acquisition of a major archival donation arranged by Mr. Wilson. Musical performances, panel discussions, and rare glimpses at archival treasures are planned, as well as a fantastic concert Thursday September 10 at 8 pm.

**Concert Lineup:**  
Phil Wiggins—blues harmonica,  
Billy McComiskey and Brendan Mulvihill—Irish American accordion and fiddle musicians,  
Tom Ware leading Kiowa and Comanche music and dancers,  
New Ballard’s Branch Bogtrotters,—old-time string band,  
and Sweet Heaven Kings,—high energy gospel brass.

For more information on this event, please visit www.loc.gov/folklife/

What is the American Folklife Center?

Charged by Congress in 1976 to ‘preserve and present’ American folk culture, the center is part of the Library of Congress. Now, in over four thousand collections, plus ongoing projects, it is documenting the images, sounds, and written accounts of our national traditional life. It does not look to collect artifacts, but rather is recording and digitizing the voices, music, and way of life of countless regional, ethnic, and cultural groups.

FSGW is currently working on donating a collection of over 1,000 tapes of concerts, festivals, and other events to the library. Look for more details of this project next month, and how help will be needed.

What is Folklife?

Folklife has been defined as community life and values, artfully expressed in myriad forms and interactions. What does it mean to you? Does the name you bear invoke a connection with an ancestor or cultural hero? Do you speak the slang of any working group, or welcome a new family member at a bris or christening? Remember the games you played and the stories and parables you have heard and feel the music and rhythm embedded within you. Folklife allows us to express who we are and know how we fit into the world.

—extract from What is Folklife by Mary Hufford
FSGW English Country Dances
at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD
Wednesdays • 8 to 10 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, Page 23). 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

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

Open Organizational Meeting for the FSGW English Country Dance, Wednesday, September 30, 7-8:30 pm. At the Glen Echo Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to brainstorm ideas for the structure of the group and ways to involve more people. Our regular dance will follow the meeting, with no charge to FSGW members.

September
2 Tom Spilsbury leads the dancing while Dan Gillesie (recorders), Karin Loya (cello), and Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina) provide the music.
9 Laurie Mielke (recorders), and Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), and Francine Krasowska (piano), play the tunes while Dan Gillespie calls the figures.
16 Martha Siegel calls to the playing of Becky Ross (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), and Liz Donaldson (piano)
23 Rhonda Hotop (fiddle), Liz Donaldson, (piano), and Harriet Kaplan (cello), play the tunes while Diane Schmit calls.
30 Meeting 7-8:30 (see above). Liz Donaldson calls to the music of Anna Rain (recorders), Ralph Gordon (cello), and Melissa Running (piano).

Video of The Minor Spaniard at the FSGW Spring Ball (thanks to Leonard Lu):

“Natural Law: If you dance with a grizzly bear, you had better let him lead!”

From the Mike Seeger dance quote collection.

Family Dance
Glen Echo Bumper Car Pavilion
(Directions, Page 23)
Sunday, September 20 • 3-5 pm

Bring your family to the Glen Echo Bumper Car Pavilion for a delightful afternoon of dances for all ages, led by patient, talented callers to wonderful live music. Susan Petrick calls to the music of the Opportunists, both finishing their East Coast tour this day. 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.
A Rambler Passes On: Mike Seeger

The Folklore Society mourns the loss of Mike Seeger, a former FSGW board member (member-at-large 1967-68), friend and supporter of many in this community. He is remembered with warmth for his friendly, good natured manner and lack of pretension. Having lived most of his life in Maryland and Virginia, he was well loved locally. Friends are sharing memories of him, especially stories of impromptu jams, ("Does anyone have a banjo?"), and his love of dance, particularly flatfooting. Some of his dance quote collections are scattered through this issue.

Many have spoken of seeing Mike perform with his family, his sister Peggy, and his brother, the legendary artist, Pete Seeger, and of feeling the harmony and admiration between them. In 2007, the family played for the FSGW in a sellout concert following the Library of Congress Seeger Family tribute.

Mike is legendary for his devotion to the preservation of traditional southern roots music. Most notable are his recordings of roots music and musicians for the Smithsonian with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. Just this year he was awarded a National Heritage Fellowship, the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts, and would have received the award this month on September 24. (See below.) Mike died at home after a long fight with leukemia. He was 75. He is survived by his wife, Alexia, and an extensive family.

For further information on his life and music go to www.mikeseeger.info.

Condolences may be sent to Folklore Productions, 1671 Appian Way, Santa Monica, CA 90401, or mkaldin@folkloreproductions.com

Master Artists to Perform

The 2009 NEA Heritage Fellowship Awards

Free Concert • Thursday, September 24 • 7:30

Strathmore Music Center, Rockville, MD

Eleven artists, chosen for artistic excellence, cultural authenticity, and contributions to their field will perform in a free concert given by the National Endowment for the Arts. They are the winners of the 2009 National Heritage Fellowship, the highest honor in the folk art world. The celebratory evening will feature this year's awardees in mini-performances, visual art displays, and interviews with emcee Nick Spitzer. Mike Seeger will receive an award posthumously for his work as a musician, cultural scholar, and advocate. Other awardees include: The Birmingham Sunlights, an a cappella Gospel group, "Queen" Ida Guillory—a Zydeco musician; Dudley Laufman—Dance caller and musician; Joel Nelson—Cowboy poet; and several others. Free tickets (limited to six), available from the Music Center at Strathmore Ticket Office, 301.581.5100, or www.strathmore.org.

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After the movie, we’ll chat with some folks who can share more stories of the band and its influence, and celebrate the current release of the retrospective NLCR collection by Smithsonian Folkways.

Directions to WES Washington Ethical Society 7740 16th St. NW on page 23.

FREE to Members
In Memoriam

Sandy Paton * January 22, 1929-July 26, 2009

Charles Alexander “Sandy” Paton, founder and artistic inspiration of Folk-Legacy Records, and cherished friend to many of us, died on July 26 after a brief hospitalization in Sharon, CT. He was 80 years old. Sandy’s death came soon after his beloved grandson, Kaelan Alexander Paton, drowned on June 16 while rescuing two friends from the rain-swollen Housatonic River.

It’s fair to say that the Folklore Society—and others who enjoy, study, or listen to folk music—would not be the same if it hadn’t been for Sandy Paton, his wife Caroline and business partner Lee Haggerty. Sandy’s labor of love, Folk-Legacy, has, in many ways, been the rock on which our singing community has been built over the years. As I think about the songs we sing, so many were learned from Sandy and Caroline, or from the many singers who came first to us via those wonderful Folk-Legacy recordings. Sandy and Caroline would almost certainly have become materially richer had they pursued another line of work. But we would all be poorer if they had done so.

Local performers (and FSGW founders) like Helen Schneyer, Jonathan Eberhart, Joe Hickerson, and Howie Mitchell found a musical home on Folk-Legacy recordings. Through Sandy and Caroline’s company, we also learned about performers like Frank Proffitt, Sara Grey, Norman Kennedy, Gordon Bok and so many more. Sandy’s physical body may be gone, but his legacy—his Folk-Legacy—lives on in these wonderful recordings that are still available.

Friends from around the world join the Paton family—Caroline; their two sons and families, in grieving Sandy’s loss. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 10, at 1:00 p.m. at Music Mountain in Falls Village, CT.

—Kathy Westra

Sandy Ives * September 4, 1925 -August 1, 2009

My friend and mentor, Edward D. (“Sandy”) Ives died on August 1, 2009. I am just one individual among generations of folklorists, musicians, oral historians, and former students transformed by having known him and his work. He is survived by his wife, “Bobby,” (Barbara Ann Herrel), with whom he worked intimately, their three grown children, and spouses.

Sandy taught at the University of Maine in Orono for 44 years, collecting songs and stories of the forest and lumbering traditions. With a background in English literature, then a doctorate in folklore from the University of Indiana (1964), he wrote three books exploring song-making traditions, and the relationship of a singer and his craft to his or her community. Sandy was a scholar fascinated by narrative and poetry, and never forgot that folksong was art.

As a guitarist and singer with a Folkways album, Folksongs of Maine, Sandy was known for the warm respect he showed those with whom he worked. It was under his guidance that I began moving away from my unsatisfactory attempts at sean nos Irish singing to the magisterial cadences of what he called the “Northeast Tradition,” a style with Celtic roots that he himself eventually mastered.

As a scholar, Sandy founded and directed The University of Maine’s Maine Folklife Center. This dynamic repository documents an entire region’s traditional cultural heritage, much of which was assembled by Sandy’s students. Recently, because of the recession, the university has cut all its funding. Those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Sandy Ives may do so through the Maine Folklife Center, c/o The University of Maine Foundation, Buchanan Alumni House, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792.

—Elisabeth (“Lisa”) Higgins Null

Jerry Holland, Cape Breton fiddler 1955-2009

Jerry Holland, a fiddler strongly rooted in Cape Breton, Scottish and Irish dance music traditions died after a two-year battle with cancer. He was fifty four. Born into a musical family, Jerry, began playing at the age of 5, performing for the first time at age 6.

Initially, his family settled in Boston, but always made summer visits to Cape Breton, when he was a boy. Eventually Jerry moved there in 1975.

Jerry created over a dozen recordings of traditional songs as well as his own and performed on twenty five others. His energetic, emotional playing has endeared him to audiences worldwide. For more information, see www.jerryholland.com
FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Wheaton, MD
Friday, September 4 • 8:30 pm
Bill Day and Rita Ferrara will host the September Sing. Mix up a spell and stir up a brew. The topic is “Mysteries, Magic and Mumbo Jumbo”. For Info/Dir: Call 301.946.2161 or e-mail pyro-art@comcast.net

FSGW Storyswap • Gaithersburg, MD
Saturday, September 5 • 7:30 pm
Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Eve Burton in Gaithersburg for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks (around a firecircle if the weather cooperates). Free. For RSVPs and directions: ebnineteen@hotmail.com

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD
Sunday, September 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 September Sing will be at the home of Barbara Karpas. Call 301.270.4239 for directions.

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA
Sunday, September 27 • 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 • 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/experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Adm. $5. Info: Jamie at 301.466.30, or dancingplanet@erols.co

Mary LaMarca — September 20, 1956 - August 10, 2009
Long-time FSGW member, Mary LaMarca died on August 10th after a five-year battle with ALS, or Lou Gehrig’s disease. Mary served on the Board, and worked on the Washington Folk Festival for over 20 years, including serving on the Festival Coordinating Committee. She is survived by her husband George Stephens, her parents, sisters and niece and nephews, and her many friends in our community.

A Memorial Celebration of her Life will be held on Saturday, September 12.

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FSGW Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 8 • 8 PM
The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 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 Mary Cliff by e-mail, president@fsgw.org or call afternoons or evenings 703-534-7581 in advance of the meeting.

Send all Newsletter submissions to: newsletter@fsgw.org
Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming Season

All Free to FSGW Members

Friday, October 23, 2009

Joel Mabus – Makes a return visit by popular demand. True Midwestern old time musician; brilliant songwriter, guitarist, banjoist, and delightful entertainer.

Friday, November 20

Matt Brown with Bruce Hutton—Young fiddler and a star on banjo, guitar and vocals; will be joined by our very own Bruce Hutton

Saturday or Sunday, January 9 or 10, 2010

Sampler of FSGW member-performers
—an early tradition of this society

Friday, January 29, 2010 (tentative date)

Lee Murdock – Collects and performs songs and lore of the Great Lakes. He’ll bring ballads, shanties, and fine guitar work.

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Ebony Hillbillies (tentative) – Old time southern style from New York City, where they are official subway buskers!

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Andy Cohen, Bill Ellis, Eleanor Ellis—Unusual country blues, gospel, ragtime and early jazz (including Rev. Gary Davis tunes).

Location: Always the Washington Ethical Society (WES) Auditorium 7750 16th St., NW, DC. See page 23 for directions.

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

• FSGW has a Facebook Group, please join us http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6674852231. Please link us to pictures of FSGW events, so others may see what we have to offer.

• An email delivery system that would best serve the members was discussed.

• Ideas for increasing membership were debated, including publicity, newsletter distribution and email communications, as well as manning a booth at local festivals.
Concerts & Concert Series

Bluegrass Concert • Alexandria, VA

**Thursday, September 3 7:30 pm**

*Rhonda Vincent and the Rage,* $25. Birchmere Concert Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA

Blues Concert • Riverdale, MD

**Saturday, September 16, 7:30 pm**

Award winning duo of *Paul Rishell* on guitar and *Annie Raines* on harmonica bring great blues to Archies Barbershop. 4701 Queensbury Rd, Admission $15. for more info, go to Events and News at [www.acousticblues.com](http://www.acousticblues.com). Advance reservations advised. info@acousticblues.com For info on their workshops, check that section of this newsletter.

Blues Concert • Alexandria, Va

**September 19 • 7:30 pm**

*Johnny Winter with Terry Garland* opening. $35 Birchmere Concert Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Info 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

British Isles Traditional • Alexandria, VA

**Tuesday, September 22**

*Steeleye Span* 40th Anniversary Tour, electric British Isles $29.50 Birchmere Concert Hall, 3701 Mt Vernon Ave., Info 703.549.7500, or www.birchmere.com

Western • Alexandria, VA

**Wednesday, September 23**

*Riders in the Sky* $35 Birchmere Concert Hall, 3701 Mt.Vernon Ave., Info 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Orrin Star Concert • Takoma Park, MD

**Saturday, September 26 • 8 pm**

An evening of bluegrass, folk music and humor featuring *Orrin Star,* an award-winning guitarist and mandolin player. Weil Sing House Concert. Doors open 7:30 pm with a snack pot luck. $15 donation. For location/reservations contact Rich via Weil@cua.edu or 301.587.8839. http://orrinstar.com

Focus Inn Alexandria • Alexandria, VA

Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. 7 pm; admission $18 advance, $15 at the door. Second Sundays. Info: 703.501.6061, kay@focusmusic.org or [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org)

**September**

20 *Kim and Reggie Harris*-folk, gospel, and jazz

Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD

Saint Mark’s Presbyterian, 10701 Old Georgetown, Rockville, MD 20852. Shows begin at 7:30. $20 advance, $25 at the door. More info: 301.754.3611 or [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org)

**September**

14 *Old Blind Dogs*—Scottish root
21 *Vasen*—Swedish folk
28 *Kinobe and Soul Beat Africa*

October

5 *Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas*

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon


**September**

16 *Side by Side*

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](mailto:focusrockville@earthlink.net). 301.275.7459, or [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org)

**September**

9 *Hot Soup*
23 *John Flynn*
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Concerts & Concert Series continued

**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.upowntonconcerts.com, or uptownconcerts@gmail.com

September
10 Anne Hills
24 Side by Side

**Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD**
Concerts resume in October. In the basement of Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Road. Show begins at 8. $20. Info: 410.521.9099 or www.upowntonconcerts@gmail.com

**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

**SMAD Concert • Shepherdstown, WV**

**September 11**
—Arte Flamenco. Highly passionate, Spanish flamenco with guitar ensemble. Admission is $15 adults, $10 SMD members, $8 students, and free to Shepherd’s Students with Rambler ID. For information contact Joanie at (304) 263-2531 or see the web page at www.smad.us. At Shepherd University’s Frank Center Auditorium.

**Sunspot Concerts • Alexandria, VA**
The Lyceum: 201 S. Washington St. Tickets $25 in advance, $29 at the door.

www.sunspotpro.com

September
11 Cillian Vallely (piper), and Kevin Crawford, (flutist)—from Lunasa, an Irish band

**333 Coffeehouse • Annapolis, MD**

**September**
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**Fredericksburg Songwriters’ Showcase • VA**
Last Fridays, 8 pm, Picker’s Supply Concert Hall, above 902 Caroline Street (enter through the alley round back). $10 ($5 children, students). Info/directions: 540.898.0611, showcase@bobgramann.com, or www.webliminal.com/songwrite.

**Common Ground • Westminster, MD**
McDaniel College Auditorium, Gen. Adm.: $19 7:30, Info at 410.857.2771, cground@qis.net

**October**
3 Aril Verch Canadian fiddler, singer, dancer and her band

**Saturdays**

**Community/Family**

**The FSGW Family Dance**
is listed on page 2

**BFMS Family Dance • Baltimore, MD**
2nd Saturdays 5-6:30 pm
Dance usually followed by a potluck. No experience or partner needed. Ages 2 through adult are welcome. St Mark’s on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. Adm: $5 members, $20 member family, $7 non-member, $28 non-member family. Info: 1-888-646-BFMS, or nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com

**Contra**

**Septembers**

**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. 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.
Dances continued

September

2 Caller Susan Hankin with Ken Kolodner, Jim Eagan, and Andrew Thurston.
9 Caller Dick Bearman with Intelligent DeZarn and the Natural Selections
16 Chestnut Night: multiple callers with Taylor Among the Devils.
23 Caller Ann Fallon with the Rhythm Method String Band.
30 Caller Steve Gester with Dr. Twamley’s Audio Snakes

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 classes start at 7:30. Dances start at 8:30. $9 for the lesson and dance. To play for or call a dance, email fndgigs@petml.com. General info at www.fridaynightdance.org

September

4 Carol Ormand calls to Love Mongrels with Orrin Star on mandolin, guitar, and banjo; Danny Knicely on mandolin, guitar, and percussion; Alexander Mitchell on fiddle; and Ralph Gordon on bass. To be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion.
11 Dick Bearman calls to the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band. Dance to be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion.

“We consider that any man who can fiddle all through one of those Virginia Reels without losing his grip, may be depended on in any kind of musical emergency.”

— Mark Twain

18 Susan Petrick calls to OpporTunists with Erik Hoffman–guitar, fiddle, and percussion; Alan Snyder–fiddle and piano; Topher Gayle–bass and more.
25 Steve Gester calls to Rambling House with Joe DeZarn on fiddle; Tina Eck on flute; Patrick Cavanagh on tenor banjo; and Marc Glickman 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. Members $8; Non-members $9; Students $4. Info: www.harrisburgcontra.org

Saturdays

Elverson Dance • Elverson, PA
1st Saturdays • 7:30–10:30 pm

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 61 Morningside Drive (3 miles east of downtown Elverson) $8, $5 students/seniors. New dancers welcome. Soft-soled shoes, bring a snack to share at the break. Smoke & alcohol free. Beg. 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

September 5 Carol Ormand calls to The Latter Day Lizards at the War Memorial Building. Beginners workshop at 7:30PM, dance starts at 8PM. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. $10 adults, $7 SMD members, $4 dancers under 12. www.smad.us

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

The BFMS dance is usually preceded by a potluck from 6:30 to 7:30 and free class—7:30–8 pm. Admission: $8 BFMS members/affil., $12 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: $5 members, $6 non-members. No experience, partner nec. Info: BFMS hotline-1-888-646-BFMS or email Becca Denison at nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com or check out our website at www.bfms.org. The dance is held at St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd.

September

12 Caller: Dave Rupp Band: Devine Comedy

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

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. Under 12 free. Info: www.smtmd.org or 301.769.4762.

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

September 19 Susan Petrick calls with The OpporTunists, $10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. Snacks to share at the break are welcome!

Free introductory session at 6:30, dance 7-10, Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd. Info: Jan Scopel at 443.540.0867, janscope@hotmail.com or www.contradancers.com/atds

Send all Newsletter submissions to: newsletter@fsgw.org

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# September 2009

## Sunday
- **9 am** Annapolis Jam
- **3 pm** FSGW Family Dance
- **7:30 pm** FSGW Contra
  - Carol Ormand and the Latter Day Lizards

## Monday
- **7:30 am** FSGW Contra
  - Carol Ormand and the Latter Day Lizards
- **7:30 am** DC Bluegrass Jam
- **7:30 am** Bethesda Intl Dance
- **7:30 am** Arlington Morris Women
- **7:30 am** Baltimore English Dance
- **7:30 am** Bethesda Scottish Dance
- **7:30 am** Balkan Singing

## Tuesday
- **1 pm** Reston/Herndon Folk Club
  - FSGW Board Meeting
  - Greenbelt Scottish Dance
  - Arlington Intl Folk Dance

## Wednesday
- **1 pm** Reston/Herndon Folk Club
  - FSGW Women
  - FSGW English Country Dance
  - Baltimore Contra Dance
  - Alexandria Scottish Dance
  - Columbia Intl Folk Dance
  - Potomac Israeli Dance

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**Note:**
- **Deadline for the October 2009 Newsletter:** Thursday, September 10th
- **Husband:** "That's fair, your honor. I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."
- **Judge:** "Well, Sir, I have reviewed this case and..."
- **Winston Churchill** — "America will always do the right thing, after exhausting all other possibilities."
## Thursday

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| 8:30 | FSGW Open Sing |
| 7    | Arlington Jam |
| 8:15 | Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance |
| 8:30 | Friday Night Contra Dance |

## Friday

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| 10 am | Batala Percussion |
| 1 pm  | Archie Edwards Blues Jam |
| 7:30  | Elverson Contra Dance |
| 7:30  | FSGW Storyswap |
| 8     | Shepherdstown Contra Dance |

## Saturday

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| 5     | Baltimore Family Dance |
| 6:30  | Baltimore Contra Dance |
| 7     | SMTMD Contra Dance |
| 8     | Silver Spring English Dance |

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Favorite Quotes from Orrin Star continued from page 2

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**America will always do the right thing, after exhausting all other possibilities.”**

—Winston Churchill

More favorite quotes from Orrin on page 16
Dances continued

Lancaster Contra Dance • Lancaster, PA
3rd Saturdays • 7–10 pm

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD
4th Saturdays • 8–11 pm
September 26 Caller and band TBA. Trinity School, near Harry Grove Stadium. Free beginners’ workshop at 7 pm, dance begins at 8. Adults, $9, students $5, 12 and under $4. Info/directions: www.contradancers.com or call Boe Walker at 301.694.6794.

Galesville Contra Dance • near Annapolis, MD
Saturday, September 26 • 5:45–10 p.m.

English Country Dancing

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 dancers 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: Carl Friedman at 410.321.841 or engdance@bfms.org

September
7 Caller Carl Friedman with Marty Taylor, Jeff Steinberg, Judy Meyers
14 Caller Tom Spilsbury with Carl Friedman, Robin Wilson, Jonathan Jensen
21 Caller Michael Barraclough with Rhonda Hotop, Marty Taylor, Liz Donaldson
28 Caller Christopher Field, with Trio Con Brio, Elke Baker, Paul Orts, J. Jensen

The FSGW English Country Dances are listed on Page 4.

Saturdays

English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD
Saturdays • 8–10:45 pm
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

Alpine Dancers • New Carrollton, MD
Sundays, Sept 13 and 20 • 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/dir: caroltraxler@yahoo.com, 301.577.3503, www.alpinedancers.org

Mondays

Bethesda International Folk Dancers • 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 • 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

Wednesdays

Columbia International Folk Dancing • MD
Wednesdays, • 8–10:30 pm
Meetings are from 8-10:30 at Kahler Hall with dancing at 8:30. Cost: $5, Senior, $3. Info: Ethel at 410.997.1613, or Ed at 410.740.2309. www.columbiafolkdancers.org
Dances continued

**Thursdays**

**Glen Echo International Folkdancers • 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

**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 **For info:** 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

**Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • MD**

**Fridays • 8:15–10:15 pm**

Greenbelt Community Cntr Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd. Focus is dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. 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

**CCE Monthly Ceili • Great Falls, VA**

**Saturdays • 7–11 pm**

NO CEILI THIS MONTH UNTIL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26. Note: time change: 6-8 Auld Shebeen Irish Restaurant and Pub in Fairfax. [www.theauldshebeen.com/new](http://www.theauldshebeen.com/new), directly following the Irish Folk Festival. Bands will be The Irish Inn Mates and Shepards Pie.

**GWCC Monthly Ceili • College Park, MD**

**4th Sundays • 4–9 pm**

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](http://www.gwcc-online.org)

**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 at 301.441.8213.

**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, nwdancers@comcast.net

**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](http://www.uswet.com/RCMW.html)

**Foggy Bottom Morris Men • Silver Spring, MD**

**Thursdays • 8–10 pm**

Experience the vigorous thrill of the Morris and the camaraderie of a Morris team! Learn and perform dances from English Cotswold villages, Mummer’s Plays and occasional long-sword dances. We welcome new and slightly used dancers to our practices at Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave and/or at the pub afterwards. squire@fbmm.org, Andrew Marcus 617.721.0146, [www.fbmm.org](http://www.fbmm.org)
Scandinavian

Norwegian Dance & Potluck • Takoma Park, MD
Sunday, September 13 • Potluck 6:30 pm • Dancing 7:30

Learn Norwegian springs at a Norwegian-style house party. Quite different than the Swedish Hambo. 6607 Westmoreland Ave. Mesmerizing live music. Hostess Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see nlaa.org) Beginners welcome. 301.270.4925. Info/dir: Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312. or www.mand.fanitull.org

301.634.2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301.632.2222 or www.CapitalBlues.org

Swing Dances • Glen Echo Park, MD
Saturdays, September 5, 12, 19, 25, 26 • 8–midnight

No partner or dance experience necessary. Introductory lesson from 8-9 in the Spanish Ballroom or Bumper Car Pavilion. Check park schedule or websites for band info. Admission $14/$15 Info: 301.340.9732 or wsdcswings@yahoo.com, www.wsdc.org, or www.glenechopark.org

Sunday Blues • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, September 20 • 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 from 8:30-11. $17 for workshop and dance, $12 for dance only. In the Spanish Ballroom. Jamie Lynch Band Info: Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or www.DanceDC.com

Scottish

Scottish Country Dance • Bethesda, MD
Mondays • 8–10 pm
NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). $5 Call/email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod, 301.622.5945 or blackolav@cs.com

Scottish Country Dance • Greenbelt, MD
Tuesdays • 8–10 pm
Dance all year round at the Greenbelt Community Center $5 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
Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. $5 Info: Carol Porter, 703.379.5779 or nova-secretary@rscds-greaterdc.org

Waltz

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, Sept 6 • 3–6 pm Latter Day Lizards
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

Tea Dance • Glen Echo Park

Zydeco/Cajun

Zydeco Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, Sept 13 • 3–6 pm

“I didn’t attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it” —Mark Twain

“Accept that some days you’re the pigeon and some days you’re the statue.”
—Roger C. Anderson

Orrin’s band, The Love Mongrels, plays at Glen Echo for the contra dance Friday, September 4. For more humor, and music attend his house concert on Saturday, September 26, see page 8.
**Glen Echo Dance Classes**

Ballroom Annex, Glen Echo Park. Each 4 week series is $40 (plus $12 reg. fee); pay at the door or pre-register at [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org). Additional information at [www.dancedc.com](http://www.dancedc.com). No partner required.

- **Folk Waltz Basics**: Learn the basic half turn and several other moves. You’ll be able to join the twice monthly waltz dances with confidence. 7-8 pm
- **Dancing for the Holidays**: Basic Swing Dancing from 8-9 pm. Join the holiday parties with style-learn basic footwork many varied moves.
- **Blues Dancing**: Learn partnering techniques in closed and open positions, dips, and other creative moves. 9-10 pm.

**Information on Irish social or country dancing can be found at www.Ceilidance.com, and YouTube channel “ceili308” has videos of dances.**

**The Ring of Kerry Dancers** conducts Ceilé and set dance instruction each week, starting September 8, 7-8 pm-beginners, and 8:15-9:15 pm for advanced. Rigideview High School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive, Gaithersburg. Children 8 and up are welcome. Cost: $40 per semester. (September through early December. Call Marilyn O’Brien at 301.926.6943 for further information.

**Scandinavian**

**Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD**

- **Tuesdays 7:30–9:30**
  - **Beginners Class: September 1 and 15**
  - **Advanced Class: September 8 and 29**


**Directions**: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Ave. 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. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop (just out of the exit walk straight into the building- have ID ready). See a map (essential) at www.HamboDC.org or [flyer](http://www.HamboDC.org).

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**Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation**

**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/](http://dscottishsession.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](mailto:jgildemeister@cs.com).

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**Thursdays**

**Set and Ceili Dancing.** Fall session begins September 11. Cost is a $30 donation to Frost Center School. Basics/beginners 7-8, experienced/advanced 8:30 pm. Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Road, Rockville, MD. Sponsored by the Greater Washington Ceili Club (non-profit). Instructor Paul O’Donnell at 301.649.6410 for additional information.

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**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.

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**Annapolis Acoustic Jam • Annapolis, MD**

- **Sundays • 9 am–Noon**

Indoors at The Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: [phyllis@saroffillustration.com](mailto:phyllis@saroffillustration.com).

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**Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD**

- **Every Monday • 8 pm**

Informal singing group, Sedenka, meets in Northwest DC/Takoma Park to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: [Katya, 301.270.4175 or Katya@partan.com](mailto:Katya@partan.com) or [Joan at 202.363.6197](mailto:Joan@202.363.6197).
Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued

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


Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing
• Wheaton, MD & Washington, DC
  
  1st and 4th Tuesdays • 8 pm

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 rustic@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). 8 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.restonherndonfolkclub.com, 703.435.2402.

Cajun Jam • Greenbelt, MD
  
  4th Tuesdays • 6–9 pm


Thuessdays

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.

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.openbannonline.com. The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac. Info: www.fridaynightdance.org.

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


Saturdays

Batala Percussion Band • Washington, DC
  
  Saturdays • 10am – 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.batalawashington.com.

Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA
  
  September 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: Ellie at 703.578.3106, nvhdp@holsopple.com, or http://pages.prodigy.net/holsopple
Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival • Woodstown, NJ  
Friday thru Sunday, September 4–6  
One of the oldest annual bluegrass festivals, now in its 38th year, this festival draws the finest talent from around the world. Presented by the Brandywine Friends of Old Time Music. Featured performers include, Marty Stuart, Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, the Gibson Brothers, April Verch and many, many more. The festival will be held rain or shine. For details, www.delawarevalleybluegrass.org, or 302.635.3001.

Virginia Scottish Games and Festivals • The Plains, VA  
Saturday & Sunday, September 5–6  
This year’s games will be held at Great Meadow in the Plains—www.greatmeadow.org. Fiddle competition schedule, Highland dance schedule, concert program, and games set online. http://www.vascottishgames.org/

Takoma Park Folk Festival • Takoma Park, MD  
Sunday, September 13 • 11am–6pm  
See flier insert for details.

Footfall Dance Weekend • High View, WV  
Friday, September 11–Sunday, September 13  
This year, callers Lisa Greenleaf and Robert Cromartie, with Notorious, and Contrazz. Contras, squares, waltz, English Country dance, French mazurka, Dutch crossing juggling, fossil digging, joke contest, good food, comfortable cabins, and more. www.FootFallDance.com

Country Blues Guitar Workshop • Riverdale, MD  
Thursday, September 17, 7–9  

Blues Harmonica Workshops • Riverdale, MD  
Intermed: Thursday, September 17, 7–9 pm  
Beginning – Saturday, September 18, 11–1pm  
Annie Raines, one of the world’s foremost female blues harmonica players focuses on rhythm, cleaner blends, basslines, and other techniques for intermediates. Beginners will learn simple notation, basic blues structure and rhythm. No experience necessary. Archie’s Barbershop, see above listing for contact info. $30. www.acousticblues.com

International Children’s Festival • Wolf Trap  
Saturday & Sunday, September 19 & 20, 10–4pm  
Enjoy international dancing, music and interactive arts. Dance sensation Tap Kids, host performers of the New York Goofs, youths from Georgia, Serbia and Spain, and over 90 local performing groups. Advance sales $8 adults, $4 seniors and children, free 2 and under. www.internationalchildrensfestival.org or 703.642.0862x13

Washington Irish Folk Festival • Fairfax, VA  
Sunday, September 26 • 12–6pm  
CCE sponsored festival will feature traditional music and dance on the pub stages and a new outdoor stage. A session area and children’s programs, crafts, and a photography exhibit will fill the Market Place. Rain or shine. Old Town Fairfax and the Auld Shebeen Irish Restaurant and Pub. Info on performers and schedule at www.ccepotomac.org

The Irish Festival Needs Volunteers  
The annual CCE Irish Festival is fast approaching, and preparations are underway for many marvelous events and activities. The festival is Saturday, September 26th, in downtown Fairfax, VA, in and about the Auld Shebeen Pub. Volunteers are still needed to make this event a great success. If you can help, please contact Arnold Fieldman at afieldman@cox.net.

VASA Storytelling Workshop • Lorton, VA  
Sunday, September 26 • 10–4:30, then “concert”  
Using Music in Stories, Story Sparks through Folktales, Wordplay, story coaching and swapping classes will help ensure this art remains alive and well. Voices tells welcome to bring rack cards and promo materials. Networking, open mic, Dinner on the river in Occoquan is an option after the workshops, followed by a fantastic evening of stories at 7 pm. Featured tellers are Tim Livengood and Gary Lloyd. Loc: new Workhouse Arts Center. www.Vastorytelling.org.

National Storytelling Festival • Jonesborough, TN  
Friday thru Sunday, October 2–4  
37th annual festival, co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. Hear all your favorite tellers at this world renowned celebration. Festival traditions include the Exchange Place, Swappin’ Ground and more. http://www.storytellingcenter.com/festival/festival.htm

Balktoberfest • Silver Spring, MD  
Saturday, October 3, 4–12MN  
Over a dozen groups representing Balkan and European culture will perform indoors and out. Lots of open dancing! Balkan mezze for sale; and vending by Opet's Balkan Bazaar.

All proceeds benefit World Music Folklife Center programs and Search for Common Ground. Free from 4-6pm, then from 6-midnight, $25 adults, $20

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students with valid ID and seniors. Under 18 free. Info: www.balktoberfest.com, or Cheryl Sidwell at 571.332.4865

Heyman Mini–Folk Festival • Olney, MD
Sunday, October 11, 3–10pm
A memorial festival in honor of Dr. Vic Heyman, generous supporter of countless folk performers. Hosted by our own Mary Cliff, at the historic Olney Theatre, this will be an uplifting musical tribute featuring nationally touring musicians Patty Larkin, SONIA of Disappear Fear, Vance Gilbert, Amy Speace, and many, many more. Tickets range from $25 to $125. Info: www.heymancelebration.org, or Sherry Panzer at 301.580.9401.

Eisteddfod–NY • Ellenville, NY
Friday–Sunday, October 16–18
Folk Music Society of NY Inc. / NY Pinewoods Folk Music Club presents Eisteddfod*(*Eisteddfod is a Welsh word meaning a gathering of musicians and bards!) at the Nevele Grande Resort & Country Club. 1 Nevele Road, Ellenville, N.Y. 12428
A weekend gathering of musicians and singers, with lots of audience participation. 3 concerts, 22 workshops, ballad swap, camper concert, more. The performers, local, national, and international, are steeped in their respective traditions. Rates and reservation on reverse. day rates at www.eisteddfod-ny.org
Info: www.eisteddfod-ny.org or 718.672.6399.

Don’t Miss The 45th Annual FSGW Getaway
For all musicians and music lovers! “Good times and rip-roaring good music”

October 2-5, West River, MD
Break away! Spend a beautiful fall weekend sharing music and fellowship at a lovely waterfront venue on the shores of a Chesapeake inlet. The site, The West River Conference Centers offers a relaxing environment in which to unwind and have fun with old friends and new. Learn from gifted guest artists, create musical memories, and come away with a mellow mindset. This event is so popular, it has attracted music lovers from all over the world.

HiGHlIGHTS: Friday night pot luck dinner followed by an open sing. Camaraderie and continuous music making from first light to the wee hours. Participatory workshops, mini-concerts, song circles, and jam sessions. 3 or 4 events occurring simultaneously, so lots to choose from. Show off your stuff at even sing up concerts. Silent auction, (bring an item to donate and be ready to take home one you didn’t know you needed), crafters, CD sales.

Guest Artists

Jon Bartlett & Rika Ruebsaat, singers and song collectors from the Canadian West;
Steve Cormier, singer songwriter of cowboy songs
Ed Norman, gospel, old-time, southern country
Pete the Spy, old friend of FSGW and singer of sea songs
Molly Andrews, traditional folk and gospel
Joy Bennett and Chris Koldewey, Joy is a member of The Johnson Girls, a sea music group, and Chris is one of the Shanty men at Mystic Seaport in CT.
**45th Annual FSGW Getaway • Friday to Monday, October 2-5**

**West River Conference Center • West River, MD**

Registration Info (Form on Next Page)

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**Getaway Details**

**LOCATION:** 45 acre site with one mile of waterfront property

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** 50 bedrooms in buildings heated and with AC, up to 4 bunks in a room. (Discount offered if you'll take an upper bunk and if you can't take one, please let us know). Hot showers. Tents or RVs OK, but no hook-ups available. Handicapped accessible? Yes, public gathering areas and some bedrooms are. A new dining hall with great views. Special dietary needs may be accommodated; fridge, microwave, freezer available 24/7. No smoking is permitted indoors, and as the facility is run by the Methodist Church, we are asked not to bring any alcohol.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Along with your love of music, bring bedding, pillows, and towels, and a coffee mug to help save paper.

**RATES AND REGISTRATION:** See reg. form and explanation on pages 21 & 22. Rates are for one, two, or three nights, and one for day-trippers who bring their own food. To dine from the Getaway buffet you MUST register in advance. If you register for two nights, fee covers three meals, and a late-night snack both Saturday and Sunday. A three night registration gives you an additional night's lodging and breakfast on Monday morning. A one night registration gives you all meals and snacks on either Saturday or Sunday, and, if you wish, a bed on either adjacent night.

**PAYMENT NOTES:** Our rates have gone up a little this year because the camp's charges have increased. If cost is a problem, there is a healthy scholarship fund to assist. Contact Charlie Baum at cbaum@fsgw.org to make a request, or Dick Greenhaus at dick@camsco.com if you need to pay in foreign currency. **You may register online with your credit card at www.fsgw.org.**

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Payment for overnight Getaway attendees may be done in installments. Deposits of $30.00 per adult and $15.00 per child required to reserve space. The balance is due by September 20, 2009. After that date space will not be guaranteed. We're sorry, but we cannot give refunds for any cancellations received after Sunday, September 20, 2009 unless someone else takes your space. There is a $10.00 processing fee per person for all cancellations. Payers in non-U.S. currency may contact Dick Greenhaus at Camsco Music (dick@camsco.com) for payment options.

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Upper bunk volunteer: adults only can take a discount of $6 each. (Also applies to tenters and RVers)

Daytrippers who aren't going to eat with us at the center need not register in advance.

Overnighting adult members of the Baltimore Folk Music Society or Reston-Herndon Folk Club may deduct $6/day from non-member rates.

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*Thanks to the Linda Lieberman/David Olive Memorial Fund, scholarship help is available for those who need it. If you need full assistance, or a break on the price, contact Charlie Baum (see phone and e-mail below) before you send in the registration, and the scholarship committee will consider your request. Contributions to replenish the fund are always welcomed and are tax-deductible! We hold a silent auction at the Getaway to help replenish the fund—you may wish to donate items to auction off to help others who can't afford the whole cost of the weekend.

We look forward to seeing you at the Getaway.

If you have any questions, contact Charlie Baum at 301-587-2286 or cbaum@fsgw.org

If you find you cannot come, please cancel your reservation.

**FSGW Hotline:** 202-546-2228 • www.fsgw.org/getaway.htm

Send all Newsletter submissions to: newsletter@fsgw.org
Name_________________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________________
City _____________________________  State_______  Zip_____________

I/we would like to room with:
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I/we would like these Lodge Options: (same gender; music at night; quiet lodge; children; using own RV)
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Vegetarian? Restricted diet? Any allergies we should know about?: __________________________________________________________________

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I can help set up on Friday (3-6 pm).  I can help clean up Friday night’s pot-luck.  I can help clean up on Monday (9 am-noon).
I am interested in a scholarship.

Housing choices: Your tent, camper or RV (but there’s only the upper bunk discount for that—only guaranteed privacy). ALL ROOMS HAVE 4 BEDS with upper and lower bunks. If you wish to share with specific people, we can put 4 of you in a room. (There is ONE 6-room.) Privacy at the camp is hard to come by; there are only 50 rooms.

ROOMING/LODGE OPTIONS YOU MAY SPECIFY:
• Lodge with music ALL night (not guaranteed, unless we get an entire cabin of willing muscimakers), • Lodge with no music at night; • Lodge that’s always quiet (no music any time). • Room only with other men. • Room only with other women. (All lodges have separate men’s and women’s bathrooms). • Prefer with other children. • Prefer no children. • REQUIRE a lower bunk, • PREFER a lower bunk, and • DON’T CARE either way about lower bunk. • Wheelchair/handicapped accessibility. Let us know if there’s anyone (or any group) you’d like to room with, and if you have any special physical needs.

Lower bunks are at a premium, so we’re giving a discount for volunteers for upper bunks.

Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by at least an equal number of adults who are responsible for their care and supervision throughout the event. There is a maximum of 3 children under 12 per adult.

Mail with payment to our registrar:
FSGW Getaway c/o Dean Clamons,
P.O. Box 217 / Clifton, VA 20124-0217 / USA / 703-631-9655 (dclamons@cox.net)

We look forward to seeing you at the Getaway.
If you find you cannot come, please cancel your reservation.

Deadline for the OCTOBER 2009 Newsletter: THURSDAY, September 10th
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.(Rt. 97) South exit (31 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.
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington is a not-for-profit [Section 501(C)(3) of the IRS code] institution and we encourage the financial contributions of our members. Contributions in excess of annual dues are welcome and may be tax deductible. Please mail your gift to FSGW, c/o Jerry Stein, 3612 Greenway Place, Alexandria, VA 22302-2005. Subscriptions to the Newsletter are only available outside the Greater Washington Metro area.

FSGW is dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional folk arts in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Membership is open to all who support these goals upon payment of annual dues.

FSGW Membership Form

- □ Renewal  □ New Address  □ New Membership*
- □ I want ONLY the electronic copy of the Newsletter
  (No paper copy sent)
  - Individual
    - 1 year: $33
    - 2 years: $62
    - 3 years: $91
    - LIFE: $550
  - Family
    - 1 year: $45
    - 2 years: $85
    - 3 years: $125
    - LIFE: $800
    - Student: $25

- □ Newsletter Subscription ONLY $25
  Available ONLY to those living OUTSIDE the Greater Washington Metro area.

  Newsletter Subscription carries NO membership privileges.

  * If you are a new member, where did you get this newsletter?
    - □ at Glen Echo Park (which event? ____________________)
    - □ Another FSGW Event (which one? ____________________)
    - □ From a friend who is a member
    - □ At my public library
    - □ Other: ____________________

Name(s)___________________________________________
Address___________________________________________
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Email:_____________________________________________

May we list you in our Membership Directory?
(FSGW does not provide mailing lists to any other organizations.)
- □ Yes □ No

- □ Yes, but do not list my:
  - □ address
  - □ home phone
  - □ work phone
  - □ email

Send form and check made payable to FSGW to:
FSGW Membership • 6 Sunnyside Road • Silver Spring, MD 20910
Throughout the day, the Festival stages will pay tribute to Pete Seeger at 90 in honor of his 70-year career of encouraging folks to sing.

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, MD

music from around the world
dance performances
community groups
juried craft show
international food
kids’ activities

For Pete’s Sake, SING!

The Takoma Park Folk Festival is run entirely by volunteers—people just like you!

For information about the Festival or to volunteer visit www.tpff.org or call 301-589-0202

Strathmore ● PEPCO ● Washington Adventist Hospital ● Purple Language Services
Takoma Voice ● Robbi Kimball (Long & Foster Real Estate) ● City of Takoma Park
Takoma Foundation ● Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County
El Golfo Restaurant ● Mark’s Kitchen

And our musical friends: FSGW ● FOCUS Music ● House of Musical Traditions
Program Schedule (subject to change)

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<td>Lyrical, insightful hip hop infused with jazz</td>
<td>Val Nebbia Band</td>
<td>All-rock folk with stunning vocals</td>
<td>Janie Meneely with Bob Zentz and Pine &amp; Dale</td>
<td>Maritime songs from the Bay and beyond</td>
<td>Free Waltz to heavenly music by Les Waltzniks</td>
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<td>Jelly Roll Mortals</td>
<td>Acoustic, electric, and eclectic ear-catching originals</td>
<td>Martinez &amp; Guthrie Jackson Browne and Paul Simon meet Jack Johnson</td>
<td>Lea Coryell Folk and Americana: songs with banjo accompaniment</td>
<td>Lilo Gonzalez &amp; Family Traditional music from Central America</td>
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<td>Bluestone</td>
<td>Fiery-edged blues blended with funk, rock, and jazz</td>
<td>Lisa Taylor Band Mommy, therapist, singer-songwriter, drummer, powerhouse</td>
<td>12:45 Judy Cook, Joe Hickerson, and Kathy Westra The ABCs of folk music</td>
<td>12:45 Somapa Thai Dance Graceful classical dance</td>
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<td>Funky African dance music from Togo, Ghana, Nigeria and beyond…</td>
<td>Cletus Kennelly &amp; Lori Kelley Original folk/pop with rich vocal harmonies</td>
<td>Lisa Null Traditional folksongs with civil-liberties slant</td>
<td>1:30 Lyuti Chushki Spicy Bulgarian folk music</td>
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<td>Artful and intelligent acoustic-soul fusion</td>
<td>The Grandsons New Orleans R&amp;B. rockabilly, swing and country two-step</td>
<td>2:30 D.C. Labor Chorus Songs celebrating working people</td>
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<td>Music with a spirit and presence deeply rooted in American tradition</td>
<td>Cathy Fink &amp; Marcy Marxer Grammy winners mix folk, old-time country and swing</td>
<td>3:30 Andy Wallace Retrospective on Pete Seeger’s career and music</td>
<td>3:30 Kamel Zennia Band Algerian folk/rock, Mediterranean and World music</td>
<td>Perfectly Broken Harmony-singing Takoma Park teens</td>
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<td>Wheatstraw: Bruce Hutton, Chris Romaine, &amp; Martha Burns Veterans of old-time string-band music</td>
<td>Contradance with DeLaura Padovan calling to the music of Steve Hickman &amp; the Mighty Glen Echo Open Band</td>
<td>High Definition Songs about life by Takoma Park 12-year-olds</td>
<td>The Honey Dewdrops Showcase winners from “A Prairie Home Companion”</td>
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Selected performances will be signed for the hearing-impaired.

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Roving the Festival: Banjo Man Frank Cassel, Dread Pirate Rappers, Foggy Bottom Morris Men