Contrastock: A Spectacular Dance Event

Sunday May 22
1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Swallowtail, Perpetual E-Motion, and Giant Robot Dance plus four great callers, George Marshall, Tim Van Egmond, Nils Fredland, and Will Mentor will converge on the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, MD for this unprecedented event! Dancers are expected from all over the East Coast and beyond. Don't miss the excitement, including the all-band, history-makin' jam at the end of the evening. Dance! Dance! Dance! – Together!!!

In the Spanish Ballroom, at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD (see page 22 for directions).

Here's the schedule:

1:00–3:20 p.m.— Playing together for 25 years, the legendary group Swallowtail from western Massachusetts kicks it off with Ron Grosslein on fiddle and mandolin, Tim Van Egmond on hammered dulcimer, Timm Triplett on piano and David Cantieni on woodwinds. George Marshall on concertina and bodhran.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dkbaXztbKc

3:40–6:00 p.m.— Perpetual E-Motion takes over. Nicknamed "A Two-Man Orchestra," John Cote on didgeridoo and guitar, and Ed Howe on electric fiddle and sequencer, produce an enormous sound! This is traditional music intensified with electronic sound sculpting into a driving, pulsing, contemporary groove. www.perpetuale-motion.com

6:00–7:00 p.m.– Potluck Dinner – Bring a dish to share!

7:00–9:20 p.m.— From New York; the folk-rock sensation Giant Robot Dance (two sets of brothers and a friend). Michael Ferguson on trombone, Aaron Marcus on piano and concertina, Andrew Marcus on accordion, Andrew VanNorstrand on electric guitar and fiddle, and Noah VanNorstrand on percussion.

www.myspace.com/giantrobotdance/music/songs/Tam-Lin-Other-Andrew-s-Favorite-67529453

9:40–11:00 p.m— End the night with a rockin’ All-Band Jam! Wahoo!

$30/$20 for youth, ages 8–17. For advance sales, or if you can offer a place for out-of-towners to stay, e-mail dance@fsgw.org.

Thanks to Dance Chair Penelope Weinberger for conceiving of this idea and organizing the event.
**FSGW Sunday Night Dances**  
*at Glen Echo Park, MD*  
*(Directions, page 22)*

**Contras & Squares • 7:30–10:30 p.m.**

Introductory lesson every Sunday from 7–7:30 p.m.

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 p.m. Come early for an introduction to the basic moves.** Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. This month the FSGW Sunday dances are all in the Bumper Car Pavilion (except **ContrastoCk** in the Spanish Ballroom) bring water or a sports drink, and dress appropriately in layers. Smooth- soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning. **Info: Penelope Weinberger, dance@fsgw.org.**

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

May

1 **Frederick Park** calls with **Terpsichore**. Dance master extraordinaire **Frederick Park** calls to the wonderful music of a local trio, **Terpsichore**: Elke Baker (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano) and Ralph Gordon (bass). Come celebrate dancing outdoors.

8 **Anna “Shining Star” Rain** calls to **Morning Star** — Geordie Lynd on fiddle, Brendan Taafe on guitar, and Garrett Sawyer on electric bass. Stack an Irish reel on top of a classic Motown bass line and what do you get? **Morning Star**. With one of Vermont’s top Irish fiddlers, a commanding guitar, and an electric bass steeped in funk and reggae, **Morning Star** lays down a great groove for dancing.

15 **Ridge Kennedy** calls with **Rumpus** — From Philly, **Rumpus** blends Rick Mohr’s New England fiddling with Bill Quern’s old-time banjo, Sarah Gowan’s driving guitar and Doug Healy’s steady bass, all peppered with the sweet sound of Ross Mohr on swinging sax. Their diverse repertoire draws on traditions from Canada to the Deep South, Europe and beyond.

22 **CONTRASTOCK** — see the front page of this issue.

29 **Will Martin** calls to **Floorplay** — Paul Rosen on fiddle, mandolin and accordion, Rya Martin on piano, and Aaron Lamb on drums are a contradance band from Charlottesville, VA, playing an eclectic mix of French Canadian, Klezmer, old-time, rag, swing, and original tunes.
Petar Ralchev and Quartet
Bulgarian Folk Concert and Dance
Saturday, May 14
7:30 p.m. Concert
9 p.m. Dance Party

Petar Ralchev is one of the masters of Eastern European instrumental folk and folk-jazz music. He and his Quartet will entertain us with a one-hour concert of traditional—yet progressive and improvisational—Bulgarian folk music, with surprise excursions into other Balkan and European genres. The concert will be followed by a reception and folk dance with live music by the band. Music and dance requests will be welcome.

The accordionist is leading a six-week coast-to-coast tour across the U.S. and Canada. His virtuoso ensemble includes Nikolay Georgiev (guitar), Iliana Marudova-Georgiev (vocal), and Petur Iliev (tupan, drum). All are young Bulgarian artists who combine the old village traditions of their home country with their experience from the Musical Academy in Plovdiv, the Shiroka Luka folklore arts school, and the Philip Koutev state ensemble.

Petar Ralchev himself is legendary, on the Eastern European music scene for over 30 years and famous for his unique style, extraordinary technical virtuosity, and wide range of influences. Additionally, he has worked internationally in a number of multi-ethnic European bands, from klezmer to jazz to new wave, and has worked with a who's who of world music titans.

This promises to be a truly extraordinary experience, so reserve your tickets early. You can purchase online at: www.bit.ly/ralchev-dc-tickets (via Brown Paper Tickets). Advance tickets are $20 by May12; general admission is $25; $5 discount for FSGW members and students; $10 under 18. Info: www.bit.ly/ralchev-dc or 202-509-1630

This concert is cosponsored by FSGW and the Bulgarian Community Center of Washington, D.C., and will be held at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St., SE, Washington, DC 20003

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Petar Ralchev & Quartet
Sunday, May 15 • 3 PM
Starry Mountain Singers

FSGW House Concerts:
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Square Dance Revival

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Workshops, Weekends, Festivals, etc.
FSGW English Country Dances at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD
Wednesday • 8 to 10 p.m.

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, Page 22). 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, cello, 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.

May
4 Melissa Running calls to the music of Dan Gillespie (recorders), Jeff Steinberg (fiddle) and Liz Donaldson (piano)
11 Anna Rain leads the dancing while Becky Ross (fiddle), Susan Brandt (flute) and Melissa Running (piano) make the music
18 Barbara Heitz (flute), Ralph Gordon (cello) and Liz Donaldson (piano) play the tunes while Diane Schmit calls
25 Michael Barraclough calls to the playing of David Knight (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), and Liz Donaldson (piano)

FSGW Family Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, May 8 • 3 p.m.

Anna “Shining Star” Rain calls to Morning Star — Geordie Lynd on fiddle, Brendan Taafe on guitar, and Garrett Sawyer on electric bass. Follow your star(s) to the Bumper Car Pavilion for the first family dance there this year! Enjoy Anna’s infectious enthusiasm as she teaches you all you need to know, on the spot, about circle, square and contra dancing. $5 per person (ages four and up). This is a great activity for any group with folks ages four to 104.

www.fsgw.org.
Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park, MD
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FSGW Concert

Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

Starry Mountain Singers

Wide range of secular and sacred traditional songs

Sunday, May 15

Workshop: 3–6 p.m. and Potluck: 6–7 p.m.
Concert: 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Starry Mountain Singers have toured extensively with the Vermont-based world-music ensembles Northern Harmony and Village Harmony, where they studied traditional songs and singing styles from around the world. They have worked with Meredith Monk, in Revels productions, performed on A Prairie Home Companion and Mountain Stage, and include three members of the Brooklyn-based country band, The Sweetback Sisters. This year, the group is joined by Nora Jane Struthers, a rising songwriter from Nashville who tours with the acclaimed bluegrass band, Bearfoot.

The performance features full-throated styles of singing—a wide range of secular and sacred traditional songs from the United States, Bulgaria, Corsica and the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, as well as original compositions from the group's members. The American repertoire includes New England shape-note songs, powerful gospel numbers, and haunting folk tunes from the Appalachians.

Each member has contributed songs from his or her particular area of musical knowledge and expertise, resulting in a dynamic and eclectic program that will delight world-music fans and lovers of choral performance.

Starry Mountain members are Stefan Amidon, Avery Book, Jeff Fellinger, Gideon Crevoshay, Nathan Morrison, Zara Bode, Emily Miller, Suzannah Park and Nora Jane Struthers.

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE, Washington, DC 20003. Admission prices, All sales at the door: Concert $15, $10 - Student, Senior, FSGW member; Workshop $30/$20. Concert and workshop $40/$25. $5 discount if you bring food to the potluck. For more info. contact Betsy @glen.echo@erols.com, or 202.344.7018.

Thanks to Jayne-Austen Productions for their work on this

AUDITIONS
Washington Revels’ 2011-12 Season

including
• Christmas Revels 2011, celebrating Jewish, Muslim and Christian music, dance and drama from medieval Spain;

• Jubilee Voices: songs and stories of the African American tradition

Audition Dates: May 20-21, 2011

Appointments & information: info@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835
revelsdc.org
The Great American Square Dance Revival
Saturday, May 7, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Come on down and get your hoedown on! FSGW's new D.C. Square Dance Collective presents a traditional Appalachian square dance featuring great callers and rockin' live old-time music by some of the D.C. area's most talented musicians. This month Michael Ismerio from Bloomington, Indiana, calls the figures with a band led by fiddler Christina Wensel. All are welcome – young and old, brand-new and experienced dancers. No partner, lessons, or costume needed. Location: Saint Stephens Church (www.saintstephensdc.org), 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, D.C., near the Columbia Heights Metro. $5 at the door. Info: Gabe Popkin, 859.619.4769, gpopkin@gmail.com, or visit us on Facebook @ Great American Square Dance Revival.

FSGW Contra Sonic
Tuesday, May 17 • 8-11 p.m. • Artisphere

Will Mentor calls with DJ Improper. It's high-energy, loud, and glow-stick-fueled. FSGW offers traditional called contra dancing with mixed DJ music on the third Tuesday of the month. Could be techno, trance, electro pop, but whatever it is, it's fun to dance to. Lesson at 7:30 pm, $6 for youth and students, $8 all others. 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209, 703.875.1100 Look for us on Facebook at: Contra Sonic-FSGW Alternative Music Contra.

The 2011 Chesapeake Dance Weekend
Sold Out & Sensational

Kudos to the Chesapeake Dance Weekend Committee for creating a wonderful space where dance-lovers could meet new friends and old, stay up half the night playing tunes, take wonderful classes, relax in a beautiful setting, and dance all day! The musicians, Elixir and Goatboy, Alex and Liz, the callers, Ron and Nils, and instructors, Matthew and Anna, were all fantastic! This committee is Janine Smith, heading up the effort; Michal Warshow, Joel Bluestein, Vicki Moss, Flawn Williams, Sargon deJesus, Robert Cox, John Merck, Anne Sergeant and Wayne Harvey. Thank you!

Photos are posted on Facebook under Doug Plummer’s Contra Dance Photo Project.
**The Dust Busters & The Polka Dots**

Catch a Glimpse of the Future of Old-Time Music!

**Saturday, April 30 • 8 p.m.**

The Dust Busters are joining us from Brooklyn for our final free-to-members program of the season, bringing old-time songs, ballads, fiddle tunes and jug band blues, infused with that energy that characterized 1920s and ’30s string bands. Opening for them will be a young northern Virginia band, the Polka Dots. Sisters Aislin and Nora Kavaldjian studied with Fiddlin’ Dave Van Deventer, play multiple instruments and appeared at Watermelon Park 2008. Joined by bassist Olivia Zook, guitarist Kris Consaul and percussionist Alan Kyte, they re-interpret old-time tunes, gypsy swing, blues, gospel and originals for modern ears. Their first CD, “Knee-Deep”, was released last September. Come see the Dust Busters (in their 20s) and the Polka Dots (younger) at the Washington Ethical Society Auditorium, 7750 16th St. NW, DC  [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org)

**FSGW House Concert**

**Traditional American Songs and Tunes with Paul and Jody**

**Sunday, May 15 • 3 p.m.**

Jody Kruskal (Anglo concertina and vocals) and Paul Friedman (fiddle) live in Brooklyn, NY where they have been playing for local contra, English and ritual dancers for 30 years. They formed the Paul and Jody duo in 2008 to perform traditional American songs and tunes in concert and have played at local coffee houses, clubs and the UK Broadstairs Folk Week.

Their CD, titled *Paul and Jody* has been praised by *Sing Out!* magazine: “... they have an uncanny sense of each other’s style. What a refreshing sound! … A perfect pairing of concertina and fiddle.”

Jody’s compelling rhythms and harmonies are quite different from the styles in Irish and English traditional music. Paul’s fiddling reflects the influences of American, Quebecois, Shetland, and Swedish repertoires. The songs tell American stories – hilarious, gritty and true – of train wrecks and wrecked marriages, of heroes, lovers, and losers. Plan on singing along on the choruses.

*S15 donation is suggested.* At the home of David Roodman in Washington, D.C. – for reservations, droodman@gmail.com, or 202.547.9022. E-mail is preferable.
Editor’s Note: This month, we diverge from the usual course of profiling a musician. The founders of this society were careful to choose the word “folklore” in the naming of this group, (as opposed to “folk music”) so that all aspects of folk culture would be cherished. Here, we feature a member whose life is steeped in several folk traditions. — RBW

Rick Bontz
Carpenter, Shepherd, Dancer

Many of us know Rick from the contra dances at Glen Echo Park—he cuts a fit figure spinning through the line in his trademark neon bright clothing—the vibrant pinks, greens and oranges extending right down to his socks. On Valentine’s Day and Christmas, he is in all red, and on St. Patrick’s Day, green, of course. When asked why he dresses that way, he said “These colors express the joy I feel when I am dancing. They make people smile, and I get a lot of compliments.” No doubt about the smiles!

Rick has been contra dancing since 1991, and met his partner, Rose Marie Woodsmall at Glen Echo during the Halloween Dance of 1993. (Somehow, he was dressed in a toolbelt, which attracted a fair amount of attention). He is a second generation Glen Echo dancer, as his mother, Marty, danced regularly in the Spanish Ballroom during the era of Swing in the 1930s.

Rick travels a bit to dance, as he and Rose Marie live in Emmitsburg, Md., on the border of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Their place, Stony Branch Farm, was a dairy farm 200 years ago and the barn still stands strong to this day. Chickens are raised on the property and the eggs (each unique) sold to high-end restaurants. The farmhouse is a mere 100 years old and provides an ample source of restoration projects for Rick, who is a carpenter by trade, expert in interior finishing.

Rose Marie raised sheep as she was growing up and, eight years ago, persuaded Rick to begin a flock. They chose the Coopworth breed, known for the long-wooled fleece most favored by hand spinners. Growing their flock from five to 16 (all of which have names and distinctive personalities), they followed best industry and ethical practices (“We don’t send any to the freezer”), and in 2010 earned the Shepherd of the Year Award given by the Frederick County Sheep Breeders Association in honor of individuals who help educate the public and advance the sheep industry.

Pleased and surprised, the couple is most excited about fostering an interest in the age-old tradition of processing and spinning wool, an aspect of folk life that is experiencing a healthy revival. And have they any wool? Yes. Plenty. All the sheep have recently been sheared (it’s a one-day party!) for the 38th Annual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, May 6 and 7 at the Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD— one of the country’s premier events of its kind. http://www.sheepandwool.org.

When next you see Rick or Rose Marie, please congratulate them for what they are accomplishing because any way you “spin” it, they are helping to preserve the richness of our folk heritage.
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents the annual

**Washington Spring Ball**

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Conference Center at Cherry Hill Park
9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD

Music by:

*Paul Friedman*, fiddle  *Jody Kruskal*, Anglo concertina

and *Liz Donaldson*, piano

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

All at the Conference Center at Cherry Hill Park:

Practice Session, 2-4 p.m.

music by Colleen Reed (flute) and

Jeff Steinberg (fiddle)

Reception 7:00 p.m.  Dance 7:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Light refreshments served during the break

**The Program**

Alice
Ami’s Waltz
Ashford Anniversary
Beach Spring
Companions

Fast Packet
Frances Ann’s Delight
Hambleton’s Round O
Jaque Latin

Mulberry Gardens
Nonesuch
Off She Goes
Prince George’s Birthday

Trip to Tunbridge
Well Hall
Young Widow
Scotch Morris

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

For more information, E-mail Roger Broseus at registrar@fsgw.org or call Melissa Running at 301-588-0477

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

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

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The Folklore Society of Greater Washington’s 2011 Washington Spring Ball

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

Address __________________________________________________________________Phone___________________________

City _________________________________ State ______ Zip __________ E-mail _____________________________ _______

Reserve ____ places at $30** for members of [ ] FSGW [ ] BFMS [ ] CDSS [ ] Student (1/2 price)
Reserve ____ places at $33** for nonmembers [ ] Student (1/2 price)

**Note: add $6 per person ($3 for students) for registrations post-marked after 30 April 2011.**

Reserve a place by mailing a check, payable to FSGW. To get a program booklet by return mail, enclose a self-addressed, business-size envelope with 44¢ postage (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.
31st Annual Washington Folk Festival

at Glen Echo Park • Rain or Shine • Free

Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, 12 noon – 7 p.m.

This year, the Folklore Society of Greater Washington again assembles a smorgasbord of American and international talent. With seven performance areas running simultaneously and over 85 hours of performances, there is something for everyone at the Washington Folk Festival.

Some of our favorite FSGW members will be performing: Judy Cook, Andy Wallace, Bill Mayhew, Reuben Musgrave, Bruce Hutton, Donna Fletcher with Blue Panamuse, Jennifer Cutting with OCEAN Orchestra, Lilt, Carey Creed, Grace Griffith and Zan McLeod. Lots of young up-and-coming performers are slated to appear: Jonny Grave, Big Chimney (Bluegrass), Brennan Ernst (fiddler with Tom Mindte), Positive Vibrations Youth Steel Orchestra, Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance, Karen Ashbrook and her Sligo Creek Hedge School. The international music includes: Ganga, Soumya Chakraverty, Samia Ahmed, and the Natyabhoomi School of Dance (all from India), as well as The Roya Ensemble (Persian Flamenco Fusion), tribute to Shahriar Saleh, and Spyros Koliavasilis and Band (from Greece); plus Tango Mercurio Orchestra, Washington Toho Koto Society, Chinese Erhu Society, and Arte Flamenco from D.C. Storytellers Diane Macklin, Ellouise Schoettler, and Anne Sheldon will create their magic. Don’t miss our revered elders: Speedy Tolliver and the New Old-time String Band, and Flory Jagoda with Sephardic songs from Bosnia. Well-known singer-songwriter Bill Danoff with his son (not among the elders!) will be on hand. There will be great dance performances: Klezmer, Italian dance, family dance, and Macedonian Dance; and hot dance music: Seth Kibel and the Wire Choir, Stacy Brooks Band, Hot Buttered Nuggets, ...too much more to name. The schedule will be posted online by April 27. Check the website at www.fsgw.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WFF!

A couple of hours of your time can help make the Festival possible. We are also looking for new people who can move into staff roles. These include volunteer coordination, publicity, web page design, database management, fund raising, food preparation, sound engineering, and general festival management. If you have experience, or would like to develop skills in any of these areas, we would love to hear from you. Please send an e-mail to dwainfest@aol.com. Or call Dwain Winters at 301.526.8558. To volunteer to set up, or work at the Festival, please e-mail WFFvolunteers@fsgw.org, call 202.386.8252.
FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Silver Spring, MD
Friday, May 6 • 8:30 p.m.
This month’s sing will be held at the home of Ellen X. Silverberg. She has chosen the topic “Bells and Whistles.” For directions, call Ellen at 301.754.1121, or doremixo@yahoo.com. You may wish to bring a folding chair. Ellen plays host to two disappearing cats.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD
Sunday, May 8 • 4 - 8 p.m.
Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Singing starts at 4:00 and breaks for a covered dish at 6:00 with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! This month’s Gospel Sing will be at the home Kathie Mack in Takoma Park, MD. It’s just a short walk from the Takoma Metro station. Info/directions: 301.270.5367.

FSGW Storyswap • Columbia, MD
Saturday, May 14 • 7:30 p.m.
 Tellers and listeners are invited to the home of Mark Young for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. For RSVPs and directions, e-mail bshert951@hotmail.com

Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA
Sunday, May 22 • 4-8 p.m.
The shape-note tradition lives on at this free monthly event, with singing of early American hymns, camp meeting songs, anthems, and fuguing tunes in unaccompanied four-part harmony and a potluck supper break at 6 pm. Loaner copies of the 1991 edition of the original Sacred Harp and the 1958 Christian Harmony will be available. All are welcome to sing or listen. Info: 301.229.8534.
Directions: St. Peter’s is one-half mile south of Chain Bridge, on the west side of Glebe Rd. (crossing from Washington, on your right, from Virginia, on your left; from the Beltway, take the GW Parkway south to 123 north, then right at the T to Glebe). The church is set back from Glebe Rd. Look for its sign at Tazewell St. and bear right into the parking lot, then around to the left to park near the front walkway.

Co-sponsored

Glen Echo International Folkdancers • MD
Thursday, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
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 301.466.3018, or dancing planet@erols.com

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The Folklore Society of Greater Washington endeavors to print copy it deems relevant to its membership and purpose as stated in its by-laws:

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### May 2011

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- 3 p.m. Wheaton Scottish Jam
- 4 Cheveneburi Concert
- 7:30 **FSGW CONTRA DANCE**
  - **FREDERICK PARK WITH TERPSICORE**

**Monday**
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- 7:30 Bethesda Intl Folk Dance
- 7:30 Arlington Morris Women
- 8 Baltimore English Country Dance
- 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance
- 8 Balkan Singing

**Tuesday**
- 7 FSGW BOARD MEETING
- 7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club
- 7:30 Arlington Intl Folk Dance
- 8 Arlington Intl Folk Dance
- 8 Sea Chanteys/Wheaton

**Wednesday**
- 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women
- 7:30 Kensington Story Salon
- 7:30 IMT Concert–Madison Violet
- 8 **FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE**
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**FSGW NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE AND JULY!!**

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Concerts & Concert Series

Chveneburebi • Arlington, VA  
**Sunday, May 1 • 4 p.m.**  
A celebration of music and dance from the Republic of Georgia. This show features six outstanding groups: The **Merani Youth Dance Ensemble** (from Tbilisi), [www.merani.caucasus.net](http://www.merani.caucasus.net), **Shalva Chemo** (vocal trio from Guria), **Ilia Tsinadze** (Georgian jazz fusion) http://ilusha.com/, **Niavi Georgian Choir** (D.C.), **Slaveya Women’s Choir** http://www.slaveya.org/ and **the Linich Family Georgian Trio**  
At the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, tickets $10. Advance sales at [www.chveneburebi.eventbrite.com](http://www.chveneburebi.eventbrite.com). Info: 301.717.4641, or glen.echo@erols.com

Starry Mountain Singers, Orfeia, and Shapenote Sisters • Baltimore, MD  
**Friday, May 13 • 8 p.m.**  
An *a cappella* evening of traditional American and international vocal music, at Creative Alliance at the Patterson, 3134 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD. $15, $10 CA members. Info: Megan Hamilton, 410.276.1651, [www.creativealliance.org](http://www.creativealliance.org)

Leon Morris & Orrin Star • Burke, VA  
**Saturday, May 14 • 8 p.m.**  
An evening of bluegrass with two DC area folk maestros. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church; 10125 Lakehaven Ct. 703-503-4579. For advance tickets: administrator@accotinkuuc.org Doors open 7:00 pm. $15 admission. [www.orrinstar.com](http://www.orrinstar.com)

Bob Dylan Tribute Concert • Silver Spring, MD  
**Tuesday, May 24 • 7:30 p.m.**  
A concert to honor one of the most popular and important songwriters of our time who will be turning 70 this year. Institute of Musical Traditions. Cultural Arts Center at Silver Spring, Montgomery College, 795 Georgia Ave. 20910. Info: 301.754.3611 or [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org). $15 advance/20 door; student with ID: $10

Darol and Emy House Concert • Mclean, VA  
**Thursday, May 26 • 7 p.m.**  
I’d like to invite folks to a concert at my house featuring stellar uber-fiddler Darol Anger and also stellar-uber-singer Emy Phelps. Darol and Emy will be exploring singer-songwriter territory the likes of which I expect none of us have heard before. Darol will amaze us with his fiddle and octave mandolin virtuosity. No animals will be harmed in the making of this concert. Please RSVP to allisonhayward@aol.com. We will suggest a donation of $20.

Heveder Folk Music Band • Bethesda, MD  
**Friday, June 3 • 7:30 p.m.**  
Traditional Transylvanian folk music, concert and dance. Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, $20 (discount for students and families). Info: zsuzsanna.seres@yahoo.com

Wolf Trap Filene Center  
1551 Trap Rd., Vienna VA 22182

May

27 **A Prairie Home Companion** with Garrison Keillor & guests, variety, $25-54 8 pm  
28 **A Prairie Home Companion** with Garrison Keillor & guests, live radio variety, $25-54  
—Note time difference: 5:45 pm

Birchmere Concert Hall,  
3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria VA 22305; all shows begin at 7:30 p.m.; [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com)

May

7 **Sweet Honey in the Rock**, a cappella female sextet, $35  
8 **Crooked Still**, string band + Phil Rosenthal & Naomi Sommers, folk/grass, open, $25  
9 **Bruce Cockburn** with band, Canadian folk pop + guest Jenny Scheinman, vocalist/violinist, $35  
13 **Kinky Friedman**, Texas country folk & satire + Mary McBride opens $35  
19 **Blind Boys of Alabama**, gospel legends, $29.50
Concerts & Concert Series continued

Sundays

Focus Inn Alexandria • Alexandria, VA  
**Sunday, May 15 • 7 p.m.**

Martinez and Guthrie—Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St.; Admission $18/$15 Info: 703.501.6061, kay@focusmusic.org or www.focusmusic.org

Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD  
**May Dates • 7:30 p.m.**

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road; for more info go to www.imtfolk.org or 301.754.3611

May

9 Ramblin’ Jack Elliott, a legendary foundation of folk music, with opener Ruthie and the Wranglers—$20/25, students with ID $15/20

23 Old Blind Dogs—One of Scotland’s most highly touted traditional folk bands. $18/22, students with ID: $15

Tuesdays

Focus Rockville • Rockville, MD  
**May Dates • 8 p.m.**

Our home is at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville. Concerts are usually the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Come join us at 100 Welsh Park Drive, 20850 www.focusmusic.org 301.275.7459 $18/15 Admission $18/$15

May

10 Dana and Sue Robinson

24 Jacob Johnson

Folk-Club of Reston–Herndon  
**Tuesday, May 24 • 7:15–10 p.m.**

Sarah McQuaid – Open mics on other Tuesdays. Doors open at 6 pm. Concerts usually sold out. For seating, contact Dave Hurd at DAHurdSr@cs.com. Shows in the Back Room at The Tortilla Factory, 648 Erlen Street. www.restonherndonfolkclub.com, or 703.435.2402.

Wednesdays

Institute of Musical Traditions • Takoma Park, MD  
**Wednesday, May 4 • 7:30 p.m.**

Madison Violet — original folk and alt-country duo channeling their parent’s vintage record collection from Neil Young to Dolly Parton. $15/$20. Students with ID: $10. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue, 301.754.3511, or www.imtfolk.org

Thursdays

Baldwin’s Station • Sykesville, MD  
**Thursdays • 8 p.m.**

7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD. Shows begin at 8. Info: 410.795.1041, www.uptownconcerts.com, or uptownconcerts@gmail.com

May

12 Vance Gilbert –Singer/songwriter $20

19 The Woods Tea Company – Acoustic Celtic and more $17

26 Ken and Brad Kolodner - Hammered dulcimer and banjo $20

Fridays

Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD  
**Fridays • 8 p.m.**

The Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Rd. Info: 410.521.9099 or www.uptownconcerts@gmail.com No events scheduled until September.

Potter’s House Benefit Concerts • Washington, DC

Potter’s House, 1658 Columbia Rd. N.W., 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

333 Coffeehouse • Annapolis, MD  
**Friday, May 20 • 8 p.m.**


Saturdays

Focus Mount Vernon • Alexandria, VA  
**Saturday, May 7 • 7 p.m.**

Acoustic Eidolon - www.focusmusic.org. St Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria, VA 22308. 703.975.8027 Venue Host: Mark Gilliam $18 Public, $15 Members

Common Ground • Westminster, MD

No concert in May. Check the website for summer activities including Tradition Weeks in July. Info at 410.857.2771, cground@qis.net, or www.commongroundonthehill.org
**Dances**

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**Community/Family**

The FSGW Family Dance is listed on Page 4

**Community Square Dance/Pot Luck**  
• Galesville, MD
  
  *Saturday, April 30 • 5:30–10 p.m.*

**May Day Celebration – Maypole Dancing**

Live music – Traditional Appalachian dance tunes played by **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar), and friends. Sit-ins welcome on fiddle, guitar, and clawhammer banjo. Dance squares, circles, longway sets & waltzes. **Janine Smith** calling, 952 Galesville Rd., 5:30pm Doors Open, 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Dancing; 8:30 -10 p.m. More Challenging Dancing. Adults $10, Ages 5-17 $5, Under 5: Free [http://communitysquaredance.wordpress.com/]

More info: (301) 926-9142

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**Contra**

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**Sundays**

The FSGW Sunday Night Dances are listed on page 2

**Wednesdays**

**Baltimore Folk Music Society • Baltimore, MD**  
*Wednesdays • 8–10:30 p.m.*

Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St. Beginners are always welcome. **New-dancer workshops at 7:30 on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.** Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. $9 Members/$13 Non-members, $4/6 Member/Non-member students with ID.

**May**

4 Michael Barraclough calls to *Rocket Surgery*; Carl Friedman, Andrew Marcus, and Ralph Barthine.

11 Dave Giusti calls to *Terpsichore*; Elke Baker, Ralph Gordon, and Liz Donaldson

18 Brian Hamshar calls to *Sugar Beat*; Elke Baker, Susan Brandt, and Marc Glickman

25 Kim Forry calls to *Ladies in the Parlor*; Barb Schmid, Suzanne Gates, Freya Qualley, and Sharon Sacks

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**Fridays**

**Friday Night Dancers • Glen Echo Park, MD**  
*Fridays • 8:30–11:30 p.m.*

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 [findgigs@petml.com](mailto:findgigs@petml.com). General info at [www.fridaynightdance.org](http://www.fridaynightdance.org).

**May**

6 **Woody Lane** calls to *Magic Foot*: Brendan Tafee, guitar, Christian Stevens, accordion, Stefan Amidon on percussion and mandolin, and Colin Lindsay on fiddle and concertina

13 **Perry Shafran** calls to the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*.  


27 **Diane Silver** calls to the *Avant Gardeners*: Laura Light on fiddle, George Paul on accordion, Dave Wiesler on keyboards guitar and mandolin, Jubal Creech on percussion

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**Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA**  
*2nd and 4th Fridays • 8–11 p.m.*


**May**

13 **Sargon DeJesus with Streak o’ Phat**

27 **Karl Senseman with Strings on Wings**

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**Elverson Dance • Elverson, PA**  
*1st Saturdays • 7:30–10:30 p.m.*

Check website for info. St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 61 Morningside Drive, $8, $5 students/seniors. New dancers welcome. Bring soft-soled shoes and a snack to share at the break. Smoke & 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 p.m.*

May 7 – Come to town early and enjoy the May Day festivities. (Check weekend listings.) **Anna Rain** calls a lively selection of contra dances to the music of *Morning Star* at the War Memorial Building. Begin-
Dances continued

ners' workshop at 7:30, dance starts at 8 p.m. 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. 304.876.2169

Baltimore Dance • Pikesville, MD
2nd Saturdays • 8–11 p.m.
May 14 — Becca Dennison calls to Audio Snakes. Introduction to contra dancing workshop 7:30–8:00. Beginners, singles, couples, and families are welcome. No experience necessary; you don't need to bring a partner. Admission is: $9 BFMS Members & Affiliates, $13 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: $4 members, $6 non-members. For more information call the BFMS hotline at 888-646-BFMS or e-mail Becca at nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com. The dance is held at St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd.

Swallowtail and Challenging Contras • Baltimore, MD
Saturday, May 21 • 8–11 p.m.
For experienced dancers; meaning you know how to do a roll-away, California twirl, pass through to a wave, contra corners, and the basic moves without being taught. You know where to be at the start of each dance phrase and how to recover from a lapse. You assist your partner and neighbor to the next move, and you execute flourishes safely and on time without disturbing others. Members $12, Non-members $16. The Church of the Redeemer, 5603 North Charles St., 21210. Info: Becca at 301.606.7115, nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com. For out-of-towners who want to make a weekend of it and stay for Contrastock the next day at Glen Echo Park, housing with local dancers may be arranged. Contact Ed Vandenbosche at edvih@yahoo.com, or 443.846.4748

Annapolis Contra and Square Dance • Annapolis, MD
3rd Saturdays • 7–10 p.m.
May 21 — Strings on Wings will play driving tunes for dancing called by the Home Town Girls — Kappy Laning, Kim Forry, and Ann Fallon. Free introductory session at 6:30 p.m. All dances taught and walked through. All ages welcome. $10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). Snacks to share at the break are welcome! Friends Meeting Hall, 351 DuBois Rd. Info: Jan Scopel at 443.540.0867, janscope@hotmail.com or www.contradancers.com/atds

Lancaster Contra Dance • Lancaster, PA
3rd Saturdays, 8–11 p.m.
May 21— Sargon DeJesus calls to Contranella. Pavilion #11 in Lancaster County Center Park. Potluck at 5:30 Beginners workshop 6:15, dance 7 pm. $8/$5.

Info: Shane 717.538.5833 or http://www.lancastercontra.org.

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD
4th Saturdays • 8–11 p.m.
No dance in May due to the Memorial Day Weekend. Dances are held at the Trinity School, near Harry Grove Stadium from 8 to 11 p.m. Free beginners' workshop at 7 p.m. Adults, $9, students $5. 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 p.m.
English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New dancer orientation first Wednesday at 7:45. Admission $8 Members, $11 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

The Leesburg Assembly • Reston, VA
May 21 • 7:30–10:30 p.m.
Come join us for English Country dancing in our new home, the Reston Community Center. Enjoy a relaxed setting with live music. All dances taught and walked through. We especially welcome new dancers. 2310 Colts Neck Rd., in the Hunter Woods Shopping Plaza. Admission is $10. Info: David Pacelli at 703.757.8648. www.TheLeesburgAssembly.org Check the website for details on the Spring Ball in June.

The FSGW English Country Dances are listed on Page 4
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Saturdays

English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD  
**Saturday, May 14 • 8–10:45 p.m.**  
At Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave. (Parking and entrance in rear). Dance to music by Peascods Gathering; calling by Bob Farrall. Beginners and singles welcome. $5. Info: Carl Minkus 301.493.6281 (cminkus@verizon.net), Bob Farrall 301.577.5018.

International

Sundays

Alpine Dancers • New Carrollton, MD  
**Sunday May 22 • 4–6:30 p.m.**  
Looking for energetic beginners. Free, open practice at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. Alpine Dancers are a performing and teaching folk dance group specializing in graceful and lively couples and trio dances from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. Recorded music. Info/dir: caroltraxler@yahoo.com, 301.577.3503, www.alpinedancers.org

Mondays

Bethesda International Folk Dancers • MD  
**Mondays, • 8–11:30 p.m.**  
Come join a very friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30-8 p.m., intermediate-adv, 8-10 p.m. Mostly request dancing from 9:15-10 p.m. No partner necessary, all ages and levels of expertise welcome. Wood floor; mostly recorded music. 4301 Willow Ln. Classes here require registration with Montgomery County. Forms available at the class. $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 p.m.**  
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 ssstulberg@earthlink.net or Kent Hibben at 301.520.3794 or KentLHibben@hughes.net

Wednesdays

Columbia International Folk Dancing • MD  
**Wednesdays, • 8–10:30 p.m.**  
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

Thursdays

Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers • Washington, DC  
**Thursdays • 7:30–9:30 p.m.**  
Chevy Chase Community Center, 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 p.m.**  
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 p.m.**  
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 $4. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Info: Patricia at 703.535.333., or pdw@patriadaywilliams.com

Fridays

Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • MD  
**Fridays • 8:15–10:45 p.m.**  
Greenbelt Community Center 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. Northern Virginia  
**Second Saturday, May 14 • 7–11 p.m.**  

Deadline for the JUNE & JULY 2011 Newsletter: TUESDAY, May 10th
Dances continued

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**Israeli**

**Israeli Dancing • Chevy Chase, MD**

**Tuesdays • 7-10:15 p.m.**

Beginners from 7 to 7:45 pm. The group focuses on building a repertoire of both classic and newer Israeli dances in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Recorded music. Light refreshments are served. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase. $8/adults, $6/students. Info: Mike Fox at 240-424-0805. www.markidmike.com

**Israeli Dancing • Greenbelt, MD**

**Saturday, May 14 • 8-11:15 p.m.**

Israeli "Oldies" party (dances before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. $7. Info: Ben Hole, 301.441.8213

(Note:-The Wednesday Israeli Dance has been cancelled until a new location is found)

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**Morris**

**Arlington Northwest Morris • Arlington, VA**

**Mondays • 7:30-9 p.m.**

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: suzelise@comcast.net or nwdancers@comcast.net

**Rock Creek Morris Women • Silver Spring, MD**

**Wednesdays • 7:45-9:45 p.m.**

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 p.m.**

Experience the vigorous thrill of the Morris and the camaraderie of a Morris team! Learn and perform dances from English Cotswold villages, Mummers’ 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

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**Scottish Country**

**Scottish Country Dance • Bethesda, MD**

**Mondays • 8-10 p.m.**

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 p.m.**

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 p.m.**

Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. $5 Info: lara.bainbridge@gmail.com, or elanyl@cox.net

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**Scandinavian**

**Norwegian Spring Springar Spree • Takoma Park, MD**

**Friday–Sunday, April 29–May 1**

Attend all or part and share the joy of Springars—Norwegian dances to addictive uneven-three-beat music played on the Hardanger fiddle, which has sympathetic strings. See www.hfaa.org. Dance classes for all levels, parties, Hardanger fiddle classes and jamming. Featuring Telespringar dance class by Norwegian master teacher Karin Brennesvik, Valspresspringar dance review class by Bruce Emery, and a fun Setsedalganger session (easy dance). All live music by foremost U.S. fiddler Loretta Kelley and special guest fiddler. Beginners and part-timers welcome, no need to bring a partner. Comfortable price. http://MAND. fanitull.org Or Jenny Foster at pi@xexcu.net , or 301.371.4312

**Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD**

**Saturday, June 3 • 7 – 10 p.m.**

Scandia DC sponsors a third Saturday dance which is moved forward two Saturdays. Live fiddle music will feature local treasure, Loretta Kelley. The teaching is from 7-8 and the dance will be Nordlandspols There may be some recorded music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. $7 Info: 202.333.2826, Info: linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org.
Dances continued

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**Swing/Blues**

**Slow Blues and Swing • Glen Echo, MD**

*Thursdays • 8:15–11:30 p.m.*

Popular Thursday night Blues Dance in the "Back Room." Come early as it is selling out. Beginner lesson at 8:15-9, Presented by Capital Blues. DJ Mike Marcotte and guests play incredible blues from 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is $8 for lesson and dance. Sprung solid maple floor, plus heating and air conditioning! Info: Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or 301.634.2222 or www.CapitalBlues.org 7300 MacArthur Blvd., 20812 www.DanceDC.net

**Blues and Soul Fusion • Glen Echo Park, MD**

*Fridays, May 13, & 27 • 8 p.m.–12 a.m.*

All Things Blues hosts a Blues and Soul Fusion Dance Party in the "Back Room", the annex to the Spanish Ballroom. Dance to blues, soul, and R&B music for slow and fast Swing, Bop, and 2-Step from 9 p.m.-12 a.m., with a 60 minute East Coast Swing lesson at 8 p.m. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m, $8 after. $2 student discount. www.dancebuddies.com/AllThingsBlues.htm, or contact Ken at 703.282.4187., or at Dance-Buddies@starpower.net.

**Swing Dancing • Glen Echo Park, MD**

*Friday, May 27 • 8 p.m.–12 a.m.*

Join us for a Swing dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion with The Boilermaker Jazz Band. There is a one hour beginner swing lesson taught by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte. Admission is $15. No partner required. For more information, call Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301.634.2222, or go to www.danceDC.net

**Slow Blues and Swing • Glen Echo Park, MD**

*Sunday, May 29 • 7–11 p.m.*

An evening blues dance in the Back Room featuring the Jamie Lynch Band. There is an optional 1 ½ hour workshop taught by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte from 7:30 pm, then the dance until 11 pm. $17 for workshop and dance, $12 dance only. Info: Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or www.DanceDC.net

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**Waltz and Tea Dance**

**Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD**

*Sundays, 2:45–6 p.m.*

Enjoy a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances including the Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. 45 minute lesson at 2:45, starting with a beginners’ lesson and ending with an advanced lesson in the last 15 minutes. Dance from 3:30–6 p.m. $10. Go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org, or call Glen Echo Park at 301.634.2222.

**May**

15 Dance to the music of Waverley Station.
29 Dance to the music of Taylor Among the Devils.

**Hot Society Afternoon Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD**

*Sunday, May 29 • 3–6 p.m.*

The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington, features music and dancing from the ‘20s, ‘30s, and ‘40s. Foxtrot, two-step waltz, cha cha, rumba, swing and more in the Spanish Ballroom. No partner or experience necessary. Tango lesson at 3:00. $12 Info: www.glenechopark.org and www.hotsociety.net

**Zydeco/Cajun**

**Cajun/Zydeco • Glen Echo Park, MD**

*Sunday, May 8 • 3–6 p.m.*

Join us for a Zydeco dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion featuring Savoy Family Band. The 30-minute Cajun dance lesson given by Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro begins at 3 p.m. with dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is $20. No partner required. For more information, call Michael Hart at 301.762.6730 or go to www.DancingbytheBayou.com.

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**Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD**

*Tuesdays • 7:30–9:30 p.m.*

Beginning Classes: May 24, 31 (mixed levels)
Advanced Classes: May 17, 24, 31


Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and the new Gateway Drive Visitor Entrance (south of South Dr., reachable ONLY from the north on Wisconsin Av.). Park there, or drive to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to Building T-39. 10-minute walk from the Medical Center Metro stop on the Red-Line.
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 p.m.
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.

Sacred Harp Sing • Sandy Spring, MD
3rd Sundays • 4–6 p.m.
Sing followed by potluck. Contact Kent Beck at 301.774.3183 or kent.beck@ssfs.org to confirm. Location: Small schoolhouse behind Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd.

CABOMA Jam • Arlington, VA
2nd and 4th Sundays • 2 p.m.
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. Fillmore and Pershing. Info: Dave at 301.274.3441.

Annapolis Acoustic Jam • Annapolis, MD
Sundays • 9 a.m.–Noon
Indoors at The Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: phyllis@saroffillustration.com.

Mondays

Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD
Every Monday • 8 p.m.
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 or Joan at 202.363.6197.

DC Bluegrass Union VFW Bluegrass Jams
• Takoma Park, MD
1st & 3rd Mondays • 7–10 p.m.

Tuesdays

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing
• Wheaton, MD and Washington, DC
1st and 4th Tuesdays • 8 p.m.
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.ship company.org.
1st Tuesdays – At Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Ave., Wheaton.
4th Tuesdays – Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St. NW, D.C. (across 13th St from Metro Center station).

Folk Club of Reston/Herdno • Herndon, VA
Tuesdays • 7:30 p.m.
Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St. Open-mike 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.

Wednesdays

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sings
• Baltimore and Annapolis, MD
2nd & 3rd Wednesdays • 8 p.m.
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.shipcompany.org
2nd Wednesdays – Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne St., Baltimore (Fells Point)
3rd Wednesdays – Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401

Arlington Jam! • Arlington, VA
3rd Wednesdays • 7–10:30 p.m.
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.

Cajun Jam • Greenbelt, MD
4th Wednesdays • 6–9 p.m.
Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued

Thursdays

Irish Traditional/Bluegrass Music Sessions • Frederick, MD

**Thursdays • 7 and 8:30 p.m.**

At Boe’s Strings, 26 S. Market St. Info and tune list at www.BoesStrings.com or Boe at 301.662.0750.

Fridays

Arlington Jam! • Arlington, VA

**1st Fridays • 7-10:30 p.m.**

See Wednesday listing.

Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD

**2nd Fridays • 8:30-11:30 p.m.**

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

Saturdays

Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Riverdale, MD

**Saturdays • 1-5 p.m.**

All skill levels welcome. Note the 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/confirma-

Hammered Dulcimer Jam • Annandale, VA

**May 21 • 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

Hammered dulcimer players meet monthly to swap tunes and play together at the George Mason Regional Library, 7-001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA. 703.256.3800. Other acoustic instruments welcome. Info: Ellie at 703.578.3106 http://pages.prodigy.net/holsopple

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.

Storytelling

Kensington Row Story Salon • Kensington, MD

**1st Wednesdays • 7:30 p.m.**

Storytellers telling stories to adult audiences. Featured tellers and open-mike for six-minute stories. 3786 Howard Ave. 301.949.9416, or contact Ellouise Schoettler at ellouise1@juno.com to apply.

Tales in the Village • Chevy Chase, MD

**3rd Wednesdays • 7:30 p.m.**

This is a new series, free, sponsored by the Friendship Heights Village Council, with member Ellouise Schoettler as producer and host. The Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 South Park. Ellouise1@juno.com, to apply.
Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

Shepherdstown May Day Celebration  
**Saturday, May 7 • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
Celebrate a traditional, magical English May. At 10:00 a.m., enjoy Morris dancing; at 12:00 p.m., a parade with the Maypole, musicians, mythical figures, dancers, floats, and wagons to the Rumsey Monument Park. There you’ll find the revelry of country and maypole dancing, and singing; as well as watching performances of Morris dancing, a mummers play, and other related revelry. At 3:30 see a Morris dance performance at the Bavarian Inn, and at 5:00 p.m., more dancing on King Street. At 8:00 p.m., will be the contra dance at the War Memorial Building. More info available at www.smad.us/mayday or email updf@earthlink.net.

Rhythm Mandolin Workshop with Orrin Star  
**Saturday, May 7 • 12 p.m.-2:15 p.m.**
Rhythm is a vital yet understudied aspect of mandolin playing. This workshop will take you on a rhythm tour—from bluegrass “chopping” to accompanying a fiddler or singer with open chords, playing a reggae tune to doing a country shuffle. House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave., 301.270.9090 or lessons@hmtrad.com. $50 fee, limited to 10 participants. More info at http://orrinstar.com

National Capital Area Scottish Festival  
• Rockville, MD  
**Saturday, May 14 • 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

American Banjo Fraternity Rally  
• Williamsport, PA  
**Thursday-Saturday, May 19-21**
Players and listeners are invited to attend the rally and a free performance of 1900s music at the Genetti Hotel. The presentation features performances on differently sized five-string banjos with nylon strings. Bare fingers—no picks. www.banjofraternity.com 200 West Fourth St., Williamsport, PA 17701. 1.800.321.1388. Concert at 7:30 pm, May

Catoctin Mountain Music and Dance Weekend  
• Thurmont, MD  
**Friday, June 17-Sunday, June 19**
Singing, dancing, playing, hiking, crafts, and fun fun fun for singles, couples and families in scenic Catoctin Mountain National Park. From $83 per person. Info: Eileen Franch 410.889.3252, catoctin@bfms.org, or www.bfms.org

Mountain Arts Folk Music Camp  
• Bloomingdale, NY  
**Sunday July 17–Sunday July 23**
Located on the beautiful lakeshore campus of Paul Smith’s College in New York’s Adirondack mountains, the Mountain Arts Gathering encourages self-expression through music and fosters a vibrant and welcoming community for musicians of all ability levels. The Gathering offers workshops, (fiddle, flute, hammered dulcimer with Ken Kolodner, and so much more) jamps, performances, and an easy sense of community, all in a clean, intimate setting overlooking Lower St. Regis Lake and the St. Regis Mountains. There are part-time options. Call 518.578.8409 for details or go to www.mountainartsgathering.com

SummerTunes • Frederick, MD  
**Saturday, July 23 • 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Come join us for an all-day music workshop and rehearsal with fiddler Alexander Mitchell and pianist Liz Donaldson. Then play that evening for the Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council (MMFAC) contra dance in Frederick, Md., with caller Ann Fallon. The experience is friendly, exhilarating, educational, and just plain fun. Music is available in advance and all instruments are welcome. $45 before June 23, $50 after. Info: Liz Donaldson - liz@us.net or 301.986.1291, Alex Mitchell Fiddlemuse@yahoo.com or 240.344.7806 or http://www.contradancers.com/mmfac/

LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students: basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles. Downtown Silver Spring. Contact: env@starpower.net or 301.587.2286.

SING HEALTHY! Learn how to preserve and maintain your vocal instrument for life. LEARN TO PLAY THE BODHRAN! Barbara Ryan (IONA’s lead singer): Studio in Fairfax Station, VA 703.426.1450, ionavoice@pobox.com

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