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editor

Nowell Sing We Clear

Saturday Afternoon, December 17
2 pm (matinee) • Silver Spring, MD

Each winter since the mid-1970s, John Roberts and Tony Barrand have assembled a fresh production of **Nowell Sing We Clear**, a “pageant of mid-winter carols.” With song, tight harmonies, familiar carols, morris and New England dance tunes, recitations, and old mummers’ plays, they’ll take us back to a time before commercialized holidays, when families and friends in towns and villages across the British Isles, New England and Appalachia retold the Christmas story, shared age-old customs of the winter solstice, and welcomed the New Year.



“You can’t leave this performance without a big smile on your face,” says one enthusiast. “It’s not just the excellent performers. It’s the enjoyment that comes from singing seasonal songs in harmony as part of this larger folk music community. It’s the sense of connection with something bigger and older and more mysterious—of continuity with traditions that have been alive for centuries. To me, it just wouldn’t be the Solstice season without this tradition.”

The high-energy and family-friendly entertainment features the noted vocal duo **Roberts & Barrand**, joined by popular New England dance musicians and callers **Fred Breunig** and **Andy Davis**. The show includes a broadly comic Kentucky Mummers’ play, and traditional songs of the season and of seasonal visiting customs. **Tony Barrand** tells us,



“A great surprise has been after almost four decades that just when we think one place to look has run dry, there are new songs created by songwriters steeped in traditional music, such as John Kirkpatrick, adding to the pot from which to sup. So we add two or three new songs each year and re-introduce others that we haven’t sung in many years.” So come looking for something old and something new. Songsheets will be provided to encourage participation. Also, be

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advised to listen closely for current topical and political references that find their way into the mummers' play. Four hearty voices, with the band of fiddle, button accordion, piano, drum and concertina, will combine to reverse the darkness of winter and start the trend toward longer, brighter days and the greening of spring to come. We'll have a special door prize of a *Nowell Sing We Clear* collection, and CDs will be available for purchase at the performance. To add to the holiday spirit of this Special Event, look for festive munchies at intermission. **Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910** (Free parking is available in the East Silver Spring Elementary School lot across Silver Spring Ave. from the back of the church). **Buy your tickets through FSGW by December 14 and save \$3 per ticket. General admission \$27, advance \$24, students (to age 22) \$10. To reserve, order online at www.fsgw.org, or send a check—made out to FSGW—to Dennis Cook at 16125 Malcolm Drive, Laurel, MD 20707; or call Dennis at 301.776.4314 to purchase tickets via credit card. For further info: contact him at webmaster@fsgw.org**



FSGW MIDWINTER FESTIVAL

SILVER SPRING (TAKOMA PARK), MD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

12-10:30 PM

Mark your calendars for the fabulous **February FSGW Midwinter Festival!** Once again Morris dancers and banjo pickers, contra dancers and fiddlers, balladeers and blues singers will gather at the **Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, on Saturday, February 4, from noon until 10:30 p.m.** There will be two all-day dance tracks, seven workshop and performance sites, plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, crafts to buy, jams to join and food available for purchase from noon to 7:30. Inside'll be hot, whatever it's doing outside!

Here's a tentative list -- with lots more to come:

Concerts—six hours of concerts, including the Chromatics, followed by a fabulous evening extravaganza, all programmed by **Charlie Baum**

Storytellers—all-day verbal fireworks and auditory embroidery

Jams—FSGW Gospel Singers, followed by the FSGW Sacred Harp Singing regulars, blues musicians from Archie's Barbershop, and the finale, a raucous Irish Seisiún.

Song—Barbershop and bluegrass harmony workshops, Balkan and Lithuanian folksong, sea chanteys by *Washington Revels'* **Maritime Voices**, and **Flawn Williams'** Doo-wop delight. **Lisa Null** is readying a magnificent array of traditional songs and ballads, including a premiere event.

Workshops and More—from beginning banjo to juggling (good for kids) and change ringing — and crafts to buy!

Dance—Workshops in English Country Dance, Swedish Hambo, Morris, clogging and waltz. Plus an English Ceilidh and a Barn Dance. Contrasts and squares with local bands and callers, plus singing squares led by **Janine Smith** and **Susan Taylor!**

Pricing unchanged from last year, with great savings for FSGW members. Join FSGW on the day and save! Check the website for specifics and updates at www.fsgw.org.



Chornobyl Songs Project: Living Culture from a Lost World From New York *Ensemble Hilka*

Saturday, December 3 • 8 pm
NW Washington, DC

In the 1970s, ethnomusicologist and song collector **Yevhen Yefremov** conducted numerous field expeditions into the Chornobyl region. The foremost Ukrainian expert in polyphonic singing styles of Central and Northern Ukraine, Dr. Yefremov will lead New York-based **Ensemble Hilka** in reinterpreting traditional songs from the Chornobyl region; the ensemble features some of New York's leading East European folksingers. A pedagogue and a writer, Dr. Yefremov is also the founder of the important Ukrainian revival choir **Drevo**.

2011 marks the 25th anniversary of the nuclear disaster in Chornobyl that irrevocably transformed the ecological and social dimensions of life in the Ukrainian and Belarusian regions now known as the "Chornobyl Zone." Since 1986, the traditional communities of the Chornobyl zone have been largely dispersed and destroyed, and today very few people remain in the region. Yet, a trace of the human spirit that used to populate this region remains, in the form of archival field recordings documenting the ritual and every day aspects of daily life before the disaster. This program honors that spirit, those lives.

Curated by Dr. Yefremov and Ukrainian-American ethnomusicologist and singer Maria Sonevytsky, Ensemble Hilka's performance will be accompanied by projected archival footage and photographs coordinated by director Virlana Tkacz and Yara Arts Group. **Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., NW, \$13 members/\$15 non-members.**



FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW OPEN SING • SILVER SPRING, MD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 8:30 PM

The Sing for December will be held on the "Twoth" of December, thereby inspiring the theme: "Oral Tradition." The sing will be at **Judy Oppenheim's** cozy little home. Instrument cases may have to reside out on the patio due to space issues. For directions, contact **Judy** at 301.589.4008 or expectthebest@gmail.com.

FSGW GOSPEL SING • NORTHWEST, DC SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 4–8 PM

Gospel Sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Singing starts at 4 and breaks for a covered dish at 6, with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Bill Thompson and Ann Herzog**. For info, call 202.797.9259.

FSGW STORYSWAP • VIENNA, VA SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Miriam Nadel** for an evening of shared holiday and other stories and potluck snacks. Free. For RSVPs and directions, e-mail mhnadel@alum.mit.edu.

SACRED HARP SINGING • ARLINGTON, VA SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 • 3–8 PM

Welcome the year in harmony at the annual New Year's Day Sacred Harp singing. Starting at 3, singers from around the region render unaccompanied four-part hymns, spirituals, and fugues from the 1991 edition of the original *Sacred Harp* and 1958 *Christian Harmony* (loaner books available). Original shape-note pieces or songs from other tunebooks (such as *American Christmas Harp*) are also welcome (bring copies). There will be four hours of singing, with a break for a potluck feast around 5.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 N. Glebe Rd. 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.



DEADLINE for JANUARY 2012

FSGW Newsletter is Saturday, December 10th.

SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO newsletter@fsgw.org

CO-SPONSORED

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS • MD THURSDAYS, 7:30–10:45 PM

Every Thursday at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr. (just west of the shopping center across from Glen Echo Park). Lesson at 7:30. Request dances from 9 to 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 dancingplanet@erols.com

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER FSGW

BOARD MEETING

AS RECALLED BY MARY CLIFF

All board members except **Dance Chair Penelope Weinberger** were present. Also attending was FSGW accountant **Leslie Barkley**. **Treasurer Jerry Stein** distributed the current budget, and Leslie encouraged all to keep her closely informed. * **Membership Chair Stephanie Kaufman** reported our memberships at 1,962. Three candidates for the position of membership assistant have been interviewed; none owns a laser printer, but Betsy Platt may have one available.

Publicity Chair Katie Blaisdell sent publicity for *Nowell Sing We Clear* for the Washington Post holiday preview. She reports FSGW's Facebook group is no longer active and she's working on a promotional postcard. * **Publications Chair Roxanne Watts** presented a logo proposal to the board; we voted to purchase the new design. * **Program Chair Betsy Platt** reported the Women of Rebetika (11/19) concert has been moved to Glen Echo Town Hall, the Crowfoot program drew 80 people, and the Tony Barrand program 77 attendees. Phil Wiggins and friends are scheduled for January 28 at WES. **Member-at-Large Michael Barraclough** gave a report in his capacity as project manager of the Web Redesign. He and webmaster **Dennis Cook** and **President Mary Cliff** met to discuss direction, requirements and timetable of the web update. Michael discussed legalities of website ownership, moving to the newest versions of MyOrgNet, testing, features, etc.

Old Business: Board members were told to think about whether they will run for another term; and to think of possible new board members. The Nominating Committee will begin the elections process soon.



FSGW Sunday Night Dances

at Glen Echo Park, MD

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. Come early for an introduction to the basic moves, and check out YouTube instructional videos as well. Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. During the fall and winter, the FSGW Sunday dances are in the 1920s restored 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, \$5 AGES 7-17
\$12 FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

December

- 4 The **Avant Gardeners** fill the Ballroom DanceScape with music, funky and hot tonight. **Laura Light**, fiddle, **George Paul**, accordion and piano; **Dave Wiesler**, piano, and **David DiGiuseppe**, accordion. Homegrown favorite **Ted Hodapp** calls the moves.



- 11 **Nor'easter** roars into town with **Adina Gordon** calling the dancing. **Julie Vallimont**, piano and accordion, **Cedar Stanistreet**, fiddle, and **Max Newman**, guitar.

- 18 On the menu for tonight, **Great Big Taters**. Dishing up the tunes are **Jane Rothfield**,



fiddle, **Hilarie Burhans**, banjo, and **Bernie Nau**, piano. Calling the capers—**Charley Harvey**.



- 25 No dance tonight. See you New Year's Eve!

New Year's Eve Contra Ball

Saturday, December 31, 2011 • 8 pm - 12:30 am, January 1, 2012

Nor'easter playing, **Gaye Fifer** calling

Woman's Club of Chevy Chase • Registration Deadline: Postmark by Monday, December 14!
see www.fsgw.org for more information.

FSGW English Country Dances

at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD • Wednesdays • 8–10 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the **Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD, 20812**. 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.

December

7 Liz Donaldson calls while **Colleen Reed** (flute), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina), and **Melissa Running** (piano) play the tunes.

14 Bob Farrall calls to the playing of **Susan Brandt** (flute), **David Knight** (fiddle), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano).



21 Stephanie Smith leads the dances to the music of **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (flute), and **Melissa Running** (piano).

28 Susan Taylor leads the dances while **Rhonda Hotop** (fiddle), **Karin Loya** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music.



Gala New Year's Eve English Country Dance

Saturday, December 31, 2011 • 6:30 pm–12:30 am, January 1, 2012

Melissa Running calling with music by **Elegant Echoes**:

Becky Ross, fiddle, Colleen Reed, flute, , Liz Donaldson, piano

Woman's Club of Bethesda • **Registration Deadline: Postmark by Monday, December 14!**

see www.fsgw.org for more information.

FSGW Contra Sonic

Artisphere • Arlington, VA

Tuesday, December 20 • 8–11 pm

Sargon deJesus calls with **dJ Improper**. High-energy, loud and fast and glow-stick fueled. Swing, do-si-do and allemande to the techno-beat. Come for the lesson at 7:30 and stay late for the groove. At the Metro-accessible Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., \$6 for youth and students, \$8 all others. www.fsgw.org



There will be no Family Dance or Square Dance in December



Chesapeake Dance Weekend Celebrates 30 Years

By Joel Bluestein

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington will present the 30th Chesapeake Dance Weekend (CDW), April 13–15, 2012, at Camp Letts, near Annapolis, Maryland. Possibly the longest-running residential contra-dance weekend in the country, CDW has had a great run, and is a treasured annual event for many dancers. This year's CDW will feature **Joseph Pimentel, Crowfoot, Cis Hinkle, The Tractor Family (Judy Hyman, Jeff Claus, Richie Sterns, Larry Unger, and Mark Murphy), Matthew Olwell and Emily Oleson** (step, tap and clogging) with **Steve Hickman and John Devine**.

Pat McCracken was the FSGW Dance Chair in 1982 who came up with the idea of a dance weekend similar to the Country Dance and Song Society dance weeks at Pinewoods. At the time, FSGW was holding its Fall Getaway at YMCA Camp Letts, and that seemed a likely spot for the Weekend. Although there was a temptation to call the weekend "Letts Dance," the group opted for a name that would say something about the event—"The Chesapeake Spring Dance Weekend."

Like any volunteer-run event, the organizing committee has gone through many changes over the last 30 years—and yet much of the original vision remains. The first weekend in 1982 featured a New England band and contra-dance caller, a Southern band and square-dance caller, a teacher of a traditional step-dance style and some other kind of traditional dance form, and that is the structure that's been maintained to this day.

The original committee also decided not to hire the same band or caller more than twice, and that rule has rarely been broken. We've hosted an amazing list of legendary dance leaders and musicians. Another early goal was to include older tradition-bearers, and so we have had the opportunity to dance to some of the real originals (**Dewey Balfa, Ralph Blizard, Bob McQuillen, Ted Sanella**), most of whom are no longer with us. In recent years, the sons and daughters of the earlier musicians have become the tradition-bearers. And with the surge of younger dancers in the D.C.-area contra- and square-dance scene, we have welcomed many young music and dance enthusiasts.



Partial Listing of Past CDW Staff

(Apologies for any Omissions)

Callers: **Chip Hendrickson, Bob Dalsemer, Bridget Edwards, Jim Morrison, John Krumm, Brad Foster, Ted Sanella, Larry Edelman, Steve Zakon, Kathy Anderson, Sue Elberger, George Marshall, Frank Hall, Tony Parkes, Ron Buchanan, Cis Hinkle, Mary DesRosiers, Beverly Smith, Robert Cromartie, Joseph Pimentel, Beth Molaro, Lisa Greenleaf, Nils Fredland**

Musicians: **Double Decker Stringband, Michael Kline and Jerry Milnes, Rodney Miller, Steve Hickman, the Horse Flies, Mary Lea, Peter Barnes and Ruthie Dornfeld, Billy McComiskey and Brendan Mulvihill, Laurie Andres, the Critton Hollow Stringband, Wild Asparagus, Bob McQuillen and Greengate, the Hellbenders, the Hillbillies from Mars, Lotus Dickey, the Bominators, Fresh Fish, the Poodles, Red Mule Stringband, Ralph Blizard, Grand Picnic, Big Hoedown, Nightingale, Airdance Trio, the Groovemongers, Notorious, Flapjack, Great Bear Trio, the Uncle Norms, the Hoover Uprights, Jacqueline Schwab, the Perculators, the Latter Day Lizards, the Moving Violations Trio, Old Sledge, Elixir**

Other Stuff:

Clogging, tap and step dance: **Donnie Gilchrist, Kate Murphy, Burton Edwards, Sue Truman, Eileen Carson, Chris Belliou, Sandy Silva, Judy Ericson, Kari Smith, Laura Lewis, Jean Denney, Linane Wick.**
English: **Genny Shimer, Brad Saylor, Joseph Pimentel.**
Cajun: **Dewey Balfa, Balfa Toujours, Squeeze Bayou, Charivari, Josephine, the Pineleaf Boys.**
Waltz, tango, vintage: **Richard Powers, Matthew Duveneck, Anna Gilbert.**
Balkan: **Zlatne Uste** *African:* **Sankofa.**
African American Sorority Stepping:
Step Afrika French Canadian: **Reveillons**

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Chesapeake Dance Weekend Celebrates 30 Years *continued from page 7*

The Camp itself has evolved quite a bit over time, and for the last 20 years we've enjoyed dancing in the spacious, wood-floored dining hall with floor-to-ceiling windows and a wrap-around deck overlooking the water. The mid-April date means the end of cherry blossoms, newly greened trees and spring flowers, always a treat for the anxious-for-spring attendees from farther north. Although we've had some chilly weekends and snow on at least one occasion, there's usually at least one afternoon when the sun shines irresistibly on the deck, enticing the dancers outside for a much-needed rest. (See this in Doug Plummer's excellent video of the CDW 2010 "Love from Thin Air" www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjUbC5h2rfk).

The event is akin to the "opening of a season," allowing dancers to reconnect with old friends from other places, and spurring them on to organize other dance reunions for the year ahead. Some have been attending for more than 20 years, and several marriages have been sparked at camp. We also remember dancers who are no longer with us, and welcome a second (or is it third?) generation who are beginning to attend.

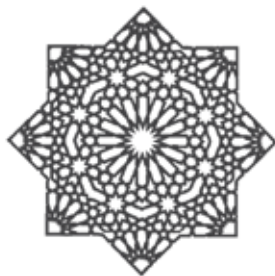
The program itself is pretty straightforward: contras and squares spiced up with other forms of dance as English or Waltz, Cajun, French Canadian to African and Sorority Stepping and more. All have been enthusiastically received. Late-night jam sessions have been a tradition, and more recently a late-night techno-contra has snuck in.

Bottom line: if you're amidst great musicians, callers, and enthusiastic, friendly dancers, you can't help having a great time. For more information and to register, go to www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org.



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8 PERFORMANCES

Sat. Dec. 3 at 2:00 & 7:30
Sun. Dec. 4 at 2:00
Fri. Dec. 9 at 7:30 (Family Friday)
Sat. Dec. 10 at 2:00 & 7:30
Sun. Dec. 11 at 1:00 & 5:00

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Classes

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 13, 20, 27 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Beginners learn *Hambo*, *Schottish*, *Waltz*, *Zwiefacher*, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn *Springleik*, *Boda*, *Orsa*, *Föllinge*, *Finnskogspols*, *Nigpolska*, *Gammalvånster*, *Telespringar*, and

requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5. Info: **Lisa Brooks** at 240.731.1935, lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.

Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Ave. and the new Gateway Dr. Visitor Entrance (south of South Dr., reachable ONLY from the north on Wisconsin Ave.). Park there, or drive to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to Building T-39. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center Metro stop. See map at www.HamboDC.org

Concerts

DC LABOR CHORUS • TAKOMA PARK, MD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7:30 PM

The **DC Labor Chorus** presents *An Evening of Favorite and Sacred Songs*. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave., 20912. Admission free. The **DC Labor Chorus** is an affiliate of the Labor Heritage Foundation; donations appreciated and tax-deductible. Info: www.facebook.com/events/176553049103086/ or elise123107@verizon.net

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 5 PM AND 7 PM

Jody Marshall and Friends Annual Holiday Concert—Andrea Hoag, Carey Creed and Paul Nahay; hammered dulcimer, fiddle, voice and keyboard; part of the Celtic Concert Series. 760C Walker Rd. (in the Village Center), 22066. \$15. Reservations: 703.759.3309, www.oldbrogue.com

ALPINE SINGERS & CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOUR NW WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 6–9 PM

An evening of German and Austrian music for Advent and Christmas; sing along with familiar carols and tour the historic mansion decorated for Christmas. Refreshments. \$15. The Heurich Mansion, 1307 New Hampshire Ave., near Dupont Circle. Reservations not necessary. Tickets: <http://heurichcandlelighttours.eventbrite.com/>

ENSEMBLE GALILEI WITH NEAL CONAN

ANNAPOLIS, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 3 PM & 7 PM

Christmas/Solstice Concert, Irish fiddler **Liz Carroll** joins *Ensemble Galilei* with **Neal Conan** narrating; the Great Hall, St. John's College, 60 College Avenue, \$35 general admission, \$30 students and seniors. Info: **Carolyn Surrick**, 410.849.2494



BOB ZENTZ AND CALICO JACK—

JANIE MENEELY AND PAUL DIBLASI

TAKOMA PARK, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

8–10 PM

Season of the Sailor: an evening of original and traditional maritime song; songs sung during the long winters and holidays at sea, and those sailors enjoyed on rare holidays at home. Part of the “We Are Takoma” series at the Takoma Park Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave. Free, but a \$15 donation will be greatly appreciated. Info: **Janie Meneely** at 443.786.0463 or janiemeneely@gmail.com

JENNIFER CUTTING'S OCEAN ORCHESTRA & SINGERS FROM THE WASHINGTON REVELS

THE BIRCHMERE • ALEXANDRIA, VA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 • 7:30 PM

A Celtic/Andalusian Solstice Celebration and *Song of Solstice* CD release concert. 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., 703.549.7500; \$25, call TicketMaster at 800.745.3000, or go online to www.birchmere.com

BIRCHMERE CONCERT HALL

3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria VA 22305; all shows begin at 7:30 pm; www.birchmere.com

December

2&3 *The Four Bitchin' Babes*—Debi Smith, Sally Fingerett, Nancy Moran, Deirdre Flint; harmony, comedy, \$35

4 *Over the Rhine* + *The Milk Carton Kids* opens; Americana, holiday show, \$25

13&14 **Lyle Lovett & His Acoustic Group**; bluesy Texas songwriting, \$89.50

20 **Jake Shimabukuro**; eclectic ukulele, \$29.50

27 **Celtic Solstice Celebration: Ocean Orchestra + Washington Revels Singers**; CD release concert, \$25

28 **Ted Vigil & Steve Weisberg** perform music of John Denver, \$22.50

CONCERTS continued

- 29 Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes + Dean Rosenthal opens; blues-y, \$39.50
30 15th Annual Hank Williams Tribute: Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Bill Kirchen, Robin & Linda Williams; \$29.50
31 Seldom Scene + The Hot Seats + Tim Finch & Eastman String Band; \$39.50

Sundays

FOCUS ALEXANDRIA • ALEXANDRIA, VA SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 • 7 PM

No concert in December. James Lee Stanley and Cliff Eberhardt perform in January. Info: 703.501.6061, kay@focusmusic.org or www.focusmusic.org

Mondays

INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS • ROCKVILLE, MD MONDAYS • 7:30 PM

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, 20852, www.imtfolk.org

December

- 5 Al Petteway, Amy White and Robin Bullock Christmas Show—an IMT tradition. Heartfelt holiday music filled with seasonal song, stories and meditations. \$20/25, \$15/20 students.

Tuesdays

FOCUS ROCKVILLE • ROCKVILLE, MD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 8 PM

Naked Blue with special guest Putnam Smith. Our home is at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville. Concerts are usually the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 100 Welsh Park Dr., 20850. Admission \$18/15. www.focusmusic.org, 301.275.7459

FOLK CLUB OF RESTON/HERNDON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7:15–10 PM

Dana and Susan Robinson—husband/wife harmonies. 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 Elden Street. 703.435.2402 or www.restonherndonfolkclub.com

Wednesdays

INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS TAKOMA PARK, MD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 PM

Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, 20912, www.imtfolk.org

December

- 14 Fourth Annual “A Scandinavian Christmas” with Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley and

Charlie Pilzer with guest Arna Rennan; \$15/20, \$10/15 for students

Thursdays

BALDWIN'S STATION • SYKESVILLE, MD THURSDAYS • 8 PM

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

December

- 8 Jody Marshall, Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley, Paul Nahay and special guest, Grace Griffith; \$20

Sunday 18

The Hard Travelers Christmas Show; folk-country, \$25

Fridays

CELLAR STAGE • BALTIMORE, MD FRIDAYS • 8 PM

The Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Road, Info: 410.521.9099 or www.uptownconcerts.

December

- 2 Robin Bullock, Ken Kolodner and Elke Baker—multi-instrumentalist and composer, hammered dulcimer virtuoso, and Scottish fiddle champion; \$23
9 Maggie Sansone, Pat Egan, Andrea Hoag, Seth Kibel, and Matt Bell—five acclaimed soloists in beautiful harmony; \$20

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

CARROLL CAFÉ AT SEEKERS CHURCH • TAKOMA DC FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 PM

Magpie and Kim and Reggie Harris—Seasons of Light Solstice Concert. (See the next page for an update in re-building their bridge), 276 Carroll St. NW at the Takoma Metro station. \$20/18. Info: Jesse Palidofsky at 301.562.4147 or on the night of the show ONLY 202.829.9882.

333 COFFEEHOUSE • ANNAPOLIS, MD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 8 PM

Lilt—Irish music with Keith Carr and Tina Eck, and special guest dancer Catherine Marafino; Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 DuBois Rd, off Bestgate Ave.

Acoustic music. Dessert and coffee available in this smoke- and alcohol-free environment. Doors open at 7:30, concert at 8. Admission \$10, \$8 for Seniors/students. Info: **443.786.0463** or www.fsgw.org/333/ for artists' website and sound clip or www.liltirishmusic.com

Saturdays

IMT's FAMILY AWESOME CONCERT EXPERIENCE!

TAKOMA PARK, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 1 PM AND 3 PM

Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Av., 20912, **301.754.3611**, www.imtfolk.org

Cathy Fink and **Marcy Marxer** with special guests, **Joe Uehlein** and daughter, **Anna Grace**. Multi-GRAMMY award-winning children's music trailblazers—playing dozens of instruments—they'll sing, cluck, yodel and harmonize! Tickets \$10/12

FOCUS MOUNT VERNON • ALEXANDRIA, VA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7 PM

Kate Campbell with special guest **Charles Williams**. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, 22308. **703.975.8027** Venue Host: **Mark Gilliam** \$18 public, \$15 members, www.focusmusic.org

*Thank You to the
Folklore Society of Greater Washington
and the D.C. Music Community!*

By Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner; AKA Magpie

By now, many of you in the D.C. folk-music community have heard about our situation resulting from the flash flooding in upstate New York, first from tropical storm Irene, and then again from tropical storm Lee. If you haven't, here's the story in a nutshell.

In 1995, after living in the D.C. area for 34 years, we bought a little house in the northern Catskills right next door to Kim and Reggie Harris, our close friends and singing partners. It's a charming little house, nestled in the woods with two streams flowing across the property, and a driveway bridge (shared with Kim and Reggie) across one of those streams. This past August 28th, raging storms completely obliterated our bridge and left us with a difficult situation. We were compelled to build a new, vastly more robust, and much more expensive bridge than the one we lost. The original estimate was for \$25,000, and that increased due to unforeseen circumstances. This was certainly more money than the four of us had, and FEMA only granted us less than a fourth of the estimated cost. The rest we would have to raise or borrow. In addition, we were in a race with time since both of us heat with oil—there was no access to our homes for the oil trucks to deliver.

We were scheduled to appear at the Folklore Society's Getaway a week after the storm hit. We made it, and that is where many good friends first took the situation in hand. An appeal was made and the campers were generous beyond our wildest dreams. We'd especially like to thank Carly Gewirz, Jennifer Woods, Dean Clamons and Nancy King for organizing that effort. Word spread and Joe Uehlein then offered us a substantial portion of his band's concert in Takoma Park. Again the community turned out, truly overwhelming us with open hearts and open hands.





How can we ever thank you all for your incredible munificence! The "folk fortune" you've shared is helping the four of us finally reach our homes again as we come close to finishing this "bridge over troubled water." Thanks to Dan Schatz, not only for leading the fundraising efforts, but also for setting up the Folkie Flood Relief page on Facebook where the progress of the bridge can be tracked.



There are too many names to mention here, but please know we appreciate each and every one of you who have helped. We have no doubt that the music that came out of us that Getaway week, and is still pouring out, was inspired by your kindness. We hope some of you will be able to come and visit us up in our mountain hollow and cross those waters on the "bridge of hope and love," to be welcomed into our hearts and home as you have welcomed us into yours!

Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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<div>4</div> <p>10 am Annapolis Jam 2:45 pm Glen Echo Waltz 4 Scottish Jam/Wheaton 5, 7 Old Brogue Celtic 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE TED HODAPP WITH THE AVANT GARDENERS</p> 	<div>5</div> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris 7:30 IMT Holiday Concert 8 Balkan Singing 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance</p>	<div>6</div> <p>7 Israeli Dancing 7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club Dana and Susan Robinson 8 FSGW BOARD MEETING 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance 8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance 8 Sea Chanteys/Wheaton</p>	<div>7</div> <p>7:45 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Columbia Int'l Dance Dance</p>	<div>8</div> <p>7:30 G... 7:30 Ch... 7:45 Ar... 8 M... 8 Fo... 8:15 Sl...</p>
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FSGW SACRED HARP SINGING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012 • 3-8 PM

FSGW Advance Notice

Saturday, January 28, 2012
FSGW MONTHLY PROGRAM
Phil Wiggins
and friends
 Washington Ethical Society
 7750 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Saturday, February 4, 2012
FSGW MINI-FEST
 Takoma Park Middle School, MD

Saturday March 17, 2012
FSGW MONTHLY PROGRAM
The Warner Collection
Jeff & Gerret Warner
 Washington Ethical Society
 7750 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Saturday, March 31, 2012
FINEST KIND
 Washington Ethical Society
 7750 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

March 31-April 1, 2012
POTOMAC RIVER
SACRED HARP
CONVENTION

April 13-15, 2012
30TH ANNUAL
CHESAPEAKE DANCE
WEEKEND
 Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

Saturday, May 19, 2012
Washington
Spring Ball
 English Country Dancing
 Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD

Saturday, June 2-3, 2012
32ND ANNUAL
WASHINGTON FOLK
FESTIVAL
 Glen Echo Park, MD

September 28-30, 2012
48TH ANNUAL
FSGW GETAWAY
 West River Conference Center
 West River, MD

Dances

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

The FSGW Family Dance will not be held in December.

COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE AND POT LUCK GALESVILLE COMMUNITY DANCE

No Dance in December

Sundays

**THE FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES
ARE LISTED ON PAGE 5.**

Wednesdays

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY • MD WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM



Beginners are always welcome. **New-dancer workshops to be held at 7:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.** Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. Members \$9; non-members \$13, member/non-member students with ID \$4/\$6. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., 21218.

December

- 7 DeLaura Padovan calls to *Taylor Among the Devils*: Steve Hickman, fiddle; Marty Taylor, concertina, pennywhistle, and Jonathan Jensen, piano, ocarina.
- 14 Susan Taylor calls to *The New Southern Cowtippers*.
- 21 Dick Bearman calls to *Some Assembly*: Mary Flora, flute; Joe Klausner, fiddle; Donna Boylan, piano, and Paul Miller, guitar.
- 28 Rachel Shapiro calls to *The Cosmic Otters*: Meg Dedolph, guitar; Eric Schedler, accordion; Edward Wallace, fiddle, and Jonathan Whitall, piano.

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, e-mail fndgigs@petml.com.

General info at www.fridaynightdance.org

December

- 2 Richard Bearman calls to *Floorplay*: Rya Martin, piano; Paul Rosen, mandolin, fiddle, accordion, and Will Morrison, drums, in the *Bumper Car Pavillion*.
- 9 Steve Gester calls to the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*. Children 17 and under free.
- 16 Charles Harvey calls to *Great Big Taters*: Jane Rothfield, fiddle; Hilarie Burhans, banjo, and Bernie Nau, piano.
- 23 Michael Barraclough calls to *Morrison Brothers*: Jim Morrison, fiddle; Owen Morrison, guitars, and Will Morrison, percussion.
- 30 Bob Isaacs calls to *Perpetual eMotion*: Ed Howe, electric violin, and John Côté, guitar, didgeridoo, foot percussion.

LOCUST LANE CONTRA • HARRISBURG, PA 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAYS • 8–11 PM

All ages and experience levels welcome. Light refreshments at the break. New-dancer class at 7:30. Members \$8; non-members \$9; students \$4. Check the website for updates at www.harrisburgcontra.org.

December

- 9 Karl Senseman calls to *Hay for Three*
- 23 Terry Bachman calls to Joe DeZarn and Jill Smith

Saturdays

ELVERSON DANCE • ELVERSON, PA DECEMBER 3 • 7:30 PM

It's our Anniversary Dance with Dave Colestock calling to *Ryck Kaiser's Band*. Fun and fancy dress is encouraged. At the new Hillcrest Hall location; 1665 Rock Hollow Rd., Birdsboro, 19508. \$9/8, \$5 students/seniors. New dancers welcome, lesson at 7. Bring soft-soled shoes and a snack to share at the break.

Info: Nancy Katzen, 610.780.5667 or www.elversoncontra.org

SHEPHERDSTOWN DANCE • WV 1ST SATURDAYS • 7:30–11 PM

HOLIDAY POTLUCK THIS MONTH • 6 PM

December 3: Will Martin calls a lively selection of contra dances to the music of *Sugar Beat* at the War Memorial Building. Beginners' workshop at 7:30; dance starts at 8. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor.

DEADLINE for JANUARY 2012 FSGW Newsletter is SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th.

SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO newsletter@fsgw.org

\$10 adults, \$7 SMD members, \$4 dancers under 12.
Info: www.smad.us or call **Becky** at 304.876.2169

RESTON DANCE • RESTON, VA
2ND SATURDAYS, JANUARY TO MARCH

No dance in December. January 7 dance is the **FIRST** Saturday. Beginners' workshop 7:15 to 8; dance 8 to 10:45. Admission: \$8 (workshop free). Partner not necessary. Snacks to share at the break welcome (non-alcoholic drinks provided). Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., 20191, in the Hunters Woods Center. Info: anote20@gmail.com

BALTIMORE DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD
DECEMBER 10 • 8–11 PM

Perry Shafran calls to *Gypsy Meltdown*. Free class 7:30 to 8. For more info: **Becca** at [nutritionexpeditions at yahoo.com](http://nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com) or 301.606.7115. The dance is held at St. Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., 21208. \$8 members, \$12 non-members, student discounts.

ANNAPOLIS, MD, CONTRA AND SQUARE DANCE
3RD SATURDAYS • 7–10 PM

December 17: A.P. and the Banty Roosters return to the Annapolis barnyard with **Ann Fallon** calling. Introductory class at 6:30; all dances taught and walked through and 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., 21401. Info: **Ann Fallon** at 410.268.0231, aefallon@verizon.net; www.contradancers.com/atds

LANCASTER, PA, CONTRA DANCE
3RD SATURDAYS • 8–11 PM

December 17: Charley Harvey calls to *Great Big Taters*. St. Johns Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St. 17603. Beginners' workshop 7:15; \$8/\$5. Info: **Shane** 717.538.5833 or www.lancastercontra.org

FREDERICK, MD, CONTRA DANCE
4TH SATURDAYS • 8–11 PM

No dance in December. Dances are held at the Trinity School, near Harry Grove Stadium. Free beginners' workshop at 7. Adults, \$9, students \$5. Info/directions: www.contradancers.com or call **Boe Walker** at 301.694.6794

CAPITOL HILL CONTRA DANCE • SE, DC
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 1–3 PM

Music by the *Capitol Hillbillies* in the North Hall of the Eastern Market. DC Dance Collective members call

contra and squares. Some couples dancing. Sprung wood floor, admission free but donations encouraged. At the corner of 7th St. and North Carolina Ave., S.E., near the Eastern Market Metro station. jhbailles@gmail.com

ENGLISH COUNTRY

Mondays

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY ENGLISH DANCE
PIKESVILLE, MD
MONDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New-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., 21208. Info: **Emily Aubrey** at 410.433.4419 or engdance@bfms.org



December

- 5 **Sharon McKinley** calls to music by **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Karin Loya** (cello), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano).
- 12 **Tom Spilsbury** leads the dancing to music by **Paul Oorts** (strings), **Dave Crandall** (winds), and **Jonathen Jensen** (piano).
- 19 **Diane Schmit** calls to **Becky Ross** (violin), **David Giusti** (recorders), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).
- 26 Boxing Day Fest with **Rich Galloway** calling to music by **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute), and **Judy Meyers** (piano).

Saturdays

ENGLISH COUNTRY HOLIDAY DANCE
SILVER SPRING, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 8–10:45 PM

At Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave. (parking and entrance in rear). Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by **Bob Farrall**. Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming-raisins snapdragons for good luck in the following year. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Info: **Carl Minkus** 301.493.6281 (cminkus@verizon.net), **Bob Farrall** 301.577.5018

THE LEESBURG ASSEMBLY HOLIDAY DANCE
LEESBURG, VA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 7:30–10:30 PM

Come join us for a holiday party and dance at Morven Park in Leesburg. **Tom Spilsbury** calls to music by **Judy Meyers** and **Rhonda Hotop**. Enjoy a relaxed

DANCES continued

setting with live music. All dances taught and walked through; new dancers welcome. 17263 Southern Planter Lane, \$10 adults; \$5 high school students. Info: **David Pacelli** at 703.757.8648, www.TheLeesburgAssembly.org

THE FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES ARE LISTED ON PAGE 6.

INTERNATIONAL

Sundays

ALPINE DANCERS • NEW CARROLLTON, MD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 4–6:30 PM

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 • 7:30–10 PM

Come join a very friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30–8, intermediate–advanced 8–10. Mostly request dancing 9:15–10. 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 PM

Dance for fun and exercise! Singles welcome, all ages or levels of expertise. Key Elementary School, Veitch St., between Wilson and Key near Courthouse Road Metro. \$5, recorded music, instruction, walk-throughs, and requests. Info: **Sam** or **Sarah** 703.527.8998 or ssdancetrav@earthlink.net

Wednesdays

COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • MD WEDNESDAYS, • 8–10:30 PM

Dancing is from 8:30 to 10:30 at Kahler Hall with a class at 8. 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 • DC THURSDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave., 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, 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 \$4. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Info: **Patricia** at 703.535.3333 or pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com

Fridays

GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • MD FRIDAYS • 8:30–10:45 PM

The focus is dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching 8:30–9:15, requests 9:15–10:45. \$7; \$12 on 1st Fridays (live music). Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd. Info: **Larry Weiner** at 301.565.0539, larry@larryweiner.com or www.larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm

CCE MONTHLY CEILI • HERNDON, VA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 7:30–11 PM

Music by the *Bogwanderers and Friends*. Lesson at 7. Beginners to advanced welcome. CCE members \$12/\$6/\$25 family max. Non-members \$15/\$7.50/\$35 family max. Refreshments. Frying Pan Park Visitors Center. 2709 West Ox Rd., 20171. Info: ccepotomac.org

ISRAELI

ISRAELI DANCING • CHEVY CHASE, MD
TUESDAYS • 7–10:15 PM

Instruction from 7 to 7:45. The group focuses on building a repertoire of both classic and newer Israeli dances in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Recorded music. Light refreshments served. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, 20815. \$8/adults, \$6/students. Info: **Mike Fox** at **240.424.0805**. www.markidmike.com markidmike@gmail.com

ISRAELI DANCING • GREENBELT, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 8–11:15 PM

Israeli “Oldies” party (dances before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Cost \$7, free for ages 18 and under. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. Info: **Ben Hole**, 301.441.8213, ben.hole@verizon.net

MORRIS

ARLINGTON NORTHWEST MORRIS • ARLINGTON, VA
MONDAYS • 7:30–9 PM

Learn and perform the traditional Morris dances of Northwest England, which combine simple footwork with power and precision. We are a welcoming group of women who practice in a great place with a wooden floor (easier on your knees) at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Info: suzelise@comcast.net or 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. Elementary School, 807 Daleview Dr., 20901. Info:

301.927.6373, louiseneu@earthlink.net or 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., 20901 and/or at the pub afterwards. squire@fbmm.org, **Alan Peel** at 301.920.1912, www.fbmm.org

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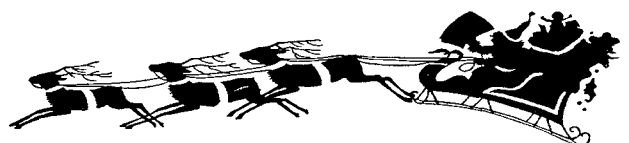
MONTGOMERY KNOLLS SCANDINAVIAN
CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE AND LUCIAFEST
COLLEGE PARK, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7:30–10:30 PM

Music by *Peascods Gathering*. Basic teaching by **Lisa Brooks**, 7:00–7:30. Dancing to candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her crown of candles and traditional holiday refreshments. Singles, couples, beginners, experienced, all welcome. \$10. At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, 20740. Info: **Lorraine Silsbee** 301.585.1130, **Carl Minkus** 301.493.6281 (cminkus@verizon.net)

NORWEGIAN DANCE & POTLUCK • KENSINGTON, MD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 • DANCING 4:30,
POTLUCK BREAK 6 PM

Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare to a Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by foremost-in-U.S. **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see hfaa.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners & listeners welcome. No need to bring a partner. Large, friendly dog in house. Host **Sonia White’s** phone just in case: 301.503.7906. Info/dirs: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312



NEED A SANTA FOR YOUR PARTY? Contact Dennis Cook at www.funsantadc.com

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SCANDINAVIAN DANCE WORKSHOP 1–5:30 PM
HOLIDAY PARTY • 7–10 PM
DECEMBER 17 • GREENBELT, MD

Scandia DC is sponsoring a special dance workshop with master teacher **Alix Cordray** from Norway. The featured dance will be Finnskogspols with live fiddle music by **Loretta Kelley**. After a dinner break, the Holiday Party will feature fiddle music by **Loretta** and **Göran Olsson**. No partners necessary. Workshop \$20/advance (www.scandiadc.org), \$25/door; party \$7. Bring dance shoes to change into. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. Info: 202.333.2826, linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org.

SCOTTISH

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • BETHESDA, MD
MONDAYS • 8–10 PM

NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). \$5. Call or e-mail 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., 22314. \$5. Info: lara.bainbridge@gmail.com or elanyi@cox.net

SWING/BLUES

SLOW BLUES AND SWING • GLEN ECHO, MD
THURSDAYS • 8:15–11:30 PM

Popular weekly Blues Dance in the “back room.” Come early as it is selling out. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9. DJ **Mike Marcotte** and guests play incredible blues from 9 to 11:30. \$8 for lesson and dance. Sprung sold - wood floor. Info: **Donna Barker** at 301.634.2231 or www.CapitalBlues.org

WALTZ AND TEA DANCE

HOT SOCIETY DANCE • GLEN ECHO, MD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 3–6 PM

The **Hot Society Orchestra of Washington** features music and dances from the '20s, '30s and '40s. Foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha-cha, rhumba, swing and more in the Spanish Ballroom. No partner or experience necessary. Tango lesson at 3. \$12. Info: **Dave Tucker**, 703.861.8218 or www.hotsociety.net

AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD
DECEMBER 4, 18 • 3–6 PM

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 to 6 in the Spanish Ballroom. \$10. Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org, or call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

December

4 *Avant Gardeners*

18 *Waltz du Jour* —in the Bumper Car Pavilion

ZYDECO/CAJUN

ZYDECO • CATONSVILLE, MD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 8 PM–12 MN

Dance party featuring **Dikki Du and the Zydeco Krewe**. The 60-minute Zydeco dance lesson begins at 8, with dancing from 9 to 12. \$18. 2021 Frederick Rd, 21228. Info: 410.935.6002 or www.WhereWeGoToZydeco.com

CAJUN/ZYDECO • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 3–6 PM

Zydeco dance party in the Spanish Ballroom featuring **Rosie Ledet and the Zydeco Playboys**. The 30-minute Zydeco dance lesson given by **Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro** begins at 3, with dancing from 3:30 to 6. \$20. Info: **Michael** at 301.762.6730 or www.DancingbytheBayou.com

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Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Listed by day of the week.
Sundays

ANNAPOLIS ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD **EVERY SUNDAY • 10 AM–12:30 PM**

Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com

SCOTTISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC JAM **WHEATON, MD** **1ST SUNDAYS • 4–6 PM**

Scottish traditional music jam, first Sundays, Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Ave., 20902. Musicians welcome. Info: dcscottishsession.blogspot.com or contact Peter Walker at boghadubh@gmail.com

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA **2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2 PM**

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association (CABOMA) holds jams the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Lyon Park Community Center, corner of N. Fillmore and Pershing, 22201. Info: Dave at 301.274.3441.

SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD **3RD SUNDAYS • 4–6 PM**

Singing is followed by a potluck supper. Contact Kent Beck at 301.774.3183 or kent.beck@ssfs.org to confirm. Location: Small schoolhouse behind Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, 20860, about 10 miles west of Laurel, MD.

Mondays

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, or Joan at 202.363.6197.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION VFW BLUEGRASS JAM **TAKOMA PARK, MD** **1ST & 3RD MONDAYS • 7–10 PM**

Free. Non-smoking. At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave. (corner of 4th Ave.), 20912, near New Hampshire and Eastern Aves. Info: VFW Post 350 at 301.270.8008 or Barb Diederich barb@barbdiederich.com

Tuesdays

FOLK CLUB OF RESTON/HERNDON • HERNDON, VA **EVERY TUESDAY • 7:30 PM**

Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., 20170. Open-mic format. 2nd Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase; monthly concerts usually 3rd Tuesday, price varies. Smoke-free environment. Info: www.restonherndon-folkclub.com, 703.435.2402.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD, **AND WASHINGTON, DC** **1ST AND 4TH TUESDAYS • 8–10 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 ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org

1st Tuesdays – Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Ave., Wheaton 20902

4th Tuesdays – Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St. NW, DC 20005

NEW

SACRED HARP SINGING • SE WASHINGTON, DC **3RD TUESDAYS • 7–9 PM**

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 20003. The church does not have weeknight parking, but some street parking is possible. It is less than a ten-minute walk from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metro stations. To find the singing space, go around the left/south side of the church and enter by a side door at street level. Info: 760.856.0961.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SINGS **BALTIMORE AND ANNAPOLIS, MD** **2ND & 3RD WEDNESDAYS • 8–10 PM**

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open-mike sea-chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org

2nd Wednesdays – Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street (Fell's Point), Baltimore 21231

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

ARLINGTON JAM! • ARLINGTON, VA

3RD WEDNESDAYS • 7–10:30 PM

Fiddles, guitars, all instruments welcome! Intermediate and advanced players interested in old-time, blues, Scandinavian, swing, and other styles. First Friday and third Wednesday at 1909 N. Ohio St. 22205. Info: **Lilli Vincenz**, 703.532.2731 or FiddlerLilli@verizon.net

CAJUN JAM • GREENBELT, MD

4TH WEDNESDAYS • 7–9 PM

Monthly open Cajun jam and dance. New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, 20770. More info: **301.474.5642** or www.newdealcafe.com. Check website to confirm.

Thursdays

IRISH TRADITIONAL/BLUEGRASS MUSIC SESSIONS

FREDERICK, MD

EVERY THURSDAY • 7 AND 8:30 PM

At Boe's Strings, 26 S. Market St., 21701. Info and tune list at www.BoesStrings.com or Boe at **301.662.0750**



FOLKSONG SING-IN • WHEATON, MD

3RD THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM

Join local musician **Brad Howard** every month for this new musical gathering. Everyone gets a chance to lead the room in song. Bring your favorite folk tunes, and even your instruments if you feel so inclined. At the very least, bring your voice and be prepared for a great evening of song and pub-styled fellowship. The Limerick Pub is at the corner of Elkin and Price (a few doors down from The Royal Mile Pub), 11301 Elkin Street, 20902 www.thelimerickpub.net

Fridays

ARLINGTON JAM! • ARLINGTON, VA

1ST FRIDAYS • 7–10:30 PM

See Wednesday listing.

GLEN ECHO OPEN BAND • GLEN ECHO, MD

2ND FRIDAYS • 8:30–11:30 PM

The fabulous Glen Echo Open Band plays for the second-Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability are welcome. Find recordings, tunebook names and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at www.openbandonline.com. The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac.

Info: www.fridaynightdance.org

Saturdays

ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES JAM

RIVERDALE, MD

SATURDAYS • 1–5 PM



Acoustic instruments, all skill levels and listeners welcome. 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737, across from the Riverdale MARC train station. Ample parking. Free, but donations welcome. Info/confirmation: **301.396.3054** or www.acousticblues.com

HAMMERED DULCIMER JAM • ANNANDALE, VA

DECEMBER 17 • 1:30–4:30 PM

Hammered dulcimer players meet monthly to swap tunes and play together; all levels welcome. The November jam is at the Dolley Madison Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, **703.356.0770**. Other acoustic instruments welcome. Info: **Ellie** at sites.google.com/site/nvhdplayers

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FSGW BOARD MEETINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 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.

Storytelling

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 9:30 AM–4 PM

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WINTRY TALES STORYSWAP • BELTSVILLE, MD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 2 PM

Local favorite **Bill Mayhew** will host this storytime featuring tellers from *Voices in the Glen*. Free. 4319 Sellman Rd, 20705. **301.937.0294**

ELIZABETH ELLIS HOUSE CONCERT CHEVY CHASE, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 2:30 PM

Hilarious, fascinating, one of the best tellers you will hear. For more about **Elizabeth**, see www.elizabethellis.com. \$12. Space is limited—to claim a place, contact **Ellouise1@juno.com**.

SPEAKEASYDC • NORTHWEST WASHINGTON, DC TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 8–10 PM

It's a night for stories about "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" or about "What Happens on the Way." Town Danceboutique, 2009 8th St., NW. Doors open at 6:30. \$15.

www.speakeasydc.com

Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

VIENNESE CHRISTMAS BALL • ARLINGTON, VA FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 7 PM

Hosted at the historic "Club of the Presidents," the Washington Golf and Country Club. Dance to your favorite waltzes by Lehar, Waldteufel, Tchaikovsky, and Strauss. Champagne reception; luscious Austrian dessert buffet and wines. Join in the famed Radetzky Grand March and dance the *Fledermaus Quadrille No. 6* as done at midnight at the grand balls in Vienna. Music by the celebrated salon orchestra, **Con Brio!** Opening ceremonies by the Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy. The Christmas Ball is the only one in the nation that features the same choreography and opening ceremonies of the traditional balls in Vienna. Organized by **Margaret Bocek**, **540.882.4808**. To register, go to www.viennesewaltz.org. Info: mbocek@verizon.net

BAMBLOOZLED BLUES WORKSHOPS & EXCHANGE SPANISH BALLROOM • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD FRIDAY–SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2–4

Capital Blues hosts a weekend of dances, workshops, and competitions at Glen Echo Park. The blues workshops will be multi-track for beginner, intermediate, and advanced dancers. Our visiting instructors include **Chris Harm** and **Brenda Russell**, **Josh Boroff** and **Devona Cartier**, and **Heidi Fite** and **Damon Stone**.

Workshops are Saturday, 11–6,
and Sunday, 11:15–5:45.

Blues/Swing Dances—December 2 (band TBD) and December 3 with **Seth Walker** playing. Both dances are from 8–12, in the Spanish Ballroom. Admission is \$15.

Blues Dance—December 4, **Glen Crytzer and His Syncopators** with special guest, **Solomon Douglas**. In the Back Room, 7:30–11:30, with a slow-blues lesson from 7:30–8:30. \$15. For more info: call **Donna Barker** at **301.634.2231**.

ANNUAL ST. NIKOLAUS AND KRAMPUS CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON NW WASHINGTON, DC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 2:30–4:30 PM

St. Nikolaus and his companion, **Krampus** will appear. **St. Nick** will tell his story and have a present and advent calendar for each child. Christmas stories, sing-along, Austrian treats for children and adults. Church of the Annunciation, 3810 Massachusetts Ave., 20016. Info: **Ulli** at ulliwiesner@cs.com, reservations at www.traxlers.org/events



**ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES BARBERSHOP
HOLIDAY PARTY AND OPEN HOUSE
RIVERDALE PARK, MD**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 1:30–5 PM

Mark the date for a great party with food, beverages and a silent auction.

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**TERPSICHORE'S HOLIDAY • ROANOKE, WV
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 – MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

A folk dance and music camp for ages 4 and up. Join us for 5 days and nights of dancing, singing, music-making, crafts, nature hikes, and 4-star accommodations. The camp typically features classes in contras, squares, waltz, longsword, morris, English country, and more. The program offers a full schedule for adults and teens. The children's program includes dance skills in a fun environment, plus art, nature walks, singing and more. Featured this year: **David Millstone, The Avant Gardeners, Steve Hickman, John Devine, DeLaura Padovan, Leslie Milbourne, Henry Chapin, Betsy Blachley, Laurie Madden, Joe Fallon, Gaye Fifer, Bill Wellington, Lorie Lichtenwalner** and more! For more info and to register, www.danceholiday.net

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Irish Music Lessons—Keith Carr (of the duo, *Lilt*) offers private Irish music lessons on bouzouki and tenor banjo in Falls Church, VA. Phone 703.969.6909, e-mail keithcarr@mac.com, \$50/hour



Yoga Instruction—in your home; Anna Rain is a certified Iyengar yoga instructor. Support your health goals with better alignment and energy. annarain4@gmail.com

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French-Canadian Folk Music CD by the Washington Revels with FSGW members—*Le temps des Fêtes*; A recording with **Riki Schneyer**, and **Stephen Winick**, produced by **Charlie Pilzer**, intro and description by **Stephen Winick**. For this and other treasures, check the Revels website; <http://www.revelsdc.org/canadiancd>.



Contradance Calendar—full-color 2012 calendar featuring photos taken by **Doug Plummer**, who shot *Love from Thin Air*, about our Chesapeake Dance Weekend, as well as a video of an FSGW dance in the Spanish Ballroom for YouTube. Through CDSS. \$20. <http://www.cdss.org/product-details/product/id-2012-contradance-calendar.html>

Fiddle-Tune Book—*Notes from my Mind* by Don Roy, a Franco-Maine fiddler, 170 tunes collected over 36 years, some never published before. New in September. \$30

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