Hooray! It’s time for the FSGW Mini-Fest—dancers and dumbeks, washboards and waltzing, tales and the tango, blues and ballads, morris and more! With two all-day dance tracks, and seven workshop and performance sites, plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, there’s no shadow of a doubt that it’ll cure your winter blues!!

Daytime Performance/Workshops.

Check fsgw.org for updates; as of December 16, the schedule is as follows (see grid on page 27):

In the Cafetorium, fabulous music programmed by Charlie Baum—Shenandoab Run at noon. Then at 1, The Chromatics, an a cappella group with a distinctive scientific bent, followed by the versatile Capitol Hillbillies and by Sarenica’s rousing tamburitza music. Kensington Station is next, with folk music of the 60s. And lastly, the Bumper Jacksons with traditional jazz and Appalachian hollers. (Food will also be available in the Cafetorium, from noon until 7:30 pm.)

The “Roots Americana” room, programmed by Emily Hilliard, opens with a Shape Note Singing, followed by a “Party at Ralph’s House” featuring Jeff Place, Smithsonian Folkways Archivist. At 2, ballads and traditional singing, and at 3 FSGW explores Foodways Traditions, a panel discussion of historic and current foods and traditions with folklorists and food producers. Also, discover what exciting new plans are developing at FSGW in the realm of food lore. End the day here with string-band music and an open jam. Bring an instrument, or just come and listen!

The Storytellers will provide a day of fables, fantasy and verbal fireworks around the theme “Light and Shadow.” We welcome back the the young storytellers, the Twinbrook Tellers—along with veterans Tim Livengood, Megan Hicks, Margaret Chatham, Gary Lloyd, Jennifer Hine, and Geraldine Buckley.

The Jams Room begins with a Gospel Sing followed by Morris Chorus leading us in a rollicking hour of vocal silliness. Then all hands on deck for sea chanteys led by the Maritime Voices, a Washington Revels group. That’s followed by a two-hour blues jam with musicians from Archie’s Barbershop and a raucous Irish Seisúin from 5-6.

Room 114 opens with a concert by Shane Speal, a songwriter whose guitar is an empty cigar box and a stick, followed by David Williams on a diddley bow. At 2:45, there will be a one-hour concert by The Primal Brothers: Jim Bunch, David Williams and Shane Speal, all experts on make-it-yourself instruments. At 3:45, get ready for a Washboard Extravaganza with Ron Goad (zany), Jess Eliot Myhre (ragtime/swing), and Wayne Kahn (zydeco), with banjo and guitar accompaniment by Chris Ousley. This track ends with The Rigatoni Brothers; Paul Oorts and friends will discuss and play Italian American music written by immigrants in the early 1900s.

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Room 118 begins with the Balkan women’s chorus, Slaveya, and a concert by Eva Primack. At 1:30 there will be a dumbek workshop, led by Sidqi, then a concert by Sudrabovats, a Latvian chorus (probably in a stairwell, where the acoustics are great). Next up, a close-harmony workshop by The Chromatics, the ever-popular doo-wop workshop led by Flawn Williams, (see why doo wop is truly folk on page 6) and then a blues-singing workshop, led by Donna Fletcher and Pete Kraemer. The viola and violin duo, Marcolivia, close the day.

Lisa Null has programmed a magnificent array of traditional song for Room 108, beginning with Lorraine Van Buren and her talented ten-year-old niece, Bea Lehman. Next are cowboy songs, performed by Andy Wallace, Bob Clayton, Pete Kraemer and Martha Burns, then an Irish “song swap” by the Friends of the Frank Harte Memorial Singers Circle. Chip Dixon, Phil Fox and Severn Savage sing roadhouse country and early rock n’ roll. George Stephens, Kathy Westra, Lisa Null and Van Mertz will harmonize on songs mostly from the Midwest and the East Coast, followed by Scales and Crosstones—three part harmonies on songs from the sea. Departing diva Judy Cook performs next, and the afternoon closes with the musical magic of Melissa Weaver Dunning, Eleanor Ellis, Linda Rice-Johnson, and Michelle Callaghan.

Daytime Dance.

Main Gym: Choose any or all: the Carpathia Folk Dance Ensemble, an English Ceilidh, led by Michael Barraclough, a tango workshop with the Tango Mercurio Orchestra, English Country Dance with local caller Dan Gillespie, and Scandinavian schottis taught by Lisa Brooks and Dan Kahn, to nyckelharpa music by Melissa Running. Ann Fallon will call an easy-does-it Barn Dance to music by AP & The Banty Roosters at 5 pm. From 6 to 7, an open waltz session.

Aux Gym: An hour of squares at noon, with caller Eva Murray. Then contras and squares all day long, with local callers Bob Hofkin, Perry Shafran, Dave Colestock, George Mercer, and Kim Forry. Local bands will include The MetroGnomes and The Torch Takers—a group of young musicians. If you’d like to play for an hour, there’s an open band from 5 to 6.

Hallways. Local Morris dancers and the Maritime Voices will perform sporadically throughout the day. The Morris dancers usually wear bells…(You can run, but you cannot hide.)

But wait, there’s more.... From 7:30 to 10:30, two simultaneous evening programs (and yes, you can bop back and forth and try them both): in the Main Gym, an exhilarating evening of contras and squares (and jokes), featuring Ted Hodapp calling to AP and The Banty Roosters.

And in the Cafetorium, an outstanding program of music and dance. Details are pending, but featured artists include the New Century American Irish Arts Company, and William Pint and Felicia Dale.

— April Blum, Mini-Fest Chair

If you’re not already a member, you’ll be able to sign up at the Festival, and save!

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**FSGW MIDWINTER FESTIVAL CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE.**

**Ticket Prices**

Day plus evening (noon to 10:30 pm)
- FSGW Adult Member $15 FSGW Child (6-12) $8
- FSGW Family Maximum $45
- Non-FSGW Adult $20 Non-FSGW Child (6-12) $10
- Non-FSGW Family Max $55

Day (noon to 6 ONLY)
- FSGW Adult Member $9 FSGW Child (6-12) $4
- FSGW Family Maximum $25
- Non-FSGW Adult $13 Non-FSGW Child (6-12) $5
- Non-FSGW Family Max $35

Check the website for further information. If you purchase Mini-Fest tickets through our website, you must complete the purchase by 11:59 pm on Friday, February 1, 2013.

http://www.fsgw.org

Print your receipt and bring it with you, although we will have a list of payments received.
Debra Cowan and John Roberts
Saturday, January 12
8 pm

FSGW presents in concert two internationally known folk singers, John Roberts and Debra Cowan, in a rare Washington, DC, performance.

John Roberts is one half of the popular duo Roberts and Barrand, whose Novell Sing We Clear holiday show is a perennial favorite of FSGW members. Since 1969, Roberts and Barrand have recorded 15 highly influential albums and have also been featured on many folk music anthologies. John has also continued to work as a solo performer. Accompanying himself on concertina and banjo, he sings the traditional folksongs of his native Britain in an authentic and highly engaging way. His solo CD of sea songs, Sea Fever, was released in 2007 to critical acclaim.

Debra Cowan possesses a golden voice that brings singers such as Joan Baez and Judy Collins to mind. Though she is originally from Los Angeles, Debra now lives in Massachusetts and tours regularly throughout the U.S. and the British Isles. She sings traditional songs from Britain and Appalachia and also contemporary songs. She’s performed in many prestigious UK venues and is featured regularly at folk festivals in the US, UK and Israel. Debra has released four CDs, which are available for purchase at her web site, www.debracowan.com. She has performed for FSGW members once before in a concert devoted to the work of ballad collector Helen Hartness Flanders.

Even though a John Roberts and Debra Cowan evening will certainly include many traditional songs, there will be contemporary songs as well. Be prepared to join in and sing along!

At the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., NW, Washington DC 20012.
Free to members, $20 to the public.

FSGW’s Publicity Chair, Liz Milner, interviewed Debra, and what follows is an excerpt from a richly detailed profile. To read the entire article, including Debra’s perceptions of American and British audiences, and the ups and downs of being a traveling folksinger, go to fsgw.org, and click on “Debra Cowan” on the home page.

The Road Goes Ever On: A Profile of Debra Cowan
By Liz Milner

Debra Cowan’s rich alto voice practically bubbles with enthusiasm when she’s asked what it’s like to be singing partner to a folk legend like John Roberts. “We’re having a good time,” she says. “We know each other’s repertoire, but John surprises me at every gig by pulling out a song I’ve never heard before.” She expects lots of pleasant surprises at the duo’s performance at FSGW because the format of the evening will be that of a festival song swap. Her advice to FSGW members who are planning to attend is, “Be prepared to sing!”

Debra has performed for FSGW only once before. Her 2005 concert for FSGW with Michael DeLalla was the direct result of inspired networking by FSGW member Nancy-Jean Ballard Siegel.

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As some may remember, Nancy-Jean did an extensive research project on the ballad collection of her grandmother, Helen Hartness Flanders, at the Library of Congress. [http://www.nyfolklore.org/pubs/voic29-3-4/flanders.html](http://www.nyfolklore.org/pubs/voic29-3-4/flanders.html) The Flanders Ballad Collection is the largest archive of folk music and folklore from the northeastern United States. Nancy-Jean had a hunch that Debra would love the Flanders Collection and suggested that she take a look at it. Nancy-Jean's hunch paid off, for in 2005, Debra released a CD of music from the Flanders Collection entitled *Dad's Dinner Pail*, and also presented a concert of the Flanders Collection material to the members of FSGW.

Now, like a proper folk heroine — after seven years of journeying — Debra will be returning to the Washington Ethical Society on January 12.

Debra was born in Los Angeles and spent her early childhood there. At age 5 she discovered her musical heroine when she saw the film, *Mary Poppins*. “I loved Julie Andrews…I loved the singing, I loved the music and the very Englishness of that movie.”

Julie Andrews’ crystal clear enunciation and purity of pitch cast a spell over young Debra. Anyone listening to Debra today can hear how her childhood obsession with Julie Andrews was carried over. They share a warm, clear, sparkling delivery that immediately engages an audience.

At age 9 or 10, Debra began listening to Judy Collins and Joan Baez, but it wasn’t until Debra’s family moved to Chicago in 1969 that Debra says she truly “discovered folk music, mostly the singer-songwriters.” By the age of 15, she had heard the cream of the Chicago folk scene. Chicago was also where she first heard English folk-rock singers such as Maddy Prior, Jacqui McShee, and Sandy Denny, who became powerful influences on her musical development.

In the 1970s, Debra returned to Northern California and became a school teacher who played part-time in bars in Redding and Chico. Her “Road to Damascus” moment, when she decided to be a folk singer, came when she was 39 years old. She recalls, “I started the teaching year and though I enjoyed teaching, it felt flat; the excitement was gone. I’ve always wanted to sing…. With the help of a wonderful counselor and therapist, I was able to make the transition from full-time teacher to my dream job, full-time folk singer.”

Debra traveled to Scotland and immersed herself in Scottish music. She became the resident singer at Sandy Bell’s Bar, Scotland’s most famous folk-music pub, following in the footsteps of Scottish greats such as Dick Gaughan and Aly Bain. In 1998, she came back to the US to live on the east coast and quickly established herself as an intercontinental folksinger. She toured the US and UK and was a formal showcase artist at the Folk Alliance Conferences.

Debra, who is Vice President and a proud member of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) Local 1000, the Traveling Musicians’ Union, has spent the last 15 years as a traveling DIY musician. “DIY” because she does everything herself — she is her own booker, publicist, web master and shipping clerk. Traveling, she says, is a two-edged sword: “I love to travel, I love to see different places and I meet amazing, wonderful people when I travel but I also love being home. I have a wonderfully supportive husband who is a million percent behind me, so being home is something I cherish.”
Delta Blues Picker

“Poor Howard” Stith
Makes FSGW Debut

Friday, January 25 • 8 pm

“Poor Howard” Stith, who gets his blues moniker from the Lead Belly song (or, perhaps, from listeners who respond to his puns with: “That’s poor, Howard!”), has been performing barrelhouse blues for more than 30 years. He brings his dazzling 12-string guitar, heartfelt voice, and seemingly endless supply of anecdotes, puns and shaggy-dog stories to his first-ever concert for FSGW.

Born in Kansas City, and raised on a farm in Iowa, Howard emerged on the Minneapolis folk/blues scene in the late 1960s. His 12-string guitar style proved that Delta blues could be found at both ends of the Mississippi.

Over the years, Poor Howard has performed across the U.S., Europe and Japan, entertaining audiences in coffeehouses, bars and at festivals. He has shared the stage with such notable blues performers as John Jackson, Archie Edwards and Peg Leg Sam.

Poor Howard’s blues style is drawn from the tradition of Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly) and Blind Willy McTell, incorporating a powerful bass line along with flashy finger-picking. His passion and reverence for the country blues of the 1920s and ’30s is infectious, and he instills a new interest in this roots music wherever he performs.

Suggested donation for the concert is $15, with all proceeds going to the performer. The concert will be held at the home of FSGW members Maribeth Oakes and Bob Bingaman at 7502 Holly Ave. in Takoma Park, MD. It’s an easy walk from the Takoma Metro (on the Red Line), or you can find plenty of free parking in the Takoma Park Elementary School lot just across the street from Maribeth & Bob’s driveway. For more information and reservations (not required, but definitely helpful!), please contact Kathy Westra at 301-754-0711.

But wait! There’s more!

Special Workshop:

“A Walk through the Delta with Howard Stith”

Saturday, January 26, 10 am to Noon • Riverdale, MD

The Archie Edwards Blues Barbershop will host “A Walk Through the Delta with Howard Stith,” a special workshop on Saturday, January 26. Howard will compare the guitar styles of Mississippi and Louisiana bluesmen, such as Son House and Leadbelly, through a mix of songs on 6- and 12-string guitars. The workshop is a great chance for blues aficionados to delve into guitar styles, primarily the thumb styles of the guitarists, with some emphasis on bottleneck blues. Cost is $15. To reserve a place, email info@acousticblues.com. Archie Edwards’s Blues Barbershop is located at 4701 Queensbury Rd., Riverdale, MD 20737. Information: www.acousticblues.com or 301-396-3054.
Could This Be Magic?
Doo Wop Music — Truly Folk

It’s the early 1940s, a steamy hot Friday night in New York, Pittsburgh, Philly…or Chicago or another urban setting, most likely in the eastern part of the United States. You might have been there yourself, or if not, you’ve watched the scene play out in a movie or TV show. We all know it…under the street lamps, cityfolk come together to blend their voices in passionate harmonies. Unable to afford instruments for the most part, the singers, with verve and gusto, duplicate the full range of tones of any instrument. From the lowest bass to highest falsetto they sing, a cappella, with all their heart and soul, rhythms and melodies they improvise and learn from each other.

FSGW’s most recent group sing is a doo wop sing. And since its inception, some people have asked….is doo wop folk?  For the answer, we turned to Flawn Williams, a highly-respected professor of music at Georgetown University. He says:

“A lot of what we know as doo wop songs came to us from records and radio from the late 1940s on. The same can be said about much of country, bluegrass, old time Appalachian, and folk singing from the 1960s revival to the present.

“But like those other genres, at its core this music is about folks singing together, often without instruments, sometimes on street corners or front porches, sometimes in recording studios or clubs and concerts. When I have led doo wop sings at FSGW’s Mid-Winter Festivals and fall Getaways, and at Vocal Week jams at the Augusta Heritage Center, singers show up in droves and leave with smiles on their faces.

“Doo wop’s cultural lineage includes ‘race music,’ gospel quartets, rhythm and blues, swing jazz, Tin Pan Alley, and plenty of other influences more readily recognized as ‘traditional.’ The name ‘doo wop’ itself is onomatopoeia for the percussive syllables that make up a lot of the ‘non-lexical vocables’ of a lot of the songs. Look to Highland Scots mouth music, jazz scat vocalizing, Native American singing, Appalachian ‘eefing,’ and other traditions for vocal styles that are similarly not linguistic — but are fun to sing!

“And for many people who didn’t grow up with a direct line of descent from traditional rural or ethnic musical cultures, ‘their music’ is what they shared with friends and family via records, radio, etc. It inspired them to sing. It became their folk music. And a lot of it persisted…not in commercially successful terms after the first couple of decades, but because people remembered the songs and sang them.

“Anyone who paid a visit to the Hirschhorn Museum gardens this past spring for the ‘Song 1’ audio-visual installation could hear people standing around, watching the projections and harmonizing with the soundtrack of I Only Have Eyes For You. Introduced in 1934 by Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler in the film Dames, this Harry Warren / Al Dubin song has been recorded countless times in many styles, but perhaps the best known is the fast-accented-over-languid-lead doo wop treatment it got from The Flamingos in 1959. That was more than 50 years ago…but this spring folks were standing around on the Mall singing along till midnight every night. In my book, that counts as folk music.”

Meet Flawn at the Doo Wop Workshop at the Mid-Winter Festival on February 2. (Details in the cover story). Many thanks to him, Ron Davies and Dave Nelson for bringing doo wop into this Folk Society, and for running the quarterly sings. Join us for the next sing on Saturday, January 26, at Ron’s home in Takoma Park, MD. A potluck kicks off a fun evening of singing. Info/RSVP: denelson22@gmail.com or 240.506.6569.
FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Kensington, MD
Friday, January 4 • 8:30 pm
Freight train, freight train, goin’ so fast…the theme of the January Open Sing will be “Adventures and Misadventures.” Oh, and don’t forget the ultimate…the adventures of the heart. Nancy King will host, so please contact her at NLKing2@verizon.net for info and directions.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Arlington, VA
Sunday, January 13 • 4–8 pm
Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered-dish supper at 6 pm with more singing after supper. This month's Sing will be at the home of Debbie Churchman. Info/directions: 540.467.3455.

FSGW Storyswap • NW Washington, DC
Saturday, January 12 • 7:30 pm
Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Starr Kopper for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Snacks to share are welcome. Free. For RSVPs and directions call 202.244.5559.

Sacred Harp Singing • Alexandria, VA
Tuesday, January 1 • 12–5 pm
Join us for a New Year’s Day singing at a new time and place. Starting at 12 noon, singers from around the region will join in unaccompanied four-part hymns, spirituals, and fugues from the 1991 edition of the original Sacred Harp and 1958 Christian Harmony (loaner books available). There will be four hours of singing with a break for a potluck feast. First Christian Church, 2723 King St. Info: Mary Ann Daly at 301.229.8534.

Fourth-Sunday Sacred Harp Singing
Alexandria, VA
Sunday, January 27 • 4–8 pm
Monthly on the fourth Sunday, singers enjoy the unaccompanied harmonies of the old-time shape-note hymns and fugues in the 1991 edition of the original Sacred Harp and 1958 Christian Harmony (loaner books available), with a potluck supper break from 6-7 pm. All are welcome. First Christian Church, 2723 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

Doo Wop Sing • Takoma Park, MD
January 26 • 5:30 pm
Do you like harmonies? Join us for our quarterly Doo Wop Sing! (January, April, July and October). We will sing those great songs from the 1950s and 1960s (e.g., Blue Moon, You’re Sixteen, My Boyfriend’s Back) that emphasize four-part harmonies. We’ll start with a potluck dinner followed by a fun evening of singing at the home of Ron Davies. Info/RSVP: denelson22@gmail.com or 240.506.6569.

Also, come harmonize with others at the MidWinter Festival on February 2. See cover page. From 3:45-4:30 Flawn Williams, a music professor at Georgetown University, will be there to lead another one of his popular doo wop workshops. (Room 118). Shoo-doop, shoo-bee-do!

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 dancing planet@erols.com

Annual Chocolate Party
Thursday, January 3
Same location and contact info applies.

WANTED - short-term housing starting February. Greenbelt area preferred. gdeamici@yahoo.com 310.376.6173

LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students: basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles. Downtown Silver Spring. FREE mutual interview! enul@starpower.net or 301.587.2286
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.

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2 Liz Donaldson calls to the music of Edith Coakley (fiddle), Anna Rain (recorders), and Melissa Running (piano).

9 Michael Barraclough leads the dances while Adam Bern (fiddle), David Knight (fiddle), and Liz Donaldson (piano) play the tunes.

16 Anna Rain calls while Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), David Giusti (recorders), and Melissa Running (piano) play the music.

23 Tom Spilsbury teaches the dancing to the music of Colleen Reed (flute), Ralph Gordon (cello), and Liz Donaldson (piano).

30 Rich Galloway calls to the playing of Becky Ross (fiddle), Barbara Heitz (flute), and Francine Krasowska (piano).

New Year’s Day Square Dance

Tuesday, January 1 • 2–5 pm

The Hot Square Babe Quartet (Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Susan Taylor, and Janine Smith) call to the musical revelry of Joe and Graham deZarn and Friends. At Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Terrace, Hyattsville, MD 20783. Potluck follows the dance. Info: 301.926.9142. Suggested donation $10 to pay the musicians.
FSGW Sunday Night Dances
at Glen Echo Park, MD
Contras & Squares • 7:30–10:30 pm
Introductory lesson every Sunday, 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.** Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. During the spring and summer, most Sunday dances are in the Bumper Car Pavilion, then move into the 1920s restored Spanish Ballroom in the fall and winter. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress 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 7–22 (with student ID if over 17) $12 for the general public.

**January**

6 Warm up to David Kaynor and the **Sligo Creek Stompers!** It’s been a long time since David’s called at Glen Echo, so come out and give him a hometown welcome! Joining him are the fiery **Sligo Creek Stompers:** Sara Foard (fiddle), Adrian Erlinger (bass, guitar and more), Jess Eliot Myhre (vocals, clarinet, washboard and much more), Chris Ousley (banjos, guitar, uke and more).

13 Feel the heat with **Party of Three,** Ed Pearlman on fiddle, Neil Pearlman on piano and mandolin and Joe DePaolo on drums and percussion. The trio blend high-energy, innovative Irish and Scottish with traditional contra tunes. **Peter Stix** comes to ignite the night.

20 Catapult Showcase find **Michael Hamilton** makes his inaugural visit to Glen Echo. He calls to **Ricochet.** Burn up the wood to rollicking French-Canadian and New England melodies, catchy rags, waltzes and original tunes. **Walter Hojka** on fiddle, **Rya Martin** on piano; they flame!

27 Mellifluous **Michael Barraclough** calls to **Terpsichore.** The mercury rises when Scottish fiddle champion **Elke Baker** and versatile musical darlings **Liz Donaldson** (piano and accordion) and **Ralph Gordon** (bass), take the stage. Hot, hot, hot!

**RIDE-SHARING AT THE SUNDAY NIGHT CONTRA DANCE**

Need a ride from Glen Echo to the Metro Station or to points beyond? Hoping to hitch a ride to the next Sunday Night Dance? The FSGW ride-sharing program, pairing needy dancers with benevolent drivers, is up and running. For help, see the Dance Chair or the ticket salespeople before the dance or at the break.
The Great American Square Dance Revival—Part XVI
Saturday, January 12 • 8:30–11:30 pm

Come see what all the buzzzzz is about right in the heart of DC on a swingin’ Saturday night. All welcome! From Vermont, Jennifer Stickler calls to the The New Apocalypsonians. St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 1525 Newton St, NW, Washington DC, near the Columbia Heights Metro, $5 at the door. fsgw.org, or www.desquaredance.com

Family Dance
Sunday, January 13 • 3–5 pm

Come, join us in the New Year at Glen Echo Town Hall. Peter Stix and Party of Three will set your feet and family into motion. Lilly Pearlman (fiddle), Neil Pearlman (piano, mandolin), and Joe De Paolo (drums, percussion). A dance for all ages, from four to 104. 6106 Harvard Ave., upstairs from the Glen Echo Post Office. $5 per person.

Celebrating 31 Dancing Years!

Chesapeake Dance Weekend
April 12–14
At Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD

Join us for another epic dance experience with Lisa Greenleaf with the Latter Day Lizards, Kathy Anderson with Sugar Pie and more Outstanding Talent!
Substantial youth discounts and work scholarships available.
Visit www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org for ALL the juicy details and to register online.

FSGW BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

The annual election process begins soon, and we will have vacancies on the Board. Each one-year term begins July 1; a member can be elected for no more than five terms. Do you like to organize things? Are you a self-starter who works well with a team and can juggle details? Do you know folk music and dance and enjoy expanding its reach in the greater Washington area? Can you spare several hours each month for a Board meeting (currently the first Tuesday monthly), discussion, communication, attending events (events that you would probably attend anyway), occasional committee meetings, trips to the store, pre- or post-event work, distributing flyers, writing. There are e-mails and phone calls, social media to manage, reports, and the satisfaction of a well-attended concert or a full dance floor in Glen Echo.

With a minimum of paid support, the Board manages, budgets and operates this all-volunteer 501(c)3 organization, and consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Program (concerts) Chair, Dance Chair, Publicity Chair, Publications Chair and three Members at Large.

Find nominating procedures, roles of the Board and Board members in the by-laws, on our website, fsgw.org, beneath the calendar, under the “Current Articles” section. That’s where we will post names of the Election Committee, too. If you or a member you know would consider running for a Board position, contact a member of that Committee. Come around at events and say hello, lend a hand, and find out more about your Folklore Society. And yes, it’s okay for more than one person to run for any position, more than three for “At Large.” Think about it.
**FSGW Board Meeting Highlights**  
**December 4, 2012**

Present: President Mary Cliff, Vice President Sue McIver, Secretary Sandy Aubin, Dance Chair Penelope Weinberger, Publicity Chair Liz Milner, Publications Chair Roxanne Watts, and At-Large members Janie Meneely and Peter Maier.

Absent: Membership Chair RosieLee Salinas, Program/concerts Chair Betsy Platt, At-Large Member Leslie Root, Treasurer Richard Aigen and Past Treasurer Jerry Stein.

- **Dance Report**—Penelope reported the ContraStock, 2013 date is September 22.
- Discussion continued on how to deal with a particular dancer’s behavior at the Sunday night dance, finalizing FSGW policy regarding behavior at dances, suspension and re-instatement of members. We have yet to finalize FSGW policy regarding behavior at dances and concerts. Penelope would like to see further policy on suspension and re-instatement of members; the By-Laws contain basic language.
- **Membership** report sent: membership is down slightly this month under last year.
- No **Program** report. Mary recalled that 82 people attended the Ed Miller concert and about 20 the workshop the following day.
- **Publications**—Roxanne continues to plan a FSGW 50th Anniversary Cookbook, featuring recipes and stories related to the Society. A motion passed to approve the cookbook project. The December newsletter has a new Marketplace feature, which already generated two new memberships.
- Liz reported she is working on **Publicity** for December and January programs. The “Twinkie” image she constructed on our Facebook page went viral. That page counts 690 members in the group but has recorded over 193,000 visits.

- **Sandy** asked each chair to enhance the copy on the section of the website pertaining to their responsibilities. We might need to hire an administrator, as Dennis Cook is leaving the area.

**Old Business**

- The Library of Congress will update the agreement between them and FSGW to reflect their return of some tapes due to mold, which they do not archive. Archivist Pat McGee wants FSGW to decide ASAP what restrictions we will put on volunteer tape loggers: must they be FSGW members? What must they sign?
- Board members should consider if they will run for another turn, also make suggestions for nominees. We still need some job descriptions updated. Suggestions for Elections Committee Chair?

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**FSGW Board Meetings**  
**Tuesday, January 8 • 8 pm**

The monthly FSGW board meetings will be held in Classroom 201 Arcade Blvd 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.
In For Life:

**A Profile of Lifetime Member Steve Winick**

FSGW has many members with wide-ranging interests and talents, but few can exceed Steve Winick. Steve is truly a renaissance man with the wardrobe to prove it! Not only is he a respected folklore scholar, writer and musician, but he also is a medieval and renaissance reenactor, an expert on Tarot card reading, and a commentator for the Huffington Post.

Steve is a member of some of our area’s best-loved folk groups including *Jennifer Cutting’s Ocean Orchestra* and the *Ship’s Company Chanteymen*. He had a leading role in the 2008 Washington Revels and has appeared at many local festivals and music venues. He has a PhD in Folklore from the University of Pennsylvania and is editor of Folklife Center News, the magazine of the Library of Congress’ American Folklife Center. Steve’s web site, [www.stevewinick.com](http://www.stevewinick.com), is a garden of delights which highlights his infinite variety of interests and experience.

Steve’s passion for folk music began in childhood. Because his father was a consulting pediatric physician for UNICEF, Steve was able to attend New York City’s United Nations International School from kindergarten through high school. Beginning in the third grade, students at the school were taught French, and French folk songs were part of the curriculum.

After getting that “jumpstart” on multiculturalism, Steve gradually developed an affinity for folk music. He became bored with punk in high school and started listening to bands that were doing a crossover between folk and pop styles, such as the Pogues and Billy Bragg. “I was methodical about it;” he recalls, “I bought a couple of issues of *Folk Roots* and *Dirty Linen* magazines and discovered the 1986 *Folk Roots* Readers’ Poll, which listed both the year’s best and the all-time best folk recordings.” Budding scholar that he was, Steve listened through the entire readers’ poll list and got hooked.

Steve’s interest in folk music was deepened by his studies in Medieval English Literature, Linguistics and Anthropology as an undergraduate at Columbia University in New York City. He became a volunteer disc jockey at the university’s radio station, WKCR-FM, where he did a Celtic music show for three years. During that time, he interviewed the finest musicians on the Celtic scene such as Mick Moloney, Pat Kilbride, Tony Cuffe and Andy M. Stewart.

During that same period, Steve wrote the articles and reviews for *Dirty Linen, the Magazine of Folk and World Music*, that made him nationally known as a folk music expert. Steve was a regular *Dirty Linen* contributor from 1989 until the magazine folded in 2010.

After college, Steve became very serious about folklore and went to the University of Pennsylvania where he obtained a PhD in Folklore. Even before Steve moved to Washington to work at the Library of Congress, he had made friends with many FSGW members. “They’re lovely people obviously and after a few years of living here, I started to think it was the time to do a life membership. It seemed very logical.”

Membership in FSGW has many advantages. Steve says that FSGW keeps him informed about folk events in the region and in the world as well. He values FSGW’s high-quality concerts and events. He adds that being part of a community and supporting it in a tangible way is a very good thing.

When asked what FSGW could do to make life membership more attractive to its members, Steve said that he would like to meet his fellow lifers. He has no idea of who they are. He’d like to attend some kind of lifer event or mixer where lifers would meet each other and possibly come up with ideas to make FSGW and the local folk scene even better.

Steve has advice to those who are considering becoming lifetime members. “I chose to be a lifetime member because it was a way to support the organization from the outset and I’d never have to worry about remembering to renew. I figured that I wanted to remain here but if I didn’t, the outcome would be that I’d left some of my money to FSGW and there are many worse things in the world than that!”

*By Liz Milner*
Concerts

Jennifer Cutting’s OCEAN Orchestra and the Washington Revels • Alexandria, VA
Thursday, January 3 • 7:30 pm
“The 12 Days of Solstice” —Usher in the New Year in true British style with traditional tunes, soaring songs, a mad mummer’s play and lots of audience participation! Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., 22305. $25 at the box office or Ticket Master at 800.745.3000, or birchmere.com.

Fiddle Summit Concert Shepherdstown, WV
Friday, January 4 • 8 pm
A showcase concert with Kimberly Fraser, 1995 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion; Oisin Mac Diarmada, Sligo fiddler with sweet tone and elegant phrasing; David Kaynor, one of the finest proponents of New England dance fiddle; West Virginia-based old-time fiddler and founding member of the Critton Hollow String Band, Joe Herrman. The band Cabaret Sauvignon finishes off the show with Andrea Hoag’s fine fiddling, Karen Ashbrook on hammered dulcimer and flute, Paul Oorts on mandolin, guitar, accordion and more, and piano wizard Dave Wiesler. $18 adults, $15 seniors, $12 SMD members, $8 students, Free to Shepherd Students with Rambler ID. Info: Joanie at 304.263.2531 or e-mail updf@earthlink.net.

Chester River Runoff • Galesville, MD
Saturday, January 5 • 8–10 pm
Listen as the boys from Chestertown, Md., kick back with some lively bluegrass. Fiddler Nate Grower will be on deck for this show (he plays with Dave Bromberg in his off hours). Wine and beer for sale. $15 advance/$20 door. Info: Janie Meneely at 443.786.0463 or amaritime.org. Annapolis Maritime Museum, 237 Second St., 21403

House Concert • Herndon, VA
Friday, January 11 • 8 pm
Tom Bodine and Scott Malyszka. Two acoustic singer/songwriters share the stage; two CD releases. Passionate instrumentalists, poetic lyrics. $10 suggested donation. Contact Harny and Fang for reservations at 703.786.8894, or e-mail houseconcertsva@gmail.com.

Carroll Café at Seekers Church • Takoma, DC
Friday, January 11 • 7:30 pm
Eric Byrd and Ian Walters present an evening of blues piano; vintage and contemporary, American standards, early rock and more. 276 Carroll St. NW at Takoma Metro. Info: Jesse Palidofsky 301.562.4147 or 202.829.9882 night of show only. www.carrollcafe.org. $15

A Fiddler’s Feast: Fraser, Haas, Ungar, Mason and Powell
Strathmore, Bethesda, MD
Friday, January 11 • 8 pm
American roots music chronicled through the artistry of five acclaimed performers. Fiddler Alasdair Fraser and cellist Natalie Haas who are “a positive joy” (The Scotsman), genre-bending Dirk Powell, and fiddlers Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, known for their performances on Ken Burns’ The Civil War as well as A Prairie Home Companion. $18-$42, www.strathmore.org or 301.581.5100. Groups save! Call 301.581.5199.

Pyrates Royale Concert • Annapolis, MD
Saturday, January 12 • 7–9 pm
The Pyrates Royale come out of their winter hideout for this fun-filled evening of maritime music and mayhem. Come in your best piratical attire. Wine and beer for sale. $15 museum members/$20 advance/$25 door. Info: Janie Meneely at 443.786.0463 or amaritime.org. Annapolis Maritime Museum, 237 Second St., 21403

Magpie House Concert • Takoma Park, MD
Sunday, January 13 • 4 pm
Enjoy the golden voices of favorite songsters, Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner, in the cozy warmth of an historic Takoma Park home. $18 in advance, $20 at the door. Info: Alison Baker, 301.588.4208 or alisonbaker1225@gmail.com

Starry Mountain Singers & Orfeia
Baltimore, MD
Friday, January 18 • 8 pm
9-person a cappella group sings wide range of traditional songs from U.S., and Eastern Europe. All-woman Balkan ensemble, Orfeia, opens. Features the director, Tatiana Sarbinska. $15/10. 3134 Eastern Ave., 21224. Creative Alliance at the Patterson” Info: info@creativealliance.org, 410.276.1651, or www.orfeia.org
## January 2013

### Sunday
- **10 am** Annapolis Jam
- **2:30 pm** Wheaton Scottish Jam
- **2:45 pm** Glen Echo Waltz
- **7:30 pm** FSGW Contra Dance
  - **Davy Kaynor calls**
  - **Sligo Creek Stompers**

### Monday
- **7:30 pm** DC Bluegrass Jam
  - **7:30 pm** Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance
    - **8 pm** Baltimore English Country Dance
    - **8 pm** Bethesda Scottish Country Dance
    - **8 pm** Balkan Singing

### Tuesday
- **12 pm** FSGW Sacred Harp Singing
- **1 pm** FSGW Square Dance
- **7 pm** Chevy Chase Israeli Dance
  - **7:15 pm** Reston/Herndon Folk Club
    - **8 pm** Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance
    - **8 pm** Sea Chanteys / Wheaton
- **8 pm** FSGW English Country Dance
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### Wednesday
- **7:30 pm** IMT-9 Songwriters Series
- **8 pm** FSGW English Country Dance
  - **8 pm** Baltimore Contra Dance
  - **8 pm** Alexandria Scottish Country Dance
  - **8 pm** Columbia Int'l Folk Dance

### Thursday
- **7:30 pm** FSGW Gospel Sing
  - **8 pm** Annapolis Jam
  - **8 pm** FSGW Board Meeting

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### News

- **7 pm** Fredrick
- **7:30 pm** Jenn Birch
- **7:30 pm** Glen Echo
- **7:30 pm** Chevy Arl.
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- **8:15 pm** Glen Echo

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### Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, February 26th**
  - **8 pm** FSGW Sacred Harp Singing
  - **8 pm** FSGW Square Dance
  - **7 pm** Chevy Chase Israeli Dance
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### Ordinances

- **Sunday, January 13th**
  - **2:30 pm** ECD 4 Fun-Glen Echo
  - **2:45 pm** Glen Echo Waltz
  - **4 pm** Sandy Spring
  - **4 pm** Maggie House Concert
  - **7:30 pm** FSGW Contra Dance
    - **Michael Hamilton calls**
    - **Ridgeway**

### Inaugural Day

- **2:30 pm** MT Concert-April Verch Band
  - **7 pm** Chevy Chase Israeli Dance
    - **7:15 pm** Reston/Herndon Folk Club
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### Special Events

- **Inaugural Day**
  - **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
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### Yearly Events

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    - **Michael Barracough calls to Terre Haute**

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**Advance Notice**

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**FSGW Annual Mini Fest**

**April 6 & 7, 2013**

**24th Annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention**

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**FSGW 50th Anniversary**

**All of 2014!**
Carpe Diem Community Sing • Silver Spring, MD
Monday, January 21 • 7–9 pm
With Lea and friends at the historic B&O Train Station, 8100 Georgia Ave., Open Mic from 8:30–9. Bring songs & poems to share on the theme of Liberty, Peace and Justice. Requested donation: $5–$10

Danny Knicely’s Winter Concert
Purcellville, VA
Friday, January 25 • 8 pm
Prior to his February 9th program for FSGW, Danny is producing his usually-sold-out “Big Winter Concert” for the 7th season. This year’s concert will be an extravaganza of old-time fiddlin’, pickin’, singin’, and dancin’ and will feature Danny, Nate Leath, Aaron and Matthew Owell, Dan Rublee and Aimee Curl. You can normally buy some tickets at the door if you get there early. www.franklinparkartscenter.org. 540.338.7973. $20.

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

January
3 Ocean Orchestra + Washington Revels Singers—The 12 Days of Solstice, $25
11 & 12 Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, bluegrass, $39.50
16 Banjo Summit—an assemblage of virtuosos, [rescheduled from October 30], $45
19 Cheryl Wheeler + John Gorka, singer/songwriters, $35
21 Iris Dement, $39.50
25 Steep Canyon Rangers + guest Shannon Whitworth, bluegrass, $29.50
30 Robert Earl Keen, Texas music [standing show in Flex Stage], $39.50

The Barns at Wolf Trap
1635 Trap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182, www.wolftrap.org

January
5 Ari Hest, folk rock, $20, 7:30 pm
10 BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, general admission dance, $27, 8 pm
23 Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys, $40, 8 pm
24 Livingston Taylor + Chelsea Berry opens, folk pop, $25, 8 pm
26 Tom Chapin, singer/songwriter $22, 7:30 pm
31 David Wilcox, singer/songwriter, $25, 8 pm

The Hamilton • NW Washington, DC
600 14th St. (14th & F), 20005; Gospel Brunch each Sunday at 10 am and 12:30 pm, $30. www.thehamiltondc.com

Concert Series

Sundays
Focus Alexandria • Alexandria, VA
January 20—Peter Mayer, plus the Copper Ponies. 2280 N. Beauregard St., 22311. Concert $18/$15. 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, or call 301.960.3655.

January
14 April Verch Band—a footstompin’ fiddling trio from Canada. $18 advance, $22 door; students with ID: $14/18.

Tuesdays
Focus Rockville • Rockville, MD
Tuesdays • 8 pm
January 22—Beth Wood plus Jesse Terry. Our home is at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville. Concerts are usually the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. 100 Welsh Park Dr., 20850. Admission $18/15, www.focusmusic.org, 301.275.7459

Folk Club of Reston/Herndon • Herndon, VA
Tuesday, January 15 • 7:15 pm
The Honey Dewdrops Check the website for details at www.reston-herndonfolkclub.com

Tickets: DAHurdSr@cs.com; $11 members, $12 non-members; Amphora Diner Deluxe, Doors open at 6. 1151 Elden St, Herndon, VA.
January

18 Pierce & Grace Pettis — father–daughter songwriters in harmony; $21

25 Taarka — blends East and West, an acoustic super-quartet

Common Ground on the Hill • Baltimore, MD
Fridays • 8 PM

Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church, 6200 North Charles St., 21212. Admission $19, $17 students, seniors 65+ and teens. 410.857.2771, or www.commongroundonthehill.org

January

4 Margo Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys

February

1 Joyce Scott

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

333 Coffeehouse • Annapolis, MD
Friday, January 18 • 8 PM

Small Potatoes. Note: This Coffeehouse has become a function of the Annapolis Traditional Dance Society, con-tradancers.com/atds. The Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, off Bestgate Ave. Acoustic music. Dessert and coffee available in this smoke and alcohol-free environment. Doors open at 7:30. $10, $8 for seniors/students. Info: 443.333.9613 or www.fsgw.org/333

Saturdays

Focus Mount Vernon • Alexandria, VA
Saturdays • 7 PM

No concert currently scheduled for January. Typically held at St Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., 22308. 703.380.3151 Venue host: Herb Cooper-Levy $15 advance, $18 door. www.focusmusic.org

Common Ground on the Hill • Westminster, MD

Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main St., 21157. $19/17. Concerts are held monthly on a Saturday. www.common-groundonthehill.org or call 410.857.2771.
Concerts continued

January
5 Margo Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys

February
2 Shelley Ensor

Holy Cross Bluegrass Concert Series
Herndon, VA
Saturday evenings • Times vary
1090 Sterling Rd. 20170. Info: Bob Thompson at 703.435.8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net. Children 12 and under admitted free.

January
5 Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass—High lonesome vocals, hard-charging instrumentals; son has stepped in for his dad; they’re the real deal. $15, 7:30 pm
26 Sonrise—great gospel bluegrass quartet, exquisite a cappella and instrumentals. $12, 7:30 pm

February
1 Dry Branch Fire Squad—$15, 8 pm

Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD
Every Tuesday in January • 7:30–9:30 pm

Work o’ the Weavers
A folk concert to benefit The Interfaith Unity Build of Habitat for Humanity

Created by folk singers David Bernz and James Durst, this dynamic folk group will perform the songs of the original Weaver folk music quartet — Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Hellerman. The two-hour-plus musical performance will electrify and delight.

Sat., March 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD
Advance $25/Door $30/Kids 15 & Under $10/Patron $75
Tickets: www.habitat-mc.org/faith
INFO: 301-365-2850

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. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center Metro stop. See map at www.HamboDC.org.

Fiddle Class • Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club
Please check the website for details and updates.
Scottish tunes learned by ear, then some learned with music, followed by a potluck and jam session. Occurs monthly; for the location and teacher, check www.potomacvalleyscottishfiddle.org. For additional info, contact Rhonda@RhondaHotop.com or 703.992.0752.

Music, Dance and the Arts at Glen Echo Park • Glen Echo, MD
Choose from a wide variety of dance classes for all levels—including Irish, waltz, and ballroom dancing. As well, take your musical skills to the next level—guitar, flute, bouzuki, voice, and so much more., Crafts, photography, children’s classes also offered. Many classes are taught by FSGW members. See www.glenechopark.org for a complete schedule.
Dances

Community/Family

Galesville Community Dance/Potluck • MD
Saturday, January 26
6 pm Potluck, 7 pm Dance

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 and waltzes. Janine Smith calling the figures. All ages welcome; 7-8:30—family-friendly dancing, 8:30-10—more challenging. Info: Janine at 301.926.9142 or communitiesquaredance.wordpress.com

FSGW Family Dance
See details on page 10.

Contra

Sundays
The FSGW Sunday Night Dances are listed on page 9.

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. www.brms.org

January
2 David Giusti calls to Elke Baker (fiddle), Brad Kolodner (banjo), and Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer, fiddle).
9 Connie Carringer calls to the Baltimore Open Band.
16 Steve Gester calls to the Toots Ensemble—Liz Donaldson (piano), Joe DeZarn (fiddle), and Tina Eck (flute).
23 Susan Taylor calls to AP and the Banty Roosters—Mark Lynch (mandolin and tenor banjo), Joe Langley (guitar), Artie Abrams (bass), Andy Porter (fiddle).
30 Shane Knudsen calls to The Contra Rebels—Bruce Campbell (bass), Todd Clewell (fiddle), and Henry Koretzky (guitar).

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 historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. New-dancer classes at 7:30, dances at 8:30. $10 for the lesson and dance. Ages 21 and under $5. 17 and younger admitted free on the second Friday of the month. Info: www.fridaynightdance.org or call 301.634.2222. On Facebook at Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park.

January
4 Ann Fallon calls to AP and the Banty Roosters with Andy Porter on fiddle, Mark Lynch on mandolin and tenor banjo, Joe Langley on guitar and Artie Abrams on bass and fiddle.
11 Connie Carringer with the Glen Echo Open Band.
18 Michael Hamilton calls to the Morrison Brothers with Jim Morrison on fiddle, Owen Morrison on guitar and Will Morrison on percussion.
25 Carol Ormand calls to Elke Baker on fiddle, Larry Unger on guitar and banjo and Ken Kolodner on hammered dulcimer and fiddle.

Saturdays

Shepherdstown Dance • WV
1st Saturdays • 8–11 pm

January 5—David Kaynor calls mostly contras to Cabernet Sauvignon: Andrea Hoag, Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts. At the War Memorial Building. Beginners’ workshop, 7:30; dance at 8. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. $10 adults, $7 SMD members, $4 dancers under 12. Potluck snacks at the break. Info: www.smad.us or call Becky at 304.876.2169

Baltimore Dance • MD
Second Saturdays • 7:30–11 pm

No dance this month at St. Mark’s. Please join us at the Midwinter Ball on January 12. Details below.
**BFMS MidWinter Ball • Baltimore, MD**
**Saturday, January 12 • 6–11:30 pm**
The theme is Time Travel. Dress in the style of your favorite era. Winter whites, silvers, blues and all colors of the rainbow are encouraged. **Adina Gordon** calls to **Nor’Easter**. 6 p.m.—reception, 7:30—grand march, 7:40—contra and couple dancing. Tickets and flyer available at [www.bfms.org/midwinter.php](http://www.bfms.org/midwinter.php). For questions, contact Joyce Duffy-Bilanow at midwinter@bfms.org or 410.608.6731.

**Valentines and Chocolate Dance Extravaganza • Pikesville, MD**
**Saturday, February 9 • 2–11 pm**

**Reston Contra Dance • Reston, VA**
**Saturday, January 12 • 8–10:5 pm**
This series of four fall-winter contra dances resumes this month with the music of the **June Apple Band**. **Janine Smith** calls. Introductory workshop 7:15–8. $9. Partner not necessary. Snacks for the break welcome (juice provided). Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., in the Hunters Woods Center. Info: anote20@gmail.com

**Faux Barn Dance • Chevy Chase, MD**
**Saturday, January 19 • 6:30–10:30 PM**
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

January
7 Sharon McKinley calling to Emily Aubrey (violin), Wayne Hankin (winds), and Liz Donaldson (piano).
14 Michael Barraclough calling to Becky Ross (violin), Marty Taylor (recorders and concertina) and Jonathan Jensen (piano, ocarina).
21 Liz Donaldson calling to the Geud Band of Baltimore.
28 Carl Friedman calling to Edie Stern, (violin), Robin Wilson (flute), and Judy Meyers (piano).

Saturdays

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 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. Beginners and singles welcome. $5. Info: Carl Minkus at 301.493.6281 (cminkus@verizon.net), or Bob Farrall at 301.577.5018

THE LEESBURG ASSEMBLY DANCE • GREAT FALLS, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 7:30–10:30 PM
Michael Barraclough will call to music by Chelle Fulk. Refreshments. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066. Info: David Pacelli at 703.757.8648, www.theleesburgassembly.org

Sundays

ECD4FUN • GLEN ECHO, MD
3RD SUNDAYS • 2:30–5:30 PM
January 20— English Country Dances For Fun is a monthly series concentrating on simpler, fun dances suitable for new dancers and dancers of other dance forms. Experienced dancers are welcome as good role models. All dances taught, walked through and called. In cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. In the Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park. $10. Info: www.michaelbarraclough.com/ECD4FUN or 703.992.0752.

DANCES continued

Wednesdays

The FSGW English Country Dances are listed on Page 8.

INTERNATIONAL

Sundays

ALPINE DANCERS • NEW CARROLLTON, MD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 • 4–6:30
Alpine Dancers are a performing and teaching folk dance group specializing in graceful and lively couples and trio dances from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. Looking for energetic beginners. Free, open practice at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. For info: www.alpinedancers.org, caroltraxler@yahoo.com or 301.577.3503.

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. Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Ln. 20815. 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

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
WASHINGTON, 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 to 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, 22307. 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 to 9:15, requests 9:15 to 10:45. $7; $12 on 1st Fridays (live music). Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd. 20770. Info: Larry Weiner at 301.565.0539, larry@larryweiner.com or www.larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm

**Saturdays**

**CCE Ceili • Herndon, VA**
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 7:30–10:30 PM**
Music by the Bog Wanderers. Lesson at 7. CCE members $12, non-members $15; family max. Frying Pan Farm Park Visitors Center 2739 West Ox Rd., 20171. Info: ccepotomac.org or Sharon Kourz, 703.631.9179, or kourpsc@cox.net

**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 or markidmike@gmail.com

**IsraelI Dancing • Greenbelt, MD**
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 • 8–11 PM**
Israeli “Oldies” party (dances before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Cost $5. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. Info: Ben Hole, 301.441.8213, ben.hole@verizon.net

**Arlington Northwest Morris • 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 of Arlington, Arlington Blvd & George Mason Dr. 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.
Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, 807 Daleview Dr., 20901. Info: 301.927.6373, louiseneu@earthlink.net or www.uswet.com/RCMW.html

**Foggy Bottom Morris Men**
**NW Washington, DC**
**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, mummers’ plays and occasional long-sword dances. We welcome new and slightly used dancers to our practices at Knock on Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow St., NW D.C. and/or at the pub afterwards. squire@fbmm.org, Alan Peel at 301.920.1912, www.fbmm.org
**SCANDINAVIAN**

**Norwegian Dance & Potluck**

**Takoma Park, MD**

**Saturday, January 5 • Potluck 6:30, Dancing 8 PM**

Norwegian-style house party. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and $$ you can spare. Mesmerizing live music by foremost-in-US Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Host Loretta’s phone, just in case: 301.270.4925. Info/dirs: http://MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312

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**Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD**

**Saturday, January 19 • 7–10 PM**

Scandia DC sponsors a 3rd Saturday Dance. This month live fiddle music will feature Göran Olsson, a talented fiddler from Jämtland, Sweden currently living in the DC area. No partners necessary. Teaching 7–8: Rorospols—a popular dance from Røros in Norway, followed by open dancing. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. $7. Info: 202.333.2826, linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org.

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**Scottish Country Dance • Alexandria, VA**

**Wednesday, 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

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**Swing/Blues**

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

**Thursday, 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. 7300 MacArthur Blvd., 20812. Info: Donna Barker at 301.634.2231 or www.CapitalBlues.org

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**Waltz/Tea Dance**

**Waltzing • Glen Echo Park, MD**

**Sunday, January 6, 20 • 2:45–6 PM**

Dance to the music of Blue Bamboo and Karen Collins and the Backroads Band, respectively, in the Spanish Ballroom. They’ll play a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Swing and Fox Trot. Our beginner waltz lesson begins at 2:45 with the last 15 minutes dedicated to a more advanced move. Admission is $10. No partner required. For info: go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org, e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org, or call Glen Echo Park at 301.634.2222. 7300 MacArthur Blvd., 20812.

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**Hot Society Dances • Glen Echo Park, MD**

**Sunday, January 13, 27 • 3–6 PM**

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

**Annapolis Acoustic Jam • 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 • 2:30–5:30 pm**  
The 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 • 7:15 pm**  
At the Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 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.reston-herndonfolkclub.com, 703.435.2402.

**Sea Chantey Open Pub Sings**  
**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 – American Legion Post 268, 11225 Fern St., Wheaton, MD. 20902  
4th Tuesdays – Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St. NW, DC 20005

**Sacred Harp Singing • SE Washington, DC**  
**3rd Tuesdays • 7–9 pm**  
Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE, 20003. Some street parking is possible—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

Wednesdays

**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

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

NEW! FOLK HOOT! • MT. RAINIER, MD
2ND THURSDAYS • 7–9 PM
Bruce Hutton hosts a traditional folk music open mic at the Urban Eats Art and Music Café at 3311 Rhode Island Ave., Mt. Rainier, MD, 20712. More info, call Bruce at 301.802.7669, or www.facebook.com/urbaneatsmd.

FOLKSONG SING-IN • WHEATON, MD
3RD THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM
Join local musician Brad Howard every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a chance to lead the room in song. Bring your favorite folk tunes, and even your instruments. At the very least, bring your voice and be prepared for a great evening of song and pub-style fellowship. The Limerick Pub is at the corner of Elkin and Price, a few doors down from the Royal Mile Pub, 11301 Elkin St., 20902 www.thelimerickpub.net

Fridays
ARLINGTON JAM! • ARLINGTON, VA
1ST FRIDAYS • 7–10:30 PM
See Wednesday listing.

****NEW LISTING****

KINGSTOWNE BLUEGRASS JAM • ALEXANDRIA, VA
1ST AND 3RD FRIDAYS • 6–9 PM
Kingstowne Acoustic Music hosts an open bluegrass jam twice monthly, 5830 Kingstowne Center, #110. Info: 703.822.9090, www.kingstowneacousticmusic.com

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 • MCLEAN, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 • 1:30–4:30 PM
Hammered dulcimer players meet monthly to swap tunes and play together; all levels welcome. The January jam is at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., 703.356.0770. Other acoustic instruments welcome. Info: Ellie at sites.google.com/site/nvhdplayers
For details on the FSGW Storyswap, see page 11.

**Speak-Easy Open Mic • DC**

**2nd Tuesdays ***

In its 13th year of preserving the oral tradition. Sign up to tell a 7-minute story. Call 202.630.9549 to leave a 2-minute voicemail description of your story, then expect notification about one month prior to the show about whether you’ve been selected. One mandatory rehearsal on a prior Sunday from 3-6 pm at St. Stephen’s Church, 1525 Newton St., NW, 20010. Performance is at 2009 8th St., NW, 2009, near corner of U Street. More info: Stephanie@speakeasydc.org.

### Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

#### Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat
**Shepherdstown, WV**
**Friday, January 4 to Sunday, January 6, 2013**

Over 20 different workshops for fiddle and mixed instruments, and dance band classes in a variety of styles. The very finest staff includes Oisin Mac Diarmada (Irish), Kimberley Fraser (Scottish, Cape Breton), David Kaynor (New England, Scandinavian), Andrea Hoag (English, Scandinavian and more), Joe Herrmann (Seasoned Beginners class in old-time fiddle), Karen Ashbrook (hammered dulcimer), Paul Oorts (mandolin) and David Wiesler (piano, accompaniment, band classes). Friday night features a showcase concert; Saturday night has a contra dance with the weekend’s open band led by our instructors as well as jam sessions nearby. Discounted registration before December 1. [http://upmww.smad.us/fiddleretreat/](http://upmww.smad.us/fiddleretreat/) More info: call Joanie Blanton 304.263-2531 or e-mail updf@earthlink.net.

#### Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend
**Shepherdstown, WV**
**Friday, January 18 to Sunday, January 20**

Weekend retreat featuring classes, individual tutoring, concert and sessions for a wide variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, percussion, flute and mixed instruments. Piping staff includes Ivan Goff (Irish uilleann pipes), Ian Lawther (Northumbrian smallpipes), EJ Jones (Scottish smallpipes and border pipes), and Iain MacHarg (Scottish smallpipes and border pipes) along with Shannon Heaton on Irish flute and whistle and Matt Heaton on bodhran and Irish-style accompaniment on guitar and bouzouki. Info at [www.squeezethebag.info](http://www.squeezethebag.info), call Joanie Blanton 304.263-2531 or e-mail updf@earthlink.net. Discounted early-bird registration by December 15.

#### Hava Nagila (The Movie)
**Sunday, January 6 • 1 PM**
**JCC, Rockville, MD**
**Sunday, January 13 • 7:30 PM**
**DCJCC, NW Washington, DC**

It is to music what bagels are to food. The DC premiere of this new hit takes you from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the nightclubs of New York, weaving together the history of the Jewish standard that rose above its humble origins to become a worldwide phenomenon. Features Harry Belafonte, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell and more. The JCC in Rockville is at 6125 Montrose Rd., The Washington DCJCC is at 1529 16th St., NW at Q St. Tickets at [wjff.org](http://wjff.org). Info: Juliet Burch, 202.777.3247, Coordinator, Washington Jewish Film Festival.

#### Contra Dance Camp • Costa Rica
**February 20–27**

Contra dance winter adventure at the Pura Vida Dance Camp on a mountain ranch surrounded by luscious cloud forest and indigenous reserve. Contra, salsa, Cajun, Zydeco every evening. Kathy Anderson calls to the Clayfoot Strutters. During the day, hike, ride horses, bikes or rafts, jam or lounge by the pool. Week-long trip is $995 with seven nights lodging. [www.puravidadancecamp.com](http://www.puravidadancecamp.com), or Willy at 907.299.6226.
### 2013 MiniFest Performance Grid – Saturday, February 2, 2013

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**All performances in the Cafetorium are concerts. Some classroom performances are concerts, others are workshops. Please check the grid for details. Participatory music workshops are marked with 🎶. All dances in both gyms are participatory. Information for performers: Green Room is Room 140 (11:30-12:30 pm); Secure Instrument Check is Room 102 (11:30 to 6:00 pm). The local (Talaka Park) Subway franchise will sell subs, soup, muffins, cookies, iced coffee, tea, and hot cocoa from noon to 7:30 in the Cafetorium.**
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