Holiday Sampler
Reverb, Hesperus, and
The All New Genetically Altered Jug Band
WES Auditorium, 7750 16th St., NW, DC
Saturday, December 27
3:30 - 6:30 pm

Most people throw holiday parties before the holiday in question. We’re throwing ours after Chanukah, after Christmas and before New Year’s Eve! The family gatherings are winding down and shopping is done, so join us for a relaxing, harmonious, entertaining, family-friendly, participatory afternoon of music with some of our talented area performers.

The fine a cappella harmonies of Reverb kick things off. Washington Folk Festival favorites, they include gospel from the African-American quartet tradition rooted in the 19th century and popularized in the 1930s and ‘40s along with doo-wop that developed in urban centers in the ‘50s and ‘60s. Expect tradition, inspiration and R&B. Since 1991, Reverb has performed along the East Coast, toured in Africa, the Caribbean and the Persian Gulf, and graced DC’s own Cherry Blossom Festival. They’ve also received Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies) for Best Harmony Group and Best Gospel Group.

After our first intermission, we’ll be entertained by the Wammie-winning ensemble Hesperus. Tina Chancy co-founded the group in 1979 to celebrate centuries-old chamber-music traditions. Since then, they’ve toured the world and collaborated to include world music, American Colonial music, Appalachian traditions and in recent years, provide live
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“soundtracks” to silent films. In this crossover configuration, Tina Chancey plays violins, viols and other bowed strings. Long-time FSGW member Bruce Hutton plays most stringed instruments in traditional American styles, and regularly brings folk music into libraries, classrooms and concerts both solo and as part of the group Roustabout. Molly Andrews is granddaughter of West Virginia coal miners, drawing on her mountain roots to become an award-winning ballad singer. She has also maintained an ongoing stage career, is an accomplished guitarist and banjo player, and part of the Dear Jean tribute to Jean Ritchie recently released on Compass Records.

After more holiday refreshments, we’ll close with the high-energy fun of the All New Genetically Altered Jug Band. These long-time performers have been together more than ten years, and feature novelty songs of the 20th century, parodies, obscure oldies, even the classic “Christmas in Jail.” “Special” Ed Light plays tenor banjo and guitar and sings. Long-time horn player Richard “Bags” Howard also sings, and wearing different garb, has been known to play perfectly respectable wedding receptions. Jim “Gutbucketeer” Bunch is known mostly for washtub bass and the occasional jug. “Mr. Scratchy” Ron Goad plays one of those washboards with numerous add-ons; he won’t bring his full trap set to this gig. Ron might be the busiest percussionist in town, in support of events he helps run, including the Reston-Herndon Folk Club, the Songwriters Association of Washington, and as a full-time cheerleader for Washington-area music.

So come listen, sing, laugh, snack, bring the family and enjoy the end-of-the-year company of some great talent and fellow Folklore Society members.

NOTE THE TIME! Saturday, December 27, 3:30 to 6:30 pm at the Washington Ethical Society Auditorium, 7750 St., NW, Washington, DC 20012. General admission to this Special Event is $15; $10 for FSGW members. Connect to Brown Paper Tickets from our website, www.fsgw.org.
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. In December all the Sunday Night Dances are in the Spanish Ballroom. 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 or Steve Burnett; dance@fsgw.org

Admission: $10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members, $5 youth (with student ID if over 17) $13 for the general public.

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7 Captivating, passionate, propulsive and progressive. Perpetual e-Motion (Ed Howe on fiddle and electric violin and John Coté on guitar, didgeridoo, and foot percussion) return to rock the Spanish Ballroom. PeM integrates traditional and electronic dance music, using sound looping to create innovative and captivating arrangements that redefine momentum and groove. Nils Fredland will welcome the crowd with wonderful dances.

14 Caller Michael Hamilton brings his welcoming Ohio style to the dance music provided by four extremely talented local musicians — Honeysuckle Rose – Liz Donaldson on piano, Andrea Hoag on fiddle, Paul Oorts on mandolin, banjo, and more, and Ralph Gordon on bass.

21 The charming Valerie Herbert will put you in the holiday mood with delightful dances, called to music by The Avant Gardeners: Laura Light on fiddle, George Paul on piano and accordion, Dave Wiesler on piano and guitar, and Loren Oppenheimer on tablas.

28 Anna Rain calls the last Sunday Night Dance of 2014. (Good thing you planned ahead and bought tickets to the New Year’s Eve Ball.) Local legends Dave Wiesler on piano and guitar, Paul Oorts on mandolin, banjo, and more, Alexander Mitchell on fiddle, and the upright Ralph Gordon on the upright bass team up to form The Gigmeisters. A fine way to end the year.

See you in 2015!!

FSGW sponsors events that are intended to foster a pleasant environment and a tolerant community, and to provide a comfortable experience for all.


**November 2014 Board Meeting Highlights**

- The Treasurer will follow up on independent audit progress. FSGW cannot request grants until an independent audit has been completed. Funding for the audit was previously approved.
- The Board congratulated the Treasurer and Vice President for their successful efforts to reduce FiftyFest losses (original estimated loss was $12,000).
- Charlie Baum reported on this year’s FSGW Getaway and Janie Meneely reported on the second annual Capital Maritime Music Festival.
- The Board approved partial funding for Youth Traditional Song travel costs.
- Planning for Mini-Fest 2015 is underway.
- The Board discussed the failure of House of Printing to set up email forwarding after the retirement of FSGW’s long-time contact there. HP’s failure to do so meant that the print-ready FSGW November Newsletter sat in an unread email account until the end of October, and publication and mailing were late.

**Slow as Molasses in November**

Getting the Newsletter to your mailboxes on time is a fairly complex process, and there are several "hand-offs" along the way. Last month, one such hand-off became a fumble.

For at least a decade, the final ready-to-print version of the FSGW Newsletter has been forwarded electronically to an employee of FSGW’s long-time print house. In early October, that employee retired. And apparently the print house neglected to either (a) set up an email forwarding system or (b) assign anyone to check that employee's email at least once a week. So the beautifully laid out November issue simply sat in hyperspace for almost two weeks. We did not discover that the print house had failed to retrieve and print it (and send it to the mailing house) until the first of November. It took a few days to process and print, and a few more to get it over to the mailing house, and a few more still to get it to the post office for delivery.

We don’t anticipate this problem arising ever again -- we have a new contact at the print house -- but please accept FSGW’s apology for the delay.

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**FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy**

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

- "The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people."
  - All copy (except ads) must be submitted by e-mail to publications@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 10th of the preceding month.
  - All listings must be submitted in the format found on our website, fsgw.org. Click on the newsletter tab and scroll down to the paragraph in green lettering.
  - The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the editor.

Basic Ad charges: 1/4 page ads (3.4” x 4.5” or 7.25” x 2.5”): $65 for one month, $120 for two. Commercial business: $8 for 10 words. Non-commercial and individual: $4 for 10 words. 25% discount for any single ad placed in 11 consecutive issues (one year) and paid in advance. We will work with you on larger ads. Copy, with check made payable to FSGW, must be received by the newsletter deadline: Mail to FSGW, PO Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818.

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**FSGW Board Meetings**

**Wednesday, December 3 • 8 PM**

The monthly FSGW board meetings 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 April Blum by e-mail, president@fsgw.org, or call afternoons or evenings 301-422-0292 in advance of the meeting.
FSGW English Country Dances

Glen Echo Town Hall, MD • Wednesdays • 8–10:30 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 301-229-3577 or Roger Broseus English@fsgw.org

Admission: $10 for FSGW members, $12 for non-members.

December 3
Rich Galloway calls to the music of Becky Ross (fiddle), Dan Gillespie (recorders), and Francine Krasowska (piano).

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Joseph Pimentel and April Blum call to the playing of David Knight (fiddle), Susan Brandt (flute), and Liz Donaldson (piano).

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No dance (Christmas Eve).

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No dance at the Glen Echo Town Hall, BUT there will be a Gala New Year’s Eve English Dance, called by Joseph Pimentel to music by Hot Toddy – Edith Coakley-Stowe (fiddle), Anna Rain (recorders) and Melissa Running (piano) – at the Bethesda Women’s Club, 5500 Sonoma Rd and Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda. Potluck at 7:30, dancing from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am. Admission is by registration only. No tickets will be sold at the door.

New Year’s Eve Ball
Wednesday, December 31, 2014
Women’s Club of Chevy Chase
7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD

Music by the Love Mongrels Trio, calling by Janine Smith.
Grand March begins at 8 pm.
Admission is by registration only. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information: fsgw website.

FSGW Family Dance No Dance in December

The FSGW Family Dance has been going on for the past fifteen years—it’s a great shared activity for all ages and all types of celebrations. Make it part of a very special birthday party, or use it as a Brownie or Cub Scout outing. No experience necessary—just come on out and dance—an experienced (and patient) family dance leader will make sure that everyone has a great time. Check the website (fsgw.org) for information about the next dance in January. $5 for ages 4 and older.
FSGW The Great American Square Dance Revival, Part XXXII!! • Washington, DC
Saturday, December 20 • 8:30 – 11:30 pm

It’s time for another fabulous traditional Appalachian old-time square dance. Come on down – all are welcome. Young and old, new and experienced, hipsters and outta-the-loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, pointy-toed hand-tooled boots or fancy dress needed. St. Stephen’s Church, 1525 Newton St, NW, near the Columbia Heights Metro. $5 at the door. Info: dcSquaresdance.com.

FSGW Hot Squares • Adelphi, MD
Thursday, January 1, 2015 • 2 – 5 pm

The Hot Square Babes (Laura Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith and Susan Taylor) are throwing their annual Square Dance Party on New Year’s Day, featuring fabulous live music by A.P. and The Banty Roosters – Andy Porter (fiddle), Joe Langley (guitar), Mark Lynch (mandolin) and Artie Abrams (bass) and all the usual Hot Square Babe shenanigans. Dancing is followed by a potluck dinner until 7 pm. A paltry (poultry?) $10 gets you into this FIRST dance of 2015! Info: 301-926-9142 or fsgw.org. Location: Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Terrace, Adelphi 20783.

FSGW Co-Sponsored Dance Events

Second Thursday Contra Dance in Silver Spring
Free to First-Timers
Thursday, December 11 • 7–10 PM
(7–7:30 PM Intro Workshop)

Shannon Dunne calls to music by Terpsichore (Liz Donaldson, Elke Baker and Ralph Gordon). Special Irish stepdance intro-demo at the break. Beginners workshop at 7. Silver Spring Civic Bldg, Great Hall, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. Free parking in public garage across the street. $10; $8 for FSGW or BFMS members and Revels. $5 students. Free for first-timers. Info: Busy Graham at 301-466-0183 or busygraham@gmail.com.

Presented by Carpe Diem Arts c/o Class Acts Arts — in partnership with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW), Silver Spring Town Center Inc. (SSTCi) and the Montgomery County Department of Recreation’s “Be Active Montgomery” initiative.

Glen Echo International Folkdancers • MD
Thursdays • 7:30 – 10:45 PM

See the listing under International Dances on page 15.
FSGW Sings/Swaps/Events

**FSGW Open Sing • Fairfax, VA**
**Friday, December 5 • 8:30 – 11:30 PM**
The December FSGW Open Sing will be hosted by Susie Crate. Theme: Songs of the Solstice and Celebrating the Mid-Winter Season. Please RSVP to ensure enough seating. Please bring a snack for sharing. Address 3803 Tedrich Blvd, Fairfax 22031. Contact Susan at 703-344-4977 or scrate1@gmu.edu.

**FSGW Storyswap • Columbia, MD**
**Saturday, December 6 • 7:30 PM**
Storytellers from beginners to expert, and story listeners of all experience levels, are invited to the home of Tim Livengood for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. Email timtales@verizon.net for RSVPs and directions.

**FSGW Gospel Sing • Washington, DC**
**Sunday, December 14 • 4 – 8 PM**
FSGW Gospel Sings are held on second Sundays at various homes. Singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered-dish supper at 6 pm, with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! This month’s Sing will be at the home of Bill Thompson and Ann Herzog in Northwest Washington, DC. Info/directions: 202-797-9259.

**FSGW Shape-Note Singing**
**Time to be Announced**
**Thursday, January 1, 2015**
Welcome 2015 in harmony at the annual New Year’s Day shape-note singing. (This singing takes the place of our usual 4th Sunday singing.) Location TBA. 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 the 2013 Shenandoah Harmony (loaner books available). There will be four hours of singing, with a break for a potluck feast. Info: Mary Ann Daly at 301-229-8534, or madaly@verizon.net, or fsgw.org.

Database Cleanup and How to Vote Electronically

Are you an FSGW Member? We need your help. The Board of Directors will be doing a “database scrub” over the next few weeks, to ensure that the information in the Member Directory is correct, prior to the next election.

Please go to the website and log in. Never logged in before? Click on the right-hand button near the top of the webpage – the one marked FSGW Log In. Enter your last name (capitalized) in the left-hand box, and your Member ID in the right-hand box. Your Member ID is printed on the back of your paper copy of the Newsletter, and it should also be on your Membership card. Can’t find either? Email me (president@fsgw.org) and I’ll look it up for you.

Once you’re on the Members Page, click on the left-hand button, marked Directory. Type in your first or last name, or your address, or your ID number, and click on the button at the bottom, marked Click to Find. That should take you to your entry. Is the information correct?

If anything is incorrect, please make a note of what needs to be changed. Even if nothing needs to be changed, please keep reading, and take the next step – choose electronic voting.

Now click on the button My Profile (Next to the LOGOUT button). This should take you to a window that shows your name at the top. THIS is where you can select electronic voting, or electronic newsletter delivery. Please consider checkmarking Ballots (paper ballots are very expensive), and if you no longer want a paper copy of the Newsletter, please also check the Newsletter box. Once you have made corrections, be sure to click on the Click to Save Changes box. At the bottom is a series of small buttons where you can change other entries (address, etc.) and change what information is visible to Members.

The Directory is only available to FSGW Members, but you may mark any of your entries “Private” if you wish.

Finally, if you’d like to change your password, so you don’t have to find your Member ID, just click on the Password button at the bottom, and enter whatever you’d like the new password to be.

Thank you for your help.

April Blum, FSGW President.
Concerts

Baldwin’s Station • Sykesville, MD
7618 Main St. 21784. Accessible to people with disabilities.
Info: 410-795-1041, www.uptownconcerts.com or uptownconcerts@gmail.com. 8 pm.

December
4 Ellis Paul, an artist with his eye on the future. $20
11 Josh White Jr., a master of vocal inflection and involvement. $20

The Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD
Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Rd 21214. Info: 410-521-9099 or www.uptownconcerts.com
or uptownconcerts@gmail.com. 8 pm.

December
5 Robin Bullock, Ken Kolodner, and Elke Baker – a holiday show with Celtic and traditional songs. $25
12 Maggie Sansone, Sharon Knowles, Andrea Hoag, and Patrick Egan – a Celtic Christmas Celebration. $21

Birchmere Concert Hall • Alexandria, VA
3701 Mt. Vernon Ave; all shows at 7:30 pm.

December
5 Dar Williams, folk pop + opener Trevor Gordon Hall, acoustic guitar $35
6 Dar Williams + opener The Accidentals, folk pop $35
13 Judy Collins, folk legend $59.50
14 Sweet Honey in the Rock, a cappella holiday show $39.50
21 Debi Smith and The National Men’s Chorus, holiday CD release $25
28 18th annual Hank Williams Tribute Show with Robin & Linda Williams, Claire Lynch, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Rickie Simpkins, Mark Schatz, Dave Chappell $29.50
31 New Year’s Eve with The Seldom Scene + Bumper Jacksons + The Hello Strangers, bluegrass, roots $39.50

Gypsy Sally’s • Washington, DC
3401 K St NW 20007 Info: gypsysallys.com
Tuesdays at 8 pm, open mic in the Vinyl Lounge (upstairs).
No cover.

December
10 The Stray Birds (folk harmony trio) + singer/songwriter Jordie Lane. $10-15; 8:30 pm
12 Jimmy Thackery & the Drivers (blues) + The Upton Blues Band; $18-20; 9 pm
17 Sweetback Sisters Christmas Country Singalong (roots); $12-15; 8:30 pm
31 Yarn + Nora Jane Struthers & the Party Line (Americana); $45-60; 8:30 PM

Institute of Musical Traditions (IMT)

IMT Rockville, MD
Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd 20852

December
6 Cathy & Marcy’s 29th Annual Winter Family Concert. Grammy Award winners Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, and Chicago-based kids’ music star Justin Roberts perform as a trio in a family show full of singalongs and silliness. $12 advance, $14 door.

8 Celtic Holiday Concert featuring Robin Bullock (multi-instrumentalist), Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer), and Elke Baker (Scottish fiddle). Additional info at robinbullock.com, kenkolodner.com, and elkebaker.com. $10 advance, $25 door. Students (ID required) $20/$25.

19 Ensemble Galilei Winter Solstice Concert with Sue Richards (harp), Hanneke Cassel (fiddle), Kathryn Montoya (recorders, whistle, oboe), Jackie Moran (percussion), Ryan McKasson (fiddle, viola), and founder Carolyn Anderson Surrick (viola de gamba). Additional info at egmusic.com. $24 advance, $29 door. Students (ID required) $21/$26.

IMT Washington, DC
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St., NW.


Banjo Lessons
Old-Time & Bluegrass w/Don Rusnak. 50+ yrs. Exp. Near Ballston Metro, Arlington, VA. Banjos bought/sold/traded/repaired. 703-522-1696. BanjoDaddy@hotmail.com
**INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS**  
(listed chronologically)

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT • SILVER SPRING, MD**  
**Thursday, December 4 • 5:45 PM & 6:30 PM**

Bruce Hutton and Molly Hickman, presented by Silver Spring Day School and Class Acts Arts, with support from El Golfo Restaurant and Carpe Diem Arts. At El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. $5 cover charge for adults includes ticket for a free dessert or drink. Children free. 20% of food and drink sales to benefit Jump Start with the Arts (programs for pre-schoolers).

**FOCUS MUSIC • ROCKVILLE, MD**  
**Tuesday, December 9 • 7:30 PM**


**THE BLUE RHYTHM BOYS**  
**House Concert • BROOKLAND, DC**  
**Wednesday, December 10 • 7:30 PM**

Blending the blues of Mississippi John Hurt with the “hot club” swing of Django Reinhardt, The Blue Rhythm Boys have delighted audiences with tight vocals and hot guitar since 1997. Tom Mitchell (vocal, guitar), Jim Stephanson (vocal, guitar), Vince McCool (trumpet), and John Previdi (bass) bring authenticity and originality to this smoky mix of jazz, blues, and hokum. $15 suggested donation. Info: Jess at 202-779-8393 or eliotmyhre@gmail.com.

**KAREN ASHBrook & PAUL OORTS**  
**CD Release Concert • FREDERICK, MD**  
**Friday, December 12 • 8 PM**

Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts invite you to join them for an intimate one-hour show, followed by a reception, celebrating their new recording, KA/PO in Concert, which was recorded at the FSGW November 2013 monthly program. New and traditional music from Belgium, Ireland, and beyond on hammered dulcimer, harp guitar, accordion, cittern and wooden flute. At the Blue Elephant Gallery, Griffin Art Center, 437 N Market St., Frederick – entrance to the gallery is on West 5th St. $15 suggested donation. Info: Karen Ashbrook at mail@karenaskbrook.com.

**DC LABOR CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
**SILVER SPRING, MD**  
**Saturday, December 13 • 7:30 PM**


**CARROLL CAFE • WASHINGTON, DC**  
**Saturday, December 13 • 7:30 PM**

Ramón Tasat and Emmanuel Trifilo, plus Cristian Perez, perform Tango & Argentine Rhythms. Three extraordinary and extraordinarily talented musicians with a rich knowledge of the rich musical culture of Argentina. 276 Carroll St, NW, Washington DC, near the Takoma Metro station. $16 advance, $20 door. Info: carrollcafe.org.

**FOCUS • FALLS CHURCH, VA**  
**LEA CD RELEASE CONCERT**  
**Saturday, December 13 • 7 – 10 PM**

Singer-songwriter LEA unveils songs from her new CD, Let You In, a collection of love songs from a variety of perspectives, with fellow musicians Tom Nichols (guitar), Lisa Taylor (guitar, percussion), Andres Salguero (guitar, sax), and others. At Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 2849 Graham Rd, Falls Church. $15 advance, $18 door. Info: Herb Cooper-Levy 703-380-3151 or www.focusmusic.org/venue_fallschurch.php.

**FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON**  
**SHOWCASE • HERNDON, VA**  
**Tuesday, December 16 • 7:15 PM**

Big Wide Grin. Open mic on other Tuesdays. Info: DAHurdSr@cs.com or TheFolkClub@yahoo.com.

**HOLIDAY CONCERT • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV**  
**Tuesday, December 16 • 8 PM**

Now in its 10th season, the hugely popular “Irish Christmas in America” features engaging performances rich in history, humor, and boundless energy. This year a 7-piece all-star band will perform evocative Irish ballads and lively instrumental tunes. At Shepherd University’s Reynolds Hall (corner of King and German Sts). Advance ticket prices: $20 adults; $18 seniors, $15 SMaD members. Door ticket prices: $25 adults, $22 seniors, $20 SMaD. All student tickets $10. Info: Joanie Blanton at 304-263-2531, or updf@earthlink.net, or smad.us.

**333 COFFEEHOUSE • ANNAPOLIS, MD**  
**Friday, December 19 • 7:30 – 10 PM**

**Lulu’s Fate** plays old-time music and country blues with a soulful, stripped-down sound highlighted by hot picking, sweet cello, and 3-part harmonies. Tom Espinola (mandolin / guitar), Kristen Jones (cello), and Kara Beth Falck (vocals). Annapolis Friends Meeting, 351 DuBois Rd, Annapolis MD 21401. $20 door. Info: 443-333-9613 or 333concerts.org.

**COMMUNITY SING & CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON**  
**TAKOMA, DC (PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS EVENT)**  
**Sunday, December 21 • 7 PM**

Presented as a fundraiser to benefit Carpe Diem Arts and Washington Revels educational and community arts outreach programs. Wonderful performances, song circle, special surprise offerings, and scrumptious food and drink. Seekers Church (across from Takoma Metro), 276 Carroll St, NW, DC. $5 children, $10/25 adults (pay what you can). Tickets: $5 children and teens / $10-25 adults (please pay what you can). Info: CarpeDiemArts.org

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**FSGW Advance Notice**

**Saturday, January 17, 2015 • 8 PM**

**FSGW Monthly Program**

**Sparky & Rhonda Rucker**

**Songs and Stories in the American Folk Tradition**

Washington Ethical Society

7760 16th St., NW, Washington, DC

**Saturday, January 24, 2015 • 8 PM**

**FSGW Special Event**

**Martha Burns**

CD release concert

Cowboy and Old Time Songs

Seekers Church

276 Carroll St, NW, Takoma DC

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

**FSGW Midwinter Festival (MiniFest)**

Takoma Park Middle School, MD

**Friday, April 10, thru Sunday, April 12, 2015**

**26th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend**

Camp Letts, Edgewatter, MD

**Saturday, May 9, 2015 • 7:30 PM**

**FSGW’s 29th Annual Washington Spring Ball**

Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center

College Park, MD

**Saturday, May 30, & Sunday, May 31, 2015**

**35th Annual Washington Folk Festival**

Glen Echo Park, MD

**Friday, October 2, thru Monday, October 5, 2015**

**51st Annual FSGW Getaway**

West River Conference Center

West River, MD

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Send all Newsletter submissions to: newsletter@fsgw.org
Classes

WALTZ PRACTICUM • GREENBELT, MD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 2-4 PM
Waltz lovers, please join us for an open practicum at the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio. Mid-tempo waltzes (108-162 bpm) to recorded music. All waltz styles are welcome; eclecticism and fusion encouraged. Dance shoes mandatory; street shoes not permitted on dance floor. $5 suggested donation. Info: Elliott Drabek at 443-653-1468 or Elliott.drabek@gmail.com or tinyurl.com/waltz-practicum.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD
TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 2-9, 16 • 7:30-9:30 PM

ADULT IRISH SET/CEILI DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD
THURSDAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 18 • 7-9:30 PM
All welcome, no partner needed. Beginners’ early session (7-8) focuses on basic steps and dances, advanced session (8-9:30) teaches more advanced dances. 8 pm class on the third Thursday is a mini-ceili with live music and is open to all. Wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes (not athletic shoes). $30/season, first class free, donation (for band) for mini-ceilis. Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, just outside I-495 at Georgia Ave exit. Ample free parking. Info: Instructor Paul O’Donnell, 301-649-6410 or email info@gwcc-online.org; gwcc-online.org.

TAP & FLATTFOOTING CLASSES • TAKOMA PARK THROUGH DECEMBER 14
Knock On Wood Tap Studio in downtown Takoma Park specializes in rhythm tap, a form of percussive dance that gives you the skills to make music with your feet. Classes, workshops, and special events. Info: 202-722-1625 or KnockOnWood.org.

Dances

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

FSGW Family Dance. NO dance this month.

GALESVILLE COMMUNITY DANCE
No dance this month.

BFMS FAMILY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 5-6:30 PM
BFMS presents a Family Dance on 2nd Saturdays. Dancing from 5 pm to 6:30, and a potluck from 6:30 to 7:30. Beginners, singles, couples, and families with children of all ages are welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Kappy Laning calls to music by Contranella: Charley Beller (percussion), John Wobus (piano), and Megan Beller (fiddle). St. Mark’s on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. $4 Members, $6 Non-members. Children under 3 free. Info: Janet Henry, 443-360-8998, or janethenry@verizon.net, or BFMS.org or BFMS hotline 888-646-BFMS.

NEW YEAR’S CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015 • 3-8 PM
The Greater Washington Ceili Club presents the Second Annual New Year’s Day celebration with live music by Ellis Island: Dave Abe (fiddle), Myron Bretholz (bodhran), Peter Fitzgerald (banjo), and Andy Thurston (guitar). An introductory workshop starts at 3, with easy dances and old favorites from 4 to 8. Potluck dinner during the first break. Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd (entrance code 76000). $20 Members, $25 Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info: 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org.

CONTRA

SUNDAYS

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES. DETAILS ON PAGE 3.
**Wednesdays**

**BFMS Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD**  
**Wednesdays • 8 - 10:30 PM**

Beginners are always welcome. New dancer workshops are 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. Info: bfms.org.

December

3 Perry Shafran calls to *Perpetual e-Motion* – Ed Howe (electronic fiddle) and John Coté (guitar, digeridoo, vocals).

10 Ann Fallon calls to *Trio Con Brio* – Paul Oorts (mandolin), Elke Baker (fiddle), and Jonathan Jensen (piano). New dancer workshop at 7:30.

24 No dance – Christmas Eve.

31 No dance – New Year’s Eve.

Jan. 1 Stay tuned! – special Thursday night New Year’s Night dance!

**Thursdays**

2nd Thursday Contra • Silver Spring, MD  

**Fridays**

**Friday Night Dancers**  
**Glen Echo, 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 (unless otherwise specified), at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. New dancer class every week from 7:30 to 8:15. $10 for the lesson and dance. $5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: FridayNightDance.org, or 301-632-2222, or the Friday Night Dance Facebook page.

December

5 Nils Fredland calls to *Coracee*: Jane Rothfield (fiddle), Bill Quern (banjo, mandolin, melodeon), Sarah Gowan (guitar), Alan Carr (bass), and Joe De Paolo (percussion).

12 The fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*; caller DeLaura Padovan.

19 April Blum calls to *Honeysuckle Rose*: Liz Donaldson (piano), Andrea Hoag (fiddle), Paul Oorts (banjo, guitar, mandolin), and Ralph Gordon (bass).

26 Bob Isaacs calls to *Contranella*: Charley Beller (percussion), John Wobus (piano), and Megan Beller (fiddle).

**Saturdays**

**SMAD Contra Dance • Shepherdstown, WV**  
**Saturday, December 6 • 8 - 11 PM**

Dance at the Shepherdstown War Memorial Building, German and King Streets. This month, Nils Fredland calls to music by Elke Baker (fiddle), Paul Oorts (guitar, mandolin, accordion), and Marc Glickman (piano). Beginners workshop at 7:30. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. $7 Members, $10 Non-members, $5 under 12. Info: Beckyflute@gmail.com, or smad.us, or 304-261-2384.

**BFMS Contra Dance • Pikesville, MD**  
**Saturday, December 13 • 8 - 11 PM**

BFMS presents 2nd Saturday American Square and Contra dancing. Potluck from 6:30 to 7:30, introduction to contra dancing from 7:35 to 7:55; dance from 8 to 11 pm. Beginners, singles, couples and families welcome. This month, Kappy Laning calls to music by *Contranella*: Charley Beller (percussion), John Wobus (piano), and Megan Beller (fiddle). St. Mark’s on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. $9 Members, $13 Non-members. Under 21 full-time students with ID $4 Members, $6 Non-members. Info: Becca Dennison at 301-606-7115, or satdance@bfms.org or BFMS.org or BFMS hotline 888-646-BFMS.

**Lancaster Contra • Lancaster, PA**  
**Saturday, December 20 • 7 - 10 PM**

Kenny Brown calls to *Streak o’Phat*: Bill Quern (mandolin, banjo, fiddle, melodeon), Sarah Gowan (guitar), and Steve Epstein (clarinet, sax). St. John’s Episcopal Church, 321 W Chestnut St, Lancaster 17603. $6 Members, $9 Non-members. Age 15 and under free. Info: Karen at 717-951-4317 or lancastercontra.org.

**ATDS Contra • Annapolis, MD**  
**Saturday December 20 • 7 - 10 PM**

Hot Square Babe Janine Smith calls to the hot old-time music of *A.P. and the Banty Roosters*: Andy Porter (fiddle), Joe Langley (guitar), Mark Lynch (mandolin), and Art Abrams (bass). Free introductory lesson at 6:30. All ages welcome, no experience or partner necessary. All dances taught and walked through. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. $10, with discounts for seniors, students, families, and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society. Info: Jan Scopel at 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com; Ann Fallon at 410-268-0231 or aefallon@verizon.net, or contradancers.com/atds.

**BlueMont Contra • Hillsboro, VA**  
**Saturday, December 20 • 8 - 11 PM**

Music by Paul Oorts (guitar), Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), and Ralph Gordon (bass), caller TBA. Beginners workshop at 7:30. We welcome dancers of all ages and experience levels. Dance is at the Hillsboro Old Stone School, 37098 Charles
Town Pike. S8 Members, seniors, and students. S12 Non-members. Info: Nathan Borger at 540-955-8186 or info@bluemont.org.

FREDERICK CONTRA • FREDERICK, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 • 8 – 11 PM
Anna Rain calls to music by Graham DeZarn (fiddle), Jeremy Bass (guitar, bouzouki, mandolin), and Stuart Jackson (pipes, whistles). Burn off those holiday feast calories, but bring a snack to share at the break. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd (near Harry Grove Stadium), Frederick. Free beginners’ workshop at 7. $10 per person, $5 for students. Info: Boe Walker at 301-694-6794, or contradancers.com/mmfac/

ENGLISH COUNTRY
Mondays
Baltimore Folk Music Society
Pikesville, MD
MONDAYS • 8 – 10:30 PM
All dances are taught and walked through. New dancer orientation first Monday at 7:45. Admission S8 Members, S11 Non-members, S2 student discount. St. Mark’s on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. Info: Carl Friedman at 410-321-8419 or engdance@bfms.org.

December
1 New Dancer orientation (free) at 7:45. Ann Fallon calls to Carl Friedman (violin), Marty Taylor (winds, concertina), and Karin Loya (cello).
8 Sharon McKinley calls to Jeff Steinberg (violin), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina), and Jonathan Jensen (piano and more).
15 Diane Schmit calls to Becky Ross (violin), Brian Cardell (winds), and Judy Meyers (piano).
22 Rich Galloway calls to Hot Toddy: Edith Coakley-Stowe (violin), Anna Rain (recorder), and Melissa Running (piano).
29 Mike Franch calls to Tina Chancey (violin), Heather Martley (flute), and Liz Donaldson (piano).

Wednesdays
FSGW English Country Dance. Details on page 5.

Saturdays
ATDS • ANNAPOLIS, MD
DECEMBER 6 • 7 – 10 PM
Carl Friedman visits from Baltimore, leading dances to music by Mary Corletta Flora (violin) and Liz Donaldson (piano). Introductory session at 6:30. Annapolis Friends Meeting House at 351 DuBois Rd, Annapolis 21401. S10 with discounts for seniors, students, families, and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Info: Jan Scopel at 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com, Ann Fallon at 410-268-0231 or aefallon@verizon.net, or contradancers.com/atds

Silver Spring ECD • Silver Spring, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 8-10:45 PM
Dance to music by Peascods Gathering with calling by Bob Farrall. Beginners and singles welcome. S5. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave. Parking and entrance at rear of school. Info: Carl Minkus at 301-493-6281 or cminkus@verizon.net, or Bob Farrall at 301-577-5018.

Leesburg Assembly • Great Falls, VA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 7:30 – 10:30 PM
Come join us for our annual Holiday Party and Dance! Dress up for a fun night of dances to celebrate the season. Please bring a dish to share. Music by Catherine Chapman (violin) and Judy Meyers (piano) with calling by April Blum. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike – 4.7 miles west of the Beltway. S15. Info: David Pacelli at 703-757-8648 or www.thelessburgassembly.org.

INTERNATIONAL
Sundays
Alpine Dancers • New Carrollton, MD
DECEMBER 7 AND 21 • 4 – 6:30 PM
Alpine Dancers perform and teach folk dance, specializing in graceful and lively dances from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. Always looking for energetic beginners. Free open practice at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. Info: Carol Traxler at 301-577-3503 or caroltraxler@yahoo.com, or alpinedancers.org.

Mondays
International Holiday Party
College Park, MD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 8 – 11:30 PM
Join us on the wonderful wood floor at Cherry Hill Park Conference Center for a great evening of classic and recent folk dance favorites (maybe some swing and Ballroom) hosted by DJ Brandon Diamond; who will take requests. Bring goodies to share for our annual Holiday Reunion Party. Folk costumes encouraged. No partner necessary, beginners and newcomers welcome. S10. This special dance is the first of our fiftieth anniversary celebrations. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, diamondDanceCircle.com or diamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

Note Early Deadline!
Diamond Dance Circle • Bethesda, MD
Mondays • 7:30 – 10 PM
Come join our friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30-8, intermediate / advanced 8-10 (requests from 9:15-10). No partner needed. Adults over 16 please. Mostly recorded music, wonderful wood floor. Jane Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Bethesda 20815. NO DANCE on December 29. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8878, diamondDanceCircle.com or diamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

Columbia Folk Dancers • Columbia, MD
Wednesdays • 8 – 10:30 PM
We meet at Kahler Hall in Columbia, Village of Harpers Choice. Class at 8, dancing starts at 8:30. Requested throughout the evening. $5 (33 for seniors). Info: Ethel at 410-997-1613, Ed at 410-740-2309, or columbiafolkdancers.org.

Glen Echo International Folk • Bethesda, MD
Thursdays • 7:30 – 10:45 PM
Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobin Dr (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). Lesson at 7:30. Requested dances from 9 to 10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Co-sponsored by FSGW. $5. Info: Jamie at 301-466-3018 or dancingplanet@erols.com.

Circle Dance • Arlington, VA
1st & 3rd Thursdays (4 & 18) • 7:30 – 9:30 PM
Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of mediation and joy. All dances taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Rte 50 at George Mason Dr. Donation requested. Info: Ann Ulmschneider at 703-528-5114 or aulmsch@msn.com.

Mt. Vernon Folk Dancers • Alexandria, VA
Thursdays • 8 – 10 PM

Fridays
Greenbelt Folk Dancing • MD
Fridays • 8:30 – 10:45 PM
We focus on dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching from 8:30 to 9:15, requests from 9:15 on. Live music on

First Fridays. Greenbelt Comm. Cntr Studio, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. First Fridays, $12; other Fridays, $7. Students and seniors half price except first Fridays. Info: Larry Weiner at 301-565-0539 or larry@larryweiner.com, or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

Israeli

Israeli Dancing • Chevy Chase, MD
Tuesdays • 7 – 10:30 PM
Instruction from 7 to 7:45. We focus 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 Ln, 20815. $8 adults, $6 students. Info: Mike Fox at 240-424-0805 or markidmike.com, or markidmike@gmail.com.

Israeli Dancing • Greenbelt, MD
Saturday, December 20 • 8 – 11:15 PM
Israeli Classic Dance party (dances from before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. Info: Ben Hole at 301-441-8213.

Morris

Arlington Northwest Morris Women
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 at George Mason Dr. Info: Suzelise@comcast.net or nwdancers@comcast.net.

Rock Creek Morris Women
Wednesdays • 7:30 – 9:45 PM
Learn to dance in the ancient English morris tradition, and you’ll get all the aerobics you need. Join a strong community that dances, plays, sings, and drinks together. Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, 807 Daleview Dr. Info: Louise Neu at 301-927-6373 or louiseneu@earthlink.net or uswet.com/RCMW.html.

Foggy Bottom Morris Men
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, Washington DC and/or at the pub afterwards. Info: Alan Peel at 301-920-1912 or squire@fbmm.org or fbmm.org. We will NOT be meeting on December 25.
SCANDINAVIAN

**Norwegian Dance & Potluck • Kensington, MD**
The December party was a few hours early – held on November 30. See you next year! Info: Jenny at 301-371-4312 or ou@xecu.net, or http://MAND.fanitull.org.

**Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD**
**Saturday, December 20 • 7-10 PM**
Scandia DC sponsors a 3rd Saturday Holiday Dance Party this month, with fiddlers Andrea Hoag and Loretta Kelley, with the Scandia DC Spelmanslag. No partners necessary. Dancing starts at 7 (no teaching this month), but most dances will be "talked through." Wear a costume if you have one, bring finger food to share if you can, but most important, bring yourself! Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd. $10. Inclement weather cancellation 301-474-0646. Info: Linda at 202-333-2826, linda@scandiadc.org, or www.scandiadc.org.

SCOTTISH

**See scotsds-greaterdc.org for all Scottish dance listings.**

**Bethesda Scottish Country Dance • MD**
**Mondays • 8 – 10 PM**
NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). $5 Call or email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod at 301-622-5945 or blackolav@gmail.com.

**Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance • MD**
**Tuesdays • 8 – 10 PM**
Dance all year round at the Greenbelt Community Center. $8. Info: Jay Andrews at 703-719-0596 or andrewj@rcn.com.

**Alexandria Scottish Country Dance • VA**
**Wednesdays • 8-9:45 PM**
Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St, Alexandria 22314. $5. Info: elanyi@cox.net.

**Swing/Blues**

**Back Room Blues • Glen Echo, MD**
**Thursdays • 8:15 – 11:30 PM**

**Waltz/Couples Dancing**

**Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo, MD**
**Sundays • 3:30 PM**
A lively mix of folk waltzes with other couples dances, including hambo, swing, tango, and polka. Beginner lesson from 2:45 to 3:30. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. $10. Info: WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222.

**A Fixture**

December

7 **Trio Con Brio**: Paul Oorts (mandolin), Elke Baker (violin), Jonathan Jensen (piano)
21 **Avant Gardeners**: Laura Light (fiddle, vocals), George Paul (piano), David DiGiuseppe (accordion), Dave Wiesler (piano), Ralph Gordon (bass)
28 **Gigmeisters**: Dave Wiesler (piano), Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), Paul Oorts (accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), Ralph Gordon (bass)

**Hot Society Dance • Glen Echo, MD**
**Sunday, December 14 • 3-6 PM**
The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington plays music from the ‘20s, ‘30s, and ‘40s. Foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha-cha, rhumba, swing and more. No partner or experience necessary. Cha-cha lesson at 3 pm. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. $14. Info: Dave Tucker at 703-861-8218 or glenechopark.org or hotsociety.net.

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**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

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**Deadline for JANUARY 2015 Newsletter: MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014**
Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays
**ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOlis, MD**
**Sundays • 10 AM – 12:30 PM**
Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT CIRCLE JAM • WASHINGTON DC**
**1ST SUNDAYS • 11 AM – 2 PM**

**CABOMA JAM • ANNANDALE, VA**
**2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2 PM**
Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Marantha Baptist Church, 311 Annandale Road, 2203. Info: Don at 703-522-1696.

**SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD**
**3RD SUNDAYS • 4-6 PM**
Singing is followed by a potluck supper. Location is a small schoolhouse behind the Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, about 10 miles west of Laurel. Info: Dave Greene at 301-50-3283 or dgreene@all-systems.com to confirm.

**Mondays**

**BALKAN SINGING • TAKOMA PARK, MD**
**Mondays • 8 PM**
Informal singing group, Sedenka, meets in to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya at 301-270-4175 or Katya@partan.com.

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

**SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD**
**1ST MONDAYS • 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 honored if possible. Mostly a cappella but instruments are welcome. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

Tuesdays

**RESTON/HERNDON FOLK CLUB • HERNDON, VA**
**TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM**

**DC SHAPE NOTE SING • WASHINGTON, DC**
**3RD TUESDAY • 7 – 9 PM**
We sing from both The Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony. Loaners available and books for sale. Everyone is welcome to bring snacks and friends. We look forward to singing with you. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St., SE, 20003. Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking is possible; church is a 10-minute walk from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metro stations, or a 20-minute walk from Union Station. Info: 540-955-2660 or DC Shape Noye Singers on Facebook.

**OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD**
**DECEMBER 9 AND 23 • 7:30 – 10:30 PM**
Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at Liam Flynn’s, 22 W. North Ave., 21201. Info: KenAndBrad.com, KenKolodner.com or BradKolodner.com.

**Wednesdays**

**SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • BALTIMORE, ANNAPOlis, & DC**
**2ND & 3RD WEDNESDAYS • 8 – 10 PM**
The Ship’s Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

**ARLINGTON JAM! • ARLINGTON, VA**
**1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 – 10 PM**
Strings (bowed, plucked or hammered), winds, free reeds: all instruments welcome! Intermediate and advanced players interested in old-time, blues, Scandinavian, swing, and other styles. If you sight-read: music provided! 1909 N. Ohio St. Info: Lilli Vincenz at 703-532-2731 or Fiddler-Lilli@verizon.net; or Steve Woodbury at 703-425-5943 or woodbury-bauer@verizon.net.
**Cajun Jam • Greenbelt, MD**

4th Wednesdays • 7–9 PM


**Thursdays**

**BFMS Open Sing • Fells Point, MD**

December 18 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM

It’s the closest thing to singing in someone’s living room... without being in one! Singing is about the song, not the performance. We’ll sing chorus songs, so even if you aren’t comfortable singing in front of a crowd, you can sing along with the crowd at the Wharf Rat, 801 S. Ann St. 21231. Info: Michael Quitt, mqpens@gmail.com.

**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, your voice, and even your instruments for a great evening of song and pub-style fellowship. The Limerick Pub, at the corner of Elkin and Price, 11301 Elkin St. 20902. Venue Info: thelimerickpub.net.

**Folk Hoot! • Mt. Ranier, MD**

4th Thursdays • 7 – 9 PM

Not in December. Bruce Hutton hosts a traditional folk music open mic at the Urban Eats Art and Music Café, 3311 Rhode Island Ave. 20712. Info: Bruce Hutton at 301-802-7669, or facebook.com/urbaneatsmd.

**Fridays**

**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 OpenBandOnline.com. The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac. Info: FridayNightDance.org.

**Seamus Kennedy Celtic Christmas Show**

Gaithersburg, MD

Sunday, December 14 • 3 PM

Kentlands Mansion 320 Kent Square 20878. Tickets: $25 adults, $12 youths - Info: kentlands@gaithersburgmd.gov or 301 926-6636.

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**Saturdays**

**Shape Note Sing • Boyce, VA**

No local singing in December. We’ll be at the Lehigh Valley all day singing. Info: John or Kelly at 540-955-2660 or ShenandoahHarmony.com/singings.

**Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Riverdale, MD**

Saturdays • 1 – 5 PM


**Hammered Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA**

December 27 • 1:30 – 4:30 PM

Hammered dulcimer players of all levels meet monthly to swap tunes and play together; other acoustic instruments welcome. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. 22101. Info: 703-356-0770 or eholsp@gmail.com, sites.google.com/site/nvhdpplayers.

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**Storytelling**

**Grapevine Storytelling • Takoma Park, MD**

Thursday, December 4 • 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Old-fashioned storytelling. Celebrate the timeless art of the bards with stories of all kinds: truths and myths and everything in between! Hosted by Noa Baum, with featured tellers Renée Brachfeld, Mark Novak, and Granny Sue. Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Suggested donation of $10 per person at the door goes to the featured tellers. Info: Tim Livengood, 443-535-3185, or timtales@verizon.net.

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**33rd Annual Holiday Show & Sale**

3rd & 4th Saturdays, December 6 & 7

7208 Maple Ave

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20th Jewish Folk Arts Festival
Rockville, MD
Saturday & Sunday, December 6 – 7, 1 – 6 PM
Save the date for the Mid-Atlantic’s largest celebration of Jewish art, music, and culture at the Universities of Shady Grove Conference Ctr. Program includes a pre-festival Chanukah concert on Saturday at Temple Beth Ami, featuring Noa Baum (storyteller) and the Fabrangens Fiddlers with Debi and Jesse Roemer. Highlights of the festival include several synagogue choirs and cantors, nationally known klezmer bands, university/youth a cappella groups, dancing, exhibits and sale of Judaic artists’ crafts. Activities for children, youth. Kosher food. The biennial event celebrates the talent and diversity of Jewish performing and visual arts in the DC, Baltimore, and Virginia region. General admission, $10; seniors/students, $5; preschoolers free. Max. family fee, $40. Info: 301-587-1739, jewishfolkartsfestival.com.

Wreath Making • College Park, MD
December 6 • 2 – 6 PM
Volunteers will teach you how to decorate beautiful wreaths. For teens and adults. Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Info: 301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org.

Children’s Art Workshop • College Park, MD
Sunday, December 14 • 2 – 4 PM
Art specialists lead fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 (must be accompanied by parents). Free. Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Info: 301-474-1210.

Terpsichore Dance Holiday • Roanoke, WV
December 27, 2014 – January 1, 2015
Dance in the New Year at Stonewall Resort. Terpsichore is a folk dance and music camp for ages 4 and up. Dancing, singing, music-making, crafts, nature hikes, meals, and 4-star accommodations. Classes in contra, squares, waltz, swing, rapper sword, morris, English country dance, dance band, and more. Info: danceholiday.net.

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat
Shepherdstown, WV
Friday – Sunday, January 2-4, 2015
Twenty-four different workshops for fiddle, hammered dulcimer, mixed instruments, and dance band, in a variety of styles, will be held on the campus of Shepherd University in historic Shepherdstown. Weekend staff includes Elke Baker (Scottish, English), Andrea Hoag (Scandinavian, ECD), Graham DeZarn (Irish, Appalachian), Alexander Mitchell (swing), Danny Knicely (bluegrass and old-time mandolin), Joe Herrmann (old-time), Dave Wiesler (NE dance band, piano), Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer accompaniment), and Paul Oorts (mandolin and mixed instrument band). Showcase concert on Friday night, contra dance on Saturday night. Info: Joanie Blanton at 304-263-2531, or upperpotomacmusic.info/fiddleretreat or updf@earthlink.net.

Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend
Shepherdstown, WV
Friday – Sunday, January 16-18, 2015
Classes, individual tutoring, concerts and sessions for a wide variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, percussion, flute, and mixed instruments, will be held on the campus of Shepherd University and in nearby historic buildings. Staff include Cillian Val1ley (uilleann pipes), Sean Gavin (Irish flute), Timothy Cummings (Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes), Dick Hensold (Northumbrian smallpipes) Iain MacHarg (Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes), Kelly Cruiscuolo-Debutsch (Irish repertoire and uilleann pipes maintenance, and reed-making) and our host piper Bob Mitchell (Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes). Info: Joanie Blanton at 304-263-2531, or upperpotomacmusic.info/squeezethebag or updf@earthlink.net. Early Bird registration (by December 15) offers a substantial discount.

Scottish Country Dancing Capital Weekend
College Park, MD
Friday – Sunday, March 27 – 29, 2015

FSGW’s Chesapeake Dance Weekend
Edgewater, MD
Friday – Sunday, April 10-12, 2015
FSGW celebrates CDW’s 33rd anniversary at beautiful Camp Leets. Adina Gordon will call dances old and new to wildly fun and adventurous tunes by The Great Bear Trio. Phil Jamison, up from beautiful North Carolina, will call squares and more to authentic Appalachian music by The Corn Potato String Band, and Matthew Duveneck and Anna Gilbert will instruct dancers in waltz and tango, with music by Fiddlemuse. Info: ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org or fsgw.org.

Spring Banjo Rally • Boiling Springs, PA
Friday – Sunday, May 21-23, 2015
The American Banjo Fraternity sponsors this event, devoted to post-mistrel, nylon-string five-string banjo music as played in the late 19th and early 20th century. Venue is the ground level of the Meadow Lodge, Allenberry Resort, 1559 Boiling Springs Rd. Venue info: 800-430-5468. Info: banjofraternity.org

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