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FREE Monthly Program

Takoma, DC

Magpie Seasons of Light Friday, December 18 * 8 pm

From Solstice to Chanukah to Christmas to Kwanzaa, many cultures celebrate the turn of the winter season in the Northern Hemisphere, watchful of the sun's incremental return and imbuing the longer days with gratitude for times past and optimism for the year to come. The changing season resonates with hope and freedom, of new life and new beginnings and of the basic principles for living together in peace and prosperity. **Greg Artzner** and **Terry Leonino** (aka **Magpie**) perform music and tell stories from traditions that mark this "*Season of Light*," celebrating the many common themes of these cultural festivals: the changing seasons, respect for nature, the quest for freedom, kindness to others, unity, cooperation, purpose and creativity.

Long active in the DC metropolitan area, **Magpie** is the contemporary folk duo of **Greg Artzner** and **Terry Leonino**. Known as environmental musicians, activists and teachers, they have spent over 40 years performing all over the country (heck, all over the world) in festivals, schools, historical associations and museums, including the Smithsonian. They are also Master Artists with the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts. Originally from Ohio and long-time residents of Takoma Park, they now make their home in upstate New York.

If you haven't heard them—and local opportunities to give a listen abound, from the annual Washington Folk Festival in June to countless area performances—imagine two strong voices that can take the lead as easily as they can blend in magical two-part harmonies. Greg's guitar arrangements and masterful playing accompany

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most of their songs, complemented by Terry's second guitar, amazing harmonica, sparkling mandolin and sultry dulcimer. Theirs is a powerful sound, brimming with purpose and passion. Audiences are always inspired (and welcome) to sing along. You just can't help yourself; it's all a part of the show.

This concert is sponsored, in part, by the Jonathan Eberhart Fund of the FSGW, in memory of one of the founders of the organization who passionately loved music of all sorts.

FSGW is proud to present this special holiday concert at 8 pm on Friday, December 18, at the completely accessible Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St, NW 20012, catty-corner from the Takoma Metro (street parking or in the Metro lot). **Free to FSGW members; public admission \$20 at the door.**



FSGW Sings/Swaps/Events

FSGW OPEN SING • EDGEWATER, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 4 PM

For December, the Open Sing will be held at the home of **Michele & Dennis Callaghan**, 1722 Shore Dr., 21037. We will have a potluck supper between rounds. Michele's email is callagh@verizon.net. Theme: Endings & New Beginnings.

HEADS UP FOR JANUARY:

OPEN SING SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 • 8:30 PM

at **Nancy King's** in Kensington, MD. Look for details at fsgw.org later in December.

FSGW STORYSWAP • BETHESDA, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 7:30 PM

Holidays are an especially good time for storytelling of whatever kind — seasonal, family, or whatever strikes your fancy. Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Jane Dorfman** for an evening of shared stories and potluck vegetarian snacks. Free. For RSVPs and directions, dorfmanjo@gmail.com.

FSGW GOSPEL SING • WASHINGTON, DC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 4 – 8 PM

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Group singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6 pm, with more singing after supper until 8. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Bill Thompson** and **Ann Herzog**. Info/directions: **202-797-9259**.

SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 1 - 3 PM

On the third Wednesday of each month, this song circle is a daytime opportunity for informal group singing. Open to all ages and levels of experience, the song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. Lyrics will be provided; and you don't need to read music. Come to sing or just to listen to delightful songs, humorous or serious, old or new, timeless or topical. Co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, 20901. Free! For info, or to suggest songs in advance, **Fred Stollnitz** at fstollnitz@comcast.net.

FSGW SHAPE-NOTE SINGING –

NO SING ON 4TH SUNDAY IN DECEMBER

PLAN AHEAD: FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016

TIME & PLACE TBA

Welcome 2016 in harmony at the annual New Year's Day shape-note singing. 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. More information **301-229-8534**, madaly@verizon.net or fswg.org.

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

AT GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

CONTRAS AND 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. December dances will be 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

December 6 • Dugan Murphy with *Blackjack Grove*

We're delighted to have **Dugan Murphy** and **Blackjack Grove** on our schedule as they tour the region in early December. We look forward to a fun energetic dance! **Blackjack Grove** is **Bethany Waickman** (guitar), **Glen Loper** (mandolin) and **Julie Metcalf** (fiddle).



December 13 • Andrea Nettleton with *Honeysuckle Rose*

Two Andrea's team up for this great dance. **Andrea Nettleton** is a Nationally known caller who always leaves you happy. **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle) teams up with **Paul Oorts** (mandolin), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) and **Ralph Gordon** (bass) to form the wonderful **Honeysuckle Rose**.

December 20 • Anna Rain with *The Gigmesters*

These masters of the Spanish Ballroom return! Anna will get us in the groove and then get out of the way so that the **Gigmesters** can move us with their high-energy rhythmic intensity. **Gigmesters** is **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, banjo, accordion), **Dave Wiesler** (piano and guitar) and **Ralph Gordon** (bass).



December 27 • Deborah Hyland and *Hammer and String* featuring *Rhys Jones*

Hammer and String, featuring masterful fiddler **Rhys Jones** and multi-instrumentalist **Cleek Schrey**, explore the connection between American and Irish traditional music while breaking free of the traditional bounds of dance music. **Deborah Hyland**, the dance mistress, comes to us from St. Louis to call.



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

HOW TO SUBMIT A LISTING TO THE FSGW NEWSLETTER

1. Please look at this Newsletter and determine under what category your listing should appear. When submitting copy by email, put that category in the subject line, followed by the month. So if you want to list a contra dance, your subject line is: Dance Contra [Month]. No punctuation, please. If it's a workshop: Workshop [Month]. If it's a single concert: Concert Individual [Month]. And so forth. Putting the category in the subject line makes it easier for the editor to retrieve groups of events.

2. Please submit all listings in FSGW format. All information should be submitted in the following sequence:

Event Title • City, State Abbreviation

Day of the week, Date • start time - end time

One or two sentences only. Location (+ zip code for GPS). Ticket prices.

Info: Contact Name at Phone number or email/website.

NB: The city and state appear in the header; do not repeat them in the body, but in this age of Droids and GPS units, you need to include the 5-digit zip code – it goes right after the street address.

Submit entries to newsletter@fsgw.org

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FSGW BOARD MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW Board meetings will be held in Classroom 301 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.

December 5-6 & 11-13, 2015

The Christmas Revels

*A Medieval Celebration of the Winter Solstice
 in Music, Dance and Drama*

- ♦ rollicking tunes on early instruments
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FSGW English Country Dances

Glen Echo, 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., 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, 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

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Anna Rain calls the dances to the music of **Carrie Rose** (flute), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).



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Tom Spilsbury and **April Blum** call the dances while **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Susan Brandt** (flute), and **Melissa Running** (piano) make the music.



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Stephanie Smith leads the dances while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Paul**



Oorts (mandolin and accordion), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano) play the tunes.

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Susan Taylor calls to the playing of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Melissa Running** (piano).



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Melissa Running calls while **Adam Bern** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play.



The next **Washington Spring Ball**

has been scheduled for May 14, 2016, Great Hall of the Silver Spring Civic Building. Check the FSGW website for more info.

FSGW BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

- Heard a presentation by David Shewmaker of CDSS regarding CDSS scholarships, and will consider a matching grant to make participation at week-long camps more affordable.
- Provided partial funding for FSGW members to travel by rented passenger van to the Youth Traditional Song event, January, 2016.
- Discussed some possible strategies to increase attendance at the Sunday night contra dance, although any decision will be made by the Dance Committee.
- Agreed to be a co-sponsor of TradMAD Week at Pinewoods Camp.
- Discussed some concerns regarding the condition of the Spanish Ballroom.

FSGW DANCE EVENTS

FSGW SQUARE DANCE • WASHINGTON, DC

None this month. Renovations at Saint Stephen's are moving along rapidly! Please check here for status updates:
www.FSGW.org or www.DCsquaredance.com.

PLAN AHEAD - JANUARY 1 DANCE!

FSGW SQUARE DANCE • ADELPHI, MD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016 • 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. A paltry \$10 gets you in to this **FIRST** awesome dance of 2016! Held at Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Terr., 30783. Info: fsgw.org or 301-926-9142.

FSGW Co-SPONSORED DANCE EVENTS



SILVER SPRING CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE

SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 7:30-10 PM • (7-7:30 LESSON)

Caller **Clinton Ross** with **Terpsichore** (Elke Baker, Liz Donaldson, Ralph Gordon). Great Hall of the SS Civic Bldg, One Veterans Plaza 20910. Free parking at 801 Ellsworth Dr. Introductory workshop at 7. Co-sponsored by FSGW, Carpe Diem Arts, and Montgomery Cty Rec Dept. \$8 for FSGW/BFMS/CDSS members. \$10 adults, \$5 students. First timers free. Info: Rachael Erichsen 757-239-3714 or Rachael.erichsen@gmail.com.



GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS • MD

THURSDAYS • 7:30-10:45 PM

See the listing under International Dances on page 15.

Concerts



FOCUS MUSIC SERIES

Info: focusmusic.org or call 703-380-3151

OCEAN ORCHESTRA • ALEXANDRIA, VA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 7 PM

Ocean Orchestra plays music packed with pure pan-Celtic pizzazz, putting their uniqueness on traditional songs and Jennifer Cutting's original compositions, from soaring ballads and stirring sea chanteys to blazing fiddle and accordion tunes. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., 22308. \$15 Adv/\$18 at door.

EIN LANU Z'MAN, + HANNAH SPIRO • ARLINGTON, VA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 7 PM

The music of **Ein Lanu Z'man** comes from the Jewish tradition, with a diverse repertoire that features folk, classical, and rock influences, among others. The music is a reflection of the sheer joy the members of the group experience every time they gather to make music together. **Hannah Spiro** opens the show. Congregation Etz Hayim, 2920 Arlington Blvd., 22204. \$15 Adv/\$18 door.



INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS

Info at imtfolk.org or 301-960-3655 for advance tickets.

CATHY & MARCY'S 30TH ANNUAL

WINTER FAMILY CONCERT WITH

SPECIAL GUEST BILL HARLEY • TAKOMA, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 11 AM AND 1 PM

Join GRAMMY® award winning duo **Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer** for their 30th Annual Winter Family Concert. Master Storyteller and GRAMMY® winning songwriter, **Bill Harley**, will share the show with the dynamic duo. Bring the whole family and get ready for silliness and full out musical fun! Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St, NW 20012. \$12 Adv/\$15 door.

SAM GLEAVES CD RELEASE & SI KAHN

WASHINGTON (TAKOMA), DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 7:30 PM

IMT presents two generations of Southern Appalachian musical activists. **Sam Gleaves**, a fresh new voice of the Appalachian Mountains will share the show with folk legend **Si Kahn**. Special guests include **Rickie Simpkins** (fiddle), **Cathy Fink** (banjo, vocals) and **Marcy Marxer** (mandolin, guitar, vocals). Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St, NW 20012. \$20 Adv/\$25 door/Students with ID \$15/Children \$20.

ROBIN BULLOCK, KEN KOLODNER, & ELKE BAKER:

CELTIC HOLIDAY CONCERT • ROCKVILLE, MD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 7:30 PM

Master Celtic and American multi-instrumentalist **Robin Bullock** is joined by hammered dulcimer exponent **Ken Kolodner** and Scottish national fiddle champion **Elke Baker**. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd.,

Rockville 20852. \$20 Adv/\$25 door/ Students with ID \$15/ Children \$20.

WEEKEND BLUEGRASS CONCERT SERIES • HERNDON, VA

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, 20170. \$15. Info: **Bob Thompson**, 703-435-8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net

THE LARRY STEPHENSON BAND • HERNDON, VA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 7:30 - 9:30 PM

The Larry Stephenson Band is a multi-award winning traditional bluegrass and bluegrass/gospel band that has been around for over two decades and known for their magnificent vocal harmonies and stellar instrumentals. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, \$15 - children 12 and younger admitted free.

INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS

(listed chronologically)

PETE CLARK AND GREGOR LOWREY • GLEN ECHO, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 7:30 - 9:30 PM

One of Scotland's premiere fiddlers, **Pete Clark** will be joined by **Gregor Lowrey** on accordion for a concert of Scottish tunes old and new, played with toe-tapping rhythms and infectious enthusiasm. Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St., 20812. \$20. Info: **Becky Ross** at info@PotomacValleyScottishFiddle.org or 301-208-8285.



MARCY MARXER & ROLLY BROWN

HERNDON, VA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 7:15 PM

Marcy Marxer is no stranger to the DC metropolitan area. With guitar playing that spans a variety of styles, including bluegrass, Celtic and folk fingerpicking, Mar-

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cy also plays mandolin, bouzouki, hammered dulcimer, Latin percussion, banjos, and ukulele. Guitarist **Rolly Brown** has recently released a CD that includes originals and covers of songs by his greatest influences over the years -- Steve Mann, Bert Jansch, and Davy Graham. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, 20170. \$10/\$9 members. Info: www.reston-herndonfolkclub.com.

HANUKAH HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERT CHEVY CHASE, MD

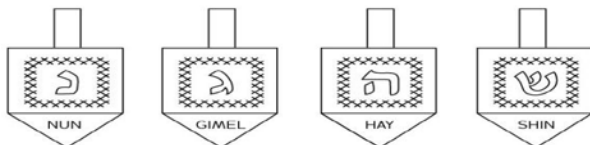
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 7:30 PM

Featuring the **Fabrangen Fiddlers**, DC's original Jewish folk and klezmer band. Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Rd., 20815. \$20/\$18 seniors. Proceeds to New Israel Fund, ALLMEP, Rabbis for Human Rights, Heartbeat and JStreet. Info: amkole@aol.com.

CARROLL CAFE: JOY IKE, LEA AND SIOBHAN QUINN & MICHAEL BOWERS • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 7:30 PM

LEA is one of the region's most soulful vocalists, guitarists and songwriters. **Siobhan Quinn** and **Michael Bowers** paint dynamic and colorful stories with rich original, contemporary and traditional music; and **Joy Ike's** percussive piano playing and soaring vocals give homage to her African upbringing. This will be a soulful and electrifying evening! Carroll Cafe at Seekers Church 276 Carroll St. NW@Takoma Metro, 20012. \$18 adv./\$20 at door. Jesse Palidofsky **301-562-4147** or carrollcafe.org.



DC LABOR CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERT SILVER SPRING, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 7:30 PM

The **DC Labor Chorus** presents a spirited holiday concert of favorite secular and sacred songs for social justice, peace and joy — in all cultures and traditions — in the Chapel on the campus of the new ATU Training and Education Center (formerly George Meany Center / National Labor College), 10000 New Hampshire Ave., 20903, just outside the Beltway. Free! (Donations gratefully accepted.) Info: Pam Larson **202-215-2902**, pjlaronshares@gmail.com or laborheritage.org/dc-labor-chorus-annual-holiday-concert.

333 COFFEEHOUSE • ANNAPOLIS, MD CHARM CITY KLEZMER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 7:30 PM

Charm City Klezmer shares joyous Yiddish tunes and daring jazz improvisation. This Baltimore group features Max Geller on clarinet. Annapolis Friends Mtg. House, 351 DuBois Rd, Annapolis, 21401. Info: **333concerts.org** or **443-333-9613**.

RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS CONCERT SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Tina Chancey (longtime director) of *Hesperus*, joins with **Niccolo Seligmann** and **Brian Kay** from *Divisio*, a Baltimore-based group mixing Early music and Early magic designed to drive the cold winter away. DIVISIO's musical influences cut a broad swath – from Spain, Italy, Greece, to Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, and Northern Africa. At St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 110 N. King St. \$22/ \$20 seniors / \$10 students. For more information call Joanie at **304-263-2531** or email pdf@earthlink.net.

Classes

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER • 7:30-9:30 PM

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn Hambo, Schottis, Waltz, *Zwiefacher*, and other Swedish and Norwegian couple turning dances, including requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes (leather soles are best) for turning, not running shoes. \$5. First time free. Info: Lisa Brooks at **240-731-1935**, lisa@HamboDC.org or www.HamboDC.org.

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

GWCC IRISH/CEILI CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAYS THRU DECEMBER 17 • 7-9:30 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club offers classes at the Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901 (just outside the Beltway

at the Georgia Ave exit). New dancer lesson and basics review from 7 to 8 pm. Advanced dance workshop (including Rinkinstown, Fintown, and Croisloch sets) from 8 to 9:30. Fourteen weekly classes for a single \$40 donation (register and pay at class); first class free. Info: **Paul O'Donnell**, **301-649-6410** or gwcc-online.org.

WALTZ PRACTICUM • GREENBELT, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 2-4 PM

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. 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$5 suggested donation. Info: **Elliott Drabek** **443-653-1468** or Elliott.drabek@gmail.com or tinyurl.com/waltz-practicum.



Dances

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CCE COMMUNITY IRISH DANCE (CEILI) • HERNDON, VA SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 6:30 - 10 PM

Live music and a caller (Marilyn Moore) sincerely welcome dancers of all levels to these 2nd Saturday of the month dances. Workshop at 6:30, dance at 7. Wear comfortable clothes and lightweight clothing. Frying Pan Park Visitors Center, 2739 West Ox Road, 20171. \$15 info: **703-631-9179** or **ccepotomac.org**.

(PLAN AHEAD – NO DANCE IN DECEMBER) GWCC NEW YEAR'S CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 • 3 - 8 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club is celebrating it's 30th season this year! Instead of a December "4th Sunday" dance, GWCC will celebrate the New Year on Sunday, Jan 3. Music provided by **Ellis Island (Dave Abe, Myron Bretholz, Peter Fitzgerald, Andy Thurston)**. No workshop, ceili 4-8pm, with potluck dinner during the first break. No partner needed, smooth soled shoes (not tennis shoes) recommended. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740 (entrance code 76000). \$20/ Members, \$25/Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. 10 & under free. Info: **301-512-4480** or **gwcc-online.org**.

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

FSGW Family Dance. None in December.

HARRISONBURG FAMILY DANCE • HARRISONBURG, VA FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS • 6:30-8:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church, 17 Court Sq 22802. Line, circle and square sets. Free and open to all. Info: **tommack1861@gmail.com** or **facebook.com/SVCWED**

FRONT ROYAL FAMILY DANCE • FRONT ROYAL, VA SECOND THURSDAYS • 6-7:30 PM

Samuel's Public Library, 330 East Criser Rd 22630. Line, circle and square sets. Free and open to all. Info: **tommack1861@gmail.com** or **facebook.com/SVCWED**

LURAY FAMILY DANCE • LURAY, VA FOURTH THURSDAYS • 6:30-8:30 PM

Christ Episcopal Church, 16 Amiss Ave 22835. Line, circle and square sets. Free and open to all. Info: **tommack1861@gmail.com** or **facebook.com/SVCWED**

FAMILY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 5 PM

Band: **Triple Helix** with **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle, mandolin & banjo), **Colleen Reed** (flute and saxophone) and **Keith Gillis** (guitar); Caller: **Sue Dupre**. Family dances are geared towards young children and families. All ages are encouraged to attend. Dances are all taught. Discounts for large groups

such as Scout troops. St. Mark's on the Hill, Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, 21208. \$4 Members, \$6 non-members. Potluck 6:30-7:30. Info: **www.bfms.org** or **familydance@bfms.org**.

CONTRA

Sundays

FSGW Sunday Night Dances. Details on page 3.

Wednesdays



BFMS CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD WEDNESDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

Beginners always welcome. New dancer workshops at 7:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. Members \$9, non-members \$13. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: **bfms.org**

December

- 9 **Clinton Ross** calls to **Waverley Station**: **David Knight** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (bass), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.
- 16 **Greg Frock** calls to **Rhapsody**: **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Marty Taylor** (whistles, concertina), **Ralph Gordon** (bass), and **Dave Wiesler** (piano, guitar).
- 23 **Donna Hunt** calls to **Wombat Crossing**: **Carl Friedman** (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina, sax), and **Charlie Pilzer** (piano). New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.
- 30 **Perry Shafran** calls to **Triple Helix**: **Colleen Reed** (flute, sax), **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), and **Keith Gillis** (guitar).

Fridays

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS GLEN ECHO, MD


FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 PM



The Friday Night Dancers, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (unless otherwise specified), at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. 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

- 4 **Dugan Murphy** calls to **Blackjack Grove** with **Bethany Waickman** on guitar; **Glen Loper** on mandolin; and **Julie Metcalf** on fiddle.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
<h1>December 2015</h1> <p><i>All times are pm unless otherwise noted.</i></p>		1 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance	2 7:30 Arlington Jam 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance	
6 <i>First Night of Chanukah</i> 10 am Annapolis Jam 11 am DC Bluegrass Jam 2 Christmas Revels 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 7:30 Pete Clark and Gregor Lowrey Concert 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DUGAN MURPHY WITH BLACKJACK GROVE	7 7 DC Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 Wheaton Chantey Sing 	8 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club Concert Marcy Marxer & Rolly Brown 8 Arlington Israeli Dancing 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance	9 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 7:30 Grapevine Storytelling 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 Sea Chanteys/Baltimore 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance	
13 10 am Annapolis Jam 1 & 5 Christmas Revels 2 CABOMA Jam 2 Greenbelt Waltz Practicum 4 FSGW GOSPEL SING 7:30 Am Kolel's Lomir Ale Zingen (Yiddish singalong) 7:30 FSGW CONTRA ANDREA NETTLETON WITH HONEYSUCKLE ROSE	14 <i>Last Day of Chanukah</i> 7:30 IMT: Celtic Holiday Concert 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 College Park Int'l Holiday Party/Folk Dance 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance	15 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance	16 1 FSGW Song Circle 7:30 Arlington Jam 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 Sea Chanteys/Annapolis 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance	
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<p>10</p> <p>6 Front Royal, VA Family Dance 7:30 FSGW SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE CLINTON ROSS WITH TERPSICHORE 7:30 Hanukah Human Rights Concert 7:30 Glen Echo Int'l Folk Dance 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Glen Echo Blues Dance</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 Carroll Café: Joy Ike, LEA and Siobhan Quinn & Michael Bowers Concert 7:30 Christmas Revels 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance (Open Band)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 2& 7:30 Christmas Revels 5 Pikesville Family Dance 6:30 CCE Ceili Dance 7 Focus Arlington: Ein Lanu Z'man, + Hannah Spiro 7:30 IMT: Sam Gleaves & Si Kahn Concert 7:30 DC Labor Chorus Holiday Concert 7:30 Leesburg Assembly English Country Dance 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Kensington Norwegian Dance 8 Silver Spring English Country Dance</p>
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<p><i>Christmas Eve</i> 24</p> <p>6:30 Luray Family Dance 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Glen Echo Blues Dance</p>	<p><i>Christmas Day</i> 25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 8 Frederick, MD Contra Dance</p>
<p><i>New Year's Eve</i> 31</p> <p>6:30 FSGW GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 FSGW NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL CONTRA DANCE</p>	<p>January 1</p> <p>2 FSGW SQUARE DANCE</p> 	<p>January 2</p> <p>8:30 FSGW OPEN SING</p>

FSGW Advance Notice

2016

Saturday, February 6
**FSGW ANNUAL
MINI FEST**
Takoma Park Middle School, MD
Noon to 10:30 pm.

Saturday and Sunday
April 2 & 3, 2016
**THE 27TH ANNUAL
POTOMAC RIVER
SACRED HARP
CONVENTION**
Great Falls, Virginia.

Friday, April 8, thru Sunday, April 10
**27TH ANNUAL
CHESAPEAKE DANCE
WEEKEND**
CAMP LETTS, EDGEWATER, MD

Saturday, May 14
**30TH ANNUAL
WASHINGTON SPRING BALL**
Silver Spring, MD

Saturday, June 4 and
Sunday, June 5
**36TH ANNUAL
WASHINGTON
FOLK FESTIVAL**
GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

Friday, September 23, thru
Monday, September 26, 2016
**52ND ANNUAL
FSGW GETAWAY**
West River Conference Center
West River, MD



DANCES continued

- 11 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**.
 18 **April Blum** calls to the **Avant Gardeners** with **Ralph Gordon** on bass, **Bert Carlson** on guitar, **Loren Oppenheimer** on tabla and **Laura Light** on fiddle.
 25 No dance.

*Saturdays***SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 8-11 PM**

(Annual Holiday Potluck at 6 pm) **Duggan Murphy** calls lively contra dances to the fine music of **Blackjack Grove**, with **Bethany Waickman** on guitar, **Glen Loper** on mandolin and **Julie Metcalf** on fiddle at the Shepherdstown War Memorial Building. Beginners workshop at 7:30. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. War Memorial Bldg, 102 E German St, 25443. Free introductory workshop at 7:30. Potluck snacks. \$12. Info: **Becky** at **304-870-4118** or **smad.us**.

**BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE, MD****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 8-11 PM**

Sue Dupre calls to **Triple Helix** with **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle, mandolin & banjo), **Colleen Reed** (flute and saxophone) and **Keith Gillis** (guitar). \$9 BFMS members, \$13 non-members, Discount for under 21 and full-time students with ID. St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Road. Info: **Becca Denison** at **301-606-7115**, or **satdance@bfms.org** or **saraglik@gmail.com**.

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 7-10 PM**

Adina Gordon calls to **Dance Wiz** with **Bill Quern** (fiddle, mando, banjo, melodeon, harmonica), **Adlai Waksman** (accordion), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet, sax), and **JoAnne Rocke** (keyboard). St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. Beginners Workshop 6:15. \$9 adults/\$6 students. Children 15 and under free. Info: **Karen** at **717-951-4317** or **lanastercontra.org**.

ATDS CONTRA • ANNAPOLIS, MD**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 6:30 - 10 PM**

DeLaura Padovan will teach and call dances to the music of **Devine Comedy** (**Steve Hickman** fiddles, **Marty Taylor** plays woodwinds and concertina, and **John Devine** drives it all with his guitar). Free introductory session at 6:30. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$10, with discounts for seniors, students, families, and ATDS Members. Info: **Jan Scopel** at **443-540-0867** or **jan-scope@hotmail.com**; or **Ann Fallon** at **410-268-0231** or **aefallon@verizon.net**; or **contradancers.com/atds**.

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE * FREDERICK, MD**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 * 8 - 11 PM**

Ann Fallon will call to the fabulous music of a **Graham DeZarn** combo that's sure to please. Snacks to share at the break are

welcome. Introductory workshop at 7:15. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd., 21703; \$10; students with ID \$5. Info: **Boe Walker** at **301-694-6794** or **contradancers.com**.

ENGLISH COUNTRY*Mondays***BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY****PIKESVILLE, MD****MONDAYS • 8 - 10:30 PM**

English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through 7:45. Admission \$8 Members (BFMS, ATDS, FSGW, CDSS); \$11 Non-members, \$2 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

- 7 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to **Elke Baker** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute, sax), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)
 14 **Ann Fallon** calls to **Tina Chancey** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (winds, concertina), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, etc.)
 21 **Tom Spilsbury** calls to **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **David Crandall** (flute, sax), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano)
 28 **Susan Taylor** calls to **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)

*Wednesdays***FSGW English Country Dance.****Details on page 5.***Saturdays***SILVER SPRING ECD • SILVER SPRING, MD****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 8 - 10:45 PM**

Dance to music by **Peascods Gathering**, calling by **Bob Farrall**. Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisins snapdragons for good luck in the following year. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902. Parking and entrance in rear. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Info: **Carl Minkus** at **301-493-5281**, **cminkus@verizon.net**, or **Bob Farrall** at **301-577-5018**.

LEESBURG ASSEMBLY • GREAT FALLS, VA**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 7:30 - 10:30 PM**

Don your gay apparel or period dress and join us for our holiday party and dance! All dances taught and called to live music, and new dancers are welcome! **Tom Spilsbury** will call. Please bring a refreshment to share. \$20. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pk, 22066 – 4.7 miles west of the Beltway. \$10. Info: **David Pacelli** at **703-757-8648** or **thelessburgassembly.org**.

INTERNATIONAL

Mondays
BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK • 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. All levels of experience welcome. Adults over 16 please. Mostly recorded music; wonderful wood floor. Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. \$8. Info: Phyllis or Brandon, **301-871-8788**, DiamondDanceCircle.com or DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

SPECIAL DIAMOND DANCERS INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY PARTY • COLLEGE PARK, MD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 8 - 11:30 PM

Join us on the wonderful wood floor at the Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom 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. \$10. 9800 Cherry Hill Rd., 20740. Info: DiamondDanceCircle.com.

Wednesdays
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. Requests taken throughout the evening. \$5 (\$3 for seniors). Info: Ethel at **410-997-1613**, Ed at **410-740-2309**, or columbiafolkdancers.org.

Thursdays
GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK • BETHESDA, MD
THURSDAYS • 7:30-10:45 PM

Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). Lesson at 7:30, Request 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.

MT. VERNON INT'L FOLK DANCING • ALEXANDRIA, VA
THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM

We welcome beginners and advanced dancers; no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group, fabulous wooden floor. A mix of easy dances, advanced instruction and requests. Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Ln, 22307. Donation \$4. Info: Patricia at **703-472-3888** or pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com.

CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA**3RD AND 5TH THURSDAYS • 7:30-9:30**

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, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204. Donation requested. Info: Ann Ulmschneider at **703-528-5114** or aulmsch@msn.com.

Fridays
GREENBELT FOLK DANCING • GREENBELT, 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, request 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 • ARLINGTON, VA
2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS • 8-10 PM

Beginner/review instruction from 8 to 9. Intermediate and practice from 9-10. All with a thirst for exercise and dance are welcome. Congregation Etz Hayim, 2920 Arlington Blvd, 22204. \$5 per person per hour. Info: **Ethan Halpern** at **301-982-0937** or xtc0yes@aol.com.

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.

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.



DANCES continued

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-9:45 PM

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Rd, 20814, walkable from Bethesda Metro. Info: Louise at 301-927-6373 or louise-neu@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.

SCANDINAVIAN**NORWEGIAN DANCE, CONCERT, & POTLUCK**
KENSINGTON, MD**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 8 PM**

Norwegian-style house party. Concert is a brief musical tour of Western Norway. Mesmerizing live music by **Vilde Aaslid** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings--see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Potluck at 6; Concert at 7:30, dance at 8. 3812 Denfeld Ave., 20912. Note: Big dog in house. Host phone just in case: Sonia 301-503-7906. MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny at pi@xecu.net.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 7 - 10 PM

Scandia DC sponsors a 3rd Saturday Holiday Dance Party featuring live fiddle music by **Andrea Hoag**, Grammy nominee and our local treasure, and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Bingsjö Polska and Polska from Åmot (both popular dances from Sweden). Open Dancing 8-10. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. \$10. Info: **Linda Brooks** or **Ross Schipper** at 202-333-2826,

SCOTTISH

See rscds-greaterdc.org for all Scottish dance listings.

BETHESDA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
MONDAYS • 8-10 PM

NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod at 301-622-5945 or blackolav@gmail.com.

GREENBELT SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
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
WEDNESDAYS • 8-9:45 PM

Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St, Alexandria 22314. \$5 Info: elanyi@cox.net.

SQUARE DANCE**COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE • GALESVILLE, MD**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 7 - 10 PM

Janine Smith calls to traditional Appalachian dance tunes by **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar) and friends. 5:30 Doors open; 6 optional potluck, 7 - Family-friendly dancing; 8:30 More Challenging dancing. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Road, 20765 (Near Annapolis). \$10, Kids 5-17 \$5. Info: <http://communitysquaredance.wordpress.com/> 301-926-9142.

SWING/BLUES**BACK ROOM BLUES • GLEN ECHO, MD**
THURSDAYS • 8:15-11:30 PM

Popular weekly blues dance in the "Back Room" at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. Sprung wood floor. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9. Different DJs and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30. Info: Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or CapitalBlues.org.

WALTZ/COUPLES DANCING**AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD • 3:30-6**

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.

December

- 6** *Waltzing Stars* with **Marty Taylor** (winds, concertina), **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Liz Donadlson** (piano), **Ralph Gordon** (bass)
- 20** *Gigmeisters* with **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (button accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), **David Wiesler** (piano), **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

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

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

AM KOLEL'S LOMIR ALE ZINGEN (LET US ALL SING!) TAKOMA PARK, MD

DECEMBER 13 • 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Yiddish singalong (including Yiddish poetry in Yiddish and English translation) for everyone led by Reb David Shneyer in cooperation with Yiddish of Greater Washington. Songsheets provided. 706 Erie Ave., 20912. Suggested donation \$5 at door. RSVP by December 10 to admin@am-kolel.org and info: am-holel.org.

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

The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036. Accessible on Metro Red Line. Info: **Mike Marceau** at mikemarceau@juno.com. Info on venue: omansion.com.

CABOMA JAM • ANNANDALE, VA

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2 PM

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Maranatha Baptist Church, 3511 Annandale Rd, 22003. Info: Don at **703-522-1696** or www.caboma.org.

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, 20860 (about 10 miles west of Laurel). Info: **Dave Greene** at **301-570-3283** or dgreene@all-systems.com to confirm.

VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SING • OAKTON, VA

3RD SUNDAYS • 5 - 7:30 PM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124, in classroom 3/4. Info: **John** at **540-955-2660** or jdelre@visuallink.com or visit dcshapenote.square-space.com.

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.

COMMUNITY SING • SILVER SPRING, MD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 6:30 - 9 PM

Washington Revels and Carpe Diem monthly community sing. All ages welcome. 6:30-7:30 Family-friendly songs, 7:30-8 social time, 8-9 Adult-friendly songs. No experience necessary. Bring refreshments and songs to share. Free will donations. Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. Info: Jo Rasi, jrsi@revelsdc.org, or **301-587-3835**.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION VFW JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD

1ST AND 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: **Barb Diederich** at **301-633-2504** or barb@barbdiederich.com.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD

1ST MONDAYS (DECEMBER 7) • 8 - 10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly a *cappella* but instruments are welcome. Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: **Myron Peterson** at ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

Tuesdays



RESTON/HERNDON FOLK CLUB • HERNDON, VA

TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM

At Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, 20170. Open mic format. Doors open at 6. Second Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase. Third Tuesday often features monthly concerts, price varies. Info: **703-435-2402** or RestonHerdonFolkClub.com.

DC SHAPE NOTE SING • WASHINGTON, DC

3RD TUESDAYS • 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. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE, 20003. Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking possible; church is 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metro stations, or 20 minutes from Union Station. Info: **John** at **540-955-2660** or dcshapenote.square-space.com.

OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD

ALTERNATE TUESDAYS • 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**.

JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION continued

*Wednesdays***SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • 3 LOCATIONS
2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH 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.

December

- 9** Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt), Baltimore 21231
16 Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401
23 Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St NW, DC 20005

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, 22205. Info: **Lilli Vincenz** at Fiddler-Lilli@verizon.net or **Steve Woodbury** at 703-425-5943 or woodburybauer@verizon.net.

CAJUN JAM • GREENBELT, MD**4TH WEDNESDAYS • 7 - 9 PM**

Monthly open Cajun jam and dance. New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, 20770. Info: **301-474-5642** or newdealcafe.com. Check website to confirm.

*Thursdays***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.

*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.

*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 acousticblues.com.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING • BERRYVILLE, VA**1ST SATURDAYS • 4 - 8 PM**

Shape note singers will gather at Josephine School Museum, 303 Josephine St. Potluck supper (picnic style, no kitchen facilities). Info: shenandoahharmony.com, dcshapenote.squarespace.com, or call John or Kelly at **540-955-2660**.

LEESBURG SINGALONG • LEESBURG, VA**3RD SATURDAYS • 7 - 10 PM**

Have fun singing the songs from the soundtrack of your life. Pop, rock, blues, folk and more from the 1950s to today. Everyone gets to pick a song from our songbook. Acoustic instruments welcome. 601 Catoctin Circle NE, 20176. Free parking. \$2 suggested donation. Info: **Lawrence Brand** at **301-639-7608** or Lawrence@RLBrand.com.

Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

**UPPER POTOMAC FIDDLE RETREAT • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

Join some of our finest local fiddlers and special guests for a weekend featuring over 30 different workshops for fiddle, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, piano, and mixed instruments, and dance band classes in a variety of styles in historic Shepherdstown, WV, on the campus of Shepherd University. 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. For information see <http://upperpotomacmusic.info/fiddleretreat> or call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net.

**UPPER POTOMAC PIPERS WEEKEND
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV****FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

Weekend retreat featuring classes, individual tutoring, concert and sessions for a wide variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, percussion, flute and mixed instruments. For more information see the webpage at <http://upperpotomacmusic.info/squeezethebag/>, call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net. Rental smallpipes and practice bouzoukis (restrung baritone ukes) are available for the weekend for a small additional fee for those just starting out.



NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2015

Woman's Club of Chevy Chase
7931 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, MD

MUSIC BY STRINGGRAYS

Rodney Miller (fiddle), Max Newman (Guitar, Mandolin),
Stuart Kenney (Bass, Banjo)

LISA GREENLEAF CALLING THE FIGURES

Grand March begins at 8:00 pm. The dance will go until 12:15 am.

Admission by registration only, must be 18 or older, no tickets available at the door.
Send completed registration form and check payable to FSGW to:

FSGW NYE Dance
c/o Karen Kelleher
18807 Birdseye Drive
Germantown, MD 20874

email mizkelleher@juno.com,
or call (301) 916-4360 (Please do not
call after 9:00PM).
For more information visit
www.fsgw.org



Registration: **(Please print legibly)**

Current FSGW, ATDS, BFMS, CDSS Member?

Name _____ Male Female Yes No

Name _____ Male Female Yes No

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (Other) _____

Email _____

\$34 for Current FSGW, ATDS, BFMS, & CDSS Members Amount enclosed \$ _____

\$38 for General Admission Make checks payable to **FSGW**

I want registration confirmation by (Circle one): Email US Mail

Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for US Mail confirmation

Ticket availability is limited and ticket sales may be closed before 12/17/2015
Contact the registrar for ticket availability after 12/17/2015



Gala New Year's Eve Dance

Celebrate the arrival of 2016!



Thursday, December 31, 2015

6:30 pm to 12:30 am

The Woman's Club of Bethesda
5500 Sonoma Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

Dances led by: Susan Taylor

Music by: Elegant Echoes

Becky Ross, fiddle

Colleen Reed, flute

Liz Donaldson, piano

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- * Decorating & Set-up 6:30 pm
- * Potluck Supper 7:30 pm
- * Dancing 8:30 pm to 12:30 pm
- * Dessert 10:30 pm
- * Midnight Champagne Toast

Advance Registration Necessary

For information or to offer help contact:

Bob Farrall, registrar baronanely@aol.com 301-577-5018

Bill Gawne, chair wcgawne@gmail.com 410-360-5690

Bill Gawne, potluck wcgawne@gmail.com 410-360-5690

If no answer, please leave a message
Your call will be returned

REGISTRATION FORM

FSGW and BFMS members registering by December 1st are guaranteed to be admitted.

Please reserve _____ places at FSGW's 2015 Gala New Year's Eve Dance for:

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ E-mail _____

Enclosed is a check to FSGW for \$ _____ FSGW and affiliate (BFMS, ATDS, CDSS) members \$36 each. Guests \$39 each.

REGISTER by December 14th and DEDUCT \$3 each.

I (need) (can offer) hospitality for _____ people.

Half price for students 22 and under.

Please send this registration form and your check (payable to FSGW) to:

FSGW New Year's Dance
c/o Bob Farrall

7613 Fountainbleau Drive, Suite 2112
New Carrollton, Maryland 20784

Passings to Note:

In the last couple of months we've lost important members of our greater folk community:



Leon Bibb, 2/7/22-10/23/15, stunning baritone, 60s folk icon, noted Broadway actor, civil rights activist, and father of current singer Eric Bibb.

Sonya Cohen Cramer, 1965 - 10/9/1, daughter of **John Cohen** (of *New Lost City Ramblers*) and the late **Penny Seeger** (sister of Pete), Smithsonian Folkways graphic artist and member of *Last Forever* with **Dick Connette**, presenting whole new approaches to traditional American songs. She lived in Takoma Park, MD.



Jerry Epstein, (1941-2015), a founder of the Folk Music Society of New York in 1965 and frequent participant in FSGW events, died of congestive heart failure on September 23. A performer and teacher, he was also one of the movers and shakers of the traditional folk community for the last 50 years. Besides organizing many of FMSNY's events and serving on its Board of Directors, Jerry went on to be the musical director of Revels New York, the director of CDSS's Folk Music Week, and was instrumental in the revival of the Eisteddfod in New York.

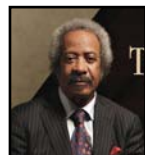
John Jennings, 1953-10/17/15

Local songwriter, musician, producer and real gentleman, he brought the talent of **Mary Chapin Carpenter** to the world; produced and frequently played an assortment of backup instruments and vocals for **Janis Ian**, **John Gorka**, **Robin & Linda Williams**, **Bill Morrissey**, and **Beausoleil**, among others. The quintessential backup studio musician also released several solo albums.



Bill Keith, 12/20/39-10/23/15, banjo player, inventor of Keith tuner and Keith-style picking, member of *Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys* and of the *Jim Kweskin Jug Band*, he performed solo, and recorded with **Judy Collins**, **Richie Havens**, *the Bee Gees* and many others.

Chuck Pyle, 1/28/45-11/6/15, noted singer & songwriter. touring singer and guitarist, Colorado's "Zen Cowboy" wrote memorable songs for **Chris LeDoux**, **Jerry Jeff Walker**, **John Denver**, *Nitty Gritty Dirt Band*, and **Suzy Bogguss** among others, inspired by his surroundings in the Centennial State.



Allen Toussaint 1/14/38-11/11/15, "who spent his life drawing upon the music traditions of Louisiana, while composing such R&B classics as *Working in the Coal Mine*, *Mother-in-Law*, *Southern Nights* and *Yes We Can Can*. He was producer and mentor to scores of musicians. He died while on a tour in Madrid.

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"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."

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