Ed Trickett finds both traditional songs and the songs of modern troubadours who create stuff that sounds old. He grew up in Washington, DC (back in the days when a family could raise a child near Dupont Circle) and taught psychology for many years at the University of Maryland before he was wooed to Illinois and now Florida, where his wife is now directing a doctoral program and he is on the faculty.

Ed has been described as a singer’s singer who has the ability to take a song, get to the heart of it, and share all of it with others. He accompanies his singing with thoughtful and delicate playing on 6 and 12 string guitars and on the hammered dulcimer. Ed has been collecting and performing folk songs for over 40 years. He was influenced by many great tradition-bearers and songwriters, and learned from them that “it’s the song, not the singer, that’s important.” Over the years, Ed has performed in coffee houses, colleges, folk music festivals, and varied other occasions in the United States. Most recently, he was on the last A Prairie Home Companion cruise, organized by Garrison Keillor, and performed on that show.

Ed has many recordings (many on Folk Legacy Records). Ed was both one of the central participants in the series of Golden Ring song circles, and also as part of a trio with Gordon Bok and Ann Mayo Muir.

Ed is inviting Ann Mayo Muir and her daughter Christina Muir (known locally both in her own right and as part of the trio Hot Soup) to join him during the course of the evening concert, so expect some great trio singing and lots of harmonies to join in on.

Join us at Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW, Takoma, DC, for an evening of song with Trickett, Muir, and Muir. Saturday, May 21, at 8 pm. Admission: $15 for FSGW members; $20 for the general public. The hall is just across the street from the Takoma station on Metro’s red line, and there’s plenty of free parking on Saturday evenings in the Metro lot.

“Ed is a perfect keeper of a song.” — Gordon Bok

“A folksinger’s folksinger.” — Peggy Seeger
**FSGW Sings/Swaps/Events**

**FSGW Open Sing • Gaithersburg, MD**
**Friday, May 6 • 8 pm**

NOTE: EARLIER START TIME
Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Everyone is welcome. The open sings have a loose topic to encourage us to learn new songs or put the polish back on some old ones. Don’t worry if you can’t think of a song on the topic—come join in the fun anyway! Theme: Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda—regrets and thoughts about what might have been. Contact Heather at heatherpier@gmail.com for directions.

**FSGW Doo Wop Sing • Potomac, MD**
**Saturday, May 7 • 5:30 pm**

Remember those classic harmonies from the early days of rock—from groups such as the Platters, the Clovers, and the Drifters? And the great female groups such as the Shirelles, the Chiffons, the Crystals? Come join us as we sing those wonderful songs from that era, such as Under the Boardwalk; Goodnight, Sweetheart; Goin’ To The Chapel; My Boyfriend’s Back; and Earth Angel. Lyrics are provided. Singing will begin about 5:30, possibly earlier; potluck too. 11031 Dobbins Dr., 20854. RSVP and directions—contact Ron Davies at janistotham@me.com or 301-270-9365.

**FSGW Gospel Sing • Arlington, VA**
**Sunday, May 8 • 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 pm. Everyone is welcome! This month’s Gospel Sing will be at the home of Debby Churchman. Info/directions: 540-467-3455.

**FSGW Storyswap • Springfield, VA**
**Saturday, May 21 • 7:30 pm**

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Jennifer Hine for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. For RSVPs and directions, call Jennifer at 571-236-2668 or email jennifereps@gmail.com.

**PLEASE NOTE:**
FSGW Newsletter deadline NOW the 8th!
From here forward, please send newsletter submissions to editor (newsletter@fsgw.org) by the 8th of the preceding month.

**Correction:**
The April 2016 Newsletter had a special article about FSGW member Miriam Isaacs, who authored a website regarding a treasury of Yiddish folk songs. The URL to the website was listed incorrectly. The correct URL is http://www.ctmd.org/stonehill.htm.

**FSGW Shape-Note Singing • Alexandria, VA**
**Sunday, May 22 • 4-8 pm**

Every fourth Sunday, singers explore the rich traditions in The Sacred Harp (1991), Shenandoah Harmony (2013), and Christian Harmony (1959), with unaccompanied four-part singing fueled by a potluck supper. Loaner books are available, and all are welcome. Usually the singing is held upstairs in room 19 and the supper from 6-7 on the ground level of the Fellowship Hall. First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St., 22302, about a mile out from the Metro & Amtrak stations & GW Memorial. For more information contact madaly@verizon.net or 301-229-8534.

**Co-sponsored Sings**

**Circle of Life Song Circle • Rockville, MD**
**Tuesdays May 3 and 17 • 1-2:30 pm**

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington (Senior Adult Programs) and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends! The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. All are welcome, regardless of experience or level of ability. Enjoy delightful songs—humorous or serious, old or new, timeless or topical. Words will be provided on song sheets - no need to read music. Free! Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, 20852. Info or to volunteer, e-mail Liz Milner, lizmilner@mindspring.com.

**Schweinhaut Song Circle • Silver Spring, MD**
**Wednesday, May 18 • 1 pm**

On the third Wednesday of each month, this song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. You don’t have to read music, and printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance. Of course, you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. All are welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen! Free! Co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, 20901. For more info or to suggest songs in advance, contact Fred Stollnitz at fstillnitz@comcast.net.
Bob Zentz Concert

Friday, May 6 • 6:30-8:30 pm

Bob Zentz, the likable, lovable, always entertaining troubadour from Norfolk (and a long-time FSGW favorite), has so many songs up his sleeve there’s no room for the can of spinach you’d think this old sea salt would have secreted away. From working songs to fo’c’stle ditties to songs of peace, justice and all that good stuff, Bob Zentz will have you singing along on old-timey favorites as well as his own originals, many of them now classics in their own right.

The table space at Emma’s is somewhat limited, so don’t expect the instrument “petting zoo” that he usually sets up prior to his concerts (although he’ll have a half dozen instruments at least). Do expect to hear his stories about the songs he sings (Who knew?) and to join in on singable choruses that will rattle the roof.

Emma’s Espresso and Wine Bar, 106 Hume Ave., Alexandria, 22301 (Del Ray; serves light meals, beer and wine; plenty of street parking); $15 donation. www.emmascoffee.com.

Bob Zentz Concertina Workshop

Takoma Park, MD

Saturday, May 7 • 7-10 pm

Saturday evening, bring your concertina (Anglo) to Takoma Park for a down-and-dirty concertina workshop. From unabashed beginners to more advanced players, anyone is welcome to join in. Spaces are limited so call ahead for a reservation. This is a small user-friendly hands-on event. Expect personal attention and don’t be shy. You’ll be learning from a master player, to be sure, but he was a beginner once. Pick up new tricks or get a leg up on some old ones.

Concertina Workshop, Takoma Park, Md. 20912 (contact Janie Meneely for reservations and directions: 443-786-0463; or janiemeneely@gmail.com); $25
Larry Hanks and Deborah Robins

Sunday, May 22 • 8 pm

American songsters Larry Hanks and Deborah Robins love to sing the old songs. Berkeley-based folksinger Larry Hanks has been called a “folksingers’ folksinger.” A pillar of the west coast folk scene, he has captivated audiences for five decades with his resonant bass voice, his sparse and tasteful guitar accompaniments, and his loving approach to every song. Larry’s eclectic repertoire of American songs includes traditional, work, blues, and political songs, from comic to poignant, as well as songs from figures like U. Utah Phillips, Woody Guthrie, Leadbelly, Malvina Reynolds and Stephen Foster—not to mention his prodigious store of cowboy songs and other songs of the American West.

Larry now makes music with his wife and singing partner Deborah Robins, a Chicago native, who brings her own rich talents to the mix, in both harmony and lead vocals and a second guitar. The two have a newly-released CD, The Wheel of Time, to add to their critically acclaimed recordings, Old Days and No Hiding Place. Deborah has just released a wonderful new solo CD, Lone Journey, while Larry puts the finishing touches on a Songs of the West solo release.

Come to Larry and Deborah’s concert prepared for a warm and memorable experience, and lots of good singing. At Mount Lubentia, the home of Andy and Sondra Wallace, in Largo, MD. Cosponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington

For reservations and directions, email andy.sondra@verizon.net or call 301-324-7311. Reservations are required as space is limited. Suggested donation is $15.

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   - 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
Zoe Mulford
Thursday, May 12 • 8-10 pm

Zoe Mulford is one of the finest singer-songwriters of our time, and a former area resident.

A set by American songwriter Zoe Mulford is like a small volume of short stories—evocative, beautifully crafted, and endlessly varied. Whether her starting point is a polar expedition in 1845 or a Greyhound bus ride in 2007, her vivid storytelling and down-to-earth humor take listeners on an enjoyable journey. Backing her clear voice with guitar or clawhammer banjo, she draws on the traditional music of the US and the British Isles to make sense of the modern world. She has four albums on Azalea City Recordings, an independent label based in Takoma Park, MD.

In 2006, Zoe’s spouse got a job in England at the University of Manchester. Zoe now plays on both sides of the Atlantic.

Her second album, Roadside Saints, was nominated for Song, Album, and Songwriter of the Year by the Washington (DC) Area Music Association in 2006. She has been a Kerrville Newfolk finalist and a Falcon Ridge Emerging Artist. Her songs have been recognized by the Great American Song Contest and the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest, and appeared in Sing Out! Magazine.

Her song “Welcome In Another Year” has become a seasonal favorite on folk radio. In 2013, Four Shillings Short performed and recorded the song as part of their Samhain show, while John Roberts and Tony Barrand included it in their Nowell Sing We Clear Christmas revue.

In addition to music, Zoe likes farmers’ markets, children’s books, martial arts movies, and cooking with lots of garlic.

“I don’t usually like folk music, but that underwear song is pretty good.”

—patron, Taliano’s Restaurant, Takoma Park, MD

Find more information about Zoe Mulford and her music at zoemulford.com

Seekers Church is located at 276 Carroll St. NW, Washington, DC 20012 (catty-corner from the Takoma Metro Red Line station and across the street from the 7-11; park at the metro lot). $20 non-members; $10 FSGW members.

FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy

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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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The 36th annual FSGW Washington Folk Festival
Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5
noon to 7pm • historic Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, MD.

Free to the public, held rain or shine, the Festival features over 450 of the best traditional musicians, storytellers, dancers, and craftspeople from the greater Washington area.

The Washington Folk Festival is the Folklore Society’s most ambitious annual event. The mission of the festival is to showcase the rich diversity of traditional culture that is found in our greater Washington area. The festival includes five stages, simultaneously presenting music and dance for a total of nearly 70 hours of live performance. It also provides a lively storytelling stage, dance workshops in the Spanish Ballroom, a craft marketplace in the old Bumper Car Pavilion, periodic street performances, a pipe band parade and many spontaneous picking sessions in Glen Echo’s picnic grove.

On the bill for this year’s festival are over 100 performances representing a wide variety of American and international music, dance, and storytelling traditions. Among returning artists are the Bill Baker Band, Ballad’ve, Blue Panamuse, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Christylez Bacon, Eleanor Ellis, Fabrangien Fiddlers, Flory Jagoda, Halau Ho’omau, Ian Walters, Jesse Palidofsky, Magpie, Mark Jaster, Lisa Null, Ocean, Reverb, Roya Bahrami and Ricardo Marlow, Soul In Motion, Taiko Drum School, Warner Williams, and the Washington Toho Koto Society. New performers include Blanco y Negro (Cuban), Cissa Paz (Brazilian), DC Mudd (Blues), Flaming Shillelaghs (Irish), Flur (Scandinavian), Humayun Khan (Afghan), Les Deux (Blues), Maelstrom (Irish), Marimba Linda Xelaju (Guatemalan), Only Lonesome (Bluegrass), Rozsafa Hungarian Ensemble, Shango Band (Reggae), Silver Strings MD (String Band), Step Afrika, and Rock-A-Sonics (Rockabilly). Storytellers include Anne Lane Sheldon, Janice Curtis Greene, Laura Bobrow, Margaret Chatham, Michael Fleming, Noa Baum, and Tim Livengood. The Spanish Ballroom will feature dance workshops in Armenian, Blues, Cajun-Zydeco, Contra, Klezmer, Romanian, Swing and Tango dancing. Other program highlights include an Appalachian Dulcimer Showcase, Banjo Styles Showcase, Guitar Styles Showcase, Morris Dancers and Meet the Artist dialogues.

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FSGW Sunday Night Dances

at Glen Echo Park, MD • Spanish Ballroom
Contrases 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. 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

**FSGW DANCE EVENTS**

May 1 - Bill Wellington with Cabaret Sauvignon
Venue: Spanish Ballroom
Bill Wellington joins us from Central Virginia to call. Four all-star musicians, nationally and internationally known in diverse genres, come together in the powerful ensemble **Cabaret Sauvignon**. Band Lineup: Andrea Hoag (fiddle, vocals), Dave Wiesler (piano, guitar, vocals), Karen Ashbrook (hammered dulcimer, wooden flute) and Paul Oorts (mandolin, bouzouki, tenor and five-string banjo, guitar, accordion)

May 8 - Will Mentor and Stringrays
Venue: Spanish Ballroom
An inimitable trio of musicians share their love of playing and exploring great tunes. The **Stringrays** are Rodney Miller (fiddle), Max Newman (guitar) and Stuart Kenney (bass, banjo). One of our favorites, Will Mentor returns to Glen Echo to call.

*SPECIAL *

**Afternoon Challenging Contras**
Sunday, May 15 • 3-6 pm
Janine Smith with Pete’s Posse
Venue: Bumper Car Pavilion

Janine Smith will use her creativity and big dance brain to come up with some fun challenging dances. Come on out for an afternoon of mind bending delights!

May 15 - Janine Smith with Pete’s Posse
Venue: Spanish Ballroom

Local superstar Janine Smith calls with Pete’s Posse. The well known multi-instrumentalist and troubadour Pete Sutherland, formerly of Metamora and FSGW Sunday Night Dances continued on page 8.

Admission: $10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members
$5 youth (with student ID if over 17)
$13 for the general public
**FSGW Sunday Night Dances continued from page 7.**

*Rhythm in Shoes,* has decades of concert touring, teaching and studio production behind him. His all-Vermont “POSSE” includes his teenage fiddle protégé, and fellow *Clayfoot Strutter, Oliver Scanlon,* and the dynamic accompanist and performer *Tristan Henderson,* also of *Atlantic Crossing* and *Pipers Den.*

**May 22 - George Marshall with Great Bear Band**

Venue: *Spanish Ballroom*

*Great Bear* brings their driving rhythm, epic dynamics and uniquely rocking style to the Spanish Ballroom. *Andrew VanNorstrand* (electric guitar, fiddle), *Noah VanNorstrand* (fiddle, mandolin and foot percussion) and *Kim Yerton* (piano), *Chris Miller* (saxophone) and *Dana Billings* (drums) are *Great Bear Band.*

**May 29 - George and Tim and Swallowtail**

Venue: *Spanish Ballroom*

These maestros will drive your feet to move and stir your heart to happiness! *Swallowtail* returns with *George Marshall* and *Tim Van Egmond* calling. Band Lineup: *George Marshall* (caller, concertina, and bodhran), *Ron Grosslein* (fiddle and mandolin), *Tim Van Egmond* (caller, hammered dulcimer), *Timm Triplett* (piano) and *David Cantieni* (saxophone, flute, bombard, whistle, and feet)

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

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**FSGW Family Dance**

**Sunday, May 8 • 3-5 pm**

The family dance returns for a great dance to bring the little ones out onto the dance floor. Combining the high energy *Stringrays* with *Will Mentor’s* creative calling will make for an afternoon that the family will remember. Take mom out and treat her to a dance. Happy Mother’s Day! Fun for the whole family! In the Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom Annex. No experience necessary – an experienced (and patient) family dance leader will make sure that everyone has a great time. $5 for ages 4 and older.
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.

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Melissa Running calls the dances to the music of Colleen Reed (flute), Tina Chancey (fiddle), and Ralph Gordon (cello)

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Anna Rain calls the dances while Becky Ross (fiddle), Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina), and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music

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Bob Farrall leads the dances while Susan Brandt (flute), David Knight (fiddle), and Liz Donaldson (piano) play the tunes

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Ann Fallon and Tom Spilsbury call to the playing of Adam Bern (fiddle), Carrie Rose (flute), and Melissa Running (piano)

FSGW Square Dance
The Great American Square Dance Revival, Part XLIII • Washington, DC
Saturday, May 7, 8:30-11:30 pm
The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating 5 wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! Square Dance tunes played by real-deal musicians. This month WV fiddler Andy FitzGibbon, Kate Brett (banjo) and Kevin Enoch (bass) will make the rafters ring! A real live Square Dance Caller, Will Mentor, shows you how it’s done and will have you up and do-si-do-ing in no time flat. Come see what it’s all about, right in the heart of DC on a swingin’ Saturday night. All are welcome – young and old, brand new and experienced dancers, hipsters and total outta-the-loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed. Location: Saint Stephen’s Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, 20010, near the Columbia Heights Metro. $5 at the door. More info: visit www.dcsquaredance.com
**Concerts**

**Baldwin’s Station Concerts**
7618 Main St. (the old B&O Railroad Station), Sykesville, MD 21784.

**The Kennedys**
Thursday, May 12 • 8 pm
“Unafraid to mix philosophy, spirituality, love and artistry with a folk-rock back beat is what makes this duo a positive force on all things human.” Folk & Acoustic Music Exchange. Open to every moment, the much-traveled married duo of Pete and Maura Kennedy blend acoustic-based folk, rock, country, pop and secular gospel into an inclusively delightful sound that’s all their own. $20.

**Dave Rowe**
Thursday, May 26 • 8 pm
This show will be recorded for release as a CD. Be part of the fun! All of the Dreams is a solo volume, probing the depths of the human experience in song. It is a trip through the ups and downs of life in a complicated world with songs about loss, war, personal responsibility, love, and dreams. $18.

**Glen Echo International Folkdancers • MD**
Thursdays • 7:30–10:45 pm
See the listing under International Dances on page 16.

**FOCUS**
For more info: FocusMusic.org

**Lilt and Andrew Dodds • Alexandria, VA**
Sunday, May 1 • 1 pm and 3 pm (2 shows)
The Celtic Spring Fling includes Lilt (at 1) and Andrew Dodds (at 3) and the Boyle School of Irish Dance (at 2). Free! St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., 22308.
**Ruthie and the Wranglers • Beallsville, MD**
**Sunday, May 15 • 3 pm**
Azalea City Recordings artists **Ruthie and the Wranglers** play rockin’ American Roots music (also known as FUN!), and after 25 years of Wrangler twang—recording, touring and Americana radio airplay—they remain a cornerstone of the DC-area roots music scene. Am Kolel Sanctuary Retreat Center, 19520 Darnestown Rd., 20839. $12 adv/donation at door.

**Martyn Joseph, plus Ian Foster • Arlington, VA**
**Sunday, May 15 • 7:30 pm**
Martyn’s stunning songwriting and 30-year UK-based performance career promise audiences a memorable concert; **Ian** is an acknowledged storyteller in his songs and tours the world from his native Newfoundland. An award-winning evening to be sure. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd., 22204. $15 adv/$18 door.

**The Gothard Sisters • Rockville, MD**
**Sunday, May 1 • 7:30 pm**
The **Gothard Sisters** are the tremendously entertaining and dynamic result of infectious youth combined with years of performance experience and quality musical training. **Real siblings Greta** (fiddle, guitar, Irish dance and vocals), **Willow** (fiddle, mandolin, bodhran, Irish dance and vocals), and **Solana** (lead vocals, Irish dance, bodhran, fiddle, djembe) make up this unique band. $20 adv/$25 door; Student & children $15 adv/$20 door.

**The South Carolina Broadcasters • Rockville, MD**
**Friday, May 13 • 7:30 pm**
Stars of the Lowe Vintage Radio Show, and masters of primitive bluegrass, **The South Carolina Broadcasters** bring Southern music at its finest to the stage. Their razor sharp harmonies, exceptional multi-instrumentation, and fabulous song selection will have listeners riveted to their seats. $20 adv/$25 door; Students & children $15 adv/$20 door.

**Bob Dylan 75th Birthday Tribute Show • Rockville, MD**
**Tuesday, May 24 • 7:30 pm**
A diverse group of artists celebrates the vast repertoire of this cultural icon on the occasion of his 75th birthday. **Act One:** Acoustic performances by **Tom Paxton**, **Bumper Jacksons Trio** and **The Sweater Set**. **Act Two:** “Dylan Goes Electric” performances by **Billy Coulter**, **Patty Reese** and **Brian Simms** with **Bill Williams**, **Robbie Magruder** and **Arch Alcantara**. Tickets: $20 adv/$25 door; Students & children $15 adv/$20 door.

**IMT Takoma Park Shows** – Held at Allyworld (Air-show, Inc.) 7014-C Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

**The Young Novelists • Takoma Park, MD**
**Thursday, May 19 • 7:30 pm**
**Johnny & June** meet **Simon & Garfunkel** – Toronto based roots duo **The Young Novelists** deliver a dose of honesty through their rich and rustic sound. Fronted by husband and wife **Graydon James** and **Laura Spink**, they are known for their beautiful harmonies and songs culled from their small-town roots. $20 adv/$25 door; Students & children $15 adv/$20 door.

**Corn Potato String Band • Takoma Park, MD**
**Sunday, May 29 • 7:30 pm**
The **Corn Potato String Band** has earned high praise in traditional American music, keeping old time fiddle and banjo music from a one-way trip to the dustbins of history. Essentially unable to cope with modern life, the members of this band are outcasts of society who survive by playing the lost music of the flatslands where they were raised. $20 adv/$25 door; Students & children $15 adv/$20 door.

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**333 Coffeehouse**
**Cassie & Maggie MacDonald • Annapolis, MD**
**Friday, May 20 • 7:30 pm**
**Cassie** (fiddle) and **Maggie** (piano/guitar/vocal) **MacDonald**, sisters from Nova Scotia, are rising stars of Maritime Celtic music. Annapolis Friends Mtg. House, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. $12/$10 students, 65+, or members of ATDS, FSGW, BFMS.

**Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series**
Concerts held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd., 20170. More info: Bob Thompson 703-435-8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net.

**Dry Branch Fire Squad • Herndon, VA**
**Friday, May 13 • 8-10 pm**
**Dry Branch Fire Squad** is a legendary bunch who are known for their “on the ragged edge” style of traditional bluegrass music with the added treat of wild, offbeat humor that will make your sides hurt from laughter by evenings end. $15; free for age 12 and under.

**Individual Concerts**
**May Revels • Washington, DC**
**Saturday, May 7 • 10-5 pm**
As part of the annual All Hallows Guild Flower Mart, Washington’s favorite spring outdoor family event, **Washington Revels** will present a one-hour show at 4 pm celebrating Spring with a colorful procession, traditional songs and dances, the crowning of a May Queen, children’s singing games, and a mummer’s play. And of course, there will be lots of opportunities for audience participation, even in the May Pole dance! Located at Washington National Cathedral, 2101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 20016. Info: revelsdc.org. Free.
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**FSGW Advance Notice**

**Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5**

**36th Annual Washington Folk Festival**

Glen Echo Park, MD

**Friday, September 23, thru Monday, September 26**

**52nd Annual FSGW Getaway**

West River Conference Center West River, MD

**2017**

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

**FSGW Annual Mini Fest**

Takoma Park Middle School, MD

Noon to 10:30 pm.

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Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 4
Cassie and Maggie Macdonald & Lilt
Carroll Café, Takoma, D.C.
Friday May 13 • 7:30 PM

A fabulous night of Celtic music! Cassie & Maggie Macdonald are an award-winning sister duo from Nova Scotia who are turning heads wherever they go for their scintillating performance which includes hot fiddle, virtuoso piano, and inspired step dancing. They are joined by local favorites Lilt: Keith Carr (guitar, banjo) and Tina Eck (flute and whistle), and Kate Bole from the Culkin School of Irish Dance. Carroll Café at Seekers Church 276 Carroll St. NW @ Takoma Metro, 20012. $18 adv/$20 door. Jesse Palidofsky 301-562-4147 or 202-829-9882 night of show only. carrollcafe.org.

The Hula Monsters • Rockville, MD
Friday, May 13 • 8 PM

The Hula Monsters can be described as a swing band with a Hawaiian flavor. Their repertoire includes Hawaiian, rockabilly, blues, country and jazz standards - all with the Hula Monster Hawaiian accent. Tree of Life Café, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Dr., 20850. $15.

Peace, Jobs, and Justice • Washington, DC
Saturday, May 14 • 7:30 PM

The DC Labor Chorus will present its annual spring concert with songs to lift the spirits, including traditional labor and civil rights songs. Also performing will be Not What You Think, an a cappella ensemble of gay men and lesbians working for equality, social justice and peace through song and humor. At Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., NW, 20012. $20 at the door or at www.laborheritage.org/dc-labor-chorus.

Dave Nachmanoff • Reston/Herndon Folk Club
Tuesday, May 17 • 7:15 PM

Of Dave's music, Sing Out! Magazine writes "Heartfelt, inspired songwriting...with a delivery both biting and assured." Dave dreamt of working with singer/songwriter Al Stewart ("Year of the Cat", "Time Passages"), and now tours as his lead guitarist and accompanist—and often as his opening act. At Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, 20170. $10 ($9 for folk club members). Adv. Tickets: DAHurdSr@cs.com. Info: 703-435-2402 or jamesue@aol.com.

Gallery Voices at St. Albans • Washington, DC
Friday, May 20 • 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Gallery Voices will perform in concert as part of St. Albans Arts & Midday series. Enjoy a tapestry of musical styles, from Renaissance madrigals and part-songs to the more recent (and humorous) compositions of P.D.Q. Bach. Sanctuary, St. Albans’ Church, 3001 Wisconsin Ave. www.revelsdcc.org. Free.

Shenandoah Run Album Release Show
Vienna, VA
Saturday, May 21 • 6:30 PM

Shenandoah Run’s repertoire features the songs and sounds of American folk, country, and bluegrass music, with the occasional infusion of songs from other lands. Their blend of vintage and contemporary folk music, treated with lush vocal harmonies and skillful instrumental backing, defines the group’s signature sound. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, 22180. $20. Info: jamminjava.com.

David and Sophie Buskin • Bethesda, MD
Sunday, May 22 • 7-9 PM

David Buskin is well known for his hilarious contributions to the late lamented Modern Man, and for his vocal skills, and instrumental chops as half of Buskin & Bateau. He joins forces with his daughter, Sophie, whose vocal, guitar, and songwriting talents reveal that the apple fell quite close indeed to the tree. Positano Ristorante Italiano 4948 Fairmont Ave., 20814. $20/$15 for members. Reservations http://wfma.net/pr1605.htm.

Dances

Ceili

GWCC Ceili • College Park, MD
Sunday, May 22 • 3-8 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club is celebrating its 30th season this year! GWCC sponsors a 4th Sunday dance (Sept-May). Music this month by Graham and the Virginia Crackers. Workshop (Claddagh Set) at 3 pm, Ceili 4-8 pm, 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). $15 Members, $20 Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info: 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org.

Community/Family

FSGW Family Dance
Details on page 8

Harrisonburg Family Dance • Harrisonburg, VA
First Thursdays • 6:30-8:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church, 17 Court Square 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

Samuels 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.
**Baltimore Family Dance**
**Reisterstown, MD**
**Saturday, May 14 • 5 PM**


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**Contra**

**Sundays**

**FSGW Sunday Night Dances**
Details on page 7.

**Wednesdays**

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


**May **

4 Bob Dalsemer calls to *Devine Comedy*
11 Lindsey Dodson calls to *Baltimore Open Band*.
New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.
18 Jeremy Child calls to *Ladies in the Parlor*.
25 Perry Shafman calls to *Rambling House*. New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm

**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.

**May**

6 Will Mentor calls to *Stringrays* with Rodney Miller on fiddle, Max Newman on guitar and Stuart Kenney on upright bass and five-string banjo.
13 Jeremy Child calls to the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*.
20 Anna Rain calls to *Callithump* with David Knight on fiddle, Andrew Marcus on accordion and Glyn Collinson on bouzouki.

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**BFMS Contra and Square Dance**
**Baltimore, MD**
**Saturday, May 14 • 8-11 PM**

Jeremy Child calls to *MetroGnomes*: McGregor Yatsevitch (fiddle, mandolin), Bob Garber (clarinet), and Mark Vidor (piano). The evening starts with Potluck from 6:30-7:30; Introduction to contra dancing from 7:35-7:55; dance from 8-11 pm. Beginners, singles, couples and families welcome. No experience or partner necessary. St. Mark’s on the Hill, Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. S9 Members, S13 Non-members. Under 21 full-time students with ID $4 members, $6 Non-members. Info: Sara Glik 410-292-8681 or satdance@bfms.org.

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**Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD**
**Saturday, May 28 • 8-11 PM**

Dave Colestock returns to the podium! He’ll call to the tunes of the fabulous *Hickman, Glickman & Devine* featuring Steve Hickman, fiddle; John Devine, guitar; and our own Marc Glickman, piano and bodhran. 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.

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**ATDS Contra • Annapolis, MD**
**Saturday, May 21 • 7-10 PM**

Greg Frock will teach and call dances to *Broadside Kinetic*: Helene Zisook (fiddle), Tom Rhoads (guitars, concertina), Amy Ksir (accordion, piano, whistles), and Jim Speer (bass). Includes a free introductory session at 6:30; Dance 7-10 p.m. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome! Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. $10/discounts for seniors, students, families, and ATDS/FSGW Members. Info: Jan Scopel at 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com or contradancers.com/atsds.
DANCES continued

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**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.

May

2 Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45. Tom Spilsbury calls to Marty Taylor (winds, concertina), Steve Epstein (winds), and Ben Hobbs (piano)
9 Ann Fallon calls to Geud Band of Baltimore
16 Emily Aubrey calls to Becky Ross (violin), Brian Cardell (winds), and Janina O’Brien (piano)
23 Mike Franch calls to Elke Baker (violin), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina), and Jonathan Jensen (piano, etc.)
30 Carl Friedman calls to Jeff Steinberg (violin), Karin Loya (cello), and Judy Meyers (piano)

*Wednesdays*

**FSGW English Country Dance**  
**Details on page 9.**

**Saturdays**

**English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD**  
**Saturday, May 14 • 8-10:45 pm**

Dance to music by Peascods Gathering, calling by Bob Farrall. This is the last dance of the season; dance resumes in September. 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.

**BFMS Gentle English Country Dance**  
**Pikesville, MD**  
**Saturday, May 7 • 3-5:30 pm**


**Leesburg Assembly • Great Falls, VA**  
**Saturday, May 21 • 7:30-10:30 pm**

Please join us for our monthly dance! All dances taught and called to live music. Susan Taylor will call. Please bring a refreshment to share. $10. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066, 4.7 miles west of the Beltway. $10. Info: David Pacelli at 703-757-8648 or theleesburgassembly.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.

**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 Dunrobin 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.

**Carpathia Folk Dancers • Washington, DC**  
**Thursdays • 6:30-9 pm**

Carpathia is Washington’s multi-ethnic Eastern & Central European dance performance ensemble. We are currently looking for 3-4 new men and women who are interested in performing dances from a variety of countries including Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Germany, and Bulgaria. We rehearse on Thursday evenings in Foggy Bottom, and have dancers from 16 years old to their mid-40s (we are open to any interested in fast-paced performance dancers of at least 14 years old). Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Please contact carpathiadc@gmail.com for more information and check us out at www.facebook.com/carpathiadc.

**Mt. Vernon International Folk Dancing**  
**Alexandria, VA**  
**Thursdays • 8-10 pm**

We welcome beginners and advanced dancers, no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden
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 usw.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.

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. 58 adults, 56 students. Info: Mike Fox at 240-424-0805 or markidmike.com.

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.

SCANDINAVIAN
NORWEGIAN CLASS, DANCE & POTLUCK
TAKOMA PARK, MD
SUNDAY, MAY 1 • 12 NOON
Norwegian-style house party. This month it’s part of annual Spring Springlake Spree weekend—see http://MAND.fanitull.org. Mesmerizing live music by Loretta Kelley 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 noon; dancing 1:30 pm. 6807 Westmoreland Ave., 20912. Host phone just in case: Loretta & Tony 301-270-492. Info and directions: website above or Jenny at pi@xecu.net.

FLUR SCANDINAVIAN DANCE • ADELPHI, MD
SATURDAY, MAY 7 • 7:30-10:00 PM
Please join Flur for an evening of dance, to melodies from Scandinavia, particularly from the popular Røros region in Norway. Göran Olsson and Ellen Bartlett (violin); Olga Prokunina (violin/song); Karin Loya (cello) and Charlie Pilzer (bass). At Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Terrace, 20783. Potluck at 6:30 (prompt), Dancing from 7:30-10. Donations accepted. Please plan to arrive by 6:15 pm. Info: Göran at 301-814-2140.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD
SATURDAY, MAY 21 • 7-10 PM
Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month we are privileged to feature live fiddle music with Paul Carlson, a talented fiddler who is passionate about Scandinavian fiddle music. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Gammalpolska from Föllinge - a lively dance from Northern Sweden. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. $10; Info: Linda Brooks or Ross Schipper 202-333-2826, Linda@ScandiaDC.org, www.ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather call 301-474-0646.
DANCES continued

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.

Swing/Blues

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

Waltz/Couples Dancing

AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD
SUNDAYS • 3:30-6
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.

May
1 Cabaret Sauvignon with Andrea Hoag (fiddle), Karen Ashbrook (hammered dulcimer, wooden flute), Dave Wiesler (piano, guitar), Paul Oorts (button accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar)
15 Music by Karen Axelrod, Eric Martin, and Rachel Bell
29 Swallowtail with George Marshall (concertina), Ron Grosslein (fiddle, mandolin), Tim van Egmond (hammered dulcimer), Timm Triplett (keyboard), David Cantieni (wind instruments)

Dance Classes

WALTZ PRACTICUM • GREENBELT, MD
SUNDAY, MAY 8 • 1-3 PM
Waltz lovers, please join us for an open practicum at the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio. Mid-tempo waltzes 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 at 443-653-1468, Elliott.drabek@gmail.com or tinyurl.com/waltz-practicum.

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • GAITHERSBURG, MD
TUESDAYS (THROUGH MAY 10) 7-9 PM
The Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers teach Irish set and ceili dancing, for ages 8 and up. No partner necessary. We begin on January 5, 2016. Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Raven Rock Dr., 20878. First class is free (see website for coupon) for non-members, then $50 per semester, $5. Info: www.ringofkerrydancers.org

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD
THURSDAYS THROUGH MAY 19 • 7-9:30 PM
The Greater Washington Ceili Club offers ongoing Irish social dance lessons in a relaxed setting, no partner needed. 7-8 pm, basic steps and dances. 8-9:30 advanced dances (this season will include the West Kerry Set and the Claddagh Set). Third Thursday, in lieu of later class, there is a mini-ceili with live music open to all (small donation for musicians; 1/21, 2/18, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19). Wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes. $40/season, first class free. Argyle Park Activities Bldg., 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Plentiful free parking. Info: Paul O’Donnell at 301-649-6410 or info@gwcc-online.org or www.gwcc-online.org.
Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

**DC Bluegrass Union Dupont Circle Jam**
**Washington DC**
**1st Sundays • 11 am-2 pm**

**Acoustic Jam • Annapolis, MD**
**Sundays • 10 am-12:30 pm**
Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

**Classic Country & Gospel Jam • Silver Spring, MD**
**2nd Sunday • 2-5 pm**
The Sunday jam welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments including (but not limited to) guitar, fiddle banjo, mandolin, bass, Dobro, harmonica, cello & autoharp—as well as the human voice. 9819 Capitol View Ave., 20910. Playlist & directions: www.SundayJam.org; Questions: Dorie Hightower 301-706-763

**CABOMA Jam • Annandale, VA**
**2nd and 4th Sundays • 2 pm**
Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St (at Pershing Dr.), Arlington VA 22201. 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**
Books: The Shenandoah Harmony and The Sacred Harp, 1991 Denson edition; bring a snack to share. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124, in classroom 1. Info: John at 540-955-2660 or jdelre@visuallink.com or visit dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

**Scottish Jam • Alexandria, VA**
**4th Sundays • 2-5 pm**
John Strongbow’s Tavern, 710 King St., 22314. Info: Peter boghadubh@gmail.com or dcscottishsession.blogspot.com. Info on venue: johnstrongbows.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.

**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 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 rustic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

**Capital Accord Chorus • Silver Spring, MD**
**Tuesdays: 7:30-10 pm**
MAY IS A GREAT TIME FOR SINGING…with the Capital Accord Chorus, an all-women’s a cappella group singing in the barbershop style. Free and open rehearsals. We meet at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Info: 1-301-392-SONG (7664) or admin@capitalaccord.org, www.capitalaccord.org.

**Reston/Herndon Folk Club**
**Herndon, VA**
**Tuesdays • 7:15 pm**

**DC Shape Note Sing • Washington, DC**
**3rd Tuesdays • 7-9:30 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.squarespace.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.

Wednesdays

SEA CHANTRY 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 rustic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

May

11 Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St. (Fell’s Pt.), Baltimore, 21231
18 Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave., Annapolis, 21401
25 Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005

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

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

WASHINGTON’S SPELMANSLAG SILVER SPRING
KENSINGTON MD
2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS 2:30-4:30 PM
Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info at juliaaborland3250@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SING AT REVELS • SILVER SPRING, MD
MAY 21 • 6:30-9PM
Revels and Carpe Diem Arts sponsor a monthly community sing on the 21st of every month. All ages welcome. No experience necessary. Bring refreshments and songs to share if you wish. May themes: Asian Pacific Heritage Month; Jewish American Heritage Month; Traveling and Reveling -- and Maritime Songs. May birthdays celebrated. Music/Uke Jam session 8:00-9:00pm. Free will donations. Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. Info: Jo Rasi, jrasi@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835.

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.

Storytelling

THE GRAPEVINE • WASHINGTON, DC
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 • 7:30-9 PM
The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Hosted by Noa Baum, with featured tellers Susan Gordon and Cindy Rivka Marshall. Program opens with up to 3 open-mic tellers (5-minute limit). At Busboys and Poets in Takoma Park, 235 Carroll St., NW, 20012. Food and drink available. Suggested donation of $10 per person goes to the featured tellers (feel free to donate more!). “Like” The Grapevine on Facebook at GrapevineStorytelling. Details: 301-587-3558, grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.

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
**Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events**

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**Lap Dulcimer Workshops**  
**w/Karen Buglass**  
**Saturday, May 7 • 12-3:30 PM**  
Hosted by House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD. Beginning & Fingerpicking Technique sessions offered. $30 each or both for $55. Loaner dulcimers available. Advance registration recommended: hmtrad.com, 301-270-9090, workshops@hmtrad.com.

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**Spoons Workshop**  
**w/Christylez Bacon**  
**Takoma Park, MD**  
**Saturday, May 14 • 1-2 PM**  
Hosted by House of Musical Traditions, see above. Open to all - learn a modern approach to percussive spoons to play in any genre. $30. Advance registration recommended: see listing above.

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**An English Trifle • High Point, WV**  
**Saturday - Monday, May 28-30,**  
Memorial Day weekend!! The second annual English Trifle features calling by Scott Higgs, Melissa Running, and Gaye Fifer, plus eight wonderful musicians – Susan Brandt, Tina Chancey, Bruce Edwards, Ralph Gordon, Andrea Hoag, Aaron Marcus, Paul Oorts and Kathy Talvitie. $120 covers food, lodging and lots of ECD (last year, more than 80 different dances!) Tea bag exchange (bring that box you’ve never opened). At Timber Ridge Camp. Info: www.AnEnglishTrifle.org, or Kappy Lanning at kappylan@aol.com or April Blum at quatriemme@aol.com.

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**31st Annual BFMS Spring Catoctin Mountain Music and Dance Weekend • Thurmont, MD**  
**Friday, June 17 - Sunday, June 19**  
Join dancers and musicians of all ages for a participatory intergenerational weekend of dancing, singing, workshops, jamming, crafts, hiking and more in a beautiful mountain setting from $89 per person. Info: Elisabeth Epstein, 703-272-8197 or catoctin@bfms.org. Online registration and more at bfms.org/catoctin.php.

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The 36th annual FSGW Washington Folk Festival continued from page 6.

FSGW relies on an army of volunteers to produce the festival. A few hours of your time will help make the festival possible. To volunteer, go online to www.washingtonfolkfestival.org and fill out the online form. If you are planning on volunteering, do the volunteer coordinator a big favor and get your form in during the first week in May.

Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD. The popularity of the festival means that onsite parking will be limited. Seasoned festivalgoers have learned to take advantage of the free satellite parking and air-conditioned shuttle buses. We have adjusted the number of buses in response to the increased ridership. Satellite parking is available at the GEICO Parking Lot at 5260 Western Avenue Chevy Chase, MD, just 2 blocks from Friendship Heights Metro. Visit the festival website for details. The full 2016 program schedule will be posted online in mid-May.
Planning Underway for the 52nd Annual FSGW Getaway

Planning for the 52nd Annual FSGW Getaway, to be held September 23-26, 2016 at the West River Conference Center on the Chesapeake Bay, is well underway, and we hope you will be joining us! The Getaway is a bit earlier than usual this year, so do make a note of the dates. Kids are especially welcome!

The Program Committee would like your help. We always try to tailor the Getaway program to the interests of those attending, so please let us know if you plan to attend this year, and what workshops you would like to see or take part in. Is there something you enjoyed in the past you would like to see repeated (or not)? Do you have a new idea we should try? Please contact Nancy King (nlking2@verizon.net), Carly Gewirz (gewirz@cox.net or 703-631-9655), Kathie Mack (kpmack2@gmail.com), or Lisa Null (enul@starpower.net) with your suggestions.

We have a great lineup of special guests this year -- Larry Kaplan, Sally Rogers, Steve Cormier, Geoff Kaufman, Saro Lynch-Thomason, David Jones, and the West Virginia trio Bare Bones (Bill Kimmons, Rebecca Kimmons and Mark Davis). will be with us all weekend. On Sunday we’ll have an extra bonus, when some wonderful folks from the Roscommon Singers Circle in Ireland plan to join us, and may bring along one or two instrumentalists from their community. The Getaway is a wonderful gathering of folk music friends from near and far, and we can promise a memorable weekend. We’re looking forward to seeing you all at the Getaway! Stay tuned; registration opens in July.

Please Note:

FSGW Newsletter deadline has changed!

From here forward, please send newsletter submissions to editor (newsletter@fsgw.org) by the 8th of the preceding month.
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents the 30th Annual

Washington Spring Ball

English Country Dancing

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Music by: Alchemy
Karen Axelrod, piano; Eric Martin, violin/viola; Rachel Bell, accordion

Silver Spring Civic Building: One Veterans Place; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
FREE parking in the lot across the street, 801 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring Metro Station—12 minute walk

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Practice session: Anna Rain, caller; David Knight, fiddle; Melissa Running, piano

Program

Alice  The Homecoming  Snow Day
Bar-a-Bar  Horseplay  Speed the Plough
Cockle Shells  Michael and All Angels  The Two Cousins
Fair and Softly  Pluck Me a Fig  Watkin's Ale
The Farmer’s Joy  Prince William  We Meet Again
Gold for the Mahieux  Puck’s Deceit  The Young Widow

At the ball, dances will be prompted for a few rounds, with no walk-throughs. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. There is a practice session the afternoon of the ball at which most of the dances will be taught. Dances can also be learned at Wednesday night dances in Glen Echo MD, and via videos under “resources” at bronord.com/ball2016. Attire is dressy, with many participants wearing ‘period’ clothing.

Register Online: washingtonspringball.brownpapertickets.com  Register by Mail: form at bronord.com/ball2016
Prices: $33—members—FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, $38—non-members, Add $5 after April 30, students 1/2 price

Directions, Videos, FAQs: www.Bronord.com/ball2016,
Registrar@bronord.com (Roger), Ball.Chair@bronord.com (Carrie)
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington is a not-for-profit [Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code] institution, and we encourage the financial contributions of our members. Contributions in excess of annual dues are welcome and may be tax-deductible. Please mail your gift to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Subscriptions to the Newsletter are available only outside the Greater Washington Metro area.

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May we list you in our Membership Directory? FSGW does not provide mailing lists to any other organizations.

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Greetings to my fellow FSGW members, as well as those interested folks who have picked up this newsletter but have not yet joined.

Do you have an instrument collecting dust that needs to find a new home? We at the House of Musical Traditions can help! For those of you who are new to the area, or are unfamiliar with HMT, our independent music store is currently in its 44th year of connecting acoustic, folk, and world instruments with their players.

Bring in your instrument(s) and we will evaluate them for sale, free of charge. Depending on the instrument, its condition, and our current inventory needs, we may offer you values for outright sale, trade value or store credit, and/or consignment sale. We also can often accept recorded music or music-related literature to help you make space in your home!

We also accept instrument donations for a few local non-profit organizations: Hungry For Music and Music 4 More (which distribute instruments to low-income school students), and Institute of Musical Traditions (our sister concert production wing) which can use funds from the sale of items.

If you actually don’t have quite enough instruments in your home yet, we would like to also invite you to swing by our store anytime we are open, or our new website at www.hmtrad.com absolutely whenever.

In harmony,

**David E. Eisner**
President of the House of Musical Traditions
Founder of the Institute of Musical Traditions
Life member of FSGW

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