Peter Brice
Traditional singer and button accordionist
with Sibling Rivalry Fiddle Band

Tuesday, January 10 • 7:30–10 pm

Peter Brice, Annapolis native and lifelong singer, brings traditional Irish music laced with scholarly wit. Opening: Sibling Rivalry Fiddle Band, preteen folk fiddle sensations from the Renaissance fair circuit (where they are known as Sibling Ryvalrie). Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Ave, 20812 (Ride-On bus #29 from Friendship Heights). Members, $10; Non-members, $20. Audio samples at newcenturyirisharts.com/biographies/peterbrice and 4kids3fiddles.com.

Joined by Thomas McCarthy, singer in the Irish Traveller tradition, pending visa. Please see fsgw.org for updates.

FSGW Annual Midwinter Festival
Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, February 4
12–10:30 pm

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FSGW Sings/ Swaps/Storytelling

FSGW New Year’s Day Singing • Alexandria, VA
Sunday, January 1 • 2–7 PM (with break for potluck dinner)
Bring in 2017 with a shout at this annual event featuring four hours of singing from the 1991 Sacred Harp and 2013 Shenandoah Harmony—wonderful four-shape, four-part tunebooks with many seasonal gems (loaner books available). There will be two hours of singing in the ground-level meeting room of the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church of Alexandria, a potluck feast, and then two hours’ more singing in Room 19 upstairs. First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St, 22302 (about a mile out from King St. Metro & Amtrak station & GW Memorial). Info: madaly@verizon.net or 301-229-8534.

FSGW Open Sing • Montgomery Village, MD
Friday, January 6 • 8 PM
Topic: What’s in a Name? “That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” Please come with a song with the first name of a person, or a song about roses! Everyone is welcome! Most songs presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Don’t worry if you can’t think of a song on topic—come anyway! Please bring a snack to share. This month’s Open Sing will be at the home of Heather Pierce. Info/directions: 301-869-7551.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD
Sunday, January 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 Barbara Karpas in Takoma Park, six blocks from the Takoma Metro station. Info/directions: bakbeat@verizon.net or 301-270-4239.

FSGW Storytelling Swap • Washington, DC
Saturday, January 14 • 7:30 PM
Come join a group of friendly storytellers for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks in the home of Frieda Enoch. Free. RSVP/directions: 301-244-5559 or 301-262-0948 or email starrkopper@gmail.com.

FSGW Shape Note Singing • Alexandria, VA
Sunday, January 22 • 4 PM
Every fourth Sunday, singers explore the rich traditions in The Sacred Harp (1991) and Shenandoah Harmony (2013), 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 of the First Christian Church of Alexandria. First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St, 22302 (about a mile out from King St. Metro & Amtrak station & GW Memorial). Info: madaly@verizon.net or 301-229-8534.

Co-Sponsored Events

Circle of Life Song Circle • Rockville, MD
Tuesdays, January 3 and 17 • 1–2:30 PM
Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington’s Coming of Age in Maryland Program 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. Words will be provided on song sheets—no need to read music. Come for informal singing or just to listen, but do come! Free! 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. When Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, the Song Circle is canceled. If schools have a delayed opening, please call 301-348-3809 for the latest update on that day’s program. Info or to volunteer: Frieda Enoch, fenoch@jccgw.org or Liz Milner, lizmilner@mindspring.com.

The Grapevine • Takoma, DC
Wednesday, January 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 Andy Offutt Irwin and Carrie Sue Ayvar. Program opens with up to three open-mic tellers (5-minute limit each). Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St NW, 20012. Food and drink available. Suggested donation of $15 per person goes to the featured tellers—feel free to donate more! “Like” The Grapevine on Facebook at GrapevineStorytelling. Info: 301-587-3558 or grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.

Schweinhaut Song Circle • Silver Spring, MD
Wednesday, January 18 • 1–3 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 Rd, 20901. For more information or to suggest songs in advance: Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

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

Deadline February 2017 Newsletter: SUNDAY, January 8, 2017
Debra Cowan
Saturday, January 14
7:30 pm

Debra Cowan was once asked what kind of songs she writes. Her reply? “Bad ones. Besides, there are so many good songs out there written by others and they should be sung.” Her captivating warm alto carries each folk song she chooses with such emotion that you’ll forget that they were written by others. She performs a cappella and with guitar in the great tradition of folk singers like Joan Baez and Judy Collins, with a clear vocal that calls forth the ghosts of long past but can also offer a more modern urban landscape. In her newest release, a live recording entitled “Among Friends”, she demonstrates her ability to interact with her audience and have them enthusiastically sing along on choruses and refrains.

Come at 7:30 to socialize, 8 pm for the concert. At Janie Meneely’s in Takoma Park (RSVP/directions: Molly Hickman, hickmang.m94@gmail.com). Suggested donation $15. Audio samples at debracowan.com.

Note: NO Third Friday at Emma’s concert this month due to inauguration festivities and/or protests. We’ll be back at Emma’s Espresso & Wine Bar on the third Friday of February.

Support folk music on your local community radio stations!

Saturday nights listen to Mary Cliff’s Traditions (Washington’s longest-running radio show devoted to folk music) from 9 pm to midnight on WERA-FM Arlington (96.7 FM or streaming at wera.fm).

And tune in to WOWD-LP Takoma Park (94.3 FM or streaming at takomaradio.org) alternate Friday mornings for the new Ballads in the Morning show (January dates: 1/13, special guest, Debra Cowan; and 1/27).

Go to GREAT Concerts for FREE!

Go to great concerts for free! Most FSGW concerts rely on volunteers: See the “Details” page of a concert on the calendar at fsgw.org to sign up to volunteer at that event. You get in for free and you get a pass for free admission to a future FSGW concert, dance or workshop with a fixed admission price of $25 or less.
Watch fsgw.org for news on upcoming Maelstrom CD release concert, which will likely be happening toward the end of January.

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FSGW Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 11 • 8 pm

The monthly FSGW Board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 Arcade Bldg. at Glen Echo Park, MD. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member, or April Blum by e-mail, president@fsgw.org, or call afternoons or evenings 301-422-0292 in advance of the meeting.

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

FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy

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

“The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people.”

- All copy (except ads) must be submitted by e-mail to newsletter@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.
- All listings must be submitted in the format set out in “How to Submit” Box. The format is also on our website (fsgw.org). Just click on Newsletter and look for a paragraph in green.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

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

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FSGW Midwinter Festival
Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, February 4 • 12–10:30 pm

Come out and play (and dance and sing)! It’s time for the FSGW Mini-Fest, our annual celebration of all things FSGW—chantey and stories; dances and duets; hambos and hornpipes; banjos, bodhrans, blues, and ballads. There are two dance tracks and more than 40 workshops and concerts at seven different venues throughout the school (plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, usually involving morris dancers, bells, sticks, and hankies). It’s a sure-fire cure for the winter blues!! We’ll be at our usual location – Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road – on Saturday, February 4, from noon until 10:30 pm.

★ In the Cafetorium, six hours of fabulous concerts programmed by FSGW Vice President Charlie Baum. As of press time (early December), confirmed performers include the Capitol Hillbillies, Shenandoah Run, Mitchelstown Trio, and Sweet Yonder.

★ The Storytelling Program will again be organized by FSGW Board member Tim Livengood.

★ The Jams Room, programmed by Charlie Baum and FSGW President April Blum, will include a Gospel Sing, Shape Note Singing, a blues jam featuring musicians from Archie's Barbershop, and probably a rousing Irish Seisíún.

★ Lisa Null’s Traditional Song room (always jam-packed and often SRO) will feature many local favorites.

★ Again this year the Living Traditions track will be hosted by FSGW Board members Mike and Heather Livingston, and will include plenty of participatory singing.

★ FSGW is particularly pleased that a new track this year, programmed by FSGW Board member Ingrid Gorman, will focus on family-oriented, participatory song and dance.

★ The Main Gym will feature six hours of dance, including English Country Dance and more, and the Auxiliary Gym will include waltz, contra, and Cajun/Zydeco.

★ From 7:30 to 10:30, two simultaneous evening programs – in the Main Gym, an evening of contras and squares with the fabulous Coracree; and in the Cafetorium, a concert programmed by Charlie Baum with M.S.G., Karpouzi (Paul Oorts and Karen Ashbrook), Karpouzi, and perhaps a few others will make this a tuneful and delightful evening.

— April Blum, Mini-Fest Chair

Ticket prices remain the same as last year!

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

Day (noon to 6 ONLY) or Evening (6 to 10:30 ONLY)
FSGW Adult Member $10; FSGW Child (6–12) $5; FSGW Family Maximum $25
Non-FSGW Adult $15; Non-FSGW Child (6–12) $7; Non-FSGW Family Max $40
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: English@fsgw.org

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

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Beginner Session at 7:30. Stephanie Smith calls the dances to the music of Becky Ross (fiddle), Anna Rain (recorders), and Ralph Gordon (cello).

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Tom Spilsbury and April Blum lead the dances while Colleen Reed (flute), Paul Oorts (mandolin and accordion), and Melissa Running (piano) play.

Melissa Running calls the dances while Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), Bruce Edwards (bassoon, concertina), and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music.

Anna Rain calls to the playing of Susan Brandt (flute), Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), and Liz Donaldson (piano).

Mark your Calendars for the Washington Spring Ball, Saturday, May 20, 2017. Music by: Goldcrest: Dave Wiesler (piano), Daron Douglas (fiddle), and Paul Oorts (accordion and fretted instruments). Details at fsgw.org/ball.html

FSGW Family Dance • Glen Echo, MD
Sunday, January 8 • 3–5 pm

The ah-maze-ing Janine Smith calls with Maelstrom. It’s always great when young dancers see young musicians. Bring the kids for an afternoon of fiddling, circles, squares and fun! $5 for ages 4 and older. Info: Penelope Weinberger or Steve Burnett, dance@fsgw.org.
FSGW Sunday Night Dances
at Glen Echo Park, MD · Spanish Ballroom
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. 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

January 1 · Susan Michaels with Barefoot.

January 8 · Ann Fallon calls with Unger, Knuth, and Gordon.


January 22 · Andrea Nettleton calls to Maelstrom.

January 29 · Kappy Laning calls to the Treble Makers.

Ed Howe’s driving fiddle and live looping by foot with Jamie Oshima’s guitar and percussion will have you up and rolling this New Year’s Day night. Susan Michaels, a Los Angeles treasure, will bring snappy, snazzy sensibility. Get your dancing resolution on!

Join Larry Unger (guitar), Audrey Knuth (fiddle), and Ralph Gordon (bass) for a night of clean, driving, New England music that will be a treat with Ann Fallon’s inventive, playful calling.

Rachel Eddy (fiddle, guitar, banjo) Brad Kolodner (banjo, fiddle), Scotty Leach (piano, fiddle). North meets south when Luke Donforth comes from Vermont to call with local old-time superstars Rachel Eddy and Brad Kolodner: fast, fun, and driving!

Southern belle Andrea Nettleton brings her sweet melodic calling to the Sunday night debut of Maelstrom! Peri Leighty (fiddle, voice), Darrow Sherman (fiddle, banjo, voice), and Abraham Joyner-Meyers (fiddle, guitar) will blow you away with their verve and drive.

The mischievous Emily Aubrey (fiddle), rascally Robin Wilson (flute, saxophone), and impish Liz Donaldson (piano, accordion) will be stirring up all kinds of treble on this cold night; it will be hot, hot, hot!
The FIRST Square Dance of the New Year! • Adelphi, MD
Sunday, January 1 • 2–5 pm

Please join The Hot Square Babes (Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Laura Brown, Janine Smith, and Susan Taylor) to ring in 2017 with the annual New Year’s Day edition of hot squares at Ballroom Blum. We’ll dance to fabulous live music played by Rachel Eddy and The Rock Farmers: Rachel Eddy (fiddle), Ann Porcella (guitar), and Kate Brett (banjo). No partner, lessons, or fancy outfits required. Just c’mom out and dance! Please bring some yummy snacks to share at the break. All this for a paltry $10 suggested donation to pay our musicians. Start your 2017 on a sweet note. Info: 301-926-9142 or fsgw.org.

The Great American Square Dance Revival, Part XLX
Saturday, January 7 • 8:30 - 11:30 PM

The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating five wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! This month features Jake and The Burtones: Ian Fuze (fiddle), Josh Cava (guitar/banjo), and Chris Griffin (bass). Old Man Kelly 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. Saint Stephen’s Church, 1525 Newton St NW, Washington, DC 20010 (Columbia Heights Metro). $5 at the door. Info: dcsquaredance.com.

FSGW Co-Sponsored Dances

Greenbelt Contra Dance • Greenbelt, MD
Saturday, January 7 • 7–9:45 pm

Start the New Year out with an evening of fun at the Greenbelt Contra Dance, featuring the calling of Lindsey Dodson and music by Liz Donaldson on piano and Emily Aubrey on fiddle. Co-sponsored by FSGW and the City of Greenbelt. Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. $10; $5 for age 7–18; 6 and under free. Info: 301-397-2208.

Second Thursday Contra/Square Dance • Silver Spring, MD
Thursday, January 12 • 7:30–10 pm (free intro workshop 7–7:30)

Caller Susan Taylor with Metro Gnomes: McGregor Yatsevitch (fiddle, mandolin), Bob Garber (clarinet), and Mark Vidor (piano). Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, 20910 (free parking in lot across the street at 801 Ellsworth Drive). Co-sponsored by FSGW, Carpe Diem Arts, and Washington Revels, with major support from the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. FSGW/ BFMS/CDSS/Revels Members, $8; Non-members, $10; Students, $5. First timers, free. Info: Bob Mathis, talibob@starpower.net; or Busy Graham, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or 301-466-0183.

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

See the listing under International Dances on page 17.
Upcoming FSGW Events

Upcoming events are subject to change; please check fsgw.org for updates.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

COSPONSORED EVENT AT THE HAMILTON: DAILEY & VINCENT • WASHINGTON, DC
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 6:30 PM

Grammy-nominated “Rockstars of Bluegrass” Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent have won 14 International Bluegrass Music awards including Entertainer of the Year three times and Vocal Group of the Year three times. 600 14th St NW, 20005 (Metro: Metro Center). Tickets available online through The Hamilton (thehamiltondc.com). $22.50–$39.50; FSGW members get $10 off tickets purchased online (no discount at the door) using promo code DCFOLK.

HOUSE CONCERT: SÉAMUS BEGLEY, OISÍN MAC DIARMADA & SAMANTHA HARVEY • TAKOMA PARK, MD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 8 PM

Irish trad power trio stopping by on their way from Sligo, Ireland, to the Savannah Irish Festival in Georgia. Come at 7:30 to socialize, 8 pm for the concert. At Janie Meneely’s in Takoma Park (RSVP/directions: program@fsgw.org). Suggested donation $15.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: BY & BY WITH THE SQUEEZERS • TAKOMA, DC
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 8–10 PM

The six-piece band By & By, “your friendly neighborhood bluegrass band,” has earned seven Wammie nominations. The Squeezers, veterans of the Washington Folk Festival, FSGW Midwinter Festival, and Takoma Porch, are a “genre-defying” squeezebox trio squeezing tunes of the world from bellows-and-reed instruments of the world. Nominations for the 2017–2018 FSGW Board of Directors will be accepted at intermission. This event will be considered one of the open meetings required by the Society’s bylaws for that purpose. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro). Members, free; Non-members, $20. Info: fsgw.org

COMING IN MARCH

HOUSE CONCERT: CASTLEBAY • SPRINGFIELD, VA
SUNDAY, MARCH 5 • 8 PM


MONTHLY PROGRAM: STARRY MOUNTAIN SINGERS WITH ORFEIA • TAKOMA, DC
SATURDAY, MARCH 11 • 7:30–10 PM

The Starry Mountain Singers, eight alumni of the Northern Harmony and Village Harmony ensembles, bring riveting harmonies to American and international folk music including gospel, shape-note, Appalachian, Bulgarian, Corsican, and Georgian songs. Orfeia, a local Balkan women’s choir under the direction of Tatiana Sarbinska that recently celebrated their tenth anniversary, opens. Nominations for the 2017–2018 FSGW Board of Directors will be accepted at intermission. This event will be considered one of the open meetings required by the Society’s bylaws for that purpose. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro). Members, free; Non-members, $20. Info: fsgw.org

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ANGELA KESSLER: STORIES FROM THE KALEVALA • WASHINGTON, DC
SUNDAY, MARCH 18 • 8–10 PM
Flirting. Death. Revenge. Magic. The Kalevala is a collection of stories from Finland, passed down from the days when storytelling was for grown-ups. Boston storyteller Angela Kessler will present a sampling of stories in a variety of moods (lighthearted to dark to very dark) and modes (spoken word, verse, and song). Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW 20012 (Metro: Takoma). $5, Members; $15, Non-members. Info: fsgw.org.

JENNIFER CUTTING’S OCEAN CD RELEASE WITH PETE & MAURA KENNEDY • NORTH BETHESDA, MD
FRIDAY, MARCH 31 • 8 PM
Presented in partnership with AMP by Strathmore: Jennifer Cutting’s OCEAN Orchestra, a mainstay of the Washington Folk Festival and the local folk-rock scene, celebrates the release of their third CD with a concert at AMP by Strathmore with special guests Pete & Maura Kennedy. AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave, 20852 (Ride-On bus #5 from Silver Spring). Tickets available online through AMP by Strathmore (ampbystrathmore.com). $30/$20. FSGW members get $10 off tickets purchased online (no discount at the door) using promo code FSGW.

COMING IN APRIL

THE BLTs (AMY DAVIS, JON NEWLIN & BOB HERRING) • WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 8–10 PM
Bluegrass/old-time string band. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW, 20012 (Metro: Takoma). Members, free; Non-members $20. Info: fsgw.org.

MARTIN GROSSWENDT & SUSANNE SALEM-SCHATZ • RIVERDALE, MD
FRIDAY, APRIL 14 • 8–10 PM

WORKSHOP: MARTIN GROSSWENDT & SUSANNE SALEM-SCHATZ • RIVERDALE, MD
SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

PAUL MCKENNA & FINN MAGILL CD RELEASE CONCERT • SILVER SPRING, MD
SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 7:30–9:30 PM
Scottish and Irish traditional music. At the historic Historic Silver Spring B & O Railroad Station, 8100 Georgia Ave, 20910. Info: fsgw.org.

TAL NACCARATO • ALEXANDRIA, VA
FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 6:30–8:30 PM

CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND APRIL 28–30
Register for Chesapeake Dance Weekend! Beat the rush and sign up today for CDW! Contras, squares, and blues dancing all weekend long—April 28–30, 2017! Registration is now open! Reserve your spot and dance with us. ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org.
Concerts

This is a selection of upcoming concerts at these venues; please see their websites for full event schedules.

**Concert Series**

**AMP by Strathmore, North Bethesda, MD**
11810 Grand Park Ave, 20852 • ampbystrathmore.com

**JAMES “Blood” Ulmer**
**Saturday, January 28, 8 PM**
Blues/funk/jazz guitarist, for Strathmore “Shades of Blues” series; $30–40

**Baldwin’s Station Concerts • Sykesville, MD**
7618 Main St, 21784 • All shows 8 pm
uptownconcerts.com • 410-795-1041

**Seamus Kennedy**
**Thursday, January 5**
The irrepressible entertainer “Presents a Tour of Ireland in Word & Song”; $20

**Birchmere Concert Hall • Alexandria, VA**
3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, 22305. All shows 7:30 pm
birchmere.com • 703-549-7500

**Justin Townes Earle**
**Sunday, January 8**
Americana songwriter + opener Dawn Landes; $29.50

**Eddie from Ohio**
**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January 13–15**
Quartet of fine musicians, great harmonies; $39.50 Different talented opening act each night. Usually sells out.

**Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder**
**Friday & Saturday, January 20 & 21**
Award-winning bluegrass led by noted fiddler/mandolinist; $39.50

**Four Bitchin’ Babes**
**Saturday, January 28**
Talented, accomplished, funny women take on life, family & the world, in harmony!; $35

**Carroll Café Concert Series • Takoma, DC**
Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro)
carrollcafe.org • info@carrollcafe.org

**The Sweater Set**
**Friday, January 13 • 7:30–10 PM**
Fabulous harmonic duo. $18 in advance, $20 at door

**Cellar Stage • MD**
Now at two venues! uptownconcerts.com

**Mustard’s Retreat (David Tamulevitch & Michael Hough) • Baltimore, MD**
**Friday, January 13 • 8 PM**
40 years singing and writing as a duo. 5315 Harford Rd, 21214. $21

**Vance Gilbert + Ellis Paul • Fulton, MD**
**Saturday, January 21 • 7:30 PM**
Two top-notch singers and songwriters at this new venue. Temple Isaiah, 12200 Scaggsville Rd, 20759. $30

**Focus Music Concert Series**
FocusMusic.org

**Friction Farm and Michael Bowers & Siobhan Quinn • Alexandria, VA**
**Sunday January 8 • 7 PM**

**Gypsy Sally’s • Washington, DC**
3401 K St NW, 20007 • gypsysallys.com
Open Mic Tuesdays upstairs in Vinyl Lounge; 8 pm; free

**Jackass Flats + Split String Soup**
**Wednesday, January 11 • 8 PM**
Contemporary bluegrass; $8

**Roosevelt Dime**
**Wednesday, January 18 • 8 PM**
Roots Americana + openers The Herd of Main Street, Baltimore band, $8

**The 19th Street Band + The Plate Scrapers**
**Wednesday, January 25 • 8 PM**
Americana band with Celtic touch + old-time/bluegrass band; $8

**The Harley String Band**
**Saturday, January 28 • 10 PM**
Award-winning songwriting trio, tight harmonies. In upstairs Vinyl Lounge; no cover

**The Hamilton • Washington, DC**
600 14th St. (at F), NW 20005 • thehamiltondc.com

**PoPa Chubby**
**Friday, January 6 • 8 PM**
Singing blues for more than 25 years; $15.75–20.75

**Greg Brown**
**Saturday, January 14 • 8 PM**
Noted Iowa songwriter & singer, early regular on A Prairie Home Companion; $25–50
## January 2017

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**Deadline February 2017 Newsletter: SUNDAY, January 8, 2017**
INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, 20852 imtfolk.org

JOHN JORGENSEN QUINTET • ROCKVILLE, MD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 • 7:30 PM
“Gypsy Jazz” ala Django Reinhardt drawing elements from Latin, Romanian, Classical, Rock and Greek music. $25 advance / $30 door; $20 students (with ID) advance, $25 door; $2 per ticket box office fee added to all purchases. All tickets are general admission.

THE NIGHTHAWKS GO ACOUSTIC WITH DAN HOVEY
ROCKVILLE, MD
MONDAY, JANUARY 30 • 7:30 PM
Rocking blues band in a special acoustic program with special guest Dan Hovey. Tickets: $15 advance / $20 door; Students (with ID) $12 advance / $17 door; $2 per ticket box office fee added to all purchases. All tickets are general admission.

JAMMIN’ JAVA • VIENNA, VA
227 Maple Ave E, 22180 jamminjava.com

MICHAEL CLEM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 • 7:30 PM
Birthday show for member of Eddie from Ohio + opener No Fuss & Feathers (The YaYas, Karyn Oliver, Carolann Solebello); $15–18

AJ SWEARINGEN & JAYNE KELLI
SING SIMON & GARFUNKEL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 • 7 PM
Classic favorites by the noted duo, recreated; $20

ROBBIE SCHAFFER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 6:30 PM
Benefit for Syrian refugees by member of Eddie from Ohio; $25

MAD CITY IN COLUMBIA • COLUMBIA, MD
madcitycoffee.com • 410-964-8671

JOSEPH ISAACS’ MUSIC MATTERS SHOWCASE
FRED CASSELS WITH DAVE SPIRO, DL WEINER, & JON PATTON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 6:30 TO 9:30 PM
Come hear great free music! (Voluntary donations for homeless accepted.) You hear four talented acts in one night. Each act plays two four-song sets. 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd, 21044. Info: 410-964-8671.

REEstaHNDON FOLK CLUB
HERDON, VA
Amphora’s Diner Deluxe–Herndon, 1151 Elden St, 20170 restonherndonfolkclub.com • 703-435-2402

JOAN AND JONI (MARTIN/SHAPIRA)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 • 7:15 PM; DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
Tribute to Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell by singer/songwriters Allison Shapiro and Kipyn Martin. Members, $10; Non-members, $11; purchase at the door or contact Dave at DA-HurdSr@cs.com. Info: jamesue@aol.com.

STONE ROOM CONCERTS • FALLS CHURCH, VA
Tickets/info: stoneroomconcerts.com

ALASH ENSEMBLE WITH SHODEKEH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 • 8 PM
Tuvan throat singing and beat-boxing! The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 E. Fairfax St, 22046. $15.

NACKED BLUE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 7 PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM)
Americana with pleasing pop sensibility. Art & Frame, 205 W. Jefferson St, 22046. $20.

GAELYNN LEA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 • 5 PM
Classically trained, experimental violinist/songwriter. Winner of NPR Music’s Tiny Desk Contest. Seven Corners, 22044. $20.

WORLD FOLK MUSIC ASSOCIATION
BETHESDA, MD
Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, 20814

JANUARY SHOWCASE
COLLIN WARREN, TAL NACCARATO, AND OTHERS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 • 7 PM
Members, $10; Non-members, $15 (pay at door; credit cards accepted). Reservations: reserve@wfma.net or 301-744-7740. Info: wfma.net/pr1701.htm.

Deadline February 2017 Newsletter: SUNDAY, January 8, 2017
Ceili

GWCC Ceili • College Park, MD
Sunday, Jan 1 • 4–9 PM

Community/Family

Sundays
FSGW Family Dance
Details on page 6.

Thursdays
Front Royal Family Dance • Front Royal, VA
2nd Thursdays • 6–7:30 PM
Line, circle, and square sets. Free and open to all. Samuels Public Library, 330 East Criser Rd, 22630. Info: tommack1861@gmail.com or facebook.com/SVCWED.

Saturdays
BFMS Family Dance • Pikesville, MD
No BFMS Family Dances until April.

Galesville Community Square Dance • MD
No Galesville Dance in January
Info: communitysquaredance.wordpress.com or 301-926-9142.

Contra

Sundays
FSGW Sunday Night Dances
Details on page 7.

Wednesdays
BFMS Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD
Wednesdays • 8–10:30 PM
Beginners always welcome. New dancer workshops at 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. BFMS/FSGW Members, $9; Non-members, $13. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: bfms.org.

Dances

January
4 Ann Fallon calls to the Treble Makers: Emily Aubrey (fiddle), Robin Wilson (flute and sax), and Liz Donaldson (piano)
11 Stephanie Marie Voncannon calls to TBA. New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm
18 Shane Knudsen calls to Unbowed: Henry Koretsky (mandolin, guitar), Jill Smith (piano), and Bruce Campbell (bass)
25 Kim Forry calls to the Old Time Jam Band. New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm

Thursdays
Second Thursday
Silver Spring Contra Dance
Details on page 8.

Fridays
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), 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. New dancer class every week from 7:30 to 8:15 pm. $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 at Glen Echo Park Facebook page.

January
6 TBD calls to Audrey Knuth and Larry Unger with Audrey Knuth (fiddle) and Larry Unger (guitar)
13 Luke Donforth with the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band
20 Woody Lane calls to Terpsichore with Elke Baker (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Ralph Gordon (bass)
27 TBD calls to TBD

Saturdays
ATDS Contra Dance • Annapolis, MD
Saturday, January 21 • 6:30–10 PM
DeLaura Padovan will call contra and squares to the melodies of Devine Comedy (Marty Taylor, Steve Hickman, and John Devine). The evening includes a free introductory session at 6:30; dance 7–10 pm. 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 Hall, 351 Dubois Rd, 21401. Admission for dance: $10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). Info: contradancers.com/atds; or Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com.
BFMS Mid-Winter Ball 2017
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 • 7–11:30 PM
Join us for the BFMS Mid-Winter Ball! We will have a groovy time with our theme: I Heard It Through the Grapevine. Come in your best 60s wear and have a blast! Luke Donforth, known for bringing a warm playfulness to the stage, comes to us from Vermont to call the figures. From Massachusetts and Washington, the high-energy band The Free Raisins: Jeff Kaufman (mandolin, trumpet, feet), Audrey Knuth (fiddle), and Amy Englesberg (piano, accordion) combines New England traditions with a modern groove. Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, 3800 N. Charles Street, 21218. Arrive at 7 pm for potluck finger foods. Dance beings at 7:30 with a Grand March led by the Dance Ranger, Stan Fowler, followed by great dancing until 11:30 pm. It will be rad! Prices and registration at bfms.org/midwinter.php, and tickets will be available at the door as well. Reduced rates for students. Info: Sara Glik, dance@bfms.org, or BFMS hotline (888-646-BFMS).

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
Greg Frock calls to Devine Comedy, featuring John Devine (guitar), Marty Taylor (concertina, recorder), and Steve Hickman (fiddle). Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Introductory workshop at 7:15. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. General: $10, Students: $5. Info: Boe Walker at 301-694-6794 or contradancers.com.

Lancaster Contra Dance • Lancaster, PA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 7–10 PM
Caroline Barnes calls to Finger Pyx with Enid Diament (fiddle), Jansen Wendell (fiddle, mandolin), Wes Steenson (banjo, guitar), and JoAnne Rocke (piano). St. John’s Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. Beginners’ Workshop, 6:15. Adults, $9; Students, $6. Children 15 and under free. Info: Karen, 717-951-4317 or lancastercontra.org.

Shepherdstown Contra Dance • WV
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 • 7–10 PM
Kappy Laning calls with Fiddle Retreat Open Band: Alexander Mitchell and Andrea Hoag (fiddles), Dave Wiesler (piano), Paul Oorts (guitar, mandolin); and a multitude of other great musicians on a variety of instruments. War Memorial Building, 102 E. German St, 25443. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. Holiday potluck, 6; bring a dish to share. Free introductory workshop, 7:30. SMAD Members, $8; Non-members, $12; Under 12, $5. Info: John Sauer, 301-542-3272 or smad.us.

English Country
Mondays
BFMS English Country Dance • Pikesville, MD
Mondays • 8–10:30 PM
English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New dancer orientation first Mondays at 7:45 pm. St. Mark’s on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. BFMS/ATDS/FSGW/CDSS Members, $8; Non-members, $11; 52 student discount. Info: Sharon McKinley, 410-660-9147 or engdance@bfms.org.

January
2 Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45. Mike Franch calls to the music of Emily Aubrey (violin), Mark Vidor, (accordion), and Judy Meyers (piano)
9 April Blum calls to the music of Carl Friedman (violin), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina), and Janina O’Brien (piano)
16 Carl Friedman calls to the music of Elke Baker (violin), Marty Taylor (winds, concertina), and Jonathan Jensen (piano)
23 Emily Aubrey calls to the music of The Good Band of Baltimore
30 Ann Fallon calls to the music of Becky Ross (violin), Steve Epstein (clarinet), and Janina O’Brien (piano)

FSGW English Country Dance Details on page 6.

Saturdays

English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 • 8–10:45 PM
Dance to music by Peasocks Gathering; calling by Bob Farrall. Beginners and singles welcome. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902 (Parking and entrance in rear). $5. Info: Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281 or cminkus@verizon.net; or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018.

The Leesburg Assembly • Great Falls, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 7:30–10:30 PM
Join us for our monthly dance. Music is by Catherine Chapman (violin) and Judy Meyers, (piano), and Susan Taylor calls. All dances taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. $15; Students, $10. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066 (4.7 miles west of the Beltway). Info: Laurel Bybell (Secretary), lbybell@gmail.com or 703-819-5603; or theleesburgassembly.org.

BFMS Gentle English Country Dance • Pikesville, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 • 3–5:30 PM
Gentle English Dances consist of regular English Country Dances, at the regular tempos, but chosen to be gentle to the joints. Sharon McKinley calls to the music of Carl Friedman (violin), Brian Cardell (recorder, flute), and Judy Meyers (piano). St. Mark’s on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. $8 for BFMS, FSGW, ATDS or CDSS members; $12 for non-members. Info: Eileen Franch at 410-889-3252 or Franch@verizon.net.
DANCES continued

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 pm, Intermediate/Advanced 8–10 pm (requests from 9:15–10 pm). No partner needed. All levels of experience welcome. Adults over 16. Mostly recorded music; wonderful wooden floor. Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. $7. Info: Phyllis or Brandon, 301-871-8788 or 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 Harper’s Choice. Class at 8 pm, dancing starts at 8:30 pm. Requests taken throughout the evening. $5 (S3 for seniors). Info: Ethel, 410-997-1613; Ed, 410-740-2309; or columbiafolkdancers.org.

Thursdays

ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • VA
Thursdays 8–10 PM
(Formerly Mt. Vernon International Folk Dancing)
We welcome beginners and advanced dancers; no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden floor; and a mix of easy dances, advanced instruction, and requested dances. Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Ln, 22307. Donation, $4. Info: Patricia, 703-472-3888 or pdw@patriciadaywilliams.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 dance of at least 14 years old). Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Info: carpathiadc@gmail.com or facebook.com/carpethiadc.

CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA
3RD AND 5TH THURSDAYS 7:30–9:30 PM
Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of mediation and joy. All dances taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204 (Rte 50 at George Mason Dr). Donation requested. Info: Ann Ulmschneider, 703-528-5114 or aulmsch@msn.com.

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS
BETHESDA, MD
Thursdays 7:30–10:45 PM
Lesson at 7:30 pm, request dances from 9 to 10:45 pm. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Co-sponsored by FSGW. Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobin Dr, 20816 (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). $5 Info: Jamie, 301-466-3018 or dancingplanet@erols.com.

Fridays

GREENBELT FOLK DANCING • GREENBELT, MD
Fridays 8:30 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 pm, requests from 9:15 on. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. S7/students and seniors half-price. Check website for special events. Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539 or larry@larryweiner.com; or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

ISRAELI

ISRAELI DANCING • CHEVY CHASE, MD
Tuesdays 7–10:30 PM
Instruction from 7 to 7:45 pm. 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. Adults, S8; Students, S6. Info: Mike Fox, 240-424-0805 or markidmike.com.

MASON DIXON BORDER MORRIS • ADELPHI, MD
Some Sundays 12–2 PM
Possibly the oldest and most fictitious morris team in North America. Gender irrelevant, steampunk a plus. Practices usually twice a month at Ballroom Blum. Info: blgraham_99@yahoo.com or facebook.com/masonondixonbordermorris.

ARLINGTON NORTHWEST MORRIS WOMEN
ARLINGTON, VA
Mondays 7:30–9 PM
Learn and perform the traditional morris dances of northwestern 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). Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204 (at George Mason Dr). Info: suzelise@comcast.net or nwdancers@comcast.net.
Rock Creek Morris Women • Bethesda, MD
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: RCMMW@uswet.com, or uswet.com/RCMMW.html.

Foggy Bottom Morris Men • Takoma, DC
THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM
Experience the vigorous thrill of the morris and the camaraderie of a morris team. Learn and perform dances from English Cotswold villages, mummers’ plays, and occasional longsword dances. We welcome new and slightly used dancers to our practices at Knock On Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow St NW, 20012, and/or at the pub afterward. Info: Alan Peel, 301-920-1912, squire@fbmm.org, or fbmm.org.

Scandinavian
SUNDAYS

Norwegian Potluck & Dance • Silver Spring, MD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 • POTLUCK NOON, DANCING 1:30 PM
Norwegian-style house party. 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, and watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Hosts Phyllis and Steve. Info/directions: MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

Scandia DC Dance • Greenbelt, MD
THIRD SATURDAYS, JANUARY 21 • 7–10 PM
Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature grammy nominee and our local treasure, Andrea Hoag, and the Scandia DC Spelmanslag. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7–8 pm: Finnskogspsels, a fun dance from the border region between Norway and Sweden. Open dancing 8–10 pm. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. $10. Info: Linda Brooks or Ross Schipper, 202-333-2826 or Linda@ScandiaDC.org; or ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather, 301-474-0646.

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

Mondays

Bethesda Scottish Country Dance • MD
Mondays • 8–10 PM
National Institutes of Health Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod, 301-622-5945 or blackolav@gmail.com.

Tuesdays

Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance • MD
Tuesdays • 8–10 PM
Dance all year ‘round at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. $8. Info: Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@rcn.com.

Wednesdays

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

Square

FSGW Great American Square Dance Revival
Details Page 8.

Bluemont Country Dances • Hillsboro, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 8 PM
(BEGINNERS WORKSHOP, 7:30 PM)
Old-time contra dances. Third Saturday of each month, October through May. Held for over 40 years, the dances, which feature old-time contra and square dancing with music provided by live bands, are the Bluemont Concert Series’ oldest tradition and attract residents and visitors throughout the area. Instruction and figure calling are provided throughout each dance. Families and single dancers are welcome. Hillsboro Old Stone School, 37098 Charles Town Pike, 20132. Bluemont Friends, Students, and Seniors, $8; Others, $12. Info: bluemont.org. To sponsor a dance, become a Bluemont member, and/or volunteer: Lily Dunning, lily@bluemont.org or 540-955-8186.

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. Sprung wood floor. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9 pm. Different DJs and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30 pm. 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. Info: Donna Barker, 301-634-2231 or CapitalBlues.org.

Waltz

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo, MD
2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS • 3:30 PM
BEGINNER LESSON 2:45 PM
Join us for an afternoon of waltzing! The band will play a lively mix of folk waltzes with other couples dances, including hambo, swing, tango, and polka. Beginner lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812.
DANCES continued
MacArthur Blvd, 20812. $10. Info: 301-634-2222 or waltztimedances.org.

**January**

8 Audacious with Larry Unger (guitar, banjo), Audrey Knuth (fiddle), and Ralph Gordon (bass)

22 Tangerine Tempo with Elke Baker (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Alex Lacquement (bass)

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**Sundays**

**WALTZ PRACTICUM • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD**

(Backroom) Sunday, January 29 • 2–4 PM

One Sunday each month in the backroom or the ballroom. Stay tuned for the schedule of future waltz practice. Since this is all for practice, no level is required. The DJ’d music, picked from folk, pop, tango, waltz, and classical traditions, will get increasingly complex toward the end of the dance. A good way to perfect your waltz craft. 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. $8. Info: waltzpracticum@gmail.com.

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**Here’s What the Friday Night Dancers Can Do For You!**

You might know that the Friday Night Dancers (FND) is the nonprofit that runs the weekly contra dance at Glen Echo Park. But did you know that the organization also has a growing dance development program? We believe that supporting the development of dancers, musicians, callers, organizers, and sound technicians enriches our community. As part of this program, FND is committed to providing generous scholarships for community members to attend Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) camps. Matching grants from CDSS are also available, with deadlines in mid-March. For information about next summer’s camp programs, visit cdss.org, and for details about FND’s scholarship guidelines, visit fridannyaightdancers.org. To nominate a candidate for a scholarship or to inquire about the process, write to Caroline Barnes at csbarnes3@gmail.com. See you at camp!

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**Classes/Workshops**

**Glencoe School of Scottish Fiddling with Seán Heely • Takoma Park, MD**

Sundays (January 15, 22, 29, & February 5) • 1–2:30 PM

Learn the techniques and stylistic idioms of Scottish Fiddle music as well as common session tunes from Seán Heely, director of the Glencoe School of Scottish Fiddling. At the end of the four sessions, students will have a broad understanding of the different types of tunes and each of their functions. The emphasis is on learning by ear and at the end of each class, sheet music will be provided. All ages and levels welcome (participants should have a basic facility on the violin in first position). Children 10 and under should be accompanied by an adult. $150 for four sessions (sorry, no prorating). Info/registration: hmtrad.com/collections/workshops. Private lessons with Seán are available after each session (For more info: workshops@hmtrad.com).

**GWCC SET & CELTI DANCE CLASS • Silver Spring, MD**

Thursdays, January 12 to May 18 • 7–8 PM, basics; 8–9:30 PM, advanced

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) holds weekly adult set & ceili dance classes in a friendly, relaxed environment. No experience or partner needed. Wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there is a monthly mini-ceili with live music, open to all (small donation requested for musicians). Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. $40/session, register and pay at class; first class free. Info: 301-649-6410, info@gwcc-online.org, or gwcc-online.org.

**Hungarian Folk Dance Classes with Tisza Ensemble • Silver Spring, MD**

Wednesdays, January 4 to February 1 • 8–9:30 PM

Hungarian folk dance classes for adults, focusing on improvisational couple dances from Szatmár County, taught by Tisza directors. No partner necessary; we change partners frequently. Address: 4007 Rickover Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902. $40 for five-class series. Info: Cathy Lamont, 301-648-1909, info@tiszensemble.org, or tiszensemble.org.

**Irish Social Dance Class • Fairfax City, VA**

Classes resume Tuesday, January 31 • 7:15–8:45 PM

Classes resume January 31 and continue every Tuesday night until June. Irish social dancing consists of four couples (a “set”) dancing to predetermined patterns. The dances are taught and called by Hugh Conway, using music recorded in Ireland. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Department of Parks and Recreation, Green Acre Community Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd, 22030. $35 for a session of five classes, or $8 for a walk-in. Info: Hugh Conway, 703-273-6869, ceiliset@yahoo.com, or ceilidance.com.

**Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD**

Tuesdays (January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31) • 7:30–9:30 PM

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn hambo, schottis, polkas, springers, and other Swedish and Norwegian couple-turning dances, including requests. Wear smooth-soled shoes (leather soles are best) for Turning, not running shoes. $5; first time free. Info: Lynn Walker, 301-834-4020, lisa@HamboDC.org, or Hambodc.org.
Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

**Sundays**

**BLUEGRASS JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD**
2ND AND 5TH SUNDAYS, 3–5 PM

**BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA**
1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS, 1–4 PM
Frying Pan Park, 2709 W Ox Rd, 20171. Held outdoors in summer months, in the Country Store in winter months. Info/directions: 703-437-9101.

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION • DUPONT CIRCLE JAM**
WASHINGTON, DC
1ST SUNDAYS • 11 AM TO 2 PM
The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036 (Dupont Circle Metro). Info: Mike Marceau, mikemarceau@juno.com.

**CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA**
2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2–6 PM
Capital Area Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St (at Pershing Dr), 22201. Slow Jam, 2–3 pm; Regular Jam continues until 6 pm. Info: Don, 703-522-1696 or caboma.org.

**CLASSIC COUNTRY & GOSPEL JAM • SILVER SPRING, MD**
2ND SUNDAYS • 2–5 PM
The Sunday jam welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments, as well as voice. Playlist, directions, info: Dorie Hightower, 301-706-7633, SundayJam.org.

**FIFTH SUNDAY ACOUSTIC JAM • RESTON, VA**
5TH SUNDAYS, 1–4 PM
Happens about four times a year. All bluegrass, old-time, and acoustic instruments welcome. Reston Used Book Shop (at Reston's Lake Anne Plaza), 1623 Washington Plaza, 20190. Info: 703-435-9772.

**KIDS’ OPEN MIC**
3RD SUNDAYS • 1:30–2:30 PM

**OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD**
1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY • 3–5 PM
Open to all with a fiddle, banjo, mandolin, or guitar that wish to join an open group for merry music making. Beans in the Belfry, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: 301-834-7178.

**OLD-TIME JAM • RICHMOND, VA**
SUNDAYS 2–5 PM
Bluegrass/Old-Time stringed instruments only. Cary Street Café, 2631 West Cary St, 23220. Info/directions: 804-353-7445.

**SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD**
3RD SUNDAYS • 4–6 PM
Singing 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, 301-570-3283 or dgreen@all-systems.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.

**VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SING • OAKTON, VA**
3RD SUNDAYS • 5–7:30 PM

**UKULELE JAM • RIVERDALE, MD**
1ST SUNDAYS • 2–4 PM

**MONDAYS**

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

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD**
1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS • 7–10 PM
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave, 20912 (corner of Orchard and 4th, just a few blocks from the intersection of New Hampshire and Eastern). Info: VFW Post 350, 301-270-8008 or Barb Diederich at Barb@BarbDiederich.com.

**SEA CHANTY 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 welcome. Lim erick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: Myron Peterson, rustic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

**TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM • HERNDON, VA**
3RD MONDAYS, 7:30–9 PM
Acoustic circle jam. Share favorite gospel, hymns, or praise songs or just play along. Open to all ages and skill levels. Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Rd, 20171. Info: debbie@touchedbysongs.com or dcbu.org.

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**Tuesdays**

**Old-Time Jam • Baltimore, MD**

Alternate Tuesdays • 7:30–10:30 PM

Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam, January 3, 17, and 31. Liam Flynn’s Ale House, 22 W North Ave, 21201. Info: KenandBrad.com or Baltimore Bluegrass Jam Facebook page.

**Capital Accord Chorus • Silver Spring, MD**

Tuesdays • 7:30–10 PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Capital Accord Chorus, an all-women’s a cappella group singing in the barbershop style. Make it your News Year Resolution for 2017! Join us Tuesday evenings for free and open rehearsals. We meet at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd W, 20901. Info: 1-301-392-SONG (7664), capitalaccord.org, or admin@capitalaccord.org.

**DC Shape Note Sing • Washington, DC**

3rd Tuesdays • 7–9:30 PM

We sing from both The Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony. Loaner book available and books for sale. Everyone 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; 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metros; 20 minutes from Union Station). Info: John, 540-955-2660 or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

**Open Mic • Falls Church, VA**

1st Tuesdays • 8 PM

Hosted by Crazy After Midnight. JV’s Restaurant, 6666 Arlington Blvd, 22042. Info: 703-241-9504, jvrest@aol.com, 703-216-0560, or avnocero@gmail.com.

**Reston/Herndon Folk Club • Herndon, VA**

Tuesdays • 7:15 PM

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

**Wednesdays**

**Bluegrass Music Alliance Jam • Martinsburg, WV**

Wednesdays • 6–9 PM

Musicians of all levels encouraged to come; bluegrass music fans are welcome to listen. Martinsburg Moose Lodge, 201 Woodbury Ave, 25404, bluegrassmusicalliance.org/local-area-jams/.

**Revels/Carpe Diem Community Sing • Silver Spring, MD**

Saturday, January 21 • 6:30–8:30 PM

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. January themes: Songs in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s Legacy. Celebration of January birthdays with cake and candles. Free-will donations. Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. NOTE: Location may change to larger venue, considering that many visitors will be in town over the weekend. Check revelsdc.org/shows-events/community-sings/ or call for confirmation. Info: Busy Graham, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or 301-466-0183; or Jo Rasi, jrasi@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835.

**Sea Chantey Open Pub Sings**

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, ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

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

**Thursdays**

**Open Bluegrass Jam • Brunswick, MD**

1st Thursdays 6:30–9 PM

Hosted by Bobby Bales and Claude Jones. Bobby is a legendary lead guitarist in the Grassy Ridge Band. All are welcome to join in. Beans in the Belfry, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: 301-834-7178.

**Acoustic Open Mic • Riverdale, MD**

1st Thursdays • 7:30–10 PM

If you have a song or three to share with others, original or otherwise, stop in and show your stuff. Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, 4701 Queensbury Rd. in Riverdale, MD 20737, acousticblues.com/events/events.html.

**Folksong Sing-in • Wheaton, MD**

3rd Thursdays • 8–10 PM

Join local musician John Durant, Jr., every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a change 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, 11301 Elkin St, 20902 (corner of Elkin & Price). Venue info: thelimerickpub.net.

**Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Tysons Corner, VA**

2nd Thursdays • 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 welcome. Paddy Barry’s Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8150 Leesburg Pike, 22182 (Rte 7 near 123; half-mile walk from Tysons Corner or Greensboro Metros). Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.
**Weekends & Special Events**

**Fiddles**

**Carpe Diem! Jump Start with the Arts Family**

**Fun Night Out • Silver Spring, MD**

**Thursday, January 5 • 5:45 and 6:45 PM**

(two 20–25 minute children’s shows)

Featuring LEA! Sing and Play! El Golfo, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. Adults, $5 (comes with free drink, incl. margarita & wine, or dessert). Children, free! Info: CarpeDiemArts.org or michellemosher@CarpeDiemArts.org.

**Upper Potomac Music Weekends 2017**

**Shepherdstown, WV**

Workshops take place in the relaxed retreat setting of Shepherd University and the surrounding historic buildings in Shepherdstown, WV. Info: upperpotomacmusic.info, 304-263-2531, or upperpotomac@gmail.com.

**Fiddle Retreat • January 6–8**

Workshops, Concert, Jam Sessions, and a Contra Dance for fiddlers and those who play with them. A variety of styles are presented by some of the region’s finest fiddle teachers with an emphasis on dance fiddle styles including Cape Breton, Appalachian, New England, and swing. 2017 teachers are Alan Jabbour (old-time), Alexander Mitchell (swing), Andrea Hoag (Scandinavian, English), Graham DeZarn (Irish), Katie McNally (Scottish/Cape Breton), and Elke Baker (Sampler), along with Dave Wiesler (piano), Karen Ashbrook (hammered dulcimer), and Paul Oorts (mandolin and mixed-instrument classes).

**JAMS/oPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PArTICIPATIoN continued**

**Weekends & Special Events**

**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 welcome. Find recordings, tune book names, and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at OpenBandOnline.com (site works best using iTunes on a PC or Mac). Info: FridayNightDance.org.

**Sundays**

**Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation**

**Riverdale, MD**

**Acoustic Blues Jam • Saturdays • 1–5 PM**

Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (across from Riverdale MARC train station; ample parking). Free, but donations welcome. Info: 301-396-3054 or acousticblues.com.

**Washington’s Spelmanslag • Kensington, MD**

**2nd and 4th Saturdays • 2:30–4:30 PM**

Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info: JuliaBorland3250@gmail.com.

**Shape Note Singing • Berryville, VA**

**1st Saturdays • 4–8 PM**

Shape note singers will gather at Josephine School Museum, 303 Josephine St, 22611. Potluck supper (picnic-style; no kitchen facilities). Info: shenandoaharmony.com, dcshapenote.squarespace.com, or call John or Kelly at 540-955-2660.

**Pipers Weekend • January 13–15**

Weekend retreat featuring classes, concerts, sessions, and private tutorials for a variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, flute, fiddle, and mixed instruments. Staff include: Joey Abarta (Uilleann pipes), Nathan Gourley (Irish fiddle), John Skelton (Irish flute), and Dick Hensold (Northumbrian smallpipes); Iain MacHarg, Hollis Easter, Nick Hudson, and Bob Mitchell on Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes; as well as hurdy-gurdy player Brian McCandless (repertoire). Classes for all levels of ability; high-quality rental Scottish smallpipes are available for new pipers who wish to try them for the weekend.

**33rd Ski Dance Weekend**

**Laurel Highlands, PA**

**February 17–20**

Cross-country ski in western Pennsylvania during the day and contra dance at night to live music. Dave Wiesler and Alexander Mitchell will provide the music, and Janine Smith and Bob Mathis will call. Camp Sequanota offers both motel-style rooms and cabins. Prices range from $90 to $300 depending on your accommodations. Trip begins on Friday evening with a potluck supper and dance and ends on Monday with breakfast; seven meals included. Join us in this winter wonderland! Info: skidance.com or contact Bob Mathis at talibob@starpower.net or 301-589-7539.

Put some sunshine in your future!

You don’t have to travel far to enjoy a dance weekend getaway. Book your spot for Chesapeake Dance Weekend today:

**April 28–30.**

ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org

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Almost Heaven Dance Weekend • Darlington, MD
Thursday, May 18 to Sunday, May 21
We are delighted to present our 30th and Final Extravaganza; three full days and nights of Contra, Swing, and Blues dance featuring Swallowtail with George Marshall and Tim Van Egmond calling; Barefoot with Emily Rush calling; and Ann Percival’s big bluesy Swing band, The O-Tones. All-inclusive program includes dance instruction, “Play with Swallowtail” workshop, harmony singing, drumming, and more, with nine delicious meals and comfortable tempurpedic beds in a serene natural setting. Priced like a two-day camp, all ages are welcome. Registration is open! Info: sites.google.com/site/ahsince1988/home or call Cindy at 240-304-9368.

32nd Annual BFMS Spring Catoctin Mountain Music and Dance Weekend • Thurmont, MD
Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 18
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 email catoctin@bfms.org. Online registration and more at bfms.org/catoctin.php.

2016 Angel Band

Claude Martin, 29, Talented young local fiddler (see below), October 5
Oran Sandel, 64, Local actor, teacher, educator, reveler, October 19
Leonard Cohen, 82, Canadian singer/songwriter, November 7
Milt Okun, Arranger, conductor, singer, record producer of many folk greats, 92, November 15
Mose Allison, Bluesy, jazzy composer, pianist, singer, 89, November 15
Esma Redžepova, 73, world’s leading Romani musician, December 11

And greeting everyone with a smile and manning the snack table for the Angel Band: mainstay of the Herndon Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series, Judy Odam, 73, November 21


The music community mourns the loss of the talented fiddler Claude Martin who died on October 5 at the age of 29. Claude grew up playing old time and Irish fiddle in The Martin Family Band with his parents, Carl and Jeanean, and his sisters, Lydia and Emily. The Martin Family Band performed often at Common Ground on the Hill, produced three CDs, and won many honors. Individually, Claude was a first-place winner at Speedy Toller’s Fiddle Convention and at the Deer Creek Fiddler’s Convention. Claude had recently formed a band with his partner Erica Snow, and they had begun to record their first album. In 2016, Claude organized a monthly jam at the Music Café in Damascus, MD; competed in the solo and band divisions at the Appalachian String Band Festival in Clifftop, WV; performed at the Paw Paw Festival in Frederick, MD; and joined the Barnstormers band on stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Claude was booked to perform on October 31 at Beans in the Belfry in Brunswick, MD; the event was transformed into a benefit for Claude’s daughter, Fiona, in which eight musical acts performed to a packed house. Slim Harrison of the Barnstormers said, “Claude was one of the finest fiddlers around.”—Friends and Family of Claude.
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