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FSGW Annual 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, an annual celebration of all things FSGW—chanteys and shape note singing, doo-wop and duets, English dance and Irish laments, banjos, bodhrans, blues, and ballads. Dance all day, enjoy concerts by talented musicians, or try some of the workshops—there are seven different venues throughout the school (plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, usually involving morris dancers, bells, sticks, and hankies). Retail therapy will be available: musical instruments and performers' CDs (through House of Musical Traditions) for sale in the Cafetorium, and wonderful crafts in the hallways near the main lobby. 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. (Please note that the information listed below is as of early January; check the schedule posted on the FSGW website for the most recent updates.)

✦ New this year! An all-day, family-friendly track in Room 114, organized by **Ingrid Gorman** (Publicity Chair for FSGW). This track begins with G-rated blues and other fun stuff by **The Scabby Knees** (**Mark Skip Casale, Pearl Bailes**, and others); then an hour of musical silliness by **The All New Genetically Altered Jug Band**—goofy ditties perfect for a singalong,



with interactive hoopla and engaging music by **Frank Cassel** aka "The Banjo Man" to follow. At 3 pm, **Ara Casey** brings upbeat and danceable tunes. Storytellers **Margaret Chatham, Barbara Effron, Michael Fleming, and Eve Burton** will enthrall and entertain with stories to chase away the winter blues. At 5 pm, there's an *Open Mic* for kids ages 0–13, emceed by **Ruby Santana** and **Adelaide Harris**, Blair High School students who deejay on WOWN-LP 94.3 Takoma Park. There will be 10 slots available for telling a short story, reciting a poem, singing a song, or playing an instrument. Performer may be accompanied by an older sibling, parent, or other person. Maximum of 5 minutes for each performer, and content must be appropriate for all ages. Sign-ups start at noon, on the sheet located outside of Room #114. It's time to shine!



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FSGW Sings/Swaps/Storytelling

FSGW OPEN SING • KENSINGTON, MD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 • 8 PM

Topic (stolen from Nancy's son, Ken Schatz): *Spring cleaning!* Songs about Spring! Songs about cleaning! Fresh starts, clean slates! Also, of course, songs about dirt and messing things up. 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 **Nancy King**. RSVP/directions: nking2@verizon.net.

FSGW DOO-WOP SING • POTOMAC, MD SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11 • 5:30–10 PM

Remember those classic harmonies from the early days of rock—from groups like *The Platters*, *The Clovers*, and *The Drifters*? Not to mention the great girl groups such as *The Shirelles*, *The Angels*, *The Crystals*, *The Dixie Cups*, etc. 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*; *Earth Angel*; *Charlie Brown*; *Yakety-Yak*, and so many more. Lyrics are provided for anyone who wants them. Optional potluck begins about 5:30, followed by a fun evening of singing beginning about 6:30. Contact: **Ron Davies**, 301-270-9365 or rondavies7@icloud.com.

FSGW STORYSWAP • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers and listeners alike are invited to the home of **Cricket Parmalee** for an evening of shared tales and potluck snacks. Free. Directions/RSVPs: **Cricket**, cricket1415@yahoo.com.

FSGW GOSPEL SING • ARLINGTON, VA SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 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 take place at the home of **Debby Churchman**. Info/directions: dchurchm@yahoo.com or 540-467-3455.

FSGW SHAPE NOTE SING • ALEXANDRIA, VA SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 • 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 to 7 on the ground level of the Fellow-

ship Hall of the 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 & STORYSWAPS

THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA, DC WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • 7:30–9 PM

The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Hosted by **Tim Livengood**, with featured tellers **Anne Thomas** and **Jeff Doyle**. The program opens with up to three open-mic tellers with a 5-minute limit (each). At *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**. Details: 301-587-3558, grapevinetakoma@gmail.com

CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 7 AND 21 • 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 MCPS is 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**, fenocho@jccgw.org or **Liz Milner**, lizmilner@mindspring.com.

SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 1 TO 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. Info 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.

FSGW Monthly Program

Takoma, DC



By & By

**“Your friendly neighborhood bluegrass band”
Saturday, February 18 • 8-10 pm**

By & By brings to roots music — and original material in the bluegrass tradition — “a powerful lead singer, mesmerizing harmonies, and instrumental arrangements tight enough to bounce a nickel on.” The six-piece band has earned seven Wammie nominations; first place in the Mid-Atlantic Bluegrass Band Competition in 2011; and second place in the Watermelon Park Band Competition in 2012. They have also performed at the Kennedy Center and headlined at the Kingman Island Bluegrass &

Folk Festival. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW 20012 (Metro: Takoma). Members,

free; Non-members, \$20. Info: fsgw.org.

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.

House Concert

Takoma Park, MD

Séamus Begley, Oisín Mac Diarmada & Samantha Harvey

Irish Trad Power Trio



Wednesday, February 15 • 7:30–10 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. Suggested donation, \$15.

RSVP/directions: program@fsgw.org.

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.

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- ✦ In the Cafetorium, six hours of fabulous concerts programmed by **Charlie Baum** (FSGW Vice-President). It starts at noon with **Shenandoah Run**, a collegiate folk-style big band; followed by the old-style Sephardic music of **Trio Sefardi**. The all-female quartet **Sweet Yonder** features bluegrass-inspired Americana, and they will be followed by the irrepressible trio of **Glyn Collinson, Jim Besser, and Andrew Marcus**. Lilted and lyrical Irish music is next, with the **Mitchelstown Trio**.



Then it's all hands on deck for the **Maritime Voices**. Closing out the daytime Cafetorium track is the New Orleans jazz/hot blues/early country/gospel/jug band known as the **Capitol Hillbillies**.

- ✦ The *Storytelling Program* will be back in its usual location (Room 122), organized by **Tim Livengood** (FSGW At-Large Board member). Featured tellers include **Walter Jones, Bob Rovinsky, Candace Wolf, Chris Potts, Nick Newlin**, and, of course, the wonderful **Twinbrook Tellers**. There will even be a half-hour *Storyswap* at the end of the day.
- ✦ The Jams Room, programmed by **Charlie Baum** and **April Blum**, will start with a *Gospel Sing* at noon, followed by *Shape Note Singing* at 1, and *Sea Chanteys* at 2. A mellow *Blues Jam* is next at 3, featuring musicians from Archie's Barbershop; followed by raucous *Morris Chorus*, and we'll round off the day with a rousing *Irish Seisiún*.

- ✦ **Lisa Null's** Traditional Song room (Room 108) begins at noon with **Don Stallone** and **Carly Gewirz** singing Celtic and American traditional songs; then **Connie McKenna** and **Betsy O'Malley** sing Irish Resistance songs. **Esther Haynes** offers well-loved chanteuse jazz standards, followed by wonderful **Melissa Weaver Dunning** with songs from Scotland, Ireland, and elsewhere. **The Two Sisters (Guen and Liz Spilsbury)** offer soaring harmonies of ballads, followed by the strong voice of **Steve Winick**, who makes old songs live again. **Martha Burns** and **Bill Mansfield** team up to share old-fashioned southern songs, and then it's button accordion wizard **Peter Brice** with a grand set of Irish and American songs. **Bea Lehman** will melt the heart with traditional folksong, and then **Ann Mayo Muir** will show her cabaret-singer skills. This track ends with **Peter Kraemer**—blues, cowboy, and old-time music on guitar and more.

- ✦ **Mike and Heather Livingston** (FSGW Program and Publications Chairs, respectively) have organized their Living Traditions room, beginning with a blues vocals workshop by **Kim Capps**. Next the teen fiddle trio **Maelstrom** showcases Celtic and playful fusions. Singer/songwriter **Matt Holsen** teams up with traditional singer **Severn Savage**, and then it's young Mongolian horsehead-fiddle (morin khuur) player **Telmen Naadam**. More fiddles—the **Sibling Rivalry Fiddle Band** are regulars at the Virginia Renaissance Faire, followed by Italian-born New York bluesman **Tal Naccarato**. Next is the soulful and witty songwriting duo **Ara Casey** and **Chase Willett**, and closing out this track is songwriter and traditional Piedmont-blues guitarist **Miles Spicer** & friends.



- ✦ An All-Workshops track, programmed by **April Blum** (FSGW President), begins with *Introduction to Shape Note Singing*, led by **Martha Burns**. (There's a chance to try out your newly learned skills at the *Shape Note Sing*, which follows immediately afterward, in the Jams room.) Next is a *Clawhammer Banjo* workshop, featuring **Janie Rothfield** and **Bill Quern** of **Coracree**. *Percussion for Dancing* is next, taught by **Joe DePaolo**; then a *Doo-Wop Sing*. *Tune Composing* will be facilitated by **Janie Rothfield, Bill Quern, and Sarah Gowan**, all of **Coracree**. This track ends with a *Mountain Dulcimer* workshop led by **Carl Gotzmer**, of June Apple Dulcimers.



AND MORE FSGW Annual Midwinter Festival continued from page 4.

Dance Tracks (programmed by April Blum):

✿ The Main Gym features six hours of dance instruction, beginning with a *Schottis Scandinavian* workshop taught by **Dan Kahn** and **Lynn Walker**; followed by *English Country Dance* with **Tom Spilsbury**. There's a sultry *Tango* workshop at 2 pm, featuring the impressive **Tango Mercurio Orchestra**, then a rollicking *Barn Dance* called by **Ann Fallon** to an old-time band, **The Barnyard Buzzards**. Again this year we hope to offer a *Flamenco* workshop, led by **Flamenco Furia**. And at 5 pm, new to the Mini-Fest, *Molly Dancing*, which is, according to Wikipedia, "a form of English Morris dance, traditionally done by out-of-work ploughboys in midwinter in the 19th century." Taught by **Bradley Graham**. Don't Don't say we didn't warn you!

✿ The Auxiliary Gym will begin with an hour of *Open Waltz*, with beautiful music by **Firefly**. Then two hours of contra—the first hour with calling by **Ann Fallon** and music by **The Barnyard**, and the second with music by **The MetroGnomes—Bob Garber, Mark Vidor, and McGregor Yatsevitch**. The **MetroGnomes** will play couples dances from 3 to 4 pm, followed by a knees-up ceilidh, with caller **Janine Smith** and music by **Glyn Collinson, Jim Besser, and Andrew Marcus**. The last hour will probably feature *Cajun/Zydeco* music.



From 7:30 to 10:30 pm, two simultaneous evening programs—in the Main Gym, an evening of contras and squares with the wonderful group **Coracree** plus percussionist **Joe DiPaolo** with one or more local callers.

And in the Cafetorium, a delightful concert programmed by **Charlie Baum**, featuring **M.S.G. Acoustic Blues Trio; Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts; The Karpouzi Trio**; and a tribute to Claude Martin by his sisters, **Emily and Lydia Martin**, to close the 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



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FSGW BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 • 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.

FSGW Board Election

FSGW could not offer the hundreds of concerts, dances, festivals, and other events each year without the many Society members who volunteer to make it all happen. The FSGW Board of Directors is recruiting Board members through our annual election process for a one-year term beginning on July 1. If you're ready to give back to an organization that provides so much, please consider running for the Board. The Election Committee invites you to nominate candidates for the 2017–2018 Board. The Committee is compiling a slate of candidates for the May election. You may offer your nominations for the FSGW Board at the monthly programs on **February 18** and **March 11** and at the Sunday contra dances on **February 19** and **March 19**. These events are official Folklore Society meetings for the purpose of receiving nominations for the Board from the membership, and as such, are free to members. Nominations may also be submitted directly to the Election Committee (prior to **March 30**) by petition signed by five current FSGW Members. You may contact the Election Committee at elections@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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Co-sponsored Concert

The Hamilton, Washington, DC



Dailey & Vincent

“Rockstars of Bluegrass”

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. Info: fsgw.org.

FSGW sponsored

Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar, Alexandria, VA

Shannon Dunne

Irish Traditional

Friday, February 17 • 6:30–8:30 PM

“Irish traditional music plays a paramount role in **Shannon's** life as both a robust dancer and an unostentatious musician. Her studies on button accordion with famed box player Billy McComiskey and on concertina with Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin and Alex Boatright have given her further knowledge about Ireland's dance music, which fuels the spirit of sean-nós dancing” (shannondunne.com)

Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar, 106 Hume Ave., 22301, Info: fsgw.org, emmas-coffee.com. \$15 suggested donation.



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 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 starts at 7:30: **Liz Donaldson** calls the dances to the music of **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Melissa Running** (piano)



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Carol Marsh leads the dances while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Susan Brandt** (flute), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano) play



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Bob Farrall calls the dances while **Carrie Rose** (flute), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and accordion), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music



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Tom Spilsbury and **April Blum** call to the playing of **David Knight** (fiddle), **Barbara Heitz** (flute), and **Melissa Running** (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

The Return of Contra Sonic!!!! Glen Echo, MD

Tuesday, February 21 7–10 pm

Perennial favorite, **J9** (Janine Smith) is joined by revolutionary upstart *Beats and Tea* (**Jakob Raitzyk**). Contra Sonic is back and it's all that and all that. Glen Echo Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. Admission same as for Sunday contras. 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**

February 5 • Perry Shafran calls with Coracree.

It's **Coracree** with a driving edge! **Jane Rothfield** (fiddle), **Bill Quern** (mandolin, banjo, accordion), **Sarah Gowan** (guitar), **Allen Carr** (bass), and **Joseph DePaolo** (drums). **Perry Shafran** will call: charming, danceable, welcoming!



February 12 • Janine Smith with The Organic Family Band.

A range of musical experiences and styles to dance and folk music, blending jazz, Irish, Quebecois, Klezmer, New England, ragtime, rock, and more will keep you movin' and groovin' all night long! With veteran lead player **Rebekah Geller** (age 12, fiddle), dad (and experienced jazz guitarist) **Michael Raitzyk**, older brother **Jakob Raitzyk** (age 17, fiddle, foot percussion), and mom **Judith Geller** (french horn), **The Organic Family Band** carries on musical traditions and brings new life into the sound of dance/folk music. The Ah-May-Zing **J9** calls!



February 19 • Bill Wellington with In Wildness.

Charlottesville's best comes up to call and play! **T. J. Crow** (mandolin), **Sue Read** (piano), and **Jim Morrison** (fiddle); **Bill Wellington** calling. *This week's dance is free to FSGW members. 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.*



February 26 • Brian Hamshar with Wheelhouse.

Best of Charlottesville part two! **Jim Harrington** (accordion), **Rya Martin** (piano), and **Kathy Boyer** (clarinet, flute, pipes)! **Brian Hamshar** comes to call.



THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL, PART I

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 8:30 - 11:30 PM

The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating six wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! This is our 50th dance at St. Stephen's. Square dance tunes played by real-deal musicians. **Gabe Popkin**, one of the original founders of the DC Square Dance Collective, 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, 20010 (Columbia Heights Metro). \$5 at the door. Info: dcsquaredance.com.



FSGW FAMILY DANCE • GLEN ECHO, MD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 3-5 PM

Bluestar (Jakob and Michael Raitzyk) will bring a ton of accessible fun and music for the whole family. Family favorite "aunt" **Janine Smith** calls. Bring the kids for an afternoon of fiddling, circles, squares and fun! Glen Echo Ballroom Annex. \$5 for ages 4 and older. Info: **Penelope Weinberger** or **Steve Burnett**, dance@fsgw.org.



FSGW CO-SPONSORED DANCES

GREENBELT CONTRA DANCE • GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 7-9:45 PM

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, FEBRUARY 9 • 7:30-10 PM (FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7-7:30)

Caller **Sargon de Jesus** with **Maelstrom Fiddlers** (**Peri Leighty**, **Darrow Sherman**, and **Abraham Joyner-Meyers**). 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 20.



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

COMING IN MARCH

HOUSE CONCERT: CASTLEBAY • SPRINGFIELD, VA SUNDAY, MARCH 5 • 2:30 PM

Maine duo **Castlebay** presents music of Maine and the Celtic lands. Their traditional and original songs are supported with Celtic harp, 12-string guitar, fiddle, & woodwinds (castlebay.net). Hosted by **Steve Woodbury** & **Ann Bauer**. Suggested donation: \$15; \$40 max/family. RSVP: woodburybauer@verizon.net or 703-425-5943 (between 9 am and 9 pm).

VOCAL WORKSHOP W/ STARRY MOUNTAIN SINGERS • TAKOMA, DC SATURDAY MARCH 11 • 3–5 PM

Presented by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. The workshop will include favorites from the **Starry Mountain Singers'** repertoire, which ranges from Appalachia, American gospel and shape note traditions, cowboy songs, Corsica, the Republic of Georgia, and South Africa. Workshop participants will have the option of singing 1–2 songs in concert with SMS as part of their FSGW concert that same evening. Workshop fee: \$30/\$20 FSGW Members/Students/Seniors/Low Income (does not include concert ticket). RSVP/Directions: BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or 301-466-0183.

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

ANGELA KESSLER: STORIES FROM THE KALEVALA • TAKOMA, DC SATURDAY, 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.

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COMING IN APRIL

THE BLTs (AMY DAVIS, JON NEWLIN & BOB HERRING) • TAKOMA, DC SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 8–10 PM

Bluegrass/old-time string band. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW, 20012 (Metro: Takoma). Members, \$10; Non-members \$20. (Note: prices are a correction from a previous listing.) Info: fsgw.org.

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

American roots, early blues, old-time, honky-tonk. Presented in partnership with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. Archie's Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (Metrobus: F4 from Prince George's Plaza). Members, \$10; Non-members \$20. Info: fsgw.org.

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

Intermediate blues guitar workshop led by **Martin Grosswendt**. Presented in partnership with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. Archie's Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (Metrobus: F4 from Prince George's Plaza). Members, \$20; Non-members \$30. Info: fsgw.org.

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

Country blues guitarist listed in the 'Who's Who' of TheCountryBlues.com. Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar, 106 Hume Ave, 22301. \$15 suggested donation. Info: emmascoffee.com.

CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND • APRIL 28–30

Register for Chesapeake Dance Weekend! Beat the rush and sign up today! Contras, squares, and blues dancing all weekend long—April 28–30! Registration is now open! Reserve your spot and dance with us. ChesapeakeDance-Weekend.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

CHRIS SMITHER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 8 PM

Long-time folk/blues singer/guitarist/songwriter; \$30–40

ALTAN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 • 8 PM

From Gaelic song to rocking tunes, led by **Mairéad Ni Mhaonaigh**; \$30–45

“ANACOSTIA DELTA”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • 8 PM

Part of Strathmore's Shades of Blues festival. Preview of documentary on “World's Great ‘Unknown’ Guitarists,” with filmmakers, musicians, live performance; \$25–35

THE GIBSON BROTHERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 • 8 PM

Award-winning bluegrass band, featuring vocal harmonies; \$25–35

BALDWIN'S STATION • SYKESVILLE, MD

7618 Main St, 21784 • All shows 8 pm
uptownconcerts.org • 410-795-1041

LUCY KAPLANSKY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Everybody's favorite harmony voice; noted NYC singer-songwriter; \$20

NICOLE BELANUS AND JEFF SMITH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Two of the area's busiest singer-songwriters; \$17

BIRCHMERE CONCERT HALL • ALEXANDRIA, VA

3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, 22304. All shows 7:30 pm
birchmere.com • 703-549-7500

ARLO GUTHRIE “RUNNING DOWN THE ROAD TOUR”

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 18, & 19

Woody's eldest son, noted songwriter and delightful entertainer; \$65

GAELIC STORM

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

Seen in film “Titanic”; nearly 20 years of playing high-energy Celtic tunes and newly written story songs; \$35



Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 7

BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS GERMANTOWN, MD

12901 Town Commons Dr, 20874 • blackrockcenter.org

THE HILLBENDERS: “TOMMY, A BLUEGRASS OPRY”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 8 PM

Bluegrass band plays Pete Townshend's “The Who's Tommy”; \$27–35

APRIL VERCH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • 7:30 PM

April steps, sings, and fiddles with her band; \$17–25

ERIC BIBB

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • 8 PM

Second-generation blues and folk singer/songwriter; \$27–35

CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT • SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 • 5:45 & 6:45 PM

(TWO 20–25 MINUTE CHILDREN'S SHOWS)

Featuring **Bill Wellington**: Radio WOOF! El Golfo, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. \$5 adults (comes with free dessert or drink, incl. margarita & wine). Children, free! Info: CarpeDiemArts.org or michellemosher@CarpeDiemArts.org

CARROLL CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES • TAKOMA, DC

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro)
carrollcafe.org • info@carrollcafe.org

LADYBIRD

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • 7:30 PM

Three women powerfully blend original songs with fresh takes on old favorites. \$18 advance/\$20 door

CELLAR STAGE • BALTIMORE, MD

5315 Harford Rd, 21214 • uptownconcerts.com

FUNDRAISER FOR BALTIMORE IRISH TRAD FEST

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 • 8 PM

Billy McComiskey, Donna Long, Jim Eagan, Laura Byrne,
& more; silent auction too; \$21

ROBIN BULLOCK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 • 8 PM

“Celtic guitar god” also plays cittern, traditional and new tunes; \$21





FOCUS MUSIC CONCERT SERIES


FocusMusic.org

SCOTT AINSLIE AND REGGIE HARRIS • ALEXANDRIA VA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 • 7 PM

“How We Got Here”—a collaboration of songwriters on social justice. George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Calhoun Dr, 22301. \$15 advance / \$18 door. Info: Herb Cooper-Levy, 703-380-3151

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">5</p> <p>11 am DC Bluegrass Jam 1 Herndon Bluegrass Jam 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 2 Riverdale Ukulele Jam 3 Brunswick Old-Time Jam 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 4 Old Brogue concert: <i>Ayreheart</i> (repeats 6 pm) 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE PERRY SHAFRAN WITH CORACREE</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">6</p> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Union Jam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS English Country Dance 8 Wheaton Chantey Sing</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">7</p> <p>1 CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7 Reston/Herndon Folk Club open mic 7:15 Capital Accord Chorus 8 Falls Church Open Mic 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">8</p> <p>6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 FSGW GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Chantey Sing 8 Gypsy Sally's concert: <i>Rose Cousins</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: black;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!</p>
<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">12</p> <p>2 CABOMA Jam 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 2 Silver Spring Country & Gospel Jam 3 Brunswick Bluegrass Jam 3 FSGW FAMILY DANCE JANINE SMITH WITH BLUESTAR 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 4 FSGW GOSPEL SING 4 Old Brogue concert: <i>Beth Patterson</i> (repeats 6 pm) 6:30 THE HAMILTON CONCERT: DAILEY & VINCENT 7:30 IMT concert: <i>Captain Krunch & the Taste Brigade: A Tribute to Andrew Vocke</i> 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE JANINE SMITH WITH THE ORGANIC FAMILY BAND</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">13</p> <p>7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 BFMS English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">14</p> <p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club open mic 7:30 Baltimore Old-Time Jam 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 8 Barns at Wolf Trap concert: <i>Cherish the Ladies</i> 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">15</p> <p>1 FSGW SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE 6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: SEAMUS BEGLEY, OISIN MAC DIARMADA & SAMANTHA HARVEY 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Annapolis Chantey Sing 8 Barns at Wolf Trap concert: <i>Cherish the Ladies</i> 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 Weinberg Center for the Arts concert: <i>Arlo Guthrie</i></p>
<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">19</p> <p>1 Herndon Bluegrass Jam 1:30 Kids' Open Mic at New Deal Café 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 2 Waltz Practicum 3 Brunswick Old-Time Jam 4 Old Brogue concert: <i>Alan Reid + Rob van Sante</i> (repeats 6 pm) 4 Sandy Spring Sacred Harp 5 Vienna/Oakton Shape Note Sing 7 WFMA concert: <i>Shenandoah Run</i> 7:30 Birchmere concert: <i>Arlo Guthrie</i> 7:30 FOCUS concert: <i>Matt Nakoa w/Heather Lloyd</i> 7:30 FSGW CONTRA: BILL WELLINGTON WITH IN WILDNESS. FREE TO FSGW MEMBERS! 8 Gypsy Sally's concert: <i>Grand Ole' Ditch and Dead Men's Hollow</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Presidents' Day 20</p> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Union Jam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Herndon Gospel Jam 7:30 IMT concert: <i>Christine Lavin</i> 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">21</p> <p>1 CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE 6:30 Revels Community Sing 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7 DC Shape Note Sing 7 FSGW RETURN OF CONTRA SONIC! JANINE SMITH WITH BEATS AND TEA 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club concert: <i>Seamus Kennedy</i> 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">22</p> <p>6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 DC Chantey Sing 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 2</p>  <p>5:45 Carpe Diem! Family Fun Night Out (Repeats at 6:45) 6:30 Brunswick Bluegrass Jam 6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 Riverdale Acoustic Open Mic 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Baldwin's Station concert: Lucy Kaplansky 8 Barns at Wolf Trap: International Guitar Night 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 3</p> <p>7:30 Jammin' Java concert: <i>The Nighthawks</i> 8 FSGW OPEN SING 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 4</p> <p>FSGW MINI-FEST: ALL DAY! NOON TILL 10:30 PM 4 Berryville Shape Note Sing 6:30 Norwegian Potluck & Dance 7 Galesville Square Dance (potluck at 6 pm) 7 GREENBELT CONTRA DANCE 7:30 Stone Room concert: Ted Garber 8 BlackRock concert: <i>The HillBenders</i> 8 Shepherdstown Contra Dance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>6 Front Royal Family Dance 6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 7:30 FSGW SECOND THURSDAY CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE (BEGINNER WORKSHOP, 7 PM) 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Baldwin's Station concert: Nicole Belanus + Jeff Smith 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8 Tysons Corner Chantey Sing 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>7:30 Carroll Café concert: <i>Ladybird</i> 8 The Hamilton concert: <i>The Dustbowl Revival w/The Rad Trads</i> 8 Weinberg Center for the Arts event: Jon Spelman 8 Greenbelt Int'l Folk 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 8:30 <i>Glen Echo Open Band</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 1 Weinberg Center for the Arts event: Jon Spelman 2:30 Washington's Spelmanslag 5:30 FSGW DOO-WOP SING 7:30 FSGW STORYSWAP 7:30 Susquehanna Folk Music Society concert: John McCutcheon 8 AMP concert: Chris Smither 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Silver Spring English Country Dance 8:30 FSGW GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL GABE POPKIN CALLS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 Arlington Circle Dance 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 7:30 The Hamilton concert: Vusi Mahlasela 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Barns at Wolf Trap concert: <i>Solas</i> 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8 Wheaton Folksong Sing-In 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>6:30 FSGW EMMA'S CONCERT: SHANNON DUNNE 7:30 Birchmere concert: Arlo Guthrie 7:30 333 Coffeehouse concert: Alan Reid + Rob van Sante 8 Barns at Wolf Trap concert: <i>Solas</i> 8 Cellar Stage concert: Billy McComiskey et al. 8 The Hamilton concert: <i>Antibalas</i> 8 Weinberg Center for the Arts concert: <i>We Banjo 3</i> 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 6:30 ATDS Contra Dance 7 Lancaster Contra Dance 7 Scandia DC Dance 7:30 Birchmere concert: Arlo Guthrie 7:30 Leesburg Assembly Dance 7:30 Susquehanna Folk Music Society concert: Neidig, Koretzky, Gehret & Campbell 8 Bluemont Country Dance (Beginner Workshop, 7:30) 8 FSGW CONCERT: BY & BY 8 Gypsy Sally's concert: <i>Hard Swimm'n' Fish</i> 8 The Hamilton concert: <i>New Orleans Suspects + Bonerama</i> 9:30 Jammin' Java concert: <i>The Last Bison</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 6:30 Raise the Rafter! Benefit concert for Impact Silver Spring and Carpe Diem 7:30 BlackRock concert: April Verch 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 7:30 The Hamilton concert: <i>Dirty Dozen Brass Band w/ The Get Right Band</i> 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>7:30 Susquehanna Folk Music Society concert: <i>The Western Flyers</i> 8 AMP concert: <i>Altan</i> 8 Cellar Stage concert: Robin Bullock 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 2:30 Washington's Spelmanslag 5:30 Rørspols Dance Party 4 Weinberg Center for the Arts concert: "Celtic Storm" feat. <i>The Teelin Irish Dance Company</i> 8 AMP event: "Anacostia Delta" 8 BlackRock concert: Eric Bibb 8 Frederick Contra Dance (Intro lesson at 7:15) 8 Barns at Wolf Trap: Masters of Hawaiian Music</p>
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Advance Notice

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April

28TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Great Falls, VA

Friday–Sunday, April 28–30

35TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND
Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

Saturday, May 20

31ST ANNUAL WASHINGTON SPRING BALL
Silver Spring, MD

Saturday & Sunday, June 3 and 4

37TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL
Glen Echo Park, MD

Friday–Monday
September 15–18

53RD ANNUAL FSGW GETAWAY
West River Conference Center
West River, MD

Friday, October 6 • 8 pm

ARCHIE FISHER
Scottish Folk Legend
Seekers Church • Takoma, DC



CONCERTS *continued***MATT NAKOA, WITH SPECIAL GUEST HEATHER LLOYD
ROCKVILLE, MD****SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19 • 7:30 PM**

Matt is an internationally touring singer/songwriter; joined by **Heather** of ilyAIMY. Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Rd, 20851. Info: Scott Moore, 301-461-3600

GYPSY SALLY'S • WASHINGTON, DC3401 K St NW, 20007 • gypsyalys.com

Free Open Mic most Tuesdays upstairs in Vinyl Lounge, 8 pm

ROSE COUSINS**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • 8 PM**

Americana singer from Halifax + opener **Rachel Sermanni**, from Scotland; \$10/12

HARD SWIMMIN' FISH**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 8 PM**

Blues quartet, upstairs in Vinyl Lounge; no cover

GRAND OLE' DITCH + DEAD MEN'S HOLLOW**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 • 8 PM**

Bluegrass, updated & harmonized; \$10/12

THE HAMILTON • WASHINGTON, DC600 14th St NW (at F), 20005 • thehamiltondc.com**THE DUSTBOWL REVIVAL****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • 8 PM**

California bluegrass band + openers **The Rad Trads**, eclectic NYC band; \$15-20

DAILEY & VINCENT**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 6:30 PM**

Jamie Dailey & Darrin Vincent, full-tilt tight-harmony bluegrass; \$22.50-39.50

VUSI MAHLASELA**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 • 7:30 PM**

World-renowned South African songwriter, "The Voice;" \$15-40

ANTIBALAS**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 • 8 PM**

Afrobeat band, high energy; \$20-25

NEW ORLEANS SUSPECTS + BONERAMA**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 8 PM**

Brassy, high-energy, rootsy New Orleans Bands; \$22.50-32.50

DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • 7:30 PM**

40 years of New Orleans jazz + opener **The Get Right Band**, funky; \$25-30

LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students: basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles. Downtown Silver Spring. FREE mutual interview! enul@starpower.net or 301-587-2286

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**THE INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
ROCKVILLE, MD**St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, 20852 • imfolk.org • 301-960-3655**CAPTAIN KRUNCH & THE TASTE BRIGADE:****A TRIBUTE TO ANDREW VOCKE****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 7:30 PM**

Rooted in Americana, country, and old-time music, with a mixture of original and traditional music sung and played on fiddles, banjos, guitar, tuba, bass, and harmonica. \$20 advance/\$25 door.

CHRISTINE LAVIN • ROCKVILLE, MD**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 • 7:30 PM**

Singer/songwriter/guitarist/recording artist based in New York City since 1976. Currently working on her 23rd solo album, scheduled for release in the fall of 2017. \$25 advance/\$20 door.

JAMMIN' JAVA • VIENNA, VA227 Maple Ave E, 22180; jamminjava.com**THE NIGHTHAWKS****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 • 7:30 PM**

DC's top-flight blues band, since 1974; \$20

THE LAST BISON**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 9:30 PM**

Folk rock from southern Virginia; \$18-25

THE OLD BROGUE IRISH PUB • GREAT FALLS, VA

760-C Walker Rd, 22066

Sundays. Two sittings: 4 & 6 pm. A third sitting will be added at 8 if the first 2 sell out. ionamusic.com/brogue.shtml

oldbrogue.com • 703-759-3309

\$18/\$12 children; Season ticket \$96

AYREHEART**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Elements of folk, Celtic, bluegrass, and Renaissance music

BETH PATTERSON**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

Bouzouki Queen from New Orleans: instrumentalist, singer/songwriter, and comedienne

ALAN REID & ROB VAN SANTE**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Vital member of Scotland's legendary *Battlefield Band* for 40 years, **Alan** has forged a reputation as a songwriter within the tradition. **Rob van Sante** adds subtle guitar accompaniments and fine harmony singing.

ENSEMBLE GALILEI DUO**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Carolyn Surrick and **Sue Richards**, two of the founding members of *Ensemble Galilei*, bring gorgeous combination of Celtic harp and viola da gamba.

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SEAMUS KENNEDY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 • 7:15 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

Irrepressible Irish singer, guitarist, and comedian with huge repertoire that includes traditional Irish music, classic country & western, American standards, Scottish ballads, and entertainment for "the wee ones." At door or DAHurdSr@cs.com: \$10 Members, \$11 Non-members.

STONE ROOM CONCERTS • FALLS CHURCH, VA

Tickets/info: stoneroomconcerts.com

TED GARBER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 7:30 PM (DOORS AT 6:30 PM)

Genre-bending multi-instrumentalist. Presented in partnership with Monroe Bay Vineyard. 205 W. Jefferson St, 22046. \$20.

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JOHN MCCUTCHEON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Multi-instrumentalist and songwriter John McCutcheon in concert. John will lead a free Community Sing workshop at 3:30 followed by a potluck. Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S 2nd St, 17101.

\$25/\$10 students.

NEIDIG, KORETZKY, GEHRET & CAMPBELL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Delving into the banjo's role in vintage jazz and swing. A free early jazz clinic at 4:30 pm followed by a potluck. The Fort Hunter Barn, 5300 N Front St, 17110. \$22/\$10 students.

THE WESTERN FLYERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Champion swing fiddler Katie Glassman steps it out with the toe-tapping rhythm section of Joey McKenzie and Gavin Kelson. The Fort Hunter Barn, 5300 N Front St, 17110. \$24/\$10 students.

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ALAN REID & ROB VAN SANTE • ANNAPOLIS, MD

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 • 7:30 PM

Songs of Scotland's people and history from **Alan Reid**, long-time leader of Battlefield Band, with guitarist **Rob van Sante**. Annapolis Friends Mtg., 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$12/\$10 students, 65+, or members of ATDS, FSGW, or BFMS.

WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS • FREDERICK, MD

20 West Patrick St, 21701; weinbergcenter.org

JON SPELMAN: FACING THE BULL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • 8 PM

Master storyteller recounts his journey through cancer; \$17-27

JON SPELMAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 1 PM

The noted teller spins family tales; \$17/ \$15 seniors / \$10 children

ARLO GUTHRIE: RUNNING DOWN THE ROAD TOUR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 8 PM

Woody's eldest son, noted songwriter and delightful entertainer; \$38.50-48.50

WE BANJO 3

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 • 8 PM

Young Irish quartet updates traditional tunes; \$25/30

"CELTIC STORM" FEAT. THE TEELIN IRISH DANCE COMPANY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • 4 PM

Energetic young company based in Columbia, MD; \$25-35

WORLD FOLK MUSIC ASSOCIATION BETHESDA, MD

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1ST ANNIVERSARY SHOWCASE AT POSITANO'S

SHENANDOAH RUN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 • 7 PM

Spirited sounds of Americana delights music lovers of all ages. \$10, members; \$15, non-members.

THE BARN AT WOLF TRAP • VIENNA, VA

1635 Trap Rd, 22182; wolftrap.org

INTERNATIONAL GUITAR NIGHT

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 & 2 • 8 PM

Showcase for contemporary finger stylists, \$25-27

CHERISH THE LADIES

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 & 15 • 8 PM

Joanie Madden leads this exceptional group of five Irish-American women; \$25-30

SOLAS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 & 17 • 8 PM

Seamus Egan leads the exceptional Celtic quintet; \$25-28

MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • 8 PM

Classic slack-key guitar, ukulele and vocals from the Islands; \$25-30

Dances

CEILI

GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 • 3–8 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) sponsors a 4th Sunday dance (Sept–May). Music this month by **Rambling House**. Connemara Jig Set workshop at 3. Ceili 4–8, with potluck dinner during the first break. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740. Members, \$15; Non-members, \$20. Ages 11–20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info/entrance code: **301-512-4480** or **gwcc-online.org**.

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

Sundays FSGW Family Dance Details on page 10

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 NONE THIS MONTH Info: **bfms.org/familyDance.php**.

**GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE • MD
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 7 PM (OPTIONAL POTLUCK AT 6 PM)**
Dance squares, circles, longway sets, and waltzes. **Janine Smith** calls to traditional Appalachian dance tunes by **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar) and friends. Sit-ins welcome on fiddle, guitar, and clawhammer banjo. All ages welcome. Doors open 5:45; optional potluck 6, family-friendly dancing 7; more challenging dancing 8:30. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Road, 20765 (Near Annapolis). \$10; Kids 5–17, \$5. Info: **communitysquaredance.wordpress.com** or **301-926-9142**.

CONTRA

Sundays FSGW Sunday Night Dances Details on page 9



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**.

February

- 1 **Perry Shafran** calls to **Organic Family Band**: **Michael Raitzyk** (guitar), **Jakob Raitzyk** (fiddle), **Rebekah Gellar** (fiddle), and **Judith Gellar**
- 8 **Kappy Laning** calls to **Taylor Among the Devils**: **Marty Taylor** (whistles, concertina), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, ocarina). New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm
- 15 **Emma Gorin** calls to the **Baltimore Open Band**
- 22 **Alexandra Deis-Lauby** calls to **Elke Baker** (fiddle) and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, guitar, banjo). New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS

Second Thursday Silver Spring Contra Dance Details on page 10

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), 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.

February

- 3 **Joe DePaolo** calls to **Coracree** with **Jane Rothfield** (fiddle, banjo); **Allan Carr** (double bass, guitar); **Bill Quern** (banjo, melodeon, mandolin); and **Sarah Gowan** (guitar, English concertina)
- 10 **Susan Taylor** with the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**
- 17 **Ann Fallon** calls to **Ricochet** with **Walter Hojka** (fiddle and feet), **Rya Martin** (piano), and **Brian Hamshar** (clarinet)
- 24 **Kappy Laning** calls to **Black Oranges** with **Sarah Foard** (fiddle), **Gary Prince** (guitar), and **Manny Arciniega** (percussion)

*Saturdays***ATDS CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 6:30-10 PM

Kim Forry will call contras and squares to the lively music of *Ricochet* (**Walter Hojka**, **Brian Hamshar**, and **Rya Martin**). 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; **Jan Scopel**, 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com; or **Charlotte Featherstone**, 203-247-3964 or charlotte.featherstone@verizon.net.

**BFMS CONTRA DANCE**
SECOND SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 11 • 8 PM

BFMS presents 2nd Saturday contra and square dancing. Introduction to contra dancing from 7:35 to 7:55; dance from 8 to 11 pm. Beginners, singles, couples and families welcome. No experience or partner necessary. **Caroline Barnes** calls to the **Organic Family Band**: **Michael Raitzyk** (guitar), **Jakob Raitzyk** (fiddle), **Rebekah Gellar** (fiddle), and **Judith Gellar** (French horn). Bring a snack & bring a friend. St Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. \$9 Members, \$13 Non-members. Under 21 full-time students with ID \$4 members, \$6 Non-members. Info: Sara Glik, satdance@bfms.org or BFMS hotline, 888-646-BFMS.

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • 8-11 PM

Shane Knudsen calls to *Treble Makers*, featuring **Robin Wilson** (flute, saxophone), **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). 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, FEBRUARY 18 • 7-10 PM

Ann Fallon calls to *The Gooseberries* with **Matthew Burke** (fiddle), **Rich Dodson** (tenor banjo), **Dave Cottrell** (accordion), and **Jill Smith** (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, FEBRUARY 4 • 8 PM

Brian Hamshar calls contra dances and squares to the music of *Rambling House*: **Joe DeZarn** (fiddle), **Tina Eck** (flute), **Patrick Cavanaugh** (banjo), and **Marc Glickman** (piano). 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**, 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; \$2 student discount. Info: **Sharon McKinley**, 410-660-9147 or engdance@bfms.org.

**February**

- 6 Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45.
It's time for our annual Tropical Staycation! Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt; pineapple and festive decorations will be featured!!
- Sharon McKinley** calls to the music of **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Robin Wilson**, (flute and concertina), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)
- 13 **Diane Schmit** calls to the music of **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Dave Crandall** (winds), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)
- 20 **Bob Farrall** calls to the music of **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano and more)
- 27 **Tom Spilsbury** calls to the music of **Elke Baker** (violin), **Susan Brandt** (flute), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano and more)

*Wednesdays***FSGW English Country Dance**
Details on page 8*Saturdays***ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 8-10:45 PM

Dance to music by *Peascods 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, FEBRUARY 18 • 7:30-10:30 PM

Join us for our monthly dance. **Susan Taylor** calls to music by **Catherine Chapman** and **Jeff Steinberg**. 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 703-791-5603; or theleesburgassembly.org.

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 wood 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 (\$3 for seniors). Info: **Ethel**, 410-997-1613; **Ed**, 410-740-2309; or **columbiafolk dancers.org**.

*Thursdays***ALEXANDRIA FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, 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/carpathiadc**.

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 Dunrobbin 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. \$7/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, \$8; Students, \$6. Info: **Mike Fox**, 240-424-0805 or **markidmike.com**.

MORRIS

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/masondixonbordermorris**.

ARLINGTON NORTHWEST MORRIS WOMEN
ARLINGTON, VA

After 16 years of dancing together, the Arlington NW team is hanging up their clogs. Competing priorities and injuries take their toll on the ability to put together a performance we were proud of dancing. So we are on to the next phases of our lives and we will see you out there somewhere.

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: **RCMW@uswet.com**, or **uswet.com/RCMW.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 long sword 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*Saturdays***NORWEGIAN POTLUCK & DANCE • TAKOMA PARK, MD****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • POTLUCK 6:30 PM, DANCING 8 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 hambro. Beginners, singles/couples, and watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Hosts **Loretta** and **Tony**, 301-270-4925. Info/directions: MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny_pi@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD**THIRD SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 18 • 7–10 PM**

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couples dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature **Paul Carlson**, a talented fiddler who is passionate about Scandinavian fiddle music. He teaches and plays music professionally and plays regularly for the *Nordic Dancers*, for other dance performers, with the *Washington Spelmanslag*, and at other venues including the Kennedy Center. may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7–8: Rørøspols—a very popular Norwegian dance to wonderful music. This is your opportunity to prepare for the 6th Annual Rørø party that will held the following weekend. 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.

6TH ANNUAL RØROSPOLS DANCE PARTY**WASHINGTON, DC****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 • LESSON 5:30, POTLUCK 6:30, DANCE 7:30 PM**

An evening of dancing to a band recorded live at the Rørøsmartnan week in Rørø, Norway. 5:30 pm lesson. At Ross Schipper and Linda Brooks' home. Info/directions: **Linda Brooks** or **Ross Schipper**, 202-333-2826, Linda@ScandiaDC.org, ScandiaDC.org.

SCOTTISH*See rscds-greaterdc.org for all Scottish dance listings***BETHESDA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE****BETHESDA, 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.

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.

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 10****BLUEMONT COUNTRY DANCES • HILLSBORO, VA****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 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.

DANCES continued

WALTZ

AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD

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. \$10. Info: **301-634-2222** or **waltz-timedances.org**.

February

5 *Trio Con Brio* with **Paul Oorts** (mandolin), **Elke Baker** (violin), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, vocals)

12 *TBA*

WALTZ PRACTICUM • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

(SPANISH BALLROOM)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 • 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**.

DANCE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS!

Have you ever wanted to go to dance camp but decided against it because of the price? Have no fear: the Friday Night Dancers are here! FND offers generous scholarships toward the cost of summer dance camps. Matching grants are available through the Country Dance & Song Society (CDSS), with deadlines in mid-March.

In Massachusetts, Pinewoods hosts weeks focused on American dance and music, English dance, early music, and more. Closer to home, there's the popular Adult and Family Week at Timber Ridge. Camp has a unique feeling, distinct even from a dance weekend. If weekends are a whirlwind, camp is both a vacation and an in-depth educational experience. Week-long classes take place during the day, with a dance every evening. You get to know people from faraway places, eat your meals in the dining hall together, swim and canoe in the ponds, and—of course—participate in plenty of fantastic dancing and music.

Some weeks also include specific educational tracks. Last year I was lucky enough to receive a scholarship for Lisa Greenleaf's contra dance callers class during Harmony of Song and Dance Week. This year's classes include Traditional Dance for Music Teachers and Community Leaders, as well as a course for English dance leaders. These courses allow for a concentrated, energetic period of study, alongside the joys of being at dance camp.

Research suggests that spending money on experiences makes us happier than spending money on things. FND is offering money—now go have a fabulous experience! To learn more about next summer's programs, visit **cdss.org**, and for details about FND's scholarship guidelines, visit **fridaynightdancers.org**. If you'd like to nominate a candidate or inquire about the process, send me an email at **csbarnes3@gmail.com**. See you at camp!—**Caroline Barnes**

Calling All Aspiring Young Musicians, Singers, and Storytellers!

There will be a NEW opportunity at this year's Mini-Fest on Saturday, February 4—an Open Mic for Kids! See the front page for details or email **Ingrid Gorman, publicity@fsgw.org**.



Classes/Workshops

GWCC SET & CEILI DANCE CLASS • SILVER SPRING, MD THURSDAYS, THROUGH 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/season, register and pay at class; first class free. Info: **301-649-6410**, info@gwcc-online.org, or gwcc-online.org.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, & 28 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn hambo, schottis, polskas, springars, 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** at **301-834-4020**, lisa@HamboDC.org, or HamboDC.org.

CARPE DIEM—UKES ON THE MOVE! ADVANCED BEGINNER UKULELE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 14 TO MARCH 7

3:30–4:15 pm—Grades 6 and older, plus adults
4:30–5:15 pm—Grades 3 and older, plus adults
Teaching Artist: **Liz Brinker**. Washington Revels Studio, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. \$85 for four classes. Includes a 3-ring binder

with 30-page songbook. Register at carpediemarts.org/ukes-registration. Info: ukesonthemove@carpediemarts.org.

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASS • FAIRFAX CITY, VA CLASSES RESUME TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 • 7:15 PM

We have classes every Tuesday night until June. Irish Social Dancing consists of four couples (a "set") dancing to predetermined patterns. Each dance, e.g., the North Kerry Set, has its own set of patterns. The dances are taught and called by **Hugh Conway**, using music recorded in Ireland. Some of the dances can be very aerobic and a good source of exercise. We use a room at the center with a dance floor. 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.



Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

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

Beginners welcome. Beans in the Belfry, 120 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: **301-834-7178**.

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**.

JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION *continued***KIDS' OPEN MIC • GREENBELT, MD****3RD SUNDAYS • 1:30–2:30 PM**New Deal Café, 113 Center Way, Roosevelt Center, 20770. Info: **301-474-5642**, newdealcafe.com/events/calendar.php.**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, 120 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 dgreene@all-systems.com.**SCOTTISH JAM • ALEXANDRIA, VA****4TH SUNDAYS • 2–5 PM**Fiona's Irish Pub, 5810 Kingstowne Ctr, Alexandria, VA 22315.. Info: **Peter@boghadubh@gmail.com** or dcscottishsession.blogspot.com.**VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SING • OAKTON, VA****3RD SUNDAYS • 5–7:30 PM**Books: The Shenandoah Harmony and Sacred Harp (1991 Denison edition). Bring a snack to share. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (Classroom 1), 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124. Info: **John**, **540-955-2660** or jdelre@visuallink.com or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.**UKULELE JAM • RIVERDALE, MD****1ST SUNDAYS • 2–4 PM**Playing music from many different genres; it's just plain fun! Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737. Free (donations accepted/encouraged). Info: **UkeJamArchieEdwards@gmail.com**.*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 inter-

section of New Hampshire and Eastern). Info: VFW Post 350, **301-270-8008** or Barb Diederich at Barb@BarbDiederich.com.**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 welcome. Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: **Myron Peterson**, ructic@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.*Tuesdays***OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD****ALTERNATE TUESDAYS,****FEBRUARY 14 & 28 • 7:30–10:30 PM**Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at 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**FEBRUARY is here, and the Capital Accord Chorus—an all-women's a cappella group singing in the barbershop style—is driving away the winter doldrums. Join us Tuesday nights, 7:30–10 pm for free and open rehearsals. Remember us when you make plans for Valentine's Day! We offer SINGING VALENTINES. Let us serenade your Honey. We meet at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd W, 20901. Info: **1-301-392-SONG (7664)**, admin@capitalaccord.org, or 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: **Brenda Dunlap**, **202-425-5264** 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**, jvsrest@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 Elden St. 20170. Info: **703-435-2402** or **RestonHerdonFolkClub.com**.

COMMUNITY SING AT REVELS • SILVER SPRING, MD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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. February themes: *Black History Month* and *Love Songs for Valentine's Day*. Celebration of February birthdays with cake and candles. Free will donations. Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. Info: **Busy Graham, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org** or **301-466-0183**; or **Jo Rasi, jrasi@revelsdc.org** or **301-587-3835**.

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/**.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING

2ND (BALTIMORE), 3RD (ANNAPOLIS), AND 4TH (DC)

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 **ShipsCompay.org**.

February

- 8 Wharf Rat**, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231
- 15 Galway Bay**, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401
- 22 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, 120 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**.

Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 7

JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION continued

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 and Greensboro Metros). Info: **Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com** or **ShipsCompany.org**.

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**.

Saturdays

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**.

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: **shenandoahharmony.com**, **dc-shapenote.squarespace.com**, or call **John** or **Kelly** at **540-955-2660**.

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**.



Weekends & Special Events

RAISE THE RAFTERS! CONCERT/FUNDRAISER FOR IMPACT SILVER SPRING AND CARPE DIEM ARTS SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • 6:30–9 PM

Featuring **Lea Morris** and special guest **Duo Blanco y Negro de Cuba**. El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. Donations at the door. 20% of food and drink sales will benefit the cause. Eat, drink and be merry! Info: BusyGraham@carpediemarts.org or 301-466-0183 or ImpactSilverSpring.org or CarpeDiemArts.org.

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.

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.

AMERICAN BANJO FRATERNITY • MAY 18–20 NEWARK, NY

Banjo players and listeners are invited to the next meeting of the American Banjo Fraternity. Please check banjofraternity.org for updates. Free concert at 7:30 pm on May 20. Music professionals, amateur musicians, or those interested in banjo and music history will find worthwhile music that will challenge your skills and expand your repertoire. Not bluegrass or clawhammer, most of the music dates from 1880–1920 and is played on nylon strings with bare fingers and no picks. Players use 5-string banjos of different sizes. Newark Garden Hotel, 125 N. Main St, 14513 (315-331-9500). We welcome guests without charge except for food and lodging. If you wish to attend, please let us know. If you wish to join the ABF, please contact the secretary for an application and dues payment. The club's secretary is **Joel Hooks, joelhooks@me.com**.



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In Memoriam

Alan Jabbour

Founding Head of the American Folklife
Center at the Library of Congress
June 21, 1942-January 13, 2017

The FSGW-sponsored Washington Folk Festival, now in its 37th year, has been delighted and honored to have **Alan Jabbour** as one of its performers many times throughout the decades. He was always enthusiastic about the Festival and graciously accepted our invitations to him to participate when he was in town on Festival weekends. Always the master old-time fiddler and teacher, he shared his music and his knowledge, whether in a mini-concert, or in a showcase setting of fiddle music. In between sets he often could be found in the picnic area jamming and always sharing his incredible knowledge of the music from the old masters with others. A great musician, teacher, researcher and person, he will be missed. The WFF program committee is planning a tribute fiddle showcase for him at this year's June Festival.

—**Mia Gardiner**, *Washington Folk Festival co-founder*

Alan's wife Karen requests that in lieu of flowers, friends who wish may donate to the Henry Reed Fund for Folk Artists, which was started by Alan to mark his retirement, in Alan's honor.

See loc.gov/folklife/gift.html?loclr=blogflt#henry_reed for instructions on how to donate online, or mail a check (made out to American Folklife Center, with "Henry Reed Fund" in the memo line) to American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20540-4610. ATTN: Henry Reed.



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