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Celebrate with us at Camp Letts! Contras, squares, and blues dancing, with talented staff from across North America.



Joining us from New England, **Tony Parkes** with over 50 years' experience, literally wrote the book on calling contras. Playing for contras are the French-Canadian showstoppers of **Tidal Wave** (also known as *Raz-de-Marée*):

Sabin Jacques (accordion, bones, feet), **Rachel Aucoin** (piano, vocals), **Stuart Kenney** (bass, banjo), and **Eric Favreau** (fiddle). With versatile musicians

from both sides of the Canadian border, **Tidal Wave** energizes the dance floor with their innovative sound. Back by popular demand, **Kathy Anderson** will dazzle us with squares from her exciting repertoire.

Hailing from Ohio, Kathy is known across the United States and abroad for her clear teaching and sparkling humor.



You may know **The Bucking Mules** from Clifftop; if you haven't heard them, you're in for a treat. **Joseph Decosimo** (fiddle, banjo), **Luke Richardson** (banjo), **Karen Celia Heil** (guitar), and **Joe Dejarrette** (bass) play sizzling old-time music that will turn this 35th-anniversary weekend into



a serious barn-burnin' hootenanny! Have you tried blues dancing yet? **Shane Clark** and **Rachel Fifer** will teach you everything you need to know, and the soulful, exciting music of **Full Power Blues** will have you grooving in no time. We're thrilled to welcome fabulous musicians from right here in DC: **Mama Moon** (vocals), **Sam'i Nuriddin** (guitar), **Charles Adkins** (bass), and **Calvin Newbill** (drums).



So come join us at Camp Letts, our home for the last 35 years. This scenic getaway overlooks a Chesapeake Bay inlet, fifteen minutes from Annapolis and less than an hour from Washington, DC. All meals are included, from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Campers are housed in heated dormitory-style cabins; tenting is also available as an option. For more details or to register, visit ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org. See you at camp!



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FSGW Sings/Swaps/Storytelling

28TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE SINGING CONVENTION • GREAT FALLS, VA

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 2

BOTH DAYS: REGISTRATION, 9:30 AM;

SINGING, 10 AM TO 3:30 PM (MIDDAY BREAK FOR POTLUCK DINNER)

Join singers from across the country for two days of spirited four-part, participatory, unaccompanied singing. Saturday singing from *The Sacred Harp* (1991). Sunday singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Both tunebooks are available for loan or purchase. Shape note singing is an American a cappella tradition, with roots in the colonial period, characterized by open harmonies and a powerful sound. All are welcome—no experience is necessary. Free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted. Saturday's singing is followed by a social at the home of nearby singers, with supper and, no doubt, more singing. The Great Falls Grange (wheelchair-accessible), 9818 Georgetown Pike (Rte 193), 22066. Parking is available at The Grange, the public library, on the side of Georgetown Pike, and in the nearby shopping center. There is no public transportation available on weekends, but post ride-share requests on the Facebook event page ([facebook.com/events/159987867833019/](https://www.facebook.com/events/159987867833019/)). Info: **Brenda Dunlap, Brenda-lunlap@gmail.com, 202-425-5264, bit.ly/2luewTh**, or www.his.com/~sabol/PRC.

FSGW OPEN SING • EDGEWATER, MD

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 4 PM (WITH BREAK FOR POTLUCK DINNER)

Theme: *Words, pages, and books*. Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Everyone is welcome. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on the topic—come join in the fun anyway! Please bring something for the 'twixt sets potluck. This month at the home of **Michele and Dennis Callaghan**. Info/directions: **410-956-2266** or callagh@verizon.net.

FSGW GOSPEL SING • TAKOMA PARK, MD

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 • 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, with more singing after supper until 8. Everyone is welcome! This month at the home of **Arlene Rodenbeck** and **Rick Morgan**. Info/directions: **Morgan-Rick50@gmail.com** or **301-920-0087**.

FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING • ALEXANDRIA, VA

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 • 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 (including listeners). 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, 2723 King St, 22302 (about a mile out from the Metro & Amtrak stations & GW Memorial). Info: **madaly@verizon.net** or **301-229-8534**.

FSGW STORYSWAP • BELTSVILLE, MD

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • 7:30 PM

Come join a friendly bunch of storytellers in the home of **Bill and Maren Mayhew** for an evening of shared tales and potluck snacks. Free. RSVPs/directions: **billmayhew666@gmail.com** or **301-595-7920**.

— CO-SPONSORED SINGS AND STORYSWAPS —

CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD

TUESDAYS, APRIL 4 AND 18 • 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**.

THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA, DC

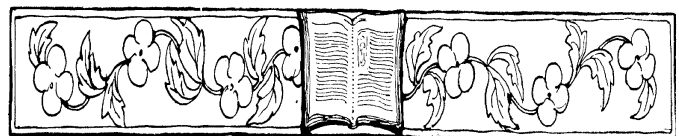
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 • 7:30–9 PM

The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Hosted this month by **Noa Baum**, with featured tellers **Elaine Muray** and **Tony Toledo**. The program opens with up to three open-mic tellers with a 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**. Details: **301-587-3558, grapevinetakoma@gmail.com**.

SCHWEINHOUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 • 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! Cosponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Info/suggest songs in advance: **Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net**.



House Concert

Potomac, MD



Pete's Posse

Three Generations of Musicians

Saturday, April 1 • 8–10 pm

Vermont trio **Pete's Posse** is three generations of musicians who have come together to create their own electrifying sound

they call "multigenerational roots music." **Pete Sutherland** (fiddle, piano, banjo, melodica, vocals), **Oliver Scanlon** (fiddle, viola, mandolin, foot percussion, vocals), and **Tristan Henderson** (guitars, mandolin, jaw harp, foot percussion, vocals) bring twin fiddles in tight, wild harmony over high-powered guitar and pounding footwork with mandolin, clawhammer banjo, jawharp, and rocking keyboards adding their voices to the mix. After two CDs and 11,000 miles of domestic touring, the Posse is a favorite of contra dancers as well as concert audiences.

At **Jamie and Betsy Platt's**. RSVP (required), **301-717-4641** or **dancingplanet@erols.com**. \$15 suggested donation.

Two House Concerts

Alexandria, VA & Takoma Park, MD



Bob Zentz & Jeanne McDougall-Zentz

Join Virginia's favorite troubadours (**Bob** just got a star on the Norfolk "Walk of Fame") for an evening sing and potluck supper. Newlyweds **Bob** and **Jeanne** guarantee a program

that includes a lot of singalongs as well as the backstory for old favorites.

Expect an instrument "petting zoo" featuring **Bob's** myriad stringed and squeezable contraptions, most of which he'll manage to play.

Saturday, April 1 • 6–9 pm (Alexandria, VA)

Saturday evening's concert is at **Philip Sternberg's**.

RSVP: **PhilipSternberg@yahoo.com**. \$15 suggested donation.

Sunday, April 2 • 11 am to 2 pm (Takoma Park, MD)

Sunday's bloody mary brunch concert is at **Janie Meneely's**.

RSVP: **JanieMeneely@gmail.com** or **443-786-0463**. \$20 requested donation includes brunch.

APPLY NOW FOR THE TAKOMA PARK FOLK FESTIVAL

The 2017 Takoma Park Folk Festival will be held on Sunday, September 10. Information about the Festival is available at tpff.org, where performers, craft artists, and volunteers can learn how to participate. The application deadline for performers is **April 14**.

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FSGW BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 • 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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Monthly Program

Silver Spring, MD

PAUL MCKENNA & ANDREW FINN MAGILL



Saturday, April 15 • 7:30–9:30 pm

The *Living Tradition* magazine called the **Paul McKenna Band** "the best band of their generation." And in 2009, the MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards named the band the "Best Up and Coming Artist" of the year. Irish fiddle player **Andrew Finn Magill**, by age 16, was a two-time finalist in the all-Ireland fleadh and later studied bluegrass and African music. They are touring together as they each release new CDs. Historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station, 8100 Georgia Ave, 20910 (Metro: Silver Spring). \$20; members, \$10.

Workshop

Takoma Park, MD

PAUL MCKENNA & ANDREW FINN MAGILL

Intermediate & Advanced Irish & Scottish Fiddle & Guitar

Saturday, April 15 • 1–3 pm

Join **Paul McKenna** and **Andrew Finn Magill** before their Saturday evening concert for a crash course in intermediate and advanced Irish & Scottish fiddle and guitar technique and how to play sensitively and sensibly with other musicians. Learn a few tunes by ear and unpack them a little to discuss ornaments, bowings, and rhythm. If you're a fiddler, the goal is to get you more confident in your playing and to strengthen your ear in recognizing subtleties in the music. For guitarists we will explore the techniques used for guitar accompaniment in Celtic music; you will learn the tunings, chord shapes, and intricacies of playing guitar in this exciting context. The pace will be determined by the group. At **Janie Meneely's**. RSVP for directions: program@fsgw.org. \$30; members, \$15.



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.

FSGW Concert

Takoma, DC



The BLTs with After the Flood

Saturday, April 8 • 8-10 pm

The BLTs started out as the house band at Merritt's Grill in Chapel Hill, NC, playing for tips and BLTs. Not their first rodeo: **Jon Newlin & Amy Davis**, who delighted folks at the 2016 FSGW Getaway, previously played with *The Hushpuppies* and *The Maudlin Brothers*; taught at vocal week at Augusta Heritage Center; and backed up their niece Elizabeth LaPrelle on her first three CDs. They are joined by fiddle master **Bob Herring**, formerly of the *Easy Street String Band*.

Opening: **After the Flood**—The homegrown six-piece band started out as a close harmony trio at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church. From the liner notes to their eponymous 2016 CD: "Blurring the boundaries between sacred and secular styles, *After the Flood* walks the line between the church and the city streets, singing songs of justice and devotion, of brokenness and praise in soaring harmony." Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW 20012 (Metro: Takoma). \$20; members, \$10.



Co-sponsor Concert

Riverdale, MD



Martin Grosswendt & Susanne Salem-Schatz

Powerhouse Acoustic Roots Duo

Friday, April 14 • 8-10 pm

Presented in partnership with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, this powerhouse acoustic roots duo explores the highways and byways of American traditional and vernacular music from pre-war blues, old-time, and jug band to jazz standards, honky-tonk, and contemporary gems. Archie's Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (Metrobus: F4 from Prince George's Plaza). \$20; FSGW members, \$10.

Workshop

Riverdale, MD

The Bottleneck Guitar of Blind Willie Johnson with Martin Grosswendt

Saturday, April 15 • 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Blind Willie Johnson, the great Texas guitar evangelist, was known for his searing bottleneck guitar work and powerful vocals. He combined expressive, vocal-like melody lines with an incredibly percussive right hand to create a distinctive, driving sound. In this class, we'll delve into Blind Willie's bottleneck style and pay particular attention to his right-hand technique. The class will analyze Johnson's single-string melody lines, vibrato, left- and right-hand muting techniques, and unique rhythm within the context of his greatest recordings. Bring a guitar, a bottleneck, and a recording device. Presented in partnership with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. Archie's Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (Metrobus: F4 from Prince George's Plaza). \$30; FSGW members, \$20. RSVP required: events@acousticblues.com.

House Concert

Adelphi, MD



Lynn Noel

A wide range of songs, many with choruses!

Sunday, April 16 • 7–9 pm

A veteran of **John Langstaff's** early Christmas Revels in Cambridge, MA, **Lynn Noel's** repertoire spans English musical hall belters, Child ballads, and sea chanteys—New England folkie fare both canonical and rare. This Easter Sunday evening house concert at Ballroom Blum will sample her diverse catalog, and she'll be back in the fall for the release of her new French Canadian CD! Suggested donation, \$15. RSVP: program@fsgw.org.

FSGW Concert

Alexandria, VA



Tal Naccarato

Acoustic Americana

Friday, April 21 * 6:30–8:30 pm

Born in the Appenine Mountains of Italy and raised in New York City, **Tal Naccarato** lives on the road in his RV playing acoustic roots blues and Americana. Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar, 106 Hume Ave, 22301, emmascoffee.com. \$15 suggested donation.

House Concert

Takoma Park, MD

Nora Jane Struthers & Joe Overton

Old-Time Traditional

Saturday, April 22 • 8–10 pm (Doors, 7:30)

Nora Jane Struthers & Joe Overton visit from Nashville with a new CD of traditional Appalachian fiddle tunes, murder ballads, and classic country duets. **Joe** plays fiddle and open-back banjo, and **Nora** plays guitar and is the lead singer of their band, *Nora Jane Struthers and the Party Line*, featuring her original songs. As a duo, they return to their roots with tight vocal harmonies channeling their heroes, *The Louvin Brothers*, *The Stanley Brothers*, *The Carter Family*, and more. At Stephanie Kaufman's. Note: A cat shares this house with its owner. RSVP: kaufmansi@gmail.com or 202-316-8776 (text). \$20 suggested donation.



House Concert

Silver Spring, MD

Two Sisters

Friday, April 28 • 8–10 pm

Two Sisters, Guen & Liz Spilsbury, are long-time soloists with the *Washington Revels*. With lovingly crafted harmonies, they present haunting and beautiful interpretations of traditional ballads such as their namesake. At **Ingrid Gorman's**. RSVP: ingridgorman@gmail.com. \$15 suggested donation.



FSGW Concert

Takoma, DC

All In, Down and Out:
The Great Depression in Song & Story
by Jane Voss & Hoyle Osborne
Sunday, April 23 • 7:30–9:30 pm

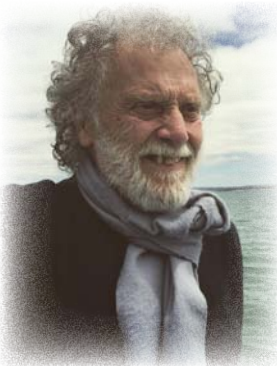
Jane Voss & Hoyle Osborne present their historical concert-lecture about the Great Depression, a period that inspired an amazing body of American music and song. Woody Guthrie, Langston Hughes, Irving Berlin, Blind Alfred Reed, Vernon Dalhart, E. Y. Harburg, Bessie Smith, and more. The songs are interwoven with readings from outstanding writers and wits of the day, as well as from ordinary working people. **Jane** sings and plays guitar in styles inspired by such American roots pioneers as Mother Maybelle Carter and Memphis Minnie. **Hoyle** is a master of early blues, jazz, and ragtime piano styles. Electric Maid Community Exchange (Metro: Takoma). \$20; members, \$10.



Tribute

Danny Spooner

16 December 1936 to 3 March 2017



Danny Spooner's passion was the expression of British and Australian culture through folk music. His breadth of knowledge, depth of talent, and communication skills made him an international treasure. He made traditional music seem new and new songs seem old.

Born into a working-class family in the east end of London, Danny grew up with the traditions, music, and folklore of a typical Cockney family (singing round the piano, music hall, and traditional English & Irish songs). Leaving school at 13, he worked on a sailing barge along the Thames and the south coast of England; later jobs included that of a salvage tug and trawler skipper. This varied, nomadic life gave Danny a real-life education in the ways of working people while he learned their songs.

After arriving in Australia in 1962, Danny developed into one of that country's best singers of British folksongs, adding Australian and American songs to his repertoire and lecturing and acting, including as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*. By the end of his career, Danny had performed in folk clubs all over Australia, New Zealand, Britain, and America. His first appearance for FSGW was in 2003; his last was in 2013.



Danny when he arrived in Australia in 1962

Danny's ebullient and easygoing personality led people to vie for the opportunity to host him whenever he came to town, and he and his beloved wife, Gael Shannon, in turn welcomed many American folkies to their home in Daylesford, Victoria. Danny encouraged others in developing their singing craft and loved to get a good singing session going: "That's what folksong is about."

Danny at his last FSGW concert at Ballroom Blum in 2013. (photo Martha Burns)



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 (7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812). 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

April 2—Adina Gordon and Pete's Posse

Riding down from the north, **Pete Sutherland** (fiddle, piano, banjo, melodica, vocals), **Oliver Scanlon** (fiddle, viola, mandolin, foot percussion, vocals), and the uber-dynamic **Tristan Henderson** (guitars, mandolin, jaw harp, foot percussion, vocals) will bring the law of dance and the order of music. Deputy **Adina Gordon** calls the shots.



April 9—Susan Taylor with the Free Raisins

What's better than raisins? **Free Raisins!** An energetic dance band from Boston, the **Free Raisins** fuse New England roots with a modern groove. **Audrey Knuth** (fiddle), **Jeff Kaufman** (mandolin, trumpet, feet), and **Amy Englesberg** (piano, accordion) promise a versatile mix of supremely danceable tunes—come out and get your two scoops worth. The dynamic **Susan Taylor** calls.



April 16—Ann Fallon with Black Oranges

Put on your bonnet and hop hop hop over to the Easter dance. With **Sarah Foard** (fiddle), **Gary Prince** (guitar), and **Manny Arciniega** (percussion), **Black Oranges** will make your cheeks red and your feet pink. **Ann Fallon** will have you dancing until you're purple. No egg dye needed!



April 23—Rich Goss with Frog Hammer

Local favorites, the bad boys of contra: **Andrew Marcus** (accordion), **Dave Casserly** (sax), **Glyn Collinson** (guitar, bouzouki, vocals), **Michael Ferguson** (trombone), **Bob Collins** (drums), and **Jim Besser** (anglo concertina) bring the noise, and **Rich Goss** from Portland, Oregon, brings a little Texas to the ceiling. It's a party!



April 30—Tony Parkes with Tidal Wave

Rolling in from Chesapeake dance weekend, the tsunami of sound created by **Sabin Jacques** (accordion, bones, feet), **Rachel Aucoin** (piano, vocals), **Stuart Kenney** (bass, banjo), and **Eric Favreau** (fiddle) is rooted in French Canadian fiddle tradition. Long-time favorite **Tony Parkes** (contras & squares) will engage and captivate dancers with the elegant subtleties of his traditional and evolving repertoire.



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.

Melissa Running calls the dances to the music of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano)



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Anna Rain calls the dances while **David Knight** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, accordion), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music

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Laura Schultz and Stephanie Smith lead the dances while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Barbara Heitz** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play



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Tom Spilsbury calls to the playing of **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon, concertina), 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

FSGW FAMILY DANCE • GLEN ECHO, MD

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 • 3-5 PM



Susan Taylor calls with *Maelstrom*. **Peri Leighty** (fiddle, voice), **Darrow Sherman** (fiddle, banjo, voice), and **Abraham Joyner-Meyers** (fiddle, guitar) are three young local fiddlers who began playing together while studying

fiddle traditions in Ireland and recently released their first CD, *Deep Roots, New Growth*. While their roots are in Celtic music, they are inspired by the huge variety of folk traditions and are excited by playful fusions. They play everything from French Canadian tunes to Klezmer. Come and be inspired! Glen Echo Ballroom Annex. \$5 for ages 4 and older. Info: **Penelope Weinberger** or **Steve Burnett**, dance@fsgw.org.



THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL, PART LII

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 · 8:30-11:30 PM



This month the amazing *Critton Hollow String Band* cranks out the old-time dance tunes: **Joe Herrmann** (fiddle), **Sam Herrmann** (hammered dulcimer), **Joe Fallon** (banjo and bass), and **Pete Gordon** (guitar). **Janine Smith**, one of the Dance Collective's original founders, shows you how it's done and will have you up and do-si-do-ing in no time flat. 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.

CONTRA SONIC · GLEN ECHO, MD

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 · 7:30-11 PM

Agent P (Perry Shafran), caller extraordinaire and **Jakob "Beats and Tea" Raitzyk** are the dynamic duo for this "Spring is busting out all sonic!" Lesson, 7:30; dancing, 8. Glen Echo Ballroom Annex. \$8; members/students, \$6.



FSGW CO-SPONSORED DANCES

GREENBELT CONTRA DANCE · GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 · 7-9:45 PM

No fooling—we have a great dance planned this month. Join us in Greenbelt where **Perry Shafran** will be calling to music by *The Organic Family Band*: **Rebekah Geller** (fiddle), **Michael Raitzyk** (guitar), **Jakob Raitzyk** (fiddle, foot percussion), and **Judith Geller** (french horn). No partner or experience necessary. Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt. \$10; age 7-18, \$5; 6 and under, free. Info: 301-397-2208. Cosponsored by FSGW and the City of Greenbelt.



SECOND THURSDAY CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE · SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 · 7:30-10 PM (FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7-7:30)

Caller **Sargon de Jesus** with *Maelstrom*—**Peri Leighty** (fiddle, voice), **Darrow Sherman** (fiddle, banjo, voice), and **Abraham Joyner-Meyers** (fiddle, guitar). Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, 20910 (free parking in lot across the street at 801 Ellsworth Dr). Cosponsored by FSGW, Carpe Diem Arts, and Washington Revels, with major support from the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. \$10; FSGW/BFMS/CDSS/Revels members, \$8; students and those without income, \$5; first-timers, free. Info: **Bob Mathis**, talibob@starpower.net; or **Busy Graham**, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or 301-466-0183; or carpediemarts.org/dance-with-us, revelsdc.org/, or fsgw.org.



GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS · THURSDAYS · 7:30-10:45 PM

See the listing under International Dances on page 22.



Upcoming events are subject to change; please check fsgw.org for updates, further details, and additional event listings.

Coming in May

MONTHLY PROGRAM: SARAH MURDOCH WITH THE SQUEEZERS • TAKOMA, DC • FRIDAY, MAY 5 • 7:30–10 PM

From old murder ballads to Nina Simone by way of old-time gospel, **Sarah Murdoch's** voice is both sweet and mighty, like a steam locomotive burning daffodils. **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. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Metro: Takoma). \$20; members, \$10.

SOFIA TALVIK WITH LONELY OCEAN • TAKOMA, DC • SATURDAY, MAY 6 • 7–10 PM

Swedish "folk/Americana" singer/songwriter **Sofia Talvik** is a solo artist who sounds like a big folk-rock band. Opening, **Lonely Ocean** trio feature homegrown singer/songwriter **Ara Casey**. Electric Maid Community Exchange, 268 Carroll St NW, 20012. (Metro: Takoma). \$20; members, \$10.

THE NEWLANDS CO-OP • TAKOMA, DC • FRIDAY, MAY 12 • 8 PM

Vidar Skrede hails from Haugesund, Norway, and plays hardanger fiddle, guitar, and Greek bouzouki. Violinist **Sara Pajunen** hails from Minneapolis but earned a music degree in Finland and was the Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year in 2015–2016. Electric Maid Community Exchange, 268 Carroll St NW, 20012. (Metro: Takoma). \$20; members, \$10.

HOUSE CONCERT: STEVE CORMIER • TAKOMA PARK, MD • SATURDAY, MAY 13 • 8–10 PM

Steve Cormier brings an unusual authenticity to his masterful interpretation of cowboy songs—because he's been a cowboy. At **Kathie Mack's**. RSVP: kpmack2@gmail.com or 301-270-5367. \$15 suggested donation.

SEÁN HEELY WITH EMMET FURLONG • ALEXANDRIA, VA • FRIDAY, MAY 19 • 6:30–8:30 PM

Scottish Fiddle National Champion **Seán Heely** is equally at home playing Irish music, bluegrass, Gypsy swing, and classical as well as Scottish folk. Joined by Celtic fiddle prodigy **Emmet Furlong** of *Sibling Rivalry*. Emma's Espresso and Wine Bar, emmascoffee.com, \$15 suggested donation.

HOUSE CONCERT: KEITH MURPHY • POTOMAC, MD • SATURDAY, MAY 20 • 8 PM

Singer and guitarist **Keith Murphy** brings the traditional songs of the Maritimes in English and French, to his solo CDs and his performances with Nightingale, Childsplay, Tony Barrand, and Becky Tracy. A Newfoundland expat living in Vermont, he is on the faculty of the Brattleboro Music Center and is the founder and artistic director of the Northern Roots Traditional Music Festival. At **Betsy Platt's**. Reservations/directions: hrhbetsy@gmail.com. \$15 suggested donation.

FSGW WASHINGTON SPRING BALL 31ST ANNUAL WASHINGTON SPRING BALL • SILVER SPRING, MD

SATURDAY, MAY 20 • 2:30 PM

Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building

COMING IN JUNE

Friday, June 2 • 7:30 pm John Roberts with Janie Meneely & Rob Van Sante

Saturday, June 3
& **Sunday, June 4** Washington Folk Festival

Friday, June 16 • 6:30 PM Amanda Ekery & Hannah Grantham, Lomax Folk Project

Saturday, June 17 • 3:30 pm John Lomax 150th Birthday Tribute, Lomax Folk Project

Saturday, June 17 • 7:30 pm Monthly Program: Tom Lewis

Saturday, June 24 • 8 pm Sara Grey & Kieron Means



The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents the 31st Annual

Washington Spring Ball

Emperor of the Moon. *Longways for as many as will.* 

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Music by: Goldcrest

Dave Wiesler, piano; Daron Douglas, fiddle; Paul Oorts, accordion and fretted instruments

Silver Spring Civic Building; One Veterans Place; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

2:30-5:00 p.m. Practice session	5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner	7:00-7:30 p.m. Reception	7:30-11:00 p.m. Ball
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Practice session: Anna Rain, caller; Becky Ross, fiddle; Melissa Running, piano

Directions, videos, FAQs: www.Bronord.com/ball2017
ecd.ball.registrar@fsgw.org (Will) ecd.ball.chair@fsgw.org (Kappy)


Program		
After Dinner Maggot	Geud Man of Ballangigh	The Punch-Bowl
Beach Spring	Graphite	Ramblin' Rosie
Beautyberry	The Haymakers	Sapphire Sea
Cottonwood	Mr. Isaac's Maggot	Terry's Triad
Dance of a Lifetime	Mistwold	Trip to Paris
Emperor of the Moon	Noisette	Waters of Holland

These English Country Dances will be prompted for a few rounds, with no walk-throughs. Dancers will give themselves—and their partners—the greatest pleasure if they are familiar with the program before the ball. Preparation is encouraged at the afternoon practice session, at Wednesday night dances in Glen Echo MD, and via videos under “resources” at bronord.com/ball2017

Work scholarships are available—contact ecd.ball.chair@fsgw.org.

Supported by a generous grant from Montgomery County’s Community Access Pilot Program



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<h1 style="color: #e91e63;">April 2017</h1> <p style="color: #e91e63;">All times are PM, unless noted otherwise.</p> <p style="color: #e91e63;">This is a selection of the month's events; please see listings</p>			
<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">2</p> <p>9:30 am Annapolis Jam 9:30 AM 28TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE SINGING CONVENTION 11 AM FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: BOB ZENTZ & JEANNE McDOUGALL 11 am DC Bluegrass Jam 1 Herndon Bluegrass Jam 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 2 Riverdale Ukulele Jam 3 Brunswick Old-Time Jam 3 Cajun Dance: <i>Mo' Mojo</i> 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 4 Capital Accord Spring Benefit Concert 6:30 Hamilton Concert: <i>The Who's Tommy: A Bluegrass Opry</i> 7 Temple Shalom: Rabbi Jack Gabriel 7 Washington Revels Pub Sing 7 Focus Concert: <i>Everly Set</i> 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE: ADINA GORDON w/PETE'S POSSE</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">3</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="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">4</p> <p>10 am Concert: <i>Washington Revels Jubilee Voices</i> 10:30 am Washington Revels Story Time 1 FSGW CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club open mic 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 8 Falls Church Open Mic 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">5</p> <p>6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Jammin' Java Concert: Peter Bradley Adams 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 7:30 Washington Balalaika Society 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</p>
<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">9</p> <p>9:30 am Annapolis Jam 2 CABOMA Jam 2 Jammin' Java Concert: <i>The Stewart Sisters</i> 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 2 Silver Spring Country & Gospel Jam 3 Brunswick Bluegrass Jam 3 Cajun Dance: <i>The Wild Anacostias</i> 3 FSGW FAMILY DANCE: SUSAN TAYLOR WITH MAELSTROM 4 FSGW GOSPEL SING 7 Focus Concert: David Mallett & Ian Foster 7 Hamlin St. Diner Concert: <i>Spencer & Rains</i> (followed by old-time jam) 7:30 Birchmere Concert: <i>Riders in the Sky</i> 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE: SUSAN TAYLOR w/THE FREE RAISINS 8 Gypsy Sally's Concert: Woven Green + Eric Selby & Abigail Palmer</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">10</p> <p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 1.5em;">First Night of Passover</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="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">11</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 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">12</p> <p>6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 FSGW GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING 7:30 Jammin' Java Concert: Bridge Kearney + <i>Fit Club</i> 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 7:30 Washington Balalaika Society 8 Baltimore Chantey Sing 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers</p>
<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">Easter 16</p> <p>9:30 am Annapolis Jam 10 am Hamilton Easter Gospel Brunch (repeats at 12:30 & 3 pm) 1 Herndon Bluegrass Jam 1:30 Kids' Open Mic at New Deal Café 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 3 Brunswick Old-Time Jam 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 4 Sandy Spring Sacred Harp Singing 5 Vienna/Oakton Shape Note Singing 7 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: LYNN NOEL 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE: ANN FALLON w/BLACK ORANGES</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">17</p> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Union Jam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Herndon Gospel Jam 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p> 	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">Last Night of Passover 18</p> <p>1 FSGW CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7 DC Shape Note Singing 7:15 Reston-Herndon Folk Club concert: Jack Williams 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">19</p> <p>1 FSGW SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE 6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 7:30 Washington Balalaika Society 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Annapolis Chantey Sing 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Barns at Wolf Trap Concert: <i>Tinariwen</i></p>
<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">23</p> <p>9:30 am Annapolis Jam 1 Alexandria Scottish Jam 2 CABOMA Jam 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 3 Brunswick Bluegrass Jam 4 Concert: Ronn McFarlane & Ayrehart 4 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: LYNN NOEL 7 WFMA Concert: Ronny Cox 7:30 FSGW CONCERT/LECTURE: JANE VOSS & HOYLE OSBORNE 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE: RICH GOSS w/FROG HAMMER</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">24</p> <p>7:30 IMT Concert: Irish Fiddle Festival 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">25</p> <p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club open mic 7:30 Baltimore Old-Time Jam 7:30 Birchmere Concert: Sarah Jarosz + <i>The Brother Brothers</i> 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 7:30 FSGW CONTRA SONIC 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: #9c27b0; font-size: 2em;">26</p> <p>6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Hamilton Concert: Ruthie Foster 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 7:30 Washington Balalaika Society 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 DC Chantey Sing 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8:30 Gypsy Sally's Concert: Cathy Ponton King & Ida Campbell</p>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>9:30 AM 28TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE SINGING CONVENTION</p> <p>1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 4 Berryville Shape Note Singing 6 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: BOB ZENTZ & JEANNE MCDUGALL-ZENTZ 6 Norwegian Potluck, Concert, & Dance 7 Community Ceili Dance 7 Greenbelt Contra Dance 7 Jammin' Java Concert: Luke Brindley & David Mansfield Duo 8 Common Ground on the Hill: Phil Wiggins & Eleanor Ellis 8 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: PETE'S POSSE 8 Shepherdstown Contra Dance</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 FSGW GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 7:30 Riverdale Acoustic Open Mic 7:30 Weinberg Center Concert: <i>The Quebe Sisters</i> 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Baldwin's Station Concert: Dan Navarro 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance 8:30 Gypsy Sally's Concert: <i>Black Masala</i></p>	<p>7:30 IMT concert: <i>Dry Branch Fire Squad</i> 8 Birchmere Concert: Don McLean 8 Hamilton Concert: <i>Mipso + Dan Mills</i> 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance</p>	<p>1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 1 Concert: <i>Washington Revels Maritime Voices</i> 2:30 Washington's Spelmanslag 4 FSGW OPEN SING 5 BFMS Family Dance 7:30 Cellar Stage Columbia Concert: James Keelaghan + Ian Foster 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 BlackRock Concert: Raghu Dixit 8 FSGW CONCERT: THE BLT'S W/ AFTER THE FLOOD 8 Silver Spring English Country Dance 8:30 FSGW GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL: JANINE SMITH WITH CRITTON HOLLOW STRING BAND</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!</p>
<p>6 Front Royal Family Dance 6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 Birchmere Concert: Samantha Fish w/ Guy Davis + Fabrizio Poggi 7:30 FSGW GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 7:30 FSGW SECOND THURSDAY CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE (BEGINNER WORKSHOP, 7 PM): SARGON DE JESUS W/MAELSTROM 7:30 Hamilton Concert: <i>Dirty Bourbon River Band</i> 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8 Tysons Corner Chantey Sing 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance</p>	<p>8 FSGW/AEBHF CONCERT: MARTIN GROSSWENDT & SUSANNE SALEM-SCHATZ 8 Barns at Wolf Trap: Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance <i>Glen Echo Open Band</i> 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 9 Concert: <i>Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes</i> (at Clyde's)</p> <p>Takoma Park Folk Festival application deadline</p>	<p>10:30 AM FSGW/AEBHF WORKSHOP: THE BOTTLENECK GUITAR OF BLIND WILLIE JOHNSON WITH MARTIN GROSSWENDT 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 1 FSGW WORKSHOP: PAUL MCKENNA & ANDREW FINN MAGILL 2 Concert: <i>Fast Eddie & the Slowpokes</i> (at Camden Yards) 6:30 ATDS Contra Dance 6:30 Mad City Concert: Rick LaRocca, <i>Once a Year Band</i> + Kathy Stanley 7 Scandia DC Dance 7:30 FSGW CONCERT: PAUL MCKENNA & ANDREW FINN MAGILL 7:30 Bluemont Country Dance 8 Hamilton Concert: <i>Chatham County Line</i> 10:30 Concert: <i>Fast Eddie & the Slowpokes</i> (at Hamilton Loft)</p>
<p>5 Barns at Wolf Trap: Master Class with John McCutcheon 6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 Arlington Circle Dance 7:30 FSGW GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 7:30 Gypsy Sally's Concert: <i>Lulu's Fate</i> 8 Barns at Wolf Trap Concert: John McCutcheon 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8 Wheaton Folksong Sing-In 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance 8:30 Gypsy Sally's Concert: <i>Better Off Dead</i></p>	<p>6:30 FSGW CONCERT AT EMMA'S: TAL NACCARATO 6:30 Revels Community Sing 7:30 Carroll Café Concert: Rob Flax and <i>Round About</i> 7:30 333 Coffeehouse Concert: <i>Lulu's Fate</i> 8 Cellar Stage Baltimore Concert: Bill Staines 8 Common Ground on the Hill Concert: <i>The High Ridge Ramblers</i> 8 Hamilton Concert: <i>Hackensaw Boys</i> 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance</p>	<p>1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 1 Common Ground on the Hill Workshop: <i>The High Ridge Ramblers</i> 2:30 Washington's Spelmanslag 7 Jammin' Java Concert: <i>The Nields</i> 7 Lancaster Contra Dance 7:15 Frederick Contra Dance 7:30 Leesburg Assembly Dance 8 BlackRock Concert: <i>The Seldom Scene</i> 8 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: NORA JANE STRUTHERS & JOE OVERTON 8 Special Event: <i>Duke Ellington at Fargo, 1940</i> (at Glen Echo) 10 Jammin' Java Concert: Quinn Sullivan 10:30 Gypsy Sally's Concert: Aaron Tinjum & <i>the Tangents</i></p>
<p>6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 Birchmere Concert: <i>The Everly Brothers Experience</i> 7:30 FSGW GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Baldwin's Station Concert: Kipyn Martin 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8 Barns at Wolf Trap Concert: Tom Paxton 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance</p>	<p>8 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: TWO SISTERS 8 Jammin' Java Concert: <i>Rev. Peyton's Big Damn Band</i> 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance</p> <p>FSGW CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND</p>	<p>9:30 am Concert: <i>Washington Revels Gallery Voices</i> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 7:30 FSGW STORYSWAP 8 Evening Waltz to benefit Glen Echo Park 8 Gypsy Sally's Concert: <i>Circus No. 9</i></p> <p>FSGW CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND</p>

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Advance Notice

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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

Saturday, November 18 • 7:30 pm
ED TRICKETT
Seekers Church • Takoma, DC



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Concerts

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

CONCERT SERIES

BALDWIN'S STATION • SYKESVILLE, MD

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

DAN NAVARRO • THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Singer, songwriter, guitarist, voice actor; \$25

KIPYN MARTIN • THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Appalachian roots, award-winning songwriter, amazing voice;
half of "Joan & Joni"; \$17

BIRCHMERE CONCERT HALL • ALEXANDRIA, VA

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

DON MCLEAN • FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Master of folk-pop, maybe even "American Pie"; \$55

RIDERS IN THE SKY • SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Salute to Roy Rogers, king of the cowboys; \$25

SAMANTHA FISH • THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Blues-based singer + true-blues opener **Guy Davis** with
Fabrizio Poggi; \$25

SARAH JAROSZ • TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Grammy-winning songwriter + opener
The Brother Brothers, Americana twins; \$29.50

THE EVERLY BROTHERS EXPERIENCE • THURSDAY, APRIL 27

The **Zmed Brothers** deliver American roots harmony; \$25

BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS GERMANTOWN, MD

12901 Town Commons Dr, 20874 • blackrockcenter.org

RAGHU DIXIT • SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 8 PM

Multilingual folk/Indian/world music; \$27-35

THE SELDOM SCENE

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 8 PM

Forty-plus years playing bluegrass; DC's own; \$32-46

CARROLL CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES • TAKOMA, DC

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

ROB FLAX AND ROUND ABOUT

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 7:30-10 PM

One-man band + local roots band. \$18 advance / \$20 door

CELLAR STAGE • BALTIMORE, MD

5315 Harford Rd, 21214 • uptownconcerts.com

BILL STAINES • FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 8 PM

Legendary songwriter in the folk tradition + former Connecticut state troubadour **Lara Herscovitch** opens; \$21

CELLAR STAGE • COLUMBIA, MD

Temple Isaiah, 12200 Scaggsville Rd., Fulton, 20759

JAMES KEELAGHAN • SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 7:30 PM

Amazing voice, one of Canada's best songwriters; + Newfoundland troubadour **Ian Foster** opens; \$25

COMMON GROUND ON THE HILL

commongroundonthehill.org

PHIL WIGGINS & ELEANOR ELLIS • WESTMINSTER, MD

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • 8 PM

Acclaimed blues harmonica player & Piedmont blues singer/
guitarist. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main St, 21157; \$25

THE HIGH RIDGE RAMBLERS • BALTIMORE, MD

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 8 PM

Dave Bing, Andrew Dunlap, & Mark Payne; West Virginia mountain music. Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church, 6200 N. Charles St, 21212; \$25

THE HIGH RIDGE RAMBLERS • WESTMINSTER, MD

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 1-4 PM

Old-time workshop with the band. McDaniel College, 21157; \$75; Registration at commongroundonthehill.org



FOCUS MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

FocusMusic.org

EVERLY SET • ROCKVILLE, MD

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 • 7:30 PM

Ex-Rockapella star **Sean Altman** and **Jack Skuller**, a teen idol in the wrong era, combine to perform the music of the *Everly Brothers*. This is Focus Rockville's 200th show! Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Rd, 20851. Info: **Scott Moore, 301-461-3600**, or FocusMusic.org.

DAVID MALLETT w/ IAN FOSTER • ARLINGTON, VA

SUNDAY APRIL 9 • 7 PM

American troubadour and folk music classic joined by Newfoundlandian **Ian Foster** representing the next generation. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204. Info: **Herb Cooper-Levy, 703-380-3151** or FocusMusic.org.

BROTHER SUN • FALLS CHURCH, VA

SUNDAY APRIL 30 • 7 PM

Last DC area performance by **Greg Greenway, Joe Jencks**, and **Pat Victor** performing as a trio. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 2840 Graham Rd, 22042. Info: **Herb Cooper-Levy: 703-380-3151** or FocusMusic.org.

GYPSY SALLY'S • WASHINGTON, DC

3401 K St NW, 20007 • gypsypsallys.com

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

BLACK MASALA • THURSDAY, APRIL 6 • 8:30 PM

Balkan/brass/world + opener **Bella's Bartok**, danceable klezmer punk; \$8/10

Deadline May 2017 Newsletter: SATURDAY, April 8, 2017

WOVEN GREEN • SUNDAY, APRIL 9 • 8 PM

Uplifting acoustic duo & band CD release + openers **Abigail Palmer** (harp) & **Eric Selby** (percussion) + guests offering Native American prayer songs & drumming; \$10/12

LULU'S FATE • THURSDAY, APRIL 20 • 7:30 PM

Tom Espinola, Kristen Jones, & Kara Bolling play traditional folk and its relatives upstairs in the Vinyl Lounge; no cover

BETTER OFF DEAD • THURSDAY, APRIL 20 • 8:30 PM

Grateful Dead-inspired music; \$15

AARON TINJUM & THE TANGENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 10:30 PM

DC-based, Austin-born folk rock upstairs in the Vinyl Lounge; no cover

CATHY PONTON KING + IDA CAMPBELL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 • 8 PM

"Ladies Sing the Blues" + **Lauren Calve** opens; \$10/12

CIRCUS NO. 9 • SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • 8 PM

Acoustic quintet of old-time, bluegrass, jazz, rock, upstairs in Vinyl Lounge; no cover

THE HAMILTON • WASHINGTON, DC

600 14th St NW (at F), 20005 • thehamiltondc.com

THE HILLBENDERS PRESENT**THE WHO'S "TOMMY": A BLUEGRASS OPRY**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 • 6:30 PM

The full rock opera gets the full bluegrass treatment; \$20-40

MIPSO • FRIDAY, APRIL 7 • 8 PM

Whimsically named, danceable North Carolina string band; opener **Dan Mills**; \$15-20

DIRTY BOURBON RIVER BAND

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 • 7:30 PM

Blues, brassy, danceable; "New Orleans Circus Rock"; opener **Holy Ghost Tent Revival**; \$8-12.25

CHATHAM COUNTY LINE • SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 8 PM

Old-time roots, inspired songwriting, tight harmonies; \$20-40

EASTER GOSPEL BRUNCH, FEATURING**WILBUR JOHNSON & THE GOSPEL PERSUADERS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 • 10 AM + 12:30 PM + 3 PM

Singing the gospel, from Upper Marlboro, MD, since 1994; \$45

HACKENSAW BOYS • FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 8 PM

Old-time roots, danceable rock feel + string band **The Tillers** open; \$15-20

RUTHIE FOSTER • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 PM

Blues, folk, soul, rock, gospel from Austin; opener TBA; \$15-35

THE INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS

imtfolk.org • 301-960-3655

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church,
10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852
\$20 adv/\$25 door * Students & children: \$15 adv/\$20 door

**PIERRE BENSUSAN • SUNDAY, APRIL 2 * 7:30 PM**

Brazilian, Arabic, or French, classical & jazz guitar

DRY BRANCH FIRE SQUAD • FRIDAY, APRIL 7 • 7:30 PM

"Simply put, this is the best live band playing today"—Southern California Bluegrass News

FIDDLE FESTIVAL: CHRISTIAN LEMAITRE, CHARLIE MCKERRON,

KEVIN BURKE, & NICOLAS QUEMENER

MONDAY, APRIL 24 • 7:30 PM

Irish Music Magazine says "...each of those fiddlers is ... a master"

JAMMIN' JAVA • VIENNA, VA

227 Maple Ave E, 22180; jamminjava.com

LUKE BRINDLEY & DAVID MANSFIELD DUO

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • 7 PM

Talented singer/songwriter (& co-owner of the venue) teams up with Grammy-winning instrumentalist for a live recording; \$15-18

PETER BRADLEY ADAMS • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 • 7:30 PM

Americana singer/songwriter, formerly with duo *Eastmountain-south*; \$18-20

THE STEWART SISTERS • SUNDAY, APRIL 9 • 2 PM

Americana, folk-pop led by sisters-in-law; \$10

BRIDGET KEARNEY • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 • 7:30 PM

With special guest: *Fit Club*. \$15-\$25

THE NIELDS • SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 7 PM

Latest release, *XVII*, is fully Pete Seeger-inspired; \$18-22

QUINN SULLIVAN • SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 10 PM

CD release for 18-year-old bluesman mentored by Buddy Guy; \$22-28

REV. PEYTON'S BIG DAMN BAND

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 • 8 PM

"Front Porch Sessions" CD release; country blues; \$21-25

ABBIE GARDNER + JESSE TERRY

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 • 3 PM

Abbie has played dobro with *Red Molly*; **Jesse** is a rising Americana singer/songwriter; \$15-20



CONCERTS continued

MAD CITY IN COLUMBIA • COLUMBIA, MD

10801 Hickory Ridge Rd, 21044

410-964-8671 • madcitycoffee.com**JOSEPH ISAACCS'S MUSIC MATTERS SHOWCASE****RICK LAROCCA, ONCE A YEAR BAND, KATHY STANLEY****SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 6:30-9:30 PM**

Hosted by **Joseph Isaacs** and Mad City Coffee. Four performers play four-song sets round-robin style. Free, but donations to "Bread for the City" for the homeless accepted

**RESTON-HERNDON FOLK CLUB
HERNDON, VA**

Amphora's Diner Deluxe—Herndon, 1151 Elden St, 20170

restonherndonfolkclub.com • 703-435-2402jamesue@aol.com**JACK WILLIAMS • HERNDON, VA****TUESDAY, APRIL 18 • 7:15 PM (DOORS AT 6 PM)**

Eclectic singer/songwriter—country, blues, and jazz. Tickets: \$12; members, \$11. At the door or contact **Dave** at DAHurdSr@cs.com

333 COFFEEHOUSE

333concerts.org • 443-333-9613

333coffeehouse@gmail.com**LULU'S FATE • ANNAPOLIS, MD****FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 7:30 PM**

Old-time American music with a stripped-down, sweet sound. Annapolis Friends Mtg, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$12/\$10 students/65+/ATDS/FSGW/BFMS.

WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS • FREDERICK, MD20 West Patrick St, 21701; weinbergcenter.org**THE QUEBE SISTERS • THURSDAY, APRIL 6 • 7:30 PM**

Texas fiddling, singing siblings; \$10 suggested

THE BARNs AT WOLF TRAP • VIENNA, VA1635 Trap Rd, 22182; wolftap.org**HAWAIIAN SLACK KEY GUITAR FESTIVAL****FRIDAY, APRIL 14 • 8 PM**

Features masters of unique fingerstyle open-tuned Hawaiian guitar playing; \$27-32

TINARIWEN • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 • 8 PM

Tuareg musicians from the Sahara region of northern Mali; desert blues; \$38

JOHN McCUTCHEON • THURSDAY, APRIL 20 • 5 PM

Master class "Culture & Community: The Arts & Social Movement" Lecture-demo, dialogue, song, discussion in Center for Education next to The Barns at Wolf Trap; \$20

JOHN McCUTCHEON • THURSDAY, APRIL 20 • 8 PM

Hammered dulcimer, fiddle, guitar, banjo, vocals, songwriting, social consciousness; \$25-30

TOM PAXTON • THURSDAY, APRIL 27 • 8 PM

The legend, still going strong and relevant; \$24-28

WORLD FOLK MUSIC ASSOCIATION • BETHESDA, MD

Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, 20814.

Reservations: reserve@wfma.net or 866-412-5943wfma.net/rcox17.htm**RONNY COX • SUNDAY, APRIL 23 • 7 PM**

Talented singer/songwriter and actor, in the business 40 years. \$25.

INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS**CAPITAL ACCORD SPRING BENEFIT CONCERT****SILVER SPRING, MD****SUNDAY, APRIL 2 • 4 PM**

Enjoy a capella at its best. Capital Accord Chorus is pleased to announce its Spring Benefit Concert. Sweet Adeline International's 2017 3rd Place International Quartet Medalists, Lustre, and Frederick, Maryland's Clustered Spires Chorus will be joining us on the stage. Blake HS, 300 Norwood Rd, 20905. Free. Donations to benefit the Blake HS PTSA After-Prom Program. 1-301-392-SONG (7664), admin@capitalaccord.org, or capitalaccord.org.

RABBI JACK GABRIEL • CHEVY CHASE, MD**SUNDAY, APRIL 2 • 7 PM**

Reggae/Klezmer rabbi whose songs touch the soul. Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Rd, 20815. Info: **Herb Cooper-Levy**, 703-380-3151 or herbcl1@gmail.com or Temple-Shalom.net. \$20; Temple Shalom members, \$15; students, \$10; kids, \$5.

WASHINGTON REVELS JUBILEE VOICES • DC**TUESDAY, APRIL 4 • 10-11 AM**

Jubilee Voices will perform at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Quarter Coin Release. 1411 W Street SE, 20020. Free and open to the public. Info: revelsdc.org/2017/april-4-jubilee-voices-at-historic-25%2%A2-launch/.

WASHINGTON REVELS MARITIME VOICES**AT NAVY MEMORIAL BLESSING OF THE FLEETS****WASHINGTON, DC • SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 1 PM**

Join *Maritime Voices* in celebrating nautical heritage at the Navy Memorial's "Blessing of the Fleets." U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, 20004. Free and open to the public. Info: revelsdc.org/2017/april-8-maritime-voices-at-navy-memorial-blessing-of-the-fleets/.

CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS FAMILY FUN**NIGHT OUT • SILVER SPRING, MD****THURSDAY, APRIL 6 • 5:45 & 6:45 PM****(TWO 20-25 MINUTE CHILDREN'S SHOWS)**

Featuring *The Jelly Roll Mortals* with *Ukes on the Move* players. El Golfo, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. \$5 adults (comes with free dessert or drink, incl. margarita & wine). Children, free! Info: carpediemarts.org/family-fun-night.

HOWARD RAINS AND TRICIA SPENCER • WASHINGTON, DC
SUNDAY, APRIL 9 • 7-10 PM (DOORS 6 PM)

Old-time duo perform archaic fiddle tunes from the under-represented Kansas and Texas fiddling traditions. Old-time jam to follow the performance. 1334 Hamlin St NE, 20017. \$15 suggested donation. Info/RSVP: HamlinStDinerRSVP@gmail.com.

RONN MCFARLANE & AYREHEART • BURTONSVILLE, MD
SUNDAY, APRIL 23 • 4 PM

Renaissance music and traditional folk music from the British Isles. Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Rd, 20866. No ticket required. \$15 donation suggested. Info: livingartsconcerts.com.

FAST EDDIE & THE SLOWPOKES • CHEVY CHASE, MD
FRIDAY, APRIL 14 • 9 PM

2017 Semi-Finalists International Blues Challenge. At Clyde's, 5441 Wisconsin Ave, 20815

+ SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 2 PM • BALTIMORE, MD

Maryland SPCA March for the Animals. Camden Yards, 333 W. Camden St, 21201

+ SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 10:30 PM • WASHINGTON, DC

Hamilton Loft, 600 14th St NW, 20005

WASHINGTON REVELS GALLERY VOICES

AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM • WASHINGTON, DC

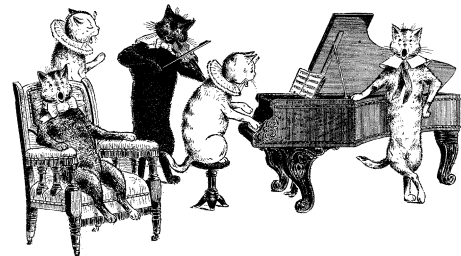
SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

Gallery Voices will welcome spring at the annual Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) Garden Fair and Plant Sale. 3501 New York Ave NE, 20002. Free and open to the public. Info: revelsdc.org/2017/april-29-madrigals-maypole-at-national-arboretum/.

SAM GLEAVES & TYLER HUGHES + MARC CARRAWAY
ARLINGTON, VA

SATURDAY, APRIL 29^a 7:30 PM (DOORS, 6:30)

Appalachian duo releasing CD June 2017. Joined by **Marc Carraway**. Cool intimate venue, no bad seats. Artists get all of door. BYOB and food. \$20. RSVP/directions: schoolhouseseries@earthlink.net.



Dances

CAJUN

Three dances in April sponsored by Dancing by the Bayou.

Mo' Mojo • COLLEGE PARK, MD
SUNDAY, APRIL 2 • 3-6 PM

Hard-driving, high-energy, Zydeco-based "Party-Gras" band. College Park American Legion, 9128 Baltimore Ave, 20740. \$20 door. Info: **Michael Hart, 240-506-2263** or DancingbytheBayou.com.

THE WILD ANACOSTIAS • GLEN ECHO, MD
SUNDAY, APRIL 9 • 3-6 PM

The Wild Anacostias are a raucous merry-making multi-morphous Louisiana-style party band. Glen Echo Park Bumper Car Pavilion, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. \$20 door. Info: **Michael Hart, 240-506-2263** or DancingbytheBayou.com.

JESSE LÉGE & BAYOU BREW • COLLEGE PARK, MD
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 • 3-6 PM

Traditional, foot-stompin' Cajun dance hall music from the dusty back roads of southwest Louisiana. College Park American Legion, 9128 Baltimore Ave, 20740. \$20 door. Info: **Michael Hart, 240-506-2263** or DancingbytheBayou.com.

CEILI

COMMUNITY CEILI DANCE • ALEXANDRIA, VA
SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • 7-9 PM

Basic Irish social dancing taught by **Shannon Dunne**. Music by the *Irish Breakfast Band*. All ages welcome, no experience necessary. No admission charge; feel free to bring light re-

freshments to share. Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 E. Windsor Ave, 22301. Info/updates: irishbreakfastband.com or look for us on Facebook.

GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 • 3-8 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) sponsors a 4th Sunday dance (Sept-May). Music this month by the **Gan Ainn Quartet: Zan McLeod** (guitar), **Keith Carr** (banjo), **Joe DeZarn** (fiddle), and **Tina Eck** (flute). Boyne Set workshop at 3; ceili, 4-8, with potluck dinner during the first break. No partner needed; smooth-soled shoes (not tennis shoes) recommended. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740. \$20; members, \$15; 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.

DANCES CONTINUED

*Saturdays***BFMS FAMILY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD**
SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 5-6:30 PM

Susan Taylor calls to *Megan Beller and the Charles Street Fiddlers*. Geared toward young children and families. All ages are encouraged to attend. Dances are all taught to live music. This event is enjoyed by children, parents, and grandparents as they dance and sing together. \$4 for member, \$6 for non-members, children under age 3 are free. There is a Potluck from 6:30-7:20 pm. Come and join in some good food and conversation. St. Mark's on the Hill, Parish Hall 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. Info: bfms.org/familyDance.php.

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. \$13; BFMS/FSGW Members, \$9. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: bfms.org.

April

- 5 **Greg Frock** calls to *the Laura Light Band*
- 12 No Dance on Easter Week!
- 19 **Steve Gester** calls to *The Baltimore Open Band*.
- 26 **Ron Blechner** calls to *Organic Family Band*. New dancer orientation workshop at 7:30.

*Thursdays***Second Thursday Silver Spring**
Contra Dance • Details on page 11.*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 from 7:30 to 8:15 pm. \$10. \$5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: FridayNightDance.org or the **Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park** Facebook page.

April

- 7 **Greg Frock** calls to the *Avant Gardeners* with **Ralph Gordon** (bass), **Bert Carlson** (guitar), **Loren Oppenheimer** (tabla), and **Laura Light** (fiddle). In the Bumper Car Pavilion

- 14 **David Kaynor** calls to the **Glen Echo Open Band** Spanish Ballroom
- 21 **Rich Goss** calls to *Tempest* with **Tim Ball** (fiddle), **Chuck Abell** (guitar and mandolin), and **Eric Metzgar** (drums and percussion). Spanish Ballroom
- 28 **Ron Blechner** calls to *Frost & Fire* with **Viveka Fox** (fiddle, djembe, and bodhran), **Peter Macfarlane** (fiddle and low whistle), **Aaron Marcus** (piano, concertina, banjo, and foot percussion), and **Hollis Easter** (flute, Scottish border pipes, whistle, guitar, and mandolin). Spanish Ballroom

*Saturdays***ATDS CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD**
SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 6:30-10 PM

Ann Fallon will lead our cavalcade of callers to the phat sound of the **Annapolis All-Stars**. Special note: This dance is a FUN-raiser to help maintain our dance floor. 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 welcome! Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd, 21401. \$10/discounts for seniors/students/families/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 • BALTIMORE, MD**
SECOND SATURDAYS, APRIL 8 • 8-11 PM
(INTRO WORKSHOP AT 7:30)

Susan Taylor calls to *Devine Comedy*: **John Devine** (guitar), **Marty Taylor** (whistles, concertina), and **Steve Hickman** (fiddle, harmonica). 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. Bring a snack & bring a friend. St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. \$13; \$9, members. Under 21 full-time students with ID \$6; \$4 members; \$6 Non-members. Info: **Sara Glik**, satdance@bfms.org or BFMS hotline, 888-646-BFMS.

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD
SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 8-11 PM

Sugar Beat returns **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Marc Glickman** (piano), **Elke Baker** (fiddle). **Melissa Chatham** calls.. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Introductory workshop at 7:15. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. \$10/students, \$5. Info: **Boe Walker** at 301-694-6794 or contradancers.com.

GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE • MD

No dance in April. Please make plans to join us for our annual May Day celebration, complete with a Maypole, on Saturday, May 6th. Info: communitysquaredance.wordpress.com or 301-926-9142.

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA
SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 7-10 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP AT 6:15)

Bob Nicholson calls to **Eileen Nicholson** (fiddle) and **Jill Smith** (piano). St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. \$9 adults/students, \$6. Children 15 and under free. Info: **Karen**, 717-951-4317 or lancastercontra.org.

SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE • WV**1ST SATURDAYS, APRIL 1 • 8 PM**

Adina Gordon calls contra dances and squares to the music of the **Boneshakers**: **Gina Faber** (mandolin), **Joe DeZarn** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (bass), and **Paul Hammerton** (guitar). All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. Free introductory workshop, 7:30. War Memorial Building, 102 E. German St, 25443. \$12; SMAD members, \$8; 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**

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. \$11; members, \$8; \$2 student discount. Info: **Sharon McKinley, 410-660-9147** or **engdance@bfms.org**.

April

- 3** Free new dancer orientation at 7:45. **Sharon McKinley** calls to the music of **Amberwing**: **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute and concertina), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano and more)
- 10** **Tom Spilsbury** calls the figures to the music of **Tina Chancey** (strings), **Paul Oorts** (other things with strings), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano and more)
- 17** **Mike Franch** will be the caller; music provided by **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)
- 24** **Diane Schmit** calls to the music of the fabulous **Geud Band of Baltimore**

*Wednesdays***FSGW English Country Dance****Details on page 10.***Saturdays***ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD****SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 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, APRIL 22 • 7:30-10:30 PM**

Join us for our monthly dance. **Tom Spilsbury** calls to music by **Chelle Fulk** and **Judy Meyers**. All dances taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. \$10; Students, \$5. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 George-

town Pike, 22066 (4.7 miles west of the Beltway). Info: **Laurel Bybell** (Secretary), **lbybell@gmail.com** or **703-791-5603**; or **theleesburgassembly.org**.

INTERNATIONAL*Mondays***BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK • BETHESDA, MD****MONDAYS 7:30-10 PM**

Come join our friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30-8 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**.

*Tuesdays***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**.

*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 **columbiafolkdancers.org**.

*Thursdays***ALEXANDRIA FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA****THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM**

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**

Washington's multi-ethnic Eastern & Central European dance performance ensemble. 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, open to any interested in fast-paced performance dance of at least 14 years old. Info: **carpathiadc@gmail.com** or **facebook.com/carpathiadc**.

DANCES continued

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. Cosponsored 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@larry-weiner.com; or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

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](https://www.facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris).

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. 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**NORWEGIAN POTLUCK, CONCERT, & DANCE****SILVER SPRING, MD****SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • POTLUCK 6:30 PM, DANCING 8 PM**

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by guest fiddler **Paul Morrisett** on the unique Hardanger fiddle-(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](mailto:Jenny_pi@xecu.net), 301-371-4312.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD**THIRD SATURDAYS, APRIL 15 • 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. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Finnish Bakmes and other fun polka and snoa variants. 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

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.

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 11.****BLUEMONT OLD-TIME COUNTRY DANCE • HILLSBORO, VA****SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 8-11 PM****(BEGINNERS WORKSHOP, 7:30 PM)**

Old-time contra dances. Third Saturday of each month, October through May. **The Polka Pants** anniversary tour comes to Bluemont: **David Kaynor** (calling, fiddle), **Andrea Hoag** and

DANCES continued

Rebecca Weiss (fiddles), and **Charlie Pilzer** (piano). Everyone welcome; no partner necessary. Potluck snacks welcome for the break. Hillsboro Old Stone School, 37098 Charles Town Pike, 20132. \$12; \$10, Bluemont members/students/seniors; \$5, kids 12 and under. Info: bluemont.org/Dances/dances_intro or **Suzanne Grobbel**, 703-220-6256, or suzanne@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 CapitolBlues.org.

WALTZ

EVENING WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT

An evening with Strauss—a benefit dance for Glen Echo Park, in the beautiful Spanish Ballroom. **Olde Vienna** with **Alexander**

Mitchell (violin), **Elke Baker** (violin, viola), **Jonathan Jensen** (piano), **Barbara Heitz** (flute, piccolo), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass). Formal attire suggested, no partner required. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, waltz lesson, Grand March, and dance cards. Carousel open until 10:30 pm (\$1.25/person). All tickets sold at the door beginning at 7:40 pm; \$20 per person. Info: WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222.

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 waltztimedances.org.

April

- 2 **Devine Comedy** with **Marty Taylor** (winds, concertina), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), **John Devine** (guitar, vocals), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass)
- 16 **Honeysuckle Rose** with **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (button accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), **Ralph Gordon** (bass)



Classes/Workshops

GUITAR SERIES WITH GINA DESIMONE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • 11 AM TO 12:45 PM

In April and May, **Gina DeSimone** will conduct a two-part guitar series on movable chords. Saturdays, April 1 and May 6 from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. (Please arrive no later than 11 am to register and tune.) Each 90-minute workshop, \$15. Presented by the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. 4701 Queensbury Ave, 20737. Info: acousticblues.com.

BAROQUE DANCE WORKSHOP • ARLINGTON, VA

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • 9:30 AM TO 2:15 PM

Internationally renowned baroque dancer **Paige Whitley-Bauguess** will introduce the basic steps, tempos and rhythmic character of some typical baroque dances, followed by a class focusing on a notated choreography. St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St, 22203 (1 block from VA Sq. metro). \$75. (Note: upcoming Renaissance dance workshop 5/6; discounted price before 4/22.). Info for both workshops: **Carol Marsh**, 202-480-4981 or CapitolEarlyMusic.org.

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASS • FAIRFAX CITY, VA

TUESDAYS • 7:15–8:45 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.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD

TUESDAYS • 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.

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 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. 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.

DEDE WYLAND'S ONLINE VIDEO SCHOOL OF VOICE

Singer, guitarist, performer, and voice instructor offers an online “work at your own pace” series to reach your vocal potential through skill and expression to create your own voice.

Info/Introduction video: www.dedewyland.com/#lessons.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD

SUNDAYS • 9:30–11:45 AM

Back room at 49 West Coffeehouse, 49 West St, 21401, Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

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**.

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

We welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments, as well as voice. Playlist, directions, info: **Dorie Hightower, 301-706-7633, SundayJam.org**.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION • 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**.

KIDS' OPEN MIC

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 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**.

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**.

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 & GAELIC SONG CIRCLE • ALEXANDRIA, VA

4TH SUNDAYS • 1–5 PM

Song circle begins at 1, jam begins at 2. Fiona's Irish Pub, 5810 Kingstowne Center, 22315. Info: **Peter@boghadubh@gmail.com** or dcscottishsession.blogspot.com. Info on venue: info@fionasirishpub.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: **UkeJamatArchieEdwards@gmail.com**.

VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SINGING • 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.

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 CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD

1ST MONDAYS, 8–10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chanteysings. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. 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, APRIL 11 & 25 • 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](https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreBluegrassJam).

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD
TUESDAYS • 7:30-10 PM

Enjoy a capella at its best! Capital Accord Chorus is pleased to announce its Spring Benefit Concert, **Sunday, April 2**, at 4 pm, Blake HS, 300 Norwood Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20905. Admission is free. Donations to benefit the Blake HS PTSA After-Prom Program. Interested in singing with us? Rehearsals every Tuesday night from 7:30-10 pm (unless otherwise indicated on our website), Northwood HS Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd. W, MD 20901. Contact us today! **1-301-392-SONG (7664)**, admin@capitalaccord.org, or capitalaccord.org.

DC SHAPE NOTE SINGING • WASHINGTON, DC
3RD TUESDAYS • 7-9:30 PM

We sing from both *The Sacred Harp* and *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Loaner books available and 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.square-space.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 (DOORS 6 PM)

Open mic format. 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 RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.



WASHINGTON BALALAIIKA SOCIETY ORCHESTRA
ARLINGTON, VA

WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-9:30 PM

Seeking people who play (or want to learn) balalaika, domra, or bayan/accordion or who play some orchestral wind and percussion instruments to perform the music of Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe. Rock Spring Congregational Church, 5010 Little Falls Rd, 22207. Info: balalaika.org or **703-549-0760**.

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. Mostly a cappella but instruments welcome. Info: **Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com** or ShipsCompay.org.

April

- 12 Wharf Rat**, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231
- 19 Galway Bay**, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401
- 26 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**. 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.

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 chance to lead the room in song. Bring 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.

JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION continued

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • TYSONS CORNER, VA
2ND THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM

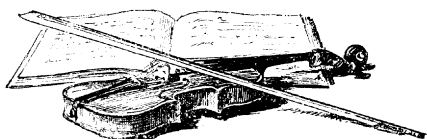
The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly *a cappella* but instruments welcome. Paddy Barry's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8150 Leesburg Pike, 22182 (Rte 7 near 123; half-mile walk from Tysons Corner or Greensboro Metros). Info: **Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com** or **ShipsCompany.org**.

*Fridays***COMMUNITY SING AT REVELS • SILVER SPRING, MD****FRIDAY, APRIL 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. Join us in celebrating diverse cultures through song. Celebration of April birthdays with cake and candles. Free (donations welcome). Washington Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. Info: **carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us** or **revelsdc.org**.

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**.



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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*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**.



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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**).

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Weekends & Special Events

WASHINGTON REVELS PUB SING • FALLS CHURCH, VA SUNDAY, APRIL 2 • 7-9 PM

Gather to enjoy good music, food, and company. Ireland's Four Provinces, 105 W. Broad St, 22046. Tickets (In Advance): Adults, \$20; Youth (18 & under), \$15 (at the Door): Adults, \$23; Youth, \$18. revelsdc.org/2017/april-2-pub-sing-va/.

WASHINGTON REVELS WORLD STORY TIME SILVER SPRING, MD

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 • 10:30-11:30 AM

Bring your little ones to listen to multicultural children's stories. Washington Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. Free (donations accepted). Info: revelsdc.org/revels-kids/revels-world-story-time/.

DUKE ELLINGTON AT FARGO, 1940 • GLEN ECHO, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT

The Tom Cunningham Orchestra will turn back the clock to the 1940 late Crystal Ballroom in Fargo, ND,, as they recreate a legendary one-night stand by the all-time greatest big band—Duke Ellington and His Famous Orchestra—at the peak of their creative powers and at the peak of the Swing Era. Free beginner lesson at 8 with **Tom Koerner & Debra Sternberg**, then the big band, plus singer **Robin Cunningham** (aka **Ivie Anderson**) will rock the house between 9 and midnight. Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. In cooperation with Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture Inc., Montgomery County, and the National Park Service. \$18; students with valid ID, \$14; ages 5-13, \$10; 4 and under, free. Info: GEPPAC, 301-634-2222; Tom, 571-572-3356; glenechopark.org; tomcunningham.com.

EVENING WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT

See details under Waltz in Dance listings

NORWEGIAN SPRING SPRINGAR SPREE MAY 4-7 • TAKOMA PARK, MD

Thursday evening concert. Weekend with dance and music classes, three dance parties, a cozy potluck, and more. All are welcome; part-timers OK. This year's dance classes feature Setesdalgangar, a fun and easy dance, and others. All live music on the magical Hardanger fiddle, which has sympathetic strings under the bowed strings (see HFAA.org). Locations, schedule, etc.: MAND.fanitull.org or [Jenny, pi@xecu.net](mailto:Jenny_pi@xecu.net) or 301-371-4312.

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, workshop, harmony singing, drumming, and more, with nine delicious meals and comfortable tempurpedic beds in a serene natural setting. Registration is open! Info: sites.google.com/site/ahsince1988/home or call **Cindy** at 240-304-9368.

AMERICAN BANJO FRATERNITY • NEWARK, NY THURSDAY, MAY 18 TO SATURDAY, MAY 20

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. 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. **Joel Hooks**, joelhooks@me.com.

DARE TO BE SQUARE—DMV PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST PARK, VA FRIDAY, JUNE 9 TO SUNDAY, JUNE 11

The DC Square Dance Collective and our friends at the Baltimore Square Dance are organizing Dare to Be Square, a fun, affordable, weekend-long gathering and getaway where you can explore all things square dance and old time. We'll be at the beautiful Prince William Forest Park in Virginia, a mere 40 minutes south of DC. The weekend will feature workshops where you can learn to call your first dance, hone your calling skills, enjoy instrument and singing sessions, and clogging/flatfooting sessions, with oodles of opportunities to jam and just hang out. Oh, and stellar evening dances! Visit dcsquare-dance.com for more info.

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 catocin@bfms.org. Online registration and more at bfms.org/catocin.php.

TRADMAD 2017 • PLYMOUTH, MA SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Registration is now open for TradMad! At Pinewoods Camp. Workshops, dances, concerts, one-shots, camper concerts, parties, jamming, singing, swimming in two lovely ponds, relaxing, learning, and generally having fun. Staff includes **Tina Chancey**, **Jeff Davis**, **Brian Peters**, **Larry Hanks**, **Bruce Hutton**, **Rev. Robert B. Jones**, **Bennett Konesni**, **Saro Lynch-Thomason**, **Becky Tracy**, *Wild Asparagus*, and more! FSGW members (and members of other associated organizations) get a discount! \$770; non-members, \$820. The fee covers all events, lodging, and meals from dinner on Saturday through breakfast on Friday. Some scholarships and work scholarships are available. Info, including registration and scholarships: minstrelrecords.com/tradmad/.



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