FSGW Concert
Takoma Park, MD (and live on WOWD-LP FM 94.3)

WINDBORNE
FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 4–5:30 PM

This internationally acclaimed Vermont quartet (Lynn Mahoney Rowan, Will Thomas Rowan, Lauren Breunig, and Jeremy Carter-Gordon) is touring in support of their fourth CD, Song on the Times, presenting 200 years of protest music: songs of laborers, pacifists, and other resistance movements using the power of communal song to organize. In strong, beautiful, polished yet sincere harmony arrangements, Windborne tells the stories of the Diggers, the Chartists, and the abolitionists—generations of dissidents who paved the way for the social progress and struggles of the 21st century. The afternoon concert is free to students (anyone with a student ID or under 18) and, if you can’t make it, you can listen live at 94.3 FM in the vicinity of Takoma Park or online from anywhere at takomaradio.org. At Allyworld. $20; FSGW members, $10; students, free. Info about group: windbornesingers.com/.

FSGW House Concert
Takoma Park, MD

WINDBORNE
FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 8–10 PM

Can’t make it to Windborne’s live radio performance in the afternoon? No worries! At this evening concert, they’ll perform songs from Song on the Times and their rich catalog of material from Appalachia, the Midwest, New England, Old England, Corsica, the Republic of Georgia, Bulgaria, Quebec, and the Basque country. (At their last standing-room-only concert for FSGW, they sang in 13 languages – 14 if you count formal French and the Quebecois dialect as two.)

At Molly Hickman’s. $15 donation suggested. RSVP/directions: hickmang.m94@gmail.com.

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Heather Livingston, editor
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   - Event Title • City, State Abbreviation
   - Day of the week, Date • start time - end time
   - One or two sentences only. Location (+ zip code for GPS). Ticket prices.
   - Info: Contact Name at Phone number or email/website.

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

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FSGW Board MEETINGS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW Board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 Arcade Bldg. at Glen Echo Park, MD. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member, or April Blum by e-mail, president@fsgw.org, or call afternoons or evenings 301-422-0292 in advance of the meeting.
FSGW Concerts
See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23.

FSGW House Concert

Tenores de Aterúe
Saturday, Jan 27
8–10 pm

Tenores de Aterúe returns to Washington with more Sardinian songs in the cantu a tenore tradition. As the New England quartet’s website explains: “The song form is typical of the region of Barbagia and other parts of central Sardinia. Performances are often spontaneous and done in local bars, but also at more formal occasions, such as religious festivals. The lyrics are sometimes ancient, but may also be contemporary poems on present-day issues such as emigration and politics, and they are connected to the island’s rich poetic tradition.” Doug Paisley, the boghe (lead singer), is joined by Avery Book, who performed for FSGW last year with Starry Mountain Singers, and Gideon Crevoshay and Carl Linich. At Molly Hickman’s. $15 donation suggested. RSVP & directions: hickmang.m94@gmail.com. Info about group: tenoresdeaterue.bandcamp.com/.

FSGW House Concert

Bill Destler and Sarah Murdoch
Sunday, Feb 4 • 12–2 pm

Help launch a new tradition: Some of the out-of-town guest artists at the 2018 Midwinter Festival (see page 4) will perform over brunch at a house concert the next day for gas money (or, in the case of physicist Bill Destler, to charge his electric car). A former president of FSGW (and the Rochester Institute of Technology) and a founder of the Baltimore Folk Music Society, Bill is also a world-renowned collector of vintage banjos and features them on three albums of old and new songs. Sarah Murdoch returns to Washington to belt some more old gospel, early blues, murder ballads, and Scots Gaelic folk songs. If you enjoy—or you miss—these two talented New Yorkers in the Saturday evening concert at the festival, join them for brunch and a casual concert at Janie Meneely’s. at 11, concert at noon. $15 suggested donation. RSVP/directions: program@fsgw.org. Info about Bill: discogs.com/artist/3872165-Bill-Destler. Info about Sarah: sarah-murdoch.com.
Come out and play (and dance and sing)! It’s time for the FSGW Mini-Fest, our annual celebration of all things FSGW – chanteys and stories, dances and duets, hambos and hornpipes, banjos and bodhrans, and ballads. With two dance tracks and more than 40 workshops and concerts at 7 different venues throughout the school (plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, usually involving morris dancers, bells, sticks and hankies), it’s a sure-fire cure for the winter blues. We’ll be at our usual location – Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road.

As of press time (early December), the wonderful programmers are still working out specifics; a complete schedule will appear in your February Newsletter and will be posted and updated on the FSGW website. But here’s a brief list to whet your musical appetite:

**In the Cafetorium**, six hours of fabulous concerts programmed by Charlie Baum. Confirmed performers include the Squeezers, DC Ambience, Lyuti Chushki, and Washington Reveals Maritime Voices.

The Storytelling Program is again organized by FSGW Board member Tim Livengood. Featured tellers this year along with Tim are Ming Diaz, Janice Curtis Greene, Penelope Fleming, Bunjo Butler, Geraldine Buckley, Laura Bobrow, Miriam Nadel, and the young and talented Twinbrook Tellers. There will also be an audience storyswap.

The Jams Room, programmed by Charlie Baum and FSGW President April Blum, will include a gospel sing, shape note singing, a blues jam featuring musicians from Archie’s Barbershop, and more.

The Traditional Song Room, programmed by Lisa Null, will feature singers Linda Rice-Johnston (Scots); Martha Burns (old-time and cowboy songs); the Two Sisters (ballad harmony singers Guen and Liz Spilsbury); Celtic singer Connie McKenna with harpist Sue Richards; Stephen Winick as well as Don Stallone, whose repertoire includes songs of power, comedy, tragedy, and love; Sarah White and Nora Rodes, two young singers from Pennsylvania rediscovering great old songs; Steve Woodbury, presenting 19th-century songs of a New England family; and local favorites Darriel and Jocelyn Day, who will sing along and weep as the afternoon unfolds.

Again this year the Living Traditions track will be hosted by FSGW Board members Mike and Heather Livingston and will feature Orfeia (Balkan women’s vocal ensemble), Michael Sevener and daughter Patricia Sevener (singing boleros, rancheras, sons Cubanos, and other songs in Spanish), Miles Spicer and Friends (traditional blues and more), Seán Heely (Scottish fiddle), Going Home (Molly Hickman and Corinne Ducey; Americana inspired by the shape note tradition), Severn Savage (a cappella song with audience participation), and Cat and the Fiddle (Maryland Renaissance Festival regulars).

Last year’s new Family Room was a big hit, and FSGW Board member Ingrid Gorman has again come up with a terrific family-oriented program with lots of participatory song and dance. Performers include Massive Donut, The All New Genetically Altered Jug Band (they provide noisy things so you can join the fun), a family dance intro workshop with music by Sibling Rivalry and calling by Penelope Weinberger (kids, bring your parents!), interactive percussion fun with Bill Jenkins, a lullaby hour with Celtic harpist Abigail Selby (bring blankets; we’ll have a comfy rug), and a kids-only open mic (be under 13 and come regale us – tell a story, sing a song, play an instrument, do some dancing, maybe even tell a joke.

The Main Gym will feature six hours of dance, including English country dance, Scandinavian, morris, tango, Scottish country dance, and possibly a flamenco workshop. And the Auxiliary Gym will include waltz, couples dancing, contra, and possibly a rollicking barn dance for all ages.

From 7:30 to 10:30 pm, two simultaneous evening programs – in the Main Gym, an evening of contras and squares with members of the Glen Echo Open Band and callers from the recent FSGW Callers Practicum. And in the Cafetorium, a concert programmed by Charlie Baum with Potomac Revelers, The Rick Franklin Trio, Bill Destler, and Sara Murdoch. It will be a tuneful and delightful evening.

— April Blum, Mini-Fest Chair

See admission costs on page 18.
Concerts

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year’s Day.

Sundays

JV’S RESTAURANT • FALLS CHURCH, VA
SUNDAYS • 1 PM

KEN WALDMAN KIDS’ SHOW, PERFORMANCE & READING • ROCKVILLE, MD
SUNDAY, JAN 7 • 2 & 4 PM
School of Musical Traditions hosts Alaskan fiddling poet Ken Waldman for a 2 pm kids’ show and a 4 pm performance and reading from his latest collection of Trump satire, Trump Sonnets, Vol. 2. He is joined by multi-instrumentalist, David McCormick. Ken’s credits include nine CDs of Appalachian string band music, eight book-length collections of his poetry, and a memoir of his life as a touring performer. $10 for the regular concert; $10 per family for the kids’ show. At School of Musical Traditions. Info: 240-690-1910, lessons@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com.

MAGGIE’S CELTIC NEW YEAR CELEBRATION, FEAT. MAGGIE SANSONE & ROBIN BULLOCK
ANAPOLIS, MD • SUNDAY, JAN 7 • 6 PM
With guests Matthew Bell, Laura Burne, Jimmy Eagan, & Seth Kibel. At Rams Head Onstage. $25. ramsheadonstage.com.

EMILY MITCHELL, SILVER STRINGS, & LYNN HOLLYFIELD • BETHESDA, MD
SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 7–9 PM
Emily Mitchell, 15, is a singer/songwriter from Gaithersburg. Silver Strings is a Chesapeake Bay area folk, bluegrass, blues, traditional, and contemporary music string band. Lynn Hollyfield is a powerful singer, crisp acoustic guitar player, and heartfelt observer of the world. At Positano Ristorante Italiano. $15; members, $10 (pay at door; credit cards accepted). Reservations: reserve@wfma.net or 301-744-7740; wfma.net/pr1801.htm.

OLD-TIME JAM WORKSHOP & CONCERT WITH RACHEL EDDY • ROCKVILLE, MD
SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 6 PM
Old-time music whiz and multi-instrumentalist Rachel Eddy presents an evening of Appalachian music and an introductory jam workshop. Geared towards advanced beginner & intermediate players of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass & harmonica. Bring instruments (and if you like what you hear, Rachel starts a 4-week jamming class 1/16 in Bethesda; see jams, page 16). At School of Musical Traditions. $20. Register at hmtrad.com or pay at the door. Info: 240-690-1910, schoolofmusicaltraditions.com.

BUMPER JACKSONS DUO: PASSPORT TO THE WORLD FESTIVAL SERIES • FALLS CHURCH, VA
SUNDAY, JAN 28 • 7 PM
Roots jazz, country swing. Stories and songs of Appalachia. Come in, take a seat, and be woven into a musical story that never stops being told. Honored multiple times as the Mid-Atlantic’s “Artist of the Year” and “Best Traditional Band,” national touring artists the Bumper Jacksons return to their duo roots with founders Jess Eliot Myhre and Chris Ousley for this unique show. At Creative Cauldron, 410 S Maple Ave, 22046 (creativecauldron.org/passport-to-the-world2.html). $22. Info/tickets: bumperjacksons.com.

MONDAYS

WOLF’S BLUES JAM • FALLS CHURCH, VA
MONDAYS • 8:30 PM
Mostly area musicians, with occasional touring artists. At JV’s Restaurant.

HONEYSUCKLE • VIENNA, VA
MONDAY, JAN 15 • 7:30 PM

GAELIC STORM • ALEXANDRIA, VA
MONDAY & TUESDAY, JAN 22 & 23 • 7:30 PM
Celtic, Celtic rock since they were the featured as “Irish Party in Third Class” in Titanic. At the Birchmere. $35.

TUESDAYS

MARK WENNER (OF THE NIGHTHAWKS) & THE BLUES WARRIORS • FALLS CHURCH, VA
TUESDAY, JAN 9 • 8:30 PM
At JV’s Restaurant.

GAELIC STORM • ALEXANDRIA, VA
MONDAY & TUESDAY, JAN 22 & 23 • 7:30 PM
See listing above.

BILLY STRINGS • ANNAPOLIS, MD
TUESDAY, JAN 23 • 8 PM
Amazing bluegrass string player; local Dirty Grass Players open. At Rams Head Onstage. $20.

JOE Purdy & AMBER Rubarth • WASHINGTON, DC
TUESDAY, JAN 30 • 7:30 PM
Americana singer-songwriters, both featured in new film. At The Hamilton. $14.75–32.25.
Concerts continued

**Wednesdays**

**AN EVENING WITH ANTHONY GOMES**
**WASHINGTON, DC**
**WEDNESDAY, JAN 17 • 8 PM**
#1 Billboard Blues Artist. At Pearl Street Warehouse. $10.

**JOHN SEBASTIAN • ANNAPOLIS, MD**
**WEDNESDAY, JAN 17 • 8 PM**
Harmonica player with *The Lovin' Spoonful*, guitarist, singer, in Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. At Rams Head Onstage. $39.50.

**GAELIC STORM • ANNAPOLIS, MD**
**WEDNESDAY, JAN 24 • 8 PM**
Celtic, Celtic rock since they were the featured as “Irish Party in Third Class” in *Titanic*. At Rams Head Onstage. $40.

**Thursdays**

**CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT AT EL GOLFO • SILVER SPRING, MD**
**THURSDAY, JAN 4 • 5:45 AND 6:45 PM**
(TWO 25-MINUTE SHOWS)
Featuring **Uncle Devin**: Drum and Songs for young and old. At El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. Free for children; adults, $5 (incl. free drink or ice cream). Presented by Carpe Diem Arts and Evergreen School with support from Finn Family Group, Washington Revels, El Golfo, and WOWD-FM LP Takoma Radio. Info: BusyGraham@carpediemarts.org or 301-466-0183; or carpediemarts.org/family-fun-night.

**ALAN JABBOUR: HIS LEGACY IN FOLKLIFE AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC • WASHINGTON, DC**
**THURSDAY, JAN 18 • 6–8:30 PM**

**THE LAST REVEL + THE SLOCAN RAMBLERS**
**WASHINGTON, DC**
**THURSDAY, JAN 18 • 8 PM**
Minneapolis Americana + Toronto bluegrass. At Gypsy Sally’s. $12.

**WESTERN CENTURIES • WASHINGTON, DC**
**THURSDAY, JAN 18 • 8:30 PM**
Country-ish band + opener Vivian Leva & Riley Calcagno. At Pearl Street Warehouse. $12.

**Fridays**

**BAKITHI KUMALO & THE ALL STAR GRACELAND BAND**
**FRIDAY, JAN 5 • 8:30 PM**
Original “Graceland” bassist, joined by Philadelphia Folk Festival band. At Pearl Street Warehouse. $20–30.

**THE CACTUS LIQUORS + THE UPTON BLUES BAND**
**WASHINGTON, DC**
**FRIDAY, JAN 5 • 8:30 PM**
Americana rock + DC blues + openers Zydeco Jed, roots rock. At Gypsy Sally’s. $12.

**FIDDLE SUMMIT SHOWCASE • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV**
**FRIDAY, JAN 5 • 8 PM**
Annual showcase concert from the Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat features this year’s staff: National Scottish fiddle champions Laura Risk and Seán Heely, old-time fiddle whiz Rachel Eddy, Brad Kolodner on banjo, Ken Kolodner on hammered dulcimer, and master accompanists Dave Wiesler on piano and Paul Oorts on mandolin, guitar, cittern, and more. At the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Washington St, 25443. $20; seniors, $18; SMD members, $15; students, $10. Info: Joanie, 304-263-2531 or updf@earthlink.net.

**WASHINGTON REVELS JUBILEE VOICES**
**CHEVY CHASE, MD**
**FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 7:30–9 PM**
See page 21.

**POPA CHUBBY • WASHINGTON, DC**
**FRIDAY, JAN 5 • 8 PM**
Longtime bluesman. At The Hamilton. $15.25–39.75.

**DANNY WHITECOTTON • TAKOMA, DC**
**FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 7:30 PM (DOORS OPEN, 7 PM)**

**EDDIE FROM OHIO + OPENER JAKE ARMERDING**
**ALEXANDRIA, VA**
**FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JAN 12–14 • 7:30 PM**
Fine musicianship, gorgeous harmonies, songs old and new + opener likely joins them. At the Birchmere. $42.50.
LARRY KEEL EXPERIENCE • WASHINGTON, DC  
FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 9 PM  
Flatpicker leads jam-grass band + The Woodshedders open with WV roots rock. At Gypsy Sally’s. $15/17.

TOM KIMMEL • SYKESVILLE, MD  
FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 8 PM  
Published poet, award-winning singer-songwriter, and teacher. At Baldwin’s Station. $20.

CRYSTAL MATTHEWS • ANNAPOLIS, MD  
FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 7:30 PM  
Crys Matthews is a dynamic, award-winning songwriter examining both personal and political themes and an engaging performer with a funky edge to her folk/pop style. At Annapolis Friends Meeting. $12; students/65+/ATDS/FSGW/ BFMS members, $10. Info: 333concerts.org, 443-333-9613, or 333coffeehouse@gmail.com.

DONNA THE BUFFALO • WASHINGTON, DC  
FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 8 PM  
Rockin’ band rooted in old time fiddle music. At The Hamilton. $15–25.

LULU’S FATE • CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM  
SOLOMONS, MD  
FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 7 PM  
The Calvert Marine Museum presents Lulu’s Fate as part of its Maritime Performance Series. Appalachian traditional, country blues, swing and more with mandolin, guitar, cello & 3-part harmony. At Calvert Marine Museum, 14200 Solomons Island Rd, 20688. $15 adv/$20 door. Info: calvertmarinemuseum.com, 410-326-2042.

RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER  
ALEXANDRIA, VA  
FRIDAY/SATURDAY, JAN 26 & 27 • 7:30 PM  
Mandolinist started in Ralph Stanley Band, now leads multi-Grammy-winning bluegrass group. At the Birchmere. $39.50.

Saturdays

JACOB JOLIFF BAND • WASHINGTON, DC  
SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 8:30 PM  
Young mandolinist leads all-star bluegrass band. At Pearl Street Warehouse. $10.

LULU’S FATE “HOUSE” CONCERT AT SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS • ROCKVILLE, MD  
SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 7:30 PM  
We’re celebrating the opening of School of Musical Traditions (an expansion of House of Musical Traditions’ lessons program) with our first “House” concert. A new facility with six private lessons rooms, SMT offers lessons on a wide range of instruments and also has a larger space for workshops and house concerts. Our first concert will be DC-based old-time/ Americana trio Lulu’s Fate. Comprised of Tom Espinola on mandolin & guitar, Kristen Jones on cello, and singer Kara Bolling, the trio blends virtuosic instrumental sounds with lush 3-part harmonies to create new interpretations of traditional Appalachian, southern string band, and country blues tunes, as well as early swing, gospel, originals, and covers. “House Concerts” at School of Musical Traditions. $15 door; students/children, $12. Info/tickets: imtfolk.org or 301 960-3655.

BETTER OFF DEAD • WASHINGTON, DC  
SATURDAY, JAN 13 • 9 PM  
Tribute to Jerry Garcia & Grateful Dead + openers The Plate Scrapers, jam grass. At Gypsy Sally’s. $15.

SQUEEZE THE BAG! • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV  
SATURDAY, JAN 13 • 8 PM  
This concert features the quieter cousins of Highland bagpipes, all powered by an elbow-pumped bellows...the Irish uilleann pipes, played by Joey Abarta and Sean Gavin (also on flute); the Scottish smallpipes and the border pipes, played by Alex Alford, Iain Mac Harg, Timothy Cummings, and our host piper, Bob Mitchell; and the tiny Northumbrian smallpipes, played by Ian Lawther. Pipers will be accompanied by bouzouki player, Frances Cunningham and hurdy-gurdy player, Brian McCandless. The repertoire will come from Scotland, Ireland, England, Cape Breton, Britain, Central France and beyond. At Shepherd University’s Reynolds Hall, 100 N. King St, 25443. $20; seniors, $18; SMD members, $15; students, $10. Info: Upper Potomac office, 304-263-2531 or updf@earthlink.net.

LUCY KAPLANSKY WITH HEATHER MALONEY  
VIENNA, VA  
SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 8–10 PM  

LULU’S FATE AT HOMEGROWN COFFEEHOUSE  
ACCOKEEK, MD  
SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 7 PM  

PURPLE JIM, SCOTT SIVAKOFF, JAMITIS BAND, & CHARLES (OF BROWN-SMITH VIBRATION)  
COLUMBIA, MD  
JOSEPH ISAACS; MUSIC MATTERS SHOWCASE  
SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 6:30–9:30 PM  
Come hear great free music (voluntary donations for home- less accepted). You hear four talented acts in one night. Each act plays two 4-song sets. At Mad City Coffee. Info: 410-964-8671, madcitycoffee.com.

TOWN MOUNTAIN • WASHINGTON, DC  
SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 8 PM  
Full-tilt bluegrass quintet. At The Hamilton. $8–17.
Concerts continued

*ILYAIMY at The New Deal Café* • Greenbelt, MD Saturday, Jan 27 • 8:30 PM
Award-winning folk/rock from Baltimore returns to the New Deal Café. Guitars, percussion, cello, keyboard & harmonies. No cover. At New Deal Café. Info: newdealcafe.com or 301-474-5642.

*The NightHawks* • North Bethesda, MD Saturday, Jan 27 • 8 PM
DC’s legendary blues rock band. At AMP by Strathmore. $25/members, 22.50.

*Elikeh + On The Bus* • Washington, DC Saturday, Jan 27 • 9 PM
Afro-funk band + Grateful Dead tribute. At Gypsy Sally’s. $10/12.

**classes**

**Sundays**

**Introductory Taiko Workshop with Mark H. Rooney** • Takoma Park, MD Sunday, Jan 14 • 5–8 PM
Ever wonder what it’s like to play a drum with your whole body? Learn the powerful and dynamic art form of Japanese drumming with Mark H. Rooney. Ages 13 & up, drums provided. At Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave, 20912. $50. Advance registration recommended: hmtrad.com or 301-270-9090.

**Mondays**

**Scottish Country Dance** • Bethesda, MD
**Mondays** • 7:30–9:30 PM
At National Institutes of Health Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Drop-in fee, $5. Info: John MacLeod, 301-622-5945, blackolav@gmail.com, or rscds-greaterdc.org.

**Washington Revels Winter After-School Workshops** • Silver Spring, MD
**Mondays, beginning Jan 8**
Be a Revels kid! Revels kids learn the confidence to lead, the importance of teamwork, and the empathy to care for others and the world around them through traditional games, songs, stories, and dances from around the world. Winter workshops for grades PreK-8 and Homeschool run from January 8 to March 15. Classes meet at the Washington Revels Studio Space. Register: revelsdc.org/revels-kids/education/.

**Tuesdays**

**Old-Time Jam Class with Rachel Eddy** • Bethesda, MD
**Tuesdays, Jan 16 to Feb 6 (four sessions)**
Experience the joy of jamming with music and others. Learn traditional Appalachian fiddle tunes in a group setting. For advanced beginner & intermediate players of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass, harmonica, & cello. $100 for four sessions. Held at a private home (address provided when you register). Register: hmtrad.com or 301-270-9090.

**Thursdays**

**GWCC Adult Set & Ceili Dance Class** • Silver Spring, MD
**Thursdays** • 7–9:30 PM
The Greater Washington Ceili Club holds weekly adult Irish set & ceili dance classes in a friendly, relaxed environment.

**Hungarian Folk Dance Classes** • Silver Spring, MD
**Wednesdays, Jan 10 to Feb 14, 8–9:30 PM**
Tisza Ensemble teaches dances of the Bukovinai Székelys, a Hungarian ethnic community from the northeastern Carpathians. A great intro to Hungarian folk dance since steps from many regions of Hungary are included. No experience or partner needed. $40 for 6-week series. Info/address: Cathy Lamont, 301-648-1909; tiszaensemble.org.

**The Nordic Dancers of Washington, DC** • Silver Spring, MD
**Wednesdays, January through May, 7:30–10 PM**
The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Newcomers are welcome. No prior dance experience or a partner is necessary. Music by fiddler Paul Carlson, a professional musician and teacher widely recognized for his skill and enthusiasm for Scandinavian music. At Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, 20901. No charge the first time; $4 per session thereafter. Info: Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net; sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/.
No experience or partner needed. Wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there is a monthly mini-ceili with live music & open to all on the 3rd Thursday each month (small donation requested for musicians). Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. $50/season, register and pay at class, first class free. Info: 301-649-6410, info@gwcc-online.org, or gwcc-online.org.

fsgw dances

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year’s Day.

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. 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. April Blum calls the dances to the music of Becky Ross (fiddle), Carrie Rose (flute), and Melissa Running (piano)

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Tom Spilsbury calls the dances while Susan Brandt (flute), Tom Wright (10-string mandolin), and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music

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Kappy Laning and Stephanie Smith call the dances while Tina Chancey (fiddle),

Ralph Gordon (cello), and Liz Donaldson (piano) play

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Melissa Running calls to the playing of David Knight (fiddle), Sophie Chang (cello), and Francine Krasowska (piano)

31

Carol Marsh calls while Anna Rain (recorders), Paul Oorts (mandolin, accordion), and Liz Donaldson (piano) play
fsgw dances continued

**FSGW Sunday Night Dances**

**at Glen Echo Park, MD • Spanish Ballroom**

**Contras and Squares • 7:30–10:30 pm**

**Introductory Lesson Every Sunday • 7–7:30 pm**

Join us for an evening of dancing at Glen Echo Park. Every Sunday, FSGW (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with entertaining callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. Welcome/Orientation session every Sunday at 7. Come early for an introduction to the basic moves. Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress in layers. Smooth-soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning. Info: Penelope Weinberger or Steve Roth; dance@fsgw.org.

**Admission:** $10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members  
$5 youth (with student ID if over 17) • $13 for the general public

**January**

**7** The incredible Gaye Fifer comes to call with **Polaris:** Rose Jackson (fiddle), Marta Bartholomew (fiddle), Sam Zakon-Anderson (piano), and Jesse Ball (guitar, hammered dulcimer, accordion, & feet). A contra dance band born and raised in the rich music scene of western Massachusetts and Vermont, these folks have been soaking in musical stew since before they could walk. They came together as Polaris in 2015 and continue to delight dancers throughout New England.

**14** Kappy Laning with **Devine Comedy:** Marty Taylor (whistles), Steve Hickman (fiddle), and John Devine (guitar).

**21** The **Bouncers.** A new ensemble of well-known folk: Jim Harrington (accordion), T.J. Crow (mandolin, fiddle), and Bill Wellington (guitar, banjo). We don’t know at press time who will be calling, but they’ll be sure to keep you bouncing.

**28** Rhys Jones and friends. The inimitable **Rhys Jones** returns to the Glen Echo stage to fiddle the night away. It will be good, it will be hot, it will be fine!

**April 27–29 • 36th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend**

FSGW is excited to announce its 36th annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend. This springtime getaway is one of FSGW’s premier events during the calendar year. Superb calling and fantastic musicianship draw campers from across the east coast. With dance workshops during the day and evening dances after dinner, the all-inclusive weekend offers heated cabins, full meals, and plenty of camaraderie. This year’s program features contras, squares, and honky-tonk dancing with headliners Chameleon (Alexander Mitchell, Dave Wiesler, Paul Oorts), Jesse Milnes & Emily Miller (with Joe Dejarnette), and Rachel Eddy & the Rock Farmers (Jonathan Vocke & Jay White). Calling will be led by crowd favorites Will Mentor and Janine Smith, while Ed Fizdale and Su Peck will guide us for all things honky-tonk. Registration is now open, so sign up early for that FSGW member-only discount. Info/registration: chesapeakedanceweekend.org.
FSGW Square Dance • Adelphi, MD

SPECIAL EVENT! Hot Squares New Year’s Day!

Monday, Jan 1 • 2–5 pm

The Hot Square Babes (Ann, Eva, Janine, Laura, and Susan) are planning on ringin’ in 2018 with our annual New Year’s Day edition of Hot Squares. We’ll meet and greet and toast the New Year and dance from to live music played by Rachel Eddy and The Rock Farmers: Rachel Eddy (fiddle), Ann Porcella (guitar), and Kate Brett (banjo). What a sweet way to start to the New Year. Remember, it’s only a party if YOU are there. Please bring snacks to share at the break, but we’re going to start the New Year off with some relaxation for the Blums: It’s a school night, so no potluck. Please make plans to join us, it will be wonderful to see you all again. At Ballroom Blum (the same place as last year). Info: FSGW Square Dance Coordinator, Janine Smith, 301-926-9142.

FSGW Family Dance • Glen Echo, MD

Sunday, Jan 14 • 3–5 pm

Kappy Laning with Devine Comedy: Marty Taylor (whistles), Steve Hickman (fiddle), and John Devine (guitar). A fun afternoon for big and little dancers; learn about the music, the instruments, and the dances, but mostly just have fun. At Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom Annex. $5. Info: Penelope Weinberger or Steve Roth, dance@fsgw.org.

FSGW-cosponsored:

Greenbelt Contra Dance • Greenbelt, MD

Saturday, Jan 6 • 8:30–11:30 pm

Start the New Year with some of our favorites. April Blum will be calling to the music of Transatlantic Crossing. All five Gardners will be playing for this dance: David (piano), Elizabeth and Anne (fiddles), Jon (guitar), and Rebecca (bass). Like our Facebook page, Greenbelt Contra Dance, for dance updates and reminders. Cosponsored by FSGW and the City of Greenbelt. No partner or experience necessary. All ages welcome. At Greenbelt Community Center Gym. $10; Age 7–18, $5; Age 6 and under, free. Info: 301-397-2208.
FSGW dances continued

FSGW-cosponsored:

**Second Thursday Contra/Square Dance • Silver Spring, MD**

**Thursday, Jan 11 • 7:30–10 pm**

*(FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7 PM)*

*Potomac Revelers! Bruce Hutton, Bill Mansfield, and Chris Romaine* with caller, *Ann Fallon*. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with FSGW and Washington Revels and with support from Montgomery County Department of Recreation. In the Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building. $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*.

FSGW-cosponsored:

**The Great American Square Dance Revival • Washington, DC**

**Saturday, Jan 20 • 8:30–11:30 pm**

The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating seven wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian square dances. Old-time dance tunes played by our Philadelphia friends, the *Leveetoppers*. That’s *Lyle Warner* (fiddle), *Sasha Hsuczyk* (guitar, vocals), *Andy McLeod* (banjo, guitar), and *Michael Foster* (bass). Caller *Janine Smith* shows you how it’s done and will have you up and do-si-do-ing in no time flat. Come see what it’s all about, right in the heart of DC on a swingin’ Saturday night. All are welcome, young and old, brand new and experienced dancers, hipsters and total outta-the-loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed. At Saint Stephen’s Church. $5 at the door. Info: *dcsquaredance.com*.

FSGW-cosponsored:

**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. At 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*. 

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dances

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year’s Day.

Sundays

**FSGW Sunday Night Dances • Glen Echo, MD**
**CONTRAS AND SQUARES • 7:30–10:30 PM**
**INTRODUCTORY LESSON EVERY SUNDAY • 7–7:30 PM**
See page 10.

**FSGW Square Dance • Adelphi, MD**
**SPECIAL EVENT!**
**HOT SQUARES NEW YEAR’S DAY!**
**MONDAY, JAN 1 • 2–5 PM**
See page 11.

**GWCC Ceili • College Park, MD**
**Sunday, Jan 28 • 3–8 pm**
The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) sponsors a 4th Sunday dance (Sept–May) with live music. The workshop starts at 3 (this month, South Sligo Lancers Set); ceili, 4–8, with a potluck dinner during the first break. Music this month is by **Shepherd’s Pie**. Smooth-soled shoes recommended, single dancers welcome. We are back at our regular venue: The Cherry Hill Park Ballroom. $20; members, $15. Ages 11–20, half price. Ages 10 and under, free. Info: 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org.

Mondays

**Bethesda International Folk Dance**
**Bethesda, MD**
**Mondays • 7:30–10 pm (NO CLASS JAN 1)**
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. At Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. S7. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788 or DiamondDanceCircle.com; or DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

**Baltimore Folk Music Society**
**English Country Dance • Pikesville, MD**
**Mondays • 8–10:30 pm**
English country dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New dancer orientation first Mondays at 7:45 pm. At St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall. $11; BFMS/ATDS/FSGW/CDSS members, $8; S2 student discount. Info: Sharon McKinley, 410-660-9147 or engdance@bfms.org.

January

1 Start the new year on the right foot — or feet, as the case may be. **Emily Aubrey** calls to the music of **Barbara Gorin** (strings), **Marty Taylor** (winds, concertina), and **Judy Meyers** (piano). Free new dancer orientation, 7:45 pm

8 **Ann Fallon** calls the figures to the music of **Tina Chancey** (strings), **Wayne Hankin** (we’ll let him surprise us), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano and more)

15 **Sharon McKinley** will be the caller; music provided by **Elke Baker** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Ben Hobbs** (piano)

22 **Tom Spilsbury** calls to the music of the fabulous **Geud Band of Baltimore**

29 **Bob Farrall** will lead the dances; **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina), and **Janina O’Brien** (piano and more) make the music

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. At Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, 20815. S8; students, S6. Info: Mike Fox, 240-424-0805 or markidmike.com.

Wednesdays

**Baltimore Folk Music Society Contra Dance**
**Baltimore, MD**
**Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm**

January

3 **Shane Knudsen** calls to the Old Time Jam Band: **Ken Kolodner** (fiddle) and **Brad Kolodner** (banjo, bass) lead the band

10 **TBA** calls to **Laurie Andres** (accordion), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), and **John Devine** (guitar)

17 **Perry Shafran** calls to **Paul Oortz** (mandolin, guitar) and **Elke Baker** (fiddle)

24 **TBA** calls to Broadwater: **Andrew Broadwater** (fiddle, hammered dulcimer, steel drums, recorder), **Gerry Hemming** (guitar), and **Ed VandenBosche** (cello, recorder)

31 **TBA** calls to **Backstep Cindy**: **Sandy Hofferth** (fiddle), **Howard Zane** (banjo), **Joe Langley** (guitar), and **Art Abrams** (bass).
dances continued

**The Nordic Dancers of Washington, DC**

**Silver Spring, MD**

**Wednesdays, Oct through May, 7:30–10 PM**

_The Nordic Dancers_ preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Newcomers are welcome. No prior dance experience or a partner is necessary. Music by fiddler **Paul Carlson**, a professional musician and teacher widely recognized for his skill and enthusiasm for Scandinavian music. At Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, 20901. No charge the first time; $4 per session thereafter. Info: **Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net, or sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/**.

**Thursdays**

**FSGW-cosponsored: Glen Echo**

**International Folk Dancers • Bethesda, MD**

**Thursdays • 7:30–10:45 PM**

See page 12.

**FSGW-cosponsored: Second Thursday**

**Contra/Square Dance • Silver Spring, MD**

**Thursday, Jan 11 • 7:30–10 PM (Free Intro Workshop 7 PM)**

See page 12.

**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. At Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Ln, 22307. Donation, $5. Info: **Patricia, 703-472-3888 or pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com.**

**Back Room Blues • Glen Echo, MD**

**Thursdays • 8:15–11:30 PM**

Popular weekly blues dance. Sprung wood floor. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9 pm. Different DJs and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30 pm. In the “Back Room” at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Info: **Donna Barker, 301-634-2231 or CapitalBlues.org.**

**Challenging English Country Dance**

**Adelphi, MD**

**3rd Thursdays, Jan 18 • 7:30–9:30 PM**

A monthly ECD series. All dancers of all skill levels are welcome. This month, **Melissa Running** calls to music by **Janina O’Brien** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), and **Colleen Reed** (flute). Suggested donation, $8/person or $15/couple. Info/directions: **301-422-0292 or jerryandapril@aol.com.**

**LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students:**

basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles.

Downtown Silver Spring. **FREE mutual interview! enul@starpower.net or 301-587-2286**

**Fridays**

**Friday Night Dancers • Glen Echo, MD**

**Fridays • 8:30–11:30 PM**

*(New Dancer Class Every Week, 7:30–8:15 PM)*

The Friday Night Dancers, a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (unless otherwise specified). At Glen Echo Park. $10 for the lesson and dance. $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.

**January**

5 Brian Hamshar calls to **Polaris** with **Jesse Ball** (accordion, guitar, hammer dulcimer, and feet), **Marta Bartholomew** (fiddle), **Rose Jackson** (fiddle), and **Sam Zakon-Anderson** (piano)

12 Greg Frock calls to the **Glen Echo Open Band**

19 Ann Fallon calls to the **Treble Makers** with **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Robin Wilson** (flute)

26 Scott Higgs calls to **Callithump** with **David Knight** (fiddle), **Andrew Marcus** (accordion), and **Glyn Collinson** (bouzouki)

**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. At Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), S7/students and seniors half-price. Check website for special events. Info: **Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539 or larry@larryweiner.com; or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.**

**Saturdays**

**FSGW-cosponsored: Greenbelt Contra Dance • Greenbelt, MD**

**Saturday, Jan 6 • 7–9:45 PM**

See page 11.

**FSGW-cosponsored: The Great American Square Dance Revival • Washington, DC**

**Saturday, Jan 20 • 8:30–11:30 PM**

See page 12.

**Norwegian Potluck & Dance**

**Kensington, MD**

**Saturday, Jan 6 • Potluck, 6:30 PM; Dancing, 8 PM**

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by **Vilde Aaslid** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings—see **HFAA.org**). Addictive dances, some with elements like swing or hambo. Beginners, singles/
couples, watch/listen all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Dog in residence. Host Sonia, 301-503-7906. Info/directions: MAN D. fanitull.org or Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE**

**SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV**

**1ST SATURDAYS, JAN 6 • 8 PM (FREE INTRO WORKSHOP AT 7:30)**

Janine Smith calls contra dances and squares to the music of the *Fiddle Retreat Open Band* of students and teachers, led by such greats as Rachel Eddy, Laura Risk, Elke Baker, Dave Wiesler, and more. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. At the War Memorial Building, 102 E German St, 25443. $12; $5 under 12. Info: John, 301-542-3272 or smad.us.

**BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY CONTRA DANCE**

**BALTIMORE, MD**

**SECOND SATURDAYS, JAN 13 • 8–11 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP AT 7:30)**

Caroline Barnes calls to *Raise the Roof*: Mat Clark (fiddle), Bob Pasquarello (bass), Judi Stellar (hammered dulcimer), and Kathy Talvitie (guitar). Baltimore Folk Music Society presents American square and contra dancing on the second Saturday of each month. Beginners, singles, couples, and families welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Short break in the middle. Bring a snack & bring a friend. At St. Marks on the Hill. $13; members & affiliates, $9; under 21/full-time students with ID, $6 (54 members). Info: Sara Glik, satdance@bfms.org, bfms.org, or BFMS hotline, 888-646-BFMS.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD**

**SATURDAY, JAN 13 • 8–10:45 PM**

Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by Bob Farrall. Beginners and singles welcome. At Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave (parking and entrance in rear). $5. Info: Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281 or cminkus@verizon.net; or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018.

**ATDS CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOlis, MD**

**SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 6:30–10 PM**

Kim Forry calls to the rollicking tunes of *Contra Rebels*: Todd Clewell (fiddle), Barb Schmid (fiddle), and Henry Koretzky (guitar). The evening includes a free introductory session at 6:30; dance 7–10 pm. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall. S10; discounts for seniors/students/families/ATDS members. Info: Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867, janscope@hotmail.com or Charlotte Featherstone, 203-247-3964, charlotte.featherstone@verizon.net or contradancers.com/atds.

**LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA**

**SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 7–10 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP, 6:15)**

DeLaura Padovan calls to *Devine Comedy*: Steve Hickman (fiddle), Marty Taylor (concertina, whistles), and John Devine (guitar). At St. John’s Episcopal Church, 321 W Chestnut St, 17603. $9; students, $6. Age 15 and under free. Info: Karen, 717-951-4317 or lancastercontra.org.

**SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD**

**SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 7–10 PM**

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature Paul Carlson, a talented fiddler who is passionate about Scandinavian fiddle music. He teaches and plays music professionally and plays regularly for the Nordic Dancers and at other venues, including the Kennedy Center. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching, 7–8: Åtabaks Polska from Föllinge, an elegant, fun Swedish dance done to hauntingly beautiful music. At Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor). $10; Info: Linda Brooks or Ross Schipper, 202-333-2826 or Linda@ScandiaDC.org; or ScandiaDC.org. In-clement weather, 301-474-0646.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • GREAT FALLS, VA**

**SATURDAY, JAN 27 • 7:30–10:30 PM**

The Leesburg Assembly. Join us for our monthly dance. Catherine Chapman and Judy Meyers will be our musicians, and all dances are taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. $10; Students, $5. At St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066 (4.7 miles west of the Beltway). Info: Laurel Bybell (Secretary), lbysbell@gmail.com or 703-791-5603; or theleesburgassembly.org.

**FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD**

**SATURDAY, JAN 27 • 8–11 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP, 7:15)**

TBA will call to fabulous tunes provided by *One flute Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, featuring Susan Brandt (flute), Carl Friedman (fiddle), and Charlie Pilzer (piano). Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. General, $10; students: $5. Info: Boe Walker, 301-694-6794 or contradancers.com.

**GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE**

**GALESVILLE, MD**

No dance in January—we’ll start up again February 10! Info: communitiesquaredance.wordpress.com/ or 301-926-9142.

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**HAMMERED AND MOUNTAIN DULCIMER RENTALS**

rentadulcimer.com, 301-609-2140. 10% discount to FSGW members.
Jams

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year's Day.

Sundays

A COUSTIC 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 • HERNDON, VA  
1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS, JAN 7 & 21 • 1–4 PM  
Held outdoors in summer months, in the Country Store in winter months. Frying Pan Park, 2709 W Ox Rd, 20171. Info/ directions: 703-437-9101.

BLUEGRASS OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD  
2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS, JAN 14 & 28 • 3–6 PM  
Beginners welcome. Feel free to join the group and enjoy lively homegrown music the way it was meant to be. Great for listening, too. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: 301-834-7178.

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA  
2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS, JAN 14 & 28 • 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, JAN 14 • 2–5 PM  
The Sunday jam welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments, as well as voice. Playlist, directions, info: Dorie Hightower, 301-706-7633, sundayJam.org.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION • WASHINGTON, DC  
1ST SUNDAYS, JAN 7 • 11 AM TO 2 PM (BLUEGRASS JAM)  
3RD SUNDAYS, JAN 21 • 11 AM TO 2 PM (BLUEGRASS & COUNTRY JAM)  
The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036 (Dupont Circle Metro). Info: Mike Marceau, mikemarceau@juno.com.

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 JAM WORKSHOP & CONCERT WITH RACHEL EDdy • ROCKVILLE, MD  
SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 6 PM  
See listing in concerts section, page 5.

OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD  
1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS, JAN 7 & 21 • 3–6 PM  
Old-time Appalachian music — bring your fiddle, banjo, guitar, etc. Open to all. Organized by Old Time Frederick. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: oldtimefrederick.org.

UKULELE JAM • RIVERDALE, MD  
1ST SUNDAYS, JAN 7 • 2–4 PM  

Mondays

DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD  
1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS, JAN 1 & 15 • 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.

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM • HERNDON, VA  
3RD MONDAYS, JAN 15 • 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.

WOLF'S BLUES JAM • FALLS CHURCH, VA  
EVERY MONDAY • 8:30 PM  
At JV's Restaurant. No cover.

Tuesdays

OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD  
ALTERNATE TUESDAYS, JAN 9 & 23 • 7–10:30 PM  
Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at The Five and Dime Ale House, 901 West 36th St, 21211. Info: KenandBrad.com or Baltimore Old Time Jam Facebook page.

Wednesdays

BLUEGRASS MUSIC ALLIANCE JAM • MARTINSBURG, WV  
WEDNESDAYS • 6–9 PM  
Musicians of all levels encouraged to come; bluegrass music fans are welcome to listen. Martinsburg Moose Lodge, 201 Woodbury Ave, 25404, bluegrassmusicalliance.org/local-area-jams/.

Thursdays

OPEN BLUEGRASS JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD  
1ST THURSDAYS, JAN 4 • 6:30–9 PM  
Hosted by Bobby Bales and Claude Jones. Bobby is a legendary lead guitarist in the Grassy Ridge Band. All are welcome to join in. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: 301-834-7178.
Saturdays

ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES HERITAGE FOUNDATION
RIVERDALE, MD
ACOUSTIC BLUES JAM • SATURDAYS • 1–5 PM
Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. At
Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie’s Barbershop). Free, but donations welcome. Info: 301-396-3054 or
acousticblues.com.

Jams continued

Now open: SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
(expansion of House of Musical Traditions’ lessons program),
with locations in Rockville and Takoma Park. Private lessons
available on a wide range of instruments, plus workshops &
special events. More info: schoolofmusicaltraditions.com
or 240-690-1910.

open mics

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year’s Day.

Mondays

TEAOLVE CAFE • BALTIMORE, MD
Mondays • 7 PM
Open Mic Showcases hosted by Rob Hinkal. At Teavolve
Cafe & Lounge, 1401 Aliceanna St, 21231.
Info: Rob Hinkal, 410-522-1907 or facebook.com/teavolvecafe.

Tuesdays

GYPSY SALLY’S OPEN MIC • WASHINGTON, DC
Most Tuesdays • 8 PM
Upstairs in Vinyl Lounge. At Gypsy Sally’s. Free. Info:
gypsysallys.com/listing/open-mic/.

JV’S OPEN MIC • FALLS CHURCH, VA
1ST TUESDAYS, JAN 2 • 8 PM
Hosted by Crazy After Midnight. At JV’s Restaurant. Info:
703-241-9504, jvsrest@aol.com, 703-216-0560, or
avnocero@gmail.com.

Sundays

MASON DIXON BORDER MORRIS • FREDERICK, MD
Some Sundays • 12–2 PM
Possibly the oldest and most fictitious morris team in North
America. Gender irrelevant, steampunk a plus. Practices usu-
ally twice a month. Location rotates between Fredrick, Ellicott
City, Columbia, and Alderphi, somewhat randomly; weather-
and space-dependent. Info/directions: bigraham_99@yahoo.com or facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris.

Participatory Performing Groups

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year’s Day.

Mondays

INDONESIAN EMBASSY GAMELAN ENSEMBLE
Monday & Thursday evenings
The Embassy of Indonesia offers a free program to learn
and perform Javanese Gamelan music with an instructor
from Indonesia, Mr. Muryanto. The Gamelan is an orchestr-
a of gongs, gong-chimes, and xylophone-like instruments.
Rehearsals are Monday and Thursday evenings. Come one
or both days. No experience required. Contact Marc Hoff-
man, Indonesian-American Association, wildwoodflower@
gmail.com or 202-271-2291.

Tuesdays

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD
Tuesdays • 7:30–10 PM
Singing warms the heart and soul in January and beyond.
Come sing with the Capital Accord Chorus! We are an all-
women’s a cappella group singing in the barbershop style.
Join us Tuesday evenings for free and open rehearsals. At
Northwood High School Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd
W, 20901. Info: 1-301-392-SONG (7664), admin@capita-
laccord.org, or capitalaccord.org.
**Participatory Performing Groups continued**

**Wednesdays**

**Rock Creek Morris Women • Takoma Park, MD**
**Wednesdays • 7:30–9:30 PM**
Come learn English traditional morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. We love having new dancers join us at practice. At Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd 20910 (walkable from Takoma Metro; or catch the 14 from Takoma Metro and someone will get you back to a metro afterward). RCMW@uswet.com, or uswet.com/RCMW.html.

**Washington Balalaika Society Orchestra**
**Arlington, VA**
**Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 PM**
We are 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. At Faith Lutheran Church, 3313 Arlington Blvd, 22201. Info: balalaika.org or 703-549-0760.

**Thursdays**

**Carpathia Folk Dancers • Washington, DC**
**Thursdays • 6:30–9 PM**
Carpathia is Washington’s multiethnic Eastern & Central European dance performance ensemble. We are currently looking for 3–4 new men and women who are interested in performing dances from a variety of countries including Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Germany, and Bulgaria. We rehearse in Foggy Bottom and have dancers from 16 years old to their mid-40s (we are open to any interested in fast-paced performance dance age 14 and up). Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Info/directions: carpathiadc@gmail.com, carpathiadc.org, or facebook.com/carpathiadc.

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

**Indonesian Embassy Gamelan Ensemble**
**Monday & Thursday evenings**
See listing under Mondays.

**Fridays**

**Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD**
**2nd Fridays, Jan 12 • 8:30–11:30 PM**
The fabulous Glen Echo Open Band plays for the second-Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability welcome. Find recordings, tune book names, and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at OpenBandOnline.com (site works best using iTunes on a PC or Mac). Info: FridayNightDance.org.

**Saturdays**

**Washington’s Spelmannslag • Kensington, MD**
**2nd & 4th Saturdays, Jan 13 & 27 • 2:30–4:30 PM**
Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info/directions: JuliaBorland3250@gmail.com.

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**Midwinter Festival Admission**

**Saturday, February 3**

*Due to a 20% increase in facility rental costs, ticket prices are slightly higher this year:*

- **Day plus evening (noon to 10:30 pm)**
  - FSGW Adult Member $18; FSGW Child (6–12) $9; FSGW Family Maximum $50
  - Non-FSGW Adult $23; Non-FSGW Child (6–12) $11; Non-FSGW Family Max $65

- **Day (noon to 6 ONLY)**
  - FSGW Adult Member 12; FSGW Child (6–12) $6; FSGW Family Maximum $35
  - Non-FSGW Adult 18; Non-FSGW Child (6–12) $8; Non-FSGW Family Max $50

- **Evening (6 to 10:30 ONLY)**
  - FSGW Adult $10; FSGW Child 6–12 $7; FSGW Family Maximum $30
  - Non-FSGW Adult $13; Non-FSGW Child 6–12 $8; Non-FSGW Family Maximum $40

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FSGW Open Sing • Edgewater, MD
SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 4 PM
(Note different day and earlier start time)
Topic: Holidays, Celebrations, and Festivities. Everyone welcome. Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. The open sings have a loose topic. Don’t worry if you can’t think of a song on topic—come anyway! As usual at Michele & Denny’s, we will have a potluck supper between rounds. At the home of Michele & Dennis Callaghan. RSVP/directions: callagh@verizon.net. NOTE: If you’re willing to host on a future first Friday, please email Vince Wilding. Vince@VinceWilding.com.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Washington, DC
SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 4–8 PM
Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Group singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6 pm, with more singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome. This month’s Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Shirley Buzzard (near the Waterfront Metro). Info/directions: sbuzzard@live.com or 202-554-6316.

FSGW Doo-Wop Sing • Potomac, MD
SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 6:30 PM (Potluck, 5:30 PM)
Remember those classic harmonies from the early days of rock—from groups like the Platters, the Clovers and the Drifters? Not to mention the great girl groups such as the Shirelles, the Angels, the Crystals, the Dixie Cups, etc. Come join us as we sing those wonderful songs from that era, such as: “Under the Boardwalk,” “Goodnight, Sweetheart,” “Goin’ to the Chapel,” “My Boyfriend’s Back,” “Earth Angel,” “Charlie Brown,” “Yakety-Yak,” and so many more. Lyrics are provided for anyone who wants them. Optional potluck begins about 5:30, followed by a fun evening of singing beginning about 6:30. This month at the home of Al Kehs and Lynn Blei. Info/directions: rondavies7@icloud.com or 301-270-9365.

FSGW Shape Note Singing
WASHINGTON, DC
4TH SUNDAYS, JAN. 28 • 5–8 PM
Every 4th Sunday, sing from the rich traditions in The Sacred Harp (1991) & Shenandoah Harmony, with unaccompanied 4-part singing fueled by a 6:30 pm potluck supper. Loaner books available; newcomers & beginners welcome. At Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church 201 4th St. SE, 20003. Info: Mary Helen, mary-helend@gmail.com; or Brenda, 202-599-0447 or brendadunlap@gmail.com.

FSGW-Cosponsored: Circle of Life
Song Circle • Rockville, MD
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS, JAN 2 & 16 • 1–2:30 PM
Cosponsored by the Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends! The song circle is about the joy of singing. 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; refreshments provided. At Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. Info or to volunteer: Frieda Enoch, fenoch@jccgw.org or Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

FSGW-Cosponsored: Schweinhaut
Song Circle • Silver Spring, MD
THIRD WEDNESDAYS, JAN 17 • 1–3 PM
This song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The Song Circle, cosponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts, is about the joy of singing, not about talent. No need to read music; printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance, and you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. Wendy Lanxner will be our special

In Memoriam: Orrin Star
Orrin Star’s passing November 29 leaves a hole in the hearts of many, including all of us in the Folklore Society. Orrin was a favorite performer and teacher, both for his outstanding musicianship and wry humor. He delighted FSGW audiences most recently at a concert with Jimmy Gaudreau in June 2016, as well as at dances. A performer of great versatility, he moved with ease from bluegrass standards (he was the 1976 National Flatpicking Champion, the largest bluegrass contest in the world) to Irish fiddle tunes to fingerstyle blues. Read more about Orrin at bluegrasstoday.com/orrin-star-passes/.
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guest song leader and accompanist. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen. Free. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. For more information or to suggest songs in advance, email Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

Sundays

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD  
Sunday, Jan 14 • 4–8 PM  
See page 19.

FSGW Shape Note Singing  
Washington, DC  
4th Sundays, Jan 28 • 5–8 PM  
See page 19.

Revels’ Pub Sing at McGinty’s  
Silver Spring, MD  
Sunday, Jan 28 • 7–9 PM  
Dust off your vocal cords and get ready to join in on rollicking tunes from England, Ireland, Scotland, Québec, and other cultures from around the globe at Washington Revels’ annual January Pub Sing. Food and drinks may be ordered beginning at 6. Singing begins at 7 and formally ends at 9, with a brief intermission. All songs are sing-alongs, with song sheets and song leaders provided. Kids and teens welcome. At 2nd-floor bar, McGinty’s Public House, 911 Ellsworth Dr, 20910. Tickets: (online in advance, no fees) $20; youth (ages 13–18), $15; kids (12 & under), $10; (at the door, space permitting) $23; youth (ages 13–18), $18; kids (12 & under), $13. Info: Jo Rasi, jrasi@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835; revelsdc.org/2017/jan28-mcgingtys-pub-sing/.

Sacred Harp Singing • Sandy Spring, MD  
3rd Sundays, Jan 21 • 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.

Vienna/Oakton Shape Note Singing • Oakton, VA  
3rd Sundays, Jan 21 • 5–7:30 PM  

Mondays

Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD  
Mondays • 8 PM  
Informal singing group, Sedenka, meets to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info/directions: Katya, 301-270-4175 or Katya@partan.com.

Tuesdays

FSGW-Cosponsored: Circle of Life Song Circle • Rockville, MD  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Jan 2 & 16 • 1–2:30 PM  
See page 19.

DC Shape Note Singing • Washington, DC  
3rd Tuesdays, Jan 16 • 7–9:30 PM  
We sing from both Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony. Loaner book available and books for sale. Everyone welcome to bring snacks and friends. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE, 20003 (Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking possible; 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metros; 20 minutes from Union Station). Info: Brenda Dunlap, 202-425-5264 or dcschaponednote.squarespace.com.

Wednesdays

FSGW-Cosponsored: Schweinhaut Song Circle • Silver Spring, MD  
Third Wednesdays, Jan 17 • 1–3 PM  
See page 19.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing  
2nd (Baltimore) and 4th (DC) Wednesdays • 8–10 PM  
The Ship’s Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org. NOTE: The monthly Annapolis chantey sing (Galway Bay) is discontinued.

January

10  Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St (Fell’s Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231
24  Mackey’s, 1306 G St NW (near Metro Center), Washington, DC 20005

Thursdays

Folksong Sing-in (Open Folk Sing)  
Wheaton, MD  
3rd Thursdays, Jan 18 • 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 favorite folk tunes, your voice, and even your instruments for a great evening of song and pub-style fellowship. The Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902 (corner of Elkin & Price). Venue info: thelimerickpub.net.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Tysons Corner, VA  
2nd Thursdays, Jan 11 • 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.
WASHINGTON REVELS–CARPE DIEM
COMMUNITY SING • TAKOMA, DC
SUNDAY, JAN 21 • 7–8:30 PM
Join us in celebrating diverse cultures through song the 21st of every month. Welcoming all ages. Bring songs and refreshments to share. Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. NEW LOCATION: Seekers Church. $5 donation requested. Info: Jo Rasi, jrasi@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835; revelsdc.org/shows-events/community-sings/; or carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us.

Fr idays
WASHINGTON REVELS JUBILEE VOICES • CHEVY CHASE, MD
FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 7:30–9 PM
Once again, Washington Revels Jubilee Voices joins the choirs and congregants of Temple Shalom to perform at this festive musical celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as part of the Erev Shabbat Services–MLK Commemoration. Participation from the audience is warmly welcomed. Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Rd, 20815. Free and open to the public. Info: Ross Wixon, rwixon@revelsdc.org or 301-830-4402; revelsdc.org/shows-events.

Saturdays
FSGW DOO-WOP SING • POTOMAC, MD
SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 6:30 PM (POTLUCK, 5:30 PM)
See page 19.

FSGW STORYSWAP • WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 7:30 PM
Start your new year off with stories in the home of Starr Kopper. Open to tellers of all levels and listeners: an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. RSVPs/directions: starrkopper@gmail.com.

FSGW COSPONSORED: THE GRAPEVINE
TAKOMA, DC
SECOND WEDNESDAYS, JAN 10 • 7:30–9:30 PM
The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. “Tales of Folk: Engaging Culture,” hosted by Noa Baum, with featured tellers Jasmin Cardenas, Baba Tony Brown, and Kucha Brownlee. 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 $5 per person goes to the featured tellers—feel free to donate more! “Like” The Grapevine on Facebook at GrapevineStorytelling. Details: grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.

UPPER POTOMAC MUSIC WEEKENDS 2018
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV
Workshops take place in the relaxed, retreat setting of the Shepherd University campus and the surrounding historic Shepherdstown buildings. Info: upperpotomacmusic.info, 304-263-2531, or upperpotomac@gmail.com.

FIDDLE RETREAT • JAN 5–7
Workshops, concert, jam sessions, and a contra dance for fiddlers and those who play with them. A variety of styles are presented by some of the region’s finest fiddle teachers with an emphasis on dance fiddle styles including Cape Breton, Appalachian, New England, English, and Quebecois. This year’s teachers are Elke Baker (Beginning, Scottish), Laura Risk (Scottish, Quebecois), Seán Heely (Scottish, Irish), and Rachel Eddy (Old Time), along with Alex Lacquemont (acoustic bass), Dave Wiesler (piano), Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer), Paul Oorts (mandolin and mixed-instrument classes), and Brad Kolodner (banjo).

PIPER S WEEKEND • JAN 12–14
Weekend retreat featuring classes, concerts, sessions and private tutorials for a variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, flute, fiddle, and mixed instruments. Staff include Joey Abarta (uilleann pipes), Sean Gavin (Irish flute), and Ian Lawther (Northumbrian smallpipes); on Scottish smallpipes and bor-
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Upcoming events are subject to change; please check fsgw.org for updates, further details, additional event listings, and links to performers’ audio samples and websites. Please note that more upcoming events than appear in the newsletter may be listed on the website.

**February**

**Saturday, Feb 3** • FSGW annual Midwinter Festival (mini-Fest) (See article on page 4)

**Sunday, Feb 4** • Bill Destler and Sarah Murdoch

**Saturday, Feb 17** • Janie Meneely & Rob Van Sante with The Cameos

**Friday, Feb 23** • Evie Ladin & Keith Terry (House Concert & Workshop)

**Saturday, Feb 24** • Andrew Finn Magill & Peter Mawanga (free to members)

**March**

**Friday, March 16** • Pumpkin Bread

**Friday, March 23** • Allotar

**Saturday, March 24** • Old Howard Troupe

**Friday, March 30** • Turnspit Dogs

**April**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 7 & 8** • 29th Potomac River Shape Note Convention

**Friday–Sunday, April 27–29** • 36th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend

**May**

**Saturday, May 12**

32nd Annual Washington Spring Ball

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**Other Upcoming Events**

**Children’s Workshop: Learn and Perform Balkan Songs and Stories • Silver Spring, MD**

Workshops • Sundays, Feb 11, 18, & 25 • 3:30–5 pm

Concert • Sunday, March 4 • 6 pm

Children of all ages and backgrounds will have the opportunity to learn and perform songs from a unique culture, through three workshops and a public performance. The workshops and concert will be led by internationally recognized teacher and performer Tatiana Sarbinska and the members of Orfeia Vocal Ensemble. At Botev Academy Bulgarian School, 8120 Carroll Ave, 20912. $30 (scholarships available). Info: orfeiavocalensemble@gmail.com or Rhonda Kranz, 301-270-0247.

**Spring Music Weekend • Shepherdstown, WV**

Friday–Sunday, March 9–11

Workshops, classes, concerts and jam sessions for hammered dulcimer, fiddle, and mixed instruments with special guest instructors including hammered dulcimer players Karen Alley, Tina Bergmann, and Mick Doherty; plus Cape Breton fiddlers Troy McGillivray and Andrea Beaton on fiddle and piano, teaching a Cape Breton music class for all instruments. Special guest artist will be Persian santur player Roya Bahrami and Chinese yangqin player, Chao Tian. At Shepherdstown University. Info: upperpotomacmusic.info, 304-263-2531, or upperpotomac@gmail.com.

**American Banjo Fraternity Meeting • Newark, NY**

Thursday–Saturday, May 24–26

Banjo players and listeners are invited. If you are a music professional, an amateur musician, or interested in banjo and music history, you will find worthwhile music that will challenge your skills and expand your repertoire. Not bluegrass or clawhammer, most of the music dates from 1880–1920. It is played on nylon strings with bare fingers and no picks. At the 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, Joel Hooks, for an application and dues payment, joelhooks@me.com. Please check our website for updates, banjofraternity.org.

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**Upcoming FSGW Events**

derpipes: Tim Cummings, E.J. Jones, and Bob Mitchell; multi-instrumentalist piper and hurdy-gurdy player Sean Folsom (history, repertoire, variety bagpipes); and Frances Cunningham (bouzouki). Classes for all levels of ability; high-quality rental Scottish smallpipes are available for new pipers who wish to try them for the weekend.
**Support folk music on your local community radio stations!**

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

And tune in to WOWD-LP Takoma Park (94.3 FM or streaming at takomaradio.org); many shows of interest to blues, folk, reggae, and other traditional music enthusiasts. Full schedule/show descriptions at takomaradio.org.

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**frequent venues**

**Allyworld**, 7014 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (Takoma Radio entrance)

**AMP by Strathmore**, 11810 Grand Park Ave, North Bethesda, MD 20852, amppystrathmore.com (Strathmore members receive admission discounts)

**Amphora’s Diner Deluxe**, 1151 Elen St, Herndon, VA, 20170

**Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall**, 351 Dubois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation** (Archie’s Barbershop), 4701 Queensey Rd, 20737 (across from Riverdale MARC train station; ample parking). Info: acousticblues.com or events@acousticblues.com

**Baldwin’s Station**, 7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD 21784

**Ballroom Blum**, Adelphi, MD. Info/directions: 301-222-0292 or jerryandaprill@aol.com

**Beans in the Belfry Meeting Place and Café**, 120 W Potomac St, Brusonik, MD 21716.

**Birchmere Concert Hall**, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304 (all shows 7:30 pm), birchmere.com, 703-549-7500

**BlackRock Center for the Arts**, 12901 Town Commons Dr, Germantown, MD 20874 (Ride-On bus routes 97 & 100)

**Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom**, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740.


**Glen Echo Park**, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812

**Glen Echo Town Hall**, 6106 Harvard St, Glen Echo, MD 20812

**Greenbelt Community Center**, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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

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

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**, 1090 Sterling Rd, Herndon, VA 20170, hollycrosslutheranchurch.net

**Jammin’ Java**, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA 22180, jamminjava.com

**Janie Meneely’s**, Takoma Park, MD. Info/directions: program@fsgw.org.

**JV’s Restaurant**, 6666 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22042, jvsrestaurant.com.


**New Deal Café**, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD 20770, newdealcafe.com.


**Positano Ristorante Italiano**, 4948 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.


**Rams Head Onstage**, 33 West St, Annapolis, MD 21401.

**St. Mark’s on the Hill**, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville, MD 21208

**Saint Mark Presbyterian Church**, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Saint Stephen’s Episcopal Church**, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC 20010 (near the Columbia Heights Metro)

**School of Musical Traditions**, 1097 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Seekers Church**, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington (Takoma), DC 20012 (Takoma Metro)

**Silver Spring Civic Building**, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (free parking in garage across the street at 801 Ellsworth Dr after 7 pm and on weekends)


**Strathmore Music Center**, 5301 Tuckerman Ln, Bethesda, MD 20852. Info: strathmore.org.

**Takoma Park Middle School**, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington**, 4444 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22204

**Warner Theatre**, 513 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20004, warnertheatredc.com

**Washington Revels studio space**, 531 Dale Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20910, revelsdc.org

**Weinberg Center for the Arts**, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, weinbergcenter.org

**Wolf Trap, The Barns**, 1635 Trap Rd, Vienna, VA 22182, wolftrap.org

**333 Coffeehouse**, 333concerts.org, 443-333-9613, 333coffeehouse@gmail.com
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FSGW Membership Form

- New Membership
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- Change of Address

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