Covid-19

The FSGW Board is following the emergency declarations at the National and Local levels, and for this period the only events available are online-only. In-person events will resume once the emergency declarations are resolved.

In the meantime, we continue to work on online experiences. A quick delve into your favorite performer’s website or your choice of social media may help you find them playing a streaming concert, workshop, dance, or lesson.

To offset the closure of the gig economy, FSGW offered to pay our canceled performers last month. We wanted to share a few of the kind responses we got back. We understand the terrific impact on performers and the arts in general.

We’re doing OK for now. Probably there are others who need the money more than us.

I’ll just take a re-booking when you’re ready to get back into business.

These are some strange times! The pay offer is much appreciated. I’d be really happy with a check for [60% of what was offered]

Thanks again, this is a big help. I do hope we can reschedule sometime.

As someone who is now struggling to figure out what it means to be a full-time musician right now, anything is appreciated at this point and touched that the FSGW is able to help out.

...we have decided to ask for 50% of the fee if that’s alright with you. If you are in a position to send each of us a check we’d be most grateful and it would help out a lot.

Yes, when all this has passed I would most certainly like to revisit the idea of performing once again for the FSGW.

Thanks so much for your email, and for the very generous offer...we don’t feel right at this time taking a fee. We are hoping at some point that we’d be able to re-schedule our concert and of course we look forward to getting paid at that time!

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I can’t thank you enough for this reimbursement! It couldn’t have come at a better time.

…in these very hard times it is so lovely to know that you are doing this—I have been very concerned about the musicians I know for whom performance is a huge part of their livelihood.

Thank you for being so mindful of the musicians in your dance community. I gratefully accept the full compensation. I look forward to playing in Washington to a full dance floor some day!

Please waive this fee — I am blessed to still have my job and don’t need the money. I’d much rather it stay in FSGW coffers and support the organization.

Please use the money to start things up with a big bang when we can dance again.

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**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 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.
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- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

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**FSGW Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 2 • 8 PM

Monthly FSGW Board meetings are all electronic via Zoom. Meetings are open to all FSGW members, contact president@fsgw.org or webmaster@fsgw.org for a link to the meeting. If you wish to have the Board consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member or Charlie Pilzer at president@fsgw.org at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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**Online Dances**

**ZOOM ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • ONLINE**

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY • 1 PM**

**SUNDAY • 2 PM**

Easy English Country Dances that do not need to be modified for virtual dancing. Come join us! We meet four times each week, and will continue after the pandemic as a teaching/practicing aid. Info: alex.shevits@gmail.com

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 1 PM**

Join our Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83548663870
Meeting ID: 835 4866 3870

**SUNDAY 2 PM JOIN OUR ZOOM MEETING**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81771203837
Meeting ID: 817 7120 3837

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**Support folk music on your local community radio stations!**

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

And tune in to WOWD-UP 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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The role of Membership Chair has recently become open, and the role of Publicity Chair will be open on July 1st. If you are interested in volunteering to fill either of these positions please contact Charlie Pilzer at president@fsgw.org.

FSGW needs your support. We are an all volunteer society. The 200+ events we sponsor each year rely on membership fees but it’s not enough to cover expenses. Please help us by donating this month.
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington is a not-for-profit [Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code] institution, and we encourage the financial contributions of our members. Contributions in excess of annual dues are welcome and may be tax-deductible. Please mail your gift to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Subscriptions to the Newsletter are available only outside the Greater Washington Metro area.

FSGW is dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional folk arts in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Membership is open to all who support these goals upon payment of dues.

FSGW Membership Form

Each Member must submit a separate form

Name:__________________________________________
Street__________________________________________
City__________________________________________State_____Zip________
Email:________________________________________@
Preferred Phone:_______________________________
Mobile Phone:___________________________

☐ I would like to receive the weekly e-blast about FSGW events.

Directory Listing: We will list your name in our Membership Directory (visible only to FSGW Members who are logged into the FSGW website). May we also list the above information?

☐ Yes
☐ Yes, but do not list my:
☐ Address☐ Preferred Phone
☐ Email☐ Mobile Phone

Send form and check made payable to FSGW to:
FSGW Membership • FSGW, c/o M. Burnett, 10001 Boreland Ct., Bristow, VA 20136

FSGW suggests opting for the eco-friendly online version to help the society manage costs and save the planet.