FSGW Addresses Racial Injustice

The Board of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington stands in solidarity with all who are striving to create a more racially just world.

FSGW is actively reviewing how we will address racial inequalities and improve our inclusiveness, building a stronger and more diverse organization for the future. We encourage everyone to participate in the discussion as we each look at our own contributions to eliminating injustice in all its formats.

Online Living

We continue to watch the developments in the digital world, as most of the normal summer camps and festivals have moved to an online format, and in-person events are canceled. As the region returns to a new “normal” FSGW will monitor and report when in-person gatherings, dances, and concerts become possible. In the interim our valued performers work to create an assortment of offerings in the form of workshops, concerts, dances, and festivals in an online format. We urge you to seek them out and join in.

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Sings

FSGW Open Sing • Online
Friday, July 3 • 7:30 PM

Kathie Mack will be hosting. The theme will be “Points of Light, be they fireflies, flashlights, beacons of hope, or the stars" Zoom link will be sent the afternoon of July 3 to those who register at https://forms.gle/mvbfGppgA228uPWD9 Info: vince@vincewilding.com

FSGW-Cosponsored:

SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • Online
Third Wednesday, July 15 • 1 to 3 PM

We’re not letting the pandemic keep us from getting together virtually to enjoy each other’s company and to sing some summertime songs! Your kids and grandkids can join us, too. This song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The Song Circle, co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts, is about the joy of group singing, not about talent. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or experience. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen! Free!

While the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center is closed, we’re using the Zoom software platform to meet online. You can join us using any Internet-connected device—computer, tablet, or smartphone—or you can join by dialing a phone number. Email Fred Stollnitz (Subject: Song Circle) at fstollnitz@comcast.net for Zoom log-in information and instructions for setting yourself up for an online Song Circle.

Wendy Lanxner will lead some songs with guitar accompaniment. If you would like to lead one or more songs and/or to be an instrumental accompanist, email Fred (Subject: Song Circle Planning). Info: fsgw.org/event-3868819.

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Storytelling

FSGW-Cosponsored:

THE GRAPEVINE • Online
Wednesday, July 8 • 7:30-9 PM

Join us via Zoom for featured storytellers Don White and Beth Horner! The Grapevine is spoken word performance for adults and teens, celebrating the timeless art of the story, hosted by storytellers Noa Baum, Renée Brachfeld, and Tim Livengood. Please register via Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-grapevine-july-show-live-on-zoom-tickets-107504621216 Eventbrite will send you an email with the necessary Zoom information.

Beth Horner possesses a comic sensibility and warm, energetic style, with a repertoire that has been called “heartfelt, articulate and truthful.” Her stories are renowned for high comedy and stunning drama: from hysterical farmyard escapades to eerie folktale’s of her native Missouri, from a bawdy spoof on romance novels to a tale of courage drawn from her great-great grandfather’s Civil War diary. https://bethhorner.com

There is no one-word description for what Don White does. He brings his audiences laughter and tears as a storyteller-comedian-author-troubadour-folk singer-songwriter. White infuses his work with experience as a husband, a father, a seeker, and a joker. Many songwriters use their real lives for inspiration, but few do it like White. He often draws inspiration from his family, whether it’s a touching song about the circle of life or an uproarious story about dealing with his daughter. Don White is an odd fit in any medium: funny, sarcastic, sentimental. Get the scoop at http://www.tamulevich.com/roster-booking/don-white/
FSGW GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING WORKSHOP
ONLINE
TUESDAYS, JULY 14, 21, 28 • 8 PM
Storytelling Yes You Can! Is it time to Improve your own story telling? The Grapevine is sponsoring a storytelling class for adults & teens, with Grapevine Host Noa Baum. 3 Session on-line class: Tuesdays, July 14, 21, & 28. 7-9 pm. Info: Noabaumjuly2020.eventcombo.com

ONLINE DANCES
FSGW ZOOM ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • ONLINE
WEDNESDAY • 8-10 PM
Wednesday night FSGW English Country Dances are now on Zoom! The dances will be called to recorded music, with the program adapted to one or two dancers. Zoom details and other particulars for the dances will be sent via email. Contact ecd@fsgw.org (and include your first and last name) if you would like to receive the e-blasts about these online dances. These online dances are free, but if you would like to help support the caller’s effort, please see the website for details. Info: fsgw.org/english-country-dance

July
1  April Blum
8  Kappy Laning
15 Melissa Running
22 Andrea Nettleton
29 Dan Gillespie

CARPE DIEM ARTS - WASHINGTON REVELS
COMMUNITY FAMILY SING • ONLINE
TUESDAY, JULY 21 • 6:30 PM
Songs and Rounds from the American tradition in celebration of Independence Day. On-line via Zoom. CarpeDiemArts.org/sing-with-us. Info: 301-466-0183 or info@carpediemaarts.org

DAILY ANTIDOTES OF SONG • ONLINE
DAILY, THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER • 12 NOON
Join us at noon each day for Washington Revels & Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidotes of Song! We’ll share some “notes of hope” as one of our fabulous song leaders offers a song online. revelsdc.org/2020/daily-song/. Info: 301-466-0183 or info@carpediemaarts.org

REVELS DAY OF SERVICE • ONLINE/VIRTUAL
JULY & AUGUST, DATES TBD • TIMES TBD
Help Washington Revels make two 25-minute videos of virtual sing-along songs: one for assisted living residents; and one for homeless clients of a local social-services organization. Different verses will be sung by participants to include as many voices as possible. You can volunteer to lead a verse out loud, or you can let us know that you’d like to be part of the video but would prefer not to be heard. Singing dates for the July and August videos will be determined among those who RSVP. Free to participate; signups required. Info: jrasi@revelsdc.org; revelsdc.org/2020/summer20-day-of-service/

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, JULY 7 • 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.

Deadline: AUGUST 2020 Newsletter: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020
**FSGW’s On Social Media**

**Check Us Out!**

- **Facebook:** facebook.com/DCFolklore
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/DCFolklore
- **Instagram:** instagram.com/dcfolklore?igshid=j9j1hzpizy

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**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. E.g., Classes [Month], Concert [Month], Dance [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 (no parentheses in phone numbers) 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.

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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). There was a recent news article about Mary, in the Beacon Newspaper: www.thebeaconnewspapers.com/mary-cliff-folk-music-and-radio-legend/

And tune in to WOJD-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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**Takoma Park Folk Festival**

For over 40 years, the Takoma Park Folk Festival has gathered the folk of the greater D.C. metropolitan area together to celebrate the diversity of our arts and music community. With the threat of COVID-19, an in-person gathering will not be possible this year, but in an election year marred by racial inequality and a nation-wide struggle for social justice, it’s all the more important that we hold our event in the best way we can to celebrate the community. It is our plan that the Takoma Park Folk Festival will take place online this September with Live performances and an exploration of our musical archives with local artists, voices, and performers representing our six stages, crafts, and community tables. If you would like to help or donate, please go to TPFF.org.

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**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.

**We are urgently seeking a Membership Chair and a Publicity Chair.** If you are interested in volunteering to fill either of these positions please contact Charlie Pilzer at president@fsgw.org.
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FSGW Membership Form

Each Member must submit a separate form

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☐ 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?
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