

## FSGW CORNER

**Wait, an August issue?** The FSGW Board realizes the developing world of online offerings are planned with little lead time, so to bring you the latest information we have created a rare August issue! We hope this makes up for our entirely pandemic-canceled April issue.

## MORE ONLINE LIVING

Online is normal now! Sadly our in-person events are coming back slower than ever. What we are seeing is a huge number of concerts, dances, sings, and other folk-related events going online. Most of them subsist on small viewer donations. Please support our highly skilled performers as they create an array of amazing online offerings. We urge you to seek these events out and join in. We can still all be together, though the magic of technology.

## SINGS

### FSGW OPEN SING • ONLINE FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 • 7:30 P.M.

Don Chauls will be our host. The theme will be "Incarceration: slavery, prison, concentration camps." Registration form is at: <https://forms.gle/bnUENa7JJe2bZ5x9>. There is an option for "Singing or Just Listening" Registration deadline is 12 Noon on August 7th. *Zoom link will be sent the afternoon of August 7th.* This gives us much needed time for setup. **Info:** vince@vincewilding.com

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

### SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • ONLINE THIRD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 • 1 TO 3 PM

We're not letting the pandemic keep us from getting together online to enjoy each other's company and to sing delightful songs! You can join us using any Internet-connected device—computer, tablet, or smartphone—or you can join by dialing a phone number. This monthly 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. Join us when you can and stay as long as you can, but do come to sing or just to listen! Free! Bring kids and grandkids, and come for informal group singing or just to listen, but do come to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. Free! While the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center is closed, we are doing that using Zoom as the software platform. For security of the Zoom session, please register at [forms.gle/jr4sR9tmu6VRMBdN8](https://forms.gle/jr4sR9tmu6VRMBdN8) by Tuesday, August 18, if possible. The Zoom link will be sent Wednesday morning to those who have registered. **Wendy Lanxner** will lead some songs with guitar accompaniment. Please tell us on the form if you would like to lead one or more songs and/or to be an instrumental accompanist. We'll go around the virtual room as many times as we can, giving everyone a chance to request a song (or just pass) each time we go around. Please send your requests in advance using the form linked above, to help us to organize the session.

## STORYTELLING

### FSGW CO-SPONSORED: THE GRAPEVINE • ONLINE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 • 7:30-9:00 PM

Join us via Zoom for featured storytellers **Alton Takiyama-Chung** and **Janice Del Negro**! 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**. Register through **Eventcombo** (note the change of site!), and you will be emailed a link to the Zoom session. You only need one ticket per device that you connect - but you may donate as much as you like! Grapevine tellers are paid by your *donations*! Suggested \$15 donation per person.

Hawaiian-Japanese-Korean storyteller **Alton Takiyama-Chung** grew up with the superstitions and the magic of the Hawaiian Islands. He tells stories of Hawaii, of the Japanese-American experience of WWII, and Asian folktales, and has performed at Timpanogos and the National Storytelling Festival, and at storytelling festivals in the Cayman Islands, Singapore, India, Vietnam, and Thailand.

**Janice Del Negro** excavates and decorates the bones of folk and fairy tales, reimagining traditional tales to make them emotionally resonant for contemporary listeners. Her latest recording is *Fortune's Daughters: Ghost Tales and Folktales*. In 2016, Del Negro received the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence Award. Please LIKE and FOLLOW us on Facebook, and leave a comment how you feel about the show. It helps us spread the word about storytelling!

## FSGW DANCES

### FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • ONLINE WEDNESDAYS • 8-10 PM

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](mailto: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](https://fsgw.org/english-country-dance)

August

- 5 Liz Donaldson
- 12 Melissa Running
- 19 Ann Fallon
- 26 April Blum

### GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS • ONLINE THURSDAYS • 7:30

Glen Echo Folkdancers Thursday night zoom. We have gone from the Ballroom Annex to Online. Come join us for a fun evening of International Folk dances and good times with friends old and new! Join our Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87152651884?pwd=QWVvVEc1cm9uWTNqTkwrYTdPWlRrdz09> Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884; Password: 145. **Info:** [dancingplanet@erols.com](mailto:dancingplanet@erols.com)

**CONCERTS, SINGS  
AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**“HOMEGROWN AT HOME” LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
CONCERT SERIES • ONLINE  
WEDNESDAYS • 12–1 PM (EASTERN TIME)**

Because of Covid-19, the American Folklife Center has moved its Homegrown Concert Series online. Tune in every Wednesday from Noon to 1 pm for new concert videos from great traditional artists, and a chance to interact with them via Facebook chat! Concerts remain available online after premiere. **Info:** Thea Austen, 202-344-7018; [loc.gov/concerts/folklife/](http://loc.gov/concerts/folklife/) Join our email list: [www.loc.gov/folklife/rss.html](http://www.loc.gov/folklife/rss.html) Come to our events: [www.loc.gov/folklife/events/](http://www.loc.gov/folklife/events/)

**CARPE DIEM ARTS - WASHINGTON REVELS  
COMMUNITY FAMILY SING • ONLINE  
FRIDAY AUGUST 21 • 6:30 PM**

Rhythms, Rhymes, & Routines. On-line via Zoom. CarpeDiemArts.org/sing-with-us. **Info:** 301-466-0183 or [info@carpediemarts.org](mailto:info@carpediemarts.org)

**DAILY ANTIDOTES OF SONG • ONLINE  
DAILY, THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER • 12:00PM**

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/](http://revelsdc.org/2020/daily-song/). **Info:** 301-466-0183 or [info@carpediemarts.org](mailto:info@carpediemarts.org)

**CARPE DIEM SUMMER ART VENTURES • ONLINE  
WEEKLY CLASSES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER**

From Dance to Juggling and Singing to Photography, lots of classes to enjoy, especially for school-age children. [carpediemarts.org/summer-artventure-2020-class-offerings](http://carpediemarts.org/summer-artventure-2020-class-offerings) **Info:** 301-466-0183 or [info@carpediemarts.org](mailto:info@carpediemarts.org)

**DANCES**

**GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE • ONLINE  
FRIDAYS • 7:30 PM**

Friday night Greenbelt International Folk Dancing has gone "virtual". As we all practice good social distancing, many in our folk dance

community are feeling the absence of our usually scheduled local dances. In response, please join us for the Greenbelt Virtual Folk Dance Session.

Let's keep dancing!

- Connect and dance in our own homes
- Watch hosts leading familiar dances
- See each other; listen and dance to our favorites

**How:** We will be using the ZOOM video conferencing app to share music and live videos of the leaders and each other. This can be used on a desktop, laptop, or smartphone.

**What to Expect:** Your hosts are **Linda Mansdorf, Vita Hollander, Ben Hole, and John Robinson**. Collectively they will play 25-30 dances, which should approximate the number of dances normally done on a Friday night in-person event. The hosts will do a quick teaching or demonstration of the steps to some of the dances that may be less familiar to you or just as a refresher, but the session is not designed as a workshop, so the majority of the evening will be spent playing dances that many of us already know and love to do.

**How To Join Us:** Each week we will send an email with the Zoom Meeting link ID. Make sure John Robinson knows you would like to receive this email with the link. John's email address for **Info:** [j\\_srobinson@verizon.net](mailto:j_srobinson@verizon.net).

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/>

**FRIDAY NIGHT CONTRA • ONLINE  
SELECT FRIDAYS • 8 PM SOCIAL • 8:30 DANCE**

Friday Night Contra Dancers have gone Virtual! Join us on Zoom for Contras that have been modified to work for quarantined dancers! The Zoom room opens at 8 pm for social time, dancing at 8:30. and stays open after the dances for more social time. The schedules are in development as we sort out callers and new dances. Our goal is several dances this month. Visit the FND Facebook page for all the info, date, and callers <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fridaynightdancers/>



*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](mailto:president@fsgw.org).**

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**FSGW BOARD MEETING • TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 • 8 PM**

Monthly FSGW Board meetings are all electronic via Zoom. Meetings are open to all FSGW members, contact [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org) or [webmaster@fsgw.org](mailto: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](mailto:president@fsgw.org) at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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

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

**Takoma Park Folk Festival**

With the theme of "Voices Heard," the Takoma Park Folk Festival will be held on a virtual basis in September (dates to be determined). Approximately 6 hours of programming will be streamed over three nights as a mix of new studio performances, historic footage and live MCs. Links to Festival crafters and community organizations representing matters of social justice also will be part of the celebration. **Info:** follow the Takoma Park Folk Festival on social media or go to TPFF.org.

**FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy**

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington endeavors to print copy it deems relevant to its membership and purpose as stated in its by-laws: "The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people."

- All copy must be submitted by e-mail to [newsletter@fsgw.org](mailto:newsletter@fsgw.org) in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.
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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 (no parentheses in phone numbers) email/website.

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- Yes, but do not list my:
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