

■ FSGW SINGS ■

FSGW OPEN SING • ONLINE FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 • 7:30 PM

Don Chauls will be our host for the August Online Open Sing. Topic: Relations & Relationships. Reminder: Registration will be open til Noon on 8/6/21.

Zoom Link will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List, if you're not a member, sign up at <https://groups.io/g/FSGWOpenSings> Anyone wishing to sing may sign up at <https://forms.gle/qKnzSWJNLN6hUMWK6> You can double check if you're already signed up at <https://bit.ly/FSGWAugustOpenSingers>

Info: vince@vincewilding.com

FSGW SCHWEINHOUT SONG CIRCLE ONLINE • 1-3 PM THIRD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Everyone, regardless of age or talent, is welcome to participate in the Schweinhout Song Circle. If your kids or grandkids are available, bring 'em along! It's an opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. As we go around the Zoom room, everyone has a chance to sing, request a song, or just pass.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month, so bring or request your favorite pandemic parodies, summer songs, or any other songs!

It's helpful if you send your requests in advance using the form in the registration link below. The Zoom link will be sent

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 • 8PM

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.

Wednesday morning to those who have previously attended the Song Circle using Zoom. If you are new to the Song Circle, please register at <https://forms.gle/jr4sR9tmu6VRMBdN8> by Tuesday, August 17, to receive the Zoom link on Wednesday morning.

Info: fsgw.org/event-4356753

■ FSGW DANCES ■

FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE WEDNESDAYS • ONLINE 8-10:30 PM

UPDATE as of August 3 — In-person dances are canceled. Online dances return to Wednesday nights on August 11 or August 18 (TBD) — see website.

All in-person English country dances beginning with the August 4th dance until further notice are canceled due to concern about the delta variant.

For up-to-date information about each week's dance:

Info: fsgw.org/english-country-dance

11 Anna Rain calls the dances while Melissa Running (piano), Beth Cross (fiddle), and Sophie Chapman (cello) play.

18 Melissa Running calls to the playing of Liz Davidson (piano), Catherine Chapman (fiddle).

25 Dan Gillespie calls the dances while Neil Epstein (piano), Elisabeth Epstein (flute), and Emily Aubrey (fiddle) make the music.

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.

FSGW IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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CO-SPONSORED GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS • GLEN ECHO MD & ONLINE • WEDNESDAYS • 8 PM

Until further notice, the in-person dances are private, invitation-only, and limited to those who have been fully vaccinated. Everyone will need to show proof of vaccination and provide their name, email address, and phone number for contact tracing. No exceptions. Masking is optional. These dances are instruction-oriented from 8-9 pm with open request dancing after 9 pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Jamie at dancingplanet@erols.com before attending.

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom. You can enter by clicking onto the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87152651884?pwd=QWVYVEc1cm9uWTNqTkwrYTdPWlRrdz09>
Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884 Password: 145 If you click on the link, you may not need to enter a password.

Info: dancingplanet@erols.com

CO-SPONSORED 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. <https://www.facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/>

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS ONLINE • SATURDAY AUGUST 7 5:30 PM POTLUCK, 6:30 PM DANCING

Our Monthly Zoom potluck & music/dancing with MAND (Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers). In lieu of our famous traditional cozy potluck socials, let's take potluck from our own fridges/pantries and chat while eating. Then at 6:30 listen/dance/watch as our Loretta Kelley and Sonia White alternate sets on their magical Norwegian Hardanger fiddles and Swedish nyckelharpa, plus often a guest Hardanger fiddler. Then some folks will stay for the afterparty, with more chat and BYO dessert/snacks, as others drift off.

Info: <https://MAND.fanitull.org>

CUBAN SALSA CLASS • WASHINGTON DC • SATURDAYS • 12:30 - 2 PM

We dance at Chevy Chase Baptist Church; 5671 Western Ave NW; Washington DC 20015, either outdoors in front or in the basement reception hall if it's too hot or rainy. Students must show they are fully vaccinated; mask

required indoors. Details & online registration: <https://www.danceintime.com/classes> \$15.

Info: Barb@DanceInTime.com
or Barb: 301.773-2623

THE GREATER WASHINGTON CEILI CLUB COLESVILLE MD • THURSDAYS • 7 PM

GWCC resumes weekly Irish set & ceili dance classes (adult & ages 12 & up) in a friendly, relaxed environment, year-round on Thursday evenings in Montgomery County. Two important points: 1 - We will be meeting at a different location for our summer classes (see below) 2 - Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required for all participants. This summer session runs 8 weeks, July 8 - Aug 26, 2021; 7-8pm for new dancers/basics, 8-9:30pm for advanced dances. No experience or partner needed; wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there will be 2 mini-ceilis (8-10pm, instead of the advanced class) on July 29 and August 26 with live music & open to all (a small donation is requested for musicians). Pilgrim Hill Local Park, 1615 E. Randolph Rd, Colesville, MD 20904 (an indoor, air-conditioned space). \$32/season, register and pay at class, first class free.

Info: Instructor P. O'Donnell, 301-649-6410, info@gwcc-online.org, or gwcc-online.org.

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ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING ONLINE • MONDAYS • 7 PM

Orfeia is an all-woman vocal ensemble directed by singer, director and composer Tatiana Sarbinska dedicated to preserving, performing and teaching traditional music from Bulgaria and Eastern Europe. Orfeia's repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans, including Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Russia, and Greece. We usually rehearse in Bethesda but during the shutdown, we've been rehearsing on Zoom (it works - it really does!). No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

Info: Diane, 202-274-4155,
orfeiaensemble@gmail.com,
orfeia.wordpress.com,
facebook.com/orfeiamusic/

WASHINGTON REVELS & CARPE DIEM ARTS DAILY ANTIDOTE OF SONG ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON (ET)

Daily at noon, Washington Revels and Carpe Diem Arts offer "notes of hope" as a song leader from our roster of OVER ONE HUNDRED local, national and international guest artists shares a song online. Watch our website for announcements about specially-themed weeks. Great for all ages! Attend in

the virtual concert room or sing along on Facebook Live; see our website for participation instructions. Free; donations to the "Antidote Fund" are encouraged and support the artists.

Info: revelsdc.org/daily-song/

FESTIVALS

CO-SPONSORED • TRADMAD CAMP 2021 • PINETREES CAMP, PLYMOUTH MA • SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Six days of music, playing, singing, dancing, swimming, relaxing, and having fun in magical surroundings. There is an awesome staff, including the Vox Hunters, Reggie Harris, Lorraine & Bennett Hammond, Jeff Warner, Joe Jencks, Craig Edwards, John Krumm, and more. FSGW members can take the discounted price of \$815. Scholarships are available. See www.tradmadcamp.org for full details.

Info: Heather Wood at hwood50@aol.com.

TAKOMA PARK FOLK FESTIVAL • ONLINE & IN PERSON • TAKOMA PARK MD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12 • 2 TO 9 PM

With Covid-19 conditions continuing to improve in Maryland, the 2021 Takoma Park Folk Festival is considering in-person activities in addition to live-streamed performances. Possibilities include having an outdoor Juried Craft Show in the afternoon and a limited number of in-person audience members at musical performances. Performances of a diverse range of music representing all six of the Festival's usual stages will be live-streamed in two concurrent tracks from 4 to 9 p.m.

More **information**, including the schedule and locations of musical performances and the craft show, will be posted on the TPFF website (TPFF.org) and Facebook page (facebook.com/takomaparkfolkfestival) during the summer as well as in the September issue of this Newsletter.

ROCK BRIDGE MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL • BUENA VISTA VA SEPTEMBER 10-12 • NOON - LATE!

The Rockbridge Mountain Music and Dance Festival is ON for the weekend of September 10-11th, and we have a GREAT lineup of bands and workshops!

We will have concerts instead of dances on Friday and Saturday nights, presuming that not everyone will be ready to hold hands with 100 people. Concerts will be BYO chairs, under and around the big tent. We hope to see you there!

The Friday night concert will feature [The Onlies](#), and Saturday's show will feature [Vivian Leva](#) and [Riley Calcagno](#) followed by Hard Drive! Both nights will be definitely worth busting up your jam to come listen. The Saturday workshops will be led by the members of Hard Drive. \$50 per person includes camping both Friday and Saturday nights, Daily rate: \$15/per person; \$10 Sat. after 5 PM Sorry but we are unable to take reservations. There are approx. 100 hook-up sites, the majority of campers are in tents. Come early to assure your hook-up. **No running generators allowed.** Festival staff will come around to collect your festival camping and admission fee on Friday morning. We will gladly accept a donation to the festival effort, too.

Info: <http://www.rockbridgefestival.org/>
Volunteers needed in exchange for admission and camping. Please email requests to fincastlegil@gmail.com

2021 OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL ROUND HILL VA • THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23 – 26 • NOON-LATE!

"Come One, Come All" to our 2021 Version of the Old Time Weekend as we come roaring back from the Covid 19 blackout. Your hosts for this fantastic music weekend Jason Miller/Art "Cuch" Cucinotta. We will camp at the B-Chord Brewing Company, 34266 Williams Gap Road, Round Hill, Virginia

Info: FrederickOldTime.org or FrederickOldTime@gmail.com

Festival Particulars: No entrance fee (recommended donation \$5.00 per day or \$10 weekend per adult). Children, Dogs and Great-Grand Parents Free.

Jamming, Jamming, Jamming under canopies - No formal contests or dance.

Free Dry Camping (no electric, water hookups or picnic tables) on 65 Acres.

OK to park vehicles next to your Campers, Tents and/or Canopies; except in one restricted parking area which contains the Septic French Drains.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission mandates "No Outside Booze". B-Chord Beer will be available all weekend long. Porta Johns and Outside Hot Showers. B-Chord will remain open for use of "real" inside flush toilets. Water spigot available for filling water jugs.

No organized group meals (i.e. Pot-Luck and Pasta-A-Rama) this year pending full lifting of the Covid 19 restrictions. "We ain't ready yet!" B-Chord will have two food trucks on location if you do not feel like cooking. B-Chord will not have organized concerts to interfere with your "late night" jams. Very close proximity to Appalachian Trail and Convenience Stores. Volunteers welcomed. Well behaved Pets and Banjo Players (both on leashes) welcome. We expect to have free hot coffee & tea available all weekend.

GREENWOOD FURNACE FOLK GATHERING • BELLEVILLE PA SEPTEMBER 11-13 • 4 PM-

The Greenwood Furnace Folk Gathering is a weekend of music with plenty of opportunities to share, jam, dance and learn. Now in its 17th year, the annual event will be held September 11 - 13, 2020. Musicians of all levels as well as non-musicians who wish to listen or experiment, or pick up a dance step or two, are invited to

participate in workshops designed and led by professional faculty. Saturday evening's highlight will be a concert with Simple Gifts followed by a contradance. For more information, view the detailed schedule at <http://www.folksgiving.com/schedule.html>.

Info: info@folksgiving.com

FSGW GETAWAY • OCTOBER 8-11

— ZOOM TECH HELP NEEDED —

FSGW has lined up incredible talent for our annual Getaway the weekend of October 8 through 11, and once again this year, it will be a virtual event via the Zoom platform. We plan to use multiple simultaneous breakout rooms, but that will require tech help from users familiar with the Zoom platform. A lot of the work is simply keeping track of who hasn't yet sung, informing the session leader who performs next, and muting folks who open their microphones out of turn, although more experienced Zoom techs can help solve more complex problems attendees might have.

Whether you have Zoom skills or would like to learn:

Info: contact Charlie Baum at chbaum@earthlink.net or 301-589-6855 to volunteer.

MISSING THE CALENDAR?

Due to space limitations for the print version of the Newsletter, the calendar is online ONLY this month — fsgw.org/newsletter

■ A Message from the President ■

In March, 2020, the FSGW board adopted a policy that there would be no in-person events until the governmental emergency orders restricting large gatherings were rescinded. The orders were rescinded as of July 1 and there are no governmental restrictions. At the July FSGW Board meeting, the Board discussed and adopted a FSGW policy regarding COVID-19 and participation at in-person events. From the policy:

"The goal is to keep all healthy and to enable all to feel safe. FSGW hopes that everyone will approach participating at in-person events from a "good neighbor" perspective. Each of us is essential to keeping the community healthy."

You may read the text of the current policy at <https://www.fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response> The board recognizes that the policy will evolve as the health situation in the DMV region changes.

Some events will be hybrid with in-person and streaming participation; other events may be streaming only. Planning is on-going for dances, concerts, the Mid Winter Festival and the Washington Folk Festival to be in-person events. Follow the weekly e-blast and FSGW.org to see which events will feature in-person participation. We look forward to seeing you in-person at an event soon.



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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

- ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal
☐ Change of Address

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FSGW Membership • FSGW, c/o M. Burnett, 10001 Boreland Ct., Bristow, VA 20136

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

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- ☐ Yes | ☐ Yes, but do not list my:
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AUGUST 2021

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