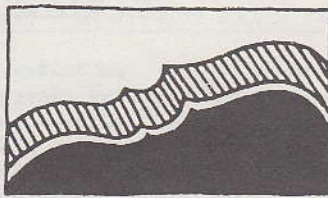


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Balkan Music with Laduvane December 11

FSGW's monthly program on Friday, December 11, will feature LADUVANE in a program of traditional Balkan music from Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, the USSR, Poland, and other countries. This Boston-based group is made up of six women with powerful voices that need no other accompaniment than the harmonies they create.

Their repertoire ranges from the wild and dissonant music of mountains and fields to sweet lullabies and love songs, from American shape note hymns to ritual holiday music of Europe's pagan past. The Real Paper calls Laduvane's music "an instant, earthy excitement."

The group has two record albums (Laduvane I and Roses and Rainclouds) on Physical Records. Their music appeals to all ages with songs for singing along, songs for listening, sung simply or with rich harmonic textures and fascinating polyphonies.

The concert begins at 8:30 p.m., Friday, December 11, at the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 16th St., N.W. (at Kalmia Rd.). Admission is free for FSGW members and \$4.00 for nonmembers.

Irish Music with Touchstone December 3

On Thursday, December 3, FSGW will present an exciting new Irish group, Touchstone, at the Ethical Society auditorium. The group consists of four talented musicians from diverse backgrounds who were brought together by their love of traditional Irish music and whose unique and exciting sound taps a broad spectrum of musical sources.

Singer and clavinet player Triona Ni O Domhniail, who comes from Ireland and once played with the Bothy Band, provides the group's foundation with her tremendous store of material sung both in Irish and English. She is joined by Americans Claudine Langille (vocals and tenor banjo), Mark Roberts (flute, tin whistle, banjo, and bodhran), and Zan McLeod (guitar and bouzouki). This is a group that knows its instruments and its music. Touchstone's unbridled energy and rhythms, juxtaposed with the most tender and lilting melodies, promise an unforgettable evening of "Irish music and beyond."

Be there on Thursday, December 3, at the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 16th St., N.W. Don't forget that this concert starts at 8:00 p.m. Come early to get a good seat. Admission is \$3 for FSGW members, \$4 for nonmembers.



Triona Ni O Domhniail

At 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, FSGW will present a house concert by Fred Schmitt at Ursy Lueder's home in McLean, Virginia. Originally from Wisconsin, Fred has been traveling for several years, singing traditional songs, some old pop material, a smattering of blues and old-timey music, and songs political and spiritual, ridiculous and sublime.

His clean flatpicking style provides an enjoyable accompaniment. An accomplished musician and teller of funny stories, Fred is one of those special performers able to charm his audience while giving them an insight into the traditions behind his music. Admission to this concert is \$2 for FSGW members and \$3 for non-members. Call Ursy at 821-1373 for directions.

On Sunday, December 27, at 8:00 p.m., Boston singer Lisa Neustadt will present a house concert at the home of Helen Schneyer in Kensington, Maryland. A long-time friend of FSGW, Lisa's powerful singing has been heard at many a Sunday morning gospel workshop at past Getaways (and perhaps at even more raucous and definitely secular workshops at other times during the weekends).

No matter what she sings, she can easily lead everyone, singers and non-singers alike, into joining in. Besides our Getaways, Lisa has performed on Prairie Home Companion, in concerts all over New England, and on recordings with Helen Schneyer and Jean Redpath. If you want to end the year with an evening of great singing and full harmonies, be there for Lisa's house concert Dec. 27. For directions call the FSGW hotline at 281-2228, or call Helen on the day of the concert at 949-4552.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS DECEMBER 12 WITH FSGW'S ANNUAL "CAROLING THROUGH THE METRO" AND SPECIAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12! That's the day FSGW plans to celebrate the holiday season with its third annual "Caroling Through the Metro" (from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon), and with a special holiday party at the Ethical Society in the evening at 8:30.

The caroling will begin, as in past years, at the Metro Center station. We will gather outside the station at the corner of 11th and G Sts., N.W. We'll sing there for about 45 minutes, to allow everyone to assemble, then proceed to:

- Dupont Circle (red line): 19th St./Dupont Circle entrance
 - Farragut North (red line): Connecticut & L Street entrance
- From there, we'll walk across Farragut Square to Farragut West's 18th & Eye Street entrance (the 17th St. one is closed on Saturdays), where we'll board blue line trains for
- Eastern Market (blue line): 7th & Pennsylvania, S.E.
 - L'Enfant Plaza (blue line): entrance to hotel/shopping promenade
 - Smithsonian (blue line): mall exit; and finally back to
 - Metro Center

Once again, we'll each need one 60¢ farecard for the afternoon, to allow us to get into and out of the system. Between stops, Cody Pfanstiehl once again will escort us. Songsheets will be available. Please share with people who may join us along the way and please return them at the end of the afternoon! If you have questions, call Kathy Hickerson at 544-4309, evenings.

Now on to the party! It's cosponsored by FSGW and the Washington Ethical Society, and will provide an opportunity for some singing, socializing, eating, and drinking in honor of the holiday customs typical of this time of year. If you're a pagan, come for mumming songs and a cup of wassail. Or come for Jewish stories and songs in celebration of Hanukkah (Dec. 21, this year). Or come for traditional Christian carols of Christmas. This is a program by and for members of FSGW and WES. While there will be a "formal" portion of the program, there also will be plenty of time for socializing with friends. Some food and drink will be included in the price of admission. If you'd like more, you can purchase extra food/drink tickets at reasonable prices. We'll end the evening with a chance for everyone to sing songs of the season together. Volunteers are urgently needed to help for part of the evening with admissions, food, and drink. If you volunteer for an hour, you get in free. Call Kathy Hickerson at 544-4309, evenings, if you'd like to help. Admission to the holiday party is \$3.00 for FSGW and Ethical Society members, \$4.00 for nonmembers. Admission includes tickets for four servings of goodies or drinks. The party begins at 8:30 at the Ethical Society building, 7750 16th Street, N.W. (at Kalmia). See you there!



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NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The FSGW Board met Wednesday, November 4, at the home of Bill Day in D.C. Among the Board's major actions were:

- Approval of a motion that FSGW allow the sale of Folk Legacy records at some Society events;
- Approval of a motion that the Board adopt as policy the recommendation of the Getaway committee on Getaway registration procedures. (See story on page 3.)

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- Election of Dean Clamons to fill the Member-At-Large vacancy on the FSGW Board created by the election last month of Jody Fitterer as Special Events chairman.
- Approval of a motion to table discussion of a proposed amendment to Paragraph XII of the FSGW By-Laws. (See story on page 3.)

The December board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2 at the home of Mary Cliff in Virginia. FSGW members are welcome. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. Call Mary at 534-7581 for directions.

GETAWAY REGISTRATION POLICY ADOPTED BY FSGW BOARD

It always has been Getaway policy to admit weekend registrants in the order applications are received, and that was done this year, too. In 1980, we barely had room for everyone who wanted to come for the weekend, so that year's committee decided it was time to put our informal policy in writing. This year, although weekend registration was filled before deadline, there were enough cancellations that eventually everyone who met the deadline was offered a chance to come for the weekend. This year, non-member applicants who met the deadline were given an opportunity to join before the Getaway. Next year, applicants will have to be members at the time of applying to be given member priority. The following policy was adopted by the FSGW Board at its November meeting:

"FSGW members have first preference for Getaway weekend registration until the deadline, set by committee and announced in the Newsletter. 'FSGW Members' does NOT include spouses and children of individual memberships, friends of FSGW members who are not members themselves, or out-of-town Newsletter subscribers. Applicants for weekend registration MUST be members at the time of application to be given priority, but they may include their membership application and payment with Getaway application, thus becoming FSGW members. Weekend spaces will be filled in order of receipt of application within the categories of priority listed below. After the deadline, it's first come, first served, regardless of membership status. Priority for filling Getaway spaces:

1. Invited guests and families, Getaway committee members, received by deadline
2. FSGW members received by deadline
3. Non-members received by deadline
4. All applications received after deadline.

Priority within each category is by order of receipt. In case of a tie, the earliest postmark wins."

AND SPEAKING OF GETAWAY REGISTRATION...THANKS GAIL!

The thank-you to Getaway committee members printed in the November Newsletter unintentionally omitted the name of Gail McHenry, who was in charge of Getaway registration this year. Sorry--and thanks.

FSGW BY-LAWS REVISION UNDER WAY, NEW AMENDMENT PROCEDURE PROPOSED

In the 17 years since FSGW was founded in 1964, the Society has grown to include vastly more members (about 1450 now, including many families) and far more numerous and diverse activities than its Founding Parents imagined. It has become increasingly clear in recent years that the Society's By-Laws need to be reviewed, revised, and updated to make them more workable for our larger and more active organization.

For this purpose, a committee has been formed to review the By-Laws and draft appropriate revisions. The committee's chairman is FSGW Vice President Nancy Schatz (933-3073). Other committee members are Don Nichols (938-4564), David Olive (526-0584), Mike Rivers (892-6117), and Jennifer Woods (920-8161).

THE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP! It is vitally important that we have as much input from the membership as possible. We do not intend to change the Society's purposes or basic philosophies, only to revise those provisions which are determined to be out of date. A copy of the By-Laws is available for any member who requests it. Just call the FSGW hotline at 281-2228, and leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached in the evening. We'll get back to you and arrange to get a copy to you. Copies also will be available at FSGW events.

The committee already has met and proposed one change. The By-Laws now provide for amendments to be voted on at membership meetings (i.e. our monthly, free-to-members programs). This means that members who do not attend the particular program at which an amendment is presented do not have an opportunity to vote on the question. The proposed change would provide a mechanism for By-Laws amendments to be voted on by written ballot--essentially the same way officers are elected. If this amendment is approved now, any further By-Laws changes that may be proposed by the committee (and, of course, any changes in the future) may be voted in writing. The existing provision on Amendment of the By-Laws (Paragraph XII), and the proposed replacement for it, appear below. This proposed change will be voted on at the December 11, 1981, program.

EXISTING PARAGRAPH XII - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS:

Amendment of the By-Laws or any new By-Laws may be proposed at any regular Board or membership meeting. The proposed amendment shall be read and the question shall be tabled until the next regular meeting of the membership. The membership shall be advised in writing of the pending amendment and that it will be presented for a vote at the next regular meeting. Two-thirds majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall be required to adopt the amendment.

PROPOSED PARAGRAPH XII - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS:

Amendment of the By-Laws or any new By-Laws may be proposed at any regular Board or membership meeting. The proposed amendment shall be read at that meeting and the question shall be tabled. A copy of the proposed change, and a dated ballot, will be distributed to the membership in the next regularly scheduled publication of the Society, or sooner if deemed necessary. Ballots may be returned by mail or in person by the deadline specified on the ballot. The deadline shall be not less than two weeks after the date of the ballot, and shall be subsequent to a membership meeting. Two-thirds majority of those voting shall be required to adopt the amendment.

Please be prepared to vote on this change at the December program. And remember, your suggestions about By-Laws revisions are not only welcome but necessary. Please get a copy of the By-Laws, read it over, and give your ideas in writing, if possible) to any member of the committee any time between now and the January 1982 program.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline for the January FSGW Newsletter is Tuesday, December 15. Because printers take holidays too, it is crucial that all copy be received by the deadline. Send to Kathy Hickerson, P.O. Box 9062, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Lots of volunteers are still needed to help out with FSGW's mini-festival, scheduled for the day and evening of January 23 (Saturday). If you'd like to help, call Mary Cliff at 534-7581.

GOSPEL SING IS DECEMBER 13

The December Gospel Sing will be held at Pete Schenck's home in Wheaton on Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. Call Pete at 942-9223 to get directions and let him know what you'd like to bring for the potluck supper.

SACRED HARP SING IS DECEMBER 27

The December Sacred Harp Sing will be held Sunday, December 27 at Dotty Hurley's in Aspen Hill. Singing begins at 4 p.m., followed by a break for a potluck supper, followed by more singing. For directions, call Dotty at 871-7652.

OPEN SING IS DECEMBER 4

Outrageous! Scandalous! Shocking! Just the kind of song to bring to the December Open Sing. The topic is "Songs You Wouldn't Sing to Your Grandmother." Alan Mackall is the leader. The sing will be held Friday, December 4, starting around 9 p.m., at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., N.W. Admission is \$2 for everyone. Refreshments will be available.

The topic for January's Open Sing will be "The Powers That Be."

GLEN ECHO SUMMER DANCE SERIES

Because of cuts in federal funds, Glen Echo Park has asked the Folklore Society to begin organizing the Park's Saturday night dance series. In years past, this dance has offered American contras and squares, ballroom, swing, and a variety of international dances. If you are interested in helping in the organization of this series, please call Pat McCracken at 270-6551.

Remember, 8:30-11:00 p.m. is the new time for the FSGW Sunday night dance, which takes place at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, 1 Chevy Chase Circle, N.W. The church is the first church on the right as you enter the circle going north on Connecticut Ave. The December schedule:

- Dec. 6 - Bob Dalsemer calling with music by the Powdered Eagle String Band
- Dec.13 - Bridget Edwards calling with Joel Bluestein and Susie Robbins on fiddles, Pat McCracken on banjo, and John Schwab on guitar.
- Dec.20 - Southern mountain music and calls with the Rural Valley Revelers of Morgantown, W.Va.
- Dec.27 - NO DANCE ON CHRISTMAS WEEKEND!

FSGW WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCE SERIES

An English country dance and an American dance are being run on alternating Wednesday nights at the Takoma Park Elementary School, 7511 Holly Ave. (near the intersection of Piney Branch Road & Rte. 410). This month's American dances are on the 2nd, 16th, and 30th. English dances will be held on the 9th and 23rd. The dances begin at 8:00 p.m., and admission is \$3.00 for FSGW members and \$3.50 for nonmembers. Call Pat McCracken at 270-6551 for more information.

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Non-FSGW News

OLD MUSIC IN A NEW LAND II

Accordion player Sean McGlynn of County Galway, Ireland, will be featured in the second program of the Gaelic League's "Old Music in a New Land" series. McGlynn, who has lived in the New York area since the 1950s, has influenced many young musicians. He performed at the 1976 Festival of American Folklife on the Mall, and has recorded on several labels in Ireland and the U.S. His concert for the Gaelic League will be held in the SIS building lounge at American University at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 13. A Christmas party will follow; you are invited to bring your favorite Christmas nibble. Admission of \$4.00 includes punch and other refreshments. For more information, call 864-2385.

DECEMBER AT THE COMMUNITY CAFE

Thursday night concerts at the Community Cafe in Bethesda continue this month with concerts by Jay Rosenthal (Dec. 3), Ed Trickett (Dec. 10), and Archie Edwards (Dec. 17). Because of the holidays, there will be no concerts on Dec. 24 or 31. All concerts begin at 8:30. The Cafe is located at 4949 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda. Call 986-0848 for more information.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT THE SMITHSONIAN

Roving musicians, crafts demonstrators, dancers, and mummers will be featured during the annual holiday celebration at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History. Traditions from Christmas, New Year's, and Hanukkah will be celebrated from noon to 4 p.m. each day beginning December 26 and continuing through December 31.

Of special interest to FSGW members will be the concert series entitled "Tuning Up: Homemade for the Holidays." Focusing on homemade instruments and family music-making, the concerts will be held each day of the celebration from 2-3 p.m. in the Hall of Musical Instruments on the museum's third floor. Performers include The Over the Hill Gang with Tony Alderman and Speedy Tolliver, Gene Ashton, Bruce Hutton, Cathy Fink, and homemade-instrument maker Dennis Waring.

Brochures listing complete times and dates of all holiday celebration activities will be available at the museum's information desks after December 18. Or call Smithsonian Visitor Information at 357-2700.

The storytellers' group will meet on Saturday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Roz Beitler's home in the old section of Annapolis. Roz lives at 185 Prince George St., and can be reached for directions at home: (301)263-0661, or at work: (301)224-7501.

TAKOMA PARK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

The Takoma Park Bluegrass Association will hold its December open jam session on Sunday, December 6, from 2-6 p.m. at the Heffner Park Community Center on Oswego Avenue in Takoma Park. For more information, call 891-2471.

INFORMAL PERFORMANCE SPACE OPENS

Mary Cliff reports that the informal performance space at the Washington Humanities and Arts Center (in the old Lansburgh's department store in downtown D.C.) has opened for lunchtime performances. There's no sound system yet, and no pay for performers, but performers may pass the hat. If you'd like to perform, or to see what performers will be there, call Francois Clay-Tor at the Center, 724-2180.



SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK IN ALEXANDRIA

The 11th annual Scottish Christmas Walk will be held Dec. 5 in Alexandria beginning at 10 a.m. The procession, featuring pipe bands, Highland dancers, and other things Scottish, will wind its way through Old Town Alexandria to Market Square, where participating pipe bands will present a concert at 11 a.m. For information, call 549-SCOT or 549-0205.

STAN ROGERS AT U. OF MARYLAND

Ontario folksinger Stan Rogers will make his first Washington-area appearance on Saturday, Dec. 5 in the University of Maryland's Student Union Colony Ballroom. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$4.50. Tickets are available at Ticketron, the Maryland Student Union box office, or by mail. For more information, call 454-2803 or 454-4546.

CABOMA MEETS DECEMBER 13 & 27

The Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association (CABOMA) will hold open jam sessions on Sunday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 27 from 2-6 p.m. at the Lyon Park Community Center, corner of N. Fillmore St. and Pershing Dr. in Arlington. Visitors and new members are welcome. For information, call 941-9282.

CHRISTMAS AT COLVIN RUN MILL

An old-fashioned, family Christmas celebration with taffy pulling, popcorn stringing, wreath making, and carol singing will be held at Colvin Run Mill Park on Friday, Dec. 11 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The park is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls. For information, call 759-2771.

ARCHIE EDWARDS AT MCGUIRE'S

Hear Washington bluesman Archie Edwards every Saturday night at McGuire's restaurant on Capitol Hill. The music begins at 7 p.m. and continues until after midnight at 13th & Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. (Potomac Ave. Metro stop). Also home cooking at reasonable prices, full bar. Call 544-5411 for information.

A workshop on "songs for non-singers" will be conducted by Anabel Graetz of Laduvane at 11:00 a.m. Dec. 12, at the House of Musical Traditions in Takoma Park. If you're uptight about singing or terrified that you'll make an awful sound the minute you open your mouth, this workshop is for you. You'll learn to rediscover your voice and the sounds it makes and will begin to learn to sing in a small (limited to 16) group. Cost for the workshop is \$4.00. Call 587-3790 for reservations.

A workshop on Balkan Singing will be held at 2 p.m. the same day if there is enough interest. It will be conducted by Laduvane. Please call if you would like to participate.

The House of Musical Traditions is located at 7040 Carroll Ave. in Takoma Park.

CONCERTS AT HOUSE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS

A Thursday night concert series begun in November continues this month at the House of Musical Traditions in Takoma Park. All concerts begin at 8 p.m.; a \$3.50 donation is requested (includes "cider break"). Seating is limited; reservations are suggested. This month's concerts are December 10 (Magpie) and December 17 (Celtic Thunder). For more information call 587-3790.

APPALACHIAN LORE AT MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

"More Than Land Or Sky," an exhibit of Appalachian art, continues this month at the Smithsonian's Museum of American Art at 8th and G Streets, N.W. A number of concerts and other special events will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. These include:

- Coal mining songs with Joe Uehlein, Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.;
- Songs from Maryland and North Carolina with Bud and Ola Belle Reed, Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.;
- Appalachian ballads and folktales with storyteller Michael Williams, Saturday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.; and
- A number of Appalachian films shown Sunday, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at Noon and again at 3 p.m.

For more information, call the museum at 357-3095. Admission to all events is free; seating is limited. Tickets (available at information desk) required for the film showings.

TWO CONCERTS BY LEE KNIGHT

Folklorist/folksinger Lee Knight, singing and playing banjos, guitars, dulcimer, and whistle, will be performing in the Washington area on Friday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 11. The concert on the 4th is at the River Road Unitarian Church, 6201 River Road, Bethesda, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A potluck dinner precedes the program. Call 229-0400 for more information. The December 11 program will be held at 8:00 p.m. at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda. Admission of \$5 includes wine and cheese party. Call 493-8300 for more information.

GUIDE TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOLK RESOURCES

"Folklife and the Library of Congress" is the title of a new resource guide prepared by Holly Cutting Baker and published by the Library. The guide lists folklife-related resources available not only in the American Folklife Center and Archive of Folk Culture, but in the Library's other divisions (prints and photographs, local history and genealogy, manuscript, etc.), as well. Copies are available from the Government Printing Office.

IN-TOWN DANCE EVENTS

Christmas dance party. A special Christmas party with English country and New England contra dancing, and live music by Peascods Gathering, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Junior High School on Piney Branch Road, one block north of Philadelphia Ave. (East-West Hwy.). Admission is \$2.00. For information call 588-8387 or 577-8241.

Couple-turning dances. Couple-turning dances are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Junior High School (address above). Basic turning techniques and easy dances are taught beginning at 8, followed by the teaching of more advanced dances and a request period. Admission is \$1.50. Call 585-7916 for more information.

Family Israeli Folk Dance. Resumes in January on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Santa Lucia Gammaldans Party. A gammaldans party (Scandinavian couple dances) and celebration of upcoming Santa Lucia Day will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Takoma Park Junior High School (address above). Music by Peascods Gathering. Admission is \$2.00. For information, call Carl Minkus at 493-6281, Dick Atlee at 588-8387, or Bill Warren at 585-7916.

FOLK INSTRUMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations of folk and popular instruments (including banjo, guitar, fiddle, dulcimer, mouthbow, and more) are held every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Hall of Musical Instruments, Smithsonian Museum of American History. The demonstrations are free.

"SATURDAY LIVE" CONCERTS AT SMITHSONIAN

Concerts are held on the first and third Saturdays of each month in the Hall of Musical Instruments of the Smithsonian Museum of American History. The concerts begin at 2 p.m. and last about an hour. The Dec. 19 concert will feature the Bluemont Mummies; "Nowell Sing We Clear" will be featured January 2. Other concerts present jazz, classical music, and dance. Admission is free. Call 357-1707 for more information.

BLUEMONT CONCERTS AND DANCES

The Sterling-Bluemont concert series continues this month with a concert by the Johnson Mountain Boys on Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at the Sterling Middle School and also will feature a dance demonstration by the LowDown Cloggers. Admission is \$3.00.

The concert will be repeated as part of the Bluemont series on Saturday, Dec. 5.

The Bluemont Midwinter Ball will be held Saturday, Dec. 19 in the Bluemont Schoolhouse. Music will be by Contraband; dances will be drawn from favorite English, Playford, and New England contra dances. Also featured: the Bluemont Mummies and a potluck dessert. The dance begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.00.

For information on Bluemont activities, call (703)554-8314, or write the Bluemont Concert Series, Bluemont, Va. 22012.

NEW FOLKLIFE GRADUATE PROGRAM

A new graduate program in folklife studies has been established at George Washington University. The program is part of G.W.'s American Studies Program. For more information, write John Vlach, Director of the Folklife Program, American Studies Program, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. 20052.

OPEN STAGE AT GALLAGHER'S

The Sunday night open stage at Grant's Tomb has been replaced with a new Monday night open stage at Gallagher's Pub, 3319 Connecticut Ave., N.W. The music begins at around 8:30. As before, Chance Shiver is in charge. Call him at 933-3919 for details.



OUT-OF-TOWN DANCE EVENTS

Annapolis Area Square Dance. Thursday Dec. 3 and 17 at Paul's Restaurant in Riva, Md. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2.50. Refreshments are available. Call Richard Howard at (202)857-5446 for more information.

Eastern Shore Dances. Held on the third Friday of every month at the Senior Center, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville, Md. Dec. 18 dance features Bob Dalsemer and the High Tide Fish Flappers. Dances begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2.50/person, \$4/family, and \$1/Senior Citizens. Contribute to the pot-luck dessert/beverage table and save 50¢. For more information, call Sue Caporin at (301) 758-0193 (days).

Baltimore Dances. Dances are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Lovely Lane Hall, 22nd & St. Paul Sts., Baltimore. December dances feature Brad Foster of San Francisco (Dec. 2); Kate Charles with the Hobotoe Stringband (Dec. 9); Bob Dalsemer with Tracy Schwartz and Family playing Cajun music (Dec. 16); and a Christmas/Holiday dance with Bob Dalsemer and the Overkill String Band (Dec. 23).

Also in December, a Saturday dance (Dec. 19) with Pam McKeever of Albuquerque and Chris Romaine of Long Island. This one starts at 8:30 p.m. For information on Baltimore dance events, call (301)366-8818 or (301)366-0808.

Western Maryland Folklore Society. Dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Men's Club Hall in Shepherdstown, W. Va. Music and calls by Bridget Edwards & band. The dance begins at 8:30. For information, call (301)366-8818 or (301)824-5265.

Baltimore Mid-Winter Ball. The Baltimore Mid-Winter Ball will be held Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Alcazar Ballroom, Baltimore School for the Arts, Madison at Cathedral Sts., Baltimore. Fred Breunig from Vermont is the caller, with music by the Capital Quicksteps Orchestra. Fancy dress is encouraged. The ball will begin with high tea at 7:30, followed by the Grand March at 8. Admission is by prior registration only. Send \$7.00 (BFMS members) or \$8.00 (nonmembers) to Baltimore Folk Music Society, P.O. Box 7134, Waverly Station, Baltimore, Md. 21218. No tickets will be mailed; register on arrival. Registration deadline is January 6. For more information, call Frank Pratkanis at (301) 366-8818 or Diane Schmit at (301)366-7338.

GETAWAY XVII WAS GRAND!



Pleasant weather cooperated with the beautiful fall color of Prince William Forest to provide a lovely setting for Getaway XVII. We enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones, we ate very well, and we still had time for plenty of music and dancing.

The biggest problem for most folks was deciding which workshops to attend, from a full schedule of interesting offerings. Several workshops provided evening entertainment. The Concertina Orchestra is an established favorite by now. New this year was the "Anything Goes" Rhythm Band. With the help of Sunshine Skiffle Band members, these 30 or so kids and grownups were the hit of Saturday night's concert with their lively tunes.

The largest performing group emerged Sunday evening when participants from the Mixing Melodies workshop divided the audience into four groups. Group 1 started, singing "When the Caissons Go Rolling Along". After a verse, group 2 joined with "The Marines' Hymn". Next came "The Airmen's Song", then "Anchors Aweigh". Soon the rafters were ringing with the four songs combined. What an experience!



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THE END

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