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NEW YEAR'S EVE is back!



New Year's Eve Contra Dance Ball

WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHEVY CHASE MD • DECEMBER 31 • 8 PM – 12:15 AM



Lisa Greenleaf

calls the dances to the music of

Stomp Rocket

(Dave Langford on fiddle, Glen Loper on mandolin, and Bethany Waickman on guitar)

All the way from Boston, **Lisa Greenleaf** is known for her crisp teaching, ever-present sense of humor, and delightfully varied repertoire of contras and squares. **Stomp Rocket** is the zesty New England trio that delighted us this summer at #dance and will bring a unique, energetic sound to NYE that is not to be missed.

Our venue is the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, a cozy, inviting space that will be dressed to impress. Doors open at 7:15 pm. We will have a Grand March to show off everybody's finery beginning at 8 pm, then four hours of contra dancing until we ring in the new year together.

Refreshments will be provided, and you are welcome to bring something to share. If Covid transmission rates are low in Maryland, DC, and Virginia at the time of the event, this will be an FSGW Tier 2 event (masks suggested but not required).



LISA GREENLEAF



STOMP ROCKET

Admission is \$50 for FSGW members, \$60 for the general public, and \$28 for those with limited income.

More details are available at fsgw.org/nye-contradance-ball, and you can preregister now at fsgw.org/event-5347440/Registration.

We can't wait to see you there!

FSGW IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook:
facebook.com/fsgw.org/



Twitter:
twitter.com/fsgw_org/



Instagram:
instagram.com/fsgw_org/



Meetup: meetup.com/folklore-society-of-greater-washington/

Check Us Out!

We are thrilled to announce another fabulous FSGW New Year's Eve Contra Dance Ball in 2023.

There's no better way to celebrate the arrival of the new year than by dancing together to fabulous music.

FSGW CO-SPONSORED

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS WITH KA/PO AND SPECIAL GUESTS

BURKE VA • SUNDAY DECEMBER 17 • 4 PM

Traditional and holiday music from Celtic lands! The ringing strings of **Karen Ashbrook's** hammered dulcimer and **Paul Oorts'** harp guitar, cittern, and cheery accordion are joined by **Andrea Hoag's** fiddle and **Eileen Estes'** haunting vocals.

Reception will follow.

No admission fee but a free-will collection to support area charities will be taken during the show.

Location: St. Andrews Episcopal Church
6509 Sydenstricker Rd., Burke, VA 22015

Contact St. Andrews at 703-455-2500,
standrews.net



hammered dulcimer, harp guitar, accordion

with



Eileen Estes
vocals, bodhran



&
Andrea Hoag
fiddle



A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SILVER SPRING MD & LIVE STREAMED
TUESDAY DECEMBER 19 • 7:30 PM

Dynamic duo, KA/PO–**Karen Ashbrook & Paul Oorts** are joined by Grammy-nominated fiddler **Andrea Hoag** and the extraordinary voice of **Eileen Estes** for a delightful evening performance.

The sparkling strings of hammered dulcimer, cittern, and harp guitar blend with rich harmonies and driving melodies on fiddle and accordion. The program will include toe-tapping dance tunes and haunting vocals of seasonal ballads and meditative airs from the shores of the many Celtic nations.

Location: Church of the Ascension
 633 Sligo Ave.
 Silver Spring MD 20910
 There is plenty of parking on the street and in the East Silver Spring Elementary School parking lot behind the church at 631 Silver Spring Ave. There is a path around the church. Handicapped parking is in the driveway in front of the church on Sligo Ave.

Co-sponsored with
 the Music Ministry of the
 Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring

Event webpage/Online Tickets:
fsgw.org/event-5491317/Registration

Concert Link:
youtube.com/live/zVcMilqeeeyE

Backup Link:
youtube.com/live/5e2m0nc7ByA

Suggested Donation:
 in advance: \$20 Adults; \$10 Under 18
 Tickets also available at the door,
 suggested donation \$25

Info: Karen Ashbrook
mail@karenashbrook.com

**THE GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING
TAKOMA DC & ONLINE
DECEMBER 13 • 7:30 PM**



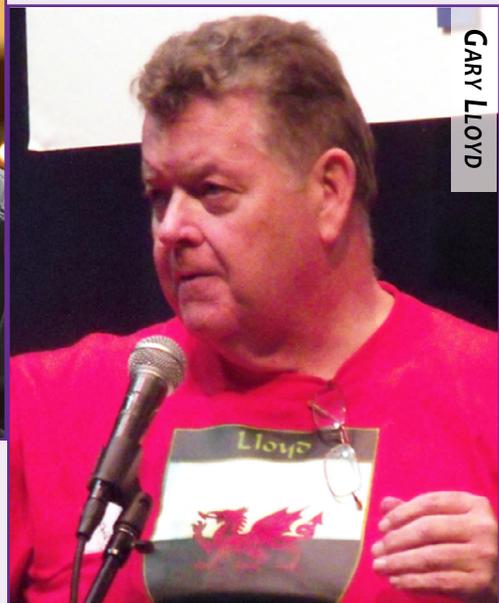
We are back with a new season of in-person storytelling!

Join us on December 13 at 7:30 pm live at Busboys and Poets Takoma (235 Carroll St NW, Washington DC), and also via Zoom, featuring storytellers **Anthony Burcher** and **Gary Lloyd**!

Growing up in rural Virginia, **Anthony Burcher** was often described as “he ain’t right.” An award-winning storyteller, and “champion liar,” his personal stories have humored audiences coast-to-coast. Anthony currently brings history to life for school children on behalf of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. Together with his wife Mike they have co-authored 3 books about play and games that teach storytelling skills.



Learn more at:
anthonyburcher.com



The Grapevine is spoken word performance for adults and teens, celebrating the timeless art of the story, hosted by storytellers **Renée Brachfeld** and **Tim Livengood**.

Registration: fsgw.org/event-5431698/Registration

Info: fsgw.org/grapevine

Gary Lloyd is a man of substance, leading him to develop a style of wide tales rather than the traditional tall tale. You can expect the truth to be stretched way beyond its limits with the only relief being when he tells you honestly about several of his real experiences, from his first date to a “what are the odds?” moment on a train ride in Japan.

Learn more at: voicesintheglen.org/storytellers/gary-lloyd

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FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

GLEN ECHO, MD

WEDNESDAYS • 8 – 10:30 PM

The English Country Dance committee has initiated the resumption of in-person Wednesday night dances at Glen Echo Town Hall.

The Dance Committee has decided to discontinue the Virtual Dances. We thank everyone for their enthusiastic support for the dance, and for our friends from all over the world for attending. Here's hoping more happy dancing is in your future.

Check our web page (fsgw.org/ecd) for the latest information on dancing in-person.



December 6 - Dan Gillespie



December 20 - Andrea Nettleton



December 13 - April Blum



December 27 - Melissa Running

December Lineup:

- 6 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)
- 13 **April Blum** leads the dancing while **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders), and **Melissa Running** (piano) play the tunes
- 20 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to the music of **David Knight** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute), and **Neil Epstein** (piano)
- 27 **Melissa Running** calls while **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and accordion), and **Ralph Gordon** (cello) make the music

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IMPORTANT NOTE

The FSGW Board has rescinded the Policy on Calling Terms adopted on January 14, 2020.

Gender-free terms will now be used for the FSGW co-sponsored contra dances.

**FSGW AND
THE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS
JOINT CONTRA DANCE
GLEN ECHO MD
FRIDAYS • LESSON AT 7:30 PM
DANCE AT 8 PM**

FSGW and FND have joined to present Contra dances!

There is a limit of 175 dancers for each dance. Full information will be on the FSGW calendar and FND Facebook page.

Info: [fsgw.org/
Friday-contra-square-dance](http://fsgw.org/Friday-contra-square-dance)
Please pre-register so we can manage participation.

December . . . FSGW Tier 2 events

1 Gwyn Williams with
Some Assembly -
Mary Flora (woodwinds),
Donny Boylan (keyboards),
Adam Lee (guitar), and
Joe Klausner (fiddle/mandolin)
[fsgw.org/event-
5429948/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5429948/Registration)

8 Jack Mitchell with *Sugar Beat* -
Susan Brandt (flute),
Elke Baker (fiddle), and
Marc Glickman (piano, bodhran)
[fsgw.org/event-
5429949/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5429949/Registration)

15 New Callers Workshop with
Black Oranges -
Sarah Foard (fiddle),
Gary Prince (guitar/mandolin),
and Cynthia Marie (piano)
[fsgw.org/event-
5429954/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5429954/Registration)

22 Penelope Weinberger with
Charlie Pilzer and Friends -
Charlie Pilzer (piano),
Zachary Mills (fiddle, foot
percussion), and
Bobby LaRose (mandolin)
[fsgw.org/event-
5429956/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5429956/Registration)

29 Louise Siddons with
Donaldson, Game, and Gordon -
Liz Donaldson (piano),
Linda Game (fiddle), and
Ralph Gordon (bass)
[fsgw.org/event-
5429959/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5429959/Registration)

Please note that all are strongly encouraged to preregister.

COVID POLICY:

Since June 1, this is an FSGW Tier 2 event: N95, KN95, KF94 or similar masks are optional. We no longer require proof of vaccination.
fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response

**FSGW CO-SPONSORED
SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE
SILVER SPRING MD
DECEMBER 14 • 7 PM LESSON,
7:30 PM DANCE**

December . . . FSGW Tier 2 events

14 Caroline Barnes with
Andrea Hoag (fiddle) and
Charlie Pilzer (piano)

Register at: [fsgw.org/event-
5388152/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5388152/Registration)

Location: Silver Spring Civic Building
8525 Fenton St.
Silver Spring MD 20910

NEW EVENT: A Dance Basics session from 6:30 to 6:55. Exercises and demos geared to making Contra Dance safer and more fun for all. Presented by **Linda Zebooker**.

Free introductory lesson 7 to 7:30 pm.
Dance 7:30 to 9:30 pm.
\$15 general admission.
\$12 Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) Members.
\$5 ages 21 and under and those with limited income.

This is an FSGW Tier 2 event: N95, KN95, KF94 or similar masks are optional. We no longer require proof of vaccination.
[Learn More](#)

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FSGW BARN DANCE!

GLEN ECHO MD • DECEMBER 10 • 1 – 3 PM

Come join us at the barn dance! This fun-spirited dance event is suitable for all ages and ability levels and features live music and calling. There will be circle dances, ceilidhs, and a variety of mixers.

This dance fits the bill for families with preschool children just as well as older groups of tweens and teens. Our intergenerational community is what makes this dance unique and fun.

~ So grab a friend or your kids and come join us! ~

1 to 3 pm in the Ballroom Back Room (Annex) at Glen Echo Park—FREE!

December . . .

10 Janine Smith with Gina Faber (fiddle) and Liz Donaldson (piano)

Info: fsgw.org/barn-dance

FSGW SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE
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Info: fsgw.org/silver-spring-contradance

This dance is presented by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts and is funded in part by Montgomery County Recreation, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, and the Maryland State Arts Council, plus individual donors and dancers!

FSGW CO-SPONSORED
GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL
FOLK DANCERS
GLEN ECHO MD & ONLINE
WEDNESDAYS* • 7:30 PM

**Note:* December 13 and 20, we will be dancing in the Ballroom Backroom. There will be no dance on December 27.

To register, please provide an email address for possible contact tracing. Masks and vaccinations are urged, but not required.

These dances are instruction-oriented from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with open request dancing after 8:30 pm. \$10 at the door.

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom. You can enter by clicking onto the following link:

us02web.zoom.us/j/87152651884?pwd=QWVYVEc1cm9uWTNqTk-wrYTdPWlRrdz09

Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884

Password: 145

If you click on the link, you may not need to enter a password.

For more information:

please contact Jamie at dancingplanet@erols.com or the website: dancingplanetproductions.com/folkdance.

**FSGW Co-SPONSORED
GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK
DANCE • GREENBELT MD
FRIDAYS • 8 PM**

Weekly in-person international folk dancing has returned to Greenbelt with some sessions being in-person only, and others will be hybrid (in-person AND through Zoom). Occasionally, due to dance studio unavailability, some events will be Zoom only.

We do a variety of line, circle and couple dances mostly from the

Balkans, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. If you've ever wondered about music in odd rhythms – like 7, 9 and 11 – come and get hooked on this wonderful music, which includes these great dance rhythms and more. The room where we dance has a beautiful sprung wood floor (please bring a clean change from your street shoes). We sometimes have special events, including dance workshops and live music nights. Newcomers and beginners are welcome!

When: (almost) Every Friday night from 8 to 9:30 pm

Where: Greenbelt Community Dance Studio
15 Crescent Rd.
Greenbelt MD 20770
(NEW! Enter and depart the community center through the front door.)
For the zoom link, contact John Robinson.

COVID POLICY: To participate in the In-Person programs at the Greenbelt Community Center you must comply with the Greenbelt IFD Covid-19 masking & vaccination policy. larryweiner.com/FridayDance-Covid-19%20-%202022-08-01a.htm

Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539 or John and Sheila Robinson, 410-715-9210

More Info: visit larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm or facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/?ref=page_internal

FSGW SINGS

**FSGW OPEN SING • ONLINE
FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 • 7:30 PM**

Thanks to Mara Levine for hosting on December 1 at 7:30 pm.

The topic is “Holidays and Celebrations”

Only those wishing to sing need to register.

Register: bit.ly/December-2023-FSGW-Online-Open-Sing-Signup

Singer's List: bit.ly/December-2023-FSGW-Online-Open-Sing-Singers-List

Reminder: Registration will be open till Noon EDT on 12/1/23.

Zoom Link will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List; if you're not a member, sign up at groups.io/g/FSGWOpenSings

Event Page: fsgw.org/event-5494273

Info: Vince@VinceWilding.com

**SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE
ONLINE
SECOND FRIDAY DECEMBER 8
1:30 – 3:30 PM**

The monthly Schweinhaut Song Circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy delightful songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. Come for informal group singing or just to listen.

Bring or request your favorite songs related to winter celebrations, or

any other songs! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using the form in the registration link below.



Susan McNelis will lead songs with guitar accompaniment, and any participant may lead any song *a cappella* or self-accompanied.

The Song Circle will be held in person at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to pre-register (see below), to have completed a full course of a COVID-19 vaccine (including boosters if eligible) before November 24, and to wear a mask except while leading a song.

If you can't come in person, you can join us on Zoom or by phone. The Zoom link and phone number will be sent Friday morning to those who are on the Schweinhaut Song Circle email list and to others who register at forms.gle/jr4sRgtmu6VRMBdN8 by **Thursday, December 7**.

For the **latest updates** about the Song Circle, see: fsgw.org/event-5474006

FSGW GOSPEL SING
TAKOMA PARK MD
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10
4 – 7 PM

The December 2023 Gospel Sing will again be indoors and include a potluck dinner. Come to Kathie Mack's house in Takoma Park MD.

Group singing for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm, potluck dinner at 6 pm. Hymnals provided.

A mask-friendly event — masks are optional but welcome. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you have had the latest COVID booster and are symptom-free.

RSVP/directions:

email kpmack2@gmail.com or call 301-270-4239 (Kathie Mack)

General Info: fsgw.org/gospel-sings

OPEN DANCES

SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE
SHEPHERDSTOWN WV
SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 • 8 PM

Put on your dancing shoes for a fabulous evening with our caller **Caroline Barnes** and **Trio con Brio Duo – Elke Baker** (fiddle) and **Paul Oorts** (guitar, mandolin, accordion). Vaccinations are recommended and masking with KN95 or similar masks is encouraged but not required.

\$15 admission for ALL at the door. Beginner/refresher lesson at 7:30. We dance at the historic **War Memorial Building** in Shepherdstown, WV.

For more **information** visit smad.us

FSGW STORYTELLING

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FSGW & VITG (VOICES IN THE GLEN)
MONTHLY STORY SWAP • ONLINE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers and listeners are invited to an evening of shared stories. Anyone is welcome to tell a tale; no one ever has to. For adults or families. Free.

Info: Jane Dorfman, 301-654-5818,
dorfmanjo@gmail.com;
voicesintheglen.org/event/vitg-monthly-story-swap-online-38



**BUMPER CAR SQUARES
GLEN ECHO MD
SATURDAY DECEMBER 2
7 – 10:30 PM**

Introducing Bumper Car Squares! Join us for the first in a special series of square dances in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD.

The FUN begins at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 2. Haven't ever square danced or maybe the last time was in elementary school? YOU can do this! Come at 7 pm (sharp) for an introductory session and we'll have you do-si-do-ing and swinging your partner in no time flat.

NO partner, special attire, or prior experience necessary. The Bumper Car Pavilion has a wonderful wooden floor and overhead radiant heaters will keep you toasty warm throughout the winter months.

Admission: \$15-adults, \$5-teens, 12 and under FREE! Cash only. Sorry, no credit cards.

Our inaugural dance features square dance aficionado, caller **Janine Smith.**

She'll make your feet fly to driving tunes by musicians deep in the Old Time groove:

Rachel Eddy (fiddle),
Em Hammond (bass),
Cathy Fink (banjo) and
Marcy Marxer (guitar).

And the fun doesn't end in 2023! Save these dates for some more amazing square dancing!

- February 24, 2024
- March 23, 2024
- July 6, 2024
- September 14th, 2024
- November 2, 2024
- December 7, 2024

*All this fun is brought to you by
Glen Echo Park Partnership
or Arts and Culture.*

Info: please visit [glenechopark.org/
events-calendar/202312](http://glenechopark.org/events-calendar/202312)
or email:
danceladyjanine@gmail.com

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
HERNDON VA
SATURDAY DECEMBER 10
2 – 6 PM**

Join our annual Holiday party with Tom Spilsbury calling, Music by **Catherine Chapman** (violin), **Diane Sorenson** (keyboard), and **Jeff Steinberg** (violin)

**Period or modern evening attire suggested ** To assist with

refreshments we invite you to contribute hors d'oeuvres, a covered dish, or dessert. \$10; Students, \$5.

Location: Self-Trail Manor
13222 Loyalty Rd.
Leesburg VA

Info: Laurel Bybell (Secretary)
lbybell@gmail.com or
703-791-5603 or
theleesburgassembly.org
or Jean Self-Trail at
selftrail@gmail.com or
540-822-9728

**BFMS DANCE (BALTIMORE FOLK
MUSIC SOCIETY) • BALTIMORE MD
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9
7 – 9:30 PM
NEW DANCER LESSON: 6:30 PM**

Contra dances with **Greg Frock** calling to:

**Back Step Cindy -
Joe Langley** (guitar),
Fred Cherney (banjo),
Shirley Echols (bass),
Sandy Hofferth (fiddle).

Dance lesson: 6:30 pm

Online payment only.

Pre-payment is encouraged.
bfms.org/secondsatpay.php

Location: The Church of the Nativity
and Holy Comforter
6112 York Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21212

Admission is: \$10 BFMS members & affiliates, \$15 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: free

Potluck snacks at the break. Masks & vaccinations are optional.

BFMS CONTRA (BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY) • BALTIMORE MD
FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS:
DECEMBER 6 & 20
8 – 10:30 PM

Wednesday Night Contra Dance Series! Every other Wednesday, 8 to 10:30 pm.

Location: Lovely Lane Church
2200 St. Paul St. 21218

Beginners always welcome!
New dancer workshops at 7:30.
BFMS and FSGW members \$10,
non-members \$15. Student discount.

Pre-registration info: bfms.org

December . . .

- 6 Dance to music by **Charlie Pilzer** (piano) and **Zachary Mills** (fiddle).
- 20 **Janine Smith** calls to *Triple Helix* - **Colleen Reed** (flute), **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle, mandolin), and **Keith Gillis** (guitar)

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
BALTIMORE MD • USUALLY 2ND
& 4TH MONDAYS, BUT 2ND & 3RD
THIS MONTH • 8 – 10:30 PM
NEW DANCERS' WORKSHOP 7:45 PM

New Dancers' workshop 7:45 pm.

English country dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through.

Preregistration required at bfms.org,
vax/mask required.

Location: Church of the Nativity
and Holy Comforter:
6112 York Rd., 21212
bfms.org/directionsToChurchoftheNativity.php

\$15 for non-members; \$10 BFMS,
ATDS, FSGW, CDSS members;
\$7 student non-members,
\$5 student members.

Info: Ann Fallon, 410-507-0934,
engdance@bfms.org or
aefallon@verizon.net

December . . .

- 11 **Sharon McKinley** will call dances to music by **Tina Chancy** (violin), **Jonathan Jensen** (piano) and **Marty Taylor** (concertina and winds).
- 18 **Diane Schmit** leads the dancing with music by **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Janina O'Brien** (piano and more) and **Mark Vidor** (accordion).
- 31 **SAVE THE DATE!**
Gala New Year's Eve Dance.
Melissa Running will call dances to music by **Becky Ross** (violin), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) and **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina).

SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO MD
DECEMBER 2, 11, & 31 • 8 PM

- Beginner swing lesson 8 to 9 pm; dance 9 to 11:30 pm (band plays two sets)
- Admission \$20/person advanced sales (credit card only); \$30/person at the door.

Advanced ticket sales ends at 12 noon on the day of the dance. All ticket sales are final; no refunds or credits.

Register at:

Gottaswing.com/calendar
where you can buy tickets
online for each dance.

We have dropped all covid-related restrictions at our classes and dances. We encourage vaccinations, boosters, and masks are always optional.

Info: gottaswing.com/calendar

December...(mostly in the Ballroom)

- 2 **Ralf Böcker & Friends**
- 23 **The Boilermaker Jazz Band**
- 31 **NYE Dance with California's Alpha Rhythm Kings**

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
ANNAPOLIS MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
7 – 9:30 PM
INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

Christopher Field calls to the music of *Amberwing*:

Emily Aubrey (fiddle);
Robin Wilson (flute,
concertina); **Janina O'Brien**
(piano and more).

Capped attendance, so
pre-registration required via email to
aefallon@verizon.net.

Venue has windows and fans for
ventilation. No experience or
partner required. No food/drinks

provided; please bring own drinking water. \$10.

Location: Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall
351 Dubois Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Info: Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867, janscope@hotmail.com or Ann Fallon, 410-507-0934, [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057517095183](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057517095183)

**SMTMD CONTRA DANCE
(AND VOTERS' MEETING)
CHAPTICO MD
DECEMBER 9 • 7 PM**

The 2nd Saturday of the month September through June.

The evening starts at 7 pm with a half hour beginner's dance workshop followed by live music performed by the **SOMD Open Band**

and dancing from 7:30 to 10 pm.

A brief annual meeting will be held during intermission where members will vote on the treasurer's annual report and elect the 2024 officers.

Admission is FREE for this event. Check the website calendar for the lineup of dances and callers!

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zack Fowler Rd.
Chaptico, MD

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com
smtmd.org/#/dances

**AFTERNOON WALTZ
GLEN ECHO MD
DECEMBER 3, 17 & 31 • 2:45 PM**

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing in the Spanish Ballroom! Take our beginner waltz lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm and enjoy dancing from 3:30

until 6 pm. No partner required. Admission is \$15, \$5 for full-time students with ID.

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org
or 301-634-2222

Proof of fully vaxed status is required. Masks requirements change; please bring one. More info on our website.

December . . .

3 Tangerine Tempo with **Elke Baker** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

17 WYNDREÁM with **Janet Muse** (piano), **Edith Coakley Stowe** (fiddle), **David Knight** (fiddle)

31 Waltz Sisters with **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SILVER SPRING MD
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9
7:30 – 9:30 PM**

Bob Farrall calls to music by **Peascods Gathering**.
Beginners and singles welcome. \$5.

Location:

Glen Haven Elementary School
10900 Inwood Ave., 20902
(Parking and entrance in rear.)

Info: Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281, cminkus@verizon.net, or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018



**MID-ATLANTIC
NORWEGIAN DANCERS
SILVER SPRING MD
DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 PM**

In-person Norwegian-style cozy house party at Stephen and Phyllis' home in Silver Spring, MD. Music for dancing at 7:30, followed by socializing.

Live music by **Loretta Kelley** and others, on Norwegian Hardanger fiddles, Swedish nyckelharpas and fiddles. All donations to musicians.

No need to bring a partner—we mix and some enjoy dancing either role so all can dance.

For more information and address
phllsdrck@gmail.com

**For more information about MAND
in general**, please see:
mand.fanitull.org

**SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
3:30 – 5:45 PM; SIGN-IN AT 3:15**

Scandia DC will be holding its monthly Third Saturday dance/music

event, December 16, in person. It may also be available on Zoom but that is TBD. The December event will be a party with no teaching, primarily live music with some recorded music.

Loretta Kelley will be the featured musician. The Scandia DC Spelmannslag will play with the lead musician during the first music set - all musicians are welcome to the practice session in a separate room during the first 40 minutes starting at 3:30pm. Tunes in that set will be available on the website in advance of the evening.

Please don't attend if you are feeling sick or have knowingly been in recent contact with someone with Covid. More details on COVID precautions will be in the announcement email.

Info: Email Linda@ScandiaDC.org to get on the list to receive the latest information on the event if you are not already on the list. More information will be available at ScandiaDC.org and in the invitation email closer to the event.

**THE NORDIC DANCERS OF
WASHINGTON DC
SILVER SPRING MD
WEDNESDAYS: DECEMBER 6 & 13
7:30 – 9:50 PM**

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

Music by **Paul Carlson**.

Check by email for updated COVID protocols.

No charge the first time;
\$4.00 per session thereafter.

Location: Highland View
Elementary School
9010 Providence Ave.
Silver Spring, MD

Info: Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596,
ckalke@verizon.net
[sites.google.com/site/
nordicdancersdc](https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc)

**CUBAN SALSA CLASS
& SOCIAL DANCING
WASHINGTON DC
SATURDAYS • 1:15 – 4 PM**

We dance at:

Chevy Chase Baptist Church
5671 Western Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20015

\$15/person

Details: danceintime.com/classes

Questions: Barb@DanceInTime.com
or call Barb: 443-773-2623



OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS, AND PERFORMING ARTS

CARPE DIEM ARTS DAILY ANTIDOTE OF SONG ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON

Daily at noon, 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: carpediemarts.org/daily-antidote-of-song

HOLIDAY UKULELE WORKSHOP WITH MAUREEN ANDARY TAKOMA PARK MD SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 11 AM – 12:30 PM

Grab your ukulele and join **Maureen Andary** for an afternoon of pure holiday joy! We’ll share in holiday tunes and carols, all with

support for chords and strumming patterns from Maureen.

Beginning and intermediate students of all ages are encouraged to join! \$30 workshop.

Location:
School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Info: (240) 690-1910
lessons@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com
schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/classes-workshops/holdiday-ukulele-workshop-w-maureen-andary

D.C. LABOR CHORUS CONCERT OF FAVORITE AND SACRED SONGS WASHINGTON DC AND ONLINE DECEMBER 2 • 7:30 PM

Come join the **D.C. Labor Chorus** for a free holiday concert, “Celebrating 25 Years of Favorite and Sacred Songs.” From classics to new parodies to holiday favorites, enjoy a spirited concert of songs from diverse traditions—with a social-justice twist.

The concert will be at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. NW, Washington DC 20012, and will be livestreamed.

To **register** for this free concert, go to: bit.ly/dcl-25.

Info: facebook.com/DCLaborChorus

NORDENSONG CONCERT ROCKVILLE MD DECEMBER 4 • 7:30 PM

Nordensong album release concert, “Song of Aino” with special guest **Andrea Hoag**. Drawing on the history of Scandinavian, Celtic, and American folk music, Nordensong’s rich musical world breathes new life into these ancient traditions. Their first album, “Song of Aino,” will be available for the first time tonight and they will be joined by award-winning master fiddler **Andrea Hoag**.

Location:
Saint Mark Presbyterian Church
10701 Old Georgetown Rd.
Rockville, MD

7:30 pm | **Tickets:** imtfolk.org
\$25 advance (+\$2 box office fee) / \$30 door (children / students \$20 / \$25)

Info: rob Hinkal at
publicity@imtfolk.org or
imtfolk.org

SCANDINAVIAN CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE AND LUCIAFEST COLLEGE PARK MD DECEMBER 7 • 8 – 10:30 PM

Music by **Peascods Gathering**. Basic teaching by **Dan Kahn**, 7:30 to 8 pm.

Dancing to candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her

crown of candles, and traditional holiday refreshments.

Singles, couples, beginners, experienced, all welcome. \$10.

Location: Cherry Hill Park
Conference Center
9800 Cherry Hill Rd. 20742

Info: Lorraine Silsbee 301-219-1038,
Carl Minkus 301-493-6281,
cminkus@verizon.net

ANNUAL CELTIC HOLIDAY SHOW ROCKVILLE MD

DECEMBER 11 • 7:30

Robin Bullock returns for our annual Celtic holiday concert, with **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer) and fiddler **Elke Baker!** The music of Christmas, perfectly suited to the ageless tones of the acoustic guitar, comes to life in Robin Bullock's concert of carols and hymns spanning over 600 years, drawn from his bestselling holiday recordings, *A Guitar for Christmas* and *Christmas Eve is Here*.

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Saint Mark Presbyterian Church
10701 Old Georgetown Rd.
Rockville, MD

7:30 pm | **Tickets:** imtfolk.org
\$20 advance (+\$2 box office fee) / \$25 door (children / students \$15 / \$20).

Info: rob Hinkal at
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imtfolk.org

CONCERT WITH WINDBORNE ROCKVILLE MD

DECEMBER 14 • 7:30 PM

"Music of Midwinter" with **Windborne** "The most exciting vocal group in a generation," Windborne's captivating show draws on the singers' deep roots in traditions of vocal harmony, while the absolute uniqueness of their artistic approach brings old songs into the present. Known for the innovation of their arrangements, their harmonies are bold and anything but predictable.

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7:30 pm | **Tickets:** imtfolk.org
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imtfolk.org

BLUEGRASS/OLD-TIME, CELTIC, BLUES/FOLK JAMS

WESTMINSTER MD

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6 • 7 PM

Each genre will have a separate space but participants are welcome to spend time in each one!

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Leaders will help everyone take part. No enrollment necessary. Listeners welcome.

Location: Carroll Arts Center
91 West Main St.
Westminster, MD 21157

First Wednesday of every month,
7 to 9 pm.

THE FRYING PAN OLD-TIME JAM FAIRFAX VA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 • 1 PM

Near the stage in the Visitor Center. The jam is on the first Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 pm. Chairs are available in the room. You can go to the main Visitor Center entry and they will direct you.

Free. Frying Pan Park, Fairfax VA.

TAKOMA OPEN SPARK TAKOMA PARK MD

ONGOING TUESDAYS • 7 PM

Institute of Musical Traditions presents the Takoma Open Spark.

Supported by a cast of talented local regular artists and hosted by rob Hinkal and David Eisner, each Tuesday evening IMT hosts an open mic night where all are invited to perform. A special featured artist slot is the highlight of the night!

Signup at 6:30, music at 7 pm, webcast Live on Facebook, YouTube and Twitch. House piano available. 12/5 w Julia Kasdorf, 12/12 w Ronn McFarlane and Heather Aubrey Lloyd, 12/19 w Quiet the Mountain, 12/26 w Laura Baron

7 pm | The evening is free to attend, but we encourage a \$10 suggested donation for our featured artist.

Location:

School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Info: rob Hinkal at

publicity@imtfolk.org or
imtfolk.org

WARRENTON BLUEGRASS JAM

WARRENTON VA

DECEMBER 10 • 2 PM

Yes...that is right. The Warrenton Bluegrass Jam is back! The Jam is now part of the Allegro Acoustical Jams Programs of the Allegro Community School of the Arts. Thanks to Lachelle and Sam Yoder for embracing and supporting a revitalized jam. Doc Phillips and I will co-lead the jams and we encourage everyone to come and enjoy the music and good times.

Our jams will continue meeting on the second Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 pm. We will use the Allegro studio located at 65 Main St. in downtown Warrenton. There should be plenty of parking available. This facility will permit us to jam in one location year round without having to worry about the weather. The building is located in the block between the Post Office and the Presbyterian Church.

Feel free to spread the word about our jam.

Info: wattman52@gmail.com

CELTIC CHRISTMAS WITH KA/PO

AND SPECIAL GUESTS

SHEPHERDSTOWN WV

DECEMBER 16 • 7:30 PM

Join **Karen Ashbrook** (hammered dulcimer, Irish flute & whistle), **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Eileen Estes** (vocals and bodhran—the Irish drum), & **Paul Oorts** (harp guitar, accordion, cittern) for a holiday musical celebration in lovely Shepherdstown, West Virginia! These four internationally known performers have crafted a delightful program of Celtic songs and tunes to celebrate Christmas, Winter, and the New Year.

The program has a wide selection of traditional and contemporary airs, jigs, and reels from Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man, and Brittany. The program is perfect for the whole family to celebrate the holiday season.

Admission is \$25 adults, \$22 seniors, \$20 SMaD members, \$15 students, paid by cash or check, taken at the door

Location: Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church
100 W. Washington St.
Shepherdstown, WV.

Info or to reserve a ticket: Joanie Blanton, 304-263-2531 or upperpotomac@gmail.com on the web at smad.us

HOLIDAY HOOTENANNY

TAKOMA PARK MD

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30

3 AM – 5 PM

Our Holiday Hootenanny will provide Winter fun for the entire family. We'll start with songs specifically targeted for young children. After the first 30 minutes or so we will transition to more holiday music from various traditions, folk music, and rock/ pop/ Disney faves.

We will have songbooks and song sheets for anyone to read along, and encourage participants to shout out the song they'd like to sing next.

You're welcome to bring an acoustic instrument to play if you like. If not, come as you are and add your voice to the mix! Musical ability or training is not required.

Feel free to come and go as you please - we will provide cookies, hot drinks, and water. \$10 suggested donation.

Location:

School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Info: (240) 690-1910

lessons@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com
schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/jams-open-mics

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON VA
DECEMBER 10 & 24 • 2 PM

CABOMA's jams are regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Regular time and place: 2 to 6 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church
of Arlington
4444 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22204

We have three rooms for jamming. The slow jam starts in the chapel (the big basement room with the circular ceiling fixture) from 2 to 3 pm. Room 13/15 houses a regular tempo jam. And room 14 is also available to us. Room 14 is not used a lot; it's available for creative uses—small breakout groups or perhaps a continuation of the slow jam.

Info: caboma.org

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM
HERNDON VA
TUESDAY DECEMBER 12 • 7 – 9 PM

New time: 2nd Tuesday from 7 – 9 pm

Open to all ages and all levels. We play a variety of gospel from hymns, bluegrass gospel, country gospel, praise, original songs. Chairs are available but please bring a stand.

Location:

Floris United Methodist Church
13600 Frying Pan Rd.
Herndon, VA 20171
Drive up the hill and park on the upper level.

HOUSE CONCERT WITH
TWISTED PINE • BRENTWOOD MD
FRIDAY DECEMBER 8
7 PM DOORS, 7:30 CONCERT

Hamlin Street Diner presents the bluegrass and groove dance magic of **Twisted Pine**. Self-described as 'neo-folk indie soul avant jazz jam grass-icana' but that doesn't quite roll off the tongue. We're definitely rooted in bluegrass.

Ticket: \$20 suggested donation
(all to the musicians)

Info: jonathaneennewton@gmail.com
please rsvp so we can get an accurate count

SMTMD HOMESPUN
COFFEEHOUSE HOLIDAY OPEN MIC
CHAPTICO MD
DECEMBER 15TH • 7 PM

4th Friday of the month September through June.

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to perform their favorite tunes. Doors open at 7 pm with performances beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$8; performers are admitted free of charge. Contact Chris Dudley in advance (ccdudley@rocketmail.com) to sign up as a performer.

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zack Fowler Rd.
Chaptico, MD

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com
smtmd.org/#/open-mic-night

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20
7 – 9 PM

Shape note singing from *The Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*: community singing of 4-part *a cappella* songs in a style rooted in colonial America.

Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcome! Songbooks available to share.

Location:

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church
201 4th St SE
Washington, DC 20003

Info: dcshapenote.squarespace.com
silvermanalexa@gmail.com

FSGW CO-SPONSORED
TAKOMA OLD-TIME JAM
TAKOMA DC***
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20
7:30 – 9:30 PM

*****We have a new location! Please see the bottom of this listing.**

Jonathan Vocke will host the Old Time Jam on Wednesday from 6:45 to 9 pm. We'll have a 30 - 40 minute slow jam to start.

This jam is open to all skill levels and instruments. Please come with whatever you play and plan on

supporting the restaurant who is generously hosting us!

*****Our new location** is at:

Busboys and Poets
235 Carroll St NW
Washington, DC 20012

Info: [fsgw.org/
Takoma-Park-Old-Time-Jam](http://fsgw.org/Takoma-Park-Old-Time-Jam)

**WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG
HYATTSVILLE AND KENSINGTON MD
SESSIONS ON THE 2ND AND 4TH
SATURDAY • 2:30 – 4 PM**

Washington's Spelmanslag is a group of local musicians who love to play traditional Swedish folk music together. All instruments and all levels of play are welcome.

Info: Catherine Chapman
240-461-9244
washingtonsspelmanslag.com
[facebook.com/
washingtonsspelmanslag](https://www.facebook.com/washingtonsspelmanslag)

**TAKOMA MANDOLEERS
ARLINGTON VA
TUESDAYS • 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

The *Takoma Mandoleers* are a community orchestra comprised of mandolin, mandola, mandocello, classical guitar and string bass. Founded in Takoma Park in 1923, we play the mandolin orchestra repertoire from classical to the 20th and 21st centuries.

Info: Mandoleers.org/contact

**BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM
BALTIMORE MD
TUESDAYS • 8 PM**

Howdy folks! We're moving to the Green Room which is an event space below the Bluebird Cocktail Room on Hickory Ave just off The Avenue. The Green Room is a gorgeous space with wonderful acoustics, a cozy vibe, plenty of room for the jammers and viewers, great drinks of all sorts (beer, wine, cocktails, non-alcoholic options) and awesome food. We hope this becomes the long-term home for the jam.

All are welcome to play along in the jam regardless of skill level or instrument. Even if you don't play, you can come to soak in the scene, listen to the music and grab a bite to eat.

Every other Tuesday, **Ken & Brad Kolodner** will lead the *Baltimore Old Time Jam* from 7 to 10 pm. The first hour of the jam will be a "slow jam" so anyone can hop in and play along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to 10 pm, they'll kick up the tempo for the "fast jam." Imagine a sea of fiddles, banjos, guitars and more all swelling together in a chorus of joyous tunes!

On the opposite Tuesdays, **Alex Lacquement & Lucas Chohany** will lead the *Baltimore Bluegrass Jam* from 7 to 10 pm for a jam featuring bluegrass songs and

instrumentals. Come with a song or two to lead — or just show up and jam along.

Best of all, the jam is FREE!

Location: The Green Room
3600 Hickory Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21218

Info: [facebook.com/groups/
569707316420150](https://www.facebook.com/groups/569707316420150)

**MANOR MILL OLD TIME JAM
MONKTON MD
TUESDAY DECEMBER 26
1 – 4 PM**

Fourth Sunday every month, except December! Generally 1 to 4 pm unless otherwise noted!

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

**WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY
(WBS) • ARLINGTON VA
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

WBS is welcoming new members.

The orchestra is comprised of Eastern European folk instruments including balalaikas and domras in various sizes, and some Western percussion and wind instruments, producing a uniquely beautiful

sound. We have an eclectic repertoire including classical music, folk songs, Broadway tunes and popular music from around the world. We perform often around the Washington DC metropolitan area and occasionally beyond, and our audiences are always enthusiastic.

WBS invites strings players at all levels, as well as percussion, oboe, clarinet, and accordion players. (If you read music, you can learn domra or balalaika.)

Come and visit us any Wednesday night at Faith Lutheran Church, 3313 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201.

Message us on Facebook for details.

Info: balalaika@balalaika.org or balalaika.org

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN KENSINGTON MD SUNDAYS • 10 – 11:30 AM

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. No dance experience necessary! Email if interested.

Location: White Flint Park
11525 Rokeby Ave.
Kensington, MD 20895

Info: rockcreekmorriswomen@gmail.com and rockcreekmorriswomen.weebly.com

FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN ARLINGTON VA SATURDAYS • 11 AM – 1 PM

Learn traditional English morris dances from the Cotswold villages of Bampton, Bledington, and more. New and experienced dancers are wanted to join our community that dances, socializes, and sings. It's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

Location: Welburn Square
901 N. Taylor St.
Arlington, VA 22203

Info: Jud McIntire,
squire@fbmm.org
Nat Brown,
foreman@fbmm.org

SHIP'S COMPANY CHANTYMEN FAIRFAX VA, BALTIMORE, WHEATON, & WOODSTOCK MD 1ST THURSDAY, 2ND WEDNESDAY, & 3RD THURSDAY: 8 PM 4TH SUNDAY: 2 PM

1st Thursdays are at the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub & Restaurant: 3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. (8 to 10 pm)

The 2nd Wednesday (Baltimore) is in Fells Point in the Anchor Bar at Admiral Fell's Inn: 815 S. Broadway. (8 pm)

The 3rd Thursday folk sing hosted by **Johnny Strumm** is at the Limerick Pub: 11301 Elkin St., Wheaton, MD 20902. (8 pm)

The 4th Sunday location is now located NW of Ellicott City MD at Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant: 10805 Birmingham Way #24, Woodstock, MD.

NOTE: **NOT** 8 pm as usual for Pub sings, but rather 2 pm start. Still approximately two hours. Same format, same lead host **Brad Graham**, different location, food & daylight instead of nighttime.

Info: Brad Graham
blgraham_99@yahoo.com
Subscribe to Ship's Company Chantymen open Chantysings events newsletter at SCC-ChanteySings-Invitationsubscribe@groups.io

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 Chevy Chase MD. We are always seeking new members. No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

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

Terpsichore's Holiday

ADAMSTOWN MD • DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 1

Start the New Year with 6 days of dance, music, and song at Terpsichore's Holiday. December 27 to January 1 at the Claggett Conference Center, only an hour from DC and Baltimore.

Terpsichore features contra, English, and square dancing, singing, step dance, and community fun for all ages.

Staff includes
Adina Gordon, Luke Donforth, Wake Up Robin (Noah van Norstrand, Audrey Jaber, Amy Englesberg), Miranda Weinberg, Dave Wiesler, Mathew Olwell, Emily Oleson,
 and many more.

Scholarships and financial assistance available.

More information at terpsichore.lloydshaw.org

Ski-Dance Weekend

LAUREL HIGHLANDS PA • FEBRUARY 16 TO 19

Cross-country ski or snowshoe in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania during the day and contra dance at night!

 Do you have two left feet? 

...Bring both of them because there is free ski instruction and **Janine Smith** will have you moving to the music of **Dave Wiesler** and **Mat Clark**.

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Lots of fun and prices range from \$95 to \$450 depending on your accommodations.

Info: skidance.org

or contact Bob Mathis
 at rjmathis62@gmail.com
 or call 240-858-9341

Ski-Dance

is sponsored by
 Sierra Club Potomac Region Outings (SCPRO).



FSGW is looking for **A PART-TIME WORKER** to help with a number of administrative items.

These administrative items include: membership, event registration, website updates, and handling incoming email. This position shares tasks with another part-time administrative worker (you'll have a co-worker!).

This is a paid position.

Expected hours are 5 to 10 hours per week — spread over the week rather than concentrated into one or two days, since incoming email needs to be monitored and responded to regularly.

Needed skills include organizing information, documenting procedures, writing business-like emails, comfort with Google Docs and Sheets, and using a WYSIWYG editor to make website updates. HTML and CSS skills are nice to have but not required.

Preference for someone in the DMV area who attends FSGW events at least occasionally.

Interested? Email contact@fsgw.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 in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.
- All listings must be submitted in the format set out on our website (fsgw.org). Just click on [Newsletter](#) and scroll down to Guidelines for Submitting Copy for Publication.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

Basic Ad charges: 1/4 page ads (3.4” x 4.5” or 7.25” x 2.5”): \$65 for one month, \$120 for two. Commercial business: \$8 for 10 words. Noncommercial and individual: \$4 for 10 words. 25% discount for any single ad placed in 12 consecutive issues (one year) and paid in advance. We will work with you on larger ads. Copy, with check made payable to FSGW, must be received by the newsletter deadline.

Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Memo on the check should read, “Advertising for ...”

FSGW POLICY REGARDING COVID-19 AND PARTICIPATION AT IN-PERSON EVENTS

is being revised as we watch the spread of variants and their effect on the community. A current version is posted on our website at fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response

The goal is to keep all of us healthy and to enable everyone 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. Thank you!

Charlie Pilzer, FSGW President

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) TUESDAY DECEMBER 5 • 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.

2023-2024 FSGW BOARD

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FSGW NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. We are an all-volunteer society. **We need Board Members!** —Please consider donating your time and interest to make the Society successful. 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.

DECEMBER 2023

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