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## NEW YEAR'S EVE CONTRA DANCE BALL

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



Gaye Fifer *calls to*  
**Hot Coffee Breakdown:**  
Tom Cunningham (*fiddle*)  
Kate Sanders (*piano*)  
Luis deLeon (*percussion*)



GAYE FIFER

We plan a full evening of fun dances to amazing musicians.

Stay tuned for the fanciest NYE in the Metro area.

Doors open at 7:15 pm and the **Grand March** starts at 8 pm. There will be a **toast at midnight**, followed by **Auld Lang Syne**, then some **final dancing**.

We are looking for a few **volunteers!** Please email the [ball chair](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

**Food:** Food and drink will be served. Attendees are encouraged to bring a snack to share!

**Location:** Woman's Club of Chevy Chase  
7931 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase MD

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Meetup: [meetup.com/folklore-society-of-greater-washington/](https://meetup.com/folklore-society-of-greater-washington/)

Check Us Out!

FSGW is thrilled to return to the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase for another fantastic New Year's celebration.



HOT COFFEE BREAKDOWN

**Registration:** Preregistration recommended. We will be accepting admission at the door.

- **Early Registration (through December 15)**  
FSGW Member (also ATDS, BFMS, CDSS) – \$50.00  
General admission – \$60.00      Limited Income – \$28.00
- **Registration starting December 16**  
FSGW Member (also ATDS, BFMS, CDSS) – \$60.00  
General Admission – \$70.00      Limited Income – \$28.00

**Questions?** Contact the [ball chair](#). **Parking:** Free, on site.

**Details and updates** can be found on the [New Year's Eve Contra Dance Ball](#) page.

# THE GRAPEVINE

## STORYTELLING

**Takoma Park and Online**  
Wed. Dec. 11 • 7:30 pm

Our featured tellers this month are the legitimate

**Harold Feld** and the galvanic **Jude Treder-Wolff!**



**Harold Feld** is a storyteller of Jewish stories,

Middle Eastern stories or other stories that take his fancy (but mostly Jewish stories). He pays the bills as a lawyer in the exciting world of tech and telecommunications policy. Perhaps it tells you something about his storytelling, or his legal practice, that he had a long-running blog called, “Tales of the Sausage Factory.” His brother is a rabbi (also pretty funny).

The heart of **Jude Treder-Wolff’s** storytelling as a performer and as a teacher is empowerment, healing, and galvanizing one’s strength through the art of story. She has been featured on *PBS Stories From The Stage*, *RISK!* live show and podcast, *The Story Collider*, *Generation Women*, *Funny Over 50*, *Better Said Than Done*, *Story District*, and many other shows. She is host and creator of (mostly) *TRUE THINGS* on Long Island, NY. [More about Jude](#)



Join us on December 11 at 7:30 pm, live at Busboys and Poets Takoma and also via Zoom!

You can **register** at [fsgw.org/grapevine](https://fsgw.org/grapevine) for access to the live stream or to catch the recorded show later. No registration needed for in-person participation; you can just show up!

**We ask for donations** to support our tellers; suggested contribution is \$20 per person. Donations can be made online before, during or after the event at [fsgw2.org/grapevine.html](https://fsgw2.org/grapevine.html)

**Location:** BusBoys & Poets: 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

**Info:** [fsgw.org/grapevine](https://fsgw.org/grapevine)

**FSGW & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap • Online**

**Sat. Dec. 14 • 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, [website](#)

## FSGW English Country Dance

Glen Echo MD • Wednesdays except 12/25 • 8 – 10:30 pm

The FSGW weekly English Country Dance offers delightful dancing at Glen Echo Town Hall led by talented callers, accompanied by top-notch musicians playing a wide variety of instruments. The crowd is friendly; new dancers are always welcome and can get an informal lesson if they arrive around 7:30. You don't need to bring a partner, or dress up.

### December lineup . . .

- 4 **Margaret Bary** (Guest caller from NYC) calls to the playing of **Anna Rain** (recorders), **David Knight** (fiddle) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)
- 11 **Andrea Nettleton** leads the dancing while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute) and **Janina O'Brien** (piano) make the music
- 18 **Melissa Running** calls while **Mari Carlson** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon) and **Neil Epstein** (piano) play
- 25 Christmas Day—no dance

Latest info: [fsgw.org/eed](http://fsgw.org/eed)



December 4 - Margaret Bary



December 11 - Andrea Nettleton



December 18 - Melissa Running

## ■ FSGW Co-sponsored Jam ■



### Takoma Park Old-Time Jam • Wed. Dec. 18 • 7:30 – 9:45 pm

**Jonathan Vocke** will host the Old-Time Jam. 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 location** has been Busboys and Poets, subject to change  
235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

—Watch for updates on our location.

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



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## KA/PO CELTIC HOLIDAY HOUSE CONCERTS

**KA/PO:** Karen Ashbrook (hammered dulcimer, Irish flute) & Paul Oorts (harp guitar, accordion, cittern) and special guest traditional vocalist extraordinaire Eileen Estes

- \* Friday December 20, 8 pm: Silver Spring MD
- \* Saturday December 21, 4 pm: Frederick MD
- \* Saturday December 21, 7:30 pm: Frederick MD

Come to an unforgettable evening of exceptional artistry, with finely crafted traditional tunes and heartfelt renditions that celebrate the season with warmth and authenticity!

**Suggested donation** \$20–35/person—includes a reception with the artists. The house address will be sent when tickets are reserved.

## FSGW Co-sponsored Concert



**Reservations:** [karenashbrook.com/events](http://karenashbrook.com/events),  
[mail@karenashbrook.com](mailto:mail@karenashbrook.com) or 301-655-0103

## FSGW DANCES CONTINUED from p. 3 ...

FSGW CO-SPONSORED  
Le Bal Perdu DC and FSGW  
present an evening of  
**BALFOLK!**  
~ Dances from France ~  
Takoma Park MD  
Thurs. Dec. 5 • 7:30 – 9:30 pm



~ All dances taught, no partner needed! ~

Live music from **Trio Mirambel** ~

**Leslie Barr** (fiddle),  
**Patrick Michael Brown**  
(accordion),  
**Ralph Dubayah**  
(hurdy-gurdy)

**Join us** at the School of Musical Traditions: 7112 Willow Ave., Takoma Park MD. Easy street parking and a few blocks from the Takoma Metro.

**Cost:** \$10 (pay at the door)

**Info:** [fsgw.org/balfolk](http://fsgw.org/balfolk)  
[lebalperdu.dc@gmail.com](mailto:lebalperdu.dc@gmail.com)

## FRIDAY NIGHT CONTRA DANCE

The Friday Night Contra Dance is now hosted solely by Friday Night Dances, Inc. The schedule for these dances can be found on the Open Dances page of this newsletter. For further information and to purchase tickets, go to [Fridaynightdance.com](http://Fridaynightdance.com).

## FSGW CO-SPONSORED Greenbelt International Folk Dance • Greenbelt MD Fridays except 12/27 • 8 – 9:30 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!

**Special event 12/6:** Traditional Greek Music with [Karpouzi Trio](#):  
**Spyros Koliavasilis**  
(vocals, oud, laouto, kemane),  
**Margaret Loomis** (santouri) and  
**Len Newman** (laouto)

## FSGW BARN DANCE!

Ballroom Annex, Glen Echo MD  
2nd Sunday December 8 • 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!*

**Admission:** FREE! **Info:** [fsgw.org/barn-dance](http://fsgw.org/barn-dance) / [fsgw.org/event-5840406](http://fsgw.org/event-5840406)



**December 8 :**

**Penelope Weinberger** calling  
with **String Beans:**

**Chuck Becker** and **Clara Becker**



**KARPOUZI TRIO**

Join us for an evening of beautiful Greek music and dancing with **Karpouzi Trio**, playing music on traditional instruments from the Greek mainland and islands, and Asia Minor.

**Karpouzi Trio** loves to play for dance parties and community celebrations, and always, even in concerts, invites the audience out of their seats and onto the dance floor!

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

**Where:** Greenbelt Community Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd. (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](#).

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

**More Info:** [FridayDance](#) or [facebook](#)

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## Glen Echo International Folk Dancers

Glen Echo MD & Online

Wednesdays except 12/25 • 7:30 pm

**Special event 12/4:**

### Romanian National Day Party

#### GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS



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. If you wish to attend, please contact [Jamie](#) to RSVP before attending.

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom.

You can enter by clicking [here](#).

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](#) or see the [website](#).

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## Silver Spring Contra Dance

Silver Spring MD • Thursday December 12

7 – 7:30 pm lesson, 7:30 – 9:30 pm dance

**December 12 . . .**

**Caroline Barnes** calling with **Frog Hammer:**  
**Glyn Collinson** (bouzouki, acoustic guitar,  
electric guitar, vocals)

**Andrew Marcus** (piano accordion)

**Dave Casserly** (sax, vocals)

**Michael Ferguson** (trombone)

**Bob Collins** (drums)

**Jim Besser** (Anglo concertina)

**Register at:** [fsgw.org/event-5894877](https://fsgw.org/event-5894877)

**Location:** Silver Spring Civic Building, 8525 Fenton St.

Free introductory lesson 7 to 7:30 pm.

Dance 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

#### **Admission:**

\$15 general admission.

\$12 Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) Members.

\$5 ages 21 and under and those with limited income.

**Info:** [fsgw.org/silver-spring-contra-dance](https://fsgw.org/silver-spring-contra-dance)

#### SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE



PHOTO:  
Carpe Diem Arts



*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!*





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## BFMS Gala New Years Eve English Country Dance

Adelphi MD • Tues. Dec. 31 • 8 pm – just after midnight

*There will be live music!*

April Blum will call to the music of  
**Susan Brandt, Tom Wright and Melissa Running**

Dancers are encouraged to have a light supper *before* arriving and also, to bring something sweet or savory to share at the break.

**Tickets** are \$30 for members of BFMS and FSGW members;  
\$20 for students.

**Location:** Ballroom Blum, Adelphi MD

**Pre-registration required:** Attendance is capped at 50.

There will be a lottery which will be drawn on or close to the 15th of December. Please email [jerryandapril@aol.com](mailto:jerryandapril@aol.com) with your intentions to register for the mid-December lottery.

A wait list will be maintained.

[More info](#)

## FSGW SINGS

### FSGW Open Sing [Online](#) • Fri. Dec. 6 • 7:30 pm

Val Fowler has volunteered to host the December Online Open Sing on 12/6/24 at 7:30 pm EDT.

The topic will be: **Journey**

**Registration: Reminder:** registration will be open till noon EDT on 12/6/24. \*\*\*Only those wishing to sing need to register.\*\*\* ([Singers List](#))

**Zoom Link** will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List. if you're not a member, sign up [here](#).

**Info:** [website](#), [Vince Wilding](#)

### FSGW In-person Sing • [Contact](#) Kensington • Dec. 21 • 2 – 5 pm

The topic will be: **Celebrations**

### FSGW Gospel Sing

Kensington MD

Sun. Dec. 8 • 4 – 7 pm

The December Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Karen Smith in Kensington MD near Wheaton Plaza. Group singing of Southern country gospel for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm, followed by a potluck dinner until 7 pm. Hymnals provided. A mask-friendly event — masks are optional but welcome. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you are symptom-free.

**RSVP/directions:** text Karen at 240-338-0180, email [Kathie](#), or call Kathie at 301-270-5367 (voicemail, no texts).

**Info:** [Dec. 8 event page](#)  
[fsgw.org/gospel-sings](http://fsgw.org/gospel-sings)

### FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD & Online

2nd Fri. Dec. 13 • 1:30 – 3:30 pm

The monthly FSGW 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 Rd.

In-person participants should read and follow FSGW's [Respiratory Virus Policy](#).

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 have attended the Song Circle via Zoom and to others who register [here](#) by **Thursday Dec. 12**.

[Latest info](#)

**CONCERT & SQUARE DANCE  
FUNDRAISER FOR HURRICANE RELIEF  
MOUNT RAINIER MD  
SUN. DEC. 1 • 5 – 7 PM**

Join us for a roots relief fundraiser concert and square dance for Hurricane Helene recovery with **Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer's Old-Time Coalition** featuring **Rachel Eddy, Em Hammond & Becky Hill**.

Come out for an evening of hard-driving old-time tunes, flatfooting, sensational harmonies, a rollicking square dance and silent auction. This is a family-friendly event. All square dances will be taught; you don't need a dance partner. All proceeds from the evening and the silent auction go to support Hurricane Helene relief.

Doors open at 4:30 pm to peruse the silent auction.

**Tickets:** [tinyurl.com/3pejh9wj](https://tinyurl.com/3pejh9wj)  
Suggested donation is \$20.

**Location:** Joe's Movement Emporium,  
3309 Bunker Hill

**Info:** Becky Hill, 616-446-5074,  
[cathymarcy.com](https://cathymarcy.com)

**AFTERNOON WALTZ  
GLEN ECHO MD  
1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUN. DEC. 1, 15 & 29  
LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30 – 6 PM**

**December . . .**

- 1 **Terpsichore** with **Elke Baker** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) & **Ralph Gordon** (bass)
- 15 **Honeysuckle Rose Trio** with **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Paul Oorts** (accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar, concertina) & **Elke Baker** (violin)

- 29 **Waltz Sisters:** **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar, concertina), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) & **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

**Admission:** \$15,  
\$5 for full-time students with ID.

**Info:** [WaltzTimeDances.org](https://WaltzTimeDances.org)  
or 301-634-2222

**BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE  
(BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY)  
BALTIMORE MD • MON. DEC. 2, 9,  
16, 23 & 30 • 8 – 10:30 PM**

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

All dances will be at the Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter.

**December . . .**

- 2 **Sharon McKinley** will call the dances to be played by **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (recorders & concertina) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano)
- 9 **The Merrie Bande of Baltimore** led by **Emily Aubrey** will provide the music called by **Ann Fallon**.
- 16 **April Blum** calls the dances and **Jeffrey Steinberg** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (recorders & concertina) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano) will provide the music thereto.
- 23 **Emily Aubrey** returns to call for us, accompanied by **Mark Vidor** (accordion), **Steven Epstein** (clarinet) & **Carl Friedman** (piano)!
- 30 **Sharon McKinley** will call the dances played by **Mark Vifor** (accordion), **Jeff Steinberg** (violin) & **Carl Friedman** (piano)

**Admission:** \$10 members, \$15 non-members, under 21 and full-time students with IDs: free.

**Advance registration only**

**Location:** Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd.  
[directions](#)

**Info:** [engdance@bfms.org](mailto:engdance@bfms.org) or  
[Janina O'Brien](https://www.facebook.com/JaninaO'Brien), 443-722-5805

Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share at the break.

**THE NORDIC DANCERS OF  
WASHINGTON DC  
SILVER SPRING MD  
WED. DEC. 4, 11 • 7:30 – 9:50 PM**

The Nordic Dancers of Washington DC have in-person sessions at Highland View Elementary School and will meet regularly on Wednesdays through May 28 (with some exceptions for holidays).

Come any Wednesday and learn traditional dances of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Music is provided by fiddler **Paul Carlson**. Newcomers are welcome; no prior dance experience is necessary.

**More info**

**Questions:** To verify the meeting room, check for updated COVID protocols, or ask questions call 301-864-1596 or [send a message](#).

**BFMS CONTRA  
(BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY)  
BALTIMORE MD • 1ST & 3RD WED.  
DEC. 4, 18 • 8 – 10:30 PM,  
WED. JAN. 1 • 1:30 – 4 PM**

**New dancer workshops at 7:30 pm**  
*Beginners always welcome!*

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## December . . .

- 4 **Abigail Hobart** calls to  
**Backstep Cindy:**  
Sandy Hofferth (fiddle),  
Joe Langley (guitar),  
Fred Cherney (banjo) &  
Shirley Echols (bass)

- 18 **Greg Frock** calls to the music of  
**Charlie Pilzer & Zachary Mills**

## January 1 . . .

Special New Year's Day Afternoon  
Dance! **1:30 – 4 pm. Caroline Barnes**  
and **Colette Mrozek** call to  
**Countercurrent**, a powerhouse  
acoustic duo based in Olympia WA,  
featuring fiddle, guitar, harmony  
vocals & foot percussion:  
**Alex Sturbaum & Brian Lindsay.**

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

**Cost:** BFMS and FSGW members \$10,  
non-members \$15. Free for students  
and people under 21.

**Online payment only**

**Info:** [bfms.org](http://bfms.org) or [Hannah Mueller](mailto:Hannah Mueller)

## SCANDINAVIAN CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE AND LUCIAFEST COLLEGE PARK MD THUR. DEC. 5 • 7:30 – 10:30 PM

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

**Info:** Lorraine Silsbee, 301-219-1038,  
[Carl Minkus](mailto:Carl Minkus), 301-493-6281



# Friday Night Dancers

Glen Echo Park MD • Friday Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27  
8 pm (New dancer class every week at 7:30 pm)

*Friday Night Dancers*, a nonprofit,  
volunteer-based organization, in  
cooperation with the National Park  
Service, the Glen Echo Park Partnership  
for Arts and Culture, and Montgomery  
County, sponsors weekly contra  
dances to live music in the historic Glen  
Echo Spanish Ballroom or the Glen  
Echo Bumper Car Pavilion at  
7300 MacArthur Blvd.

## December . . .

- 6 **Beth Molaro** calls to  
**Rachel Eddy and Friends:**  
Rachel Eddy (fiddle),  
Charlie Pilzer (keyboards) &  
Em Hammond (guitar, banjo, bass)

- 13 **Gaye Fifer** calls to **Wombat Crossing:**  
**Carl Friedman** (fiddle),  
**Robin Wilson**  
(flute, concertina, sax) &  
**Charlie Pilzer** (piano)

- 20 **Harris Lapiroff** calls to  
**Backstep Cindy:**  
**Sandy Hofferth** (fiddle),  
**Fred Cherney** (banjo),  
**Joe Langley** (guitar) &  
**Shirley Echols** (bass)

- 27 **Perry Shafran** calls to  
**The Treble Makers:**  
**Emily Aubrey** (fiddle),  
**Liz Donaldson** (keyboard) &  
**Robin Wilson** (saxophone, flute)

**Tickets:** [online](#) or at the door, \$15.

**Info:** [website](#) or [email](#)

## THE GREATER WASHINGTON CEILI CLUB: FALL DANCE CLASS SERIES SILVER SPRING MD • MOST THURSDAYS, SEPT. 19 – DEC. 5 • 7 PM

GWCC sponsors, supports and  
encourages ceilis, dance classes,  
concerts, and other programs for the  
enjoyment of its members and the  
community at large.

## December 5 . . .

(Winter session starts Jan.)

7 – 8 pm: basic / beginners

8 – 9:30 pm: improvers / advanced

All welcome!

No experience or partner needed.

**Admission:** \$50/10 classes  
No risk—try your first class free.

**Location:** 301 St. Lawrence St.

**Info:** [gwcc-online.org](http://gwcc-online.org), [email](#)

## MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS COLUMBIA MD • SAT. DEC. 7 6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK 7:30 PM MUSIC FOR DANCE

Norwegian-style house party with the  
fabulous **Laura Hummel** and other  
guest musicians playing Swedish and  
Norwegian dance tunes on  
Scandinavian instruments with  
sympathetic strings. Beginners,



Come dance with us!

## Bumper Car Squares

Glen Echo MD

Sat. Dec. 7 • 7 – 10:30 pm

Join us for square dancing in the  
Bumper Car Pavilion!

After a lesson for all skill  
levels, dance caller

**Beth Molaro** will lead a  
rousing square dance along  
with live music by **Rachel Eddy,**  
**Em Hammond & Friends!**

No partner or special attire required.  
Shoes with backs are recommended  
(no flip flops).

7 pm ~ Lesson

7:30 – 10:30 pm ~ Dance

**Admission:** \$15/adult, \$5/teen,  
FREE for ages 12 and under.  
Cash, checks and credit cards  
accepted at the door.

**Info:** [glenechopark.org/dances](http://glenechopark.org/dances)  
[info@glenechopark.org](mailto:info@glenechopark.org)  
or 301-634-2222

[More Dec. 7 event details](#)

Brought to you by Glen Echo Park  
Partnership for Arts and Culture

singles/couples, watchers/listeners all  
welcome. Please bring food to share  
(dish or snack) and clean shoes to wear  
for dancing. Donations gratefully  
accepted. Masks optional. If you have  
symptoms of illness or recent exposure  
to respiratory infection, please stay  
home this time.

**Location info:** Deb Weinreich's home.

For questions/address if needed,  
please text 410-375-3789 or [email](#)  
with subject line including MAND.

**Other info:** [MAND.fanitull.org](http://MAND.fanitull.org)

## SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO MD DEC. 13, 14, 21 & 31

December . . .

### 13 [Balboa DJ Dance with Gottaswing](#)

**8:30 – 9 pm:** Balboa Lesson with  
**Dabe and Janelle**

**9 – 11:30 pm:** Social Dance

### 14 [DCLX Swing Dance](#)

**8 pm:** Workshop

**9 pm – midnight:** Social Dance

### 21 [Swing Dance with Gottaswing](#)

**8 pm:** Lesson

**9 – midnight:** Social Dance

### 31 [Swing Dance with Gottaswing](#)

**8 pm:** Lesson

**9 – 11:30 pm:** Social Dance

**Info:** [gottaswing.com/calendar](http://gottaswing.com/calendar)

## BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE MD SAT. DEC. 14 • 7 – 9:30 PM (6:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

**Kappy Laning** calling to **Amberwing:**  
**Emily Aubrey** (fiddle),  
**Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina & sax)  
& **Janina O'Brien** (piano)

Potluck snacks at the break.

**Location:** Church of the Nativity  
and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd.  
[Directions](#)

**Admission:** \$10 BFMS members &  
affiliates, \$15 non-members. People  
under 21 and students with ID: free.

**Online payment only**  
Pre-payment is encouraged.

**Contact:** [Carol Fleishman](#)

## SMTMD Contra Dance • Chaptico MD • 2nd Sat. Dec. 14 • 7 pm

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. Check the [website calendar](#) for the lineup of dances and callers!

NOTE: This dance  
will be free  
admission for all as  
we will hold a brief  
annual meeting to  
vote in the 2025  
Board and approve  
the Treasurer's  
Report.

**Admission:** free.

**Info:** [email](#), [website](#)



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**Location:** Christ Church Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE  
SILVER SPRING MD  
SAT. DEC. 14 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**Bob Farrall** calls to music by  
*Peascods Gathering*.

Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisins snapdragons for good luck in the following year.

Beginners and singles welcome.

**Admission:** \$5.

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

**Info:** Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281, [cminkus@verizon.net](mailto:cminkus@verizon.net), or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018.

**ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE  
ANNAPOLIS MD • SAT. DEC. 21  
7 – 9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM**

**Anna Rain** calls to the music of *Elegant Echos*: **Becky Ross** (violin), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) and **Colleen Reed** (flute)

Pre-registration is not required, but please email [Ann.Fallon](mailto:Ann.Fallon) to let us know if you can help with pre-dance setup and/or post-dance hall restoration. Such help is much appreciated!

Face masks are optional. Venue has windows and filter fans for circulation and ventilation. Please bring your own water. Snacks to share are welcome if you bring napkins+appropriate paper goods+utensils and plan to clean up after snack time.

No experience or partner required.

**Admission:** \$15; students \$5; children through 5 years old free

**Location:** Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd.

**Info:** [Ann Fallon](mailto:Ann.Fallon), 410-507-0934 or [Jan Scopel](mailto:Jan.Scopel), 443-540-0867, [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/)

**SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT  
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER MD  
3RD SAT. DEC. 21 • 3:15 – 5:45 PM**

Scandia DC will be holding its monthly dance/music event in person.

The event will feature dance teaching at the beginning to recorded music followed by live music sets, featuring musicians:

**Loretta Kelley & Andrea Hoag**

**Info:** [Email](mailto:) to get on the list to receive the latest information on the event if you are not already on the list. More information at [ScandiaDC.org](http://ScandiaDC.org) and in the invitation email closer to the event.

**THE GREATER WASHINGTON CEILI  
CLUB NEW YEAR CELEBRATION CEILI  
SANDY SPRING MD  
JAN. 1, 2025 • 4 – 8 PM**

Music by *Ellis Island*:  
**Dave Abe, Myron Bretholz,  
Peter Fitzgerald, Martin McCann,  
Andy Thurston**

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck supper.

**Location:** The Lyceum, 17801 Meeting House Rd.

**Admission:**  
\$25/GWCC members  
\$30/non-members  
Raffles/door prize ticket included with admission

**Info:** [gwcc-online.org](http://gwcc-online.org)

**JUST IN TIME PERCUSSIVE DANCERS  
SILVER SPRING MD  
SUNDAYS OR MONDAYS • 4 PM**

We are a performing dance company in the DC Metro area, specializing in Appalachian, Canadian, English and Irish step dance.

We are recruiting new adult members!

Weekly rehearsals on Sundays or Mondays. [More info](#)

**BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK  
DANCE GROUP  
THURSDAYS • 7 – 8:45 PM**

Join our friendly dancers for dances from around the world.

Masks are optional.

**Location:**  
Jane E. Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Ln. (convenient to Bethesda Metro)

**Info:** [Carl Minkus](mailto:Carl.Minkus) or 301-493-6281 for info on our First Time Free policy and subscription policy (can't accept money on premises).

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

**Location:**  
Chevy Chase Baptist Church  
5671 Western Ave, NW

**Admission:** \$15/person

**Details:** [danceintime.com/classes](http://danceintime.com/classes)

**Questions:**  
[Barb@DanceInTime.com](mailto:Barb@DanceInTime.com)  
or call Barb: 443-773-2623

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## ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON

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.

### DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM WASHINGTON DC • 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS DEC. 1 & 15 • 1 – 4 PM

This jam plays mainly bluegrass songs and tunes, and welcomes new beginners and experienced jammers.

**Location:** The Mansion at O St.,  
2020 O St. NW

**Info:** [DC Bluegrass Union Dupont Circle Bluegrass](#)  
[DCBU Dupont Circle Bluegrass Jam | Facebook](#)

### ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN TAKOMA PARK MD SUN. DEC. 1 • 10 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:** Takoma Park Middle School

**Info:** [email](#) | [website](#)

### SHIP’S COMPANY CHANTYMEN FAIRFAX VA, WHEATON MD 1ST & 3RD THUR. DEC. 5 & 19 • 8 PM

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

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

**Info:** Brad Graham  
[blgraham\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:blgraham_99@yahoo.com)  
Subscribe to Ship’s Company Chantymen open Chantysings events [newsletter](#)

### COMMON GROUND ON THE HILL CONCERTS: DEC. 6, 20, 21, 22

#### Bruce Molsky

**Fri. Dec. 6:** 7:30 pm, The Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore MD

Grammy-nominated fiddle master & multi-instrumentalist, “**Bruce Molsky** is one of those great players who ‘gets it’: has all the links to the past but is happy not to be chained to it.” –Mark Knopfler

#### Walt Michael & Co. Holiday Concert

- ~ **Fri. Dec. 20:** 7:30 pm,  
Carroll Arts Center, Westminster MD
- ~ **Sat. Dec. 21:** 7:30 pm, Govans  
Presbyterian Church, Baltimore MD
- ~ **Sun. Dec. 22:** 3 pm,  
Carroll Baldwin Hall, Savage MD

Bluegrass, Celtic, old-time and original tunes, as well as some seasonal favorites to celebrate the holidays.

**Walt Michael** (hammered dulcimer, guitar, autoharp) is joined by **Michael G. Ronstadt** (cello, guitar), **Jon Simmons** (fiddle) and **Tom Wetmore** (bass).

#### INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS PRESENTS... DEC. 6, 16 & 19

#### “Music of Midwinter” with *Windborne*

**Fri. Dec. 6:** 7:30 pm, Saint Mark  
Presbyterian Church, Rockville MD

*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.

#### Annual Celtic Holiday Show: Robin Bullock, Ken Kolodner & Elke Baker

**Mon. Dec. 16:** 7:30 pm, Saint Mark  
Presbyterian Church, Rockville MD

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*.

#### Nordensong

**Thur. Dec. 19:** 7:30 pm, Seekers  
Church, Washington DC

Drawing on the history of Scandinavian, Celtic, and American folk music, **Nordensong’s** rich musical world breathes new life into these ancient traditions.

## HELICON'S 39TH ANNUAL WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT

~ [Sat. Dec. 14](#) 7:30 pm, Washington DC

~ [Sat. Dec. 21](#) 3:30 & 7:30 pm,  
Towson MD

Reuniting three world-class musicians **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer, fiddle), **Robin Bullock** (piano, guitar, cittern, mandolin) and **Chris Norman** (wooden flutes, tin whistle, small pipes, piano) of Baltimore-based supergroup **Helicon** and its cadre of guests for a warm salute to the cherished heritage of the rhythms and tunes of the Irish musical canon.

## D.C. LABOR CHORUS CONCERT OF FAVORITE AND SACRED SONGS WASHINGTON DC & ONLINE SAT. DEC. 7 • 7 PM • FREE

Come join the **D.C. Labor Chorus** for a free holiday concert featuring chorus members' 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 and will be livestreamed.

To register for either in-person or online attendance, go to [bit.ly/dcl-2024](https://bit.ly/dcl-2024).

**Info:** [facebook.com/DCLaborChorus](https://facebook.com/DCLaborChorus)

## CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON VA 2ND & 4TH SUN. DEC. 8, 22 • 2 – 6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

**Location:** Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington  
4444 Arlington Blvd.

**Info:** [caboma.org](https://caboma.org)

## BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING BALTIMORE MD • MON. DEC. 9 DOORS 6:30 PM, SINGING 7 – 9:30 PM

Join us in America's oldest musical tradition! Experience the joy of singing *a cappella* choral music in four-part harmony.

Shaped note heads aid sight reading. No experience needed and loaner books are available.

**Attendance is free.** All are welcome!

**Location:** Four Hour Day Lutherie  
4305 Harford Rd.

**Info:** [baltimoreshapenote.org](https://baltimoreshapenote.org)  
[facebook](#)

## TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM HERNDON VA 2ND TUES. DEC. 10 • 7 – 9 PM

We play a variety of gospel from hymns, bluegrass gospel, country gospel, praise, original songs.

Open to all ages and all levels. Chairs are available but please bring a stand.

**Location:**  
Floris United Methodist Church  
13600 Frying Pan Rd.  
Drive up the hill and park on the upper level.

**Info:** [Floris calendar](https://floris.calendar)  
[edickerson@florisumc.org](mailto:edickerson@florisumc.org)

## WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG SAT. DEC. 14: REHEARSAL DEC. 7, 13, 14, 24: PERFORMANCES

**Info:** [dcspelemanlag@gmail.com](mailto:dcspelemanlag@gmail.com)  
Catherine Chapman,  
240-461-9244

## CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON DC 3RD WED. DEC. 18 • 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. All are welcome! Songbooks available to share.

**Location:** Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE

**Info:** [dcshapenote.squarespace.com](https://dcshapenote.squarespace.com)  
[silvermanalexa@gmail.com](mailto:silvermanalexa@gmail.com)

## WESTMINSTER MD JAMS WEDNESDAY DEC. 18 • 7 – 9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

**Info:** [Website](#), [email](#) or 410-857-2771

## SMTMD HOMESPUN COFFEEHOUSE HOLIDAY OPEN MIC & POTLUCK CHAPTICO MD • FRI. DEC. 20 • 7 PM

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to perform their favorite tunes. A table will be set up in the back for you to drop off any contributions for the potluck.

Doors open at 7 pm with performances beginning promptly at 7:30 pm.

**Contact** Chris Dudley in advance ([ccdudley@rocketmail.com](mailto:ccdudley@rocketmail.com)) to sign up as a performer.

**Admission:** \$8; performers are admitted free of charge.

**Location:** Christ Church Parish Hall  
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

**Info:** [smtmd2@gmail.com](mailto:smtmd2@gmail.com),  
[smtmd.org/#/open-mic-night/](https://smtmd.org/#/open-mic-night/)

**INTRO TO CELTIC REPERTOIRE CLASS  
W/ ELLEN GIRA • TAKOMA PARK MD  
SAT. DEC. 21 • 1:15 – 2:45 PM**

Every third Saturday of the month Cellist and teacher Ellen Gira teaches an Intro to Celtic Repertoire class at School of Musical Traditions in Takoma Park. The class is for aspiring players of all skill levels and instruments who want to add to their repertoire and get themselves ready to play in sessions around town. \$25

**Location:** Takoma Spark  
7112 Willow Ave.

**Info:** [Website](#)  
Bebe Blumenthal, 240-690-1910

**MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM  
MONKTON MD  
SUN. DEC. 29 • 2:30 – 5:30 PM**

Fifth Sunday this month.  
Generally 2:30 to 5:30 pm unless otherwise noted!

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

**Questions:** [otj@manor-mill.com](mailto:otj@manor-mill.com)

**Info:** [manor-mill.com/otj](http://manor-mill.com/otj)

**ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING • CHEVY  
CHASE MD • 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 Eastern Europe. *Orfeia*'s repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans. We are always seeking new members. No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

**Info:** Diane, 202-274-4155  
[email](mailto:), [orfeia.org](http://orfeia.org), [facebook](#)

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

The *Takoma Mandoleers* are a community orchestra playing mandolin, mandola, mandocello, classical guitar & string bass. Founded in Takoma Park in 1923, we play the mandolin orchestra repertoire from classical to the 21st century.

**Info:** [Mandoleers.org/contact](http://Mandoleers.org/contact)

**BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM  
BALTIMORE MD • TUESDAYS EXCEPT  
DEC. 24 & 31 • 7 – 10 PM**

The weekly jam is held in the Green Room with wonderful acoustics. 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 *Old Time Jam*. The first hour of the jam will be a "slow jam": anyone can play along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to 10 pm, they'll kick up the tempo for the "fast jam."

On the other Tuesdays, **Alex Lacquement & Lucas Chohany** will lead the *Bluegrass Jam* featuring songs and instrumentals.

Best of all, the jam is FREE!

**Location:** 3600 Hickory Ave.

**Info:** [facebook](#)

**TAKOMA SPARK OPEN MIC  
TAKOMA PARK MD  
TUESDAYS EXCEPT DEC. 24 • 7 PM**

*A cauldron of creativity from local and not-so-local artists. You're invited to come and play, or just listen.*

Dec. 3: **Bill Baker**, Dec. 10: **Howling at the Earth**, Dec. 17: **Phillip Hough**

Free. | Sign up at 6:30, music at 7 pm, webcast live on Facebook, YouTube and Twitch.

**Location:** School of Musical Traditions  
7112 Willow Ave.

**Info:** [imtfolk.SPARK](http://imtfolk.SPARK),  
[rob@ilyaimy.com](mailto:rob@ilyaimy.com), 301-910-2575

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

The orchestra plays Eastern European folk instruments including balalaikas and domras in various sizes and some Western percussion and wind instruments, producing a uniquely beautiful sound. Our repertoire includes classical music, folk songs, Broadway tunes and popular music from around the world. New members welcome.

Come and visit us any Wednesday night.

**Location:** Faith Lutheran Church  
3313 Arlington Blvd.

**Info:** [email](#), [website](#)

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

Learn traditional English morris dances. Anyone can join our community that dances, socializes & sings. It's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

**Location:** Welburn Square  
901 N. Taylor St.

**Info:** [fbmm.org](http://fbmm.org)  
[Jud McIntire](#), [Nat Brown](#)



## Ski-Dance Weekend • Laurel Highlands PA • February 14 to 17

The annual **SkiDance** weekend will be held in the Laurel Highlands region of western Pennsylvania. This will be our last event, so if you've ever thought about joining us or haven't been in a few years, make it a reunion and come help make it our best!

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Not sure how to cross country ski?

...no worries, free ski instruction is provided for beginners!

 Do you have two left feet and  are not sure how to contra dance?

...Bring both of them because **Janine Smith**, our fabulous caller, will have you moving to the music of **Dave Wiesler** and **Mat Clark**.

### Information / registration:

[skidance.org](http://skidance.org),

[Bob Mathis](#), 240-858-9341

or [Jody Blatt](#)

Children are welcome  
to join in the fun!

~ *SkiDance is a volunteer-led activity sponsored by Sierra Club Potomac Region Outings (SCPRO)* ~

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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."

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## FSGW POLICY REGARDING RESPIRATORY VIRUSES AND IN-PERSON EVENT PARTICIPATION

FSGW's goal is to keep in-person event participants healthy and safe. FSGW requests that participants approach attendance at in-person events from a "community care" perspective, including respecting the personal choice to mask/not mask. Each of us plays an essential role in keeping the community healthy so thank you for your collaboration! A current version is posted on our website at [fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response](https://fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response)

Lucia Schaefer, FSGW President

## FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) TUESDAY DECEMBER 3 • 8 PM

Monthly FSGW Board meetings are all electronic via Zoom. Meetings are open to all FSGW members; contact [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org) or [webmaster@fsgw.org](mailto:webmaster@fsgw.org) for a link to the meeting. If you wish to have the Board consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member or Lucia Schaefer at [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org) at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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DECEMBER 2024

**Noon Every Day!**  
**Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song**

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