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#Dance Weekend • March 29 – 30 [Info/Registration](#)
—An ultra-challenging urban contra dance weekend! [See more on p. 2](#)

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FSGW English Country Dance

Glen Echo MD • Wednesdays • 8 – 10:30 pm

February lineup ...

- 5 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to the playing of **David Knight** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano)
- 12 **Melissa Running** leads the dancing while **Mari Carlson** (fiddle), **Tom Wright** (10-string mandolin) & **Neil Epstein** (piano) make the music
- 19 **Ann Fallon** calls while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin/accordion) & **Bobby LaRose** (piano) play
- 26 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the music of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute) & **Melissa Running** (piano)



Feb. 5 - Andrea Nettleton



Feb. 12 - Melissa Running



Feb. 19 - Ann Fallon



Feb. 26 - Dan Gillespie

Latest info:
fsgw.org/ecd

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.

Registration is open!

39th Annual Washington Spring Ball

We include practice for the ball dances and beginners are welcome during Wednesday ECDs. Join us! Weekly beginner lesson at 7:30.

May 17 • Silver Spring MD

Come have a ball with us!

More info: fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball



...FSGW DANCES
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Come dance in the famous **Bumper Car Pavilion** to the calling of **Lisa Greenleaf** and **River Rainbowface** with music from **Free Raisins** (Audrey Knuth-Jabber, Amy Engelsberg, Jeff Kaufman) and **Bowrider** (Kelsey Wells, Alex Sturbaum, Brian Lindsey).

#Dance Weekend is an ultra-challenging urban dance weekend featuring mind-bending figures, non-gendered calling, and phenomenal music.

#Two days of workshops, dancing, community, fun and food in the fabulous open air, covered Bumper Car Pavilion and throughout Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo MD.

This event strives to create a queer-friendly and pronoun-respectful event; please attend prepared for these philosophies.

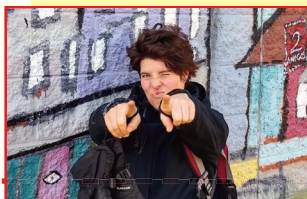
Location: Glen Echo Park, 7300 Macarthur Blvd. • Free parking, on site

LISA GREENLEAF



Callers

RIVER RAINBOWFACE



FREE RAISINS



Bands

BOWRIDER



Registration is open now!

Info / Registration: fsgw.org/hashtag-dance-weekend

Questions / to Volunteer: hashdanceweekend@gmail.com

■ FSGW Co-Sponsored Festival ■

UpCounty TradFest • Germantown MD • Saturday March 29 • 12 – 9:30 pm

Celebrate Maryland traditions through music, art, and dance!

UpCounty TradFest includes an artisan market, student performances, workshops, square dance with **Devil in the Mill** and caller **Janine Smith**; headline performances by **Charm City Junction** and **Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira**.

Schedule: Artisan Market: 2 – 4 pm Square Dance: 4 – 6 pm Evening Concert: 7:30 pm

Tickets: [Square Dance](#): \$20
[Charm City Junction and Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira](#): \$40
[TradPass](#) (dance & concert): \$50

Location: BlackRock Center for the Arts,
12901 Town Commons Dr.

Info: blackrockcenter.org/upcounty-tradfest



BFMS Midwinter Ball 2025
Baltimore MD • Saturday Feb. 1 • 6 – 10 pm

In honor of BFMS's 50th Anniversary in 2025, we are going back to 1975. Come dressed in your disco/70's finest!

Music by **Owen Morrison** (guitar) & **Scotty Leach** (fiddle); calling by **Penelope Weinberger**

6:00 pm Social time
6:30 pm Grand March, followed by contra dancing

Location: Church of the Redeemer, 5603 Charles St.

Info: bfms.org/midwinter.php, midwinter@bfms.org

Creative Alliance:
2025 Baltimore Crankie Festival
In person: Feb. 7 – 9: SOLD OUT
Virtual tickets available for Feb. 8 only

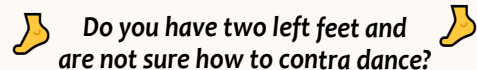
Ski-Dance Weekend
Laurel Highlands PA • February 14 to 17

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!



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,
[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)

THE GRAPEVINE

STORYTELLING

Takoma and Online
Wed. Feb. 12 • 7:30 pm

Our featured storytellers
this month are
Jamie Brickhouse and
Jessica Piscitelli Robinson!

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.

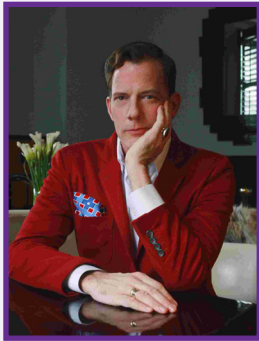


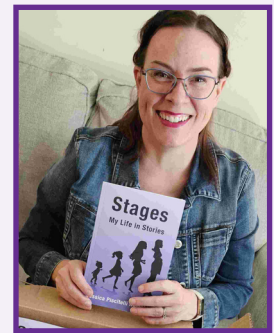
PHOTO: DERRICK DEWITT

Jamie Brickhouse

is a “natural raconteur,” says *The Washington Post*, and is a multiple Moth StorySLAM champion. Jamie is a fixture on the New York storytelling scene, and has appeared many other places, too. He is the writer/performer of the solo shows, *Dangerous When Wet: Booze, Sex, and My Mother*; *I Favor My Daddy: A Tale of Two Sissies*; *Pearl Necklace: A Gay Sexcapade*; and *The Brothers Orphan*.

[More about Jamie](#)

Jessica Piscitelli Robinson is the person behind the annual Women’s Storytelling Festival. She has performed at Exchange Place at the National Storytelling Festival, on WGBH’s “Stories from the Stage,” has been featured in the Stone Soup, Florida, and Hampton Storytelling Festivals, and is a 2023 ORACLE Award recipient. Jessica is the author of the *Guide to Personal Storytelling*, for *Story Crossroads*, as well as *Stages: My Life in Stories*, a memoir in stories. [More about Jessica](#)



FSGW & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap • Online • Sat. Feb. 8 • 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, [Zoom link info](#) fsgw.org/story-swaps

Join us on February 12 at 7:30 pm, live at Busboys and Poets Takoma and also via Zoom!

[Register](#) 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.

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

Info: fsgw.org/grapevine

FSGW
Co-sponsored Concert

Matthew Olwell House
Concert • Potomac MD
Wednesday February 19
7:30 pm (Doors 7 pm)



Matthew Olwell:
solo flutes, songs,
steps and lore
from Ireland,
Brittany and
beyond

Matthew Olwell's work blends traditional and original music, songs, and lore from

Ireland, Brittany and the United States. Join us by the fireside; enjoy this solo performance featuring an exciting selection of traditional and original music on a selection of wooden and bamboo flutes and other wind instruments; songs and ballads from both sides of the Atlantic; anecdotes from the fluteshop, grad-school and life on the road.

Matthew has been a featured performer and teacher at numerous festivals and camps, including the Dublin Dance Festival, the Augusta Heritage Center, the Aulnay All Blues Festival in Paris and the original London production of *Riverdance*.

Suggested donation: \$20

Location: At the home of Jamie and Betsy Platt in Potomac MD.
Reservations required.

Info/exact location/registration:
hrhbetsy@gmail.com
 or 301-717-4641

This event is co-sponsored by FSGW and World Music and Dance Institute

FSGW Co-sponsored Jam



Takoma Park Old-Time Jam • 3rd Wed. Feb. 19 • 7:30 – 9:45 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 which 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
[Jonathan Vocke](mailto:Jonathan.Vocke@busboysandpoets.org)



FSGW DANCES, CONTINUED from p. 1

FSGW BARN DANCE!

Ballroom Annex, Glen Echo MD
2nd Sunday February 9 • 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.

February 9 :

Kim Forry calling to the music of **Jacob Howley** (guitar) & **David Colton** (fiddle)

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

Admission: FREE! **Info:** fsgw.org/barn-dance / fsgw.org/event-5965537

When you do dance, I wish you a wave o' the sea, that you might ever do nothing but that.
—Shakespeare

FSGW CO-SPONSORED

Silver Spring Contra Dance

Silver Spring MD • Thu. Feb. 13 • 7:30 – 9:30 pm
(7 – 7:30 pm free introductory lesson)

Kim Forry calling with **Wombat Crossing:**
Charlie Pilzer, Carl Friedman and Robin Wilson

[Register here](#)

Location:

The Great Hall
Silver Spring
Civic Building
8525 Fenton St.

This dance will be an **Annual Membership Meeting** for nominations for the FSGW Board.
—Members of FSGW will get **free entry.**

Admission:

\$15 general admission
FREE! Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) Members
\$5 ages 21 and under and those with limited income

Info: fsgw.org/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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**Sunday Afternoon Dancing Planet
Contra Dance • Glen Echo Park MD**
Sunday February 23 • 3 – 6 pm
Introductory Session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the Bumper Car Pavilion



Shake up your DNA with GMO dance tunes played by **Triple Helix:**

Alex Mitchell (fiddle/mandolin/tenor banjo),
Colleen Reed (flute/saxophone/percussion) &
Keith Gillis (guitar).

Caroline Barnes

calls some zippy, inGENEious dances!

Location: The Bumper Car Pavilion is a wonderful covered open-air space with a nice wooden floor. Heavy plastic side curtains and overhead radiant heaters keep us toasty warm throughout the winter months, no matter the weather.

Admission: \$15 cash or Venmo \$17 (includes fee) at the door, sorry no cards

For more info: dancingplanetproductions/contra

Future 2025 dates:

3/9, 5/4, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24, 9/14, 10/26, 11/9

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS



FSGW Co-SPONSORED

Glen Echo International Folk Dancers

Glen Echo MD & Online

Wednesdays • 7:30 pm

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.

More info: [Jamie](#), [FSGW Glen Echo Intl](#), [Dancing Planet](#)

FSGW Co-SPONSORED

Greenbelt International Folk Dance

Greenbelt MD & Online

Fridays • 8 – 9:30 pm

Weekly in-person international folk dancing has returned to Greenbelt with some sessions being in-person only, and others 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.
(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](#)

GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE



■ FSGW SINGS ■

FSGW Open Sing • Online 1st Fri. Feb. 7 • 7:30 pm

Many thanks to **Dave Rabinowitz** for hosting the February Online Open Sing.

The topic is: **Relationships**

Only those wishing to sing need to register.

Register here: Reminder: registration will be open till noon on 2/7/25.

Check to see if you've already registered [here](#).

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

Info: fsgw.org/open-sings,
[Vince Wilding](#)

FSGW Open Sing Potomac MD

3rd Sat. Feb. 15 • 2 – 5 pm

Thanks to **Al** and **Lynne Kehs** for opening their home for the February In Person Open Sing.

Appropriate for the day after Valentine's Day, the topic is: **Love Songs**

RSVP, directions, info:
[Alan Kehs](#), 301-767-7770 c,
301-983-0534 h
fsgw.org/open-sings

FSGW Gospel Sing Takoma Park MD

Sun. Feb. 9 • 4 – 7 pm

The February 2025 Gospel Sing will take place at Rick and Arlene's accessible home in Takoma Park MD. 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:
morganrick50@gmail.com or
301-920-0087 (leave a voicemail)

Info: [Feb. 9 Gospel Sing](#)
fsgw.org/gospel-sings

FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD, and Online
2nd Fri. Feb. 14 • 1:30 – 3:30 pm

The monthly 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.

In observance of Valentine's Day, bring or request your favorite love songs, 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.

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., Silver Spring MD.

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 Feb. 13.

[Latest Info](#)

■ OPEN DANCES ■

**NEW AT GLEN ECHO PARK
WEST COAST SWING: LATE NIGHT EARLY
BALLROOM BACK ROOM
FEB. 1 • 5 – 10 PM**

Late Night Early is the only West Coast Swing party with late night vibes... during the day! Join us at 5 pm for a leveled lesson, then dance into the evening with a social dance from 6 to 10 pm.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

**SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
SAT. FEB. 1, 8 & 15
LESSON 8 PM; DANCE 9 – 11:30 PM**

February . . .

- 1 Ray Gelato and City Rhythm Orchestra
- 8 Craig Gildner and The Ivy City 6
- 15 Make It Red with Hot Club of Baltimore

Info: gottaswing.com/calendar

AFTERNOON WALTZ

GLEN ECHO MD

1ST & 3RD SUN. FEB 2 & 16

LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30 – 6 PM

February . . .

- 2 **Sugar Beat** with **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Elke Baker** (fiddle) & **Marc Glickman** (piano)
- 16 **Some Assembly** with **Mary Flora** (flute/sax/pennywhistle), **Donna Moore Boylan** (keyboard/accordion), **Adam Lee** (guitar), **Joe Klausner** (fiddle/violin/banjo) & **Iain Sturrock** (percussion/vocals)

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.

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org
or 301-634-2222

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

BALTIMORE MD • MON. FEB. 3, 10,
17 & 24 • 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.

February . . .

- 3 **Sharon McKinley** calls to **Carl Friedman** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (violin) & **Marty Taylor** (recorders/whistles/concertina)

You have dancing shoes
with nimble soles.—Shakespeare

- 10 **Ann Fallon** calls to **Janina O'Brien** (piano), **Emily Aubrey** (violin) & **Mark Vidor** (accordion)
- 17 **Diane Schmitt** calls to **Janina O'Brien** (mostly piano), **Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina) & **Ralph Barthine** (guitar)
- 24 Our very own **Staycation**;
Wear your best tropical attire
(under your coat!)
Sharon McKinley calls to **Carl Friedman** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (violin) & **Steven Epstein** (clarinet)

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

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 or
[Janina O'Brien, 443-722-5805](tel:443-722-5805)

CONTRA DANCE BEGINNERS

WORKSHOP • SILVER SPRING MD
TUE. FEB 4, 11, 18, 25 • 7:30 PM

One-hour workshop each Tuesday in February—Free

Inside secrets to help new dancers maximize the flow, beauty and effortlessness of Contra like an old hand. Whee!!!

Info: [Linda Zebooker](mailto:LindaZebooker@bfms.org), 202-386-8252

BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE MD

WED. FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26
8 – 10:30 PM

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

February . . .

- 5 **Steve Gester** calls to **Lovely Lane String Band**: **Brenna Hogan**, **Shane Knudsen**, **John Sauer**, **Lisa Roberts** & **Art Abrams**
- 12 **Kim Forry** calls to **Wombat Crossing**: **Carl Friedman** (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina/sax) & **Charlie Pilzer** (piano).
- 19 **Alexandra Deis-Lauby** calls to **Kingfisher**: **Cecilia Vacanti** & **Jeff Kaufman**
- 26 **Qwill Duvall** calls to **Petrichord**: **Colleen Holroyd**, **Sophie Chang** & **Bobby LaRose**

Location: Lovely Lane Church
2200 St. Paul St.

Cost: BFMS and FSGW members \$10, non-members \$15. Under 21 and students dance for free.

Online payment only

Info: bfms.org or [Hannah Mueller](mailto:HannahMueller@bfms.org)

NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON DC
SILVER SPRING MD • WED. FEB. 5,
12, 19 & 26 • 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**.

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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 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA

DANCE • BALTIMORE MD

SAT. FEB. 8 • 7 – 9:30 PM
(6:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

Caroline Barnes calls to *Rhythmajigs*:
Patti Reum (flutes/whistles),
Michael Giordano (fiddle/mandolin)
& **Jack Maus** (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](#)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

SILVER SPRING MD

SAT. FEB. 8 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Bob Farrall calls to music by
Peascods Gathering.

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 or
Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018



Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • FRI. FEB. 7, 14, 21 & 28

LESSON: 7:30 PM; DANCE: 8 – 11 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.

February . . .

7 Jordan Kammeyer calls to
Charlie Beller
(guitar/banjo/percussion),
Megan Wobus (fiddle),
Ken Kolodner
(hammered dulcimer/fiddle) &
Rachel Eddy
(banjo/guitar/mandolin/fiddle)

14 April Blum calls to *Contra Intuitive*:
Peggy Kaiser (piano),
Ryck Kaiser (fiddle),
Gina Faber (mandolin) &
Ralph Gordon (bass)

21 Alex Deis-Lauby calls to *Kingfisher*:
Cecilia Vacanti (fiddle) &
Jeff Kaufman
(piano/mandolin/drums/synths)

28 Quill Duvall calls to *Sugar Beat*:
Elke Baker (fiddle),
Susan Brandt (flute) &
Marc Glickman (piano/bodhran)

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Tickets: online or at the door, \$15.

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

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE • CHAPTICO MD • 2ND SAT. FEB. 8 • 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!

Admission:

\$8 for members;
\$12 for non-SMTMD
members; children
17 and under (when accompanied
by a paying adult) and band
members are free



PHOTO: ERIN JEWELL

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

Info: [email](#), [smtmd.org/#/dances/](#)

BUMPER CAR SQUARES



Come dance with us!

Bumper Car Squares

Glen Echo Park MD

Sat. Feb. 8 • 7 – 10:30 pm

Join us for square dancing in the Bumper Car Pavilion!

After a lesson for all skill levels, dance caller **Megan Downes** will lead a rousing square dance with live music by **Furnace Mountain!**

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
info@glenechopark.org
or 301-634-2222

Upcoming 2025 dances:

3/8, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 9/4, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4

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

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS
TAKOMA PARK • SUN. FEB. 9
6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK
7:30 PM MUSIC FOR DANCE

Norwegian-style cozy house party. **Loretta Kelley, Sonia White** plus possibly other guest musicians will play Norwegian and some Swedish tunes for dancing.

Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome.

Please bring food to share and clean shoes to wear for dancing. Donations gratefully accepted.

Location info: Loretta and Tony's place (no pets). If you need the address, contact lorettakelley@fanitull.org and include MAND in the subject line.

Info/Updates: MAND.fanitull.org

Questions? MAND@fanitull.org

ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
EDGEWATER MD
SAT. FEB. 15 • 7 – 9:30 PM,
INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

IMPORTANT NOTE: Venue Change to historic London Town and Gardens in Edgewater.

Ann Fallon calls to the music of **Becky Ross** (violin), **Janina O'Brien** (piano) and **Colleen Read** (flute).

Please email aefallon@verizon.net 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. Please bring your own water bottle. 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

Pre-registration is recommended, though payment will be accepted at the door.

Location: 839 Londontown Rd. Edgewater MD

For this dance there is no fee to enter the property; dance pricing is as usual. Venue change and on-line pre-registration are for this dance ONLY.

Info: [Ann Fallon](mailto:AnnFallon), 410-507-0934 or [Jan Scopel](mailto:JanScopel), 443-540-0867
[facebook](#)

BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT
MOBTOWN BALLROOM • SAT. FEB. 15
7:30 – 10:30 PM (DOORS 6:30 PM)



Live old-time music from **The Hazel Nuts** (Philly) and calling from **Elizabeth LaPrelle**

Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a hilariously fun evening of square dancing, live music and plentiful silliness.

All dances will be taught and called gender-free. Beginners are welcome! The bar will be open!

Location: Station North, 30 W North Ave.

Tickets/Info: \$15 advanced, \$20 at the door, kids 12 & under FREE

**SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER MD
3RD SAT. FEB. 15 • 7 – 9:30 PM***

*Note the change from afternoon to evening for 2025.

The event will feature dance teaching at the beginning to recorded music followed by live music sets.

The first music set will allow musicians to play along with the lead musician after a practice session in a separate room during the dance teaching. Tunes in that set will be available on the website in advance of the event.

Please don't attend if you are feeling sick or have been in recent contact with someone with COVID. More details on COVID precautions will be in the invitation 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 GREATER WASHINGTON CEILI CLUB • SANDY SPRING MD
SUN. FEB. 23 • 3 – 8 PM**

Workshop 3 – 4 pm: Boyne Set

Ceili 4 – 8 pm

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck supper.

Location: The Lyceum, 17801 Meeting House Rd.

Admission: \$20/GWCC members, \$25/non-members, ages 11-20 half-price, under 11 free

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

**THE GREATER WASHINGTON CEILI CLUB
IRISH SET & CEILI DANCE CLASS
WINTER SESSION • SILVER SPRING MD
THURSDAYS • 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.

Thursdays Jan. 9 – Feb. 27:
7 pm: basics;
8 – 9:15 pm: continuing

All welcome! No experience or partner needed. No risk—try your first class free.

Location: 301 St. Lawrence St.

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

**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

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

DANCEINTIME CUBAN SALSA CLASS



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Changing the world one song at a time.

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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.

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.

COMMON GROUND ON THE HILL

CONCERT: [GENTICORUM](#)

WESTMINSTER MD

SAT. FEB. 1 • 7:30 PM

This extraordinary trio from Quebec will have you dancing in your seats!

Location: Carroll Arts Center
91 W. Main St.

Info & Tickets: \$28/\$25

DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT

CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM

WASHINGTON DC

1ST & 3RD SUN. FEB. 2 & 16 • 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](#)
[DCBU Facebook](#)

FREDERICK MD OLD-TIME JAM

1ST MON. FEB. 3 • 7 – 9 PM

The Frederick jam is oriented toward new and young players. It is offered in collaboration with the Frederick campus

of Johns Hopkins Peabody Prep, whose classical music students are encouraged to join the jams.

Location: Y Arts Center, downstairs,
115 E. Church St.

Info: [OldTimeFrederick.org](#), or join the
[OldTimeFrederick](#) mailing list

TAKOMA SPARK OPEN MIC

TAKOMA PARK MD & ONLINE

TUES. FEB. 4, 11, 18 & 25 • 7 PM

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

February . . .

- 4 Samantha Briggs
- 11 Sadia
- 18 Ivy N'Ash
- 25 Braedon Coghlan

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](#),
rob@ilyaimy.com, 301-910-2575

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the Institute of Musical Traditions

CONCERT: CLIVE CARROLL

VIENNA VA • WED. FEB. 5 • 7:30

Celebrated English guitar virtuoso **Clive Carroll** will be appearing at Jammin' Java in Vienna.

Clive is considered to be one of the UK's leading guitar masters, known for sublime performances of 16th and 17th century lute music, jazz standards, blues, Irish reels and his own groundbreaking compositions. He was a touring partner with the late John Renbourn and has in fact created a tribute album titled *The Abbot*.

Location:

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave East

Tickets: [unionstagepresent](#)

YASMIN WILLIAMS CONCERT

BALTIMORE MD

WED. FEB. 5 • 7 PM

Yasmin Williams is an innovative guitarist and composer known for her unique compositional approach and expansive instrumental style.

Her latest album *Acadia*, released on *Nonesuch Records*, showcases her evolution from solo performer to collaborative artist, featuring partnerships with notable musicians like Aoife O'Donovan and Immanuel Wilkins.

Tickets: \$30, members: \$20;
streaming: \$15

Location: Creative Alliance at The
Patterson, 3134 Eastern Ave.

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS

WED. FEB. 5 & 19 • 7 – 9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

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

SHIP'S COMPANY CHANTYMEN
FAIRFAX VA, WHEATON MD
1ST & 3RD THUR. FEB. 6 & 20 • 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 Strum at the Limerick Pub:
11301 Elkin St., Wheaton MD (8 pm)

Info: Brad Graham
blgraham_99@yahoo.com
Subscribe to Ship's Company Chantymen open Chantysings events [newsletter](#)

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG
SAT. FEB. 8, 22: REHEARSAL

Info: dcspelemanlag@gmail.com
Catherine Chapman, 240-461-9244

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON VA
2ND & 4TH SUN. FEB. 9 & 23
2 – 6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

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

Info: caboma.org

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING
BALTIMORE MD • MON. FEB. 10
7 – 9:30 PM (6:30 PM DOORS)

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
[facebook](#)

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM
HERNDON VA
2ND TUES. FEB. 11 • 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.
Drive up the hill and park on the upper level.

Info: [Floris calendar](#)
edickerson@florisumc.org

BFMS IN-PERSON SONG SWAP
BALTIMORE MD
2ND TUES. FEB. 11 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM

We're delighted to be back singing in person! Bring a favorite folk-genre song or two to share with our community of singers. Chorus songs or repeated refrains are encouraged. You can lead a song, sing along, hum, listen, or add some accompaniment. No mic, no pressure, no performance. Just singing together in a friendly, supportive space! Free (pass-the-hat goodwill donation welcome).

REMEMBER: If you are sick, not feeling well, etc. Please stay home.

Location: Four Hour Day Lutherie,
4305 Harford Rd.

INTRO TO CELTIC REPERTOIRE CLASS
W/ ELLEN GIRA • TAKOMA PARK MD
SAT. FEB. 15 • 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. FEB. 16 • 2:30 – 5:30 PM

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
WED. FEB. 19 • 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

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

INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
PRESENTS AN ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH
ILYAIMY AND AYREHEART
ROCKVILLE MD • MON. FEB. 24
7:30 PM (7 PM DOORS)

With a stage set for baroque lute, electric cello, Irish bones, fretless bass, bodhran, violin, colascione, acoustic guitars, myriad drums and types of hand percussion, it would be excusable for an audience to have no idea what's about to happen – but **ilyAIMY and Ayreheart** create a beautiful, eclectic, coherent collective bringing Celtic and jazz-infused instrumentation with an electric stage presence and 4-part vocal harmonies.

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

Tickets: \$20 advance (+\$2 box office fee) / \$25 door

Info: imtfolk.org/, [rob Hinkal](#)

BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP • ONLINE
4TH TUES. FEB. 25 • 7:30 PM

It's a place for folks to come together and share songs, community, and keep the live singing tradition thriving. While we have been getting together on Zoom, the 4th Tuesday BFMS song swap has become transcontinental. You can drop in on the Zoom and meet (and hear / sing with) some nice folks we're not likely to meet in person!

SMTMD HOMESPUN COFFEEHOUSE
OPEN MIC • CHAPTICO MD
4TH FRI. FEB. 28 • 7 PM

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. Contact [Chris Dudley](#) in advance to sign up as a performer.

Admission: \$8; accompanied under 17's & performers free

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

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

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, orfeia.org](mailto:email@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

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
KENSINGTON MD
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 – 9:30 PM

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

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

BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM
BALTIMORE MD
TUESDAYS • 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](#)

WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY
(WBS) • ARLINGTON VA
WED. FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26
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
[Jud McIntire](#), [Nat Brown](#)

FSGW ELECTIONS



Recruiting New Board Members!!!

FSGW could not offer the hundreds of concerts, dances, festivals and other events each year without the many Society members who volunteer to make it all happen. The FSGW Board of Directors is recruiting Board members through our annual election process for a one-year term beginning on July 1. The Election Committee is compiling a slate of candidates for the May election for the 2025–2026 term and invites you to nominate candidates. You may offer your nominations for the FSGW Board at:

Thursday February 13 – Silver Spring [2nd Thursday Contra Dance](https://www.fsgw.org/silver-spring-contra-dance) at Silver Spring Civic Center Building
[fsgw.org/silver-spring-contra-dance](https://www.fsgw.org/silver-spring-contra-dance)

~ Other events in March to be determined ~

Nominations will be accepted from when we open the FSGW membership meeting at each event.

These events are official Folklore Society meetings for the purpose of receiving nominations for the Board from the membership.

Nominations can also be submitted directly to the Election Committee (prior to April 1) by petition

signed by five current FSGW Members. You can contact the Election Committee at:

elections@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](https://www.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 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

Lucia Schaefer, FSGW President

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4 • 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 Lucia Schaefer at president@fsgw.org at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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FSGW NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. We are an all-volunteer society. **Our Board Members need your support!** —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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Status of ongoing events may vary. Please confirm with the organizer.			Noon Every Day! Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song			1 11 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 1:15 Cuban Salsa, DC 5 West Coast Swing, Glen Echo 6 BFMS Midwinter Ball, Baltimore 7:30 Genticorum concert, Westminster 8 Swing Dance, Glen Echo
2 1 DC Bluegrass Jam 2:45 Glen Echo Afternoon Waltz	3 7 Orfeia Ensemble Sing 7 Frederick Old-Time Jam 8 BFMS English Country Dance	4 7 Baltimore Jam 7 Takoma Park Spark 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers 7:30 Contra Dance Beginners Workshop 8 FSGW Board Meeting	5 7 Yasmin Williams Concert 7 Jams, Westminster MD 7:30 Glen Echo Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 BFMS Contra Dance: Steve Gester calls to <i>Contre Temps</i> 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 7:30 Washington Balalaika 7:30 Nordic Dancers, Silver Spring 7:30 Clive Carroll Concert, Vienna 8 FSGW English Country Dance Andrea Nettleton calls	6 7 Bethesda Folk Dance 7 GWCC Ceili Class, Silver Spring 8 Ship's Company Chantymen, Fairfax	7 7 FND Contra Jordan Kammeyer calls to Charlie Beller, Megan Wobus, Ken Kolodner & Rachel Eddy 7:30 FSGW Online Open Sing 8 FSGW Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8 FSGW Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance	8 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i> 11 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 1:15 Cuban Salsa, DC 2:30 Washington's Spelmanslag Rehearsal 6:30 Baltimore Contra Dance 7 Bumper Car Squares 7:30 FSGW & VITG online story swap 8 Swing Dance, Glen Echo 8 Baltimore Crankie Festival, Virtual
9 1 FSGW Barn Dance 2 CABOMA Jam Arlington 4 FSGW Gospel Sing , Kensington 6:30 Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers 8 BFMS English Country Dance	10 7 Baltimore Shape Note Singing 7 Orfeia Ensemble Sing	11 7 Baltimore Jam 7 Touched by Song Gospel Jam, Herndon 7 Takoma Park Spark 7:30 Baltimore Song Swap 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers 7:30 Contra Dance Beginners Workshop	12 7:30 FSGW Grapevine Storytelling 7:30 FSGW Glen Echo Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 BFMS Contra Dance: Kim Forry calls to <i>Wombat Crossing</i> 7:30 Nordic Dancers, Silver Spring 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 7:30 Washington Balalaika 8 FSGW English Country Dance Melissa Running calls	13 7 FSGW Silver Spring Contra Dance Annual Membership Meeting for Board Nominations —Members of FSGW will get free entry . 7 GWCC Ceili Class, Silver Spring 7 Bethesda Folk Dance	14 Ski-Dance Weekend Feb. 14 – 17 1:30 FSGW Song Circle , Silver Spring & online 7 FND Contra Sue Gola calls to <i>Glen Echo Open Band</i> 8 FSGW Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance	15 11 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 1:15 Cuban Salsa, DC 1:15 Celtic Repertoire Class 2 FSGW Open Sing , Potomac 7 Scandia Dance Greenbelt 7 English Country Dance, Edgewater 7 SMTMD Contra Dance, Chaptico 7:30 FSGW & VITG online story swap 7:30 Silver Spring English Country Dance 7:30 Mobtown Ballroom Square Dance 8 Glen Echo Swing Dance
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