



■ FSGW Co-Sponsored Festival ■

POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE SINGING CONVENTION

Saturday: Silver Spring MD & Sunday: Arlington VA • April 5–6 • 10:30 am – 4 pm

This gathering is a traditional and powerful singing of American shape-note hymns, fuguing tunes and anthems in unaccompanied four-part harmony from [The Sacred Harp](#) and [The Shenandoah Harmony](#) (1991).

~ This gathering attracts singers from across the country for spirited singing. ~

Schedule / locations:

Saturday April 5: Church of the Ascension (parish hall),
633 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring MD
10:30–4; registration begins at 10 am
Social to follow in Alexandria VA.
(Address will be announced at the singing.)

Sunday April 6: Outdoors! Lacey Woods Park (rear picnic
shelter), 1200 N George Mason Dr., Alexandria VA
10:30–4; registration begins at 9:30 am
This is an outdoor, covered location.
We will sing rain or shine!

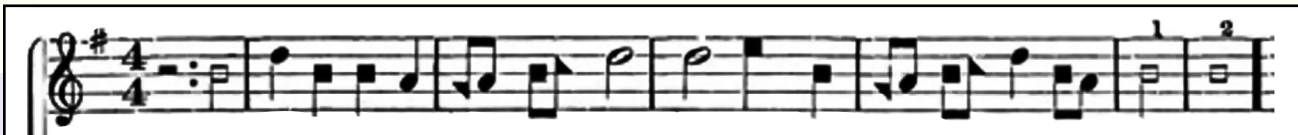
The convention is free and open to the public. All are welcome: beginners, experienced singers and listeners.

Food: Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner (lunch) on the grounds around 12:30 pm.

General questions: [David Shulman](#)

Housing: jonathaneennewton@gmail.com

More info: fsgw.org/event-6104316,
[Facebook](#)



Wikipedia says: “**Shape notes** are a [musical notation](#) designed to facilitate congregational and [social singing](#). The notation became a popular teaching device in American singing schools during the 19th century. Shapes were added to the [noteheads](#) in written music to help singers find [pitches](#) within [major](#) and [minor scales](#) without the use of more complex information found in [key signatures](#) on the [staff](#).”

FSGW Concert: Bryan Bowers

Glen Echo MD • Sunday April 27 • 3 pm

“To call Bryan Bowers’ performance simply a ‘concert’ would be inadequate if not inaccurate ... (it) could better be described as an experience!”

—Deseret News

Bryan Bowers is a master of the autoharp. An amateur may look at the autoharp, once described as a “zither with an automatic transmission,” and think of it as a simple chording device, but in Bryan Bowers’s capable hands, the instrument rings with complex counterpoint and an almost infinite range of tonal variations and expression.

Bryan brings an encyclopedic repertoire of gospel songs and hymn tunes, an immense batch of traditional songs, and a collection of heartfelt songs written by the best troubadors of the day (and some by himself).

[More about Bryan](#)

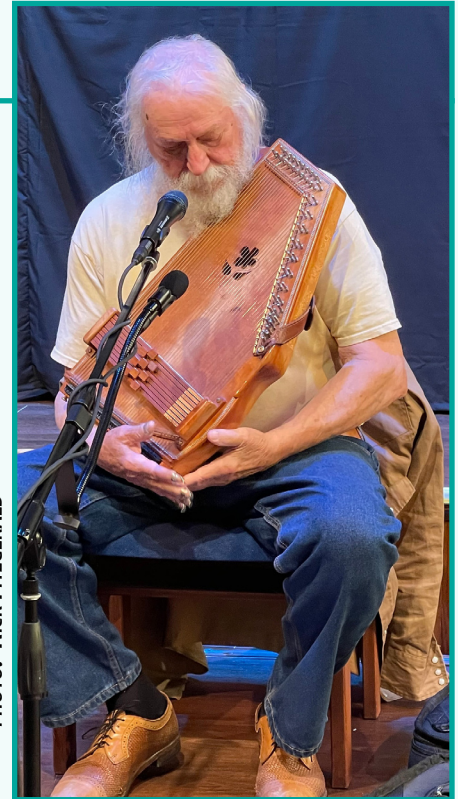


PHOTO: RICK FITZGERALD

■ FSGW Co-sponsored Jam ■



Takoma Park Old-Time Jam • 3rd Wed. Apr. 16 • 7:30–9:45 pm

We’ll have a 30 to 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)



Location: At Bryan’s request, we’re going to do this concert at Glen Echo Town Hall, unamplified, with its perfect acoustics. 6106 Harvard Ave.

Parking: If you are arriving by car, please note that, for the benefit of Glen Echo residents, the mayor of Glen Echo has requested that attendees not park on residential streets.

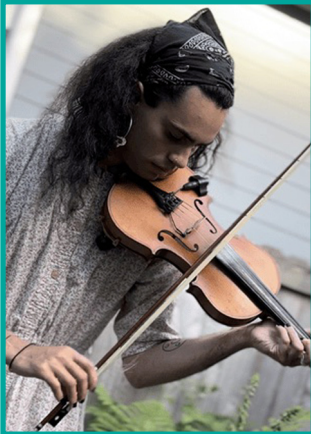
She has suggested [several alternatives](#), including the Bannockburn neighborhood directly across MacArthur Blvd. from the Town Hall and the Glen Echo Park parking lot.

Suggested donation: \$25

Info: chbaum@earthlink.net
or 301-587-2286

**FSGW Co-sponsored House Concert:
Miriam Hacksaw and Mira Lazuli**
Takoma Park MD • Friday April 4 • 7:30 pm

Coming to us direct from the Youth Traditional Song Weekend, **Miriam Hacksaw** is an old-time fiddler and banjoist based out of New Orleans. She plays old-time tunes and American Traditional music centering people of color, including Malayali folk songs she learned from her family from Kerala, India. Miriam has performed across the country at bookstores, community spaces, and old-time festivals. She tours annually as the resident fiddler for the Flotsam River Circus.



Mira Lazuli is an Algerian-Quebecois multi-instrumentalist from Montreal where she studied classical and jazz. Playing and writing music is therapy for her, a safe place where her thoughts and emotions can take form in an artistic way. She writes songs about queer relationships, healing and self-love in a style that mixes sapphic pop, disco and electronic music.



Suggested minimum donation: \$15. Contributions of food & drink to share are most welcome.

More info / reservations / directions: Kathie Mack at kpmack2@gmail.com or 301-270-5367 (leave a voicemail; landline doesn't take texts).
Note: Cats are in residence and there are six steps up to the front porch.

**FSGW Co-sponsored House Concert:
Geoff Kaufman**
Takoma Park MD • Sunday April 6 • 3 pm



PHOTO: Judy Beisler 2025

Although Geoff is best known to a lot of people for his 35 years of singing and organizing maritime music at Mystic Seaport Museum in CT, he has always maintained an active touring schedule featuring music from such formative influences as singers and songwriters from the “folk scare” of the 60s (Tom Paxton, Joan Baez, Steve Gillette...), songs collected in the Catskill Mountains where he grew up, and his time as a Sloopsinger with the Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater* and Pete Seeger.

Since his retirement from Mystic in June of '19, Geoff has turned greater attention to music that speaks to issues of social justice, the climate crisis and our need to find common ground, and from that has come his latest recording, “On a Day Like Today,” including covers of songs from Jacques Brel, Leonard Cohen, David Mallett, Phil Ochs, John Prine, Pete Seeger and Kate Wolf.

[More about Geoff](#)

Suggested minimum donation: \$15. Contributions of food & drink to share are most welcome.

More info / reservations / directions: Kathie Mack at kpmack2@gmail.com or 301-270-5367 (leave a voicemail; landline doesn't take texts).
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THE GRAPEVINE

STORYTELLING

Takoma and Online
Wed. Apr. 9 • 7:30 pm

Our featured tellers this month are the lustrous **Howard Lieberman** and the boisterous **Robin Body!**



Howard Lieberman, poet, storyteller and performance artist, has done everything on stage except sing. He has been regarded as the finest Jewish traditional Irish Ceili dancer in Manhattan. His tap dancer father and math teacher mother partially explains his wild mood swings. Howard now lives in bucolic Republican Stillwater, Minnesota with a New York accent and a jaded sense of humor. [More about Howard](#)

Award-winning storyteller **Robin Body** performs across the United States, China and Europe, anywhere people gather to listen. Her repertoire includes folklore and fairy tales, true ghost tales and true personal stories, Jewish tales and world tales and political satire. Robin is an NYC MothSlam winner. She lives in Brooklyn with her poet husband and two wise cats.



Join us on April 9 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 & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap • Online
Saturday April 19 • 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](mailto:jane.dorfman@fsgw.org), 301-654-5818
[Zoom link info](#)
fsgw.org/story-swaps

Registration
is open!

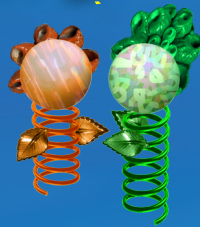
39th Annual Washington Spring Ball

May 17 • Silver Spring MD

Come have a ball with us!



A joyful yearly event of
English Country Dancing
to glorious music!



Practice Session: 2 – 5 pm: Melissa Running calls to music by Liz Donaldson on piano and Elke Baker on fiddle.

Ball: 7:30 – 11 pm: Music by *Hijinks* featuring Miranda Weinberg on violin, Carrie Rose on flute and Kathy Talvitie on keyboard.

The ball dances will be taught during the practice session. In the evening at the ball, all dances will be briefed (talked-through) and then prompted for the first few rounds.

Dancers are encouraged to attend FSGW's weekly **Wednesday night ECD** at Glen Echo Town Hall. There, dancers can learn basic figures and ball dances in advance.

Instructions, videos and sheet music for dances: fsgw.org/page-18610

The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. Dancers wear what makes them feel happy and festive; some choose attire from the 18th or 19th century.



fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball

■ SAVE THE DATE! ■

An All-day Dance Event! Contrastock 13

GLEN ECHO MD • SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7
1 – 10 PM

You asked and we answered!

Contrastock 13 returns to the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Save the date for Sunday September 7! Three bands, three callers and a delicious potluck. Stay tuned for full details coming soon.



Questions about **housing or volunteer opportunities:** contrastock@fsgw.org

More info: fsgw.org/contrastock



■ Call for Volunteers! ■

~ 42ND ANNUAL ~

WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

Sun. Oct. 19 • Noon–7 pm • Glen Echo Park MD

The Washington Folk Festival is back! Same festival but just one day, not two, so it will be super jam-packed with the most excellent folk music from the DC area!

Admittance to the festival is free every year because of VOLUNTEERS! That's right: performers, emcees, stage crew, sound engineers, operations, food servers and office staff all donate their time and their talents. As always, this year's festival needs you.

Volunteering takes only a few hours of your time. Tell us about some of your talents and interests and we will find a place for you to contribute to the Washington Folk Festival's ongoing success.

To **volunteer** for the festival, please fill out and submit the form [here](#) or email wffvolunteers@fsgw.org.

More info: fsgw.org/washington-folk-festival



BALTIMORE OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL
April 18–19 • Baltimore MD

Location: Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy

Tickets: [2025 Ticket Options](#)

Info: baltimoreoldtimefest.com

Featured artists include

**New Dangerfield,
 The Canote Brothers,
 Tall Poppy String Band,
 Trish Fore & The Wildcats,
 Elizabeth Laprelle & Brian Dolphin,
 Richie Stearns & Rosie Newton,
 Jamie Fox,
 The Alum Ridge Boys & Ashlee,
 Evie Ladin and your host artists
 Ken & Brad Kolodner.**

Concerts, workshops, jamming, square dancing!

Whether you're an Old-Time music veteran, a casual fan or wondering "what is Old-Time music?", the Baltimore Old Time Music Festival is a joyous, interactive and inspiring celebration of where this wonderful style of music exists today. Join your festival hosts and beloved local Roots musicians Ken & Brad Kolodner as they welcome you to the Baltimore Museum of Industry April 18–19 for a music celebration fun for all ages! Concerts, workshops, square dancing, jamming, food/drink vendors, kids' programming and more on the gorgeous waterfront campus of the Baltimore Museum of Industry with stunning views of the Baltimore skyline. The festival is produced by the Center for Cultural Vibrancy.

Dare to Be Square • May 9–11 • Dumfries VA

We're thrilled to be welcoming back **LP Kelly and Becky Hill** as dance callers and instructors. We'll also have performances and workshops from an all-star lineup of musicians, including the **Elderblossoms** and the **Wild Shoats**.

[Find out more](#) about these amazing and talented people.

The [DC Square Dance Collective](#) and our friends at the [Baltimore Square Dance](#) are excited to host another year of **Dare to Be Square DMV!** This is a fun, affordable, weekend-long gathering and getaway featuring sessions where you can square dance to your heart's content, learn to call your first dance, hone your calling skills (any and all levels), enjoy instrument and singing sessions, learn clogging/flatfooting, play lawn games (for real) or take advantage of oodles of opportunities to jam and just hang out!



[Registration is now open!](#)

Everyone must register in advance because we cannot sell onsite registrations at the park.

Location: Cabin Camp 4 - Pleasant, 16675 Pleasant Rd.

Stay tuned for further details!
daretobesquaredmv.com

FSGW English Country Dance

Glen Echo MD

Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

The FSGW weekly English Country Dance offers delightful dancing at Glen EchoTown 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. No need to bring a partner, or dress up.

Latest info: fsgw.org/e.cd

April lineup . . .

- 2 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of **Catherine Chapman** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute) & **Bobby LaRose** (piano)
- 9 **April Blum** leads the dancing while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute) & **Melissa Running** (piano) make the music
- 16 **Melissa Running** calls while **Anna Rain** (recorders), **Tina Chancey** (fiddle) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the tunes
- 23 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to the music of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Elisabeth Epstein** (flute) & **Neil Epstein** (piano)
- 30 **Kappy Laning** leads the dances while (guest musician from WA) **Laurie Andres** (piano), **David Knight** (fiddle) & **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and accordion) play

Registration is open!

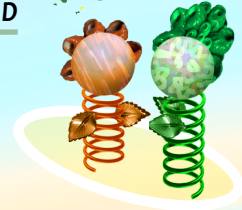
39th Annual Washington Spring Ball

May 17 • Silver Spring MD

Learn the dances we will dance at the Spring Ball; beginners are welcome during Wednesday ECDs. Join us! Weekly beginner lesson at 7:30.

Come have a ball with us!

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



April 16 - Melissa Running



April 2 - Dan Gillespie



April 23 - Andrea Nettleton



April 9 - April Blum



April 30 - Kappy Laning

FSGW Co-sponsored

Silver Spring Contra Dance

Silver Spring MD • Thursday April 10 • 7:30–9:30 pm (7 pm free introductory lesson)

PHOTO: Carpe Diem Arts



Penelope Weinberger calling
to the music of
Tina Eck, Keith Carr & Joe DeZarn

[Register here](#)

Location:

The Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building
8525 Fenton St.

Admission: \$15 general admission

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

\$5 ages 21 and under & those w/ limited income

Info: fsgw.org/silver-spring-contra-dance



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 BARN DANCE!

Ballroom Annex, Glen Echo MD

2nd Sunday April 13 • 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/ / [April Barn Dance](#)



April 13:

Kappy Laning calling to
Kathie Stahl & Maddie M.

*Will you,
won't you,
will you won't you,
won't you
join the dance?*

– Lewis Carroll

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



☆ ☆ ☆ Dance till the stars come down from the rafters. Dance, dance, dance 'til you go to bed. – W.H. Auden



*There is nothing
in the world so
much like prayer
as music is.*

– Shakespeare



FSGW Open Sing • Online
1st Fri. Apr. 4 • 7:30 pm

Many thanks to **Rick Pollay** for hosting the April Online Open Sing!

The topic is **April Fools: Fools, Foolish, Foolishness, Folly...**

Only those wishing to sing need to register.

[Register here](#). **Reminder:** registration will be open till noon on 4/4/25. 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 Song Circle
Silver Spring MD and Online
2nd Fri. Apr. 11 • 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.

To celebrate springtime and Earth Day (April 22), bring or request your favorite Spring songs, or songs

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



Susan McNelis will lead songs with guitar accompaniment. 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.

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, April 10.

[Latest Info](#)

FSGW Gospel Sing
Takoma Park MD
Sun. Apr. 13 • 4–7 pm

The April Gospel Sing will take place at Jean and Cavan's house in Takoma Park MD. Group singing for two hours, 4–6 pm, potluck dinner 6–7 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 available and are symptom-free.

RSVP/directions:
jean_capps@hotmail.com
or call 240-447-2423

Info: [Gospel Sing](#)

[Latest info](#)

FSGW Open Sing
Edgewater MD
3rd Sat. April 19 • 2–5 pm

Dennis and Michele Callaghan are happy to host the April In-person Open Sing.

Topic: *As I Roved Out*

RSVP, directions, info:
callagh@verizon.net

BUMPER CAR SQUARES



Come dance with us!

Bumper Car Squares

Glen Echo Park MD

Thu. Apr. 3 • 7–10:30 pm

Join us for square dancing in the Bumper Car Pavilion!

After a lesson for all skill levels, dance caller **Caroline Barnes** will lead a rousing square dance with live music by **Vandalia!**

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:

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

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



Dance to express, not to impress.

– Johanna Sallinen



MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS
SILVER SPRING MD • SAT. APR. 5
6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK
7:30 PM MUSIC FOR DANCE, THEN
AFTERPARTY

Norwegian-style cozy house party.

Loretta Kelley, Georgia Beatty and **Sonia White** plus other guest musicians will play Swedish and Norwegian tunes for dancing on exotic instruments with sympathetic strings.

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

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

Location info: At Phyllis and Stephen's place (no pets); if you need address: phllsdrck@gmail.com

Info/Updates: MAND.fanitull.org

Questions? MAND@fanitull.org

This event is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC.org) Maryland Traditions Folklife Apprenticeship grant.



Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • FRIDAYS APR. 4, 11, 18, 25

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.

April . . .

4 Andrea Nettleton calls to **Stove Dragon: Oliver Scanlon** (fiddle/mandolin/viola/feet/vocals), **Rose Jackson** (fiddle/vocals), **Sam Zakon-Anderson** (keyboard) & **Max Newman** (guitar)

11 Julian Blechner calls to **Good Company: Helen Kuhar** (guitar), **Cecily Mills** (cello) & **Rohan Weedon** (fiddle)

18 Anna Rain calls to **Handspring: Carrie Rose** (flute), **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle/mandolin) & **Owen Morrison** (guitar)

25 Janine Smith calls to **Hollertones: Paul Brown** (banjo/mandolin), **Linda Scutt** (fiddle), **Jeanie Theiken Creamer** (guitar) & **Nick Weiland** (upright bass)

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

Info: website or email

DOVER ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCERS
SPRING BALL • DOVER DE
APR. 5 • 6:30–10 PM

Join us for an evening of elegant English country dancing with **Ann Fallon** calling to the music of **Liz Donaldson, Elke Baker & Ellen Gira** at Ehringer Hall.

All dances will be taught & called; all welcome.

Location: Elizabeth Murphy School, 42 Kings Hwy.

Admission: \$30/members, \$35/not-yet-members, students free.

SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
SAT. APR. 5 & 12:
LESSON 8 PM; DANCE 9–11:30 PM
FRI.–SUN. APR. 25–27:
VARIOUS TIMES

April . . .

- 5 Swing Dance with Gottaswing
- 12 Swing Dance with Gottaswing
- 25–27 DCLX Jump for Joy

Info: glenechopark.org/events-calendar

WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO MD
AFTERNOONS: SUN. APR. 6 & 20
LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30–6 PM

April . . .

- 6 **Waltzifiers:**
Bernard Solnik (piano/vocals),
Dave Meyers (lead vocals/guitar),
Jim Crenca (bass) &
Tom Helf (drums)
- 20 **Larry Unger and Friends:**
Larry Unger (guitar/banjo),
Carrie Rose (flute) &
Miranda Weinberg (fiddle)

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

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SILVER SPRING MD
SAT. APR. 12 • 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

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA
DANCE • BALTIMORE MD
SAT. APR. 12 • 7–9:30 PM
(6:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

Kappy Laning calling to **Contre Temps:**
McGregor Yatsevitch
(fiddle/mandolin),
Andrew Tomlinson (flute) &
Mark Vidor (accordion/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.* APR. 12 • 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**. Dancing starts at 7:30 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

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

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com,
smtmd.org/new-events/
*See website for rescheduled or canceled events.

SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER MD
SAT. APR. 19 • 6:45–9:30 PM

Scandia DC will be holding its monthly third Saturday dance/music event April 19th. 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, **Laura Hummel**, 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.

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. Please don't attend if you are feeling sick or have been in recent contact with someone with COVID. More information will be available at ScandiaDC.org and in the invitation email closer to the event.

ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
ANNAPOLIS MD • SAT. APR. 19
7-9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

Jackie McCabe calls to the music of **Amberwing: Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Janina O'Brien** (piano plus) & **Robin Wilson** (flute).

Pre-registration is not required but 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

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](#)

BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT
BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY
SAT. APR. 19 • 8-11 PM

This event is part of the
[Baltimore Old Time Festival](#)

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!

Evie Ladin calling
Trish Fore & The Wildcats
Festival Megaband

Location: [Pavilion Stage](#)

Tickets

Info: bmoreoldtime.com

WEST COAST SWING: LATE NIGHT EARLY
GLEN ECHO MD
SUN. APR. 20 • 5:30-10:30 PM

Late Night Early is the only West Coast Swing party with late night vibes... during the day!

5:30-6:30 pm: Intro to WCS Lesson
(Room 202-203)

6:30-10:30 pm: Social Dance
(Spanish Ballroom)

Info / Tickets: \$15 entry,
or \$20 for you and a friend!

THE GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ
CLUB • SANDY SPRING MD
SUN. APR. 27 • 3-8 PM

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

3 pm Workshop: *Connemara Jig Set*
Taught by **Ann Marie Breheny**

4-8 pm Céilí
Music by **Ellis Island: Dave Abe,**
Myron Bretholz, Peter Fitzgerald,
Martin McCann & Andy Thurston

Single dancers and listeners welcome!

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck supper (2nd break)

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

LEISURELY ENGLISH • SILVER SPRING MD
SUNDAYS EXCEPT EASTER APR. 20
12:30-3 PM

FREE English Country Dance with patience, humor and creativity.

We take it slow, teaching one figure and one new dance per lesson each week. The best way to learn is to teach; dancers take turns being the teacher during the initial review and practice.

After the lesson we enjoy the dances we've learned with a focus on style and elegance.

Location: Leisure World, Clubhouse I,
Maryland room, 3700 Rossmoor Blvd.

Registration is required
to be emailed a gate pass.
Email: lwecdgroupp@gmail.com
Subject: Non Resident ECD
Include: first & last name, address,
phone #, email address

Info: Larry Fenster, 202-203-8837
Marcia Aleksiewicz, 540-360-5800

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](#)

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
BALTIMORE MD
MONDAYS • 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.

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April . . .

- 7 **Sharon McKinley**, calling to **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (violin) & **Mark Vidor** (accordion)
- 14 **Diane Schmitt**, calling to **Carl Friedman** (piano), **Emily Aubrey** (violin) & **Ralph Barthine** (guitar)
- 21 **Kappy Laning**, calling to **Janina O'Brien** (piano), **Marty Taylor** (concertina/whistles/recorders) & **Steven Epstein** (clarinet)
- 28 **April Blum**, calling to **Laurie Andres** (piano), **Emily Aubrey** (violin) & **Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina)

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 TUESDAYS • 7:30 PM

One-hour workshop each Tuesday in April—Free

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

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

BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE MD WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

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

April . . .

- 2 **Greg Frock** calls to the music of **Some Assembly:** **Mary Corletta Flora** (flute/alto sax/penny whistles), **Adam Lee** (guitar), **Donna Moore Boylan** (keyboard/accordion), **Iain Sturrock** (vocals/cajon/guitar) & **Joe Klausner** (fiddle/mandolin/banjo)
- 9 **Caroline Barnes** calls to the music of **Tyler St. Clare** (flute/feet) & **Todd Shelar** (guitar)
- 16 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to the music of **Jill Smith**, **Janina O'Brien** & **Steve Epstein**
- 23 **Kappy Laning** calls to the music of the **Baltimore Open Band** led by **McGregor Yatsevich**
- 30 **Melissa Chatham** calls to the music of **Triple Helix:** **Colleen Reed** (flute/sax), **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle/mandolin) & **Keith Gillis** (guitar)

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:Hannah.Mueller@bfms.org)

NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON DC SILVER SPRING MD WEDNESDAYS • 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](#).

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@bethesda.gov) or 301-493-6281 for info on our First Time Free policy and subscription policy (can't accept money on premises).

THE GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB IRISH SET & CÉILÍ DANCE CLASS SPRING 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 Mar. 13 – May 15:

7 pm: basics; 8–9:15 pm: continuing

Any interested adult is welcome; no experience or partner needed. No risk—try your first class free.

Location: 301 St. Lawrence St.

Info: gwcc-online.org, [email](mailto:info@gwcc-online.org)

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

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Free; donations to the “Antidote Fund” are encouraged and support the artists.

CONCERT: TINA ROSS, ALEX RADUS & LOUIE LOU LOUIS • SILVER SPRING MD SUN., APR. 6 • 7:30 PM

A very special night of songwriters in the round, featuring this year’s *Falcon Ridge Folk Festival’s* “Most Wanted” emerging artist winners:

Tina Ross (Folk, Jazz, Americana),
Alex Radus (swing, blues, folk) &
Louie Lou Louis
 (“folk, jazz, and global music”):

Location: Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Ave.

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 day-of and door (member / congregation as-applicable \$25 at the door).

Info: [FocusMusic Most Wanted](#)

FocusMusic is a predominantly women-run, volunteer-led, 501(c)(3) organization that provides performance opportunities for emerging and nationally touring singer-songwriters, and folk and acoustic musicians.

COMMON GROUND ON THE HILL
[ACOUSTIC ROOTS](#)
[SONGWRITING CONTEST](#)
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 30



The contest is open to any original song in the bluegrass, old-time, Americana or folk genres.

Performance quality will not be judged. It’s all about the song.

Winners will be announced on May 15. CASH prizes!

SHIP’S COMPANY CHANTEYMEN
FAIRFAX VA, BALTIMORE MD &
WHEATON MD
1ST THUR. APR. 3, 2ND WED. APR. 9
& 3RD THUR. APR. 17 • 8–10 PM

1st Thursdays are at the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub & Restaurant:
3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax VA

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

3rd Thursday folk sings are hosted by Johnny Strum at the Limerick Pub: 11301 Elkin St., Wheaton MD

Info: [website](#), [Brad Graham](#),
Subscribe to Ship’s Company Chanteymen open Chanteysings events [newsletter](#)

DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT
CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM
WASHINGTON DC • 1ST & 3RD SUN.
APR. 6 & 20 • 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. APR. 7 • 6–9 PM

The Frederick jam is oriented toward new and young players. It is offered in

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS
WED. APR. 2 & 16 • 7–9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

Apr. 2: Combined blues/bluegrass/old-time/folk jam at St. Paul’s, 17 Bond St. AND a Celtic jam at Little Baker Chapel (aka Baker Chapel) at McDaniel College (Google maps link [HERE](#); parking available across Main Street).

Apr. 16: at St. Paul’s, 17 Bond St.

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

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](#)

**TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM
HERNDON VA
2ND TUES. APR. 8 • 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@florismc.org

**IN PROCESS...A CAPELLA CONCERT
WASHINGTON DC
FRI. APR. 11 • 7:30–9:30 PM**

Since 1981 *In Process...* has lifted their voices in oral tradition to address contemporary issues and the consciousness of all people.

A concert for all audiences, especially interested in the issues of our times:
Pam Rogers, Akossa Dyan McCray, Tiya Ade & Paula Pree, vocalists.

Location: Carroll Cafe @ Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW

Tickets: \$25 / adv., \$25 / door.

Info: sandra@seekerschurch.org,
(night of concert 240-350-1769)
carrollcafe.seekerschurch.org

**WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG
KENSINGTON MD
SAT. APR. 12 & 26 • 2:30–4 PM**

Rehearsals: Come play Scandinavian music with us!

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



**CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON VA
2ND & 4TH SUN. APR. 13 & 27
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
2ND MON. APR. 14, 4TH TUE. APR. 22
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](#)



**INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
PRESENTS REVERIE ROAD
ROCKVILLE MD • MON. APR. 14
7:30 PM**

Reverie Road is a genre-defying Celtic powerhouse ensemble, uniting founding Solas members **Winifred Horan** (fiddle) and **John Williams** (accordion) with former *Gaelic Storm* fiddler **Katie Grennan** and Steinway Artist Jazz and Raga pianist **Utsav Lal**. Together, these four exceptional musicians are celebrated as some of today's most accomplished traditional and virtuosic folk artists, captivating audiences worldwide from stages to studios for over three decades.

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

Info / tickets: imfolk.org/4-14-reverie-road

**MAKOCHI-MEXICAN CHILDREN'S
SALTERIO ENSEMBLE • WASHINGTON DC
WED. APR. 16 • 7 PM**

Alejandra Barrientos & Hector Larios perform with the Mexican hammered dulcimer ensemble *Makakochi*: 4 children, ages 8–11, presenting a

program of traditional and contemporary Mexican music. Perfect for families!

Location: Mexican Cultural Institute, 2829 16th St NW

Free but donations are encouraged to help offset the travel costs of the group.

Registration

Info: instituteofmexicodc.org
[Karen Ashbrook](mailto:Karen.Ashbrook@instituteofmexicodc.org), 301-655-0103

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON DC

3RD WED. APR. 16 • 7 – 9 PM

Shape note singing from the *Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*: community singing of 4-part *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

BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP • ONLINE WED. APR. 23 • 7:30 PM

In April, the 4th Tuesday BFMS Zoom Song Swap will be on Wednesday the 23rd in order to avoid conflict with Earth Day.

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 you're not likely to meet in person!

SMTMD HOMESPUN COFFEEHOUSE OPEN MIC • CHAPTICO MD

4TH FRI.* APR. 25 • 7 PM *See website for rescheduled or canceled events

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](mailto:Chris.Dudley@smtmd.org) in advance to sign up as a performer.

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



PHOTO: GREG PENK

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

Info: [email](mailto:info@hscf.org), [website](http://hscf.org)

MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM MONKTON MD

SUN. APR. 27 • 2:30–5:30 PM

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: 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:diane@orfeia.org), orfeia.org, [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/orfeia)

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

TAKOMA SPARK OPEN MIC TAKOMA PARK MD & ONLINE TUESDAYS • 7 PM

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

April . . .

- 1 Jeff Miller
- 8 Lydia Martin
- 15 Jack Lavin
- 22 Babel Baby
- 29 Collide

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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: [imt folk SPARK](http://imtfolkSPARK.com),
rob@ilyaimy.com, 301-910-2575

Presented by the Institute of Musical Traditions

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](#), bmoreoldtime.com

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN TAKOMA PARK 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: Takoma Park Middle School,
7611 Piney Branch Rd.

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

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 WASHINGTON DC SATURDAYS • 10 AM–12 PM

Learn traditional English Morris dances. Join our community that dances, socializes & sings. It's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

Location: Rotates throughout the DMV

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

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.
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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

Lucia Schaefer, FSGW President

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) TUESDAY APRIL 1 • 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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