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SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL: *Youth and the Future of Culture*

"I believe youth culture is a real thing, but it's not one culture. We express ourselves in many different ways."

—Andrea (age twenty-one), student and photographer

Youth and the Future of Culture

Youth have participated in many Festival programs since 1967, but this is the first time the entire Festival is dedicated to their unique experiences. *Youth and the Future of Culture* will explore creativity, vitality, resilience, and intergenerational learning and exchange through the contributions and experiences of youth. Each part of the festival is led, created or presented by young people.

In 2025, the National Mall will become a "third space" where young musicians and entrepreneurs, skaters and artists, activists and craftspeople, and a host of others will collaborate, share, demonstrate, and discuss how they are shaping the future on their own terms.

By bringing people together in conversation, the program will foster intergenerational connections and explore how young people engage with tradition, influence future generations, and agitate for change.



NATIVE LANGUAGE RECLAMATION IN THE U.S. | AT THE FESTIVAL, STUDENTS FROM THE MYAAMIA HERITAGE PROGRAM WILL DEMONSTRATE PEEKITAHAMINKI (LACROSSE). —PHOTO BY KAREN BALDWIN

2023 SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL
—PHOTO BY
SONYA PENCHEVA,
SMITHSONIAN
INSTITUTION



LEARNING TOGETHER | THE DELGADO FAMILY, NOW BASED IN NASHVILLE, HAS BEEN MAKING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS BY HAND FOR FOUR GENERATIONS.
—PHOTO COURTESY OF DELGADO FAMILY



EMERGING MEDIA MAKERS
GHETTO FILM SCHOOL EDUCATES, DEVELOPS AND CELEBRATES THE NEXT GENERATION OF GREAT STORYTELLERS IN LOS ANGELES.
—PHOTO COURTESY OF GHETTO FILM SCHOOL



Come join the July 6th
Community Contra Dance: 7–9 pm
Beginner's Workshop: 2–2:45 pm

Calling by **Adina Gordon** with **Sugar in the Pan**, a six-piece youth band that grew out of Vermont Folklife's Young Tradition Vermont Touring Group.

No experience or partner needed.

"I'm shaping and setting stones with skills passed down through generations. The magnitude of it all constantly inspires me."

—Brianna (age twenty-four), journeyman stone carver and mason

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.

Bands: Audrey Jaber & Alex Cumming,
The Gimeisters & Good Company

Callers: Alex Deis Lauby, Will Mentor & Rick Mohr



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

More info: fsgw.org/contrastock

● Save the Date: Oct. 12, 11 am to 5 pm! ●

FSGW Picnic GLEN ECHO PARK MD

FSGW is excited to bring back our annual picnic where the FSGW community can mix and mingle. There will be **dancing** in the bumper car pavilion, **open singing** and **jamming**, and a **potluck lunch**. This event is free so invite your friends and bring a dish to share!

The barn dance will take place from 1 to 3 pm. It's a multi-generational dance, all are welcome to participate.

Admission: Free!



Spread the Word!

OCTOBER 3-6

WEST RIVER
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60TH ANNUAL **Getaway...**

The **Getaway** is an amazing weekend-long party of folks who love to sing, play and listen to folk music. There will be workshops, sing-arounds, sign-up concerts, music and conversations at all hours. Participate in a supportive and welcoming environment. Old and new songs and tunes, recitations and stories, as well as conversation and laughter, have filled the Getaway for over half a century. Come be a part of the fun!

Please help us by spreading the word! We are a community with a shared belief in the power and importance of preserving the living traditions of music, and we know that each generation must rely on the next to continue and enhance this heritage. Folks of all ages and orientations are most welcome to join us!

Info & Registration: fsgw.org/event-5958586



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, MCs, stage crew, sound engineers, operations staff, food servers and office staff all donate their time and 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

Common Ground on the Hill Summer Traditions Weeks

WESTMINSTER MD

9 AM – 5:30 PM

—plus evening events

Welcome to Traditions Weeks Celebrating 30 Years!

Traditions Weeks are individual weeks of classes, concerts, dances and other activities in the traditional roots-based arts, held on the campus of McDaniel College in Westminster MD.

“I’ve been needing to hear some good news. I found it here at Common Ground on the Hill.”

~ Odetta

Amid the chaos and confusion of the world, come to a place where you can rejuvenate and be uplifted through creativity, thoughtful interaction and re-discovery of the common roots of humanity.

Explore the 2nd & 3rd weeks of workshops in dance, film, music, visual arts, theater, writing and Indigenous culture, as well as discussion classes, evening concerts, jams and dances.

Traditions Week 2 [July 7–11](#)

Traditions Week 3 [July 14–18](#)

Location: On the campus of McDaniel College,
2 College Hill

Online Registration Now Open!

Download a [printable Registration form](#).

Info/questions:

[CGH Traditions Weeks](#)
[Traditions Week youtube](#)
[Maria](#) or [Common Ground](#)

(Note: Our phone lines are unreliable due to office renovations.)



Takoma Park Folk Festival

TAKOMA PARK MD

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7

10:30 AM – 6:30 PM

The Festival will feature:

- More than 40 performances in a wide range of musical styles, on 6 stages
- A juried craft show
- International food vendors
- Kids' activities
- Representatives of local nonprofit groups

Since the Festival is run by volunteers, please help!

Volunteer information is at tpff.org/volunteering.

If you or anyone you know wants to help but isn't sure how, get in touch with us.

Most of our committees could use more helping hands and/or possible successors to current members.

Interested volunteers should email volunteer@tpff.org to get started!



Irish Set Dancing Weekend

SILVER SPRING MD

OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2

greater
washington



céilí club

The Greater Washington Céilí Club (GWCC) will host a new Irish set dancing weekend, the **GWCC Fling!**

Pádraig and **Róisín** will come from Ireland to teach 3 workshops, local favorite band **Rambling House** will play for the céilís on Friday and Saturday nights, and there will be a sessiún at nearby McGinty's.

Location: Dancing will be in the fabulous ballroom in the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza. Hotel rooms at a group rate are available at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown Silver Spring (just across Veterans Plaza).

Admission: Sure to be a great time—the Full Events Package is just \$170* (or pay for individual events at the door)—make sure you're there!

*\$165/GWCC members, \$25 late fee added starting October 1.

Info: gwccfling.com

FSGW English Country Dance

Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Ave., Glen Echo MD
Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

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.

No need to bring a partner, or dress up.

July lineup . . .

- 2 **Melissa Running** calls to the playing of **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Susan Brandt** (flute) & **Ralph Gordon** (cello).
- 9 **Kappy Laning** calls while (guest musician from PA) **Jeremy Steinberg** (clarinet), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle) & **Melissa Running** (piano) make the music.
- 16 **Anna Rain** calls while **David Knight** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the tunes.
- 23 **April Blum** calls to the music of **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Elisabeth Epstein** (flute) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano).
- 30 **Andrea Nettleton** leads the dancing while **Paul Oorts** (mandolin/accordion), **Colleen Reed** (flute) & **Neil Epstein** (piano) play.



July 16 - Anna Rain



July 2 - Melissa Running



July 23 - April Blum



July 9 - Kappy Laning



July 30 - Andrea Nettleton

■ FSGW DANCES ■

there seems to be
a beat
now
I can feel it
in my feet
now

– Grateful Dead

FSGW BARN DANCE!

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park MD
Sunday July 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 / [July Barn Dance](#)

2nd Sunday
Barn Dance!

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
1-3PM
ALL AGES WELCOME!

Kappy Laning calling to the music
of **Liz Donaldson & Gina Faber**

PHOTO: Carpe Diem Arts

SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE



FSGW Co-sponsored
Silver Spring Contra Dance • Silver Spring MD
2nd Thu. July 10 • 7:30–9:30 pm (7 pm free lesson)

Gaye Fifer calling to
Dave Wiesler (piano/guitar), **David Knight** (fiddle)
& **Andrew Marcus** (accordion).

Admission: \$15 general admission; \$12 Folklore Society
of Greater Washington (FSGW) members
\$5 ages 21 and under and those with limited income

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

[More Info](#) / [Register here](#)



This dance is presented by
FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts
and is funded in part by
Montgomery County

Recreation, the Arts and Humanities Council of
Montgomery County and the Maryland State Arts
Council, plus individual donors and dancers!



FSGW Co-sponsored
**Sunday Afternoon Dancing Planet
Contra Dance** • Glen Echo MD • Sun. July 27
3–6 pm, Introductory session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the Bumper Car Pavilion

Caller, dance organizer and contra choreographer
Greg Frock calls an afternoon of fun and creative
dances with delightful music by

Trio Con Brio: **Elke Baker** (fiddle),
Paul Oorts (mandolin/banjo/musette accordion)
& **Jonathan Jensen** (keyboard).

Join us for some sweet outdoor Summer dancing.

Location: The Bumper Car Pavilion is a wonderful
covered open-air space with a nice wooden floor.

Admission: \$15 cash or Venmo (\$17 to cover fees) at
the door, no cards

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contra

Future 2025 dates: 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 might 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 except July 4 • 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



Those who wish to sing always find a song.

– Swedish proverb

FSGW Open Sing • Online **2nd Friday, July 11* • 7:30 pm**

***NOTE:** We're going with the 2nd Friday as the 1st Friday is the Fourth of July.

Thanks to **Fred Stollnitz** for hosting the Online Open Sing.

The topic is **Woody Guthrie songs**, in honor of his 113th birthday on July 14.

Only those wishing to sing need to register.

[Register here.](#)

Reminder: Registration will be open until noon on 7/11/25.

Check to see if you've already registered to sing [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 & Online** **2nd Fri. July 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.

July 4 is Independence Day and July 14 is Woody Guthrie's 113th birthday as well as Bastille Day, so bring or request your favorite Woody Guthrie songs and American traditional songs (Appalachian, blues, bluegrass, chanteys, etc.), or any other songs—maybe a few in French for Bastille Day! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using [the form here](#).

Any participant may lead any song *a cappella* or self-accompanied.

The Song Circle will be held in person at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Participants should read and follow FSGW's [Policy Regarding Respiratory Viruses and In-Person Event Participation](#).

If you can't come in person, you can join us on Zoom or by

phone. The Zoom link and phone number will be sent Friday morning to those who are on the Song Circle email list and to others who [register here](#) by Thursday July 10.

[Latest Info](#)

FSGW Gospel Sing **Riverdale Park MD** **Sunday July 13 • 4–7 pm**

The July 2025 Gospel Sing will take place at Johanna Miller's air-conditioned townhouse in Riverdale Park. Group singing 4–6 pm followed by potluck dinner until 7 pm. Hymnals provided.

A mask-friendly event — masks are optional but welcome. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you are symptom-free.

RSVP/directions: text Johanna at 240-274-6847 or email Kathie at kpmack2@gmail.com.

Info: [Gospel Sing](#)



■ FSGW STORYTELLING ■

FSGW & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap Falls Church VA • Saturday July 12 • 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
[VITG location info July 12](#) / fsgw.org/story-swaps

THE GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING

TAKOMA PARK MD AND ONLINE • fsgw.org/grapevine

The Grapevine is on hiatus for the summer. Watch for our return in September!

■ FSGW Co-sponsored Jam ■



Takoma Park Old-Time Jam • 3rd Wed. July 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: Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

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

■ OPEN DANCES ■

SALSA NIGHT UNDER THE STARS SILVER SPRING MD TUE. JULY 1 • 7–9 PM

First Tuesdays May–September:
Join **Ashu Mola** (*AM Salsa*),
Barbara Bernstein (*Danceintime*)
and DJ **Danilo Johnson**
for a basic lesson and social dancing
under the Veterans Plaza Pavilion.

FREE. Cancelled only for major storms.

Location: 1 Veterans Place (Walking distance from SS Metro Station)

Questions: Barb@danceintime.com

Twilight Tuesdays are sponsored by Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.

BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT MOBTOWN BALLROOM • SAT. JULY 5 7:30–10:30 PM (DOORS 6:30 PM)



Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a hilariously fun evening of square dancing, live music and plentiful silliness. **No experience or partner is needed.** There will be a dance caller walking you through all the moves. The bar will be open!

Location: Station North,
30 W North Ave.

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

Info: bmoreoldtime.com



Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.
It's about learning to dance in the rain.



– Vivian Greene

SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
SAT. JULY 12, 19 & 26
LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS

July . . .

- 12 Gottaswing with
Scott Silbert All-stars!
- 19 Swing! with **Craig Gildner & Friends**
- 26 Gottaswing with
Big Joe and the Dynafloes!

Info: glenechopark.org/events-calendar

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA
DANCE • BALTIMORE MD
SAT. JULY 12 • 8–10:30 PM
(7:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

Melissa Chatham calling to
Some Assembly:
Mary Flora (flute/sax/penny
whistles),
Donna Boylan (piano),
Joe Klausner (violin/mandolin) &
Adam Lee (guitar)

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](#)

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

Nancy English calls with music by
Elke Baker (violin),
Melissa Running (piano) &
Colleen Reed (flute).

Pre-registration is not required but
please email ae Fallon@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](#), 410-507-0934
or [Jan Scopel](#), 443-540-0867
[Facebook](#)



Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • JULY 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.

July . . .

- 4 No dance

- 11 **Ben Allbrandt** calls to the fabulous
Glen Echo Open Band led by
Bobby LaRose
- 18 **Penelope Weinberger** calls to
Sugar Beat: Susan Brandt (flute),
Elke Baker (fiddle) &
Marc Glickman (piano/bodhran)
- 25 **Kappy Laning** calls to
Oliver Scanlon and Friends:
Alex Fortier (piano),
Zachary Mills (fiddle) &
Oliver Scanlon (fiddle/mandolin/
viola/foot percussion)

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

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd. **Tickets:** online or at the door, \$15.

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE* • CHAPTICO MD

2ND SAT. • JULY 12 • 7 PM *See website for rescheduled or canceled events

Jordan Kammeyer

will call. 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



PHOTO: ERIN JEWELL

Location: Christ Episcopal Church
Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Rd.
Info: [email](#), [website](#)

WALTZ TIME

GLEN ECHO PARK MD

EVENING WALTZ • SUN. JULY 20

LESSON 6:15 PM; DANCE 7-9:30 PM

June 20 . . . Cool of the evening waltz

Trio Con Brio with **Elke Baker** (fiddle),
Paul Oorts (accordion/mandolin/
banjo/guitar/concertina) &
Jonathan Jensen (piano/vocals)

Join us for an evening of waltzing in the Bumper Car Pavilion!

No partner required.

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org
or 301-634-2222

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 joyous, lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through.

July . . .

7 **Emily Aubrey** calls to the tunes played by **Steven Epstein** (clarinet), **Carl Friedman** (violin) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano).

14 **Kappy Laning** calls to tunes by **Elke Baker** (violin), **Paul Oorts** (guitar/accordion) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

21 **April Blum** calls to music by **Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina), **Emily Aubrey** (violin) & **Carl Friedman** (piano).

28 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to tunes of **Becky Ross** (violin), **Mark Vidor** (accordion) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano).

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

[Advance registration only](#)

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

Info: engdance@bfms.org or
[Janina O'Brien](tel:443-722-5805), 443-722-5805

CONTRA DANCE BEGINNERS

WORKSHOP • SILVER SPRING MD

TUESDAYS • 7:30 PM

One-hour workshop given each Tuesday in July. Come to one, or come to all!

Other times and dates are possible, if preferred. Just let me know.

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

Info: Linda Zebooker, 202-386-8252,
Swallowtailjig@yahoo.com

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

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

July . . .

- 2 Penelope Weinberger** calls to the music of **Birch Trio**:
Daphne Pickens (fiddle),
Molly Tucker (fiddle) &
Casey Murray (guitar/cello).
- 9 It's Never Too Early to Celebrate:**
A special free contra dance
sponsored by Renate & Jeff in
celebration of their 52nd anniversary
and BFMS' 50th anniversary year!
Janine Smith calls to the music of
Are We There Yet?:
Charlie Pilzer (piano),
Tom Wright (mandolin) &
Susan Brandt (flute).
- 16 Caroline Barnes** calls the music of
the **Baltimore Open Band** led by
McGregor Yatsevitch.
- 23 Andrea Nettleton** calls to the music
of **Sugar Beat**: **Elke Baker** (fiddle),
Susan Brandt (flute) &
Marc Glickman (piano).
- 30 Don Flaherty** calls to the music of
Amberwing: **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle),
Robin Wilson
(flute/concertina/saxophone) &
Janina O'Brien
(piano/whistles/bodhran).

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)

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 CÉILÍ
CLUB: IRISH SET & CÉILÍ DANCE
CLASS, SUMMER SESSION • SILVER
SPRING MD • THURSDAYS • 7 PM

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

Thursdays June 12 – Aug. 14:
7 pm: basics; 8–9:15 pm: continuing

Any interested adult is welcome; no
experience or partner needed. 10-week
session: \$50, try your first class for free,
register & pay at class! Wear comfortable
clothes and smooth-soled shoes.

Location: Pinecrest Local Park
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

Yes! There will be a class on July 5.

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

OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS AND PERFORMING ARTS

Daily Antidote of Song

Changing the world one song at a time.

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DIEM
ARTS

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.

OLD TIME REPERTOIRE CLASS TAKOMA PARK MD WED. JULY 2 • 7:30–8:30 PM

This month, guest teacher **Noah Bowman** teaches old-time fiddle tunes to boost students’ repertoire and get them ready for jam sessions. Each class covers 2 to 3 fiddle tunes for all instruments using the aural method. Melody, chords and rhythmic nuance of each tune will be covered in depth. Source recordings are used to deepen the discussion. \$30

Location: School of Musical Traditions, 7112 Willow Ave.

Info: Maureen Andary, 240-690-1910
[Website](#)

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

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

2nd Wednesdays (Baltimore) are 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. JULY 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](#)

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM HERNDON VA 2ND TUES. JULY 8 • 7–9 PM

Open to all ages and all levels. We play a variety of gospel 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

BFMS IN-PERSON SONG SWAP BALTIMORE MD

2ND TUES. JULY 8 • 7:30–9:30 PM

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.

CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM ARLINGTON VA 2ND & 4TH SUN. JULY 13 & 27 2–6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

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

Info: caboma.org

THE WILDER FLOWER CONCERT
BALTIMORE • MON. JULY 14 • 7 PM

The Wilder Flower blends Folk, Americana, Bluegrass and Old-time influence into something new and fluid. They thrive vocally on three-part harmonies, whether a two-chord old-time ballad or a modern, minor-filled melody, and instrumentally feature bluegrass banjo tunes, fiddle and clawhammer string-band songs, flatpicking guitar and everything in between.

Their unique sound is centered around original songs and tunes that are thoughtfully arranged and adapted to showcase their tasteful instrumental sensibilities. They flex between genres and writers in each song, but there is something to their collective taste that speaks the same language, though switching dialects.

[RSVP here](#)

Location: 831 West 33rd St.

Info: [House Concerts](#)

Questions: [Brad Kolodner](#)

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING
2ND MON. JULY 14,
4TH TUE. JULY 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](#)

TAKOMA MANDOLEERS
ARLINGTON VA
TUES. JULY 15 & 29 • 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

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
3RD WED. JULY 16 • 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

MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM
MONKTON MD
SUN. JULY 20 • 2:30-5:30 PM

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

KEN & BRAD'S ANNUAL BACKYARD
CONCERT • BALTIMORE
SUN. JULY 20 • 7 PM

A dazzling evening of bluegrass music, original songwriting and stringband music in Ken's Guilford backyard.

Hosts **Ken & Brad Kolodner** featuring **Rachel Eddy** and **Alex Lacquement** who will play a set followed by **Johnny & The Yooahhoos**, all the way from Germany!

Bring a lawn chair and picnic for a lovely summer evening of music.

Location: 3806 Fenchurch Rd.

Reservations Required

Info: [Backyard Concert](#)

Questions: [Ken Kolodner](#), 410-746-8387

BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP • ONLINE
4TH TUES. JULY 22 • 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 you're not likely to meet in person!

INTRO TO CELTIC REPERTOIRE CLASS
W/ ELLEN GIRA • TAKOMA PARK MD
TUE. JULY 22 • 5:30-7 PM

Cellist and teacher **Ellen Gira** teaches a monthly 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.

Location: Takoma Spark
7112 Willow Ave.

Price: \$30

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

BLUEGRASS REPERTOIRE CLASS TAKOMA PARK MD

4TH SUN. JULY 27 • 1–2:30 PM

Every 4th Sunday of the month multi-instrumentalist and teacher **Justin Heath** teaches a different classic Bluegrass song. The class covers standard repertoire in depth with a focus on melody, accompaniment, lyrics, kickoffs, endings and tips for soloing. Learn everything you need to know to play the song and lead it in jam sessions. All instruments and skill levels are welcome! \$30

Location: School of Musical Traditions, 7112 Willow Ave.

Info: Justin Heath, 443-223-5789, [Website](#)

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](#), [facebook](#)

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.

July . . . 1 **Ronya Lee**
8 **Jeff Miller**
15 **Joseph Friend**
22 **Andrew Dulaney**
29 **Song Riot**

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](#),
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](#)

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.
- All listings must be submitted in the format set out on our website ([fsgw.org](#)). Just click on [Newsletter](#) and scroll down to Guidelines for Submitting Copy for Publication.
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Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Memo on the check should read, "Advertising for ..."

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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 JULY 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>~ ~ ~</div> <div>Noon Every Day! Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song</div> <div>Status of ongoing events may vary. Please confirm with the organizer.</div>		<div>1</div> <div>7 Salsa Under the Stars, SS 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7 Jam, Balt. 7:30 Contra Beginners Workshop, SS 8 FSGW Board Meeting, online</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Smithsonian Folklife Festival 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Old-time Repertoire class, Takoma Park 7:30 Washington Balalaika Society, Arl.</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Smithsonian Folklife Festival 7 GWCC Céilí Class, SS 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Bethesda 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Fairfax</div>	<div>4</div> <div>(GEP closed) Smithsonian Folklife Festival</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Smithsonian Folklife Festival 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 11:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 7:30 Square dance, Balt.</div>
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