# NEWSLETTER

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# All-day Dance Event! Contrastock 13

GLEN ECHO MD • SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 1 - 10 PM

### **REGISTRATION** is now open!

Contrastock 13 returns to the historic Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park.

# → Callers



LEX DEIS-LAUBY



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# **→** A premier contra dance event

featuring nationally renowned bands & callers

- 8+ hours of contra dancing!
- → Three bands, three callers & a delicious potluck

#### SCHEDULE

1:00 - 3:00	Alex Deis-Lauby calls with
	<b>Audrey Jaber &amp; Alex Cumming</b>

- Will Mentor calls with Good Company 3:20 - 5:20 (Helen Kuhar, Cecily Mills & Rohan Weedan)
- Dinner break—potluck! 5:20 - 6:20
- 6:20 8:20 Rick Mohr calling with The Gigmeisters (Dave Wiesler, Alexander Mitchell, Paul Oorts & Ralph Gordon)
- 8:40 10:00 All bands and callers!

Registration: fsgw.org/event-6167587

- ◆ Questions (including about housing or volunteer opportunities): contrastock@fsgw.org
- **More info**: fsgw.org/contrastock

Contrastock is being called with the non-gendered dance role terms: Larks and Robins.

# → Bands





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# Getaway...

The **Getaway** starts on Friday October 3rd with a potluck dinner and runs so late on Sunday night that we serve breakfast on Monday morning.

The **Getaway** is an amazing weekend-long party of folks who love to sing, play and listen to folk music. We come together in a lovely riverside retreat to join together in making music, sharing what we bring and learning from friends old and new. There will be workshops, sing-arounds, sign-up concerts, music and conversations at all hours. Participation is encouraged at any level comfortable to you in a supportive and welcoming environment. Old and new songs and tunes, recitations and stories, along with information on historical contexts and insights, as well as conversation and laughter, have filled the Getaway for more than half a century. **Come be a part of the fun!** 

### **Spread the Word!**

Please help us out 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. We hope that we can — with your help — reach out to a broader crowd of multi-generational peers in the folk tradition who may not know of the Getaway. Folks of all ages and orientations are most welcome to join us!

Our guests this year include: Michael & Carrie Kline, Brian Dolphin, Elizabeth LaPrelle & Sandy LaPrelle, Pete the Spy, George Stephens & Kathy Westra Stephens and Bob & Jeanne Zentz.

#### See last year's Getaway schedule of events here.

The upcoming Getaway is likely to be similar, and last year's events may stimulate you to think of workshops or sessions you'd like to have in 2025.

Info & Registration is here. It is helpful if you register early. September 26 is the deadline.

**Questions** about the **Getaway**?

Contact Getawaychair@fsgw.org

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We look forward to seeing you on the banks of the West River!



Save the DateOctober 12, 11 am - 5 pm!

# FSGW Picnic GLEN ECHO PARK MD

FSGW is excited to hold 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.

It will be a chance to meet members of the 2025-2026 Board of Directors. There will be a brief membership meeting reviewing the previous year of FSGW and plans for the upcoming year.

Admission: Free!



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!

If you want to perform, send inquiries to publicity@fsgw.org

Admittance to the festival is free every year because of <u>VOLUNTEERS!</u> 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 <u>volunteer</u> for the festival, please fill out and submit the form <u>here</u> or email <u>wffvolunteers@fsgw.org</u>.

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



# Labor Day Weekend at Glen Echo Park MD:

ART SHOW, MUSIC FREE-FOR-ALL,
OPEN STUDIOS & RESIDENT
ARTISTS/ORGANIZATIONS
PLUS PARTNERSHIP GALLERIES

#### **More Info & Schedule**

<u>Suggested Donation</u>: \$10 | Every contribution helps us present free festivals, concerts, preserve and maintain the Park's historic buildings, and more.

# <u>ART SHOW</u> • SPANISH BALLROOM FRI. AUG. 29 – MON. SEP. 1

The exhibition features the work of more than 300 artists from the mid-Atlantic region.

A Member & Donor Preview and Opening Reception for the public are both held on Fri. Aug. 29.

**RSVP** (Preferred, not required)

## Music FREE-for-All

Bumper Car Pavilion
Sat. Aug. 30 • 12-6 pm

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture is pleased to present a family-friendly Music FREE-for-All over Labor Day Weekend! Join us for FREE live music concerts with music you can dance to—it's like an extended day-long summer concert!

Nowhere Men: 12-1 pm

**Karen Collins & the Backroads Band:** 

1:30-2:30 pm

Carly Harvey Band: 3–4 pm The Experience Band & Show:

4:30-5:30 pm

RSVP (RSVP preferred, not required. There is no check-in at this event.)



# Takoma Park Folk Festival

TAKOMA PARK MD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 10:30 AM – 6 PM

Celebrating a vibrant tapestry of music and culture, the Takoma Park Folk Festival returns to Takoma Park Middle School with 6 stages featuring a variety of musical genres, a juried craft show, food from around the world, community tables with representatives of local nonprofit groups and big fun for little ones at the Children's Nook!

## Admission is free!

#### The Festival is run by volunteers!

We need help in all areas of festival planning, especially fundraising and soliciting sponsorships. If interested, contact us at

tpff.org/volunteering.

Please help us make the Festival a wonderful day for the whole community by telling us about who you are and your experience! Your answers are anonymous and you will not be added to any lists.

e.tpff.org/survey

More Info: tpff.org



# Irish Set Dancing Weekend

SILVER SPRING MD
OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2

greater washington



The Greater Washington Céilí Club (GWCC) will host a <u>new</u> 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

<u>Latest info</u>: <u>fsgw.org/ecd</u>

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.

#### August lineup ...

- Melissa Running calls to the playing of Jeff Steinberg (fiddle),
   Robin Wilson (flute/concertina) &
   Bobby LaRose (piano)
- 13 Dan Gillespie calls whileBecky Ross (fiddle),Paul Oorts (mandolin/accordion) &Ralph Gordon (cello) make the music
- 20 Andrea Nettleton calls while
  Mari Carlson (fiddle),
  Carrie Rose (flute) &
  Neil Epstein (piano) play the tunes
- 27 April Blum leads the dancing to the music of Catherine Chapman (fiddle), Anna Rain (recorders) & Liz Donaldson (piano)



August 6 - Melissa Running



August 13 - Dan Gillespie



August 20 - Andrea Nettleton



August 27 - April Blum

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- Grateful Dead



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**FSGW Co-sponsored** 

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Silver Spring Contra Dance • Silver Spring MD 2nd Thu. Aug. 14 • 7:30-9:30 pm (7 pm free lesson)

Perry Shafran calling to Bobby LaRose (piano/mandolin/bones) & Colleen Holroyd (fiddle/feet).

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** 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.



**FSGW Co-sponsored** 

**Sunday Afternoon Dancing Planet** Contra Dance • Glen Echo MD • Sun. Aug. 24 3-6 pm, Introductory session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the Hall of Mirrors

**Bob Isaacs** calls an afternoon of fun and creative dances with delightful music by

The Hollertones: Paul Brown (banjo/mandolin), Linda Scutt (fiddle), Jeanie Theiken Creamer (guitar) & Nick Weiland (upright bass)

Join us for some sweet outdoor Summer dancing.

**Location:** The air-conditioned Hall of Mirrors is the yellow building behind the Bumper Car Pavilion.

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

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contra

**Future 2025 dates:** 9/14, 10/26, 11/9

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 • Online • Fridays
7:30–9:30 pm

No in-person folk dancing in Greenbelt during August
Instead, join the
Virtual Folk Dance Party
on Zoom at 7:30 pm.

Hosted by Linda Mansdorf, John Robinson, Vita Hollander, Nancy Jo Lame, Carolyn Rapkievian & Ben Hole

For information on getting the weekly **Zoom meeting link**, contact John Robinson.

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. We sometimes have special events, including dance workshops and live music nights. Newcomers and beginners are welcome!

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

More Info: Friday Dance or facebook

# FSGW Co-sponsored Contra Dance Calling Workshops

Glen Echo Park MD • Sat. Aug. 23 • 1:30-4:30 pm

1st Workshop: August 23 ... Bob Isaacs

FSGW is excited to present a contra dance calling workshop series taking place at Glen Echo Park in the Hall of Mirrors.

### Are you...

- Curious about learning to call contra dances?
- Someone with some experience who would like to increase your skill and experience level?
- A longtime caller who would like to learn the tips and tricks of other very experienced callers?
- A music, dance or physical education educator interested in bringing social dancing into your classroom?
- A dancer wanting to build community and support folks newer to contra calling?

## Then this series is for you!

Each session is led by an experienced caller who will guide attendees through topics such as: teaching complex figures, leading the pre-dance lesson, sourcing dances, responding to the needs of dancers in real time, gender-free calling terms, walk-throughs and many more!

Callers, bring a dance or two to work on.

Dancers, bring good will, good humor and patience.

<u>Admission</u>: Cost is \$5 per session; cash or digital payments like venmo/paypal are accepted. No pre-registration needed. Come to one or come to all of them, it's up to you!

**Location**: The air-conditioned Hall of Mirrors is the yellow building behind the Bumper Car Pavilion.

**Questions?** Email event organizer **Penelope Weinberger** 

Latest info

Future sessions: 9/20: River Rainbowface, 11/1: Gaye Fifer,

12/6: **Qwill Duvall** 

# Those who wish to sing always find a song.



# FSGW SINGS

# FSGW Song Circle Silver Spring MD & Online 2nd Fri. Aug. 8 • 1:30–3:30 pm



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

The Song Circle will be held in person at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd., 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 <u>register here</u> by Thursday, August 7.

**Latest Info** 



FSGW Gospel Sing
Kensington MD
Sun. Aug. 10 • 4–7 pm

The August Gospel Sing will take place in Karen Smith's air-conditioned

home in Kensington MD. Group singing from 4 to 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 Karen at 240-338-0180 or email Kathie

Info: Aug. 10 Gospel Sing



## Takoma Park Old-Time Jam • 3rd Wed. Aug. 20 • 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

<u>Info</u>: <u>fsgw.org/Takoma-Park-Old-Time-Jam</u> Jonathan Vocke

# **FSGW STORYTELLING**

# FSGW & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap Falls Church VA • Saturday August 9 • 7:30 pm

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

For adults or families. Free.

Info: Jane Dorfman, 301-654-5818

VITG Zoom info / fsgw.org/story-swaps

# PEVINE STORYTELLING

TAKOMA DC AND ONLINE • fsgw.org/grapevine

The Grapevine is on hiatus for the summer. Watch for our return on Sept. 10!

# **OPEN DANCES**

SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO PARK MD SAT. AUG. 2, 9 16 & 23 LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS

## August ...

- 2 Gottaswing with **Seth Kibel Quintet** featuring Flo Anito
- Gottaswing with King Arthur and the Knights
- 16 Gottaswing with New Orleans' Sunny Side
- Swing dance with Halley Shoenberg and her Swingin' Cats

**Info:** glenechopark.org/events-calendar

SALSA NIGHT UNDER THE STARS SILVER SPRING MD

TUE. AUG. 5 • 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.

#### Introduction to Contra Dance

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • WEDNESDAYS Aug. 6 & 13 • 7-8:15 PM

We're thrilled to announce a new dance class series! Introduction to Contra Dance with **Penelope Weinberger** is a partnership-presented class that gets you up to speed on all things contra!

Build confidence in your contra dancing skills, learn basic moves, etiquette and how to navigate a dance floor with ease. If you don't know an Allemand from a Do-si-do, this class will be perfect for you. You can drop in to any or all of our Wednesday evening classes.

Location: Spanish Ballroom Back Room, Glen Echo Park

Tickets: \$15

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE MD SAT. AUG. 9 • 8-10:30 PM (7:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Not the normal location this month

August ...

9 Penelope Weinberger calling to Rhythmajigs: Patti Reum (flutes/whistles), Michael Giordano (fiddle/mandolin) & Jack Maus (piano).

Potluck snacks at the break.

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

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

# Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD: FRIDAYS AUG. 1, 8, 15 & 22 \*SILVER SPRING CIVIC CENTER: FRIDAY AUG. 29

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.

### August ...

1 April Blum calls to the fabulous Some Assembly: Mary Flora (woodwinds), Donna Boylan (keyboard), Adam Lee (guitar), Joe Klausner (fiddle/mandolin) & lain Sturrock (cajon)

- 8 Michael Karcher calls to Unbowed: Henry Koretzky (guitar/mandolin), Aaron Blouin (bass) & Mike Henry (guitar), plus special guest Todd Clewell (fiddle)
- 15 Greg Frock calls to Gyrations: David Knight (fiddle), Carrie Rose (flute) & Liz Donaldson (piano)
- 22 Bob Isaacs calls to The Hollertones: Paul Brown (banjo/mandolin), Linda Scutt (fiddle), Jeanie Theiken Creamer (guitar) & Nick Weiland (upright bass)
- 29 \*AT SILVER SPRING CIVIC CENTER: Melissa Chatham calls to High Drive: Dave Wiesler (piano), Paul Oorts (mandolin) & David Knight (fiddle)

<u>Info: website</u> or <u>email</u> | <u>Location except Aug. 29</u>: 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \*Aug. 29 Location: Silver Spring Civic Center, 8525 Fenton St., Silver Spring MD Tickets: online or at the door, \$15

Annapolis English Country Dance Annapolis MD • Sat. Aug. 16 7-9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

### August ...

**16 Christopher Field** calls to the music of Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Bobby LaRose (piano) & Mark Vidor (accordion).

Pre-registration is not required but please email aefallon@verizon.net to let us know if you can help with predance 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

**SMTMD CONTRA DANCE\*** CHAPTICO MD • 2ND SAT. • AUG. 9 • 7 PM

\*See website for rescheduled or canceled events

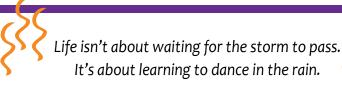
**April Blum** will call. The evening starts at 7 pm with a half-hour beginner's dance workshop followed by live music performed by the **SOMD Open Band**. Dancing starts at 7:30 pm. Check the website calendar for the lineup of dances and callers.

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

Info: email, website



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





MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS
COLUMBIA MD • SAT. AUG. 16
6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK
7:30 PM MUSIC FOR DANCE

Norwegian-style house party. **Loretta Kelley** on Hardanger fiddle and **Sonia White** on nyckelharpa plus other guest musicians will play Norwegian and Swedish tunes for dancing.

Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Please bring food to share and clean shoes to wear. Donations gratefully accepted.

<u>Location info</u>: At Sonia's place; if you need the address contact <u>snowhite4468@mac.com</u> with subject line including MAND.

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.

Waltz Time • Glen Echo Park MD Evening Waltz • Sun. Aug. 17 Lesson 6:15 pm; Dance 7–9:30 pm

**August** ... Cool of the evening waltz

17 Music by Gyrations:
David Knight (fiddle),
Carrie Rose (flute) &
Liz Donaldson (piano).

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

# **DC Square Dance Collective**

OUTDOOR SUMMER DANCE IN ROCK CREEK PARK

SATURDAY Aug. 23; Rain date: Sunday Aug. 24 • 7-10 PM

Dance to live music under twinkling lights in the mill yard.

Don't know the dos and don'ts of do-si-dos?
Don't despair! A caller will teach all the dances and guide you through with ease!

All are welcome, no partner, lessons, or prior experience needed.

This event is FREE!



Location: Peirce Mill, 2401 Tilden St. NW
Info: Friends of Peirce Mill

Annapolis Contra Dance
5th Sat. Aug. 30
7–9:30 pm, Intro Lesson: 6:30 pm

August ...

30 Perry Shafran calls to Strings on Wings: Barb Schmidt (fiddle), Todd Clewell (guitar) & Aaron Blouin (bass).

No experience or partner required.

Pre-registration is not required, but please email <a href="mailto:aefallon@verizon.net">aefallon@verizon.net</a> to let us know if you can help with predance setup and/or post-dance hall restoration. Such help is much appreciated!

Face masks are optional. Venue has windows and filter fans for circulation and ventilation.

Please bring your own water bottle. Snacks to share are welcome if you bring napkins+appropriate paper goods+utensils and plan to clean up after snack time.

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

<u>Location</u>: Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd.

<u>Info</u>: <u>Jan Scopel</u>, 443-540-0867 or <u>Ann Fallon</u>, 410-507-0934 Facebook

# 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.

#### August ...

- 4 Kappy Laning, calling to music by Steven Epstein (clarinet), Ralph Barthine (guitar) & Janina O'Brien (accordion/piano).
- 11 Sharon McKinley, calling to the music of Carl Friedman (piano), Steven Epstein (clarinet) & Mark Vidor (accordion).
- 18 April Blum, calling to the music of Ben Hobbs (piano), Emily Aubrey (violin) & Robin Wilson (flute/concertina).
- 25 Emily Aubry, calling to the music of Carl Friedman (piano), Marty Taylor (recorders/concertina) & Mark Vidor (accordion).

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

#### **Advance registration only**

<u>Location</u>: Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd. (<u>directions</u>)

Info: engdance@bfms.org or Janina O'Brien, 443-722-5805

# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GREENBELT MD TUESDAYS • 7:30-9:30 PM

Dancing and instruction to recorded music. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. No partner required.

# SPECIAL 4-WEEK BEGINNER CLASSES start September 7

<u>Location</u>: Dance Studio, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

<u>Cost</u>: \$10 (first time free)

<u>Beginner Class Series</u>:

\$30 for 4 weeks

(1st class free with no commitment)

Info: Anne Dempsey or Larry Wegehaupt, 240-645-2776

#### **Additional Scottish Country dance**

in Arlington VA and in Silver Spring, Baltimore and Frederick MD

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

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

#### August ...

- 6 April Blum calls to the music of Unbowed: Henry Koretzky (mandolin), Mike Henry (guitar) & Aaron Blouin (bass).
- Carl Friedman calls to the music of Backstep Cindy:
   Sandy Hofferth (fiddle),
   Joe Langley (guitar),
   Fred Cherney (banjo) &
   Shirley Echols (bass).
- 20 Luke Schoppert & Stephan Rochefort call to the music of Waxwing:
  Tyler St. Clare (flute/feet) & Todd Shelar (guitar).

27 Sargon de Jesus calls to the music of Contre Temps: McGregor Yatsevitch (fiddle/mandolin), Andrew Tomlinson (flute/piccolo) & Mark Vidor (piano/accordion).

(No dance on September 3!)

<u>Location</u>: Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St.

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

#### **Online payment only**

Info: bfms.org or Hannah Mueller

## Nordic Dancers of Washington DC

-WELCOMING NEW DANCERS!

SILVER SPRING MD • WEDNESDAYS RESUMING SEPT. 3 • 7:30-9:50 PM

The Nordic Dancers of Washington DC have in-person sessions at Highland View Elementary School. Regular sessions will resume on Wednesdays after Labor Day.

In the beginning of the fall season, several special sessions (Sept. 3, 10 & 17) will be dedicated to welcoming new dancers. These sessions will begin with an *Introductory Nordic Dance* 101 Tour from 7:30 to 8:45 pm.

Come any Wednesday and learn traditional dances of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. 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.

<u>Location</u>: 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
THU. AUG. 7 & 14 • 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 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.

<u>Location</u>: Pinecrest Local Park, 301 St. Lawrence St.

Info: gwcc-online.org, email

# OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS AND PERFORMING ARTS

# Taily Antidote of Song CARPE DIEM Changing the world one song at a time.

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 <u>website</u> for participation instructions.

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

# DANCEINTIME CUBAN SALSA CLASS

Cuban Salsa Class & Social Dancing • Washington DC Saturdays • 1:15–4 pm

<u>Location</u>: 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

## DC Bluegrass Union Dupont Circle Bluegrass Jam Washington DC • 1st & 3rd Sun. Aug. 3 & 17 • 1–4 pm

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

<u>Location</u>: The Mansion at O St. 2020 O St. NW

Info: DC Bluegrass Union Dupont Circle, DCBU Facebook

TAKOMA MANDOLEERS
ARLINGTON VA REHEARSALS:
TUES. AUG. 5 & 26, 7:30-9:30 PM
ALEXANDRIA VA CONCERT:
AUG. 10, 7 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.

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#### **GLEN ECHO PARK**

In addition to dances listed here and on the FSGW Dance pages, Glen Echo Park features dancing many nights in the week. For more information about blues, tango, ballroom and other styles of social dancing, look at the <u>Glen Echo Park calendar</u>.

Info: Mandoleers.org/contact

Aug. 10 Concert Info

<u>Location</u>: Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Rd.

There are picnic tables in the pavilion, but bringing your own chair or blanket is recommended as seating is limited.

Ship's Company Chanteymen
Aug. 7: Fairfax VA,
Aug. 13: Baltimore MD &
Aug. 21: Wheaton MD • 8–10 pm

<u>1st Thursdays</u> are at the Auld ShebeenIrish Pub & Restaurant:3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax VA

<u>and Wednesdays</u> (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

Summer Concert:
Everyday Everybody
Brentwood MD
Sat. Aug. 9\* • 6–8 pm

Free & family-friendly outdoor concerts

Everyday Everybody (fka AZTEC SUN) brings a retro-funk groove with rich layers of soul, jazz, Afro-funk, and Motown pop. Their high-energy performances have rocked DC stages for over a decade—and now it's Brentwood's turn! Get ready to move to the rhythm of award-winning funk.

<u>Location</u>: Bartlett Park Gazebo, 4300 39th Pl.

More Info \*Rain date August 16



CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM ARLINGTON VA 2ND & 4TH SUN. AUG. 10 & 24 2–6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

<u>Location</u>: Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd.

Info: caboma.org

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING 2ND MON. AUG. 11, 4TH TUE. AUG. 26 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.

All are welcome!

#### Attendance is free.

<u>Location</u>: Four Hour Day Lutherie 4305 Harford Rd.

Info: baltimoreshapenote.org facebook

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM HERNDON VA

2ND TUES. AUG. 12 • 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@florisumc.org

LIVE! AT THE LIBRARY:

THE HENHOUSE PROWLERS
BLUEGRASS CONCERT

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

THU. AUG. 14 • 7-8 PM

#### **The Henhouse Prowlers**

<u>Location</u>: Thomas Jefferson Building -Coolidge Auditorium (LJG45A) 10 1st St. SE, DC

<u>Get Tickets</u>: The event is free, but tickets are required, and there may be special restrictions.

Request ADA accommodations five business days in advance at (202) 707-6362 or ADA@loc.gov

INTRO TO CELTIC REPERTOIRE CLASS
TAKOMA PARK MD
Tue. Aug. 19 • 5:30-7 pm

Celtic cellist **Ellen Gira** leads a monthly intro to Celtic repertoire class where

students learn a groovy Celtic tune and create a fun arrangement as a group.

**Cost**: \$30

<u>Location</u>: School of Musical Traditions, 7112 Willow Ave.

Info: 240-690-1910, Website

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON DC

3RD WED. AUG. 20 • 7 – 9 PM

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

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

#### **Location:**

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE

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

THE SOUND OF DC: A VISUAL
HISTORY OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES

CLOSING RECEPTION • BRENTWOOD MD SUN. Aug. 24 • 2–4 PM

Curated by Pete Duvall, this visual art exhibition presents photos of those who documented the music scene including images of the crowds, the venues, the environments created, and the larger visual context around the DMV scene.
FREE.

<u>Location</u>: Brentwood Arts Exchange, 3901 Rhode Island Ave.

Info: 301-277-2863,

brentwoodarts@pgparks.com

## Manor Mill Old-time Jam Monkton MD

Sun. Aug. 24 • 2:30-5:30 PM

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: oti@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

BLUEGRASS REPERTOIRE CLASS
TAKOMA PARK MD
4TH SUN. AUG. 24 • 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!

**Cost**: \$30

<u>Location</u>: School of Musical Traditions, 7112 Willow Ave.

Info: Justin Heath, 443-223-5789 Website

BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP • ONLINE 4TH TUES. AUG. 26 • 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!

**Zoom link** 

# 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.

August ...

- 5 James Dalton
- 12 Elena La Fulana
- 19 Kat Sulla
- 26 Dave Benham

**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.

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.

<u>Location</u>: 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 <a href="mailto:newsletter@fsgw.org">newsletter@fsgw.org</a> 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 (<u>fsgw.org</u>).

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- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

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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 AUGUST 5 • 8 PM

Monthly FSGW Board meetings are all electronic via Zoom. Meetings are open to all FSGW members; contact <a href="mailto:president@fsgw.org">president@fsgw.org</a> or <a href="mailto:webmaster@fsgw.org">webmaster@fsgw.org</a> for a link to the meeting. If you wish to have the Board consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member or <a href="mailto:Lucia Schaefer">Lucia Schaefer</a> 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
KEY  Bold text — FSGW sponsorship  FSGW — Folklore Society of	ECD — English Country Dance Arl. — Arlington VA Balt. — Baltimore MD CC—Chevy Chase MD GEP— Glen Echo Park MD Gbelt—Greenbelt MD	CDA—Carpe Diem Arts CGH—Common Ground on the Hill DPP—Dancing Planet Productions GWCC—Greater Washington Céilí Club MAND—Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers SCC—Ship's Company Chanteyman	Status of ongoing events may vary. Please confirm with the organizer.		Noon Every Day!  Carpe Diem Arts  Daily Antidote of Song	7:30 FSGW Open Sing, online 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance, online	2 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 8 Swing Dance, GEP
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