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FSGW Concert:

Elizabeth LaPrelle and Brian Dolphin

Washington DC • Fri. Sept. 12 • 7:30 pm

Elizabeth LaPrelle and Brian Dolphin are a married duo who share a love of bright vocal harmonies, eerie traditional songs and heartfelt originals. Elizabeth is a world-renowned ballad singer and scholar from rural Virginia and Brian is a songwriter, producer and ethnomusicologist who has studied folk music all over the world. Together they enjoy performing, teaching and singing in their car and kitchen. They also direct the Philly Folk Choir.

There will be many stringed instruments and decades of experience at their backs.

A concert with them is like being a guest at their kitchen table, so very welcoming that you will be invited to sing.

[More about Brian](#) / [More about Elizabeth](#)

Album: [Lullabies](#)

Video: [At Augusta](#) (3 songs)

[Youth Trad Song Benefit](#) (singing “Edward” ballad)

Admission: \$20 members / \$24 nonmembers

[Reserve tickets HERE](#)

Location: Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW
(across the street from Takoma Metro)

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The day after the concert, Elizabeth & Brian will teach a singing workshop . . .

FSGW Sponsored

[Eastern European Singing Workshop](#)

Potomac MD • Sat. Sept. 13 • 1–4 pm

Elizabeth and Brian draw on their rich resources of traditional music to share an assortment of songs centering on Eastern European harmonies.

Location: at the home of Jamie & Betsy Platt.
Attendance is limited.

Suggested donation: \$25

Reservations / more details:

hrhbetsy@gmail.com

**FSGW Co-sponsored
House Concert featuring
Alex Cumming & Audrey Jaber**
Potomac MD • Sat. Sept. 6 • 7:30 pm



Alex Cumming and **Audrey Jaber** are a dynamic duo in the traditional folk music scene, known for their captivating performances and deep-rooted passion for folk traditions.

Together, Alex and Audrey create a unique and engaging traditional music experience. Their collaboration blends Alex's traditional singing and rhythmic accordion playing with Audrey's lively fiddling, resulting in performances that resonate deeply with audiences. Audrey played fiddle on Alex's debut solo album, "Homecoming" was released in 2024; the duo are working on their debut duo record in 2025.

Recent notable performances include Club Passim, Monadnock Folklore Society, Folk Music Society of New York, Historical Tea & Dance Society, Halsway Manor, Cecil Sharp House, Circle Left, BACDS Fall Frolick and as guest artists in The Christmas Revels at Sanders Theater.

[More about Alex and Audrey](#)

Location: At the home of Jamie and Betsy Platt
(10 minutes from Glen Echo Park)

Suggested donation: \$20 cash or Venmo at the door

More info/to reserve: concerts@fsgw.org

[Latest Info](#)



Help Keep FSGW Events Thriving!

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington depends on volunteers to make our concerts, dances, jams, festivals, retreats and other events possible.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with check-in at events, equipment load-in/load-out, room setup/breakdown, and more!

Volunteers often enjoy free or discounted admission to events as well as the satisfaction of being part of our vibrant folk community.

Interested or have questions?

Contact president@fsgw.org to get involved!



Technology Administration Assistance Needed

FSGW is looking for volunteers to assist with technology administration to help keep our events running smoothly.

Do you have experience with website development, event data tracking, Google suite management, or similar skills?

Do you have an interest in learning or strengthening any of these skills?

If so, we would love to have your assistance keeping our digital "house" organized!

Please contact president@fsgw.org to hear about how you can help.

An All-day Dance Event! Contrastock 13

GLEN ECHO MD • SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7
1 – 10 PM

Contrastock is almost here!

Join us for the beloved annual festival of contra dancing. We are delighted to be returning to the one and only Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park for this year's event.

→ Callers



ALEX DEIS-LAUBY



WILL MENTOR



RICK MOHR

→ Our lineup of 3 fantastic bands and 3 top-tier callers will keep you moving and grooving all day.

First up is the dynamic duo of **Audrey Jaber & Alex Cumming**. Based in San Diego, Audrey is known across the country for her lively fiddling in the *Free Raisins* and *Wake Up Robin*. Originally hailing from Somerset, England and now residing in Brattleboro VT, Alex has captivated audiences on both sides of the pond with his vibrant accordion skills.

Kicking off the dance calling is New York City's **Alex Deis-Lauby**, whose clear teaching, smooth voice, and fun dance selection delight dancers coast-to-coast (and once in Paris, France!!).

Next up is **Good Company**, with **Helen Kuhar** on guitar and vocals, **Cecily Mills** on cello and vocals & **Rohan Weeden** on fiddle. This exciting New England band draws their material from Irish, Scottish, New England & Quebecois folk traditions, as well as original material heavily influenced by those traditions.

Beloved Vermont caller **Will Mentor** returns to the Glen Echo stage to share his boundless enthusiasm for dancing and his deep repertoire of inventive choreography.

Finally, we'll be lucky enough to dance to **The Gigmesters**, featuring **Alexander Mitchell** on fiddle and mandolin, **Paul Oorts** on musette accordion and "all types of plucked strings," **Ralph Gordon** on bass, & **Dave Wiesler** on piano and guitar. **The Gigmesters** are sure to delight us with their high-energy dance music, their rhythmic intensity, and their virtuosic performances in an astounding variety of styles.

Joining us from Philadelphia, **Rick Mohr** is renowned for not only his calling but also his contra dance choreography.

→ Bands



AUDREY JABER & ALEX CUMMING



GOOD COMPANY



THE GIGMEISTERS

→ As in past years, we'll close out the evening with an all-band, all-caller extravaganza.

→ For our dinner break, we invite you to bring a clearly labeled dish to share for the famous **Contrastock potluck**.

→ Register here:

fsgw.org/event-6167587

→ More info: fsgw.org/contrastock

→ Questions? Contact contrastock@fsgw.org

See you on the dance FLOOR!

Dance till the stars come down from the rafters. Dance, dance, dance 'til you drop. – W.H. Auden



60TH ANNUAL Getaway...

OCTOBER 3–6 • WEST RIVER MD

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!**

A link to this year's schedule of events will be posted soon at:

fsgw.org/getaway



Bare Bones: Becky and Bill Kimmons, Dock Cutlip



Sandy LaPrelle, Elizabeth LaPrelle & Brian Dolphin

Pete the Spy



**Sign
up
now!**



George Stephens & Kathy Westra Stephens



Jeanne & Bob Zentz



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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!

Spread the Word!

Info & Registration is here.

September 26 is the deadline.

Location: West River
Methodist Conference Center,
5100 Chalk Point Rd.

Questions? Contact
Getawaychair@fsgw.org

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



■ Call for Volunteers! ■

~ 42ND ANNUAL ~

WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

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

The Washington Folk Festival is back! Now a one-day event, expect a jam-packed roster full of dancing, storytelling, and music ranging from American to International styles: bluegrass to Celtic, Klezmer to Americana, blues to Zydeco; we cover folk music from around the world!

Five stages, hundreds of performers, food trucks, a picnic area and it's all free!

Come see such acts as *Furia Flamenca*, *Dede and the Do-Rights*, *Karpouzi Trio*, *Urban Artistry*, *the Sweater Set*, *Rick Franklin*, *The Irish Innmates*, *Morris dancers*, *Mrs. Toretzky's Nightmare*, *Slaveya*, *the Washington Balalaika Orchestra*, *The Chromatics*, *Mutual Agreement*, *The Poor Ellen Smith Band*, *Trio Sefardi*, *Little Red and the Renegades*, *Jillian Matundan* and many more!

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.

If you're interested in **volunteering** for the festival, please fill out and submit the form [HERE](#) or email wffvolunteers@fsgw.org.

[Donate to support the Festival](#)

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



FURIA FLAMENCA



SLAVEYA



MUTUAL AGREEMENT



KARPOUZI TRIO



FSGW CO-SPONSORED • SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 • 10:30 AM – 6:00 PM
INDOORS AND OUTDOORS • RAIN OR SHINE • FAMILY FRIENDLY • SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

52 performances on 6 stages start at 11 am

Schedule: tpff.org/schedule

~ **Juried craft show** with 40 vendors presenting works in these categories:

- Clay • Fiber • Fine Arts/Prints • Glass • Jewelry • Metal • Mixed Media
- Soap and Body Care • Specialty Foods • Wood

~ **Community Tables** with representatives of local nonprofit organizations

~ **Kids' Activities**

The Play Lady kicks things off with a children's parade. Then it's non-stop fun at the Children's Nook with activities and our new Children's Nook Stage featuring kid-friendly entertainment.

~ A great variety of **international food vendors**, plus plenty of sweet treats!

Location: Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd.

Parking: • Free handicapped parking on-site.

- Free shuttle buses to and from free parking at three locations:
Takoma Metro station Kiss and Ride lot
Montgomery College East Garage at Fenton & King Streets, Silver Spring
Washington Adventist University lot at Flower & Carroll Avenues, Takoma Park

Latest info TPFF.org

Admission: **Free!**



Click to see the Schedule!

| STAGE | TOP PRIZE! (ACTS) | PERFORMERS | ACTS | ACTS | ACTS | ACTS |
|---------|-------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|
| STAGE 1 | Top Prize! (Acts) | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts |
| STAGE 2 | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts |
| STAGE 3 | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts |
| STAGE 4 | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts |
| STAGE 5 | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts |
| STAGE 6 | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts | Acts |

Become a Festival Sponsor!

Reach thousands, boost your brand, and help keep our community's favorite tradition alive! Learn more at TPFF.org/sponsor.

Takoma Park Folk Festival Inc.

is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are welcome at TPFF.org/donate

TPFF Inc. is grateful for grants from the City of Takoma Park, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, and the Maryland State Arts Council, and for sponsorships from Takoma Radio, the Takoma Foundation, and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington.





● Coming soon! ●
October 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.

Schedule

11:15 – 12:30 . . . Old Time Open Jam
11:30 – 12:30 . . Potluck Lunch
and Joke Swap
12:30 – 12:55 . . Membership Meeting
1:00 – 3:00 . . . Barn Dance
Janine Smith calling
with the **Old Time Cobras**
3:15 – 4:00 . . . Storytelling
4:00 – 4:45 . . . Open Sing

Admission: Free!

[RSVP requested](#) (but not required)
so that we can have a sense of how
many may come to the picnic.

22nd Greenbelt Blues Festival

GREENBELT MD • FRI. SEPT. 19: 8– 11 PM & SAT. SEPT. 20: 10 AM – 11 PM

Bands • Dancing • Drumming • Vendors • Yoga

Bring your festival chairs and yoga mat and dance at this community-based outdoor / indoor free Blues Festival in Greenbelt's historic Roosevelt Center and [New Deal Café](#)! Parking is free, and food and beverages are available at the local restaurants and CO-OP. Visit the [DC Blues Society](#) booth and other vendors too!

Locations: Friday: New Deal Café: 113 Centerway
Saturday: New Deal Café & Roosevelt Center: Centerway

Admission: Free! Tips for each band and GBF donations are encouraged.

Info: [Facebook](#) / [Schedule](#)

Questions: GreenbeltBluesFestival@gmail.com

8th Annual Celebrate Africa Festival

BOWIE MD • SUN. SEPT. 28 • 1–6 PM

A welcoming, family-friendly space for cultural exchange, music, food & art

In honor of **African Heritage Month**, the Festival shines a light on the history, contributions and rich cultural traditions of the African immigrant community in the DMV region.

See performances by **KanKouran West African Dance Company**, **Feedel Band**, **TolumIDE** and **Coyaba Dance Theater**.

Shop for **handcrafted treasures** and support local African-owned small businesses.

Enjoy delicious arrays of **African cuisine** featuring dishes from across the continent.

Families can enjoy **reimagined African folk tales** told by author **Ada Ari**, and take part in **African dance workshops**, **djembe making**, and **puppet theater** led by **Arts on a Roll** or participate in our first ever soccer clinic for kids!

Admission: FREE, open to all ages

Location: Fairwood Park, 12390 Fairwood Parkway

Wheaton Arts Parade & Festival

WHEATON MD • SUN. SEPT. 28 • 10 AM – 5 PM

Everybody loves a funky Arts Parade. You can be part of it! Make some art and join us. [Sign Up for the Parade](#)

It's a **festival of visual art** with 3 stages of non-stop entertainment as diverse as the Wheaton community, from Latin rhythms to rock and roll. Plus dance floors, booths for art vendors, food vendors and Kids' Zones.

Locations/parking: wheatonartsparade.org/faqs

Baltimore Folk Music Society 50th Anniversary Weekend • OCT. 10–12 • **Stepping Up to the Next 50 Years!**

Join BFMS members from across the years for jamming, dancing and an outdoor folk festival.

Friday Oct. 10: **Jam** at R House, 301 W 29th St., 6–9 pm

Saturday Oct. 11: **Day of Dancing** at Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St Paul St., 1:30–10:30 pm

Sunday Oct. 12: **BFMS Festival** at Oregon Ridge Park, all afternoon

**Saturday
October 11**



**Anniversary
Day of
Dancing**

Featuring **Devine Comedy:**

Steve Hickman

(fiddle/harmonica),

Marty Taylor

(whistles/concertina),

John Devine (guitar), with

Bobby LaRose (piano) &

Laurie Andres (accordion)

Andy Kane, April Blum &

DeLaura Padovan calling.

1:30–3:30 pm: Family Dance with

DeLaura Padovan calling

beginner-friendly dances to the music of **Devine Comedy**

3:30–5:30 pm: Couples dancing

with **Laurie Andres**. Hambo lesson at 3:30 pm led by

Tom Zeller & Joyce Duncan

5:30–7 pm: Dinner on your own at local restaurants

7:15 pm: Grand March

7:30–10:30 pm: **The BFMS 50th Anniversary Dance** with **Andy Kane** and **April Blum** calling contras, English country dances, and squares to the music of **Devine Comedy**

10:30–midnight: After-party at Fadensonnen, 3 West 23rd St.

Admission: Online registration coming soon. Thanks to a generous donation, admission to the Anniversary Dance will be at 1975 prices (\$2 non-members, \$1 members).

**GWCC
FLING**

**Irish Set Dancing
Weekend**

SILVER SPRING MD

OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2



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/eccd

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.

September lineup . . .

- 3 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to the playing of **Edith Coakley-Stowe** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders) & **Melissa Running** (piano)
- 10 **Melissa Running** and **Wendy Clarke** call while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute) & **Diane Sorenson** (piano) make the music
- 17 **Kappy Laning** calls while **David Knight** (fiddle), **Owen Morrison** (guitar) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the tunes
- 24 **Dan Gillespie** leads the dancing to the music of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello) & **Bobby LaRose** (piano)



Sept. 17 - Kappy Laning



Sept. 3 - Andrea Nettleton



Sept. 24 - Dan Gillespie



Sept. 10 - Melissa Running
& Wendy Clarke



PHOTO: Carpe Diem Arts

SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE



FSGW Co-sponsored
Silver Spring Contra Dance • Silver Spring MD
 2nd Thu. Sept. 11 • 7:30–9:30 pm (7 pm free lesson)

Greg Frock calling to music by
 Jim Morrison & Charlie Pilzer

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. Sept. 14
 3–6 pm, Introductory session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the Spanish Ballroom
 YES, that's right,
 we're in the Ballroom for this dance!

Janine Smith will wow us (as always!) with a
 delightful assortment of dances while
Airloom weaves their musical magic!
 That's **David Knight** (fiddle),
Carrie Rose (flute/piccolo) &
Dave Wiesler (piano/guitar)

Location: Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

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

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contra

Future 2025 dates: 10/26, 11/9



FSGW BARN DANCE!

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park MD • Sun. Sept. 14 • 1–3 pm

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 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 / [September Barn Dance](#)

Lucia Schaefer calling to the music
 of **Jim Morrison & Charlie Pilzer**

Come join us at the barn dance!

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.

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

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

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!

Location: Greenbelt Community Dance Studio,
 15 Crescent Rd.
 (Enter and depart the community center through the front door.)
 For the **Zoom link**, contact [John Robinson](#).

Admission: \$5 (unless otherwise noted. 21 years old and younger and first-timers are free); Zoom is Free

Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539
 or [John and Sheila Robinson](#), 410-715-9210

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

FSGW Co-sponsored

Contra Dance Calling Workshops

Glen Echo Park MD • Sat. Sept. 20 • 1:30–4:30 pm

September 20 . . . River Rainbowface

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.

Admission: 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: 11/1: Gaye Fifer, 12/6: Qwill Duvall

FSGW Open Sing • Online

1st Fri. Sept. 5 • 7:30 pm

Thanks to **Sue Hengelsberg** for stepping up to host the Online Open Sing.

The topic is “**Fall**”
(which has many meanings...)

Only those wishing to sing need to register.

[Register HERE](#)

Reminder: Registration will be open till noon on 9/5/25.

Singer's List (view only) is [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. Sept. 12 • 1:30–3:30 pm

The monthly Song Circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy delightful songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. Come for informal group singing or just to listen.

In observance of Labor Day, bring or request your favorite labor songs, and any other songs! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using [the form here](#).

Special guests **Peter Jones** and **Steve Jones** will lead songs with guitar and piano accompaniment, and any participant may lead any song *a cappella* or self-accompanied.

The Song Circle will be held in person at the



Those who wish to sing always find a song.

– Swedish proverb



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, September 11.

[Latest Info](#)

FSGW Gospel Sing

Takoma Park MD • Sun. Sep. 14 • 4–6 pm



The September 2025 Gospel Sing will return to Barbara and Arthur Karpas' Garden of Eden in Takoma Park.

Group singing outside in the garden for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm. (No potluck dinner afterwards this time.) Hymnals provided.

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

RSVP/directions: call Barbara at 301-270-4239 (landline; no texts) or email [Kathie](#)

Info: fsgw.org/gospel-sings

FSGW Co-sponsored Jam



Takoma Park Old-Time Jam

TAKOMA DC • 3rd Wed. Sept. 17 • 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 that 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](#)

FSGW Open Sing

Greenbelt MD

3rd Sat. Sep. 20 • 2–5 pm

Mary Jo and David Shapiro will happily host the face-to-face sing in September.

Topic: *Comeuppances—karma, jail sentences and other deserved outcomes*

Directions: Please call 301-699-8833

■ FSGW STORYTELLING ■

FSGW & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap Silver Spring MD • Sun. Sept. 14 • 2:30–3:30 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 Sept. 14](#) / fsgw.org/story-swaps

THE GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING

TAKOMA DC AND ONLINE • **TUESDAY*** Sept. 9 • 7:30 pm
*not Wednesday, just this time

The Grapevine is spoken-word performance for adults and teens, celebrating the timeless art of the story, hosted by storytellers **Renée Brachfeld** and **Tim Livengood**.



Our featured tellers
this month are

◀ [Carol Birch](#)

&

[Jennifer Munro](#) ▶



PHOTO: WILLIS LAM

Register FOR FREE access to the live stream or to catch the recorded show later. No registration needed for in-person participation; you can just show up! You will get emails with reminders on the date, time and location, as well as Zoom information.

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
and also via Zoom!

[Latest Info](#)

■ OPEN DANCES ■

BUMPER CAR SQUARES



Come dance with us!

Bumper Car Squares
Glen Echo Park MD
Thursday Sept. 4 • 7–10:30 pm

Join us for square dancing in the
Bumper Car Pavilion!

7 pm ~ Lesson; 7:30–10:30 pm ~ Dance

Choose from two lessons offered free with the price of admission; Intro to Square Dancing and Intro to Flatfoot Dancing taught by members of Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble.

After the lesson, caller **Katie Stahl** will lead a rousing square dance along with live music!

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

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: 10/9, 11/6, 12/4

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



Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD: FRIDAYS SEPT. 5, 12, 19 & 26

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.

September . . .

5 **Will Mentor** calls to
Alex Cumming (accordion/piano) &
Audrey Jaber (fiddle)

12 **Anna Rain** calls to the fabulous
Glen Echo Open Band, led by
Bobby LaRose

19 **River Rainbowface** calls to
Petrichord, which is
Bobby LaRose (keys/mandolin/bones),
Colleen Holroyd (fiddle/feet) &
Sophie Chang (cello)

26 **Carl Levine** calls to **Roundtuit**, which
is **Rebecca Weiss** (fiddle),
Charlie Pilzer (piano) &
Leigh Pilzer
(soprano saxophone/bass clarinet)

Info: [website](#) or [email](#) | **Location:** 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Tickets: online or at the door, \$15

SALSA NIGHT UNDER THE STARS
SILVER SPRING MD
TUE. SEPT. 2 • 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.

SWING DANCE
GLEN ECHO PARK MD
SAT. SEPT. 6, 13, 20 & 27
LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS

September . . .

6 **DCLXtra** with live music

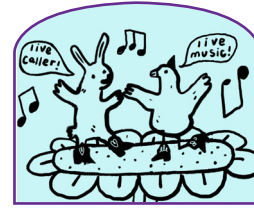
13 **Swing!** with **Craig Gildner & Friends**

20 **New Columbia Swing Dance**
with live music

27 **Gotttaswing** with
Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys
with **The Rock-A-Sonics**

Info: [glenechopark.org/
events-calendar](http://glenechopark.org/events-calendar)

FAMILY BARN DANCE • BALTIMORE MD
SAT. SEPT. 13 • 2–4 PM



Join us for the
**1st Baltimore
Family Barn
Dance!**

Enjoy live music
and easy-to-learn

dances for all ages and abilities — from
toddlers to grandparents! A friendly
caller will guide you through squares,
contras, circles, waltzes, and more.

Mobtown will have coffee, cocktails, and
kid-friendly drinks available for purchase.

*Come dance, connect and
make joyful memories!*

Note: All children must be supervised by
an adult at all times to keep
everyone safe and respect the venue.

Admission: \$10 cash or venmo at the
door, kids \$5, under 3 free,
family max \$30.

Location: Mobtown Ballroom,
30 W North Ave.

Info: [Katie Stahl](#), [facebook](#)

**BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT
MOBTOWN BALLROOM • SAT. SEPT. 13**
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: 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

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE*

CHAPTICO MD • 2ND SAT. SEPT. 13 • 7 PM

*See website for rescheduled or canceled events

Kim Forry 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](#)



PHOTO: ELAINE SZYMKOWIAK

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

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

SILVER SPRING MD

2ND SAT. SEPT. 13 • 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. SEPT. 13 • 8–10:30 PM

(7:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

Caroline Barnes calling to *Terpsichore*:
Elke Baker (fiddle),
Liz Donaldson (piano) &
Ralph Gordon (bass)

Potluck snacks at the break.

Location: Church of the Nativity and
Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd.

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](#)

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS

COLUMBIA MD • SAT. SEPT. 13

6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK

7:30 PM MUSIC FOR DANCE

Norwegian-style house party.

Loretta Kelley and **Georgia Beatty** on
Hardanger fiddle and **Sonia White** on
nyckelharpa plus other guest musicians
will play Norwegian and Swedish tunes
for dancing.

This event will be Georgia's recital
reflecting the hard work she has done in
her fellowship with Loretta and is
supported in part by the

[Maryland State Arts Council](#) Maryland
Traditions Folklife Apprenticeship grant.

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

Location info: At Phyllis & Stephen's
place; if you need the address
contact phillsdrck@gmail.com

Info/Updates: MAND.fanitull.org

Questions? MAND@fanitull.org

ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

ANNAPOLIS MD • SAT. SEP. 20

7–9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

September . . .

20 **Tom Spilsbury** calls to the music of
Red and Well Fed:
Kappy Laning (violin),
Diane Sorenson (piano),
Susan Farrar (flute),
John Wells (flute) &
Paul Miller (guitar).

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

**SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER MD
3RD SAT. SEPT. 20 • 6:45–9:20 PM**

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, **Sonia White**, 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.

**WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
AFTERNOON WALTZ • SUN. SEPT. 21
LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30–6 PM**

September . . .

21 Music by **DJANGOLAYA** with
Jeanine Greene (vocals/violin),
Charlie Schueller (accordion) &
Andrew Deshler (guitar)

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing in the Spanish Ballroom! No partner required.

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org
or 301-634-2222

**WEST COAST SWING:
LATE NIGHT EARLY
GLEN ECHO PARK MD • SEPT. 28
5:30 LESSON,
6:30–10:30 PM DANCE**

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

Locations:

INTRO TO WCS LESSON:
Arcade Building, 2nd floor

SOCIAL DANCE:
Spanish Ballroom

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



**BFMS
Autumn Assembly
English Ball**

BALTIMORE MD • SAT. SEPT. 27 • 6:30–10 PM

**BFMS is pleased
to present
its annual Baltimore
Autumn Assembly
English Ball**



Come to our evening dance and
enjoy elegant dancing, delicious
refreshment and exuberant music by

Trio Con Brio:
Jonathan Jensen (piano &
more), **Elke Baker** (violin) &
Paul Oorts (strings/accordion)

*Festive attire is admired,
but not required.*

Dances:

[Instructions and
video links](#)

All dances will be talked
through and briefly
prompted.

Admission:

by [online registration](#) only
(+\$5 if purchased on Sept. 27)

Location: Church of the Redeemer,
5603 North Charles St.

Contact: Ball chairs,
[Christopher Field and April Blum](#)

Info: BFMS.org

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](#)

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
TAKOMA PARK MD
SUNDAYS: SEPT. 14, 21 & 28
9:30–11:30 AM

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings and socializes together. No dance experience necessary! Email if interested.

Location: Takoma Park Middle School,
7611 Piney Branch Rd.

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

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.

September . . .

- 1 Sharon McKinley calling to music by Carl Friedman (piano), Emily Aubrey (violin) & Steven Epstein (clarinet)
- 8 Christopher Field calling to the music of *The Merrie Bande*
- 15 Diane Schmitt calling to music by Janina O'Brien (piano), Carl Friedman (violin) & Robin Wilson (flute/concertina)
- 22 April Blum calling to music by Francine Krasowska (piano), Becky Ross (violin) & Mark Vidor (accordion)
- 29 Emily Aubrey calling to music by Jonathan Jensen (piano), Tom Wright (mandolin) & Susan Brandt (flute)

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

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

Location: Dance Studio, Greenbelt
Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

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 [Glen Echo Park calendar](#).

Cost: \$10 (first time free)
Beginner Class Series:
\$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 (EXCEPT SEPT. 3)
8–10:30 PM

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

September . . .

- 3 NO DANCE: summer hiatus
- 10 Greg Frock calling to *Wild Wombats of the Chesapeake*:
Carl Friedman (fiddle),
Robin Wilson (flute/concertina/sax),
Ralph Barthine (guitar) &
Janina O'Brien
(piano/accordion/whistle/bodhran)
- 17 Anna Rain calling to *Petrichord*:
Bobby LaRose (keys/mandolin/bones),
Colleen Holroyd (fiddle/feet) &
Sophie Chang (cello)
- 24 Carl Levine calling to *Contra Rebels*:
Todd Clewell (fiddle),
Barb Schmid (fiddle) &
Henry Koretzky (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](#)

OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS AND PERFORMING ARTS

NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON DC SILVER SPRING MD • MOST WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:50 PM

The Nordic Dancers of Washington DC have in-person sessions at Highland View Elementary School. Come any Wednesday and learn traditional dances of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

We welcome new dancers anytime, no prior experience or partner needed. Plus, this fall season, several special sessions (Sept. 3, 10 & 17) are dedicated to welcoming new dancers. These sessions will begin with an **Introductory Nordic Dance 101 Tour** from 7:30 to 8:45 pm.

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

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

Location: Chevy Chase Baptist Church
5671 Western Ave. NW

Admission: \$15/person

Details: danceintime.com/classes

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

Daily Antidote of Song

Changing the world one song at a time.

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ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON

Great for all ages!

Attend in the virtual concert room or sing along on Facebook Live; see our [website](#) for participation instructions.

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

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.

DC LABOR CHORUS [LABOR DAY](#) [CONCERT AND SING-ALONG](#) GREENBELT MD MON. SEPT. 1 • 2–4 PM

[The Chorus](#) is a musical ensemble, founded and directed by longtime cultural worker Elise Bryant, that sings at concerts, rallies, demonstrations, and picket lines in the D.C. area.

“We sing for solidarity. We sing for peace. We sing for jobs. We sing for justice. We sing for joy.”

Admission: Free!

Location: [New Deal Café](#),
113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center

Info: [Kent Kolb](#)

TUBA SKINNY CONCERT • GLEN ECHO PARK MD • TUE. SEPT. 2 • 7:30 PM

Institute of Musical Traditions presents
Tuba Skinny

For over a decade, *Tuba Skinny* has grown steadily in popularity, releasing twelve albums and touring all over the world. They've attracted a wide variety of fans— young and old, neophytes and

niche-enthusiasts while becoming known as world-class interpreters of traditional jazz, jug band music, spirituals, country blues, string band music, ragtime, and New Orleans R&B. Their approach is a true reflection of Americana, encompassing the full genealogy of popular American music from an early 20th century perspective.

Location: Bumper Car Pavilion,
5801 Oxford Rd.

Admission: \$20 (+\$2 box office fee)

Includes a beginner swing dance lesson with *Gottaswing* instructors
Janelle and Dabe Murphy

Info/tickets: intfolk.org/9-2-tuba-skinny

DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM • WASHINGTON DC 1ST & 3RD SUN. SEPT. 7 & 21 • 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](#)

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS

1ST & 3RD WED. SEPT. 3 & 17 • 7–9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

Sept. 3—3 separate jams: bluegrass/old-time, folk/blues and Celtic at Carroll Arts Center, 91 W Main St.

Sept. 17—combined bluegrass/old-time/folk/blues free-wheeling at St. Paul's, 17 Bond St.

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

SHIP'S COMPANY CHANTEYMEN

SEPT. 4: FAIRFAX VA, SEPT. 10: BALTIMORE MD & SEPT. 18: WHEATON MD • 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](#)

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING

2ND MON. SEPT. 8, 4TH TUE. SEPT. 23
7–9:30 PM (6:30 PM DOORS)

Join us in America's oldest musical tradition! Experience the joy of singing a *cappella* choral music in four-part harmony. Shaped note heads aid sight reading. No experience needed and loaner books are available.

Attendance is free. All are welcome!

Location: Four Hour Day Lutherie
4305 Harford Rd.

Info: [baltimoreshapenote.org](#)
[facebook](#)

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM

HERNDON VA

2ND TUES. SEPT. 9 • 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

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG

LOCKHOUSE 6, C&O CANAL
SAT. SEPT. 13

Rehearsals: Come play Scandinavian music with us!

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

CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM

ARLINGTON VA

2ND & 4TH SUN. SEPT. 14 & 28
2–6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

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

Info: [caboma.org](#)

BALTIMORE FOLK CLUB PRESENTS

BABINEAU & CHARTRAND

BALTIMORE MD • WED. SEPT. 17
7:30–10 PM, DOORS 6 PM

Nicolas Babineau (modern fiddle, acoustic guitar) and Alexis Chartrand (baroque

violin, foot percussion) offer a captivating dive into Québec's musical traditions. Inspired by a century of irresistible dance and fiddle music, they reveal the beautiful intricacy of Québécois traditional melodies. Babineau/Chartrand's uniquely sensitive and intimate approach brings together modern fiddling and baroque violin, bridging the gap between the old and the new.

[Babineau / Chartrand bandcamp](#)

Location: The Green Room,
3602 Hickory Ave.

[Tickets](#)

Questions: [Richard Osban](#)

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON DC

3RD WED. SEPT. 17 • 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: dcschapenote.squarespace.com
silvermanalexa@gmail.com

MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM

MONKTON MD

SUN. SEPT. 28 • 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:email@orfeia.org), orfeia.org, [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/orfeia)

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.

September . . .

- 2 ilyAIMY
- 9 Annette Wasilik
- 16 Beth Patterson
- 23 Reid Hawkins
- 30 Jeff Miller

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

Location: School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.

Info: [imtfolk SPARK](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/bmoreoldtime), bmoreoldtime.com

TAKOMA MANDOLEERS **ARLINGTON VA • REHEARSALS:** **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

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](mailto:email@wbs.org), [website](http://wbs.org)

SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS **CLASSES • TAKOMA PARK MD**

The School of Musical Traditions, at 7112 Willow Ave., offers many classes on various types of music-making, for adults and kids! These include: How to jam, Celtic music, bluegrass, old timey, jazz, songwriting, vocals and more. See their website for details and to sign up.

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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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) • 8 PM TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

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.

2025-2026 FSGW BOARD

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <div>Noon Every Day!</div> <div>~~~~</div> <div>Carpe Diem Arts</div> <div>Daily Antidote of Song</div> | <div>1</div> <div>2 DC Labor Chorus Concert & Sing-Along, Gbelt</div> <div>7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC</div> <div>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</div> | <div>2</div> <div>7 Salsa Under the Stars, SS</div> <div>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</div> <div>7 Jam, Balt.</div> <div>7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt</div> <div>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</div> <div>7:30 Tuba Skinny Concert, GEP</div> <div>8 FSGW Board Meeting, online</div> | <div>3</div> <div>7 Three Jams, Westminster</div> <div>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</div> <div>7:30 Int'I Folk Dance, GEP</div> <div>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</div> | <div>4</div> <div>7 Bumper Car Squares, GEP</div> <div>7 Int'I Folk Dance, Bethesda</div> <div>8 SCC Chantey Sing, Fairfax</div> | <div>5</div> <div>7:30 FSGW Open Sing, online</div> <div>7:30 FND Contra, GEP</div> <div>8 Int'I Folk Dance, Gbelt</div> | <div>6</div> <div>10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC</div> <div>1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC</div> <div>7:30 Concert: Alex Cumming & Audrey Jaber, Potomac</div> <div>8 Swing Dance, GEP</div> |
| <div>7</div> <div>10:30 Takoma Park Folk Festival</div> <div>1-10 FSGW Contrastock 13, an all day dance event, GEP</div> <div>1 Bluegrass Jam, DC</div> | <div>8</div> <div>Newsletter Deadline</div> <div>7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC</div> <div>7 Shape Note Singing, Balt.</div> <div>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</div> | <div>9</div> <div>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</div> <div>7 Gospel Jam, Herndon</div> <div>7 Jam, Balt.</div> <div>7:30 FSGW The Grapevine Storytelling, Takoma & online</div> <div>7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt</div> <div>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</div> | <div>10</div> <div>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</div> <div>7:30 Int'I Folk Dance, GEP</div> <div>7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt.</div> <div>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</div> <div>8 SCC Chantey Sing, Balt.</div> | <div>11</div> <div>7 FSGW/CDA Contra, SS</div> <div>7 Int'I Folk Dance, Bethesda</div> | <div>12</div> <div>1:30 FSGW Song Circle, SS & online</div> <div>7:30 FSGW Concert: Elizabeth LaPrelle & Brian Dolphin, Takoma DC</div> <div>7:30 FND Contra, GEP</div> <div>8 Int'I Folk Dance, Gbelt</div> | <div>13</div> <div>Washington's Spelmanslag</div> <div>10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC</div> <div>1 Singing Workshop, Potomac MD</div> <div>1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC</div> <div>2 Family Barn Dance, Balt.</div> <div>7 SMTMD Contra, Chaptico</div> <div>6:30 MAND Norweigan house party, Columbia</div> <div>7:30 Baltimore Square Dance</div> <div>7:30 ECD, SS</div> <div>8 Baltimore Contra</div> <div>8 Swing Dance, GEP</div> |
| <div>14</div> <div>9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women</div> <div>1 FSGW Barn Dance, GEP</div> <div>2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl.</div> <div>2:30 FSGW/DP Contra, GEP</div> <div>2:30 FSGW/VITG Story Swap, SS</div> <div>4 FSGW Gospel Sing, TPark</div> | <div>15</div> <div>7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC</div> <div>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</div> | <div>16</div> <div>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</div> <div>7 Jam, Balt.</div> <div>7:30 Takoma Park Old-time Jam</div> <div>7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt</div> <div>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</div> | <div>17</div> <div>7 Jam, Westminster</div> <div>7 Shape Note Singing, DC</div> <div>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</div> <div>7:30 Int'I Folk Dance, GEP</div> <div>7:30 Takoma Park Old-time Jam</div> <div>7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt.</div> <div>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</div> <div>7:30 Concert: Babineau & Chartrand, Balt.</div> | <div>18</div> <div>7 Int'I Folk Dance, Bethesda</div> <div>8 Folk Sing, Wheaton</div> | <div>19</div> <div>7:30 FND Contra, GEP</div> <div>8 Int'I Folk Dance, Gbelt</div> <div>8 Greenbelt Blues Festival</div> | <div>20</div> <div>10 Greenbelt Blues Festival</div> <div>10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC</div> <div>1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC</div> <div>1:30 Contra Dance Calling Workshop, GEP</div> <div>2 FSGW Open Sing, Gbelt</div> <div>6:45 Scandia Dance/Music, Gbelt</div> <div>7 ECD, Annapolis</div> <div>8 Swing Dance, GEP</div> |
| <div>21</div> <div>9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women</div> <div>1 Bluegrass Jam, DC</div> <div>2:45 Waltz Time, GEP</div> | <div>22</div> <div>7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC</div> <div>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</div> | <div>23</div> <div>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</div> <div>7 Shape Note Singing, Balt.</div> <div>7 Jam, Balt.</div> <div>7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt</div> <div>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</div> | <div>24</div> <div>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</div> <div>7:30 Int'I Folk Dance, GEP</div> <div>7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt.</div> <div>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</div> | <div>25</div> <div>7 Int'I Folk Dance, Bethesda</div> | <div>26</div> <div>7:30 FND Contra, GEP</div> <div>8 Int'I Folk Dance, Gbelt</div> | <div>27</div> <div>10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC</div> <div>1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC</div> <div>6:30 BFMS ECD Ball, Balt.</div> <div>8 Swing Dance, GEP</div> |
| <div>28</div> <div>9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women</div> <div>10 Wheaton Arts Parade & Festival</div> <div>1 Celebrate Africa Festival, Bowie</div> <div>2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl.</div> <div>2:30 Old-time Jam, Monkton</div> <div>5:30 West Coast Swing, GEP</div> | <div>29</div> <div>7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC</div> <div>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</div> | <div>30</div> <div>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</div> <div>7 Jam, Balt.</div> <div>7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt</div> <div>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</div> | | <div>~~~~</div> <div>Status of ongoing events may vary.</div> <div>Please confirm with the organizer.</div> | <div>KEY</div> <div>Bold text — FSGW sponsorship</div> <div>FSGW — Folklore Society of Greater Washington</div> <div>FND — Friday Night Dancers</div> <div>BFMS — Baltimore Folk Music Society</div> <div>Contra — Contra Dance</div> <div>ECD — English Country Dance</div> <div>Arl. — Arlington VA</div> <div>Balt. — Baltimore MD</div> <div>CC — Chevy Chase MD</div> <div>GEP — Glen Echo Park MD</div> <div>Gbelt — Greenbelt MD</div> <div>SS — Silver Spring MD</div> <div>TPark — Takoma Park MD</div> <div>CDA — Carpe Diem Arts</div> <div>CGH — Common Ground on the Hill</div> <div>DPP — Dancing Planet Productions</div> <div>GWCC — Greater Washington Céilí Club</div> <div>MAND — Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers</div> <div>SCC — Ship's Company Chanteyman</div> | |