

October 2025



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Though usually in the summer and two days long, the 2025 version is a one-day event on Sunday, October 19, so **expect** a jam-packed roster! The 42nd Washington Folk Festival will be at Glen Echo Park in Maryland, as it has been in the past.

Jam at the picnic tables! Enjoy **Praline Bakery** delectables. a cookout station. and **food trucks**. See old friends and make new ones!

Please try to carpool as we have limited onsite **parking** this year.

See you there!



DJANGOLAYA

The Washington Folk Festival is back!

~ 42ND ANNUAL ~

WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

Glen Echo Park MD • Sunday October 19 • 12-9 pm

~~~ Mark your calendars! ~~~

We will have four stages of Music & another for Storytelling starting at 12 noon.

And at 7:30 pm get ready for a **Contra Dance** that goes until 9 pm! Greg Frock calls to Charlie Pilzer & Friends.

Come enjoy all types of American and International traditional styles of music and dance!

**DC Mudd** Piedmont blues band returns as does **Urban Artistry** to demonstrate hip-hop.

Karpouzi Trio brings music from Greece and the Balkan peninsula,

while **Raymi** RAYMI presents from the Andean tradition. **Djangolaya** jazz

manouche is coming back as

are the gospel harmonies of Mutual Agreement. Check out perennial favorites

The Sweater Set. **Washington Toho Koto** Society (Japan),

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Soumya Chakraverty (north India), and the Washington Balalaika Orchestra.

Furia Flamenca brings dances from Spain, Trio Sefardi delights with the Sephardic tradition,





Paraguayan Harp comes out of South American instrumental traditions, and Humayun Khan offers music of

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Afghanistan. The Balkan singers **Slaveya** will be at the festival as well as Dede and the Do-Rights, The Irish Innmates. Little Red and the Renegades (zydeco), and Mrs. Toretsky's Nightmare

(klezmer band). Rick Franklin

Tom Mindte return to play blues. The **Sunshine Skiffle Band** has been at so many festivals we can't even count; they play at 6 pm.

Joe Uehlein and the U-Liners close out the performances, playing at 7 pm.



New performers to this year's festival include singer-songwriter Jillian Matundan, the AlgoRhythms (bluegrass), and Elsa Riveros (Colombia).



Be sure to check out the storyteller tent!

Tellers this year are **Bill Mayhew**, Marc Young, Margaret Chatham, Lelia Pendleton, Gayle Turner, Leeny Del Seamonds, Rishi Nixon, and Jane Dorfman.

Also, on the roster this year, a celebration of beloved festival volunteer and



musician **Pete Kraemer**, as well as the mighty influential Joe Hickerson from the American Folklife Center starting at 6:15 pm.

Watch for morris dancers and 6ft3 barbershop quartet roaming the grounds!

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.











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**FSGW Co-sponsored** 

**House Concert: Geoff Kaufman** 

Takoma Park MD • Wed. Oct. 22 • 7:30 pm



We had a terrific time with Geoff last April and are glad to have him back in October!

Although Geoff may be best known for his 35 years of singing and organizing maritime music at Mystic Seaport Museum in CT, he has always maintained an active touring schedule featuring music from such formative influences as singers and songwriters from the "folk scare" of the '60s (Tom Paxton, Joan Baez, Steve Gillette...), songs collected in the Catskill Mountains where he grew up, and his time as a Sloopsinger with the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater and Pete Seeger. Since his retirement from Mystic in June of '19, Geoff has turned greater attention to music that speaks to issues of social justice, the climate crisis and our need to find common ground, and from that has come his latest recording, "On a Day Like Today," including covers of songs from Jacques Brel, Leonard Cohen, David Mallett, Phil Ochs, John Prine, Pete Seeger and Kate Wolf.

The venue is only a short walk from the Takoma Metro Station. Cats are in residence and there are six steps up to the front porch. Contributions of food & drink to share are most welcome.

Admission: Suggested minimum donation \$15

### Information, reservations & directions:

email <u>Kathie Mack</u>, or call 301-270-5367 (leave a voicemail; landline doesn't take texts).

**Latest Info** 



### Volunteer Appreciation Will Strang

FSGW board members current and previous would like to give our sincerest thanks to **Will Strang**.

Will has served on the board, volunteered at various events and generously provided essential web development services that have helped us streamline processes and keep everything running smoothly.

Thank you, Will, for everything you have done for FSGW!



## 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 <a href="mailto:president@fsgw.org">president@fsgw.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:president@fsgw.org">president@fsgw.org</a> to hear about how you can help.



## Geraway...

### 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!** 

Here's a link to the **Schedule**.

### Our guests this year include:



Bare Bones: Bill and Becky Kimmons, Dock Cutlip



Sandy LaPrelle, Elizabeth LaPrelle & Brian Dolphin







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!

### **Info & Registration is HERE**

It's now too late to register for meals or overnight lodging at the FSGW Getaway. But if you'd like to come out to West River as a "day-tripper," you're still welcome! Expect a day (or two) of great music and camaraderie.

However, because we are testing everyone at the event to prevent the transmission of COVID, you will need to bring a COVID test with you taken that day that shows negative results.

We'll also be hosting the **Open Sing** on Friday night at the Getaway at West River. See the <u>FSGW Open Sing article on page 9</u>.

<u>Location</u>: West River Methodist Conference Center, 5100 Chalk Point Rd.

Questions? Getawaychair@fsgw.org

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



### **FSGW Picnic**

GLEN ECHO PARK MD

Come join us!October 12, 11 am − 5 pm!

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.

This will be your 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 led by Bobby LaRose

11:30 – 12:30 .. Potluck Lunch & Joke Swap led by Bill Mayhew

12:30 - 12:55 .. Membership Meeting

1:00 - 3:00.... Barn Dance

Janine Smith calling to the Old Time Cobras

3:15 – 4:15 . . . . Open Sing led by Charlie Baum

### **Admission: Free!**

RSVP requested (but not required)

so that we can have a sense of how many may come to the picnic.

### Farm Harvest Days • Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon VA October 18–19 • 10 am – 3 pm

Volunteers from the **Frying Pan Jam** are excited to play for the **Farm Harvest Day** on Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. We will be playing at the gazebo and will play some of our farm favorite songs. Please come join us at Farm Harvest Day or at our regular jam.

**Admission**: \$10 parking fee **Location**: 2709 West Ox Rd.



### Irish Set Dancing Weekend

SILVER SPRING MD
OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2



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

### **<u>Baltimore Folk Music Society 50th Anniversary</u> <u>Weekend</u>** • 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.

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Friday: Welcome Party: dinner, socializing & jamming at R House,

301 W 29th St., 6-9 pm

Saturday: Day of Dancing at Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St Paul St.,

1:30–10:30 pm (details below)

Sunday: **BFMS Festival** at Oregon Ridge Park, 12–5 pm (details right)

Info: bfms.org/bfms50.php

Saturday October 11



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.

<u>Admission</u>: <u>Online registration</u>

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

Sunday October 12 Folk Festival, 12–5 pm

Bring a picnic or enjoy food from the food trucks (Yume Teriyaki Grill, Koshary Corner, and Vagrant Coffee). Bring lawn chairs and instruments.

Outside and under the Arts and Sciences Pavilion: Crafts for sale, Musica Camerata Madrigal Singers, Mason Dixon Morris Dancers, and lots of jamming.

For young folks: Face painting with Bevin Kiefer, Storyteller Debe Stagmer, an instrument petting zoo, a great playground, and parachute games.

<u>Location</u>: Oregon Ridge Park, Cockeysville, MD 21030

<u>Admission:</u> Free. We welcome donations. Rain or shine.

In the Lodge:

Sequoia Room (Main Stage):

Will Play For Fish Band: Old-timey music

Ann Porcella & Bill Schmidt:

Traditional and original folk music

Tyler St. Clair & Friends:

Irish and traditional folk music

Joel Michael-Schwartz & friends:

Klezmer music

Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff: Storyteller

Just in Time Step Dancers

Neal Phillips & John Seay:

Great original songs

Bill Destler & Rebecca Johnson:

More great original songs

Richard Osban and talented young students of the **Baltimore Irish Music School**

Seneca Room (Jam Room):

Irish Jam, hosted by **Janina O'Brien**Old Time Jam, hosted by **Sandy Hofferth**Klezmer Jam, host: **Joel Michael-Schwartz**Singing Circle, hosts:

Jeff Peacock & Stuart Schoenfeld

Sacred Harp shape note singing,

host: Randy Gaul

FSGW English Country Dance

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

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.

October lineup . . .

- 1 Anna Rain calls to the playing of Carrie Rose (flute), Paul Oorts (mandolin/accordion) & Liz Donaldson (piano)
- 8 Andrea Nettleton calls while
 Tina Chancey (fiddle), Robin Wilson (flute)
 & Liz Donaldson (piano) play the tunes
- 15 Tom Spilsbury calls while David Knight (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute) & Francine Krasowska (piano) make the music
- 22 Margaret Bary (guest caller from NY)
 calls to the playing of Becky Ross (fiddle),
 Ralph Gordon (cello) &
 Owen Morrison (guitar)
- 29 April Blum & Wendy Clarke
 lead the dancing to the music of
 Jeff Steinberg (fiddle),
 Elisabeth Epstein (flute) &
 Neil Epstein (piano)



Oct. 1 - Anna Rain



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

Oct. 8 - Andrea Nettleton



Oct. 15 - Tom Spilsbury



Oct. 22 - Margaret Bary





Oct. 29 - April Blum & Wendy Clarke

now

- Grateful Dead



FSGW Co-sponsored

Silver Spring Contra Dance • Silver Spring MD 2nd Thu. Oct. 9 • 7:30–9:30 pm (7 pm free lesson)

April Blum calling to music by **Trio Con Brio:**

Elke Baker, Paul Oorts & Jonathan Jensen

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

<u>Location</u>: 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. Oct. 26
3-6 pm, Introductory session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the **Bumper Car Pavilion**

We can't wait to dance to **Michael Karcher** (again!), calling to the incredible music of **Midnight on the Water** featuring:

Tom Krumm (fiddle),

Nathan Bishop (viola/fiddle/hardingfele) & Dani Hawkins (cello).

Location: Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park

Admission: \$15 cash or

Venmo (\$17 to cover fees) at the door, no cards

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contra

Future 2025 date: 11/9



Janine Smith calling to

the music of **Old Time Cobras**

FSGW BARN DANCE!

Come join us at the barn dance!

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park MD • Sun. Oct. 12 • 1–3 pm

The Barn Dance this month is just one part of the FSGW Picnic festivities! See p. 4

This fun-spirited dance event is suitable for all ages and ability levels and features live music and calling. There will be circle dances, ceilidhs and a variety of mixers. This dance

fits the bill for families with preschool children just as well as older groups of tweens and teens. Our intergenerational community is what makes this dance unique and fun. So grab a friend or your kids and come join us!

Admission: FREE!

<u>Info: fsgw.org/barn-dance/October Barn Dance</u>

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 <u>Jamie</u> 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 a password.

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



Those who wish to sing always find a song.

Swedish proverb



FSGW Open Sing • Online & at the FSGW Getaway, West River MD Fri. Oct. 3 • 7:30 pm

The October Open Sing will be held both online and at the Getaway, West River Conference Center, 5100 Chalk Point Rd.

The Getaway will offer an in-person-only sing in the Retreat Center lounge. In addition, in Ehlers Hall, Getaway attendees will attempt to join remote participants in a hybrid session on Zoom.

The Zoom session will be a no-host, no-topic sing. Anyone joining will have the opportunity to sing, without needing to register in advance.

A link to the Zoom session for remote participants will be sent out to the *Open Sing Mailing List* on Friday afternoon. If you're not a member, sign up HERE.

In-person attendees in either group will need to bring a COVID test taken that day showing negative results in order to join us at West River. You will need to register at Ehlers Hall lobby when you arrive. West River attendees may not show up before 4 pm, and must bring their COVID test result (to keep the rest of us healthy).

Admission is free for Friday-only day-trippers to the Getaway. You are welcome to participate in the potluck dinner in the Retreat Center, but please do contribute a dish.

Questions? Open Sing Coordinator Vince Wilding or join the Open Sing Mailing List

FSGW Song Circle Silver Spring MD & Online 2nd Fri. Oct. 10 • 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.

With Halloween creeping up on us, bring or request your favorite spooky songs, and any other songs! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using the form here.



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 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, October 9.

Info: For the latest updates about the Song Circle, see fsgw.org/event-6338113.

FSGW Gospel Sing Takoma Park MD Sun. Oct. 12 • 4–6 pm

The October 2025 Gospel Sing will again take place in 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/event-6338285 fsgw.org/gospel-sings

Takoma and Online Wed. October 8 • 7:30 pm THE STORYTELLING

Our featured tellers this month are Leeny Del Seamonds and Jack Scheer! 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.

FSGW & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap • Online Sat. Oct. 11 • 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



The face and the voice of **Leeny Del Seamonds** have launched a thousand characters. Leeny is a multi-award-winning entertainer, singer, recording artist, and voice actor. Animated and uplifting tales and tunes reflect a love of people and embrace life to its fullest. Leeny encourages listeners to rejoice in diversity, sharing her Cuban-American humor and joy. With passion, fire and wit, Leeny's dynamic shows and renowned workshops headline

happenings worldwide. More about Leeny

Jack Scheer has been telling true, personal stories for a decade now. While he occasionally dips into the related genres of "fantasy" and "lying," real tales of everyday life remain his favorite. Whether talking about his early upbringing in greater Chicagoland, his random (and not-so-random) encounters with celebrities, or the small yet profound moments of connection that make life so wonderful, Jack shares it all with any audience that will have him.



Join us
on Oct. 8
at 7:30 pm live at
Busboys and Poets
Takoma and also
via Zoom!

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

We ask for donations to support our tellers; suggested contribution is \$20 per person. Donations can be made online before, during or after the event.

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

Info: fsgw.org/grapevine

FSGW Co-sponsored Jam

Takoma Park Old-Time Jam • Takoma DC • 3rd Wed. Oct. 15 • 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!

<u>Our location:</u> Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

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



OPEN DANCES



GLEN ECHO PARK MD: FRIDAYS OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 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.

October . . .

- 3 Julian Blechner calls to Cojiro, which is Mark Price (guitar), Jess Newman (fiddle) & Ben Graubart (mandolin)
- 10 Caroline Barnes calls to Are We There Yet?, which is Susan Brandt (flute), Tina Chancey (violin), Charlie Pilzer (piano) & Tom Wright (mandolin)

- 17 Andrea Nettleton calls to
 Amberwing, which is
 Emily Aubrey (fiddle),
 Janina O'Brien (piano/bodhran/
 whistle/foot percussion) &
 Robin Wilson
 - (flute/concertina/saxophone)
- 24 Terry Doyle calls to The Turning Stile +, which is Joanne Garton (fiddle) & Aaron Marcus (piano/concertina/ banjo/foot percussion), w/ special guest Andrew Marcus (accordion)
- 31 Gaye Fifer calls to Wombat Crossing, which is Carl Friedman (fiddle), Charlie Pilzer (piano) & Robin Wilson

(flute/saxophone/concertina)

<u>Location</u>: 7300 MacArthur Blvd. <u>Tickets</u>: online or at the door, \$15

Info: website or email

POPUP DANCE IN CRYSTAL CITY! FRI. OCT. 3 • 8–11 PM

We're hopping across the river to bring you another starlit outdoor dance at a secret location in Crystal City. <u>Details</u>

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS
TAKOMA PARK MD • SAT. OCT. 4
6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK, 7:30 PM
MUSIC FOR DANCE

Norwegian-style cozy house party.

Loretta Kelley on Hardanger fiddle plus other guest musicians will play Swedish and Norwegian 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 Loretta and Tony's place (no pets); email <u>Loretta Kelley</u> for address.

Info/Updates: MAND.fanitull.org

Questions? MAND@fanitull.org

WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO PARK MD, 7300 MACARTHUR BLVD.
AFTERNOON WALTZ • SUN. OCT. 5
EVENING WALTZ • SUN. OCT. 26

No partner required.

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222

AFTERNOON WALTZ • SUN. OCT. 5 LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30-6 PM

30th Anniversary Waltz

Special Band to be announced

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing in the Spanish Ballroom! Take our beginner waltz lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm and enjoy dancing until 6 pm.

<u>Admission</u>: This event only:
"Pay what you want" pricing

EVENING WALTZ • SUN. OCT. 26 LESSON 6:15 PM; DANCE 7–9:30 PM

Music by:

Karen Collins & the Backroads Band: Karen Collins (vocals/rhythm guitar), Ira Gitlin (lead guitar/vocals) & Pat Puglisi (vocals/drum)

Join us for an evening of waltzing in the Spanish Ballroom! Take our beginner waltz lesson from 6:15 to 7 pm and enjoy dancing until 9:30 pm.

Admission: \$15,

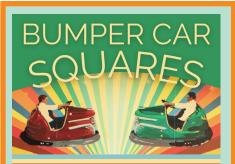
\$5 for full-time students with ID

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE
BALTIMORE MD • SAT. OCT. 11
1:30-5:30 & 7-12 PM

Anniversary dance at Lovely Lane, refer to the <u>schedule</u> for the anniversary events. No dance at Church of Nativity.

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

<u>Admission</u>: Check the website for registration. Thanks to a generous donation, admission will be at 1975 prices (\$2 non-members, \$1 members).



Come dance with us!

Bumper Car Squares Glen Echo Park MD Thursday Oct. 9 • 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

Janine Smith will lead a rousing square dance along with live music by

Critton Hollow!

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: 11/6, 12/4

Brought to you by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SILVER SPRING MD
2ND SAT. OCT. 11 • 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

Swing Dance • GLEN ECHO PARK MD SAT. Oct. 11 & 25
LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS

October . . .

- 11 Gotttaswing with The One and Only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra
- 25 Gotttaswing Halloween Hop with King Teddy

Info: glenechopark.org/events-calendar

Annapolis English Country Dance Annapolis MD • Sat. Oct. 18 7–9:30 pm, Intro Lesson: 6:30 pm

October ...

18 Emily Aubrey calls to the music of Mari Carlson (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano), Tom Wright (mandolin) & Susan Brandt (flute).

Pre-registration is not required but please email aefallon@verizon.net to let us know if you can help with pre-dance setup and/or post-dance hall restoration. Such help is much appreciated!

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Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.

It's about learning to dance in the rain.



SMTMD CONTRA DANCE* CHAPTICO MD • 2ND SAT. OCT. 12 • 7 PM

*See website for rescheduled or canceled events

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.

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

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com, smtmd.org/new-events



<u>Location</u>: Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

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

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

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

SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER MD 3RD SAT. OCT. 18 • 6:45–9:20 PM

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

Hälsingland Hambo, (subject to change) by Linda Brooks and Dan Kahn.

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

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.

GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB WORKSHOP AND CÉILÍ SANDY SPRING MD SUN. OCT. 19 • 3–8 PM

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

3 pm Workshop: Prague Set
Co-written by long-time GWCC
member Steve O'Regan

4-8 pm Céilí

Single dancers and listeners welcome!

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

<u>Location</u>: The Lyceum, 17801 Meeting House Rd.

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

Info: gwcc-online.org

CAPITOL HILL SWING • WASHINGTON DC THUR. Oct. 23 • 7:30–9:30 pm, THEN EVERY 3RD THURSDAY

Music by the **Capitol Hillbillies**

Admission: \$10, teens \$5

Location: St. Mark's Episcopal Church,

301 A St. SE

Contact: jhbailes@gmail.com

GREAT GATSBY PARTY GLEN ECHO PARK MD • THUR. OCT. 23 LESSON 6:30 PM; DANCE 7:30–10 PM

Concerts for Causes welcomes you to a 1930s Great Gatsby-style concert party, a Big Ballroom event at the historic Glen Echo Park.

With performances by the amazing I am your Daddy Band (Tribute to Kid Creole and the Coconuts) and more (Think Cotton Club). Includes complimentary dance lessons. 1930s theme style and dress. Events throughout the park with the main event in the Spanish Ballroom. Concerts for Causes Inc. provides musical instruments to students in underserved communities.

Dances covered include latin, salsa, merengue, cha-cha, and jitterbug.

Admission: \$25 in advance sales online and \$30 at the door. Cash and credit accepted.

<u>Info</u>: (301) 332-8318,

brettmurray@verizon.net

DC RAWHIDES DANCE GLEN ECHO PARK MD • SAT. OCT. 25 LESSON 7 PM; DANCE 8–11 PM

Join us for DC Rawhides' dance at the Park! An inclusive, diverse, affirming, fun, high-energy LGBTQ+ dance, where all are welcome, structured so all levels of dancers, including beginners, can participate. We dance two-step, west coast, waltz...

Location: Bumper Car Pavillion

Admission: Tickets \$10 at the door

Info: dcrawhides@fastmail.fm

Baltimore Square Dance at Mobtown Ballroom • Sat. Oct. 25 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!

<u>Location</u>: Station North, 30 W North Ave.

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

Info: bmoreoldtime.com

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
TAKOMA PARK MD • REHEARSALS:
SUNDAYS: Oct. 5, 12 & 26 • 10–12

October Performances:

PART OF FRYING PAN FARM PARK
FESTIVAL • SAT. OCT. 18 • 11 AM & 1 PM

2709 West Ox Rd, Herndon VA

PART OF WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL SUN. Oct. 19 • 12:30 & 2:30 PM

Glen Echo Park, 7300 Macarthur Blvd., Glen Echo MD

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

<u>Location</u>: 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.

October . . .

- 6 Christopher Field calling to the music of Marty Taylor (recorders/whistles/concertina), Carl Friedman (violin) & Janina O'Brien (piano)
- 13 Kappy Laning calling to the music of Andrew Tomlinson (flutes), Emily Aubrey (violin) & Carl Friedman (piano)
- 20 Diane Schmitt calling to the music of Robin Wilson (flute/concertina), Jeff Steinberg (violin) & Francine Krasowska (piano)
- 27 April Blum calling to the music of Mark Vidor (accordion),Emily Aubrey (violin) &Janina O'Brien (piano)

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<u>Admission</u>: \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers, 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>)

<u>Info</u>: engdance@bfms.org or <u>Janina O'Brien</u>, 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.

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

Cost: \$10 (first time free)

<u>Info</u>: <u>Anne Dempsey</u> or <u>Larry Wegehaupt</u>, 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!

October . . .

- Melissa Chatham calls to the music of Cojiro: Mark Price (guitar), Jess Newman (fiddle) & Ben Graubart (mandolin).
- 8 TECHNO CONTRA with Chloe Rosenthal, Janine Smith calling.
- 15 Andrea Nettleton calls to the music of Amberwing: Emily Aubrey (fiddle), Robin Wilson

(flute/concertina/saxophone) & Janina O'Brien

(piano/whistles/bodhran).

22 Janine Smith and Susan Taylor call to the music of Dead Sea Squirrels: Cathy Mason (fiddle), Craig Edwards (fiddle/mandolin/banjo) & Henry Yoshimura (guitar).

29 Kim Forry calls to the music of **The Baltimore Open Band**.

<u>Location</u>: 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

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.

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).

FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN
WASHINGTON DC
SATURDAYS • 10 AM-12 PM

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

Location: Rotates throughout the DMV

Info: fbmm.org
Jud McIntire, Nat Brown

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

<u>Questions</u>: <u>Barb@DanceInTime.com</u> or call Barb: 443-773-2623

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>.

OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS AND PERFORMING ARTS



DAILY AT NOON, Carpe Diem Arts offer "notes of hope" as a song leader from our roster of OVER ONE HUNDRED local, national and international guest artists shares a song online. Watch our website for announcements about specially-themed weeks.

Online • Daily • 12 Noon

Great for all ages!

Attend in the virtual concert room or sing along on Facebook Live; see our <u>website</u> for participation instructions.

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

DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT
CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM
WASHINGTON DC
1ST & 3RD SUN. OCT. 5 & 19 • 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

DC Bluegrass Union presents the Mike Auldridge Instrumental Composition Contest

SUBMISSION DEADLINE OCT. 13

The Mike Auldridge Instrumental Composition Contest honors the life and musicianship of one of America's greatest bluegrass players. His smooth and effortlessly tasteful Dobro guitar work borrowed from Josh Graves, but added swing, blues and horn influences to arrive at a uniquely new sound.

Westminster MD Jams
1ST & 3RD Wed. Oct. 1 & 15
7–9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

Oct. 1—Three separate jams: bluegrass/old-time, folk/blues and Celtic at Carroll Arts Center, 91 W Main St.

Oct. 15—combined bluegrass/oldtime/folk/blues free-wheeling at St. Paul's, 17 Bond St.

Info: Website, email or 410-857-2771

BOOK TALK:

BETSY CORNWELL—RING OF SALT

WASHINGTON DC

THUR. Oct. 2 • 6–8 PM

Join contemporary Irish art nonprofit Solas Nua in conversation

with NYT bestselling author Betsy Cornwell to celebrate her debut memoir, Ring of Salt. Cornwell's first six novels are retellings of folk and fairy tales. Ring of Salt chronicles how she fled an abusive marriage on her son's first birthday and, with community support, bought an old knitting factory in rural Ireland. There, she now hosts artists' retreats for single mothers, with childcare included.

<u>Location</u>: Notre Dame Keough School of Global Affairs, 1400 16th St NW, Ste 120

<u>Admission</u>: FREE, registration suggested (<u>see website</u>)

Contact: Isabel Cabezas, 301-807-1747

Info: solasnua.org

Ship's Company Chanteymen

Oct. 2: Fairfax VA,

Oct. 8: Baltimore MD &

Oct. 16: Wheaton MD • 8–10 PM

1st Thursdays are at the Auld ShebeenIrish 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

CONCERT: RAMZI ABUREDWAN & DAL'OUNA ENSEMBLE

WESTMINSTER MD
SAT. Oct. 4 • 7:30 PM

Internationally acclaimed ensemble presenting classic, folkloric & original music from Egypt to Andalusia and Syria to Iraq, with contemporary and jazz accents. Created in 2000 when Ramzi Aburedwan lived in Angiers, the Dal'Ouna musical ensemble features members from different regions, taking us on an extraordinary musical trip into the world of Mediterranean and Arab instrumentation and poetic songs about love, freedom, nature, connection and hope.

<u>Location</u>: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 17 Bond St.

<u>Tickets</u>: \$28/\$25 McDaniel College students, faculty & staff FREE

Info: Common Ground on the Hill

CONCERT: TANNAHILL WEAVERS

ROCKVILLE MD

MON. Oct. 6 • 7:30PM

Institute of Musical Traditions presents Tannahill Weavers

Born of a session in Paisley, Scotland, and named for the town's historic weaving industry and local poet laureate Robert Tannahill, the **Tannahill Weavers** have made an international name for their special brand of Celtic music, blending the beauty of traditional melodies with the power of modern rhythms. As one of the world's premier traditional Celtic bands, their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, original ballads and lullabies, and humorous tales of life in Scotland.

<u>Location</u>: Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd.

Admission: \$25 advance (+\$2 box office fee) / \$30 door

IMTfolk Info / Tickets

PIPE RECITAL • ROCKVILLE MD FRI. OCT. 10 • 7:30 PM

Institute of Musical Traditions, in partnership with Nicol-Brown Amateur Invitational Contest presents their Judges' Recital

Bring music fans of all ages and support the future of piping. This outstanding opportunity to listen to performances from two of the world's premier pipers is co-sponsored by the Nicol-Brown Chalice and the Institute of Musical Traditions.

<u>Location</u>: Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd.

<u>Admission</u>: Free (donations accepted for the benefit of the Nicol-Brown).

Info

FRENCH CUPCAKES: A NEW MUSICAL
BETHESDA MD • OCT. 10-12 & 17-19
FRI. & SAT. 7 PM, SUN. 2:30 PM

World premiere of an inspiring comedy for all ages by Alexandria's **Neal Learner**. It explores the lives of workers & owners of not just a cafe/bakery but a place of dreams.

<u>Location</u>: Bethesda Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street

Admission: \$28, Students/Seniors/Military \$22, Under 13 \$18

<u>Info/tickets</u>: Cathy McCoskey, 202-796-3431, <u>Bethesda Little Theater</u> PIPE CONTEST

ROCKVILLE MD • SAT. OCT. 11
9:30 AM – 6:30 PM

Institute of Musical Traditions, in partnership with Nicol-Brown Amateur Invitational Contest Presents their 42nd Amateur Invitational Contest

Bring music fans of all ages and support the future of piping. Ten of the finest amateur pipers from across North America will earn invitations this season to play in an elite solo competition consisting of three events: 6/8 Marches, Piobaireachd and MSR.

<u>Location</u>: Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd.

<u>Admission</u>: Free (donations accepted for the benefit of the Nicol-Brown).

Info

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG
KENSINGTON MD
SAT. OCT. 11 & 25 • 2-4 PM

Rehearsals: Come play Scandinavian music with us!

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

CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM ARLINGTON VA 2ND & 4TH SUN. OCT. 12 & 26 2–6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

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

Info: caboma.org

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING 2ND MON. OCT. 13, 4TH TUE. OCT. 28 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!

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

Info: baltimoreshapenote.org facebook

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM
HERNDON VA
2ND TUES. OCT. 14 • 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.

<u>Info</u>: <u>Floris calendar</u>
<u>edickerson@florisumc.org</u>

BFMS SONG SWAP
BALTIMORE MD
2ND TUES. OCT. 14 • 7:30-9:30 PM

We're delighted to be singing in person!

Bring a favorite folk-genre song or two to share with our community of singers. Chorus songs or repeated refrains are encouraged. You can lead a song, sing along, hum, listen, or add some accompaniment. No mic, no pressure, no performance. Just singing together in a friendly, supportive space!

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

<u>Admission</u>: Free (pass-the-hat goodwill donation welcome)

<u>Location</u>: 4 Hour a Day Lutherie in Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd.

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON DC
3RD WED. OCT. 15 • 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.

<u>Location</u>: Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE

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

CONCERT: BRAD KOLODNER &

ALEX LACQUEMENT • BALTIMORE MD

THUR. OCT. 16 • 7:30 PM

Join us for an intimate and dazzling evening of Old Time, Bluegrass and Roots music at the Green Room featuring **Brad Kolodner & Alex Lacquement** - longtime bandmates and collaborators in Charm City
Junction and Ken & Brad Kolodner.

This concert celebrates the release of Brad's new solo gourd banjo album, Old Growth, hailed by Bandcamp as "sublime sounds conjuring warm, earthy, comforting tunes and a bit of Charm City charm." It'll be a night of

tight grooves, solos and duets centering the gourd banjo and upright bass, vocal harmonies, heartfelt tunes, and the kind of musical interplay that only comes from years of playing side by side.

Food and drink will be available for purchase.

<u>Location</u>: The Green Room, 3600 Hickory Ave.

Admission: \$25 in advance (+\$5 at the door)

Info / Tickets

CONCERT: FOCUSMUSIC & WFMA
PRESENT ALI TOD • ALEXANDRIA VA
& ONLINE • SAT. OCT. 18 • 7 PM

Scottish guitarist and singer Ali Tod fuses classical training with percussive fingerstyle guitar, loop-pedal wizardry, and raw, soul-stirring vocals—drawing comparisons to Rodrigo y Gabriela and KT Tunstall. Her dynamic performances have wowed audiences from Mexico to the UK, earning praise from industry legends, including Brandi Carlile, who said: "She's ten times the musician we are!"

Location: Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd

Admission: tickets \$25 in advance (members \$22.50) / \$30 at door (members \$25), \$15 virtual

Info / Tickets

Manor Mill Old-time Jam Monkton MD Sun. Oct. 19 • 2:30–5:30 pm

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: oti@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/oti

SMTMD HomeSpun CoffeeHouse Open Mic* • Chaptico MD

4TH FRIDAY OCT. 24 • 7 PM *See website for rescheduled or canceled events

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to perform their favorite tunes.



Doors open at 7 pm with performances beginning promptly at 7:30 pm.

Contact <u>Chris Dudley</u> in advance to sign up as a performer.

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

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

Info: email, website

CONCERT: FOCUSMUSIC PRESENTS
HALLEY NEAL & KIPYN MARTIN
STERLING VA & WEBCAST
SAT. OCT. 25 • 7 PM

Halley Neal is an award winning folk singer and songwriter whose live shows center on themes of positivity and peace. Halley's lyrical folk-Americana songs are met with her soaring vocals and an upbeat bluegrass-inspired instrumentation.

Kipyn Martin is an emerging Indie Folk singer-songwriter whose roots sink deep into the banks of the Shenandoah River.

<u>Location</u>: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Sterling, 22135 Davis Dr. Suite 104

Admission: Advance tickets \$25 / day-of and door \$30 (member/congregation \$25 at the door), \$15 virtual

Info / Tickets

ENSEMBLE GALILEI • ROCKVILLE MD MON. OCT. 27 • 7:30PM

Institute of Musical Traditions presents Ensemble Galilei

The principle is simple and exquisite: put five brilliant and collaborative musicians in a room, empower them equally, and then set them free.

The Scottish fiddlers will bring Scottish music. Irish pipers may bring slow airs, jigs and reels. Early music wind players might bring 17th century variations. But then, the harper brings a Polska from Sweden. The gamba player brings a drone that apparently has its origins at the center of the earth, and after 35 years of being an instrumental ensemble, someone starts to sing. Go figure.

<u>Location</u>: Sanctuary, Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd.

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

IMTfolk Info / Tickets

ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING CHEVY CHASE MD • REHEARSALS: MONDAYS • 7 PM

***October Special Events *** at Koiner Urban Farm, 737 Easley St., Silver Spring MD

FREE! BALKAN SINGING WORKSHOP TUES. OCT. 7 • 5–6 PM

Come to the Koiner Farm farmer's market and learn traditional Bulgarian songs. No experience required!

"THIRD THURSDAY" AT KOINER FARM OCT. 16 • 5 PM

Enjoy music, food and crafts vendors at this relaxed family-friendly event.

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.

<u>Info</u>: 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.

October ...

- 2 Kyra Gordon
- 14 Ronya Lee
- 21 Dan Lipton
- 28 Daniel Lee (no relation)

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

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

Info: imt folk SPARK,

rob@ilyaimy.com, 301-910-2575

Presented by the Institute of Musical Traditions

BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM BALTIMORE MD TUESDAYS • 7–10 PM

The weekly jam is held in The Green Room with wonderful acoustics. All are welcome to play along in the jam regardless of skill level or instrument. Even if you don't play, you can come to soak in the scene, listen to the music and grab a bite to eat.

Every other Tuesday,

Ken & Brad Kolodner will lead the Old Time Jam. The first hour of the jam will be a "slow jam": anyone can play along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to 10 pm, they'll kick up the tempo for the "fast jam."

On the other Tuesdays,

Alex Lacquement & Lucas Chohany will lead the **Bluegrass Jam** featuring songs and instrumentals.

Best of all, the jam is FREE!

Location: 3600 Hickory Ave.

Info: facebook, bmoreoldtime.com

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.

<u>Location</u>: Faith Lutheran Church 3313 Arlington Blvd.

Info: email, website

SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
CLASSES • TAKOMA PARK MD

The School of Musical Traditions 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.

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

Info: Website

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."

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 Just click on <u>Newsletter</u> and scroll down to Guidelines for Submitting Copy for Publication.
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Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Memo on the check should read, "Advertising for ..."

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 OCTOBER 7

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | WEDNESDAY | | Thursday | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| KEY Bold text — FSGW sponsorship FSGW — Folklore Society of | ECD —English Country Dance Ann.—Annapolis MD Arl.—Arlington VA Balt.—Baltimore MD Beth—Bethesda MD CC—Chevy Chase MD GEP— Glen Echo Park MD | ock.—Rockville MD ilver Spring MD ark—Takoma Park MD OA—Carpe Diem Arts PP—Dancing Planet Productions VCC—Greater Washington Céilí Club AND—Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers C—Ship's Company Chanteyman | 7 Three Jams, Westminster 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS | OCTOBER 2025 | 2 6 Book talk, DC 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Bethesda 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Fairfax | 3 4 FSGW Getaway 7:30 FSGW Open Sing, online & at the Getaway 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt 8 Square dance, Crystal City | FSGW Getaway 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 6:30 MAND Norwegian-style house party, Takoma Park 7:30 Concert, Westminster |
| FSGW Getaway 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 1 Bluegrass Jam, DC 2:45 Waltz Time, GEP | FSGW Getaway 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC 7:30 Concert: Tannahill Weavers, Rockville 8 BFMS ECD, Balt. | 7 5 Orfeia Balkan Singing Workshop, SS 7 Jam, Balt. 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt | 8 Newsletter Deadline 7:30 FSGW Grapevine, Takoma & online 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Balt. | | 9 7 FSGW/Carpe Diem Arts Contra, SS 7 Bumper Car Squares, GEP 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Bethesda | 10 1:30 FSGW Song Circle, SS 6 BFMS Anniversary Welcome Party & Jam, Baltimore 7 French Cupcakes musical, Beth. 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 7:30 Pipe Recital, Rock. 8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt | 11 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 1:30 BFMS Anniversary Dance, Balt. 2 Washington's Spelmanslag 7 French Cupcakes musical, Beth. 7 SMTMD Contra, Chaptico 7:30 FSGW/VITG Story Swap, online 7:30 ECD, SS 7:30 Pipe Contest, Rock. 8 Swing Dance, GEP |
| 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 11 FSGW Picnic, GEP 12 BFMS Anniversary Folk Festival, Cockeysville 1 FSGW Barn Dance, GEP 2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl. 2:30 French Cupcakes musical, Bethesda 4 FSGW Gospel Sing, TPark | DCBU Instrumental Composition Contest deadline Takoma SPARK Open Mic Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC Shape Note Singing, Balt. BFMS ECD, Balt. | 7 Jam, Balt. 7 Gospel Jam, Herndon 7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 BFMS Song Swap, Balt. | 7 Shape Note Sing, DC 7 Jam, Westminster 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 Takoma Park Old-time Jam 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS | 5 5 | 16 5 Orfeia music, Koiner Farm SS 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Bethesda 7:30 Concert: Brad Koldnor & Alex Lacquement, Balt. 8 Folk Sing, Wheaton | 7 French Cupcakes musical, Beth. 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt | 18 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 10 Farm Harvest Days, Herndon w/ Rock Creek Morris Women 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 6:30 ECD, Annapolis 6:45 Scandia Dance/Music, Gbelt 7 French Cupcakes musical, Beth. 7 Concert: Ali Tod, Alexandria |
| 19 10 Farm Harvest Days, Herndon 12 FSGW Washington Folk Festival, GEP 1 Bluegrass Jam, DC 2:30 French Cupcakes musical, Bethesda 3 GWCC Céilí, Sandy Spring 7:30 FSGW Contra Dance, GEP | 20 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt. | 21 7 Jam, Balt. 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt | 7:30 FSGW house concert: Geoff Kaufman, TPark 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS | OCTOBER 202 | 23 6:30 Gatsby Party, GEP 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Bethesda 7:30 Capitol Hill Swing, DC | 24 7 SMTMD Open Mic, Chaptico 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt | 25 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 2 Washington's Spelmanslag 7 Rawhides Dance, GEP 7 Concert: Halley Neal & Kipyn Martin, Sterling & webcast 7:30 Baltimore Square Dance 8 Swing Dance, GEP |
| 26 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl. 2:30 FSGW/Dancing Planet Productions Contra, GEP 6:15 Waltz Time, GEP | 27 7:30 Ensemble Galilei Concert, Rockville 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt. | 28 7 Jam, Balt. 7 Shape Note Singing, Balt. 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt | 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS | | 30 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Bethesda | 31 7 GWCC Fling: Irish Set Dancing Weekend, SS 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt | Noon Every Day! Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song COCO Status of ongoing events may vary. Please confirm with the organizer. |