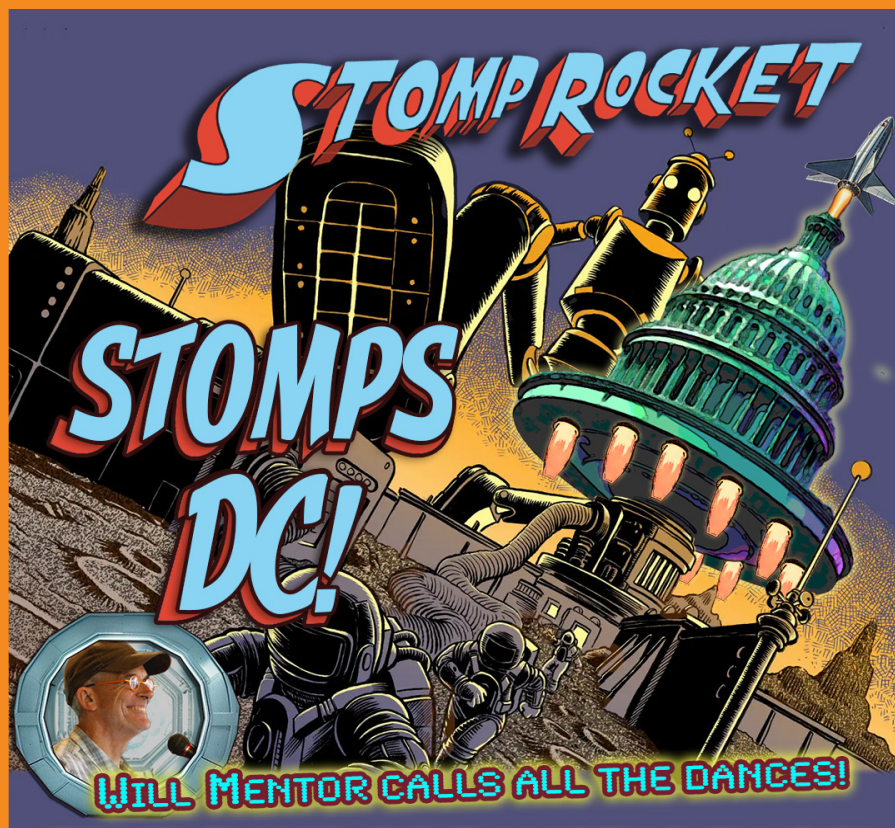


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**GET
StOMPing!**

**WITH 4 Days of
Dancing in DC!**

THUR.-SUN. NOV. 6-9

Will Mentor calls to
Stomp Rocket:

Dave Langford (fiddle),
Bethany Waickman

(guitar/keyboard) &

Glen Loper (mandolin/tenor banjo)

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STOMP ROCKET GRAPHICS: KEN MAYER

THURS NOV 6	FRIDAY NOV 7	SAT NOV 8	SUNDAY NOV 9
BUMPER CAR SQUARES	FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE	CHALLENGING SQUARES 2:30-5:30PM CHALLENGING CONTRAS 7-10PM	DANCING PLANET AFTERNOON DANCE
GLEN ECHO 7:30-10PM	GLEN ECHO 8-11PM	BALLROOM BLUM	GLEN ECHO 3:00-6PM
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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.

FSGW Co-sponsored

House of Hamill in Concert • Historic Lyceum, Alexandria VA • Sun. Nov. 2 • 6:30 pm (doors 6 pm)



PHOTO: JACQUELINE FRANQUEZ OF MAYWARD WANDERESS PHOTOGRAPHY

House of Hamill

owes its existence - almost entirely - to a series of cancelled flights.

Rose Baldino and Brian Buchanan

first found themselves

onstage together at the 2014 Folk Alliance International conference in Kansas City.

Rose's band **Burning Bridget Cleary** was scheduled to perform, but inclement weather prevented two of her bandmates from flying. Desperate to salvage the showcase, Rose approached Brian, who she knew fronted Canadian celtic rock band **Enter the Haggis**. She thrust a guitar into Brian's hands, pulled him onstage, and the two just clicked.

Four years and hundreds of shows later, the duo was booked to play a closing slot at a Colorado festival, so they hired a bass player and drummer to fill out their sound. By the oddest of coincidences, their hired bandmates' flights were canceled the day of the show. A frantic Facebook post introduced Brian and Rose to local musician **Caroline Browning**, who joined them on bass for the weekend. Once again, the chemistry was undeniable, and **House of Hamill** became a trio.

Today, Pennsylvania-based **House of Hamill** is a fixture on festival stages across the US, and have shared their music and stories on the country's premier folk stages. Their original song "Banks of the Brandywine" was a Grand Prize winner in the 2024 **John Lennon Songwriting Contest**, and the video for their all-violin cover of "**Sweet Child O' Mine**" amassed over 16 million views on Facebook, where it was shared over 400,000 times.

Listen: houseofhamill.com/videos

Location: Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington St.

Tickets / more info: [House of Hamill in Concert](https://houseofhamill.com)

Questions: alex@morrisdance.org

~ Part of the [Traditional-music-at-the-lyceum](https://www.fsgw.org/traditional-music-at-the-lyceum) concert series ~

FSGW House Concert:
Echoes of Jämtland

Silver Spring MD • Mon. Nov. 10

Doors: 6:30 pm, Concert: 7:30 pm

Flur

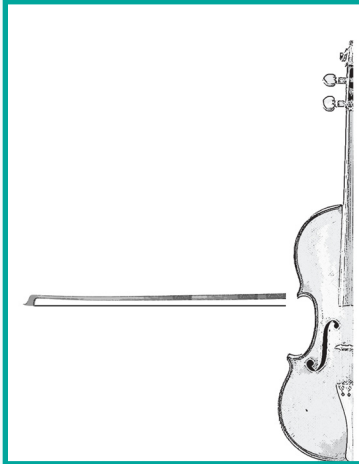
presents

*Echoes of
Jämtland*

with

Göran Olsson
(fiddle)

Ellen Bartlett
(fiddle)



Andrea Larson (fiddle)

Marko Packard (guitar/saxophone/flute) &

Charlie Pilzer (bass/organ)

Join **Flur** for our debut concert — a vibrant evening of music and dance from the heart of Jämtland, Sweden!

Bring some snack/drink to share.

Dance floor opens during the second half of the program—don't forget your dance shoes!

Location: To reserve, get address details or other info, please contact
phllsdrck@gmail.com

As this is a residential neighborhood, please consider carpooling.

Donations are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you!

[Latest Info](#)

[More about FSGW concerts](#)

FSGW House Concert:
Pat Egan & Séamus Wade

Potomac MD • Sat. Nov. 22 • 7:30 pm

Come sit by the fire with a mug of hot cider and enjoy this duo in an intimate setting.

Séamus Wade and **Pat Egan** bring the heart of Irish traditional music to life through the timeless pairing of fiddle and guitar. Their performances weave together lively dance tunes, soulful airs, and songs both old and new, carried by warm vocals and rich instrumental interplay.

Pat Egan, an acclaimed guitarist and singer originally from Ireland, is known for his deft rhythm and evocative singing, grounding each set in the deep pulse of the tradition.

Fiddler **Séamus Wade** adds fire and lyricism in equal measure, drawing from the old dance music of Ireland with a touch of his own spirited style.

Together, they create an intimate and dynamic experience—music that feels at once ancient and immediate, steeped in tradition yet alive in the moment. Their house concerts offer audiences a rare chance to share in the living, breathing soul of Irish music up close.

Location: At the home of Jamie and Betsy Platt in Potomac, MD

Admission: \$20 suggested donation

Information, reservations & directions: Space is limited, reservations needed. To save seats, get address details, or for more info:

concerts@fsgw.org

[Latest Info](#)

[More about FSGW concerts](#)

THE GRAPEVINE

Takoma and Online
Wed. November 12 • 7:30 pm

STORYTELLING

Our featured tellers
this month are the legendary

Amanda Lawrence

and the marvelous

Carol Moore.

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.



Amanda Lawrence is from Blairsville, Georgia, where she co-founded and directs the Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival, now in its 12th year. Amanda has shared folktales, tall tales, ghost stories, and personal narratives at the Stone Soup Storytelling Festival, Women's Storytelling Festival, Alleghany Highlands Story Fest, St. Louis Fringe Festival, National Storytelling Festival Slam, National Storytelling Network Conference, and other events. She is a regular teller at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina. [More about Amanda](#)

Carol Moore is a storyteller, speaker, and public speaking coach who works with clients to manage communication challenges and craft impactful narratives. With a style that is comedic, conversational, and authentic, she has presented at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and performed with organizations such as the National Storytelling Festival, the Women's Storytelling Festival, the Moth, Story District, and more. [More about Carol](#)



Join us
on Nov. 12
at 7:30 pm live at
Busboys and Poets
Takoma and also
via Zoom!

[Register](#) 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 & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap • Bethesda MD

Sat. Nov. 15 • 7:30 pm

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

Info: Jane Dorfman, 301-654-5818

[VITG location info](#)

fsgw.org/story-swaps

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.

November lineup . . .

- 5 **April Blum** calls to the playing of
Becky Ross (fiddle),
Bruce Edwards (bassoon) &
Neil Epstein (piano)
- 12 **Anna Rain** calls while
David Knight (fiddle),
Elisabeth Epstein (flute) &
Ralph Gordon (cello) play the tunes
- 19 **Kappy Laning** calls to the music of
Mari Carlson (fiddle),
Owen Morrison (guitar) &
Liz Donaldson (piano)
- 26 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of
Catherine Chapman (fiddle),
Jeff Steinberg (fiddle) &
Francine Krasowska (piano)



Nov. 5 - April Blum



Nov. 19 - Kappy Laning



Nov. 12 - Anna Rain



Nov. 26- Dan Gillespie

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance. —Martha Graham

WILL MENTOR



STOMP ROCKET



2 stops
on the
Will Mentor &
Stomp Rocket
DC tour!

FSGW Co-sponsored
Challenging Square & Contra Dances

Adelphi MD • Sat. Nov. 8 • 2:30–10 pm

*Enjoy some juicy, brain-bending, super groovy
Squares and Contras at this event dedicated to
challenging dances and FUN!*

Join us for [Challenging Squares](#) from 2:30 to 5:30 pm.
After a BYO dinner break,
join us for [Challenging Contras](#) from 7 to 10 pm.

Will Mentor calls & [Stomp Rocket](#) cranks out the
rockin' dance tunes. That's **Dave Langford** (fiddle),
Bethany Waickman (guitar/keyboard) &
Glen Loper (mandolin/tenor banjo).

Registration: Pre-registration is required. Attendance
is capped to allow for comfortable dancing and
unrestricted frivolity. Sorry, no drop-ins. Please
note you must register **SEPARATELY** for each
event, by clicking on the live links:
[Challenging Squares](#) & [Challenging Contras](#).
Or register at the FSGW website
(fsgw.org/calendar) on the November Calendar.

Info/ Location: Ballroom Blum, Adelphi MD
After you register you will receive a confirmation
email with the address, parking instructions, and
other important details about the event.

Other questions: danceladyjanine@gmail.com
Please write "Challenging Dances" in the subject line.



FSGW Co-sponsored
**Sunday Afternoon Dancing Planet
Contra Dance** • Glen Echo MD • Sun. Nov. 9
3–6 pm, Introductory session 2:30 pm

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

End the weekend with a [STOMP](#) at the last stop on
the **Will Mentor** & [Stomp Rocket](#) DC tour!
Will saves the best dances for last as
Stomp Rocket delivers their usual high energy
tunes to propel your dancing. That's
Dave Langford (fiddle),
Bethany Waickman (guitar/keyboard) &
Glen Loper (mandolin/tenor banjo).

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 dates: **See you in 2026! Stay tuned.**

FSGW Co-sponsored

Contra Dance Calling Workshops

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

November 1 . . . Gaye Fifer

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 weather-controlled Hall of Mirrors is the yellow building behind the Bumper Car Pavilion.

Questions? Email event organizer [Penelope Weinberger](#)

[Latest info](#)

Future session: 12/6: Qwill Duvall

SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE



PHOTO: Carpe Diem Arts

FSGW Co-sponsored

Silver Spring Contra Dance • Silver Spring MD

2nd Thu. Nov. 13 • 7:30–9:30 pm (7 pm free lesson)

Anna Rain calling to the music of **Petrichord:**

Sophie Chang (cello), **Bobby LaRose** (piano/mandolin) & **Colleen Holroyd** (fiddle/feet)

Admission: \$15 general admission; \$12 Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) members
\$5 ages 21 & under / limited income / first-timers

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 BARN DANCE!

Spanish Ballroom Back Room

Glen Echo Park MD • Sun. Nov. 9 • 1–3 pm

Greg Frock will call to music by **Robin Wilson & Emily Aubrey**

Come join us at the barn dance! This fun-spirited dance event is suitable for all ages and ability levels and features live music and calling. There will be circle dances, ceilidhs and a variety of mixers. This dance fits the bill for families with preschool children just as well as older groups of tweens and teens. Our intergenerational community is what makes this dance unique and fun.

So grab a friend or your kids and come join us!

Info: fsgw.org/barn-dance / [November Barn Dance](#)

2nd Sunday Barn Dance!

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

Admission:
FREE!

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 a password.

FSGW Co-sponsored Greenbelt International Folk Dance
Greenbelt MD & Online
Fridays • 8–9:30 pm

Please note: Fri. Nov. 28 is online only

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](#)

The only thing better than singing is more singing.



FSGW Open Sing • Online **1st Fri. Nov. 7 • 7:30 pm**

Thanks to **Tom Oliver** for stepping up to host the Online Open Sing.

Topic: *Hills and Mountains*

Registration/Signup is here

Open until noon 11/7/25

Singer's List (view only) is [here](#).

Only those wishing to sing need to register.

Zoom link will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List; if you're not a member, sign up to join the list [here](#).

Info: fsgw.org/event-6385444
[Vince Wilding](#)

FSGW Gospel Sing **Takoma Park MD** **Sun. Nov. 9 • 4–7 pm**

The November Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Rick Morgan and Arlene Rodenbeck in Takoma Park. Group singing from 4 to 6 pm, followed by a potluck dinner until 7pm. Hymnals provided. A mask-friendly event—masks are optional but welcome. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you are symptom-free.

RSVP/directions: call Rick at 301-920-0087 (landline; no texts) or email [Rick](#) or [Kathie](#).

Info: fsgw.org/event-6387758
fsgw.org/gospel-sings

FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD & Online
2nd Fri. Nov. 14 • 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.

November 11 is Veterans Day and November 27 is Thanksgiving Day. Bring or request songs related to either of those days, or 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. 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, Nov. 13.

Info: For the latest updates about the Song Circle, see fsgw.org/event-6387162.

FSGW Open Sing

Silver Spring MD
3rd Sat. Nov. 15 • 3–5 pm

Linda Zebooker will graciously host the November open sing in the Long Branch area of Silver Spring.

Topic: *Getting from here to there and back again... Transportation modes, or just getting through something in your life. Or the life of the Nation.*

Location info: Linda Zebooker, 202-386-8252

Questions?

Open Sing Coordinator

[Vince Wilding](#) or

[join the Open Sing Mailing List](#).

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

Memorial for Michael Quitt

Baltimore MD • Sat. Nov. 1

3–7 pm & 7:30–10:30 pm

A memorial for long-time BFMS stalwart Michael Quitt, including a song circle, potluck dinner and contra dance.

- Song circle 3-5 pm
- Potluck 5:30-6:30
- Memorial for Michael 6:30-7
- Dance lesson 7:30-8
- Contra dance 8-10:30

Greg Frock calling to
Wild Wombats of the Chesapeake:

Carl Friedman (fiddle),

Robin Wilson

(flute/concertina/sax),

Ralph Barthine (guitar) &

Janina O'Brien (piano/bodhran/
accordion/whistle)

Location: Church of Nativity,
6112 York Rd.

Admission: Free.

Please register here.

More info:

bfms.org/saturdayDance.php

Swedish Concert & Dance

Adelphi MD • Sat. Nov. 22

7:30 pm (doors 7 pm)

Washington's Spelmanslag
invites you to

Reprise Spelmän

with

Paul and Marikay Dahlin and the
next generation of *spelmän*
of the American Swedish Institute
(ASI) Spelmanslag

in concert and playing for dancing.

NEA Heritage Fellow **Paul Dahlin** is the founder of the ASI Spelmanslag. He was given the designation of "Knight First Class of the Royal Order of the Polar Star" (Nordstjärneorden), a Swedish order of chivalry, by the King of Sweden for his contributions to preserving folk music traditions.

Appearing with him will be four young tradition bearers and bassist and cittra player Marikay Dahlin.

RSVP/questions/street address:

ckalke@verizon.net

Suggested Donation: \$20-25

Washington's
Spelmanslag
thanks SWEA
and the
American
Scandinavian
Association for
grants in
support of
this event.



DAHLIN GROUP

FSGW CO-SPONSORED
BFMS Gala New Years Eve
English Country Dance
Adelphi MD • Wed. Dec. 31
8 pm – just after midnight

Baltimore Folk Music Society's ECD New Year's Eve dance 2025 (co-sponsored by FSGW) will be at Ballroom Blum starting at an 8 pm arrival time on Dec. 31st and ending shortly after toasting the New Year at midnight on January 1st.

Live music by
Susan Brandt, Tom Wright and Melissa Running
 with calling by **April Blum!**

Dancers are encouraged to have a light supper before arriving, and to bring something sweet or savory to share at the break.

Tickets: \$35, \$30 BFMS or FSGW members, \$20 students.

Preregistration required. Attendance is capped at 50.

Registration is based on a lottery system, which will be drawn on or close to the 15th of December. Please email jerryandapril@aol.com before December 15th to register for the lottery. Once the lottery closes, a drawing will take place to establish who has gotten in right away and who is on the waitlist, which will be maintained and updated.

Location: Exact address provided to lottery winners

More info: bfms.org/nyeGala.php

Questions? nyegala@bfms.org

A Final Celebration: Our Last [Tropical Dance Vacation](#) on St. Croix!

English Country Dance Week • Jan. 27 – Feb. 3 / Contra Dance Week • Feb. 4 – 11

This winter marks the 31st and final season of Tropical Dance Vacation on St. Croix. After three unforgettable decades of music, movement, and community, we invite you to join us one last time — for dancing, connection, and joy beneath the Caribbean stars.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE WEEK • JAN. 27 – FEB. 3

Graceful, elegant, and gently social — where music and patterns weave through the warm night air.

Alchemy
 with **Rachel Bell, Eric Martin & Karen Axelrod**
 with callers
Joanna Reiner Wilkinson & Margaret Bary

[English Country Dance Week Details](#) [Sign Up Now](#)

CONTRA DANCE WEEK • FEB. 4 – 11

High-energy, heart-lifting fun with old friends and new — swing, twirl, and laugh your way through star-filled nights.

Wild Asparagus
 with **Ann Percival, David Cantieni, Keith Murphy, Becky Tracy, Mark Murphy & George Marshall**
 with callers **Lisa Greenleaf & George Marshall**

[Contra Dance Week Details](#) [Sign Up Now](#)

Takoma Park Old-Time Jam • Takoma DC • 3rd Wed. Nov. 19 • 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](#)



■ OPEN DANCES ■

 Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD: FRIDAYS NOV. 7, 14, 21 & 28
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.

November . . .

- 7 Will Mentor** calls to **Stomp Rocket:**
Bethany Waickman (guitar),
Dave Langford (fiddle) &
Glen Loper (mandolin)
- 14 Kappy Laning** calls to
The Fabulous Glen Echo Open Band

- 21 Too Hot Mamas**
(**Janine Smith & Susan Taylor**) calls to **The Dead Sea Squirrels:**
Cathy Mason (fiddle),
Craig Edwards
(fiddle/mandolin/banjo) &
Henry Yoshimura (guitar)

- 28 Greg Frock** calls to
The Morrison Brothers:
Jim Morrison (fiddle),
Owen Morrison (guitar) &
Will Morrison (drums/percussion)

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Tickets: online or at the door, \$15

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

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS
COLUMBIA MD • SAT. NOV. 1
6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK, 7:30 PM
MUSIC FOR DANCE

Norwegian-style house party, with Loretta Kelley and other guest musicians playing Swedish and Norwegian dance tunes on Scandinavian instruments with sympathetic strings. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Please bring food to share (dish or snack) and clean, smooth-soled shoes to wear for dancing. Donations gratefully accepted.

Masks optional. If you have symptoms of illness or recent exposure to respiratory infection, please stay home this time.

Location info: At Deb Weinreich's home. For questions/address if needed, please text 410-375-3789 or email debweinreich@hotmail.com including MAND in the subject line.

Info / Updates: MAND.fanitull.org.

WALTZ TIME

GLEN ECHO PARK MD

AFTERNOON WALTZ: SUN. NOV. 2 & 30

EVENING WALTZ: SUN. NOV. 16

No partner required.

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org
or 301-634-2222

AFTERNOON WALTZ • SUN. NOV. 2 & 30

LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30–6 PM

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing in the Spanish Ballroom!

November . . .

- 2 **Some Assembly** with
Mary Flora
(flute/sax/pennywhistle),
Donna Moore Boylan
(keyboard/accordion),
Adam Lee (guitar),
Joe Klausner (fiddle/violin/banjo) &
Iain Sturrock (percussion/vocals)

- 30 **Larry Unger and Friends** with
Larry Unger (guitar/banjo),
Elke Baker (violin/viola) &
Ralph Gordon (bass)

EVENING WALTZ • SUN. NOV. 16

LESSON 6:15 PM; DANCE 7–9:30 PM

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

Music by:

Waltz du Jour with
Alexander Mitchell (violin/viola),
Liz Donaldson (piano) &
Ralph Gordon (bass)

BUMPER CAR SQUARES



Come dance with us!

Bumper Car Squares

Glen Echo Park MD

Thursday Nov. 6 • 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,
the incomparable **Will Mentor** will
call to the music of the unstoppable
Stomp Rocket:

Dave Langford (fiddle),
Bethany Waickman (guitar/keyboard)
& **Glen Loper** (mandolin/tenor banjo).

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 dance: 12/4

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

SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO PARK MD

SAT. NOV. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS

FRI. NOV. 14 - SUN. NOV. 16:

[Slow Balboa Weekend](#)

November . . .

- 1 New Columbia Swing
- 8 DCLXtra Swing
- 14 Capitol City Shuffle Swing
- 15 Capitol City Shuffle Swing
- 22 Gottaswing
- 29 Gottaswing

Info: glenechopark.org/events-calendar

WEST COAST SWING: LATE NIGHT EARLY

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • NOV. 2

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! \$15 entry, or \$20 for you and a friend.

Locations: Intro to WCS Lesson:

Arcade Building, 2nd floor

Social Dance: Spanish Ballroom

Info/Tickets

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

SILVER SPRING MD

2ND SAT. NOV. 8 • 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



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. NOV. 8 • 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.

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



PHOTO: GREG PENK

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

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE MD SAT. NOV. 8 • 7–9:30 PM (6:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

Kim Forry calling to
Baltimore Open Band led by
McGregor Yatsevitch

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](#)

SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER MD 3RD SAT. NOV. 15 • 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 **Vestland Springar**,
by Linda Brooks and David Auty. This is
a lively, fun accessible dance taught at
MANDs Springar Spree earlier this year.

The first music set will allow musicians
to play along with the featured
musician, **Loretta Kelley**, after a
practice session in a separate room
during the dance teaching. Loretta is
generally considered to be the most
accomplished American-born
Hardanger fiddle player. Tunes in the
first set will be available on the website
in advance of the event.

Info: Email Linda@ScandiaDC.org to get
on the list to receive the latest
information on the event if you are
not already on the list. Please don't
attend if you are feeling sick or have
been in recent contact with
someone with COVID. More
information will be available at
ScandiaDC.org and in the invitation
email closer to the event.

ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE ANNAPOLIS MD • SAT. NOV. 15 7–9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

November . . .

15 **Anna Rain** calls with music by
David Knight (violin),
Jonathan Jensen
(piano/wind instruments) &
Marty Taylor (concertina).

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

CAPITOL HILL SWING
WASHINGTON DC
3RD THUR. NOV. 20 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Live music. Wood floor.

Admission: \$10, teens \$5

Location: St. Mark's Episcopal Church,
301 A St. SE; some parking available.

Contact: rollingpiano@gmail.com

GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB
CÉILÍ • SANDY SPRING MD
SUN. NOV. 23 • 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 / 4–8 pm Céilí

Single dancers and listeners welcome!

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck supper (1st break)

Location: The Lyceum,
17801 Meeting House Rd.

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

Info: gwcc-online.org

ANNAPOLIS CONTRA DANCE
5TH SAT. NOV. 29 • 7–9:30 PM,
INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

November . . .

29 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to music by
Contre Temps:
McGregor Yetsevitch (violin),
Andrew Tomlinson (flute) &
Mark Vidor (piano).

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. Venue has windows and filter fans for circulation and ventilation. Please bring your own water bottle. Snacks to share are welcome if you bring napkins+appropriate paper goods+utensils and plan to clean up after snack time. No experience or partner required.

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

Location: Annapolis Friends Meeting
Hall, 351 Dubois Rd.

Info: [Jan Scopel](mailto:Jan.Scopel@gmail.com), 443-540-0867
or [Ann Fallon](mailto:Ann.Fallon@gmail.com), 410-507-0934
[Facebook](#)

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
TAKOMA PARK MD • REHEARSALS:
SUNDAYS: NOV. 2: 9:30 AM;
NOV. 9, 16 & 23: 11 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.

November . . .

3 **Kappy Laning** calling to music by
Carl Friedman (piano),
Becky Ross (violin), &
Marty Taylor
(whistles/recorders/concertina)

10 **Sharon McKinley** calling to music by
Janina O'Brien (piano),
Carl Friedman (violin), &
Steven Epstein (clarinet)

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

24 **Emily Aubrey** calling to music by
Janina O'Brien (piano),
Jeff Steinberg (violin), &
Mark Vidor (accordion)

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](mailto:Janina.O'Brien@gmail.com), 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.

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

Cost: \$10 (first time free)

Info: [Anne Dempsey](#) or
[Larry Wegehaupt](#), 240-645-2776

Additional Scottish Country dance
in Arlington VA and in Silver Spring,
Baltimore and Frederick MD

BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE MD

WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

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

November . . .

- 5 **Kappy Laning** calls to the music of **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer/fiddle), **Elke Baker** (fiddle) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano).
- 12 **Harris Bard Lapiroff** calls to the music of **Here on the Hill: Tory Horner** (fiddle), **Annie McDougall** (fiddle) & **Rosemary Powell** (fiddle).
- 19 **Penelope Weinberger** calls to the music of **Some Assembly: Mary Corletta Flora** (flute/alto sax/penny whistles), **Adam Lee** (guitar), **Donna Moore Boylan** (keyboard/accordion), **Iain Sturrock** (vocals/cajon/guitar) & **Joe Klausner** (fiddle/mandolin/banjo).
- 26 **Chloe Levine** calls to the music of **Roundtuit: Rebecca Weiss** (fiddle) & **Charlie Pilzer** (piano).

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](#)

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, NOV. 6 & 13

7–8:45 PM

Join our friendly dancers for dances from around the world.

Masks are optional.

Location: Church of the Redeemer,
6201 Dunrobbin Dr.

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](#).

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

DANCEINTIME CUBAN SALSA CLASS



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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DIEM
ARTS

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

ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON

Great for all ages!

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

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

LISTENING ROOM CONCERT:

Cheick Hamala Diabate

BRENTWOOD MD

FRI. NOV. 7 • 8–10 PM



Experience the spellbinding sounds of Africa and beyond! Grammy-nominated Malian griot **Cheick Hamala Diabate** takes the stage with his unmatched mastery of the n'goni, the West African lute. A cultural ambassador and storyteller, Diabate bridges centuries and continents, weaving together the soulful threads of West African and American string traditions.

Don't miss this powerful evening of rhythm, storytelling, and virtuosity.

Location: [Brentwood Arts Exchange](#)
3901 Rhode Island Ave.

Tickets: \$20 at the door or [PG Parks](#)

Questions: 301-277-2863,
brentwoodarts@pgparks.com

DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT

CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM

WASHINGTON DC

1ST & 3RD SUN. NOV. 2 & 16 • 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](#)

SHIP'S COMPANY CHANTEYMEN

THUR. NOV. 6: FAIRFAX VA, WED.

NOV. 12: BALTIMORE MD, THUR.

NOV. 20: 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](#)

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS

1ST & 3RD WED. NOV. 5 & 19 • 7–9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

Nov. 5—Three separate jams:
bluegrass/old-time, folk/blues and
Celtic at Carroll Arts Center, 91 W
Main St.

Nov. 19—combined bluegrass/old-
time/folk/blues free-wheeling at St.
Paul's, 17 Bond St.

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



CONCERT: **The Kruger Brothers**

WESTMINSTER MD • SAT. NOV. 8 • 7:30 PM

Experience the extraordinary music of the **Kruger Brothers**; they seamlessly blend bluegrass, Americana and classical music.

Jens Kruger

(banjo/harmony vocals),

Uwe Kruger

(guitar/lead & harmony vocals) &

Joel Landsberg (bass/harmony vocals)

joined by

Jonah Horton (mandolin).

Location: Carroll Arts Center,
91 W. Main St.

Admission: \$40

Tickets / Info: CCAC event

Presented by
Common Ground Downtown

WORKSHOP AND CONCERT WITH THE **Pine Tree Flyers**

SHEPHERDSTOWN WV

SAT. NOV. 8

WORKSHOP: 3:30 PM,

CONCERT: 7:30 PM

Pine Tree Flyers:

Katie McNally (fiddle),

Emily Troll (accordion),

Benjamin Foss (guitar) &

Neil Pearlman (piano)

Location:

Shepherdstown
Presbyterian Church,
100 W Washington St.



PHOTO: DYLAN LADDS

Admission: Workshop: \$25

Concert: \$25 adults, \$22 seniors,
\$20 members, \$15 students.

Cash or check at the door.

Seating is limited; advance reservations:
upperpotomac@gmail.com

[More info](#)

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG

KENSINGTON MD

SAT. NOV. 8 • 2:30-4 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. NOV. 9 & 23

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. NOV. 10,

4TH TUE. NOV. 25

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. NOV. 11 • 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

BFMS SONG SWAP • BALTIMORE MD
2ND TUES. NOV. 11 • 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.

Admission: Free (pass-the-hat goodwill donation welcome)

Location: 4 Hour a Day Lutherie in
Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd.

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
3RD WED. NOV. 19 • 7–9 PM

Shape note singing from the Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony:

community singing of 4-part *a cappella* songs in a style rooted in colonial America. Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcome! Songbooks available to share.

Location: Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE

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

Washington Balalaika
Orchestra Fall Concert!

ROCKVILLE: SAT. NOV. 22 • 7:30 PM
ARLINGTON: SUN. NOV. 23 • 3 PM

The Stars Align!

Featuring:

Svetlana Nikonova, Conductor
Ekaterina Skliar, Prima Domra
Andrei Saveliev, Balalaika

Location: Sat.: Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee St, Rockville

Location: Sun.: Kenmore Middle School, 200 South Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington

Admission: Adults: \$35;
Seniors/Military: \$30; Students: \$15;
Children 12 & under: \$5

Tickets: balalaika.org

Info: Art Shaw, 703-509-6643

MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM
MONKTON MD
SUN. NOV. 30 • 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 • REHEARSALS:
MONDAYS • 7 PM

Orfeia is an all-woman vocal ensemble, directed by singer, director and composer **Tatiana Sarbinska**, dedicated to preserving, performing and teaching traditional music from Eastern Europe. *Orfeia's* repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans. We are always seeking new members. No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

Info: Diane, 202-274-4155
email, orfeia.org, [facebook](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.

November . . .

- 4 Kosi
- 11 Sean Morse
- 18 Happy Three Years!
- 25 Average Joey

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

Location: School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.

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

Presented by
the Institute of Musical Traditions

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

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

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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** **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](#)

WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY **(WBS) • ARLINGTON VA** **WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM**

The orchestra plays Eastern European folk instruments including balalaikas and domras in various sizes and some Western percussion and wind instruments, producing a uniquely beautiful sound. Our repertoire includes classical music, folk songs, Broadway tunes and popular music from around the world.

New members welcome.

Come and visit us any Wednesday night.

Location: Faith Lutheran Church
3313 Arlington Blvd.

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

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.

Location: 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.”

- All copy must be submitted by e-mail to newsletter@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.
- All listings must be submitted in the format set out on our website (fsgw.org). Just click on [Newsletter](#) and scroll down to Guidelines for Submitting Copy for Publication.
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Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Memo on the check should read, “Advertising for ...”

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 NOVEMBER 4

Monthly FSGW Board meetings are all electronic via Zoom. Meetings are open to all FSGW members; contact president@fsgw.org or webmaster@fsgw.org for a link to the meeting. If you wish to have the Board consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member or Lucia Schaefer at president@fsgw.org at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	KEY Bold text — FSGW sponsorship FSGW — Folklore Society of Greater Washington FND — Friday Night Dancers BFMS — Baltimore Folk Music Society	Contra —Contra Dance 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 Gbelt—Greenbelt MD	Rock.—Rockville MD SS— Silver Spring MD TPark—Takoma Park MD CDA—Carpe Diem Arts DPP—Dancing Planet Productions GWCC—Greater Washington Céilí Club MAND—Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers SCC—Ship’s Company Chanteyman	NOON EVERY DAY! Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song ~~~~~ Status of ongoing events may vary. Please confirm with the organizer.		1 9:30 GWCC Fling, SS 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 1:30 Contra calling workshop, GEP 1:30 GWCC Fling, SS 3 Song circle, Balt. 3 Memorial for Michael Quitt, Balt. 6:30 MAND Norwegian dance party, Columbia 7:30 Contra dance, Balt. 8 Swing Dance, GEP
2 9:30 GWCC Fling, SS 9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 1 Bluegrass Jam, DC 2:45 Waltz Time, GEP 5:30 West Coast Swing, GEP 6:30 Lyceum Concert: House of Hamill, Alex.	3 7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	4 7 Old Time Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 8 FSGW Board Meeting, online	5 7 Three Jams, Westminster 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int’l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS	6 7 Bumper Car Squares, GEP 7 Int’l Folk Dance, Bethesda 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Fairfax	7 7:30 FSGW Open Sing, online 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int’l Folk Dance, Gbelt 8 Concert: Cheick Hamala Diabate, Brentwood	8 Newsletter Deadline 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 2:30 Washington’s Spelmanslag 2:30/7 Challenging Squares/Contras, Adelphi 3:30/7:30 Pine Tree Flyers Workshop/Concert, WV 6:30 Contra Dance, Balt. 7 SMTMD Contra, Chaptico 7:30 Concert: <i>The Kruger Brothers</i>, Westminster 7:30 ECD, SS 7:30 Int’l Folk Dance, Beth. 8 Swing Dance, GEP
9 11 Rock Creek Morris Women 1 FSGW Barn Dance, GEP 2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl. 2:30 FSGW/DPP Contra, GEP 4 FSGW Gospel Sing, TPark	10 7 Shape Note Singing, Balt. 7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC 7:30 FSGW Concert: Echoes of Jämtland, SS 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	11 7 Bluegrass Jam, Balt. 7 Gospel Jam, Herndon 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt 7:30 BFMS Song Swap, Balt.	12 7:30 FSGW Grapevine, Takoma & online 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int’l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl. 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Balt.	13 7 FSGW/Carpe Diem Arts Contra, SS 7 Int’l Folk Dance, Bethesda	14 1:30 FSGW Song Circle, SS & Online 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int’l Folk Dance, Gbelt 8 Swing Dance, GEP	15 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 3 FSGW Open Sing, SS 6:30 ECD, Ann. 6:45 Scandia Dance/Music, Gbelt 7:30 FSGW/VITG Story Swap, Beth. 8 Swing Dance, GEP
16 11 Rock Creek Morris Women 1 Bluegrass Jam, DC 6:15 Waltz Time, GEP	17 7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	18 7 Old Time Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.	19 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 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl.	20 7:30 Capitol Hill Swing, DC 8 Folk Sing, Wheaton	21 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int’l Folk Dance, Gbelt	22 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 7:30 FSGW Concert: Pat Egan & Séamus Wade, Potomac 7:30 Swedish Concert & Dance, Adelphi 7:30 Balalaika Concert, Rock. 8 Swing Dance, GEP
23 11 Rock Creek Morris Women 2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl. 3 Balalaika Concert, Arl. 3 GWCC Céilí, Sandy Spring	24 7 Orfeia Ensemble sing, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	25 7 Bluegrass Jam, Balt. 7 Shape Note Singing, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Scottish Dance, Gbelt 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.	26 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int’l Folk Dance, GEP 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7:30 Washington Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS	27 Thanksgiving	28 7 Open Mic, Chaptico 7:30 Int’l Folk Dance, Online only 7:30 FND Contra, GEP	29 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 6:30 Contra, Ann. 8 Swing Dance, GEP
30 2:30 Old-time Jam, Monkton 2:45 Waltz Time, GEP						