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*I could a tale unfold whose lightest word
would harrow up thy soul...
– Shakespeare*

■ FSGW STORYTELLING ■

THE GRAPEVINE

Takoma DC and Online
Wed. Sep. 9 • 7:30 pm

STORYTELLING

Our featured tellers
this month are the marvelous
Margaret Chatham and the
magnificent **Miriam Nadel!**

*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.***

Location:

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

fsgw.org/grapevine



Miriam H. Nadel
has told folktales,
personal stories, and
original stories for
35 years. Some of
her favorite venues
have included the
Washington Folk

Festival, Better Said Than Done, a Hollywood
art gallery, and a campground in the Empty
Quarter of Oman. She collects hats, paper
dolls, and stories about her more colorful
relatives. All of her stories are true, whether or
not they happened that way.

[More about Miriam](#)

Margaret Chatham is a
former children's librarian,
trained in New York Public
Library-style storytelling.
Margaret emphasizes
traditional folk tales and
faithfully presented literary
tales. This builds on her
family's tradition of reading aloud, treasuring and
quoting favorite authors' words. Her other big
storytelling influence was hearing The Folk Tellers
(Barbara Freeman and Connie Regan) in November,
1975. Darn! Had to wait nearly a year to experience
the National Storytelling Festival.

[More about Margaret](#)



[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, but, if you register you will have access to the live stream
and the recorded show for later.

[We ask for donations](#) to support our
tellers; suggested contribution \$20 per
person (feel free to give more!).
Donations can be made online before,
during or after the show.

FSGW & VITG

(Voices in the Glen)

Monthly Story Swap

Gaithersburg MD

Sat. September 19 • 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



61ST ANNUAL Getaway...

FRI. OCT. 2 – MON. OCT. 5 • WEST RIVER MD

The **Getaway** starts Friday, October 2, with a potluck dinner, and runs so late on Sunday night that we serve breakfast on Monday morning, October 5.

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, as well as information on historical contexts and insights, along with conversation and laughter, have filled the Getaway for over half a century. **Come be a part of the fun!**

[See the Getaway schedule of events here.](#)



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Please help us out by spreading the word! We are a community with a shared belief in the power and importance of preserving the living traditions of music, and we know that each generation must rely on the next to continue and enhance this heritage. We hope that we can — with your help — reach out to a broader crowd of multi-generational peers in the folk tradition who may not know of the **Getaway**. Folks of all ages and orientations are most welcome to join us!

[Register here](#)

Deadline: September 26

It is helpful if you can register early. We use the information you give us to plan workshops as well as dietary needs and room assignments.

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

Questions? Contact Getawaychair@fsgw.org

More info: fsgw.org/getaway

Spread the Word!

Our guests
this year
include:



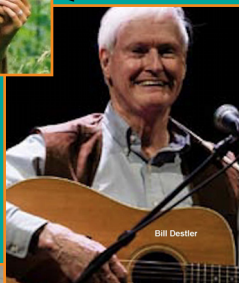
Sarah Burkey



Colleen Cleveland



George Stephens
& Kathy Westra Stephens



Bill Destler



Lynn Noel



Kevin Elam



Janie Meneely and Rob van Sante

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

An All-day Dance Event! Contrastock 14

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

1 – 10 PM



Registration
is open!

Join us for our 14th annual festival of contra dancing. We are delighted to be returning to the one and only Spanish Ballroom.

↪ Callers



CHLOE LEVINE



MICHAEL KARCHER



JANINE SMITH

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

First up is the dynamic contra dance trio **Petrichord**, with **Colleen Holroyd** (fiddle/feet), **Sophie Chang** (cello) & **Bobby LaRose** (piano/mandolin). Hailing from our very own Washington DC area, **Petrichord** weaves together Québécois, Cape Breton and Scottish fiddle tunes; catchy and colorful cello accompaniments; and old time and Irish music to create a danceable, engaging experience.

Kicking off the dance calling is DC's own **Chloe Levine**, whose clear teaching, buoyant energy, and welcoming spirit have delighted dancers up and down the coast. Don't miss her clever programming to start us off!

Next up is **Supertrad**, with **Sam Bartlett** (banjo/mandolin), **Eric Schedler** (accordion), **Dave Langford** (fiddle) & **Owen Morrison** (guitar). There's a reason this spirited supergroup bills themselves as the kind of contra dance band you would like to have with you in the zombie apocalypse. They draw heavily on Irish trad, compose their own driving tunes, and altogether bring a new spin you won't want to miss.

Philly caller **Michael Karcher**, having called dances and weekends around North America since 2011, brings us his warm and concise style that is sure to lead us down the dance floor with joy and confidence.

Finally, we'll be lucky enough to dance to the **Syncopaths**, featuring **Ryan McKasson** (fiddle), **Eamon Sefton** (mandolin), **Jeffrey Spero** (piano) & **Christa Burch** (bodhrán/vocals). All the way from California, the **Syncopaths** bring a fresh, contemporary spin to tunes and songs rooted in the Scottish, Irish and American folk traditions. Their rhythmic interplay of fiddle and mandolin, rich vocals and unexpected colors of piano and bodhrán are sure to delight, and their pulsing, high-energy dance tunes will be something to remember.

Local caller **Janine Smith** returns to the stage with her clear and to-the-point teaching style and her goofy, Honky Tonk flare, and as always brings a set of fun dances you won't want to miss.

↪ Bands



PETRICHORD



SUPERTRAD



SYNCOPATHS

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

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

↪ Register here:

fsgw.org/event-6629536

↪ More info: fsgw.org/contrastock

↪ Questions? Contact contrastock@fsgw.org

See you ON the dance Floor!

Contra dance is a close contact activity and germs love dancing too! Please stay home if you are unwell day-of. Full refunds will be provided.

FSGW Picnic

GLEN ECHO PARK MD

● Come join us! ● Sunday October 11, 11:30 am – 5 pm! ●



FSGW is excited to host the annual picnic again this fall, where the FSGW community can mix and mingle. There will be **dancing, open singing** and **jamming**, and a **potluck lunch**, all in the covered Bumper Car Pavilion.

This event is **FREE**, so invite your friends and bring a dish to share! Please [REGISTER](#) so we can get a sense of how many people are planning to come.

Schedule

11:30–12:30 **Potluck:** Those who are able are encouraged to bring a dish or snack to share. FSGW will provide lemonade, plates, cups, napkins and utensils.

12:30–12:55 **Membership Meeting:** Hear about what FSGW has accomplished this year and what we hope to achieve in the future.

1:00–3:00 The [Sunday FSGW Barn Dance](#) + Open Band

This is a multi-generational dance, so all ages and ability levels are welcome to participate!

Calling by **Penelope Weinberger**

Music led by **Gina Faber & Liz Donaldson**

Additional musicians are welcome to join the open band!

3:15–5:00 **Open Jam** led by **Gina Faber & Liz Donaldson**

Bring an instrument and a song to share or enjoy being in community with each other. No experience necessary!



Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd. | **Info:** fsgw.org/event-6685968



FSGW CO-SPONSORED • SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 • 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM
INDOORS AND OUTDOORS • RAIN OR SHINE • FAMILY FRIENDLY • SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



[Click to see the Schedule!](#)

Become a Festival Sponsor!

Reach thousands, boost your brand, and help keep our community's favorite tradition alive! Learn more at [TPFF.org/sponsor](https://tpff.org/sponsor).

Takoma Park Folk Festival Inc.

is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Donations are welcome at [TPFF.org/donate](https://tpff.org/donate)

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

Performances in a wide range of musical styles on **6 stages**, including the Children's Nook.

New this year: **Jam at the Crossroads**, where acoustic musicians can play with each other.

Schedule: tpff.org/schedule

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

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

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

~ Kids' Activities

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

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

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

Parking: • Free handicapped parking on-site.

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

Latest info: [TPFF.org](https://tpff.org)

Admission: **Free!**



2026 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival • Greenbelt MD • Fri. Sep. 4, 6 pm–Mon. Sep. 7, 6 pm

Celebrating America's People, 1776-2026

Live music on the main stage every day, Friday – Monday!

Schedule: No charge for entertainment, shows or events unless noted.

Advance sale discounts available for Carnival Midway rides through 11:59 pm, Sep. 3.

Location: Historic Roosevelt Center, 101 Centerway
Shuttle Bus available.

Info: greenbeltlaborday.com

Global Rhythms Glen Echo Park MD • Sat. Sep. 5 • 12–6 pm

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture presents a FREE showcase of music, dance, and storytelling from around the world. This event features performances by artists sharing traditions from a variety of cultures.

Parking: 5801 Oxford Rd.

Info: glenechopark.org/globalrhythms

Watermelon Pickers' Fest 26 Berryville VA • Sep. 10–12

The CABOMA board has elected to sponsor the 22nd annual Watermelon Pickers' Fest this year, and so we encourage members to attend and even volunteer at the tent we will have there! This festival is a real picker's paradise with jams going long into the night. You really don't want to miss it! [Contact](#) me or other board members for more information about volunteering.

Tickets: watermelonpickersfest.com

Bluegrass on the Farm • Derwood MD Sat. Sep. 12 • 12–6 pm

Featuring **Michelle Murray & No Part of Nothin**, **Seneca Creek Band** and **Tornado Rose**.

Rain or shine. Plenty of seating under the trees; bring your own camping chairs/blanket. Food and drink for sale, or bring your own picnic. Children and leashed pets welcome.

Location: Agricultural History Farm Park,
18400 Muncaster Rd.

Admission: \$25/adult. Free parking.
Get your discounted ticket online at
friendsofthefarmpark.org

Info: Christina Williams, 240-994-3620

Celebrate Africa Festival Bowie MD • Sat. Sep. 19 • 1–6 pm

This year's activities showcase the rich cultures of the African continent and will feature performances from **Amadou Kouyate**, **Osagyefo Dance Company**, **Mlanjeni Magical Theater** and **Armand Ntep & Memphis Gold**.

Location: 12390 Fairwood Parkway

Info: pgparks.com/event_list/celebrate-africa-festival-2

23rd Greenbelt Blues Festival Greenbelt MD • Sat. Sep. 26 • 11 am – 11 pm

Bands ☆ Dancing ☆ Yoga ☆ Vendors

FREE! Bring festival chairs/yoga mat.

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

Info: facebook.com/GreenbeltBluesFest/

FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Ave., Glen Echo MD

Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

Latest info: fsgw.org/ecd

The FSGW weekly English Country Dance offers delightful dancing at Glen Echo Town Hall led by talented callers, accompanied by top-notch musicians playing a wide variety of instruments.

The crowd is friendly; new dancers are always welcome and can get an informal lesson if they arrive around 7:30.

No need to bring a partner, or dress up.

September lineup . . .

- 2 **Dan Gillespie** calls while **Paul Oorts** (mandolin/accordion), **Niki Yeracaris** (fiddle) & **Bobby LaRose** (piano) make the music
- 9 **Anna Rain & Wendy Clarke** call to the playing of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano)
- 16 **Kappy Laning** leads the dancing while **Jacqueline Schwab** (guest pianist from MA), **David Knight** (fiddle) & **Ralph Gordon** (cello) play the tunes
- 23 **April Blum** leads the dancing to the music of **Elisabeth Epstein** (flute), **Becky Ross** (fiddle) & **Neil Epstein** (piano)
- 30 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to the playing of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Susan Brandt** (flute) & **Diane Sorenson** (piano)



Sep. 2 - Dan Gillespie



Sep. 9 - Anna Rain



Sep. 9 - Wendy Clarke



Sep. 16 - Kappy Laning



Sep. 23 - April Blum



Sep. 30 - Andrea Nettleton



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

"Silver Spring" Contra Dance

Takoma DC • 2nd Thursday September 10

Lesson: 7 pm | Dance: 7:30–10 pm

~ **Special Location in September!** ~

Andrea Nettleton calling to music by
Paul Oorts & Tina Chancey

Admission:

- \$15 general admission
- \$12 FSGW members
- \$5 ages 21 & under / limited income

Location: Seekers Church,
276 Carroll St. NW,
Washington DC

[More Info](#) / [Registration required](#) — pre-registration preferred



FSGW Barn Dance

Bumper Car Pavilion • Glen Echo Park MD
2nd Sunday September 13 • 1–3 pm



Come join us at the Barn Dance!

Lucia Schaefer will call to music by **Jim Morrison & TBA**

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

This dance fits the bill for families with preschool children, as well as older groups of tweens and teens. Our intergenerational community is what makes this dance unique and fun.

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

Admission: FREE! (no need to register, just show up at the door)

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



FREE!



The Second Floor, Abe Joyner-Meyers (fiddle), Steven Bluestein (woodwinds) & Cecily Mills (cello), is a captivating new dance band from Somerville, MA, who happen to be three roommates who live on...you guessed it, the second floor. —Joined by a guest musician, they'll play for the events on this page & for the [Sep. 11 FND contra](#) (p. 12).



FSGW Co-sponsored English Country Dance • Adelphi MD
Sat. Sep. 12 • 2:30–5:30 pm

Coming from a variety of musical backgrounds, **The Second Floor's** playing is packed with a rich variety of flavors, influences & sensibilities. They're breathing new life into music for English Country Dancing.

The Second Floor welcomes the incomparable piano stylings of **Dave Wiesler** as their guest of honor.

Tom Spilsbury, well regarded Mid-Atlantic ECD leader, known for his clear instruction, easy manner and wide dance repertoire, promises an afternoon of delightful dancing.



Pre-registration is required: fsgw.org/event-6767886

Attendance is capped to allow for comfortable dancing and unrestricted frivolity. After you register you will receive a confirmation email with the address, parking instructions, and other important details about the event. **Sorry, no drop ins.**

Donations: (suggested \$20) accepted at the door, cash or Venmo.

Questions: mwarshow@verizon.net

Please write "English Country Dance" in the subject line.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON *Dancing Planet* Contra Dances



Glen Echo Park MD
Sunday September 13 • 3 – 6 pm
Introductory Session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the
Back Room of the Spanish Ballroom

The Second Floor has been wowwing dancers all over New England and now they're bringing their special brand of youthful exuberance to DC!

The Second Floor welcomes the inestimable piano stylings of **Robert Mills** as their guest of honor.

Janine Smith calls the figures, so expect her usual offerings of upbeat contras, a singing square, and maybe a few shenanigans to round out the afternoon.



Admission: \$15. Ages 17 and under: \$5. Cash, check or credit cards accepted at the door. (Credit card fees apply.)

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contra/
fsgw.org/event-6589784 | [Facebook](#)

Upcoming dances: 10/25: Beth Molaro calling with **Laura and The Lava Lamps**; 11/22: Will Mentor calling with **Leeway**

*Smiles bloom when you feel the summer breeze, the rush and pause of heartbeats,
and the cool grass caressing dancing feet.*

– Shah Asad Rizvi

FSGW Co-sponsored

Glen Echo Park 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.

Location: Bumper Car Pavilion

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

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom.

[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

Sep. 4: Online only—starts at 7 pm

Sep. 11: In person 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: 15 Crescent Rd.

For the **Zoom link**, contact [John Robinson](#).

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

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

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



FSGW Open Sing • Online

1st Fri. Sep. 4 • 7:30 pm

Many thanks to **Gary Ehrlich** for hosting the September Online Open Sing.

Theme: Colors

Register to sing [HERE](#).

Only those wishing to sing need to register.

Singers List is unavailable to the public because of Google technical issues. Go ahead and sign up; we can fix duplicate sign-ups later.

Registration will be open until noon 9/4/26.

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

Info: fsgw.org/event-6800347, [Vince Wilding](#)



FSGW Gospel Sing

Washington DC • Sun. Sep. 13 • 4-7 pm

The September 2026 Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Shirley Buzzard in Washington DC near the Waterfront Metro station. Group singing for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm, followed by a potluck dinner. Hymnals provided. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you are symptom-free.

RSVP/directions: text or call Shirley at 202-288-3902 or email sbuzzard01@gmail.com or kpmack2@gmail.com

Info: fsgw.org/gospel-sings

Singing is a form of meditation...apparently the only one that I have command over.



Brandi Carlisle

FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD and Online

2nd Fri. Sep. 11 • 1:30-3:30 pm

The monthly **Song Circle** provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy delightful songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. **Free!**

Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. Come for informal group singing or just to listen, in person or via Zoom.

In observance of Labor Day, bring or request your favorite labor songs and any other songs! If you wish to request particular songs, it helps to keep the singing going if you let us know well in advance using the [registration form](#).

Steve Jones (Music Director of the DC Labor Chorus) will lead and accompany the singing.

In-person attendees must be age 55 or older and should read and follow

[FSGW's Respiratory Virus Guidelines](#).

If you can't come in person, you can join us on Zoom or by phone. The Zoom link and phone number will be sent Friday morning to those who are on the Song Circle email list and to others who [register here](#) by Thursday, September 10.

Location: The Song Circle will be held in person at the **Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd.**
Plenty of free parking!

Latest updates: fsgw.org/event-6794837

Takoma Park Old-Time Jam

Takoma DC

3rd Wed. Sep. 16 • 7:30–9:45 pm

We'll have a 30- to 40-minute slow jam to start. This jam is open to all skill levels and instruments. Please come with whatever you play and plan on supporting the restaurant 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](mailto:Jonathan.Vocke)

■ OPEN DANCES ■

O body swayed to music, O brightening glance,

How can we know the dancer from the dance? – W. B. Yeats

BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE MD

WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

New dancer workshops at 7:40 pm

Beginners always welcome!

September . . .

- 2 **Rebecca Anger** calls to the music of **Waxwing**: Tyler St. Clare (fiddle) & Todd Shelar (guitar).
- 9 **Melissa Chatham** calls to the music of **Rev It Up**: Larry Unger (fiddle) & Tory Horner (fiddle).
- 16 **Kim Forry** calls to the music of **Furnace Mountain**: Aimee Curl (bass), Dave Van Deventer (fiddle), & Morgan Morrison (guitar/bouzouki).
- 23 **Sarah Kaiser** calls to the music of **Contra Rebels**: Henry Koretzky (guitar), Barb Schmid (fiddle), Todd Clewell (fiddle) & Aaron Blouin (bass).
- 30 **Susan Taylor** calls to the music of **Waverly Station**: David Courret-Knight (fiddle) & Liz Donaldson (piano).

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

Cost: BFMS and FSGW members \$10, non-members \$15. Under 21 & students: free.

Online payment only

Info: bfms.org or [Hannah Mueller](mailto:Hannah.Mueller)

Info: fridaynightdance.com or info@fridaynightdancers.org



Friday Night Dancers

SILVER SPRING MD CIVIC CENTER • FRIDAY SEP. 4

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • FRIDAYS SEP. 11, 18 & 25

LESSON: 7:30 PM; DANCE: 8–11 PM

Friday Night Dancers, a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, and Montgomery County, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom or the Glen Echo Bumper Car Pavilion.

Location except Sep. 4:

7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Location Sep. 4: 8525 Fenton St.

September . . .

- 4 **At the Silver Spring Civic Center**, Penelope Weinberger calls to **Some Assembly**: Mary Flora (woodwinds), Donna Boylan (keyboard), Adam Lee (guitar), Joe Klausner (fiddle/mandolin) & Iain Sturrock (cajon)

- 11 **Alex Deis-Lauby** calls to **Owen Morrison & The Second Floor**: Abe Joyner-Meyers (fiddle), Steven Bluestein (woodwinds), Cecily Mills (cello) & Owen Morrison (guitar)

- 18 **Rebecca Anger** calls to the music of **Spintuition**: Silas Hamilton (guitar/piano/fiddle/vocals/feet), Willy Clemetson (fiddle/vocals/feet) & Samuel Foucher (accordion/piano/vocals)

- 25 **Sarah Kaiser** calls to **Dance Du Jour**: Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano) & Ralph Gordon (bass)

Tickets: online or at the door:

adults \$5–\$30, pay what you can;
teens, 13–19: \$5;
children 12 & under: free

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS
GEORGETOWN DC • SAT. SEP. 5
6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK,
7:30 PM MUSIC FOR DANCE

Loretta Kelley on Hardanger fiddle and **Sonia White** on nyckelharpa plus other guest musicians will play Norwegian and Swedish tunes for dancing. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Please bring food to share and clean shoes to wear. Donations gratefully accepted.

Location: At Linda's place (no pets); if you need the address, contact lbrookslb@gmail.com

More info: MAND.fanitull.org
MAND@fanitull.org

WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
EVENING WALTZ • SUN. SEP. 6
AFTERNOON WALTZ • SUN. SEP. 20

No partner required.

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

More info: WaltzTimeDances.org
or 301-634-2222

EVENING WALTZ • SUN. SEP. 6
LESSON 6:15 PM; DANCE 7-9:30 PM

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

Music by Some Assembly:

Mary Flora (woodwinds),
Donna Moore Boyland (keyboard),
Adam Lee (guitar),
Joe Klausner (strings) &
Iain Sturrock
(percussion/guitar/vocals)

AFTERNOON WALTZ • SUN. SEP. 20
LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30-6 PM

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

Music by Handspring: **Carrie Rose** (flute),
Alexander Mitchell (violin/viola) &
Owen Morrison (guitar, piano)



Bumper Car Squares

GLEN ECHO PARK MD
1ST SUN. SEP. 6
3-5:30 PM (LESSON 2:45)

Are you in town over Labor Day weekend? Plan a square dance excursion!— Round up your crew, enjoy a picnic lunch in the Picnic Grove, then join us for an intro session / dance refresher at 2:45 pm where caller **Dakota Karper** shows us everything we need to know.

Dance from 3 to 5:30 pm. There's a short hydration break midway, but mostly FUN, lively square dancing the whole time. All ages welcome, no partner, prior dance experience, or special outfit needed.

LIVE music by the legendary
Critton Hollow String Band!

Location: Bumper Car Pavilion

Admission: \$15/adult, \$5/teen,
FREE for ages 12 and under.
Cash, checks and credit cards
accepted at the door.

Details/discounted advanced tickets:
glenechopark.org/dances

Info: [Facebook event,](https://www.facebook.com/glenechopark)
info@glenechopark.org or
301-634-2222

Upcoming dances: 10/4, 11/1, 12/6

Presented by the Glen Echo Park
Partnership for Arts and Culture

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
BALTIMORE MD
MONDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

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

September . . .

- 7 **Diane Schmitt** will do all the work calling this Labor Day evening.
Jeff Steinberg (violin),
Robin Wilson (flute/concertina) &
Francine Krasowska (piano) will play the tunes.
- 14 **Mike Franch** will call.
Tunes will be provided by
Marty Taylor (whistles/concertina),
Mark Vidor (accordion) &
Jonathan Jensen (piano).
- 21 **Emily Aubrey** will call to the music of
Elke Baker (violin) &
Jacqueline Schwab (piano).
- 28 **Christopher Field** will call and the music shall be played by
Andrew Tomlinson (flutes),
Carl Friedman (violin) &
Charlie Pilzer (piano).

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

Advance registration only

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

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

GOTTASWING SWING DANCE
GLEN ECHO PARK MD
LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS

September . . .

- 11 **Paul Cosentino Quartet**
- 12 **Paul Cosentino's Boilermaker Jazz Band** featuring **Naomi Uyama**
- 19 **King Soul**
- 26 **Marianna and the DC Jumpers**
- Info:** glenechopark.org/events-calendar

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE

CHAPTICO MD • SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 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** and dancing starting 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: ERIN JEWELL

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

BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT MOBTOWN BALLROOM SAT. SEP. 12 • 7–10 PM (DOORS 6 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.** A dance caller will walk you through all the moves. The kitchen and bar will be open!

Location: Station North,
30 W North Ave.

Info / tickets: [baltimoreoldtime.com/
baltimore-square-dance](http://baltimoreoldtime.com/baltimore-square-dance)
bradkolodner@gmail.com

Future dance: 11/21

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE SILVER SPRING MD 2ND SAT. SEP. 12 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Bob Farrall calls to music by
Peascods Gathering.

Beginners and singles welcome.

Admission: \$5

Location: Glen Haven Elementary
School, 10900 Inwood Ave.
(Parking and entrance in rear.)

Info: [Carl Minkus](#), 301-493-6281 or
Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE MD SAT. SEP. 12 7–9:30 PM (LESSON 6:30)

Alex Deis-Lauby calling to **Waxwing:**
Tyler St. Clare (flute) &
Todd Shelar (guitar)

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](#)

WEST COAST SWING: LATE NIGHT EARLY RETURNS! GLEN ECHO PARK MD • SAT. SEP. 12 6:30 PM LEVELED PRACTICE, 7:30–10:30 PM DANCE

Late Night Early is a West Coast Swing Social Club dedicated to bringing late night social dancing vibes at a reasonable hour and supporting the growth and improvement of the West Coast Swing community.

Location: Spanish Ballroom Back Room

Tickets: \$15 members,
\$20 non-members.

Memberships purchased before 2027
will be only \$5—good until the end
of 2027.

More info: Latenightearly.dance
info@latenightearly.dance

CAPITOL HILL CAJUN DANCE WASHINGTON DC 2ND MON. SEP. 14 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Wood floor. Open Band.

Location: Hill Center at the Old Naval
Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.
Benjamin Drummond hall (first
floor). Metered parking on
Pennsylvania Ave., some free street
parking or two blocks away at
Chisholm Elementary, 10th & G SE.

Admission: Free.
Donations and snacks welcome.

Info: facebook.com/rollingpiano/events

Contact: Joel Bailes,
rollingpiano@gmail.com

Upcoming events: 10/12, 11/9, 12/14

ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

SAT. SEP. 19

7-9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

Nancy English calls to the music of

David Knight (fiddle) &
Jacqueline Schwab (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 and utensils, and plan to clean up after snack time. No experience or partner required.

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

Location: Annapolis Friends Meeting
Hall, 351 Dubois Rd.

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

THE CAPITOL HILLBILLIES HOST THE CAPITOL HILL SWING DANCE

WASHINGTON DC

3RD THU. SEP. 17

7:30-9:30 PM (LESSON 7 PM)

Live music. Laminate wood-like floor.

Admission: \$10, teens \$5

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

Latest info:
facebook.com/rollingpiano/events

Contact: Joel Bailes,
rollingpiano@gmail.com

Upcoming events: 10/22 (4th Thur.), 11/19



BFMS Autumn Assembly English Ball

BALTIMORE MD • SAT. SEPT. 26 • 6:30-10 PM

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



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

David Knight (violin),
Jonathan Jensen (piano & more)
& Paul Oorts
(accordion/things w/strings)

*Festive attire is admired,
but not required.*

Dances:

[Instructions and
video links](#)

All dances will be talked
through and briefly
prompted.

Admission:

by [online registration](#) only
(+\$5 if purchased on Sep. 26)

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

Contact: Ball Chairs,
[Janina O'Brien & Emily Aubrey](#)

Info: bfms.org/autumn-assembly.php

SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT GREENBELT MD

3RD SAT. SEP. 19 • 6:45-9:30 PM

Don't miss the first Scandia DC event following the summer break. The event will feature dance teaching at the beginning to recorded music followed by live music sets. The first music set will allow musicians to play along with the lead musician, **Loretta Kelley**, 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. Please don't attend if you are feeling sick or have been in recent contact with someone with COVID. More details will be in the invitation email.

Location: Greenbelt Community Center,
15 Crescent Rd.

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. More information will be available at [ScandiaDC.info](#) and in the invitation email closer to the event.

GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB CÉILÍ • SANDY SPRING MD

SUN. SEP. 27

4-8 PM (3 PM WORKSHOP)

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

**Monthly céilís always have
terrific live music!**

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➡ **GWCC CÉILÍ**

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Workshop: *Borlin Jenny Set*, taught by
Ann Marie Breheny

Music by **Rambling House:**
Tina Eck, Joe DeZarn,
Jesse Winch & Zan McLeod

Single dancers and listeners welcome!
Experience not required.

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/activities/ceilis/

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

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

NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON
DC • SILVER SPRING MD
WEDNESDAYS STARTING SEP. 30
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.

Questions: NordicDancers@aol.com or
call 301-864-1596

Info: [sites.google.com/site/
nordicdancersdc/](http://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/)

BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK
DANCE GROUP
THURSDAYS • 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.

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

DC LAMBDA SQUARES
WASHINGTON DC
THURSDAYS • 7-9 PM

Come try square dancing!

Our square dancing is NOT what you did
in elementary school. See for yourself.

- **30-minute walk-in intros every
1st Thursday of the month**
- **Beginner class Aug. 6 through Nov.**
You will learn at least 50 different
calls which will enable you to
square dance internationally!

DCLS welcomes singles and couples—
you don't need a partner to attend.
We provide an energetic activity that
encourages smiles, promotes
friendship, and is a ticket to the hip,
social world of square dancing. ALL are
welcome to come and dance with us.

Location: National City Christian Church,
5 Thomas Circle; free parking. Yay!

Info: dclambdasquares.org
info@dclambdasquares.org

GWCC IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASS,
FALL SESSION • SILVER SPRING MD
THURSDAYS SEP. 17-DEC. 10 • 7 PM

The **Greater Washington Céilí Club**
sponsors, supports and encourages céilis,
dance classes, concerts and other
programs for the enjoyment of its
members and the community at large.

Set and Céilí classes are held in a
relaxed, friendly atmosphere with a
wonderful instructor, **Ann Marie Breheny**.

7 pm: basics; 8-9:30 pm: continuing

Any interested adult is welcome;
newcomers may start any time. No
experience or partner needed.
12 lessons / \$60 (either or both
sessions); try your first class for free!
Register & pay at class
(cash/check/credit). Wear comfortable
clothes and smooth-soled shoes.
Water provided.

Occasional mini-céilís are held in place
of the continuing experience session
(8-10 pm), with dancing to live music &
open to all. See social media. A small
donation is requested for the musicians.

Location: Pinecrest Local Park,
301 St. Lawrence St.

Info: [gwcc-online.org/
activities/dance-classes/](http://gwcc-online.org/activities/dance-classes/)
gwccdanceclasses@gmail.org

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 • 1:15–4:30 PM

Location: Chevy Chase Baptist Church
5671 Western Ave. NW

Admission: \$15/person

Details: danceintime.com/classes

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

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
KENSINGTON MD
SUNDAYS • 9:30–11:30 AM

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

Location: White Flint Park

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

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](#).

OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS AND PERFORMING ARTS

Daily Antidote of Song
Changing the world one song at a time.

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

ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON

Great for all ages!

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

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

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS
1ST & 3RD WED. SEP. 2 & 16 • 7–9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

Sept. 2: three separate jams: bluegrass/old-time, folk/blues & Celtic

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

Sept. 16: combined jam: bluegrass/old-time/folk/blues free-wheeling

Location: St. Paul's, 17 Bond St.

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

SHIP'S COMPANY CHANTEYMEN
THUR. SEP. 3: FAIRFAX VA
WED. SEP. 9: BALTIMORE MD
THUR. SEP. 17: WHEATON MD
THUR. SEP. 24: ALEXANDRIA VA
8–10 PM

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

2nd Wednesdays are in Fells Point in the Anchor Bar at Admiral Fell's Inn:
815 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD

3rd Thursday folk sings are hosted by Johnny Strum at the Limerick Pub:
11301 Elkin St., Wheaton MD

4th Thursday Tallship Providence floating dock, Old Town Alexandria

Info: [website](#), [Brad Graham](#),
Subscribe to Ship's Company Chanteymen open Chanteysings events [newsletter](#)

DC BLUEGRASS UNION
DUPONT CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM
WASHINGTON DC
1ST & 3RD SUN. SEP. 6 & 20 • 1–4 PM

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

Location: [The Mansion at O St.](#)
2020 O St. NW

Info: [DCBU Facebook](#)

**DC LABOR CHORUS LABOR DAY
CONCERT AND SING-ALONG
GREENBELT MD
MON. SEPT. 7 • 2-4 PM**

Join the **DC Labor Chorus** for its annual Labor Day sing-along—four years running and always a great time!

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

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

Location: [New Deal Cafe](#),
113 Centerway

Info: facebook.com/DCLaborChorus
thedclaborchorus@gmail.com

**BFMS SONG SWAP
BALTIMORE MD
2ND TUES. SEP. 8 • 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 Day Lutherie in
Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd.

**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 Workspace 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.

**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!

**BLUEGRASS SLOW JAM WITH
CHERRY BLOSSOM SPECIAL
TAKOMA PARK MD
2ND & 4TH THURS. SEP. 10 & 24
7-9:30 PM**

All levels are welcome at this learner-friendly Bluegrass Jam, hosted by **Cherry Blossom Special**.

The Bluegrass Jam is among many events at the School of Musical Traditions. Please see their website for more events and classes.

Location: School of Musical Traditions,
7112 Willow Ave.

Registration is recommended and walk-ins are welcome.

Info: 240-690-1910,
info@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com
schoolofmusicaltraditions.com

**THE SOUL OF GREECE: SONGS OF
VASSILIS TSITSANIS • NEW MARKET MD
SAT. SEP. 12 • 7 PM, DOORS 6:30 PM**

Join award-winning multi-instrumentalist and vocalist **Dr. Spyros Koliavasilis** for an unforgettable evening celebrating the life, music, and enduring legacy of Vassilis Tsitsanis (1915-1984), one of Greece's most influential composers and the architect of modern Greek urban folk music.

Join us in the beautiful, intimate setting of Hill Chapel in New Market, MD. Street parking and free parking in Methodist Church parking lot on North Alley. Seating is limited.

Location: Hill Chapel, 6 E. Main St.

Admission: \$50, [Tickets](#)

Info: SpyrosKoliavasilisMusic.com,
[Event article in The District Fray](#)



CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM
ARLINGTON VA
2ND & 4TH SUN. SEP. 13 & 27: 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. SEP. 14, 4TH TUE. SEP. 22
7–9:30 PM (6:30 PM DOORS)

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

Attendance is free. All are welcome!

Location: Four Hour Day Lutherie
4305 Harford Rd.

Info: baltimoreshapenote.org
[Facebook](#)

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
3RD WED. SEP. 16 • 7–9 PM

Shape note singing from the 2025 *Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony*: a *cappella* community singing in a style rooted in colonial America. All are welcome! Songbooks available to share.

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

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

BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP
4TH TUES. SEP. 22 • 7:30 PM

It's a place for folks to come together and share songs, build community, and keep the live singing tradition thriving. While we have been getting together on Zoom, the 4th Tuesday BFMS song swap has become transcontinental. You can drop in on the Zoom and meet (and hear / sing with) some nice folks you're not likely to meet in person!

Zoom: yorku.zoom.us/j/99950379772

SMTMD FALL CONCERT: SAM FARTHING
& THE METHOD WITH SPECIAL GUEST
TOM MITCHELL • CHAPTICO MD
FRI. SEP 25 • 7:30 PM (7 PM DOORS)

Sam Farthing is a 23-year-old guitarist and songwriter from Baltimore, specializing in jazz manouche and gypsy music. Sam will be accompanied by **Sami Arefin** (rhythm guitar), **Kai Knorr** (bass) and special guest **Tom Mitchell**. Tom's style is rooted in the 1920's and 30's jazz, western swing, country blues and old-time music.

Refreshments will be made available.

Tickets: \$15 SMTMD members;
\$20 Non-members; under 17 (accompanied by a paying adult) free

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com,
smtmd.org/#/concert/

MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM
MONKTON MD
4TH SUN. SEP. 27 • 2:30–5:30 PM

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

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.

Admission: Free, but we DO solicit donations for our featured artists every week. Sign up at 6:30 pm, music at 7 pm, webcast live on Facebook, YouTube and Twitch.

Location: School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.

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

Presented by
the Institute of Musical Traditions

BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM
BALTIMORE MD • TUESDAYS
BLUEGRASS: SEP. 1 & 15 • 7–10 PM
OLD TIME: SEP. 8 & 22 • 7–10 PM

The weekly jam is held in the **Bluebird Pub** (below the Green Room). 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 & friends will lead the **Bluegrass Jam** featuring songs and instrumentals.

Best of all, the jam is FREE!

Location: Bluebird Pub, 3600 Hickory Ave.

Info: [Facebook](#), baltimoreoldtime.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.

Location:

Clarendon United Methodist Church,
606 N. Irving St.

Info: Mandoleers.org

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC
SILVER SPRING MD
1ST, 2ND & 4TH WED., SEP. 2, 9 & 23
7–9 PM

September . . .

- 2 *Sligo Wild*: Wendy Lanxner
(vocals/mandolin/whistle) &
Steve Wilmarth (guitar/vocals)
- 9 Pádraic Keene (fiddle),
Matt Ward
(vocals/Irish tin whistle/guitar),
Karen Ashbrook
(hammered dulcimer/flute) &
guest Paul Oorts
(harp guitar/cittern)
- 23 Open Irish Session
led by Sean Healey (fiddle) &
Pádraic Keane (fiddle)

No cover charge. Family friendly.
Good food & drink!

Location: McGinty's Public House,
upstairs bar, 911 Ellsworth Dr.

Info: mcgintyspublichouse.com,
301-587-1270,
[Denis Barry](mailto:Denis.Barry@mcgintyspublichouse.com)

WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY
ARLINGTON VA • REHEARSALS:
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

We are a community-based orchestra of more than 50 volunteer musicians. The orchestra plays Eastern European folk instruments including balalaikas and domras in various sizes and some Western percussion and wind instruments.

We are seeking musicians to join us to play domra, balalaika, accordion and percussion. We perform music from around the world, led by our conservatory-trained conductor, **Svetlana Nikonova**.

Info: balalaika.org
balalaika@balalaika.org

ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING
CHEVY CHASE MD • REHEARSALS:
SUNDAYS • 12–2 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,
orfeivocalensemble@gmail.com,
orfeia.org

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

Basic Ad charges: 1/4 page ads (3.4" x 4.5" or 7.25" x 2.5"): \$65 for one month, \$120 for two. Commercial business: \$8 for 10 words. Noncommercial and individual: \$4 for 10 words. 25% discount for any single ad placed in 12 consecutive issues (one year) and paid in advance. We will work with you on larger ads. Copy, with check made payable to FSGW, must be received by the newsletter deadline.

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

Charlie Pilzer FSGW President

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) • 8 PM TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

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 **Charlie Pilzer** 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
Noon Every Day! Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song ~~~~ Status of ongoing events may vary. Please confirm with the organizer.		1 7 Open mic, TPark 7 Bluegrass jam, Balt. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt 7:30 Mandoleers rehearsal, Arl. 8 FSGW Board Meeting, online	2 7 Trad Irish music, SS 7 Three jams, Westminster 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP/online 7:30 Balalaika rehearsal, Arl. 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.	3 7 Lambda Squares, DC 7 Int'l Folk dance, Beth. 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Fairfax	4 6 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 7:30 FSGW Open Sing, online 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, online 7:30 FND Contra, SS	5 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 12 Global Rhythms, GEP 1:15 Cuban Salsa dance, DC
6 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, Kensington 12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 1 Bluegrass jam, DC 2:45 Square dance, GEP 6:15 Waltz Time, GEP	7 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 2 DC Labor Chorus Concert & Sing-Along, Gbelt 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	8 Newsletter Deadline 7 Open mic, TPark 7 Old-time jam, Balt. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt 7:30 Mandoleers rehearsal, Arl. 7:30 BFMS Song Swap, Balt.	9 7 Trad Irish music, SS 7:30 FSGW Grapevine Storytelling, Takoma 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP/online 7:30 Balalaika rehearsal, Arl. 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt. 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Balt.	10 Watermelon Pickers' Fest, Berryville VA 7 FSGW/CDA Contra, SS 7 Int'l Folk dance, Beth. 7 Lambda Squares, DC 7:30 Bluegrass jam, TPark	11 Watermelon Pickers' Fest, Berryville VA 1:30 FSGW Song Circle 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Gottaswing dance, GEP	12 Watermelon Pickers' Fest, Berryville VA 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 12 Bluegrass on the Farm, Derwood 1:15 Cuban Salsa dance, DC 2:30 ECD, Adelphi MD 4 FSGW Gospel Sing 6:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 6:30 The Soul of Greece, New Market MD 6:30 West Coast Swing dance, GEP 7 Square dance, Balt. 7 SMTMD Contra, Chaptico 7:30 ECD, SS 8 Gottaswing dance, GEP
13 9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, Kensington 12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 1 FSGW Barn Dance, GEP 2 Bluegrass jam, Arl. 2:30 DPP Contra, GEP 4 FSGW Gospel Sing, DC	14 7 Shape Note Sing, Balt. 7:30 Cajun dance, DC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	15 7 Bluegrass jam, Balt. 7 Open mic, TPark 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt 7:30 Mandoleers rehearsal, Arl.	16 7 Jam, Westminster 7 Shape Note Sing, DC 7:30 Takoma Park Old-time Jam 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP/online 7:30 Balalaika rehearsal, Arl. 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.	17 7 GWCC Irish dance class, SS 7 Int'l Folk dance, Beth. 7 Lambda Squares, DC 7 Swing dance, DC 8 Folk Sing, Wheaton	18 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt/online 7:30 FND Contra, GEP	19 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 11 Celebrate Africa Festival, Bowie 1:15 Cuban Salsa dance, DC 3 VITG Story Swap, Gaithersburg 6:30 ECD, Ann. 6:45 Scandia Dance/Music, Gbelt 8 Gottaswing dance, GEP
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27 9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, Kensington 10:30 Takoma Park Folk Festival 12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 2 Bluegrass jam, Arl. 2:30 Old-time jam, Monkton 3 GWCC Céilí, Sandy Spring	28 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	29 7 Open mic, TPark 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt 7:30 Mandoleers rehearsal, Arl.	30 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP/online 7:30 Balalaika rehearsal, Arl. 7:30 Nordic dance, SS 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.	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 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 Chanteymen SMTMD — Southern Maryland Traditional Music & Dance VITG — Voices in the Glen SS — Silver Spring MD		