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October Special Events



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FSGW
61ST ANNUAL

Getaway...

The **Getaway** is an amazing weekend-long party of folks who love to sing, play and listen to folk music.

More info: [Page 2](#) or fsgw.org/getaway

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

Come join us at FSGW's 14th annual festival
of **contra dancing** from 1 to 10 pm
with **3 fantastic bands** and **3 top-tier callers!**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3 • SPANISH BALLROOM

More info: [Page 3](#) or fsgw.org/contrastock

An All-day Dance Event!
Contrastock 14

GLEN ECHO PARK MD
1 – 10 PM

FSGW Picnic
GLEN ECHO PARK MD

A multi-generational **Barn Dance** with an **Open Band**,
Open Jamming and a **Potluck Lunch**, all in the covered Bumper
Car Pavilion.

More info: [Page 4](#) or fsgw.org/event-6685968

● Come join us at our annual picnic! ● **SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 11:30 AM – 5 PM** ● **FREE!**

Plus 2 new monthly FSGW events!

Temple Hills MD • 1st Tue. Oct. 6 • 6:30–9:30 pm

HeartWood Jam
Host: Zane Potorti

More info: [Page 16](#) or fsgw.org/event-6827680

Arlington VA • Mon. Oct. 19 • 7–9 pm

ALL FOLKS WALTZ
* Gender-Inclusive Folk Waltz *

More info: [Page 10](#) or fsgw.org/all-folks-waltz

How beautiful the song and dance of ordinary people can be. – Martin Carthy



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.](#)



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

Spread the Word!

**Our
guests
this year
include:**



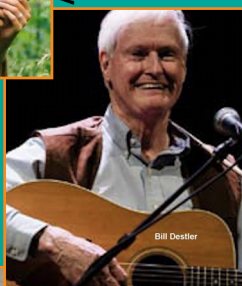
Sarah Burkey



Colleen Cleveland



George Stephens
& Kathy Westra Stephens



Bill Destler



Lynn Noel



Kevin Elam



Janie Meneely and Rob van Sante

Information & Registration

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

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

Questions? Contact
Getawaychair@fsgw.org

More info: fsgw.org/getaway

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 with an open band, open 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



Save the Date! • Saturday May 15, 2027

41st Annual Washington Spring Ball

A joyful yearly event of English Country Dancing to glorious music.



Saturday May 15, 2027

Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, MD

Practice Session: 2 – 5 pm



Tom Spilsbury calls to music by Edith Coakley Stowe & Bobby LaRose

Ball: 7:30 – 11 pm
(Doors 7 pm)

Music by *Terpsichore*:
Elke Baker, Liz Donaldson & Ralph Gordon
Our local callers share the calling.



Info: fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball

American Banjo Fraternity Fall Rally • Palmyra NY

Thur. Oct. 8 – Sat. Oct. 10

Location:

Best Western Palmyra Inn & Suites
955 Canandaigua Rd.
315-597-8888
Mention the Rally when making reservations.

Info: banjofraternity.org/rally-news/

2026 BANJO GATHERING

GAITHERSBURG MD

THUR. NOV. 5–SUN. NOV. 8

Since 1998, the Banjo Gathering has been the platform for banjo collectors, researchers, instrument builders, and musicians to share new scholarship and findings about the banjo as a historical, cultural, and built object.

We are thrilled to return to Maryland and the Washington, D.C. area to celebrate the banjo's early roots in the Chesapeake region, the area's sustained history of the banjo, and the banjo's central role in D.C.'s bluegrass scene.

Enjoy four days of presentations, exhibitions and a banjo marketplace for studying, buying, selling, and trading historical and vintage banjos, parts, and related items.

[Click here to register for the event.](#)

If you are a student, low-waged individual, working musician or banjo maker, please email us about scholarships.

Location: Gaithersburg Marriott

Washingtonian Center,
9751 Washingtonian Blvd.

[Click here to secure a hotel room.](#)

Info: banjogathering.weebly.com/;
thebanjogathering@gmail.com

The 2026 National Storytelling Festival • Fri. Oct. 2–Sun. Oct. 4

LIVESTREAM from Jonesborough TN: Fri. Oct. 2, 10 am – 9 pm

*Get ready to be swept away by captivating tales
and immerse yourself in the magic of storytelling!*

Join us for a day filled with captivating tales and enchanting narratives. Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of imagination and creativity.

This year's festival promises to be an unforgettable experience, featuring renowned storytellers from around the country. Whether you're a fan of folklore, fairy tales, or personal anecdotes, there's something for everyone at this event.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be transported to different worlds through the power of storytelling. Grab your favorite snack, cozy up in your favorite spot, and get ready to be mesmerized!

We can't wait to see you there!

[Livestream registration](#)

Cost: FREE Livestream

Info: storytellingcenter.net

FSGW Co-sponsored

Dancing Planet House Concert with *The Syncopaths*

Potomac MD • Thur. Oct. 1 • 7:30 pm (doors 7 pm)

*We wanted it to be more than a final
concert. We wanted it to be a celebration.*

– Robbie Robertson



The Syncopaths stepped out on their own shortly thereafter to rave reviews from audiences who delighted in the band's improvisational and playful style. From dance floors to concert halls, they bring a fresh, contemporary spin to tunes and songs rooted in Scottish, Irish, and American folk traditions. Evolving through contradance origins, they are creating a “chamber folk” sound, characterized by the compelling rhythmic interplay of fiddle and mandolin, rich vocals, along with rhythms of the piano and bodhrán.

Their recently released album *Be Like The Sea* covers a wide range of music from standards like [The County Down](#) by Tommy Sands to new music such as [William Blake's Dead](#). The album can be purchased on [Bandcamp](#), where you can sample the tunes.

At the heart of the band's sound are **Ryan McKasson's** dynamic Scottish-based fiddling, **Jeffrey Spero's** inventive and surprising piano accompaniment, and anchored by the driving power of **Christa Burch's** inventive bodhrán. Christa also lends her singular voice as lead singer — warm, supple, expressive, and intimate — to the band's songs.

They will be joined by **Eamon Sefton** on banjo. Born and raised on traditional music from Ireland, Scotland, and Cape Breton, **Eamon Sefton** has established himself as one of the top fretted instrument players in the American Celtic music scene. In addition to being a master of several acoustic instruments, Eamon is a heartfelt singer/songwriter. He has performed both locally and internationally with some of the top traditional musicians inside and out of the US, including Liz Carroll, Alasdair Fraser, John Doyle, Hanneke Cassel and many others.

The Syncopaths are also playing for the [Friday Night Dancers](#) and [Contrastock on Saturday](#).

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

Admission: Suggested donation \$20

Reservations, exact address & other info:

hrrbetsy@gmail.com or 301-717-4641

[Latest Info](#) / [More about FSGW concerts](#)

~ Presented by [Dancing Planet Productions](#) ~

FSGW Co-sponsored

Glen Echo Balkan Fest: *A Celebration of Balkan Music and Dance*

Glen Echo Park MD • Sat. Oct. 17 • 12–5 pm



Zlatne Uste Balkan Brass Band, founded in 1983, based in New York, is the foremost presenter of traditional Balkan brass music in the US. They have performed for concerts, weddings, and festivals across the US and in the Balkans, from the halls of the Kennedy Center in Washington to the illustrious Guča Brass Festival in Serbia, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors. They were the first musicians from abroad to perform Serbian music at Guča, and they have been invited guests five times. Their 2010 visit was featured in the documentary **Brasslands**. They have released four albums of music for listening and dancing. In 1986, they created New York's **Golden Festival** and have joyously sponsored it ever since.



Karpouzi Trio: Spyros Koliavasilis (vocals/oud/laouto/kemane), Margaret Loomis (santouri) & Len Newman (laouto)

The band plays music on traditional instruments from the Greek mainland and islands and Asia Minor. They love to play for dance parties and community celebrations, and always, even in concerts, invites the audience out of their seats and onto the dance floor!

Woven throughout the day is **A Journey Through Ex-Yugoslavia—A living celebration of shared Balkan heritage**. Authentic folk costumes from Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Slovenia, Kosovo & Vojvodina from the collection of **Biljana Regan** and her take on new life as presented by **Balkan Roots**, LLC.

... and more!

Location: Bumper Car Pavilion, 7300 MacArthur Blvd.
Bring a picnic or purchase one at
Praline Bakery at Glen Echo Park!

Info / Registration: fsgw.org/event-6852518;
program@fsgw.org



FSGW Co-sponsored

The Strayaways in Concert

Accokeek MD • Fri. Oct. 30 • 7:30 pm (doors 7 pm)



The Strayaways are a powerful combination of virtuosity, enchantment, and soulful musicality.

Kevin Burke, probably the greatest fiddler in Irish music, and fiddler **Dylan Foley**, known for his technical brilliance, dynamic style, and deep respect for the tradition, are joined by the inimitable **Eamon O'Leary** on guitar, bouzouki & vocals.

Magic happens!

London born and Sligo bred, **Kevin Burke** is a legend in traditional Irish music. His bow has driven the **Bothy Band, Patrick Street, Open House** and **Celtic Fiddle Festival**. His technical virtuosity is matched with soulful musicality, a deep knowledge of the Irish traditional repertoire and a unique personal style. A generation of Irish fiddle players have been inspired and influenced by his silky-smooth tone, pulsing rhythmic bowing and crisply executed ornamentation.

Among them is **Dylan Foley**, raised in the Catskills, he is one of the most accomplished fiddlers in Irish traditional music today and a four-time All-Ireland

Fiddle Champion. Hailed as “one of the finest fiddlers of his generation,” Foley is known for his technical brilliance, dynamic style, and deep respect for the tradition.

Joining them is master accompanist, songwriter, and singer, Dubliner **Eamon O'Leary**. His understated virtuosity on bouzouki and guitar, and “beautiful, crystalline songs” round out this exceptional trio. **The Strayaways** are truly a dream team of Irish music.

Location: Christ Church Accokeek, 600 Farmington Rd. West

Tickets / info: ticketstripe.com/strayaways; [The Strayaways](https://www.thestrayaways.com)

Questions: alex@morrisdance.org

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

THE GRAPEVINE

Takoma DC and Online
Wed. Oct. 14 • 7:30 pm

STORYTELLING

Our featured tellers this month
are the amazing
Karen Wilson Ama'Echefu
and the holistic **Cory Howard!**



**Karen
Wilson**

Ama'Echefu is a woman who wears many hats. She is a singer and storyteller first, gifts that came naturally. Her father said when she was born, she wailed a deep and grounding “waah!”, two octaves below the other babies. She sings and tells so that we might laugh, cry, query, think and wonder together. She writes to discover organic thoughts, and she speaks to melt away the walls that divide. [More about Karen](#)

Cory Howard wants to reimagine the Storyteller. Passionate about centering the audience in the narrative and nudging storytelling beyond its typical constructs, Cory hopes to subvert expectations so anticipation gives way to participation leading to brand new collective experiences. Cory has performed at the National Storytelling Festival, is a Moth Grand Slam winner and has an M.A. in Storytelling from East Tennessee State University, where his original show The Campfireball was awarded “Outstanding Capstone Project.” [More about Cory](#)



PHOTO: DAN PETERSEN

Join us
October 14
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; 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.

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

Info: fsgw.org/grapevine

FSGW & VITG

(Voices in the Glen)

Monthly Story Swap

Online • Sat. Oct. 17 • 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

[Oct. VITG Zoom info](#)

fsgw.org/story-swaps

This is my dance space. This is your dance space.

– Johnny Castle, *Dirty Dancing*

■ FSGW DANCES ■

FSGW is excited to announce a brand new monthly dance in Northern Virginia!



Arlington VA • Monday October 19 • 7–9 pm

Would you like to dance in an inclusive, supportive atmosphere?

Would you like to lead, follow, or both, no matter your gender?

Would you like to have fun, be more active and meet cool people?

*Then come join us for our inaugural **All Folks Waltz: Gender-Inclusive Folk Waltz!***



~ Music ~

Donna Moore Boylan
(keyboard/accordion)
& **Joe Klausner**
(fiddle/mandolin/banjo)



We'll begin with a folk waltz lesson led by **Katherine Anderson** at 7 pm (free with admission) where you can learn the basics of this dynamic, improvisational folk dance form. A freeform social dance with live music follows the lesson at 7:45 pm.

Location: Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N Highland St.

This is a lovely historic space with a new wooden dance floor. Parking in the neighborhood is available and the venue is also accessible via the Orange and Silver Lines (Clarendon Metro Station) or numerous bus lines with a pleasant half-mile walk to the venue on tree-lined streets.

Admission: \$15 | \$12: FSGW members |
\$5: limited income or students | Free: 17 & under

Info: [General info](#); [October info](#)

Questions? TwirlingTutor@gmail.com

Come learn, move and share the joy of dance with us!

No partner or experience is necessary.

From November on, **All Folks Waltz** will generally recur on the 4th Monday of the month.

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.

October lineup . . .

- 7 **Dan Gillespie** calls while **David Knight** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute) & **Francine Krasowska** (piano) make the music.
- 14 **Kappy Laning** calls to the playing of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Elisabeth Epstein** (flute) & **Neil Epstein** (piano).
- 21 **Wendy Clarke** leads the dancing to the music of **Carrie Rose** (flute), **Becky Ross** (fiddle) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano).
- 28 **Anna Rain** leads the dancing while **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin/accordion) & **Bobby LaRose** (piano) play the tunes.



Oct. 7 - Dan Gillespie



Oct. 14 - Kappy Laning



Oct. 21 - Wendy Clarke



Oct. 28 - Anna Rain



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

Silver Spring MD • 2nd Thursday October 8

Lesson: 7 pm | Dance: 7:30–10 pm

Anna Rain calling to music by
Sugar Beat: Susan Brandt, Elke Baker & Marc Glickman

Admission:

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

Location:

Spring Room, Silver Spring Civic Building
8525 Fenton St.

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



FSGW Barn Dance

Bumper Car Pavilion • Glen Echo Park MD
2nd Sunday October 11 • 1–3 pm



This Barn Dance takes place during the annual FSGW Picnic

([see p. 4](#) or fsgw.org/event-6685968)

Penelope Weinberger will call to the music of an **Open Band** led by **Gina Faber & Liz Donaldson**. Additional musicians are welcome to join the band!

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 / [Oct. Barn Dance](#)



FREE!



Dancing Planet Contra Dances



Glen Echo Park MD
Sunday October 25 • 3 – 6 pm
Introductory Session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park



Save the date for what is sure to be an epic evening featuring contra dance's original groove band, **Laura and the Lava Lamps**, and the extraordinary calling of **Beth Molaro!**

Don't miss this rare opportunity to dance to the music of contra dance veterans

Laura Lengnick (fiddle), **Dave Wiesler** (piano) and **Ralph Gordon** (bass), joined by special guest **Tory Horner** (fiddle), a rising star in the contra dance world. Together they will fire up the dance floor in the search for a primordial groove in perpetual motion. Invite a friend or two and come on out for this dance. You will be glad you did!

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-6589792

Upcoming dance: 11/22: **Will Mentor** calling with **Leeway:** **Rhys Jones** (fiddle) & **Max Newman** (guitar/piano)

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Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Memo on the check should read, "Advertising for ..."

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

Oct. 2, 23: In person only

Oct. 9, 16, & 30: In person and on Zoom

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: [FSGW](#), [FridayDance](#) or [Facebook](#)

I'd really rather put songs on people's lips than in their ears.

 Pete Seeger

FSGW Open Sing

The Getaway • TBD

There will be no online Open Sing in October. The Open Sing will occur in person at [The Getaway](#).

Info: [Vince Wilding](#)



FSGW Gospel Sing

Takoma Park MD

Sun. Oct. 11 • 4–7 pm

The October 2026 Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Barbara and Arthur Karpas in Takoma Park. Group singing for two hours (outdoors in the beautiful garden, if the weather is nice) followed by a potluck dinner.

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

RSVP/directions: Call Barbara at 301-270-4239 or email Kathie Mack at kpmack2@gmail.com.

Info: October: fsgw.org/event-6832803;
general: fsgw.org/gospel-sings

FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD and Online

2nd Fri. Oct. 9 • 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.

With Halloween creeping up on us, bring or request your favorite spooky songs, or any other songs! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using the [registration form](#). Any participant may lead any song, *a cappella* or self-accompanied.

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, October 8.

Location: Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center,
1000 Forest Glen Rd. Plenty of free parking!

Latest updates: fsgw.org/event-6834030

There is a new contra music jam in town!

■ FSGW Co-sponsored ■

HeartWood Jam

Host: Zane Potorti

Temple Hills MD • 1st Tue. Oct. 6 • 6:30–9:30 pm

The **Heartwood Jam** takes place on the first Tuesday of every month in Temple Hills. In the future, the jam will hopefully happen on third Tuesdays as well and incorporate free workshops for attendees. As long as you're capable of basically holding a melody or rhythm (or just want to listen), you're welcome to join!

Zane Potorti, the host, organized jam sessions like this in North Carolina, where they founded and led the **Original Neighbors Open Band**. The venue is Heartwood Homestead, the community house where Zane lives.

Info: fsgw.org/event-6827680 For the address, suggested tune list, or ridesharing help, email [Zane Potorti](mailto:Zane.Potorti).

■ FSGW Co-sponsored ■



Takoma Park Old-Time Jam

Takoma DC • 3rd Wed. Oct. 21 • 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 ■

NEW! LATIN DANCE NIGHT!

SILVER SPRING MD

1ST FRI. OCT. 2 • 7:30–9:30 PM

A short lesson, then lots of friendly social dancing.

First Friday of each month!

Admission: Free!

Location: Commas Food Hall (level 3), Ellsworth Place, 8661 Colesville Rd.

Note that at 9 pm, the doors to the venue are locked so you can't get in. The exit doors work till 10 pm.

Info: danceintime.com/classes; Barb@DanceInTime.com

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS

COLUMBIA MD • SAT. OCT. 3

6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK, 7:30 PM

MUSIC FOR DANCING

Norwegian-style house party. Live music for dancing with Swedish and Norwegian tunes played by **Loretta Kelley** on Hardanger fiddle (hardingfele), **Sonia White** on nyckelharpa and other guest musicians. 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: At Deb Weinreich's home. For questions/address if needed, please text 410-375-3789 or email debweinreich@hotmail.com with subject line including MAND.

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



Info: fridaynightdance.com or info@fridaynightdancers.org

Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • FRIDAYS OCT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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.

Tickets: [online](#) or at the door:

adults \$5–\$30, pay what you can;

teens, 13–19: \$5;

children 12 & under: free

October . . .

- 2 **Michael Karcher** calls to *The Syncopaths*:
Christa Burch (bodhran/vocals),
Ryan McKasson (fiddle),
Jeffrey Spero (piano),
& **Eamon Sefton** (mandolin)
- 9 **David Giusti** calls to the fabulous
Glen Echo Open Band,
led by **Bobby LaRose**

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

- 23 **Beth Molaro** calls to
Laura and the Lava Lamps:
Laura Lengnick (fiddle),
Tony Horner (fiddle),
Ralph Gordon (bass)
& **Dave Wiesler** (piano)

- 30 **Caroline Barnes** calls to
Wombat Crossing:
Charlie Pilzer (piano),
Robin Wilson (flute/concertina/sax),
Carl Friedman (fiddle) &
Janina O'Brien (accordion/bodhran/
whistle/foot percussion)

Location: Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom,
7300 MacArthur Blvd.



Come dance with us!

Bumper Car Squares

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • 1ST SUN.

OCT. 4 • 3–5:30 PM (LESSON 2:45)

It's October and you know what that means, that chill in the air kicks our Square Dance genes into high gear and we crave the FUN and frivolity of do-si-do-ing and swinging our partners! Join us in the Ballroom Back Room for an intro session / dance refresher at 2:45 pm where caller **Janine Smith** shows us everything we need to know.

Then we 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 **Supertrad**:

Dave Langford (fiddle),
Sam Bartlett (mandolin/banjo),
Eric Schedler (accordion)
& **Owen Morrison** (guitar).

Location: Ballroom Back Room

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](#),
info@glenechopark.org or
301-634-2222

Upcoming dances: 11/1, 12/6

Presented by the Glen Echo Park
Partnership for Arts and Culture

GOTTASWING SWING DANCE

GLEN ECHO PARK MD

SAT. OCT. 3, 10, 31:

LESSON 8 PM; DANCE 9–11:30 PM

FRI. OCT 9:

LESSON 8:30 PM; DANCE 9–11:30 PM

October . . .

- 3 *Rock and Roll w/the Josh Christina Band*
- 9 Balboa dance with **Dabe & Janelle**
- 10 *Dr. Zoot*
- 31 *King Teddy* for Annual Halloween Hop

Info: glenechopark.org/events-calendar

WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO PARK MD

AFTERNOON WALTZ • SUN. OCT. 4, 18

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing in the Spanish Ballroom! Take our beginner waltz lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm and enjoy dancing until 6 pm. No partner required.

October . . .

- 4 *Foot Traffic*: **Mike Dunn** (fiddle)
& **Rya Martin** (piano)
- 18 *Callithump*: **Glynn Collinson**
(guitar/voice/foot percussion),
Andrew Marcus (accordion)
& **David Knight** (fiddle)

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Admission: \$15, \$5 full-time students w/ID

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

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE

CHAPTICO MD • SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 • 6 PM

See website for rescheduled or canceled events

The evening starts at 6 pm with an hour long waltz and polka workshop. The regularly scheduled live music by the **SOMD Open Band** and contra dancing will start at 7 pm. Check the [website calendar](#) for the lineup of dances and callers. Admission gets you into the workshop and contra dance.

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: ELAINE SZYMKOWIAK

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

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

BALTIMORE MD • MON. OCT. 5, 12,
19 & 26 • 8–10:30 PM

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

October . . .

- 5 **Mike Franch** will call the dances to tunes played by **Ben Hobs** (piano), **Carl Friedman** (violin) & **Mark Widor** (accordion).
- 12 **Andrea Nettleton** will call. Tunes shall be provided by **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano).
- 19 **Emily Aubrey** will call to the music of **Carl Friedman** (piano), **Becky Ross** (violin) & **Barbara Gorin** (cello).
- 26 **Kappy Laning** will call and the music shall be played by **Francine Krasowska** (piano), **Emily Aubrey** (violin) & **Marty Taylor** (recorders/whistles/concertina).

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

BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE MD

WED. OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28 • 8–10:30 PM

New dancer workshops at 7:40 pm
Beginners always welcome!

October . . .

- 7 **Greg Frock** calling to **Contre Temps: McGregor Yatsevitch** (fiddle/mandolin), **Andrew Tomlinson** (flute/piccolo) & **Mark Vidor** (piano/accordion)
- 14 **Carl Friedman** calling to **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)
- 21 **Beth Molaro** calling to **Laura and the Lava Lamps: Laura Lengnick** (fiddle), **Dave Wiesler** (piano) & **Ralph Gordon** (bass), with **Tony Horner** (fiddle)

28 **Penelope Weinberger** calling to the **Baltimore Open Band** (BOB, spooky version)

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

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

Online payment only

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

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

SILVER SPRING MD

2ND SAT. OCT. 10

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. OCT. 10

7–9:30 PM (LESSON 6:30)

Luke Schoppert calling to

Contre Temps:

McGregor Yatsevitch

(fiddle/mandolin),

Andrew Tomlinson (flute)

& **Mark Vidor** (accordion/piano)

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](#)

CAPITOL HILL CAJUN DANCE WASHINGTON DC

2ND MON. OCT. 12 • 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: 11/9, 12/14

SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT GREENBELT MD

3RD SAT. OCT. 17 • 6:45–9:30 PM

Scandia DC holds its monthly dance/music event the third Saturday of the month from September to May. 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.

ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE SAT. OCT. 17

7–9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

Diane Schmit calls to the music of

Some Assembly:

Mary Flora (woodwinds),

Donna Boylan (keyboard),

Adam Lee (guitar),

Joe Klausner (fiddle/mandolin)

& **Iain Sturrock** (cajon)

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

THE CAPITOL HILLBILLIES HOST THE CAPITOL HILL SWING DANCE WASHINGTON DC

4TH THUR. OCT. 22

7:30–9:30 PM (LESSON 7 PM)

Live music. Laminate wood-like floor.

Usually third Thursday, but fourth Thursday for October.

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: 11/19, 12/17

DC SQUARE DANCE COLLECTIVE AT ST. STEPHENS • WASHINGTON DC SAT. OCT. 24 • 8–11 PM

Beth Molaro calling to

Laura and the Lava Lamps:

Laura Lengnick (fiddle),

Tony Horner (fiddle),

Ralph Gordon (bass)

& **Dave Wiesler** (piano)

Location: 1525 Newton St. NW

Admission: \$10 cash or Venmo at the door

Info: [Oct. DC Square Dance at St. Stephens](#)

Upcoming events: 11/14

GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB
CÉILÍ • SANDY SPRING MD
SUN. OCT. 25
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!

Workshop: *Claddagh Set*,
taught by **Ann Marie Breheny**

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/

WEST COAST SWING: LATE NIGHT
EARLY HALLOWEEN
GLEN ECHO PARK MD • SAT. OCT. 31
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

ANNAPOLIS CONTRA DANCE
5TH SAT. OCT. 31 • 7–9:30 PM,
INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

Greg Frock calls to the music of
Gina Faber & Alexander Mitchell.

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

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](mailto:Anne.Dempsey) or
[Larry Wegehaupt](mailto: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 • 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/](https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/)

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 céilís,
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

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

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).

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.

VOLUNTEER!



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!

OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS AND PERFORMING ARTS

Daily Antidote of Song

Changing the world one song at a time.

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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.

SHIP’S COMPANY CHANTEYMEN
THUR. OCT. 1: FAIRFAX VA
WED. OCT. 14: BALTIMORE MD
THUR. OCT. 15: WHEATON MD
THUR. OCT. 22: ALEXANDRIA VA
8–10 PM

1st Thursday sings: Auld Shebeen Irish Pub & Restaurant:
3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax VA

2nd Wednesday sings: Fells Point in the Anchor Bar at Admiral Fell’s Inn:
815 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD

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

4th Thursday sings: Tallship Providence floating dock, Old Town Alexandria

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

FIRST FRIDAY SOLIDARITY SING:
TRIBUTE TO WENDELL BERRY
SILVER SPRING MD
1ST FRI. OCT. 2
7–8:30 PM (6–6:45 SONG WORKSHOP)

Celebrate poet-farmer Wendell Berry, learn Malcolm Dalglish’s musical settings of his poetry, and sing songs celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, joy and justice.

Free admission. Donations welcome.

Location: Parish Hall, Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Ave.

Info: carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us;
baileyjoymyers@gmail.com or
busygraham@gmail.com

Presented by Church of the Ascension in partnership with Carpe Diem Arts, Tommy’s Kitchen, and Mutual Aid Silver Spring/Takoma Park.

FRYING PAN FARM PARK ACOUSTIC JAM • HERNDON VA
1ST & 3RD SUN. OCT. 4 & 18 • 1–4 PM

Join us for a friendly bluegrass jam on the first and third Sunday each month. All levels are welcome. This jam plays mainly bluegrass songs and tunes, and welcomes new beginners and experienced jammers.

Location: Visitor Center, Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Rd.

Info: dcbu.org; [Debbie Billodeaux](#)

DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM
WASHINGTON DC
1ST & 3RD SUN. OCT. 4 & 18 • 1–4 PM

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

When you are let into the museum, ask where the bluegrass jam is and they can show you the way!

Location / Info: [The Mansion at O St.](#)
2020 O St. NW, 202-496-2070
info@dcbu.org; [DCBU Facebook](#)

BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM
BALTIMORE MD • TUESDAYS
OLD TIME: OCT. 6 & 20 • 7–10 PM
BLUEGRASS: OCT. 13 & 27 • 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

SKYRIE CELTIC CONCERT

STERLING VA • TUE. OCT. 6 • 7 PM

Get ready for a contemporary Celtic experience in an intimate setting.

Skyrie: Lesley Thompson Smith
(fiddler/vocals),
Jimmy Anderson (guitar) &
Christopher Martin Smith
(drums/whistles/bodhrán/vocals)

Rooted in heritage, [Skyrie](#) is a dynamic trio blending Scottish and Irish tunes with original music and influences ranging from folk and rock to funk. Layered with live loops, harmonies and dynamic arrangements, each performance is unique.

Location: [Studio Muse](#),
23035 Douglas Ct. #210

Info / tickets:
studiomusemusic.com/concerts

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS

**1ST, 3RD & LAST WED. OCT. 7, 21 & 28
7-9 PM**

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

Oct. 7: Three separate jams:
bluegrass/old-time, folk/blues & Celtic

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

Oct. 21: Combined jam: bluegrass/
old-time/folk/blues free-wheeling

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

Oct. 28: Drum circle jam. Drums
provided, or bring your own. No
experience necessary.

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

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

**TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC • SILVER
SPRING MD • 1ST, 2ND & 4TH WED.,
OCT. 7, 14 & 28 • 7-9 PM**

October ...

7 Sligo Wilde: Wendy Lanxner
(vocals/mandolin/whistle) &
Steve Wilmarth (guitar/vocals)

14 Pádraic Keene (fiddle),
Matt Ward
(vocals/Irish tin whistle/guitar)
& guest **Paul Oorts** (
harp guitar/cittern).
Step and sean nos dancers welcome!

28 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](#)

**BLUEGRASS SLOW JAM WITH
CHERRY BLOSSOM SPECIAL**

**TAKOMA PARK MD
2ND & 4TH THURS. OCT. 8 & 22
7-9 PM**

All levels are welcome at this
learner-friendly Bluegrass Jam, hosted by
Cherry Blossom Special. Registration
recommended and walk-ins are welcome,
at School of Musical Traditions.

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.

Info: 240-690-1910, [email](#), [website](#)

**NOOTANA PRESENTS AFTERGLOW:
STORIES THAT LINGER
MOUNT RAINIER MD
SAT. OCT. 10 • 7 PM**

Nootana brings together Indian classical
music, dance and storytelling traditions
through collaborative performance,
original productions and a commitment
to creating space for artists across
disciplines and backgrounds.

The name **Nootana** comes from a
Sanskrit word for "new" or "innovative."
That spirit guides our work: honoring the
depth of classical practice while creating
space for experimentation, collaboration
and connection.

Afterglow is an evening inspired by the
experiences, emotions and memories
that continue to shape us long after the
moment has passed. Rather than
following a single storyline, the
production moves through individual
works exploring the traces that joy,
love, loss, hope, wonder and change
leave behind.

Location: Joe's Movement Emporium
3309 Bunker Hill Rd.

Info / tickets: nootana.org

**WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG
REHEARSALS: KENSINGTON MD
SAT. OCT. 10, 24 • 2:30-4 PM**

Come play Scandinavian music with us!

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

CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM
ARLINGTON VA • 2ND & 4TH SUN.
OCT. 11 & 25 • 2–6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

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

Info: caboma.org

FSGW CO-SPONSORED
JANIE MENEELY & ROB VAN SANTE
CONCERT • KENSINGTON MD
SUN. OCT. 11 • 7–9 PM

Living legend of Chesapeake Bay songwriters and FSGW programmer emerita **Janie Meneely** returns to town with equally legendary sound engineer and songwriter **Rob Van Sante** for a house concert in Kensington. It's a house they're renovating, so bring your own chairs if possible — they'll have a few.

Admission: Suggested donation \$20,
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Location: Provided when you RSVP

Info: Mike Livingston, 202-423-5467 or
(best) mike@pineybranch.net

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING
2ND MON. OCT. 12, 4TH TUE. OCT. 27
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](#)

Sharon McKinley
~ Memorial Service and Dance ~

BALTIMORE MD • SATURDAY OCTOBER 24 • 10:30 AM–3 PM

Gather: 10:30–11 am

Memorial service: 11 am–12 pm

English Dance for all: 12–12:30

Light refreshments 12:30–1 pm

Mixed English and Contra: 1–near 3 pm

Calling by
Sharon's calling friends

Music by
Jonathan Jensen,
Paul Oorts
& **Susan Brandt**

We anticipate people from disparate parts of Sharon's life will attend including a performance by members of ***The Cantic Singers of Baltimore***.

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

Info / registration: The event is free but we request (though don't require) advance registration at bfms.org so that we can estimate food needs.

~ Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society ~

BFMS SONG SWAP • BALTIMORE MD
2ND TUE. OCT. 13 • 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: Four Hour Day Lutherie in
Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd.

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
3RD WED. OCT. 21 • 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

**SMTMD HOMESPUN COFFEEHOUSE
OPEN MIC • CHAPTICO MD
4TH FRI. OCT 23 • 7 PM**

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to perform their favorite tunes. Doors open at 7 pm with performances beginning promptly at 7:30 pm. Contact [Chris Dudley](#) in advance to sign up as a performer.

Admission: \$8; under 17 (accompanied by a paying adult) & performers free

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com,
smtmd.org/#/open-mic-night/

See website for rescheduled or canceled events.

**MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM
MONKTON MD
4TH SUN. OCT. 25 • 2:30–5:30 PM**

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

**BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP
4TH TUE. OCT. 27 • 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

**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: [imt folk SPARK](#),
rob@ilyaimy.com, 301-910-2575

Presented by
the Institute of Musical Traditions

**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

**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 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 OCTOBER 6

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
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