



FSGW CO-SPONSORED
CONCERT AND SINGING WORKSHOP WITH

Windborne



[More about Windborne](#)

Windborne's captivating show draws on the singers' deep roots in traditions of vocal harmony, while the absolute uniqueness of their artistic approach brings old songs into the present. Known for the innovation of their arrangements, their harmonies are bold and anything but predictable. Instead of simply dazzling the audience with vocal fireworks; *Windborne* evokes a deep emotional response connecting their audience to the past, distant places and themselves.

With a 20-year background studying polyphonic music around the world, **Lauren Breunig, Jeremy Carter-Gordon, Lynn Rowan, and Will Rowan** share a vibrant energy onstage with a blending of voices that can only come from decades of friendship alongside dedicated practice. The ensemble shifts effortlessly between drastically different styles of music, drawing their audience along on a journey that spans continents and centuries, illuminating and expanding on the profound power and variation of the human voice. The singers educate as they entertain, sharing stories about their songs and explaining the context and characteristics of the styles in which they sing.

~ At press time, the concert is sold out. Register for the wait list. More tix will become available. ~

Windborne in Concert

TAKOMA PARK MD

SAT. NOV. 14 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Location: Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave.

Tickets / more info: Sliding scale, based on your generosity or what is affordable, with suggested price of \$35.

Windborne Singing Workshop

GLEN ECHO MD • SUN. NOV. 15 • 2-6 PM

Location: Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Ave.

Tickets / more info: Sliding scale, based on your generosity or what is affordable, with suggested price of \$60.

Join *Windborne* for a fabulous day of singing! They will be teaching a variety of material including *Windborne's* signature 4-part arrangements, with songs of social struggle, labor songs, Corsican, Occitan, Lithuanian, Basque, and more. For participants who have attended a *Windborne* workshop before, they'll be teaching a different set of songs!

Participants of all abilities will learn singing styles from a variety of countries and cultures as well as songs of social struggle from movements past and present. All songs will be taught by ear — no sight reading required, just enthusiasm and willingness to try new things!

Workshops are a great opportunity to connect with friends and make some new ones, learn music and improve your singing, and gather inspiration and energy. *Windborne* will tell stories about the music and explore the characteristics and stylistic elements of the different traditions. They invite participants to learn some of *Windborne's* signature arrangements, improve vocal technique and health, and spend an afternoon singing together in harmony.



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



TERPSICHORE PHOTO: KEN GRAHAM

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.

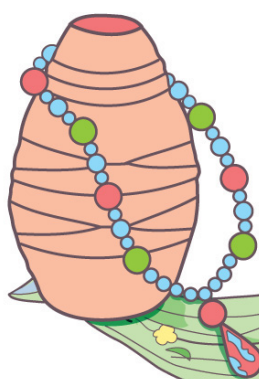
[Click here to register for the event.](#)

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



Hip Holiday Sale

Hip Takoma Park Crafters

Hooray December 4-5, 2026

Near Takoma Metro
SEEKERS CHURCH
276 Carroll Street, NW

Friday, noon-8pm
Saturday, 10am-5pm

tpholidaycrafts@gmail.com

<https://sites.google.com/view/tkpkcraftsale/tkpkcrafters-home-page>

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

– Martin Carthy

Destination Bluegrass

WAYNESBORO PA

FRI. NOV. 13–SUN. NOV. 15

Destination Bluegrass, across multiple venues in downtown Waynesboro PA (a 1-hour drive from Germantown MD).

The main event on Saturday, Nov. 14 features the Grammy Award-winning **Jason Carter Band**.

In addition to Saturday night's main event, Destination Bluegrass will feature three days of open bluegrass jams, performances, and meet-and-greets. Other featured bands and artists include **FrankCo Penn**, **Tatum True Band**, **Shale Pile**, **Johnny Calamari**, **Martha Spencer**, and many more.

This weekend-long takeover of Waynesboro, PA, was inspired by the town's history as a bluegrass destination, which began at a local hardware store in 1989.

Admission: up to \$100; some events are free

Tickets: [EventBrite](#)

Info: [Destination Bluegrass](#)



BETHLEHEM & PHILADELPHIA PA

NOV. 27–29 • ALL WEEKEND OR ANY PART OF IT

For years, the Bethlehem contra community has offered a double dance the day after Thanksgiving, and the Philadelphia community has offered a triple dance that Saturday. **This year, they offer a full weekend!**

Calling by

Will Mentor, Isaac Banner & Liesl Jandrey

Music by

Toss the Possum: Rob & Laura Zisette

**Cojiro: Jess Newman, Mark Price
& Ben Graubert**

**High Strung: Jared Bishop, Alec Charon,
Adam Bodine & Max Thoburn**

Plus a Saturday night Techno Contra from

DJ Chloe Rosenthal

Locations: College Hill Moravian Church, 72 W Laurel, Bethlehem PA (Friday, 3–10:30 pm)

Commodore Barry Center, 6815 Emlen St, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia PA (Sat. 1–11 & Sun. 10–4)

Info & registration: [ContraCopia](#)

**You can register for any or all of it;
great dancing will ensue!**

THE GRAPEVINE

Takoma DC and Online
Wed. Nov. 11 • 7:30 pm

STORYTELLING

Our featured tellers this month are the terrific **Nancy Tolson** and the equally terrific **Jude Treder-Wolff**!



Nancy

Tolson has been telling tales for many years. She studies Black folktales and collects spicy tales (and tells those to adult audiences in jazz joints). She is a regular at the Augusta Baker's Dozen Storytelling Festival, and the Stone Soup Storytelling Festival, and performs at various festivals across the country. When not telling tales, Nancy is the director of undergraduate studies in the African American Studies Department at the University of South Carolina. [More about Nancy](#)

The heart of **Jude Treder-Wolff's** storytelling as a performer and as a teacher is empowerment, healing, and galvanizing one's strength through the art of story. She hosts the podcast Improv In Real Life, and the (mostly) True Things Storytelling Show performed monthly on Long Island, NY. She has been a featured storyteller in Generation Women, RISK! The Story Collider, Story District in Washington D.C., Gather NYC, PBS Stories From The Stage, Grapevine Storytelling, Better Said Than Done, and many others.

[More about Jude](#)

Join us
November 11
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

Bethesda MD

Sat. Nov. 15 • 2:30 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

[Nov. VITG location info](#)
fsgw.org/story-swaps



FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

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

Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

Latest info: fsgw.org/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.

November lineup . . .

- 4 **Andrea Nettleton** calls while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano) make the music.
- 11 **Kappy Laning** calls to the playing of **Niki Yeracaris** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano).
- 18 **Tom Spilsbury** leads the dancing while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Elisabeth Epstein** (flute) & **Diane Sorenson** (piano) play the tunes.
- 25 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Catherine Chapman** (fiddle) & **Francine Krasowska** (piano).



Nov. 4 - Andrea Nettleton



Nov. 11 - Kappy Laning



Nov. 18 - Tom Spilsbury



Nov. 25 - Dan Gillespie

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.



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Greenbelt International

Folk Dance • Greenbelt MD &/or Online

Fridays • 8–9:30 pm

Nov. 6, 20: In person only

Nov. 13: In person & Online | Nov. 27: Online only

Weekly in-person international folk dancing has returned to Greenbelt with some sessions being in-person only, and others hybrid (in-person AND through Zoom). Occasionally, due to dance studio unavailability, some events will be Zoom only.



We do a variety of line, circle and couple dances mostly from the Balkans, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. If you've ever wondered about music in odd rhythms—like 7, 9 and 11—come and get hooked on this wonderful music, which includes these great dance rhythms and more. The room where we dance has a beautiful sprung wood floor (please bring a clean change from your street shoes). We sometimes have special events, including dance workshops and live music nights. Newcomers and beginners are welcome!

Location: Greenbelt Community Dance Studio,
15 Crescent Rd. (Enter and depart the community center through the front door.)

For the **Zoom link**, contact John Robinson.

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

Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539
or John and Sheila Robinson, 410-715-9210

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



FSGW Barn Dance

Ballroom Back Room • Glen Echo Park MD
2nd Sunday November 8 • 1–3 pm



Kappy Laning will call to the music of
Sarah Foard, Sargon de Jesus & Charlie Pilzer

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!



FREE!

Admission: FREE! (no need to register, just show up at the door) **Info:** fsgw.org/barn-dance / [Nov. Barn Dance](#)

PHOTO: Carpe Diem Arts



FSGW Co-sponsored

Silver Spring Contra Dance

Silver Spring MD • 2nd Thursday November 12

Lesson: 7 pm | Dance: 7:30–10 pm

Penelope Weinberger

calling to music of

Jonathan Vocke & Sarah Collins



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!

Admission:

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

Location:

Great Hall South,
Silver Spring Civic Building, 8525 Fenton St.

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

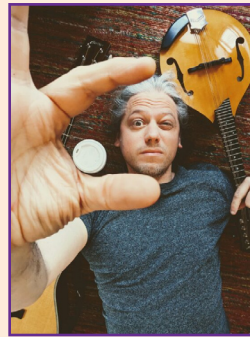
Separate admission
for each dance



Will Mentor
calls the dances



Leeway
plays the tunes



Location: Woman's Club of
Arlington, 700 S. Buchanan St.

Parking: Free! The club has a
parking lot, and street
parking is abundant.

Admission per dance:
\$20 in advance,
\$25 day-of. Cash, check or
Venmo at the door;
sorry, no credit cards.

Questions?
mwarshow@verizon.net

FSGW Co-sponsored Challenging Squares

Arlington VA • Sat. Nov. 21 • 2:30–5 pm

Join us for Challenging Squares! **Will Mentor** calls with music by **Leeway: Rhys Jones** (fiddle) and **Max Newman** (guitar/keyboard/feet). What a lineup!

To have the most FUN...please read below.
Does this describe your dancing?

- You know how to do more than just the basic moves with confidence (Grand Square, Roll Away, Cross Trail Thru, California Twirl, Pass the Ocean).
- You know where to be at the start of each dance phrase and how to recover from a lapse.
- You can dance and enjoy no-walk-through dances.
- You assist your partner and neighbor to the next move—and you have a friendly approach to it.
- You respond to confusion and missteps by others with grace, encouragement and good humor.

It's not how long you've been dancing, it's how well you can adapt to challenging and unusual choreography!

After a break, and after registering separately, join us for Challenging Contrás from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

Info / Registration: fsgw.org/event-6788572

FSGW Co-sponsored Challenging Contrás

Arlington VA • Sat. Nov. 21 • 7–9:30 pm

An evening of Challenging Contrás! **Will Mentor** calls with music by **Leeway: Rhys Jones** (fiddle) and **Max Newman** (guitar/keyboard/feet). What a lineup!

To have the most FUN...please read below.
Does this describe your dancing?

- You know how to do basic moves without teaching (Roll Away, California Twirl, Pass Through to a Wave, Contra Corners).
- You know where to be at the start of each dance phrase and how to recover from a lapse.
- You can dance and enjoy no-walk-through dances.
- You assist your partner and neighbor to the next move—and you have a friendly approach to it.
- You execute flourishes safely and on time without disturbing others.
- You respond to confusion and missteps by others with grace, encouragement and good humor.

It's not how long you've been dancing, it's how well you can adapt to challenging and unusual choreography!

Come early for, and register separately for Challenging Squares from 2:30 to 5 pm.

Info / Registration: fsgw.org/event-6788544



Dancing Planet Contra Dances



Glen Echo Park MD
Sunday November 22 • 3 – 6 pm
Introductory Session 2:30 pm

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



Yo Ho Dancers!

Will Mentor and **Leeway: Rhys Jones** (fiddle)
& **Max Newman** (guitar/keyboard/feet)

finish up their mid-Atlantic dance cruise in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park.

Rhys and **Max** are seasoned dance musicians, adept at whipping up a driving musical storm. Caller **Will Mentor** pulls out all the stops, truth be told, he saves all the great dances for the last port of call!

And no need to worry about the weather. The Bumper Car Pavilion has industrial overhead radiant heaters, so we'll be toasty warm with heaters on and curtains down.

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-6589801

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 ..."

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

– Johnny Castle, *Dirty Dancing*

■ FSGW DANCES ■

Check out this new monthly dance in Northern Virginia!



Arlington VA • 4th Mon. Nov. 23 • 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
All Folks Waltz:
Gender-Inclusive Folk Waltz!**



~ Music by ~

Terpsichore:

Liz Donaldson (piano)
& **Elke Baker** (fiddle)



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.

The Lyon Village Community House 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](#); [Nov. info](#)

Questions? TwirlingTutor@gmail.com

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

No partner or experience is necessary.

All Folks Waltz will generally recur on the 4th Monday of the month.

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

 Pete Seeger



FSGW Gospel Sing

Takoma Park MD

2nd Sun. Nov. 8 • 4–7 pm

The November 2026 Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Rick Morgan and Arlene Rodenbeck in Takoma Park.

Group singing for 2 hours, from 4 to 6 pm, 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 Rick at 301-920-0087 (landline; no texts) or email Rick at MorganRick50@gmail.com or Kathie Mack at kpmack2@gmail.com.

Info: November: fsgw.org/event-6869757;
general: fsgw.org/gospel-sings

FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD and Online

2nd Fri. Nov. 13 • 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.

November 3 is Election Day, November 11 is Veterans Day and November 26 is Thanksgiving Day. Bring or request songs related to any of those days, or any other songs! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using [the form linked here](#). Peter and Steve Jones will lead and accompany the singing, and 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 [sign up here](#) by Thursday, November 12.

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

Latest updates: fsgw.org/event-6872153

There is a new contra music jam in town!

■ FSGW Co-sponsored ■

HeartWood Jam

Host: Zane Potorti

Takoma Park MD • Sat. Nov. 7 • 1–4 pm

As long as you're capable of basically holding a melody or rhythm (or just want to listen), you're welcome to join!

This month, **Heartwood Jam** will be held at a different home in Takoma Park.

Musician's toolkit workshop: The November jam session will include brief discussions between tunes about techniques to try using while we jam.

Zane Potorti, the host, organized jam sessions like this in North Carolina, where they founded and led the **Original Neighbors Open Band**.

Info: fsgw.org/event-6893892 For the address, suggested tune list, or ridesharing help, email Zane Potorti.

■ 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.

■ FSGW Co-sponsored ■



Takoma Park Old-Time Jam

Takoma DC • 3rd Wed. Nov. 18 • 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



**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!



Come dance with us!

Bumper Car Squares

**GLEN ECHO PARK MD • 1ST SUN.
NOV. 1 • 3–5:30 PM (LESSON 2:45)**

Join us in the (climate controlled) Ballroom Back Room for an intro session / dance refresher at 2:45 pm where caller **McEver Dugan** 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.

Rollicking LIVE music by **East of Exxon:**
Ben Miller (fiddle),
Kinsey Wilk (guitar),
Brent Feito (banjo)
& **Jocelyn Haversat** (bass).

McEver Dugan, from Richmond, calls the figures.

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

Upcoming dances: 12/6, 1/3, 2/7, 3/7

Presented by the Glen Echo Park
Partnership for Arts and Culture

WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO PARK MD

AFTERNOON WALTZ

SUN. NOV. 1, 15 & 29

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.

November . . .

- 1 **Karen Collins & the Backroads Band:**
Karen Collins (vocals/rhythm guitar),
Ira Gitlin (lead guitar/vocals),
James Key (upright bass)
& **Pat Puglisi** (vocals/drums)
- 15 **Larry Unger and Friends:**
Larry Unger (guitar/banjo),
Elke Baker (fiddle)
& **Ralph Gordon** (bass)
- 29 **Waltz Sisters:** **Tina Chancey** (fiddle),
Paul Oorts (accordion/mandolin)
& **Liz Donaldson** (piano)

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

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

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

BALTIMORE MD

MON. NOV. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

8–10:30 PM

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

November . . .

- 2 **Christopher Field** will call the dances to tunes played by
Carl Friedman (violin),
Steven Epstein (clarinet) &
Janina O'Brien (piano)
- 9 **Diane Schmitt** will call.
Tunes will be provided by
the **Merrie Band:**
Ben Hobbs (piano) &
Emily Aubrey, running the show
- 16 **Kappy Laning** will call to the music of **Larry Ungar** (guitar),
Elke Baker (violin/viola)
& **Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina)
- 23 **Emily Aubrey** will call
and the music will be played by
Jeff Steinberg (violin),
Janina O'Brien (accordion)
& **Jonathan Jensen** (piano)
- 30 **Mike Franch** will call to music by
Andrew Tomlinson (flutes),
Emily Aubrey (violin)
& **Carl Friedman** (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

BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE MD
WED. NOV. 4, 11, 18, 25 • 8–10:30 PM

New dancer workshops at 7:40 pm

Beginners always welcome!

November . . .

- 4 **Daniel Friedman** calling to music by
William Brauneis (fiddle/guitar),
Sam Mihavetz (cello/banjo) &
Katie Stahl (piano/fiddle)
- 11 **Perry Shafran** calling to the
Dead Sea Squirrels:
Cathy Mason (fiddle),
Craig Edwards
(fiddle/mandolin/banjo)
& **Henry Yoshimura** (guitar)

18 **Kappy Laning** calls to the music of
Sugar Beat: **Elke Baker** (fiddle),
Susan Brandt (flute)
& **Marc Glickman** (piano)

25 **Luke Schoppert** calls to the music of
Roundtuit: **Charlie Pilzer** (piano)
& **Rebecca Weiss** (fiddle),
with **Leigh Pilzer**

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](mailto:Hannah.Mueller@bfms.org)

LATIN DANCE NIGHT!
SILVER SPRING MD
1ST FRI. NOV. 6 • 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



BFMS FAMILY BARN DANCE
BALTIMORE MD
SAT. NOV. 7 • 3–4:30 PM

This fun, family-friendly event is open to
all ages and ability levels and will include
a lesson. Expect a lively mix of squares,
sets, circles, contras and waltzes taught
and called by **Katie Stahl**, **Jared Bishop** &
Maddy Smith, who will also play the tunes.

Note: All children must have an adult
chaperone.

Admission: \$10 members & affiliates,
\$15 non-members,
\$5 kids 12 and under,
\$30 family max

Online payment only
Pre-payment is encouraged.

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

Info: bfms.org/familyDance.php



Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD • FRIDAYS NOV. 6, 13, 20 & 27
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.

November . . .

- 6 **Carl Levine** calls to **Sugar Beat:**
Susan Brandt (flute),
Elke Baker (fiddle)
& **Marc Glickman** (piano/bodhran)
- 13 **Greg Frock** calls to **Frog Hammer:**
Jim Besser (Anglo concertina),
Dave Casserly (saxophone),
Bob Collins (drums) &
Glyn Collinson (bouzouki/acoustic
guitar/electric guitar/vocals)

20 **In the Bumper Car Pavilion:**
Will Mentor calls to the music of
Leeway: **Rhys Jones** (fiddle) & **Max
Newman** (guitar)

27 **Melissa Chatham** calls to **Roundtuit:**
Rebecca Weiss (fiddle),
Charlie Pilzer (piano) & **Leigh Pilzer**
(soprano saxophone/bass clarinet)

Location: Spanish Ballroom,
7300 MacArthur Blvd.
Nov. 20: Bumper Car Pavilion

Tickets: [online](http://fridaynightdance.com) or at the door:
adults \$5–\$30, pay what you can
teens, 13–19: \$5
children 12 & under: free

Info: fridaynightdance.com or
info@fridaynightdancers.org



TECHNO SQUARE DANCE
BALTIMORE MD
SAT. NOV. 7 • 7:30-10:30PM

Music by **Neon Creek**
Calling by **j9 & K-TEA**
Groovy lighting by **Vince Budnick**

Neon Creek is an “electro-trad” duo from Philadelphia that blends the tunes you know and love with novel electronic textures. Featuring

Chloe Rosenthal
(keyboard/synth/computer)
& **Jared Bishop** (fiddle),

the duo uses live looping, layered effects, and in-the-moment improvisation to interpret trad tunes in a new light.

Admission: \$10 for members and affiliates (FSGW, ATDS);
\$15 for non-members;
free for people under 21 and full-time students

Online payment only

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

Info: [BFMS](#)

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

Norwegian-style cozy 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.

Location: At Loretta and Tony’s place (no pets); if you need address ask lorettakelley@fanitull.org.

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

CAPITOL HILL CAJUN DANCE
WASHINGTON DC
2ND MON. NOV. 9 • 7-9 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 event: 12/14

GOTTASWING SWING DANCE
GLEN ECHO PARK MD
FRI. NOV. 13: LESSON 8:30 PM;
DANCE 9-11:30 PM
SAT. NOV. 28: LESSON 8 PM;
DANCE 9-11:30 PM

November . . .

13 Balboa dance with **Dabe & Janelle**

28 Swing dance with **Seth Kibel Band**

Info: glenechopark.org/events-calendar

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY
CONTRA DANCE
BALTIMORE MD
SAT. NOV. 14
7-9:30 PM • (LESSON 6:30)

Susan Taylor calling to
Some Assembly:
Mary Corletta Flora
(flute/sax/penny whistles),
Donna Boylan (piano),
Joe Klausner (violin/mandolin),
Adam Lee (guitar)
& **Iain Sturrock**
(percussion/guitar/vocals)

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](#)

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE

CHAPTICO MD • SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14 • 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 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: GREG PENK

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



DC SQUARE DANCE COLLECTIVE AT
ST. STEPHENS • WASHINGTON DC
SAT. NOV. 14 • 8–11 PM

We'll be back at St. Stephens for a very special dance that grew out of the [African American Dance Caller Pathways Project](#).

Audra Scott & Becky Hill calling to the **Green Mountain Hot Club:**
Kathleen Parks (fiddle/vocals),
Arthur Terembula (guitar/strings) &
B.E. Farrow (vocals/roots instruments)

Location: 1525 Newton St. NW

Admission:
\$10 cash or Venmo at the door

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

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SILVER SPRING MD
2ND SAT. NOV. 14 • 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

THE CAPITOL HILLBILLIES HOST THE
CAPITOL HILL SWING DANCE
WASHINGTON DC
3RD THUR. NOV. 19
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 event: 12/17

SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT MD
3RD SAT. NOV. 21 • 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.

**BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT
MOBTOWN BALLROOM
SAT. NOV. 21 • 7:30–10:30 PM
(DOORS 6:30 PM)**

Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a hilariously fun evening of square dancing, live music and plentiful silliness. **No experience or partner is needed.** 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

**ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SAT. NOV. 21
7–9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM**

IMPORTANT NOTE: Annapolis English and contra dances will END at the close of 2026. The regularly scheduled dances through December are “farewell” dances, and admission to those dances is FREE.

Andrea Nettleton calls to the music of **Elke Baker, Jonathan Jensen & Susan Brandt.**

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: free

Location: Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd.

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

**BARN DANCE • EASTON MD
SUN. NOV. 22 • 3:30–6:30 PM**

A dance for all on the Eastern Shore!

Contra and square dancing called by **Greg Frock** with music by **Dover Station String Band.**

No partner needed;
no experience needed.

Location: 500 Dover Rd.

Admission: adults \$15, students \$10

Info: doverstation.com, 410-600-7185

**GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB
CÉILÍ • SANDY SPRING MD
SUN. NOV. 22
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: *Labasheeda 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
GLEN ECHO PARK MD**

**SAT. NOV. 28
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

**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 • WED.S
EXCEPT NOV. 25 • 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/

**BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK
DANCE GROUP • THURSDAYS EXCEPT
NOV. 26 • 7–8:45 PM**

Join our friendly dancers for dances from around the world.

There will be no dance on Thanksgiving.

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
EXCEPT NOV. 26 • 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/;
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

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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.

FALL 2026 OLD BROGUE CELTIC CONCERT SERIES • GREAT FALLS VA SUNDAYS • 4:30–6 PM & 6:30–8 PM

Ayreheart • Sun. Nov. 1

Progressive folk trio.
Ronn McFarlane (lute),
Will Morris
(fretless bass/violin/colascione)
& **Mattias Rucht** (percussion)

Infamous Holman Sisters • Sun. Nov. 8

Appalachian-rooted Americana.
Rebecca and Katherine Holman
(original songs/vocal harmonies)
& **Dawn Cunningham** (violin)

Charlie Zahm & Tad Marks • Sun. Nov. 15

Charlie Zahm (Celtic singer/multi-instrumentalist) & **Tad Marks**
(folk/bluegrass fiddler)

Piper Jones Band • Sun. Nov. 22

Traditional and original Celtic music featuring Highland pipes, bouzouki, vocals, and music drawing from Irish, Scottish and Appalachian traditions.

Kinnfolk • Sun. Nov. 29

Josh and Julie Kinn perform Celtic folk music featuring octave mandolin, bodhrán and vocal harmonies rooted in Virginia’s Blue Ridge Mountains.

Tickets: \$25 + tax

Location:

The Old Brogue Irish Pub,
760 Walker Rd.

[Complete concert info](#)

FRYING PAN FARM PARK ACOUSTIC JAM HERNDON VA

1ST & 3RD SUN. NOV. 1 & 15 • 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. NOV. 1 & 15 • 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: NOV. 3 & 17 • 7–10 PM

BLUEGRASS: NOV. 10 & 24 • 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.

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➡ **BLUEGRASS & OLD TIME JAMS**
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Every other Tuesday,
Ken & Brad Kolodner will lead the
Old Time Jam. The first hour of the jam
will be a “slow jam”: anyone can play
along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to
10 pm, they’ll kick up the tempo for the
“fast jam.”

On the other Tuesdays,
Alex Lacquement & 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

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS
1ST, 3RD & LAST WEDNESDAYS,
Nov. 4, 18 & 25 • 7–9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are
welcome.

Nov. 4: Three separate jams:
bluegrass/old-time, folk/blues & Celtic

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

Nov. 18: Combined jam: bluegrass/
old-time/folk/blues free-wheeling

Location: St. Paul’s, 17 Bond St.

Nov. 25: 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.,
Nov. 4, 11 & 25 • 7–9 PM

November ...

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

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

25 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](#)

SHIP’S COMPANY CHANTEYMEN
THUR. NOV. 5: FAIRFAX VA
WED. NOV. 11: BALTIMORE MD
THUR. NOV. 19: WHEATON MD
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

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

FOCUSMUSIC CONCERT
SILVER SPRING MD
SAT. NOV. 7 • 4 PM

FocusMusic presents

Lara Herscovitch
& **The Highway Philosophers**

Lara Herscovitch is a modern folk
singer-songwriter-poet-performer
gem, described in The Boston Globe
as “a luminous voice and a buoyant
stage presence... big-hearted lyrics
embrace the sum of life...
Herscovitch’s music blows on the
embers of a lagging spirit or a
dormant creative life.”

More about Lara

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church
of Silver Spring,
10309 New Hampshire Ave.

Info / Tickets: Advance tickets \$25;
day-of and door \$30
(member / congregation
as applicable \$25 at the door)

FocusMusic is a predominantly
women-run, volunteer-led, 501(c)(3)
organization that provides performance
opportunities for emerging and
nationally touring singer-songwriters,
and folk and acoustic musicians.

CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM
ARLINGTON VA
2ND & 4TH SUN., NOV. 8 & 22
2–6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

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

Info: caboma.org



Photo by Vania Kinard

CONCERT: DOM FLEMONS
WYE MILLS MD • SUN. NOV. 8 • 2 PM

Grammy-winning musician and **American Songster®** brings a special afternoon of **music, history, stories and tradition** to the Eastern Shore in this innovative concert.

Act I: Dom performs songs from his Grammy-nominated *Black Cowboys* alongside scenes from the groundbreaking 1939 film *The Bronze Buckaroo*, bringing the history and legacy of Black cowboys vividly to life through music and film.

Act II: Dom takes audiences on a musical journey through a century of Black roots music, weaving live performances with fascinating stories, personal anecdotes, and historical context to reveal how Black artists shaped American folk, blues, country, and bluegrass traditions.

Location: Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, 1000 College Cir.

Admission: \$25 adults; \$10 for students 18+; \$5 kids 5-17; under 5 free

Tickets / Info:
[Don Flemons - The American Songster](#)

Questions:
leslieadelman@carpediemarts.org

Presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with Todd Performing Arts Center

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING
2ND MON. NOV. 9, 4TH TUE. NOV. 24
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](#)

BFMS SONG SWAP • BALTIMORE MD
2ND TUE. NOV. 10 • 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.

BLUEGRASS SLOW JAM WITH CHERRY BLOSSOM SPECIAL • TAKOMA PARK MD
2ND THURS. NOV. 12 • 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](#)

CONCERT: THE LIVEBOX:
PETER BRICE & TESS HARTIS
WESTMINSTER MD
SAT. NOV. 14 • 7:30 PM

Celebrate the music of Ireland with traditional singers **Peter Brice** (button accordion) and **Tess Hartis** (fiddle).

The Livebox is a project to revive traditional music from Maryland and the Chesapeake. Drawing from field recordings, printed collections, and extant oral traditions, it imagines a second genesis of American traditional music birthed in the wake of 20th century folk revivals.

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

Tickets: \$25 or Pay-As-You-Will (min. \$20)

Info: [Common Ground Concerts](#)

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG
REHEARSALS: KENSINGTON MD
SAT. NOV. 14 & 28 • 2:30-4 PM

Come play Scandinavian music with us!

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

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
3RD WED. NOV. 18 • 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

**WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY
FALL CONCERT: WINTER IS COMING!**

Rockville MD • Sat. Nov. 21 • 7:30 pm
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre,
603 Edmonston Dr.

Arlington VA • Sun. Nov. 22 • 3 pm
Kenmore Middle School, 200 South
Carlin Springs Rd.

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

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

**MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM
MONKTON MD
4TH SUN. NOV. 22 • 2:30–5:30 PM**

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

**BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP
4TH TUE. NOV. 24 • 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;](mailto:imtfolk@spark.org)
rob@ilyaimy.com, 301-910-2575

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**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**

**20th Anniversary Celebration:
A Bridge Without Borders**

**WASHINGTON DC • FRI. NOV. 13
7 PM • FREE**, Wine reception follows
Location: Bulgarian Music Society,
Embassy of Bulgaria, 1621 22nd St. NW

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,
orfeia_vocalensemble@gmail.com,
orfeia.org

**BLUEGRASS JAMMING CLASS
COLLEGE PARK MD
SUNDAYS, NOV. 15–DEC. 13 • 1–5 PM**

Wernick Method bluegrass jamming class.

Cost: \$200 for 4 sessions

Info / Registration

**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 NOVEMBER 3

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
1 9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, Kensington 12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 1 Acoustic jam, Herndon 1 Bluegrass jam, DC 2:45 Waltz Time, GEP 2:45 Square dance, GEP 4:30 & 6:30 Celtic concert, GF	2 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	3 7 Open mic, TPark 7 Old-time jam, Balt. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt 7:30 Mandoleers rehearsal, Arl. 8 FSGW Board Meeting, online	4 7 Trad Irish music, SS 7 Three Jams, Westminster 7:30 Nordic dance, SS 7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP/online 7:30 Balalaika rehearsal, Arl. 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.	5 Banjo Gathering, Gaithersburg 7 Int'l Folk dance, Beth. 7 Lambda Squares, DC 7 GWCC Irish dance class, SS 7:30 Bluegrass jam, TPark 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Fairfax	6 Banjo Gathering, Gaithersburg 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 7:30 Latin dance, SS 8 Int'l Folk Dance, G Belt	7 Banjo Gathering, Gaithersburg 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1 Heartwood Jam, TPark 1:15 Cuban Salsa dance, DC 3 Family Barn Dance, Balt. 4 Concert: Lara Herscovitch & <i>The Highway Philosophers</i>, SS 6:30 Norwegian dance party, TPark 7:30 Techno Square Dance, Balt.
8 Newsletter Deadline Banjo Gathering, Gaithersburg 9:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, Kensington 12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 1 FSGW Barn Dance, GEP 2 Concert: Don Flemons, Wye Mills MD 2 Bluegrass jam, Arl. 4 FSGW Gospel Sing, TPark 4:30 & 6:30 Celtic concert, GF	9 7 Shape Note Sing, Balt. 7 Cajun dance, DC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	10 7 Open mic, TPark 7 Bluegrass jam, Balt. 7:30 BFMS Song Swap, Balt. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt 7:30 Mandoleers rehearsal, Arl.	11 7 Trad Irish music, SS 7:30 FSGW Grapevine Storytelling, DC 7:30 Nordic dance, SS 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.	12 7 Int'l Folk dance, Beth. 7 Bluegrass Slow Jam, TPark 7 FSGW/CDA Contra, SS 7 Lambda Squares, DC 7 GWCC Irish dance class, SS	13 Destination Bluegrass, Waynesboro PA 1:30 FSGW Song Circle, SS & online 7 Orfeia Vocal Ensemble Bulgarian Embassy Concert, DC 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance, G Belt/online 8:30 Balboa Swing Dance, GEP	14 Destination Bluegrass, Waynesboro PA 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa dance, DC 2:30 Washington's Spelmanslag, Kensington 6:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7 SMTMD Contra, Chaptico 7:30 Concert: Windborne, TPark 7:30 ECD, SS 7:30 Concert: Irish music, Westminster 8 Square dance, DC
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