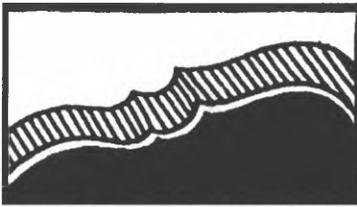


The
Folklore
Society
Of Greater
Washington



Volume 32, No. 5
January 1996
HOTLINE: 202-546-2228
2.50 per copy FREE TO MEMBERS

NEWSLETTER

Jerry Epstein & Jeff Davis Saturday, January 27, 8:30 pm

Jerry Epstein and Jeff Davis have known each other and made music together for 30 years. Deeply steeped in the older traditional music, they share a commitment to the old songs performed in the old way. FSGW members have the chance to partake of this marvelous mix of traditions in a Special Event concert, Sat., Jan. 27, at the Silver Spring Unitarian Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave. (less than ½ mile outside the I-495 Beltway exit). Jerry plays concertina, piano and guitar; while Jeff plays just about every stringed instrument in the traditional musician's bag of tricks. Both are powerful singers with a repertoire of many rarely-heard gems, gleaned from decades of immersion in the finest of earlier generations of singers of traditional song.

Jerry Epstein began his musical education at age five, has performed for dozens of folk clubs and festivals in the eastern U.S. and Canada, and has done six solo tours of England, Scotland and Ireland. He has performed and taught workshops in traditional singing styles for folks societies and camps, and has a number of scholarly publications to his credit, including Music Editor for the *Frank and Anne Warner Collection* (Syracuse University, 1984). In addition to his solo work, he has performed with the *Bermuda Quadrangle* (with Jeff Warner, David Jones, Jeff Davis). He is known for his powerful voice and masterful concertina playing.



Jeff Davis received his basic education at Friends Academy on Long Island, where he first heard the sound of American traditional music from the singing of the great collector and singer, Frank Warner. After college, he joined the faculty of the Guitar Workshop of Roslyn, N.Y., where he taught guitar, banjo, fiddle and held workshops on traditional styles. He has been on the faculty of numerous music camps, such as Pinewoods and Ashokan, where he gained an even deeper commitment to traditional styles from the great traditional artists. He has been a full-time traditional musician for 20 years, and has toured the US, Ireland, England and Norway.

Admission for this 8:30 pm concert is \$10 (FSGW) and \$14 (non-members). Be prepared for musicianship and scholarship intertwined in a wonderful evening of music and song. For more info call FSGW Hotline 202-546-2228.

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

The FSGW Sunday night dance is now in our winter home at **Cherry Hill Park, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, Maryland**. The hall was built for dancing, with a 60' by 60' suspended wood floor and good acoustics. Our dances feature a mix of traditional American contras and squares performed to wonderful live music. We welcome both experienced and new dancers and you don't need to bring a partner. New dancers should come early, since dances become more challenging later in the evening, and may include medleys or omit walk throughs. Directions to Cherry Hill Park: Take the Beltway to exit 25B (Route 1 South). At the second light (1/10 mile) turn right onto Cherry Hill Road. Go one mile until you see the park on your left. Turn left and follow the entrance road one block past a stop sign to a T intersection. Turn right and park near (or past) the clubhouse. If you're lost call 301-595-7181.

Jan 7 **Ron Buchanan** braves the snowy road from Pittsburgh to present a challenging evening of high powered squares and contras. Musical motive power will be provided by the mysterious forces of *UFO*: The versatile and powerful fiddle playing of **Laura Light, Jim Morrison** and **Pete Vigour** combine with **Kim Carey's** bass to guarantee hot tunes for a cold night. .

Special Schedule for *Swallowtail*: 2:30- 5:30 and 7:30-10:30

Jan 14 In their second decade of thrilling dancers with their unique sound, *Swallowtail* is one band that needs little introduction. **Ron Grosslein** (fiddle, mandolin), **David Cantieni** (lots o'winds), **Tim van Egmond** (hammered dulcimer), **Timm Triplett** (piano and virginal) combine with **George Marshall** on concertina to provide dance music ranging from raucous to classical. George and Tim share the calling.

Jan 21 **Ann Fallon** calls a cultured evening of contras to symphonically sympathetic music provided by the *New Devils*: **Marty Taylor** on flute and concertina and **Steve Hickman's** fantastic fiddle trade melodic responsibilities, while **Jonathan Jensen** completes the ensemble with sophisticated piano and a possible song for your waltzing pleasure.

Jan 28 **Robbin Schaffer** brings her knowledgeable contra calling to Cherry Hill to join the musical muses of *Terpsichore*: National Scottish Fiddle Champion **Elke Baker's** virtuoso fiddle and **Liz Donaldson's** piano join **Ralph Gordon's** bass to provide tunes that are "pure dead brilliant".



Remember: Drive slowly and carefully in the park. Avoid blocking campsites and remember that people are trying to sleep when we leave. Please remember to bring a pair of clean, soft soled shoes to change into for dancing.

***DC's Finest* Album Release**

Friday January 12th, 8:30 pm

Come and celebrate with Washington's great doo-wop group *DC's Finest* as they release their first album, *Arresting Sounds*, in a special FSGW program on Fri., Jan. 12th at Bradley Hills Church in Bethesda. The concert begins at 8:30 PM and is FREE to FSGW members and \$10.00 to non-members who may join the society at the door.

DC's Finest is a group of five current and former Washington DC Police officers who sing doo-wop, the exciting African-American vocal music which had its commercial heyday during the 1950's. Doo-Wop grew out of a long tradition of quartet singing in black churches, mixed with the new elements taken from smooth popular vocal groups such as the Ink Spots. It first burst on the popular scene in 1948 with a pair of spare, haunting hits by *Sonny Til and the Orioles*. "*Its Too Soon to Know*," and "*Crying in the Chapel*" led to thousands of four and five person groups singing in harmony on street corners and making records. Groups such as the *Drifters*, the *Platters*, the *Clovers*, and the *Penguins* made records and created a sound that survives in popular music to this day. While pure doo-wop declined in commercial popularity in the late 1950's, it has survived strongly in informal house parties and cabarets in black communities across the country, being passed down across generations within closely knit communities.

The members of *DC's Finest* have been performing together for about ten years, having all met through their jobs with the DC police department. They have performed at concerts and festivals across the country, and are among the most popular acts at the Washington Folk Festival each year. They are just now releasing their first album, *Arresting Sounds* on the Collectables label. The members of the group are **Jimi Bethel, Richard Collins, Ron Jones, Dean Largins, and Remer Shedrick.**

The Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church is located at 6601 Bradley Boulevard in Bethesda. From the Beltway, take the Wisconsin Avenue South exit and follow Wisconsin about 2 3/4 miles to Bradley Boulevard. Turn right on Bradley and go about 3 3/4 miles and the church will be on your right. For info call 202-546-2228.

FSGW English Country Dance

Every Wednesday, 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Now in the Glen Echo Town Hall, a climate controlled facility. Enjoy the wood floor, live music, friendship and fine English Country dancing every Wednesday, starting at 8 p.m. Bring shoes for a floor that is sometimes slippery. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Members \$5, non-members \$6. Workshop and reduced admission for newcomers: After a break for the holidays, Norm Bernhardt will continue his highly successful, FREE workshops for newcomers. They will resume for the remainder of the month of January, starting on the 10th. Starting time is 7:30 and newcomers may continue on with the dance by paying 1/2 of the usual cost of admission.

Jan 3 **Stephanie Smith** calls to the music of *Some Assembly*: **Donna Boyland, Mary Flora Corletta and Paul Miller.**

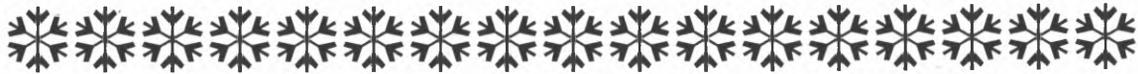
Jan 10 Fiddler **Steve Hickman** and pianist **Liz Donaldson** play with **Rich Galloway** calling.

Jan 17 **Liz Donaldson** puts her instruments aside to call to the music of **Wendy Morrison** and **David Wiesler.**

Jan 24 **Brad Saylor** treks up from Charlottesville to call to the music of **Susan Brandt** and **Liz Donaldson.**

Jan 31 **Mary Kay Friday** will call with music provided by **Elke Baker** and **Liz Donaldson.**

Directions: From the Beltway, take either the Clara Barton Parkway (from VA) or the Cabin John Expressway (from MD) toward Glen Echo. From the left lane, take the Glen Echo exit (which involves a U-turn and a right fork). At the tee, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Continue NW on MacArthur past Glen Echo Park. Harvard Ave. and the Town Hall will be on your left, 2 blocks past the small shopping center. The Town Hall is at 6106 Harvard Ave., in the building with the post office. Info: Norm Bernhardt, 301-320-2469; Rich Galloway, 301-589-0939.



American Ski-Dance Weekend January 12-15, 1996

A great weekend of contras and traditional American dance combined with day-time cross-country skiing. FREE ski instruction by **Potomac Appalachian Trail Club** instructors. Saturday and Sunday night dances called by a "hot" caller from Seattle, **Suzanne Giradot**, to the music of champion fiddler **Elke Baker**, with **Larry Ungar** (of *Uncle Gizmo*), **David Wiesler** and friends. Friday night dance and weekend workshops will feature Kentucky caller **T. Auxier** and from West Virginia **Peter Fricke** calling traditional Appalachian dances and New England contras. Cost for 3 nights lodging and 8 meals is \$90 for kids 12 years and under; \$132 for FSGW, CDSS, BFMS, and PATC members; \$148 for non-members. Look for flyers at dances or call 301-589-7539 or 301-589-7153 for info, but hurry ... only a few places remain.



Community Dance Continues during the Winter Season Sunday, January 21, 3 pm

Please join us at the community dance on Sun, Jan 21, from 3 - 5:30 pm. The dance will take place in the Glen Echo Town Hall, at the corner of MacArthur Boulevard and Harvard Ave. in the town of Glen Echo. The caller will be **DeLaura Padovan** with music provided by **Steve Hickman** and friends.

The community dance would make a great outing for a church, community, or social organization, girl or boy scout troop (with parents), or friends from work. They are a wonderful way for parents to introduce their children to the joys of dancing, but they are not only for families with children; dancers of all skill levels are invited to attend.

The community dance series is sponsored by the Folklore Society. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 5 and over. There is a \$12 family maximum. If you bring children, please try to arrive on time, because there will be more teaching during the early part of the dance.

For further information about the dance, call Jamie or Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099.

Upcoming dances: February 11 *Terpsichore* with **Lou Shapiro** calling
 March 10 **Liz Donaldson** and **Steve Hickman** with **Tom Hinds** calling



Message from the President

I hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday season. I am looking forward for this new year. There are many great things going on.

FSGW Board Meeting

The Board meeting on December 5th was well-attended and quite interesting. We discussed some of the problems that we have been having with FSGW programs and special events. One suggestion made was that we move the programs to Saturday night, so as not to conflict with the Friday night contra dance, where many of our members go that night. There were also some discussion as to what our goals are for the programs, whether we can produce money making special events, and how we should advertise our events. One outcome of the meeting was that we will be developing a questionnaire for FSGW members that will hopefully elicit sufficient information for us to make informed decisions about the kinds of programs and special events we will produce. Think about this and talk it over with other FSGW members so that you will be ready when the questionnaire arrives.

1996 Minifest

The FSGW Minifest will be taking place on Saturday, February 3, 1996, at the Takoma Park Middle School. We will be having a great line-up of talent. For the evening concert, we will feature **Robin Bullock, Christina Olson, *Big Blow and the Bushwackers* and *Šarenica***. The evening dance will feature **Tom Hinds** calling to the music of *Celtic Naught*. During the day, we will be having 6 hours of music and dance on 9 stages. The dance workshops will include English country dances, a family dance, Balkan and Scandinavian dances, swing and Cajun dances, morris dances, tango, free waltzing, and a contra and square dance medley. There will be performances by **Lisa Null, Joe Hickerson, Ed Trickett, Sue Trainor, Tom McHenry, Dick Swain, Karen Ashbrook, Marcy Marxer, Chris Romaine, Iona, Terpsichore, Saul Broudy, Van Mertz, and Ironweed**. There will be a "funny stuff" stage and a children's stage, each guaranteed to provide lots of enjoyment for people of all ages. Another stage will be devoted to musical jams, such as Scandinavian, Celtic, blues, bluegrass, slow jam, and country and western/honky tonk. There will be a vocal corner with performances and audience participation led by **Donna Fletcher, *Sidekicks* (songs of the West), Saul Broudy (songs of the Vietnam War), Charlie Bean and Friends, *Mac-Talla* (Gaelic songs), Mary LaMarca and George Stephens (occupational songs), Jennifer Woods (chorus songs), and Kathy Westra, Carly Gewirz, and Judy Cook (ballads)**. There will be another stage with story telling and international music and another stage featuring tutorials. We will have crafts for sale and **Debbie McClatchy** will be serving up her wonderful gourmet meals. I hope that you get the picture. The music and dance are of the highest quality. Put this date on your calendar. If you are interested in volunteering at the Minifest, call Erika Rubel 301-864-7846.

Getting out the word

FSGW produces some great music and dance events, but the word is not going out to enough people in the Washington area. We produce flyers for our events and a mini *newsletter*, but they are not distributed to a wide enough audience. Therefore, we ask that if you can post or distribute flyers or the mini *newsletter* at your office, community or religious organization, or among your friends, please call Norm Bernhardt at 301- 320-2469. He will send you as many flyers or mini *newsletters* as you need. **Jamie Platt**

Washington's Ski Dance Weekend February 16 - 19, 1996

Spend President's Weekend dancing contras and English Country dance each evening with day-time cross-country skiing. FREE ski instruction by **Potomac Appalachian Trail Club** instructors. Saturday and Sunday night dances called by **Scott Higgs** (a great caller from Philadelphia) to the music of ***The Findhorn Band* (Liz Donaldson, Ralph Gordon, Steve Hickman, Malcolm Stephens and Marty Taylor)**. Evening song swaps will be led by **David Wiesler**. The Friday night dance will be called by West Virginian **Peter Fricke** and weekend dance workshops will be taught by Scott and Peter. Cost for 3 nights lodging and 8 meals is \$90 for kids 12 years and under; \$132 for FSGW, CDSS, BFMS and PATC members; \$148 for non-members. Look for flyers at dances or call 301-589-7539 for information ... don't delay; this weekend is filling fast.



The 14th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend

March 29-31, 1996

A Program of
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington

(copy or detach here)

Application Form

Name _____ male ___ female ___

Address _____ I can provide a ride ___

_____ I need a ride ___

Telephone: (eve) _____ (day) _____

My dietary preference is: omnivore ___ no red meat ___ vegetarian ___

I would like to be considered for a kitchen scholarship _____

I may snore at dance camp and keep others awake _____

I would like to be in a cabin with _____



Decorate your own nametag!

Please make check payable to: **Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)**.
Send \$140 payment per person, application, decorated button, and self-addressed, stamped envelope to:
Chesapeake Dance Weekend, 749 Silver Spring Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20910.

The 14th Chesapeake Dance Weekend

March 29-31, 1996

Jumpstart your spring season with a weekend of spirited music and dance at Chesapeake. Count on the best of contra and square dancing, and forays into Scandinavian and West African dance traditions. Escape to daytime workshops, evening dances, great food, and sunsets on the river at the 14th annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend.

The Program

Northern Music & Dance:

Grand Picnic is known for high-energy performances. This New York City band does full justice to the style and grace of New England contra dancing. Grand Picnic has appeared at major dances all over the East Coast, most recently at the 1995 Charlottesville Fall Dance Festival. Band members are **Sam Zygmuntowicz** (fiddle and mandolin), **Michael Gorin** (fiddle), **Jody Kruskal** (concertina, washboard, percussion), **Bill Peek** (piano, guitar, banjo), and **Marco Brehm** (bass). **Cis Hinkle** is our Northern caller from the South. Cis helped to develop the contra scene in Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina. She has called at the Palmetto Bug Stomp (Charleston), the Gypsy Meltdown (Charlotte), The Feet Retreat (Winston-Salem), and the Moondance Weekend (Greenville). This is Cis' northern-most dance weekend yet!

Southern Music & Dance:

Ralph Blizard and the New Southern Ramblers, an old-time band from Western North Carolina and East Tennessee, features Ralph Blizard on fiddle. Ralph, one of the true masters of Southern fiddling, was nominated for the coveted Smithsonian National Heritage Award. Ralph formed the original Southern Ramblers in 1932, and the current (*New* Southern Ramblers) band plays knock-down old-time tunes for squares and contras. The band includes **Phil Jamison** (guitar), **Gordy Hinners** (fretless banjo), and **John Hermann** (bass). **Ron Buchanan**, Pittsburgh native and old friend of Chesapeake, returns to contribute his wonderful Southern calling. He shares infectious good humor and his own square dance compositions, which are often injected with a good dose of contra.

Scandinavian Music & Dance:

Andrea Hoag and Bruce Sagan are two of the best Swedish fiddle players in the United States (!), and are as highly regarded in Scandinavia as they are at home. Andrea plays fiddle, button accordion and pump organ; Bruce plays fiddle, nyckelharpa, hardingfele, and tussefløyte. **Roo Lester** and **Larry Harding** will teach Telespringar/gangar and other Scandinavian dances as they have at the Mendocino Scandia Camp and the East Coast Scandinavian Week.

West African Dance & Drumming:

Kibibi Ajanku and **Kauna Mujamal** founded the **Sankofa Dance Theater** to promote authentic African art forms in the Baltimore community. "Sankofa" means "reaching back to move forward." Through vibrant drumming and dance workshops, Kibibi, Kauna, and their drummers will share the irresistible energy and power of West African dance.

About Camp Letts

Located in Edgewater, Maryland, 20 minutes from Annapolis and one hour from Washington, D.C., Camp Letts overlooks the confluence of two rivers. Dances are held on a beautiful wooden floor in the dining hall by the waterfront. Sumptuous meals will once again be catered by Debby McClatchy. Dance and music workshops happen all day long. We also have access to other camp facilities including walking trails, tennis courts, boating, and horseback riding (modest fee). Heated, dormitory-style cabins sleep 8-12 persons per room. Tenting is optional (BYOT). *For more information call (301) 587-4783 or (703) 845-0426.*

Registration

Send in the application form with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, a check, and your decorated name tag. The cost for the weekend is \$140, which includes program, sleeping accommodations, use of other camp facilities, and five delicious meals. A number of reduced-price admissions (\$75) are available in exchange for 6 hours of kitchen work. Cancellations received by March 8th will receive a \$125 refund. Check-in at camp begins at 4:00 pm on Friday. The program concludes at 3:30 pm on Sunday.

Attendance at the weekend is limited. Camp fills up very quickly, so early registration is recommended (adult, full-time registrants only). A lottery will be held for all applications received by January 26th. Admission after that time will be on a space-available basis in order of application receipt. We will maintain a balance of men and women, singles and couples. Once your application is accepted, you will be sent a confirmation, information about what to bring, and directions to camp.

MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY NEWS

Board Meeting

Tuesday January 9, 7:30 pm

The next board meeting will be Tues Jan. 9, at the National Park Service Office at Glen Echo Park. Any FSGW member may attend. If you have items for the board to consider, please call Phil Hayden 1-410-643-6607 or Jamie Platt 301-320-7099.

Board Highlights

The Board met on Dec. 5 at Glen Echo Park. Topics discussed and actions taken include:

- Currently FSGW has 2969 members at 2441 addresses.
- A motion was made and passed to sponsor upcoming Folk Alliance events.
- The question of low attendance at FSGW programs was discussed at great length. It was decided that three members Dean Clamons, Marty Summerour and Norm Bernhardt will develop a tool to measure membership needs.

Sacred Harp Singing

Monday, January 1, 3 pm

Our popular expanded New Year's Day singing of early American shape-note music will be at the Rock Spring Congregational Church, 5010 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA. Introduction to shape-note singing for beginners at 2 pm, singing at 3 pm, pot-luck at 6 pm, more singing after dinner. All are welcome. Please bring some nonperishable food or a donation for the needy. Directions: From Rte. 66, go north to North Glebe Rd. for 1.8 mile and turn left (west) on Rock Spring Rd. Go two blocks to church on corner. For more info, call the FSGW Hotline menu 42 or 301-897-5274.

Sunday, January 28, 4 pm

We shall sing in a fantastic location, an historic one-room red all-wood (and, yes, heated) schoolhouse, the Pohick Community School, next to the Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Rd., Springfield, VA. No formal singing school this month, but come early for some orientation. Directions: Take I-95 south to Old Keene Mill Road, then go south on Backlick Rd. to the Franconia-Springfield Parkway. Go west 2.8 miles and exit at Sydenstricker Rd., where the church/school is near the corner on Hooes Rd.. You should call the FSGW Hotline menu 42 for full directions. More info: 703-644-4912.

Open Sing

Friday, January 5, 8:30 pm

The January Open Sing will be held at the home of Dennis and Judy Cook in Laurel, MD, not far from I-95, on Friday, January 5, 1996. Singing will begin around 8:30 P. M. The leader will be Barry Schlesinger. The topic will be "Great White North", songs of snow, cold, and anything Canadian - songs about Canada, or songs written or popularized by Canadians. For directions or more information call the Cooks at 301-776-4314. Come and join us, eh?

Capital Vintage Dance Society

Friday, January 5, 8 pm

Provisionally, the Capitol Vintage Dance Society is planning to provide an evening of 2/3 waltz music and 1/3 other music, e.g., tango, schottische, foxtrot. The music will be preceded by a 20 min. Beginner's lesson in waltz starting at 7:40 pm. Two 10 min. mini-lessons will be provided at the break, 1st lesson adv. waltz, 2nd lesson something else. Music will be provided by **Susan Brandt, Andrea Hoag and David Wiesler**. Dress as formally as you please, but NO SPIKE HEELS! Admission \$8 members, \$10 non-members. This event will be held at the East Silver Spring Elementary School, 631 Silver Spring Ave., Silver Spring, MD starting at 8 pm. This activity is not sponsored by, or associated with, or endorsed by Mont. Co. Public Schools or Mont. Co. Govt. For more info call FSGW Hotline 202-546-2228 #33 or 301-949-7528.

FSGW BOARD 1995-96

Jamie Platt, president	301-320-7099
David Eisner, vice president	301-587-4444
Phil Hayden, secretary	410-643-6607
David Boynton, treasurer	703-368-3339
Tony Ziselberger, program	301-270-1710
Marty Summerour, special events	703-354-6460
Paul Levitt, dance	703-758-8710
Charlie Pilzer, publications	301-565-8818
Alex Hershaft, membership	301-530-5683
Norm Bernhardt, publicity	301-320-2469
Carl Mintz, past president	202-543-4999
Dennis Cook, past treasurer	301-776-4314
Members-at-large:	
Stephanie Smith	301-320-2469
Lorraine Van Buren	301-495-2820

WFF Coordinating Committee	
Dean Clamons	703-631-9655
Reuben Musgrave	301-593-6464
Kathy Smith	301-585-4489



**Hosted Argentine Tango Practice
Sundays, January 7 & 21, 4 pm**

At the Academy of the Maryland Youth Ballet Studio, 7202 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. 4 - 6 pm. Recorded music provided. Sponsored by Capital Tangueros. For more info call 703-276-1430.

**Tango Trade
Saturdays, 3 pm**

Argentine Tango practice and informal swapping of steps and tips on technique. FREE. West End Public Library at 24th & L St. Washington, DC (Upstairs). Sats. 3 - 5 pm. Every Sat. Except some holiday weekends. (Check with the library 202-727-1397) Recorded Music. Beginner's welcome. (Music and hosts may not be provided when other tango events scheduled the same day.) Sponsored by Capital Tangueros 703-267-1430.

**Argentine Tango Workshops
Sunday, January 14, 2:30 pm**

Taught by internationally known tango masters from New York, Daniel & Maria at American University, 4400 Mass. Ave. NW., Cassell Center, Dance Studio Room 103. Beginning intermediate tango; 2:30 - 4 pm (BEG, INT, N/P, N/E), 2:30 -3:45 (INT, N/P), Intermediate - Advanced 4:30 - 6 pm (INT, ADV, N/P) one class \$25, both \$45. Sponsored by Capital Tanguero. (Note: times subject to change, call to verify 703-276-1430.

Storytelling

Saturday, January 13, 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Ralph and Margaret Chatham in Falls Church, VA for an evening of shared stories and pot-luck refreshments on Sat. Jan. 13 at 7:30 pm. No experience necessary! Please call at least 24 hours in advance for RSVPS and directions. 703-698-5456

Gospel Sing

January 14, 4:00 PM

This month's Gospel Sing will be Jan. 14 at the home of Nancy Bailey in Arlington, VA. Call her at 703 532-7520 for directions. Singing starts around 4:00 PM with a break for a covered dish supper at 6:00 and then more singing. Everyone is welcome!

Foggy Bottom International Folkdancers

The group meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church on 23rd St.,NW between G & H Sts.- one block from Foggy Bottom Metro. Beginner/ Intermediate classes from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. No experience or partner needed. Request dancing from 9:00 - 10:45 PM. Mostly taped music. Occasional parties and workshops. Still only \$3 for the entire evening. Call Jamie info: (301) 320-7099.

AROUND TOWN

**Institute of Musical Traditions
Concert Series**

The Institute of Musical Traditions Monday Night Concert Series 1995-96. Unless otherwise noted, all concerts are held at the Silver Spring Unitarian Universalist Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave. Silver Spring, MD. Shows begin at 8 pm. Come to any concert and pick up a \$2 coupon towards your next purchase at the House of Musical Traditions. Also get your music Mileage Madness card -- attend 6 concerts and get the 7th one FREE. FSGW members get \$1 off each ticket purchased. Additional group discounts available. Call 301-588-7525 for more info, or for advance tickets (now available for all concerts). Affordable on-site child care also available with advance reservations and half-price tickets for the 14 and under set. Call to get on our mailing list and receive our DEC/JAN/FEB series mailer. Admission is \$8 unless otherwise noted.

Jan 8 **Malcolm Dalglish** \$8 adv/\$10 door
Jan 15 **Rickey Payton & Friends, MLK Celebration** \$10 adv/\$12 door
Jan 22 **John Jackson** \$8 adv/\$10 door
Jan 29 **Peabody Ragtime Ensemble** \$10 adv/\$12

**House of Musical Traditions Workshops
January 1996**

Fiddle/Violin from Scratch with Andrea Hoag, Tuesdays, 1/9-1/30, 8-9:30 pm, \$75
Intermediate Fiddle with Andrea Hoag, Thursdays, 1/4 - 1/25 pm, 8 - 9:30 pm, \$75
Beginning Guitar with Scott McPherson, Saturdays, 1/6 - 2/3, 10 - 11:30 am, \$90
Intermediate Guitar with Scott McPherson, Sundays, 1/7 - 2/4, 4 - 5:30 pm, \$90
BeatJam every Friday, 8 - 10 pm, \$10
Children & Parents' Music Group, ongoing
Bodhran (Irish Drum) with Jesse Winch, 4 weeks, \$50
Groups now forming: hammer dulcimer with Karen Ashbrook, harmonica with Ed Kaitz, recorder with Susana Cooper and a workshop on using sound equipment. For information/registration, call House of Musical Traditions, 301-270-9090. Classes usually held in Takoma Park.

Old-Time Fiddle class**Mondays, January 8 - 22, 7:30 pm**

Tunes of the Hammonds Family of West Virginia will be the focus of an old-time fiddle class taught by Andrea Hoag in Fairfax, VA. Mondays, Jan 8 - 22 (snow date Jan 29), beginning at 7:30 pm. The class fee is \$55. To register call 301-565-2777.

Al-Andalus**Friday, January 12, 8 pm****Saturday, January 13, 7:30 pm**

The Folger Consort will be joined with internationally renowned oud player **Simon Shaheen** and his Arab ensemble on Fri, Jan 12 and Sat. Jan 13 at the National Cathedral, Massachusetts & Wisconsin Aves. NW, Washington, DC. Tickets are \$19, \$14.25 for seniors and students. For more info call Folger Library Box Office 202-544-7077.

Footlights**Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 pm**

Come join us to discuss plays from the modern American theater! We meet week nights monthly from 6:30 - 9:30 pm at Carmella Kitty's, 1602 17th St. (at Q St.), NW in DC. On Wed. Jan 10 will discuss *Two trains running*, by leading African American playwright August Wilson. In later months we will discuss plays by Lillian Hellman, Arthur Miller and Eugene O'Neill. For more info call 202-484-8303.

Washington Storytellers**Saturday, January 20, 8 pm**

Washington Storytellers will present **In the Family Way: Generations of Stories** on Sat. Jan 20 at 8 pm. **Milbre Burch** from California will be the storyteller. Her stories interweave family stories with global folktales, poetry and literary stories.. The concert will be held at the Great Hall of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (on Whitehaven Parkway off Foxhall Rd., NW. across from Mt. Vernon College.) Admission is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$6 seniors, \$6 students. For more info call 202-291-2170.

FCS Family Concert**Saturday, January 20, 1 pm**

With mime, music and more, **Mark Jaster** brings a new show to this concert series on Sat. Jan 20 at 1 pm. The concert will be at the First United Methodist Church, 6201 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD (near intersection of Adelphi, Queens Chapel & East West Hwy). Admission is \$10 for whole series (3 concerts), Individual tickets \$4 in adv. \$5 at door. Group discounts available. Tickets may be purchased at House of Musical Traditions, Starting Point Dance Studio, Franklin's or by mail order (PO Box 3580, Silver Spring, MD. 20918). For more info call 301-588-7525.

Emil Kasses Ensemble**Traditional and Contemporary Arabic Music****Saturday, January. 20, 2 p.m.**

As a part of the photographic exhibition "Arab Americans in Greater Detroit: A Community between Two Worlds" at the National Museum of American History, the **Emil Kasses Ensemble** will perform traditional Arabic music followed by social dancing. The afternoon will begin at 1 pm with exhibit co-curator **Alix Naff** discussing the background of the show and the Smithsonian's Arab American collection.

A documentary entitled "Tales of Arab Detroit" will be shown at 3:30 p.m., introduced by co-producer **Sally Howell**. Poet **Kevin Rashid**, featured in the film, will talk about his community and read from his work. FREE. Hall of Musical Instruments National Museum of American History. For further information call 202-357-2700.

Community Sing with Madeline MacNeil**Saturday & Sunday, January 27 & 28**

Renowned singer, dulcimer artist and teacher **Madeline MacNeil** will lead a workshop for singers and "non-singers alike on Sat. Jan 27 from 7 - 11 pm and performance opportunity the next morning. Using holistic breathing and tone relaxation techniques, Madeline will teach rounds, chants and improvisations in the workshop, held at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. NW (at Kamia) in upper DC. Participants will be invited to return the next day from 9:30 am to app. 12:30 pm to warm up, practice and perform the musical interludes at the WES Platform Meeting in front of an appreciative live audience. Cost of the workshop is \$20; participants are encouraged to bring a pot-luck dessert Saturday night. To register or more info call 202-882-6650.

Lunar Groove**Friday, January 26, 7:30 pm**

The acoustic folk, rhythm and groove sounds of **Lunar Groove** will be featured at Borders Books and Music, 534 North Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland on Fri, Jan 26, at 7:30 pm. **Lunar Groove** plays a hybrid of folk, jazz and rock 'n' roll, capturing the richness of reggae, the beauty of the blues, and the power of pure pop. The band features **Dan Napolitano** on acoustic guitar, harmonica and vocals, **Duane Gels** on bass guitar, and **Steve Porter** on drums, congas, and percussion. **Pat Cavanaugh** will be sitting in on lead guitar and mandolin. There is no admission charge. For more information about this performance, call 301-921-0991.



Jerry Epstein
Traditional Singing Workshops
January 27 & 28 1996

We have all had the experience of hearing someone with a beautiful singing voice whose singing fails to hold our attention, while a singer with a rougher voice may captivate us completely. Why is this so? We will be exploring this phenomenon when **Jerry Epstein** leads a workshop for singers Saturday, January 27th and Sunday, January 28th at the home of Judy and Dennis Cook in Laurel, Maryland. **Jerry Epstein** has run these sessions at folk festivals, at Pinewoods Music Camp, in private classes, and for folk music societies throughout the Northeast for over 15 years. The workshop runs Saturday AND Sunday, starting at 9:30 am, with morning and afternoon sessions of about 2 ½ hours each. Attendance is limited to nine so that each participant can work on a different song in each of the four sessions.

The workshop is run clinic-style. Each participant sings a song; the other participants give their immediate reactions, and Jerry helps the singer examine the song and explore the stylistic possibilities that could improve the communication of the song with a minimum of distractions. Timing, the central aspect of good traditional singing, will be emphasized. Discussions of decoration to provide emphasis and expression will grow from examples in the songs brought by participants. The workshop is designed to raise the participants' awareness of what makes a good singer so riveting. These are sessions for singers; participants should have some repertoire of songs, and they should be able to sing. However, aspects of voice placement and sound will be discussed as needed. Instrumental accompaniment is welcome, although participants will be encouraged to sing unaccompanied, at least at first.

The fee is \$50 for both days or \$35 for one day. For further info or to register call Judy Cook 301-776-4314.

Scottish Fiddling
Sunday, January 28, 2:30 pm

The Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddling Club invites all people interested in Scottish fiddle music to come for our monthly meetings. The January session will be at 2:30 pm on Sunday, January 28, at the home of Ken and Cassandra Smith-Christmas, 13 Tarleton Way, Stafford, VA. Our musical director, U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion **Elke Baker**, will lead a workshop, teaching a few new tunes by ear, and will pass out the month's printed music. There will be a potluck supper after the workshop, so bring something to eat. There will be jamming after dinner. For more information and directions, call (703) 659-1330.



Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer In Concert

- Jan 11-13 Kennedy Center Showcase
 Jan 24 Montgomery County, MD, SCHOOL SHOWS
 Jan 26 Charlottesville, Va, The Prism Coffeehouse, *W/The Greater Beltway Broads* (**Grace Griffith, Freyda Epstein, Sue Richards**), 8 PM, Fred Boyce, 804-973-0572

Eileen Joyner In Concert

- Fri, Jan. 12 THE POTTER'S HOUSE COFFEEHOUSE, 1658 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, D.C. Donations are requested. Call 202-232-5483 for more information. 8:00 pm
 Sat, Jan. 13 COFFEEHOUSE 10, Channel 10 Fairfax Cable TV, 2917 Eskridge Road, Merrifield, VA. Live taping of "Coffeehouse 10" show for TV. For more information, call Eileen at 703-299-8332. 11:00 am
 Sun, Jan. 14 RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER, Shenandoah Coffeehouse Series, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, Virginia. Also featured: **Bill Parsons** and the duo of **Peter Mealy & Laurie Rose Griffith**. \$5 admission. Call Eileen at 703-299-8332 for details. 7:00 pm
 Fri, Jan. 26 "PERFECTION: A SPACE OPERA IN ONE Act" at the Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD. Call Eileen at 703-299-8332 for details. 7:00 pm

FSGW Editorial Policy

We try to print all copy relevant to FSGW's purpose and membership. (from the FSGW Bylaws: "**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.**").

In most instances, it is simply impossible to print copy in full. When space is tight, FSGW news receives top priority, followed by local non-FSGW news, followed by listings of out-of town, non-FSGW events. In addition, we print a calendar each month unless it pushes the entire issue into a more expensive category for either postage or printing.

**Mid-Atlantic Area Hosts
Folk Alliance**

Conference February 14-18, 1996

The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance is a non-profit umbrella organization designed to "foster and promote traditional, contemporary and multi-cultural folk music, dance and related performing arts in North America. Members of the Folk Alliance range from organizations (societies, festivals, agencies, record labels, etc.) and performers to back porch pickers and singers and fans. The central office has moved to DC; call 202-835-3655 for membership and conference information.

The annual Folk Alliance conference moves from city to city across the continent -- last year it was in Portland, Oregon, the year before it was in Boston, the year before that in Calgary, Alberta. In 1997, it will be in Toronto. This year, it's in Washington, DC. Wherever the conference is, large numbers of folkies (about 1500 at each of the last two) from near and far congregate to exchange news, strategies, tunes, and business cards. Folkies in the host region are called upon to support the conference by volunteering to help with registration, hospitality, and other tasks to insure a smooth and enjoyable visit for conference attendees.

It's an amazing experience to see a large, fancy, urban hotel overtaken by folkies -- literally! -- and it's great fun to be part of the huge, annual sort of hug/schmooze. If you'd like to find out more about helping out (before and/or) during the conference, please call Peter Kent at 301-495-5610.

**Introductory Workshop
Saturday, January 13, 11 am**

On Saturday, Jan 13, at 11:00 am, a two-part workshop called "Getting the Most Out of Your Folk Alliance Conference" -- designed to help first time attendees and first time exhibitors -- will be offered by Sue Trainor, well known music publicist and promoter, and an experienced consultant for regional trade show exhibitors. The workshop will be held in the banquet room of the Coho Grill, Hobbit's Glen Golf Course, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia, MD. (This is the same location used by The Folkal Point concert series.) For more information and to register for the workshop, call 410-381-2834 (Baltimore area) or 301-982-9418 (Washington area).

**Alexander Technique Classes for Musicians
Mondays, February 5 - April 15, 11:30 am**

Diana Bradley, M.ED will teach a Alexander Technique class from Feb. 5 - Apr. 15 from 11:30 am - 1 pm. \$300 for 10 classes. Classes will be taught at 40 Columbia Ave., Takoma Park, MD. To register call 301-270-2559.

**Dupont Music Circle
Every Wednesday, 8 pm**

Come sing and play British Isles (and other) folk music with us. We don't charge, and we don't pay; it's just for fun. Site alternates between DC (1/10, 1/24, 2/7) and Arlington (1/3, 1/17, 1/31). For info call 202-775-8837.

LOCAL CLUB VENUES

**Folk Club of Reston-Herndon
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm**

Open mike with a 3-song limit. \$1 cover. Member Showcase 2nd Tuesday. **Steve Hudson 1/23 \$6** (\$6 members) Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon, VA. Info: 703-437-7766 or 703-573-6855. Smoke FREE venue.

**Caffé Florian Coffeehouse
Saturday, January 13, 8 pm**

Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd.. Camp Springs, MD., 0.3mi south of Allentown Rd.. The Caffé Florian is held the second Saturday of each month. September through May. The open mike is occasionally supplemented by a featured performer. Admission is FREE. Info call 301-449-8804.
Jan 13 Open Mike

**Star of Europe Coffeehouse
CANCELED**

**Folkal Point
Thursdays**

The Folkal Point is a volunteer-operated, weekly concert series located in the Coho Grill, Hobbit's Glen Golf Club, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia, Maryland. Concerts are held every Thurs. at 8:00 pm. Admission is \$8.00 unless otherwise noted. Smoke-FREE. Food and beverages may be purchased from the restaurant. For info and a sound bite, call 410-381-2460 (Columbia and Baltimore) or 301-982-0686 (DC and Northern Virginia).
Jan 4 **Pat Humphries & Deidre McCalla***
Jan 11 **Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen***
Jan 18 **Barb Martin with *Rare Bird***
Jan 25 **Andrew Lawrence**

* Please Note: Tickets for these concerts are \$10 and will be sold in advance at Folkal Point concerts and by mail. Send a check payable to "The Folkal Point" to PO Box 412, Columbia, MD 21045. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope or tickets will be held at the door.

LOCAL DANCES

Editorial Policy for Dance Events

Because so many dancers seek dances with live music, all notices about dances should state whether the music is recorded or live. We do this as a service to our members. No dance copy will be used that does not state live or recorded music. N.B.: **All copy must contain Area Codes in the Info Tel. #s!**

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE LISTINGS: **BEG:** Beginning **INT:** Intermediate **N/E:** No experience necessary **N/P:** No partner necessary **TPIS:** Takoma Park Intermediate School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, MD.

Friday Night Dances

The Friday Night Dancers and the National Park Service sponsor contra dances (with occasional squares) every Friday night at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on MacArthur Boulevard. The dances begin at 8:30. The admission price is \$5 unless otherwise noted. Beginners' classes are usually offered from 7:30 to 8:45. There will be no classes in January or February; classes will resume in March. Beginners are always welcome at the Friday night dance, with or without benefit of lessons. **THE DANCE WILL REMAIN AT GLEN ECHO THROUGHOUT THE WINTER. IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER A DANCE WILL BE HELD DUE TO WEATHER, CALL THE PARK SERVICE'S RECORDED MESSAGE AT (301)492-6282. THE MESSAGE IS UPDATED AT 9:00 AM, 12:00 NOON AND 3:00 PM. THE 3:00 MESSAGE IS THE FINAL WORD.** For recorded information about who will be playing for the current week's dances, call the DC Dance Hotline at 301-270-1678. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the dance or would like to play or call for a Friday Night Dance, please contact Betsy Platt at (301) 320-7099 or bplatt@access.digex.com.

Bands and callers this month will be:

- Jan 5 *Devil Among the Taylors* with Lou Shapiro
- Jan 12 Open band with Suzanne Girardot
- Jan 19 *Swallowtail* with George Marshall and Tim van Egmond
- Jan 26 Elke Baker and David Wiesler with Jim Kitch

Scandinavian Dance

Saturday, January 6, 8 pm

Music by Peascods Gathering at TPIS. Emphasis on teaching beginners the lovely and rewarding traditional couple turning dances (such as hambo, pols, schottis) in a small, friendly group, with individualized instruction by experienced dancers. Teaching 8 - 9, general dancing 9 - 10:30. \$4. For info call 301-493-6281 or 703-356-3036.

Cajun Dance

Sunday, January 7, 6 pm

Sunday evening Cajun music continues at Tornado Alley with *Squeeze Bayou*. It is an early evening of Cajun dancing and children are welcome. Workshop takes place from 5 - 6 pm. Dancing from 6 - 8:30 pm. Admission is \$7 for adults. Kids FREE. Tornado Alley is located just off of University Blvd. on Elkin St. in Wheaton, MD. For info 301-270-2586.

Clogging

2th and 4th Thursdays

Come to the Clog Palace for free-style Appalachian clogging, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Chicken Place, 11201 Grandview Avenue, Wheaton MD. Admission \$5. From the Beltway, take Georgia Avenue north toward Wheaton, then a left onto Veirs Mill road. At the second light, take a right onto Reddie Drive. Take an immediate left onto Grandview Avenue. The Chicken Place is just before the large public parking lot on the right. Information: Julie Mangin (301)495-0082.

Jan 11 *Steve Hickman & Fiddlestyx*

Jan 25 *Hambone Sweets*

IN MEMORIAM

Ted Sannella, passed away on November 18, 1995. Ted was a wonderful caller and leader of the revival of traditional square and contra dancing in the US and worldwide these last 30 years. He will also be remembered for the many fine dances he wrote, many of which are included in his book *Balance and Swing*. Notes of condolence and appreciation can be sent to his wife Jean Sannella at RR1 Box 218, Old Sheepscot Rd., Wiscasset, ME 04578 and in lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Ralph Page Memorial Fund, % Ralph Jones, 103 Riverview Ave. Waltham, MA, 02154.

English Country Dance and Workshop
Tuesday, January 9 & 23, 7:45 pm

Figures, phrasing, and style taught. Calling by **Howard Markham, Pat Ruggiero**, occasional guests. Musician this month: **Pat Wexelblat**, recorder. Guest musicians welcome--call Howard. N/P, N/E. \$3. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, Virginia. Call Howard or Pat at 703-471-0629 for information.

Zydeco Dance

Saturday, January 13, 9 pm

Enjoy red hot zydeco music and come dance to the **Creole Zydeco Farmers** in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, MacArthur Blvd. at Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo, MD. Beginners Zydeco workshop from 8-9 pm. Dance 9-12 pm. Admission \$10 (Includes dance workshop and dance). For more info 301-309-0895. Sponsored by Crawfish Productions in cooperation with the National Park Service.

English Country Dance

Saturdays, January 13 & 27, 8:15 pm

Music by Peascods Gathering, calling by Barbara Harding, at Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Personal instruction for beginners, 8 - 8:15, N/E, N/P. \$5. Info call 301-493-6281, 301-946-5388, 301-577-5018.

Northern Virginia Ceili

Saturday, January 13, 7:30 pm

The Northern Virginia Ceili will be on Sat. Jan 13 at the John Wood Center, 3701 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. from 8 pm to Midnight. FREE lessons for beginners from 7:30 - 8 pm. Music by the **Bogwanderers Ceili Band**. Admission: Adults \$10; children under 16 \$5; family \$20; children under 6 FREE. Complimentary tea, coffee and soda bread; soft drinks for sale. For info 703-978-8265.

Reston Contra Dance

Saturday, January 13, 8 pm

Bob Hirsch will be the caller and **June Apple** will be the band for the Reston contra dance on Sat. Jan 13, 8 - 11pm at The Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston, VA. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Dance \$4.50. Beginners' wksp 7-8 pm., \$1.50. **Dances are now on the SECOND Saturdays.** Info call 703-709-9121.

Maryland Klezmer Club

Sunday, January 14, & 28, 6:30 - 9 pm

Come join the **Machaya Klezmer Band** every other Sunday from 7-9 pm at the Chevy Chase Holiday Inn for good food and live Jewish "Klezmer Club" music and dancing. For reservations and admission charges call the Chevy Chase Holiday Inn at 301-656-1500.

Irish Mini Ceili Dance

Thursday, January 18, 8 pm

A mini Irish Ceili will be held on Thurs. Jan 18 from 8 - 10:30 pm at the Frost Center, Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville, Md. Irish Country Sets and Ceili will be performed. Live music. Admission \$4 donation. For info 301-840-1416.

Zydeco Dance

Friday, January 19, 9 pm

Enjoy the rural Opelousas Friday evening atmosphere of the Off Shore Lounge and come dance to traditional zydeco music with the unique modern sound of the **Creole Zydeco Farmers** in the Cherry Hill Park Ballroom in College Park, MD. Beginners zydeco workshop from 8 - 9 pm. Dance 9 - 12 pm. Admission \$10 (Includes dance workshop and dance). For info call 301-309-0895.

Washington Swing Dance

Saturday, January 20, 9 pm

The Washington Swing Dance Committee offers at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, **The Sevilles** back for an evening of '50s flavored rock and roll. Introductory swing workshop from 8 - 9 pm, dancing from 9 - midnight. Admission to the dance is only \$8 with \$1 going directly to the rehabilitation fund drive for the Spanish Ballroom. For info call 301-340-9732.

Scandia DC

Saturday, January 20, 8 pm

Scandinavian couple dancing at the Indian Springs Terrace Recreation Center, 9717 Lawndale Dr., Silver Spring, MD; dancing from 8 -11 pm, teaching from 8 - 9 a favorite Norwegian dance, Rørospol will be taught; ; some live some recorded music; N/P; teachers Linda Brooks and Ross Schipper \$4. For info 202-333-2826.

Blackthorn Ceili Dance

Saturday, January 20, 8 pm

The Blackthorn Stick Ceili will be held Sat. Jan. 20 at Holy Redeemer, off Saul Rd., Kensington, MD. Music by NEW **Blackthorn Stick Ceili Band** led by **Phillipe Varlet** with **Betsy O'Malley, John Timony, Regan Wick** and **Jesse Winch**. For more info call 301-929-6135.

English Country Dance

3rd Saturday, January 20

Calling by **Barbara Harding**, recorded music. All are welcome. No admission charge. N/P, N/E. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, Virginia. For more info call Barbara Harding at 703-437-3615.



Irish Ceili Dance
Sunday, January 21, 2 pm

The Greater Washington Ceili Club's monthly dance will be held on Sun. afternoon, Jan 21 from 2 - 6 pm at the conference center at Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD. Music for sets and Ceili dances will be provided by **Dave Abe, Bob Smith, Andy Thurston** and **Jesse Winch**. A workshop featuring an Irish set dance will be offered at 1 pm by **Jim Keenan**. Admission \$10 GWCC and FSGW members, \$12 non-members, \$8 students/seniors. \$5 kids 11-16, kids under 11 FREE, Max. Family admission \$30. For more info 703-532-7422.

Cajun Dance
Friday, January 26, 9 pm

Come dance to a favorite Washington local Cajun band **Squeeze Bayou**. **Squeeze Bayou** plays exciting Cajun music, specializing in two-steps and waltzes. Their music reflects a blend of country music, blues, and Creole styles. Beginners Cajun workshop from 8 - 9 pm. Dance 9 - 12 pm. Admission \$10 (Includes dance workshop and dance). Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD. Sponsored by Crawfish Productions in cooperation with Cherry Hill Park.

Argentine Tango Tea Dance (Milonga)
Sunday, January 28, 2 pm

An afternoon of tangos will be held at Dancers, 4609 Willow Ln., Bethesda, MD. The dance will be to recorded music and will be authentic style 30's, 40's & 50's Argentine Tango and some Milonga. For more info call 301-656-0595

International Folk Dancing in Columbia

International folk dancing is held every Wednesday night at Kahler Hall in the Village of Harper's Choice, Columbia, MD from 8 - 10:30 pm. Dances are taught the first hour and request dancing to recorded music follows. The group does line, circle and partner dances from Eastern Europe, Western Europe, and parts of Asia. We have frequent parties and workshops. New dancers are always welcome. N/P. For more info call 410-740-2309 or 410-997-1613.

Mount Vernon International Folk Dancers
Wednesday, 8 - 10 pm

Great wooden floor with instruction by George Tressel. BEG to INT levels. N/E, N/P. Teaching 1st hour, request 2nd hour. Seasonal parties. Recorded music. \$2.50 Mt. Vernon Unitarian Meeting Hall, 1909 Windmill Ln., Alexandria (off Fort Hunt Rd.. at Mason Hill Dr. and right on Windmill). For more info 703-780-2393.

DANCE CLASSES

Dance classes -Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff, Synergy Dance Center, January 8 - 29, 7:10-8:10 pm Int. swing, 8:10-9:10 pm Adv. One-Step, 9:10-10:10 pm Exp. Swing. 4 week session is \$44. Synergy Dance Center, 4321 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016. Make checks payable to Halbark Dance. For more info 703-978-0375.

Dance classes - Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff, Lyon Village Community Center, January 17 - February 28, 7 - 8 pm Beg. Swing, 8:30 - 9:30 pm Exp. Swing, \$42 for six weeks. Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N. Highland St., Arlington, VA. (Just off Spout Run Exit from GW Parkway). Call Tina Thomas at 703-522-5899 to register.

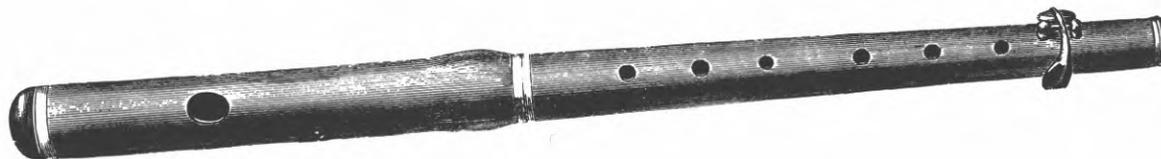
Irish dance classes - (traditional country sets and Ceili dances for adults) Wednesdays January 24 - March 27 Beginners 7 - 8:15 pm, Advanced 8:15 - 9:30 pm at Glen Echo Park, MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD. \$30. For more info 301-840-1416. Taped music N/P, N/E.

Irish dance classes - (traditional country sets and Ceili dances for adults) Thursdays from January 25 - May 16 Beginner's 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Advanced 8:30 - 9:30 pm at Frost Center, Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville, MD. Donation to Frost Center \$35. For more info call 310-840-1416.

Blackthorn Ceili dance classes -Mondays January 15 - May 13, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Bethesda, MD. Beginning and Advanced Ceili country sets. For more info 301-929-6135.

Cajun/Zydeco dance classes - Cherry Hill Park, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd., College Park, MD. January 20, January 27, February 10, Saturdays 10 - 11:30 Beg/Int. Zydeco 11:30 - 1 pm Beg/Int Cajun \$36 For more info call Crawfish Productions 301-309-0895.

Herb Fredricksen's Folk, Ethnic, Period Social Dance Classes. Rockville Recreation, Carnation Room, Rockville Senior Center, 6 weeks Jan. 17, Wednesday, 7:30-8:40 pm, AN INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL DANCING, basics of couple dancing Jan. 17, Wednesday, 8:45-9:55 pm, AN INVITATION TO THE BALL, a new look at the enduring dances N/P, N/E, Further info, detailed flier, dance related newsletter: Herb Fredricksen (301) 840-2056.



INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCES

A wide variety of dances to choose from! All taped music. N/P, N/E.

- Mon:** SCOTTISH DANCE 8:15 pm NIH Fitness Center, Bldg T-39, Bethesda. Info: Peggy Dennis 301-983-9738
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Leland Community Center, 4301 Willow St., Bethesda, MD. Beginner's class - 10 classes 7:15 - 8:00 pm \$40, Intermediate/Advanced class 8 - 10 pm 5 classes \$24.25, 7 classes \$30.75, 10 classes \$40.50. For info call the Diamonds 301-871-8788.
- Tues.:** SCOTTISH DANCE 8 pm, Washington Episcopal School, River Rd., Bethesda. Info: Jim 202-234-6840.
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Key Elementary, Key Blvd., Arlington, VA. 8 - 10 pm \$3 For info 703-527-8998.
- Wed.:** SCOTTISH DANCE 8 pm. Durant Center on Cameron St., Alexandria, VA. Info: 703-549-6077.
SILVER SPRING GUMBO GROUPIES Long Branch Community Center, Social Hall A, 8700 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring. 7:30 pm For info call 301-439-4815.
ISRAELI DANCE featuring "oldies" nights 1st and 3rd Weds. of each month, newer dances 2nd and 4th, Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac, 7:30-11 pm. 1st hour basic steps for beginners. Info: 301-441-8213.
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Kahler Hall, Harper's Choice, Columbia, MD 8 - 10:30 pm For more info 410-740-2309
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Mt. Vernon Unitarian Meeting Hall, Alexandria 8 - 10 pm, \$2.50. For more info 703-780-2393.

AND BEYOND

MARYLAND

Baltimore Folk Music Society News
Hotline: 410-366-0808

Squares and Contrás

Wednesdays 8 pm, Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St.
Admission \$5 for BFMS, \$7 nonmembers. Your card is required to enter as a member. Basic steps taught at a workshop 2nd & 4th Wed. of each month 7:30 pm.

- Jan 3 **Robbin Schaffer** calling to *Fiddlestyx*
Jan 10 **Ann Fallon** calling to Open Band
Jan 17 **George Marshall & Tim van Egmond** calling to *Swallowtail*
Jan 24 **Andy Kane** calling to *Microchasm*
Jan 31 **Howard Bass** calling to *Mighty Possums*
For information, please call the hotline: 410-366-0808.

English Country Dance.

Mondays 8 pm Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St.
Admission \$5 for BFMS, \$7 nonmembers. Your card is required to enter as a member.

- Jan 1 **New Year's Day Community Dance.** Community callers calling to the music of **Liz Donaldson & open band**
Jan 8 **Mary Kay Friday** calling to music of **Marty Taylor, Dawn Culbertson and Susan Rudy**
Jan 15 **Rich Galloway** calling to music of **Elke Baker, Marty Taylor and David Wiesler**
Jan 29 **Liz Donaldson** calling to *Some Assembly*
For information, please call the hotline: 410-366-0808.

BFMS Mid-Winter Ball 1996

Quick! Now's the time to send in your reservation for the 15th Annual Mid-Winter Ball! The Ball will be held at St. Stanislaus Church Hall, 700 South Ann St. in Fells Point, on Sat. Jan. 13, 1996. Mingle at the Tea at 7 pm, showing off your best dessert or a scrumptious snack. Get in the spirit of things with the Grand March at 8 pm then sway to the superb sounds of *Yankee Ingenuity*, with calling by the legendary **Tony Parkes**! Pick up a flyer at an event or call the BFMS Hotline 410-366-080 to find out exactly what to do. If you need to talk to a real person you can call 410-788-2761, but do so between 5 - 9 pm. Tickets will be sold in advance and we do sell out.

Zydeco Crayz

Saturday, January 6, 8 pm

BFMS presents *Zydeco Crayz* at Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD. at 8 pm. Admission is \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members. For more info call BFMS Hotline 410-561-4573.



REST OF MARYLAND

Patapsco Scottish Dancers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month, 8 - 10 pm

Come try out Scottish social dancing. We welcome beginners. **Annamarie Pluhar** and **Elke Baker** teach, Elke provides first class music on the fiddle. We meet at the Carly Maxwell Dance Studio, 8030 Main St. on 4th floor. Bring soft soled shoes and \$5. For more info call 301-869-0963 or 301-589-6813.

Coffeehouse at Mays Chapel

Fridays, 8:30 pm

The Coffeehouse of Mays Chapel United Methodist Church, 11911 Jennifer Rd., Timonium, MD presents concerts where the doors open at 7:30 pm with the concert at 8:30 pm. The concerts are non-profit educational, alcohol and smoke FREE. The church is wheelchair accessible. For info call 410-922-5210.

Jan 5 **Mike Cross** \$12.50

Jan 12 **Maggie Sansone, Robin Bullock, Bonnie Rideout** \$10

Jan 19 **Cheryl Wheeler** \$15

Jan 26 **Al Petteway & Amy White plus Pete & Maura Kennedy** \$10

Patches and Liz Coffeehouse North

2nd & 4th Saturdays

The Patches and Liz Coffeehouse North takes place on the second and fourth Saturday each month in the Timonium Methodist Church, 2300 Pots Spring Road, Timonium, Maryland. Concerts begin at 8:00 pm and admission is \$8.00 per person unless otherwise specified. Refreshments are available. Coffeehouse concerts, hosted by singing emcees Patches and Liz, feature singer-songwriters and folk music performers from the Baltimore-Washington area as well as acoustic music artists from across the U.S. For information and directions, call 410-771-4709.

Jan 13 **Sue Trainor & Sue Ribaud**

Jan 27 **Sanders, Kass, and White**

Frederick Country Dance

Saturday, January 27, 8 pm

Kate Charles calling mostly contras to the music of the **Marc Glickman Mystery Band**. Dances hosted by Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council every fourth Saturday at the Old Armory, corner of Second and Bentz. Directions: From 70 or 270, take 15N, exit at Rosemont Ave. and go straight at light onto Second St., follow to Bentz. Armory is on the right. FREE beginners workshop promptly at 7pm. MMFAC members \$4, non-members \$6, Frederick city residents \$3. Info call 301-694-6794 or 717-334-5392

Prospect Coffeehouse

Saturday, January 12, 8 pm

Prospect Coffeehouse Concerts are held at the Kepler Theater on the campus of Hagerstown Junior College, Robinwood Dr., Hagerstown, MD. unless otherwise stated. General admission is \$7 at the door, \$5 for MGCAA members and FREE to HJC students and faculty. Complimentary light refreshments are available at intermission courtesy of Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe of Shepherdstown and Mountain Green. For more info 301-739-5265(eves.)

Jan 12 **Sweet Honey in the Rock**

Annapolis Dance

Saturday, January 6, 8 pm

The Annapolis Traditional Dance Society will hold a contra dance on Sat. Jan 6 at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Hall in Crownsville, MD. **Devil Among the Taylors** will provide the music with **Ann Fallon** doing the calling for the dance which will be from 8 - 11 pm. There will be a FREE waltz workshop by **Ann Fallon** and **John Wells** from 7 - 7:30 pm and then new dancer orientation until 8 pm. Dance with us at our new hall (nice wood floor), located at 1311 General's Highway (Rte. 178) in Crownsville. Admission \$5 for member/affiliates and \$7 for the general public. For more info call 410-544-9505.

Tuesday, January 16

The Annapolis Traditional Dance Society will hold a contra dance on Tues. Jan 16. **Swallowtail** will provide the music with **George Marshall** doing the calling for the dance. Time, place and cost still TBA. For more info call 410-544-9505.

Helen Contra Dance

Saturday, January 20, 8 pm

Contra dance to the lively music of the **June Apple String Band** with dance caller **Michael Schectman** on Sat. Jan. 20 at Margaret Brent Middle School in Helen, MD. (St. Mary's County). A beginner's workshop will be held at 7:30 and the dance will start at 8 pm. Admission \$5. For more info call 301-769-3840.



VIRGINIA

Bluemont Morris Dancers

The Bluemont Morris Dancers perform traditional English morris dances. We practice on Monday evenings in Reston, VA. and we welcome new dancers. To ask about joining us or about having Bluemont Morris dance at an event, please call Laura at 703-845-8536.

H M Dancers

Wednesdays 7pm

Eighteenth century English Country dances, cotillions and minuets classes. Weds. at the Northern VA Electric Co-op in Manassas, VA. For info call Christine 703-636-4639.

Sing Along

Sing Along in Loudoun County. Meets monthly for fun, food and music. Singing follows pot luck dinner. For time and place call 703-779-7323 (FREE)

Bluemont Oldtime Country Dances

Saturday, January 20, 8 pm

Sat. Jan 20 **Bill Wellington** will call dances to the *Band of Choice*. Join the fun, seasonal music, rituals, foolery and a potluck supper. Old Bluemont School Community Center, Bluemont, VA. Admission is \$5 per person, \$3 for Bluemont Friends. For more info 703-777-6306.

Shenandoah Coffeehouse

Sunday, January 14, 7 pm

Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston, VA. All shows start at 7 pm. For directions and info call 703-476-4500. January 14 will feature **Eileen Joyner, Laurie Rose Griffith & Pete Mealy and Bill Parsons.**

WEST VIRGINIA

Shepherdstown Music and Dance

Saturday, January 6, 8 PM

Janine Smith calls contras and squares to the music of **Jacobs, Glickman, Brandt & Brandt**, with **Ellen Jacobs** on fiddle, **Marc Glickman** on piano, **Susan Brandt** on flute and **Larry Brandt** on guitar. A free beginners' workshop begins at 7:15 pm, with the dance starting at 8 pm at the War Memorial Building (Men's Club), corner of German and King Sts. in Shepherdstown, WV. Please bring soft-soled shoes. For more info, call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

Shenandoah Coffeehouse

Shepherdstown, WV

Saturday, January 20, 8 pm

Shepherdstown War Memorial Building (Men's Club), W. German St., Shepherdstown, WV. All shows start at 8 pm. December 16 features Barb Martin, Lisa Taylor and John Rickard.

NEW JERSEY

14th Annual Victoria's Revenge Dancefest

Cape May, New Jersey May 3 & 4, 1996

The 1996 Victoria's Revenge Dancefest flyers should be in your mailbox by mid-January. The weekend features music by *Childsplay*. Dance to the exciting, elegant music of over 20 of the best fiddlers you will ever hear play together. *Childsplay* includes such favorites as **Bob Childs, Steve Hickman, Claudio Buchwald, Mary Lea, Ralph Gordon, Ruthie Dornfeld** and other fiddlers from around the US and Europe. This delightful orchestra will warm your hearts and knock your socks off. Calling will be **Tony Parkes** and **Mary Virginia Brooks**.

If you are not on the mailing list, look for flyers at the local dances or request one by mail from:

Victoria's Revenge
% Jami Platt
6105 Yale Ave.
Glen Echo, MD 20812

Early registration counts this year. As in the past, the weekend includes a Friday night contra-dance, a full day of workshops on Saturday, a picnic lunch with live music and the Victorian Ball on Saturday evening

WAY BEYOND

St Croix, Virgin Islands

February 7 - 13, 1996

Spend a week on St. Croix with the best of New England and Old Time music and dance with *Wild Asparagus* and the *Super 400's*. **George Marshall** and **Kathy Anderson** will be the callers. The cost is \$750. This does not include airfare. It includes transportation to and from the airport in St. Croix, a place in a double occupancy room, breakfast the first morning, catered dinners each night and all evening parties. A deposit of \$100 will hold your reservation. Final payment is due by January 15th. Cancellation policy: \$50 non-refundable after 11/15, \$100 non-refundable after 12/15. Entire amount non-refundable after 1/15/96. For more info call 413-323-9604.

CLASSIFIEDS

EDITORIAL POLICY for Classified Ads: You must be an FSGW Member to place an ad. Ads may be **UP TO 50 WORDS**, including tel. number with area code, **\$8 FOR EACH 10 WORDS** commercial/business, **\$4 FOR EACH 10 WORDS** non-commercial & individuals. **Lost & Found are FREE**. There is a limit of three ads per member per issue. Ads must be relevant to FSGW's stated purpose (see Editorial Policy elsewhere in issue). Deadline is the 10th of the month. Please include tel. # in case of questions. We provide advertisers with a targeted audience of people interested in all the various forms of folklore & folklife.

TAX HELP AND BOOKKEEPING for those year-end blues. Small business and individual. Andrea Hoag 301-565-2777.

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER lighten up with a little music. Happy lessons for the piano, guitar and recorder. Patient John 202-234-1837.

DEADLINE FOR February Newsletter:

Wednesday, January 10

All copy for the February issue of this *Newsletter* is due at the home of EDITOR C. Pilzer, NO LATER THAN 9 PM, Wed. Jan. 10

- Copy may be sent by E-mail to cecily@beartrack.com or uploaded to the Traditional Computer Bulletin Board (see below).
- Computer readable copy may be on 3 1/2" or 5 1/4" MS-DOS or Macintosh formatted diskettes, WordPerfect 5.1 format preferred.
- Copy may be sent by FAX to 301-565-5255.
- Printed Copy should be on standard (8 1/2 x 11") paper, one article per page.
- Include a phone number where you can be reached in case of questions about your text.
- It helps GREATLY if you send your copy in short article form.
- NO copy will be accepted over the telephone.

Questions/directions for hand-delivered submissions, file format details, call 301-565-8818. Use of the Traditional Computer Bulletin Board for uploading articles strongly encouraged; call D. Nichols at 703-938-4564 for details. Thanks!

Publications Chairman: Charlie Pilzer
Editor: Cecily Pilzer

Send copy to: FSGW NEWSLETTER, c/o C. Pilzer
7425 Buffalo Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
This publication is printed on recycled paper.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington



P.O. Box 5693, Friendship Heights Station
Washington, D.C. 20016

PRESORTED
FIRST CLASS MAIL
US POSTAGE PAID
ROCKVILLE, MD
PERMIT #4297

Telephone Hotline: 202-546-2228



FIRST CLASS

*****5-DIGIT 20015
EXP 203801 8*
Harold & Rose M. Ames
3243 Chestnut St. N.W.
Washington DC 20015-1439

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for copy for the **FSGW Newsletter** is the 10th of every month for the following month (except for June/July which is a joint issue and has the May 10th deadline for the two months.). Send all copy to:

FSGW Newsletter c/o C. Pilzer
7425 Buffalo Ave..
Takoma Park, MD 20912

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional folk arts in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. FSGW is a center of the Country Dance & Song Society of America and maintains reciprocity arrangements with like nearby societies. Membership is open to all who support these goals upon payment of annual dues. Contributions in excess of the dues are welcome and tax-deductible. Newsletter subscription are available outside the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. For membership information call 301-530-5683. For event information call 202-546-2228.

RENEWAL COUPON

Please renew my FSGW membership so I can continue to enjoy the newsletter and many other benefits.

- 1 year: Individual (\$24) Family (\$33) Newsletter - if out of Washington metropolitan area (\$16)
- 2 yrs: Individual (\$44) Family (\$63) Gift \$ _____
- 3 yrs: Individual (\$64) Family (\$93) Life (I - \$400/F - \$600)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Phones (home, work) _____

(Do not list my address phone in the the FSGW Membership Directory)

My folk interests _____ How I can help FSGW _____

How FSGW can help me more _____



Send coupon & check to: FSGW Membership, 10101 Ashburton Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817