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NEWSLETTER

It Won't Snow in May
DC Finest
Friday, May 10, 8:30 pm

FSGW's May membership program will be a re-scheduling of the snowed-out January program featuring Washington's great Doo-Wop group ***DC's Finest***. The program will be held on Fri. May 10 at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD. The concert begins at 8:30 pm and is FREE to FSGW members and \$10.00 to non-members who may join the Society the night of the concert.

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, a mix of quartet-style singing and secular songs, first burst on the popular scene in 1948 with a pair of spare, haunting hits by Baltimore's ***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 an influence that survives in popular music today. 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 close knit communities.

The members of ***DC's Finest*** have been performing this music together for about ten years, having all met through their jobs with the DC Police Department. They have performed across the country in venues ranging from sewage treatment plants to schools to General Colin Powell's retirement party, although they particularly enjoy playing in schools; trying to bring some beauty and hope into the troubled communities they grew up in. They are just now releasing their first album, ***Arresting Sounds*** on the Collectibles 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 Blvd. in Bethesda, MD. From the Beltway, take the Wisconsin Ave. South exit and follow Wisconsin about 2¾ miles to Bradley Blvd. Turn right on Bradley and go about 3¾ miles to the church which will be on your right.



FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

From mid-March through November the FSGW Sunday night dance is held in the historic Spanish Ballroom at the Glen Echo Park National Historic Site, off MacArthur Boulevard in Glen Echo, Maryland. 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. Admission is \$6.00 for members of FSGW and affiliated groups (BFMS, CDSS, ATDS), \$8.00 for all others

May 7 After warming up at Victoria's Revenge **Tony Parkes** and **Childsplay** descend on Glen Echo for an evening of fascinating dances and mind boggling music. Tony is well known as one of New England's most popular callers and dance composers, and has been featured at festivals and dance camps here and in England. **Childsplay** contains (barely) 20 of the finest dance fiddlers to be found anywhere who all play instruments crafted by Maine's Bob Childs. Every year or two they gather from all over the country to amaze and delight dancers in a different region. Outnumbered (but never outplayed) **Peter Barnes** will add inventive and amusing piano parts, while **Ralph Gordon's** bass provides a role model for the smaller strings.

May 12 Baltimore's **Robbin Schaffer** journeys down I-95 to treat us to her usual carefully selected and delightfully called assortment of contras. Dance power will be provided by two of our favorite local musicians: **Andrea Hoag's** fiddle playing draws on her wide repertoire of tunes from Quebec, England (New and Old) and Scandinavia, while **Charlie Pilzer** collaboratively complements Andrea's melodic versatility, choosing between piano, accordion and bass.

May 19 **Ann Fallon's** wide ranging repertoire and smooth calling style are sure to complement a warm D.C. Spring evening. **June Apple** will accompany Ann's usual fine selection of contras with spirited New England tunes: Jeff Steinberg's fiddle joins Alice Markham's Cape Breton flavored piano while Mike McGeary provides rhythm support on banjo and guitar. Bob Garber's clarinet adds a wind section to complete the mix.

May 26 **Beth Molaro's** energy, clear calling and skilled dance selection have made her one of the mid-Atlantic's most popular (and widely traveled) callers. Tonight her migration brings her to Glen Echo for an evening of contras and squares with dance transportation provided by **Martin's Flight**: **Sandy Mitchell's** versatile and energetic fiddle teams up with **Marc Glickman's** piano and **Ralph Gordon's** bass to help you earn lots of frequent dancer points.

June 2 Former Dance Chair **Nancy Mamlin** returns to help wrap up the Washington Folk Festival



Phil Cooper and Margaret Nelson House Concert Saturday, May 4, 8:30 pm



Phil Cooper and **Margaret Nelson** travel from Chicago to bring us strong old music at the home of Jennifer Woods and Bob Clayton in Silver Spring, MD. The house concert will be held on Sat. May 4 at 8:30 pm. **Phil Cooper** and **Margaret Nelson** have been performing together for more than a decade -- as professional partners. They combine a strong female voice and an occasional husky male voice with a perfectly integrated guitar and other instruments. The duo specializes in traditional ballads and Celtic tunes from England, Ireland, Scotland and the American South, accompanying themselves on guitar, auto harp, bodhran, spoons and doumbek (A North African drum).

This talented duo has filled a dozen albums with lilting instrumentals and heartfelt renditions of traditional ballads. Margaret Nelson says they sing "songs of love, sex, greed, betrayal, death, revenge and more death." Please join us for a wonderful evening of traditional music and song! We will serve light refreshments. Admission is \$6 (FSGW members) and \$9 (nonmembers). For more info and directions call 301-587-7174.

House Concert in Virginia Chris Timson and Anne Gregson Friday, May 17, 8:30 PM

Chris Timson and **Anne Gregson** are a couple from Bradford on Avon, England who sing in close harmony and play two different types of concertina. **Chris** plays Anglo and **Anne** plays English. They mix traditional songs with some of their own compositions, (vocal and instrumental) and some from others in the folk community in England. (If you remember the "Punch & Judy" song from Holdstock and McLeod, a song surely to be sung this evening. If you don't know it -- it still is scheduled.) We are looking forward to hearing them in person, after exchanging e-mail with them for a couple of years. This will be their first concert in the D.C. area, and part of their first trip to the USA.

As a bit of side information, Chris is an expert on concertinas on the net. But don't worry, he's more likely to play them at you than to lecture at you. For more info and directions call Ursy at 703-821-1373



PLEASE READ THE CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS THAT FOLLOW. VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE.

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS -- FSGW BOARD

The following statements have been prepared by the candidates for the 1996-97 FSGW Board. Statements for contested positions are presented in alphabetical order, and incumbents are shown by an ●. Please use this information to help you decide how to cast your vote. A ballot for members is enclosed in this Newsletter. For your vote to be counted, it must be received no later than Friday, May 10. Ballots may be sent by mail or turned in at the FSGW Program on Friday, May 10.

PRESIDENT

●**Jamie Platt:** I am honored to have been nominated to serve a second term as President. During the past year, I have enjoyed working with the Board. Board members have been hard working and eager to produce some really good music and dance programs. We have also initiated an outreach program which includes FREE concerts at Mason District Park in Annandale this summer, a community dance at Danni's Children's Festival on May 11th, and possible cooperative ventures with Border's Books. We are also planning some cooperative programs with the American History Museum and, possibly the Smithsonian Resident Associates. This should be an exciting year.

VICE PRESIDENT

Marty Summerour: I have served on the Board for several years now. First I was a Member at Large, then Secretary, and during the past year I was Special Events chair. I really enjoy the traditional music that FSGW promotes and preserves. As an organization, FSGW sponsors so many great opportunities for singing, dancing, and just getting together in our various events. As the vice president, I believe I would be effective in helping to get these various activities to achieve their maximum potential. During the past year, I have helped FSGW to expand our community outreach programs. I will continue to assist other board members and others in the organization with their more specific tasks as needed!

TREASURER

●**David Boynton:** I am glad to offer a second year of accounting work to the Society. As strange as it is, bookkeeping and contra dancing are both my hobbies. I have been volunteer treasurer for a number of organizations, and did serve for 8 years as chief financial officer of a non-profit association.

MEMBERSHIP

Norm Bernhardt: I have served as publicity chair for the past 2 years and have worked closely with the current membership chair in making the Society better known. As membership chair I will continue these outreach efforts and the streamlining of processing new memberships and membership renewals.

SECRETARY

Jane Gorbaty: I have been active with the Folklore Society for many years. This year I organized the 5 FREE dances at the Folk Alliance conference in DC and have worked on various dance camps. I hope to involve you in FSGW activities. I would like to have members visit Board meetings to express any opinions and ideas, join me in working on projects like utilizing the FSGW web page (as soon as it is available), and other functions of the Internet for the Society, and insuring that the current Board meeting notes make it into the Newsletter

Jim Mielke: I discovered English Country dance about 5 years ago, and fell in love with it. When I discover something I like, my enthusiasm builds, and I have twice co-chaired the English Spring Ball. More recently I have branched out into Scottish Country Dance and Contra. I have served as Secretary and President of two other non-profit organizations, and feel that I can offer some skill, experience, and willing support as Secretary of FSGW.

PUBLICATIONS

Carl Mintz: As past Treasurer and President of FSGW, I feel that our *Newsletter* is the single most important service we provide our members and others. I will endeavor to keep up the standard that past *Newsletter* editors have achieved. In addition, as requested by a number of members, I will endeavor to have the *Newsletter* in your hands earlier. This will involve pushing the submission deadline earlier in the month.

PUBLICITY

Kathy Westra: A life member of FSGW, I have also served on the FSGW board in many capacities over the years - 2 years each as President, Program chair, and Publications, and 3 years as Special Events chair. I've also done the publicity for various Washington Folk Festivals. After a rest of 7 years, I decided it was time to invest some energy once again in helping to do the work and make the decisions that keep FSGW an active and vital organization. Publicity seemed like a natural since, in my non-FSGW life, I am the director of public relations for the National Parks & Conservation Assn. Thanks to my job, I've got lots of knowledge (and contacts with) D.C. area media types.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Stephanie Smith: After a year serving as a Member-at-Large, I have a better idea how the FSGW board operates and feel I can now jump enthusiastically into planning Special Events. I have a great interest in programming in all areas (song, music, dance, children's events), and in working with other organizations such as the Smithsonian to promote co-sponsored events. My position at the Smithsonian's Center for Folklife Programs & Cultural Studies puts me in regular contact with performers and folk organizations. Besides working on Special Events, I will make the development and completion of the FSGW web site a top priority.

PROGRAM

Dennis Cook: My principle musical interests align well with the survey results, preferring traditional accompaniment and vocal performers from Western cultures. I also feel that we should be exposed to and have some opportunities to enjoy a more diverse range of traditional folk music. To this end, I will work with a program committee to help identify and select performers; you are invited to participate on the committee or by suggesting performers you think FSGW members would enjoy. Having been FSGW Treasurer and a sound engineer for FSGW and other venues, I am quite comfortable with the mechanics of producing a quality program. I will endeavor to provide consistent quality entertainment in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.

DANCE

Jay Ladin: The virus whose scientific name is traditional American dance (squares, contras, and big circle dances) first infected me nearly 35 years ago. I have been dancing in D.C. for 15 years, coming down from Baltimore most Sunday and occasional Friday evenings. Having recently moved into the D.C. area, I am now able to contribute my time to FSGW as my way of thanking the Society for providing this great social event. I have folk music society board experience as Dance chair in Baltimore and Program chair there and in Princeton, NJ.

AT-LARGE

Joe Metzler: I have been a member of the FSGW for over a decade, active in the dance community, and a staff member of the Washington Folk Festival. Over the years I have had a chance to hear members' ideas on what needs doing, changing, or improving. In this position I hope to voice these ideas and participate in bringing some of them about. I see this as an opportunity to learn more about the workings of FSGW and make a contribution towards its continued vitality.

Tom Hall: During my 2-year stint as Program chair (1992-94), I booked several record-setting concerts, and maintain strong interests in Cajun/Zydeco and Old-Time music and dance. I am pleased to be asked to serve in an at-large/outreach role, and to help bring new faces and new energy into our circle of friends.

Howard Bass: I have been involved with traditional music and dance for the past twenty years. I was one of the originators of the Bluemont dance, which I coordinated for ten years, and a cofounder of the Bluemont Concert Series. I was a founding member of Bluemont Morris, and served as squire and foreman for longer than I care to remember. For the past fifteen years I've been producing programs of traditional music at the National Museum of American History, which has led to producing three recordings for Smithsonian Folkways and work on various festivals in Washington and in other places. I'm also a contra dance caller and a professional musician. I would like to see FSGW, expand efforts in educational outreach and multi-cultural programming.

FSGW English Country Dance Glen Echo Town Hall Wednesdays, 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

The FSGW English Country Dance offers something for everyone. These wonderful, centuries-old dances were revived and have grown in popularity among dancers in the metropolitan Washington/Baltimore area as in other locales. The core of experienced callers is expanding as is the community of folk musicians who play the live music. Eclecticists may well appreciate the variety of instruments heard at the dances: piano, accordion, recorder, guitar, fiddle, flute, concertina, cello and bassoon. Come and participate in this renewal of traditional dances that extend back over generations as well as new dances composed in recent years by those who would continue this lively tradition into the future. Dance on the wood floor of the Glen Echo town hall; enjoy the friendly crowd and light refreshments. A **FREE WORKSHOP** will be conducted for newcomers at 7:30; dancing is from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. Bring shoes for a floor that is sometimes slippery. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Members \$5, non-members \$6.

May 1 **Mary Kay Friday** calls to the music of fiddlers **Becky Ross** and **Malcolm Stephens**.

May 22 **Diane Schmit** calls to the **Steve Hickman** and **David Weisler** fiddle/piano duo.

May 8 Caller **Richard Galloway** is accompanied by **Elke Baker** on fiddle and **Liz Donaldson** on piano, sometimes accordion.

May 29 **Mary Kay Friday** Calls to the music of *Some Assembly*: **Donna Boylan** on piano, **Mary Corletta Flora** on flute and recorder and **Paul Miller** on guitar.

May 15 **David Mann** on recorder and flute, **Susan Rudy** (down from Baltimore) on guitar and **Liz Donaldson** accompany caller Brad Sayler from Charlottesville.

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; or Roger Broseus via e-mail, RogerB@cais.com.

Community Dance Sunday May 12, 3 pm

Please join us at the community dance on Sun., May 12th from 3 - 5:30 PM. The dance will take place in the **Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park**. The caller will be **Tom Hinds** with music provided by **Liz Donaldson** and **Marty Taylor**. 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. These dances 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 FSGW. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 5 and over. There is a \$12 family maximum. If you are bringing children, please try to arrive on time, because there will be more teaching during the early part of the dance. For further info about the dance, call Jamie or Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099.

Upcoming dances:

June 9th **DeLaura Padovan** with **Steve Hickman** and **John Devine**.
July 14th **Robbin Schaffer** with TBA

Friends of the Washington Folk Festival

This year the Washington Folk Festival is not only celebrating the cultural diversity of the Washington area, but it is also celebrating its 20th anniversary. That's a remarkable achievement for any festival, and even more so for a festival which relies upon the support of hundreds of volunteers, performers, and donors.

"Friends of the Washington Folk Festival" have been crucial in helping to pay for sound systems, pianos, postage, program printing, stage and tent maintenance, shuttle buses, and much more.

You can become a "Friend of the Washington Folk Festival" by making a \$25 donation. For \$40 you can also receive a special 20th anniversary t-shirt. For \$65 you can become a "Super Friend" and receive a t-shirt and parking pass for the Glen Echo lot. Please send your donations to Dean Clamons, PO Box 217, Clifton, VA 22024. Remember to include your name, address, and t-shirt size.

Washington Folk Festival Volunteers Needed!

We all know that FSGW(along with the National Park Service) sponsors the Washington Folk Festival every June at Glen Echo National Park. But many people don't realize that it's the volunteers who "make the Festival happen" -- even performance stages wouldn't exist if the volunteer staff didn't give their time to build them. This year, as every year, we need volunteers for duties ranging from performer escorts to equipment setup and staffing the information booth. So if you'd like to be a 'real' part of the Festival, volunteer NOW! To get started, just mail in the volunteer information form included in this issue of the newsletter, or call Arzi at 301-421-1511 and get on board!

Final 1996 WFF Planning Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 pm

General festival staff meetings are held during the second week of the month at Glen Echo Park. All Committee Chairs and any other interested folks should attend. This year's final planning meeting will be Tues., May 7 at 7:30 pm in the Park Service Office. For more info, contact Reuben Musgrave at 301-593-6464.

20th Annual Washington Folk Festival Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) proudly presents the 20th Annual Washington Folk Festival on Sat. Jun. 1, noon - 11:30 pm and on Sun. Jun. 2, noon - 6 pm. The Festival takes place at Glen Echo Park, MacArthur Blvd. at Goldsboro Rd., in Glen Echo, MD. There is no admission fee; donations are encouraged.

More than 15,000 visitors enjoyed the 1995 Washington Folk Festival. In 1996 FSGW once again presents an exciting schedule featuring more than 500 musicians, dancers and crafts people -- representing 25 foreign nations and the US -- offering continuous musical performances, storytelling, dances and dance workshops, children's programming and demonstrations on seven stages. All stages are covered; the Festival takes place rain or shine. For more info call the FSGW Hotline at 202-546-2228.

This year's featured performers will include **Bill Baker**, *The D.C. Blues Society Band*, *DC's Finest*, *The Fabrangen Fiddlers*, *Ganga*, *Grace Griffith*, *Bruce Hutton*, *Ironweed*, *Lox and Vodka*, *Magpie*, *Reed Martin*, *Bruce Molsky*, *Al Petteway*, the *Spanish Dance Society*, *Susan Graham White*, the *Chet Hines Band* and the *Washington Toho Koto Society*.

Learn folk dances from all over the world. Learn American square and contra dancing. Listen as storytellers from many cultures weave traditional and original tales. Attend concerts that range in style from traditional Vietnamese to Native American, from bluegrass to Ladino from Klezmer to Celtic. Watch local artists demonstrate their crafts or buy their crafts.

The parking lot of Glen Echo is limited, but there will be FREE shuttle buses from a satellite lot.

MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY NEWS

Board Meeting

Tuesday May 7, 7:30 pm

The next Board meeting will be Tues May 7, tentatively at the Park Service Office at Glen Echo Park. Please call to confirm. Any FSGW member may attend. If you have items for the board to consider, please call Stephanie Smith 301-320-2469 or Jamie Platt 301-320-7099. Call 703-758-8710 for directions.

Open Sing

Friday, May 3, 8:30 pm

The May Open Sing will be held in Wheaton at the home of Rita Ferrara and Bill Day, on Fri., May 3rd at 8:30 p.m. Rita will be the leader. The topic is "Rigged out in style" -- songs about clothing or the absence thereof. (Belts, hats, jewelry, etc. Count as clothing in this case.) You can lead a song or request that the group sing one of your favorites. For directions and more info call 301-946-2161.

Gospel Sing

Sunday, May 12, 4 pm

This month's Gospel Sing will be May 12 at the home of Kathie Mack in Takoma Park, Maryland, very close to the Takoma Metro stop. Call her at 301 270-5367 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!

Storytelling

Saturday, May 18, 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of David & Naomi Balto in Chevy Chase, MD at 7:30 pm on Sat. May 18 for an evening of shared stories and potluck refreshments. The Baltos have moved since last they hosted a swap, so be sure to call them at 301-585-5205 for directions and RSVPs.



Tango Trade

Saturdays at 3 pm

Argentine Tango practice and informal swapping of steps and tips on technique. FREE. West End Public Library at 24th and L Sts. NW. Washington, DC (Upstairs) 3 - 5 pm. Every Sat., except some holiday weekends (check with the Library 202-727-1397). Recorded music. Beginners welcome. (Music and hosts may not be provided when other tango events scheduled the same day.) Sponsored by Capital Tangueros. For more info call 703-276-1430.

Hosted Argentine Tango Practice

Sunday, May 12, 4 pm

At the Academy of the Maryland Youth Ballet Studio, 7202 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. Suite 203, 4 - 6 pm. Recorded music provided. Sponsored by Capital Tangueros. For more info call 703-276-1430.

Weekend Workshops

Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th

Tango masters Rebecca Shulman from New York and Brigitte Winkler from Berlin will teach the close Milongaro style of social Argentine Tango Sat. and Sun. afternoons. Multiple workshops. Each will be \$15 and 75 minutes long. Workshops for all levels, BEG - N/E, INT, ADV, N/P. Location, times and exact descriptions to be announced. Sponsored by Capital Tangueros. For more info call 703-267-1430.

Sacred Harp Singing

Sunday, May 26, 4 pm

We shall sing folk hymns, spirituals, anthems, and fugal tunes from *The Sacred Harp* and other shape-note tunebooks at the home of Suzanne and Hunter Hale, 6122 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA. The singing starts at 4 pm, then potluck supper at 6 pm, and more singing after supper. Loaner tunebooks will be available. Directions: From Rte. 495 or DC, take Rte. 66 to Arlington and exit at exit 69. Turn onto Lee Highway (Rte. 29) going east, either directly or via Sycamore, and once on Lee go either 0.8 or 0.4 mile, respectively, to the house, which is between Powhatan and John Marshall. Info, call 301-897-5274 or 703-532-3570.

A R O U N D T O W N

Institute of Musical Traditions Concert Series

All May concerts will be held at the Silver Spring Unitarian Universalist Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD. (3 blocks north of Rt.495). Intimate, relaxed atmosphere with high ceilings, great lighting, excellent sound, non-smoking, and great refreshments courtesy of *Dessert First Because Life Is Uncertain*. Come to any concert and pick up a \$2 coupon towards your next purchase at the House of Musical Traditions. Also get you Music Mileage Madness card -- attend 6 concerts and get the 7th one FREE. FSGW members get \$1 off each ticket purchased. Groups of 5 or more get an additional 15% discount for tickets ordered in advance. Call 301-588-7525 for more info, or for advance tickets (now available for all concerts). Half-price tickets are available at the door for the 14 and under set. concert .

- May 6 **Marge Calhoun and Five Chinese Brothers**
\$10 advance / \$12 door, 8pm
- May 13 **Little Bit A' Blues** (Warner Williams and Jay Summerour) \$8 advance / \$10 door, 8 pm
- May 20 **Sue Trainor & Sue Ribaud** with special guest **Christina Muir** \$8 advance / \$10 door, 8 pm
- Series resumes again in September. Have a good summer.

Jewish Heritage Through Music March 6 to June 5, 7:30 pm

Sponsored by Maalot, a school and seminary for educators, cantors and lay persons interested in strengthening their background in Jewish music, liturgy and ceremonial arts, this series will explore Jewish Heritage through Music. \$10 per class. To register for the classes and for more info call 301-309-2310.

- May 1 **Yiddish:** Songs of love, work and struggle
Instructor: Cantor Sue Roemer
- May 8 **The Choral Tradition:** Instructor: Eleanor Epstein. Call for location of class
- May 15 **Cantorial Music:** A 1,000 year old tradition.
Instructor: Cantor Sam Weiss
- May 22 **Israel:** The Early Period: 1948 - 1967. Instructors: Cantors Sue Roemer and David Shneyer
- May 29 **Israel:** 1970's to Present. Instructor Cantor Ramón Tasat

Dr. L. Subramaniam Saturday May 4, 5 pm

The Association for India's Development will present a Aid India concert by violin maestro Dr. L. Subramaniam accompanied by Mahesh - Mridhangam & Satish - Kanjira on Sat. May 4th at 5 pm in the Hoff Theater, University of Maryland, College Park. Admission is \$50 Patron, \$20 & \$10. For tickets call 301-513-0565 or 301-441-2614.

4th Bi-Annual Songwriters Circle Saturday, May 4, 8 pm

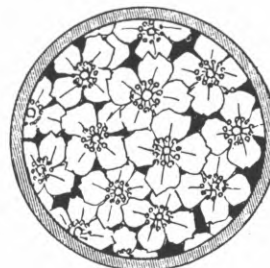
The Hall of Mirrors Performance Series is presenting its fourth bi-annual Songwriters Circle in the Dance Theater at Glen Echo Park on Sat. May 4 at 8 pm. Hosted by Alice McGill with performers being Carolyn Jane, Andrew McKnight and Chris Russell. Admission is \$6. For more info call 301-951-6242.

Nancy Scimone Saturday, May 4, 4 pm

Nancy Scimone, soprano. assisted by **Chuck Seipp**, trumpet and **Peggy Lacey Craig**, harpsichord and organ will be featured at the Bishop Claggett TriCentennial Evensong Program, Sat. May 4 at 4pm. The concert will be at Trintiy Episcopal Church, located at 14515 Church St. in Upper Marlboro, MD. For more info call 301-627-2636.

Danza Del Rio Saturday, May 4, 8 pm

On Sat. May 4 at 8 pm **Danza Del Rio** will present "An Evening of Music and Dance of Spain. Fiery Flamenco music and dance from Andalusia, Spain will share the program with elegant Classical Spanish Dance. The program is sponsored by the City of Fairfax and will take place in Sidney Lanier Auditorium, 3710 Bevan Dr. in Fairfax City. For tickets and more info call 703-281-5571.



Washington Revels May Fair at Woodend Sunday, May 5, 11 am - 5 pm

The Washington Revels is joining with the Audubon Naturalist Society to present a May Fair on Sun. May 5th from 11 am until 5 pm. Set on the beautiful wooded grounds of Woodend, an early 20th century country home in Chevy Chase, MD, now site of the Audubon office and education programs, the May Fair will incorporate a crafts market, wild plants and animals, and family nature activities into the traditional May Day festivities that have so long been held on Brandywine Street.

Bringing in the May will commence at 2 pm as May fool **Hank Chapin** leads the procession with *Revels May Chorus*, festooned **Garland Dancers**, both the *Foggy Bottom* and *Rock Creek Morris Dancers* and the **Greenwood Band** lead by **Charlie Pilzer**. *The Mad May Mummers* with **Mark Jaster** will inject zany humor into the entertainment and the children from the **Washington Waldorf School**, *Les Petites Chantrelles* from the Washington International School, and the *Levine Youth Chorus* from the Levine School of Music will perform songs, street games and play parties. British folk characters including the Green Man, the Chimney Sweep (to bring you luck) and the May Queen will be present along with the celebrated May 'Oss from Padstow. The gala winding of the Maypole will be followed by country dancing for all.

Pre-show performers will include a Renaissance dance group, **MacTalla**, four Morris dancing groups, madrigal singers from Falls Church High School and the North Branch School Dancers from Charlottesville. Plan to come at 11 am, have some lunch and stay until 5 when the country dancing concludes. That's Sun. May 5th at Woodend, located at 8940 Jones Mill Rd. in Chevy Chase, MD. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. For more info call with 202-364-8744 or 301-652-9188.

Cajun Music Concert Friday, May 10, 9 pm

Squeeze Bayou will be performing at Taliano's Restaurant in Takoma Park, MD. Music will be from 9 - 12. Taliano's is located at 7001 Carroll Ave. Admission is \$5. For more info call 301-270-2586 or Taliano's 301-270-5515.

Scandia DC House Concert and Dance Friday, May 10, 8 pm concert, 9 pm dance

Scandia DC will sponsor a house concert and dance in NW Washington Fri. May 10 with **Loretta Kelley** and **Andrea Hoag**. The concert is from 8 - 9 pm; dancing from 9 - 11 pm. Admission is \$5. The RSVP and for more info call Linda Brooks 202-333-2826.

Meridian Hill May Festival Saturday, May 11, 3 - 5 pm

A shortened version of The Washington Revels Bringing in the May will augment a multicultural May Festival to be held at Malcolm X/Meridian Hill Park on Sat. May 4 from 3 - 5 pm. This FREE festival will feature a collaborative effort between elementary children from H.D. Cooke School and seniors from Sarah's Circle, poetry by the youth group Barrios Unidos, a steel band, and Hispanic children's games by the Washington International School. Children from H.D. Cooke Elementary and The Washington Waldorf School will join forces in presenting street games and songs and a spectacular Double-Dutch team from H.D. Cooke will perform. All of this and more will be interspersed with songs and dances by members of The Washington Revels. Malcolm X Park is off of 15th Street between W and Euclid Streets. The performance will be on the upper level. Co-sponsored by Friends of Meridian Hill. For more info call The Washington Revels 202-364-8744.

Washington Storytellers Saturday, May 18, 8 pm

Washington Storytellers will present "**It Ain't Nothin' But The Blues**" by storyteller **Alice McGill**, with musicians. 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 nonmembers, \$6 seniors, \$6 students. For more info call 202-291-2170.

Music Workshop with Barbara McOwen Saturday, May 18, 9 am - 4 pm

This all-day workshop focusing on playing for Scottish Country Dancing. Musicians should already be competent at their instruments. Participants are invited to play for the entire Beginner's Ball program in the evening and will receive the arrangements for the Ball program in advance. **Barbara McOwen** of Tullochgorum (Boston) will be the instructor. The registration fee includes a box lunch. We will do our best to provide hospitality for out-of-town registrants. The music workshop is co-sponsored by the RSCDS Northern Virginia Branch and the Potomac Valley Fiddle Club. The workshop will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16th and North Inglewood, Arlington, VA. Admission is \$25. For info call 703-683-5845.



Beginner's Ball**Saturday, May 18, 8 pm**

This is a "Graduation" dance for new dancers who started in Fall 95 or Spring 96. All dances will be briefed and most have been selected by the new dancers themselves. The music will be wonderful! This dance is for everyone! Although we call it a Ball, it's really just an extra-special party, so if you don't yet have a fancy ball gown or a kilt, don't let that stop you from having a good time -- you won't be the only one! Contributions for the refreshment table are invited. The dance will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 16th St. and North Inglewood, Arlington, VA. For info call 703-590-8385.

Side by Side, Doris Justis and Sean McGhee**Saturday, May 18, 8 pm**

The Washington Ethical Society is pleased to welcome the return of Side by Side, Doris Justis and Sean McGhee! Side by Side has been greatly missed by all and they are returning to sing a spring concert for the benefit of WES and WESingers. It will be an evening of great duets; but don't be surprised if that's not all! The concert will be held at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC on Sat. May 18 at 8 pm. Admission is \$15. Advance tickets preferred: Send check (payable to WES) to WES, 7750 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20012, Attention Side by Side tickets. If tickets are to be returned by mail please include a self-addressed envelope. Otherwise tickets will be kept in will call.

Helicon, Madeline MacNeil and Dancerye**Sunday, May 19, 7:30 pm**

Three groups of Baltimore/Washington area musicians, Helicon, Madeline MacNeil and Dancerye will present a 2nd concert to benefit Chris House, a Washington hospice, Sun. May 17 at 7:30 pm. This exciting evening of folk music concert is sponsored by and will occur at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3 Chevy Chase Circle, Chevy Chase, MD. Individual tickets for this event are available from The House of Musical Traditions, Takoma Park; Dale Music, Silver Spring; Politics and Prose, NW Washington and The Bookstall, Potomac. The tickets are \$14. Individual advance mail-order tickets are available for \$12.50 and groups of 8 or more may purchase tickets by mail for \$11. Mail-order tickets are available from Concert for Christ House, P.O. Box 358, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. Orders should include a self-addressed stamped envelope so the tickets may be mailed. Mail orders received after May 7th will be held at the door. Checks should be made out to All Saints' Episcopal Church Concert for Christ House. For info call 301-445-3273 or 202-362-8275.

**Mill Run Dulcimer Band****Sunday, May 19, 2 pm**

The **Mill Run Dulcimer Band** will perform a concert of old-time sentimental music at Colvin Run Mill Park, five miles west from Tysons Corner in Virginia Rt. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 19. For information (park): 703-759-2771.

Buffalo Dance Circle Memorial Day Weekend-Bethesda, MD. International Folk Dance Symposium May 24 - 27, 1996

The Buffalo Dance Circle Memorial Day Weekend will not be held at Buffalo Gap Camp this Memorial Day because of new ownership and management. We had very short notice in order to find an alternate site. For this year, our symposium will be at the beautiful Holton Arms Campus on River Road in Bethesda, MD on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, the event will be at the Women's Club of Chevy Chase on Connecticut Avenue. Our Dance Masters include: Jelko Jergan teaching Croatian dance. Music for his teaching and parties will be provided by the Jerry Grceovich Tamuritsa Orchestra. Andor Czompo will teach Hungarian dance, Jerry Helt will call American Squares and Contrasts and Jorge Pererya will teach Argentine folk dance from his native Argentina and also the Argentine Tango. The Treo Tango Argentinos will be accompanying Jorge in his teaching and for a special Argentine tango session on Monday afternoon from 3 - 5 pm. Juan Prato plays the Bandoneon, essential to the Tango, plus other musicians. Pick up separate flyers on this event from your favorite flyer table. The George Batyi Group will also play a broad East European repertoire. George is a master Hungarian Gypsy violinist and will be playing dance music from Romania. Ellen Jacobs and Larry Robinson will play Scandinavian music. Ellen is a wonderful fiddler and Larry will play the Bousouki. Other featured musicians will be announced. As always, there will be fun theme parties, an outstretched hand to draw you into our circle, wonderful music and unexpected events to be announced. For info and to receive a flyer, please contact: Buffalo Dance Circle, % Phyllis and Brandon Diamond, 2414 East Gate Dr., Silver Spring, MD. 20906. Please call 301-871-8788. Since the event is local, you may register for full registration, daily registration and for the special Tango workshop and dance on Monday.

Clawhammer Banjo Workshops**Friday, May 24, 6:30 pm, Saturday, May 25, 9 am - 4 pm**

Dwight Diller will be giving a clawhammer banjo workshop for beginner/intermediate players on Fri. May 24 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm at which time he will concentrate on the right hand movement and his rousing rhythmic style. The workshop will be held at 5236 Thunderhill Rd., Columbia, MD. For more info call 301-769-4762. Sat. May 25 from 9 am - 4 pm, Dwight will give a clawhammer banjo workshop for intermediate players. New tunes! For more info call 301-769-4762. Group instruction will be held at 5236 Thunderhill, Columbia, MD.

Dwight Diller Concert**Saturday, May 25, 7 pm**

Dwight Diller will present a concert playing traditional music from the Mountains of East Central West Virginia. Bring your instruments and jam afterwards. Tickets are \$6. The concert will be held at 5236 Thunderhill Rd., Columbia, MD. For directions call 410-730-1036.

Potpourri of American & International Couple Dances**Sunday, May 26, 3 - 5:30 pm**

Jamie & Betsy Platt and Sam & Sarah Stulberg will teach a variety of American, Scandinavian, Czech, Polish, Hungarian, Romanian, and other international couple dances at the **Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park**. The class will be held from 3-5:30 PM and is open to everyone, but couple dancing is mostly for adults. You do not have to bring a partner and no experience is necessary. Recorded music. Admission: \$4.00. For info, please call Jamie or Betsy at 301-320-7099.

The international-style dances, which are generally held on the 4th Sunday of each month, are an expansion of the community dances held on the second Sundays. Some of these dances will be family friendly. The community dance series is sponsored by FSGW.

Upcoming dances

June 23rd African dance with **Paul Kengmo** and **Joseph Soh-Ngua**. For all ages

Dupont Music Circle**First and third Wednesdays, 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. First Wed. of each month in Arlington, VA; third Wed. of each month in DC. For info call 703-658-0957.

20th Annual Washington Irish Folk Festival**Sunday, May 26, 11 am - 5 pm**

The 20th Annual Irish Folk Festival features the finest in Celtic music, song and dance from Ireland, North American and around the globe. The festival will take place at Wolf Trap Farm Park, Vienna, VA. More than 150 musicians including Ireland's hottest new bands, **Dervish** from Co. Sligo and **Nomos** from Co. Cork; **Séamus Egan's** new band **Solás** and the all-women ensemble **Cherish the Ladies** will perform. Also appearing will be **James Kelly** with guitarist **Zan McLeod**, **Brendan Mulvihill & Donna Long**, **Causeway**, **Celtic Thunder**, **Jack Coen**, **Séamus Connolly & Martin Mulhaire**, **Joe Cormier & J.P. Cormier** and **Hilda Chiasson**, **The Sons of the South**. Afternoon highlights will include the acclaimed young musicians concert featuring the best Irish musicians of the next generation. General admission in advance \$14 adults, \$3 children. Day of festival \$18 adults, \$5 children.

Evening concert: 8pm

Hosted by **Fiona Ritchie** of NPR's *The Thistle and the Shamrock*, the evening concert features direct from Ireland **Patrick Street** with **Kevin Burke**, **Jackie Daly**, **Andy Stewart**; **Séamus Egan's** new ensemble **Solás**; Ireland's hottest new traditional band **Dervish** and Co. Clare's fiddler **Martin Hayes**. Tickets in advance \$14 in house, \$7 lawn, \$3 children lawn. Tickets day of festival \$18 in house, \$9 lawn, \$3 children lawn. For tickets call PROTIX 703-218-6500. For

American Sampler "Different Drummers"**May 3, Noon: Soh Daiko, Japanese taiko drumming****May 31, noon, June 1, 2 pm: Heartbeat: Voices of First Nations Women**

The American Sampler's "Different Drummers" series at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History continues on **May 3** with **Soh Daiko**, a New York-based taiko drum ensemble. Using different size drums, flutes, and other percussion instruments, and featuring intricate choreography and exquisite teamwork, taiko drumming is one of the most exciting performance experiences going. The "Different Drummers" series concludes on **May 31** and **June 1** with performances of traditional Native American women's music. The singers are **Laura Wallace** (Navajo) and **Midge Dean Stock** (Seneca), who will present traditional dance songs and women's songs and discuss the role of women in Native American music. Programs are FREE and open to the public. Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History. For further information call 202-357-4182

American Folklife Center's Notes from the Field**Friday, May 31, 12 noon**

A new series of monthly presentations about the collections and activities of the American Folklife Center entitled "Notes from the Field" in Dining Room A., Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave. SE. The presentations will be illustrated by supporting documentation such as slides, audio and video. For more info call 202-707-6590.

May 31 **Mary Hufford**, the clash of culture, forest and industry in the Central Appalachian Cove.

Call For Volunteers.**June 15 & 16, 1996**

The **Oatlands Celtic Festival** needs volunteers. The usual deal - no money, just much thanks and a well stocked hospitality tent. The usual kinds of jobs - running around, helping at stages, sitting at tables, etc. Meet nice folk. Work more than 4 hours to come to the other day for free! Interested? Contact Cathleen Feeze, Volunteer Coordinator, 703-779-8127

River Roll On! Benefit**Monday, June 3, 8 pm**

The Pine Cabin Run Ecological Laboratory announces the 5th annual **River Roll On!** Benefit concert, to be held at the Birchmere in Alexandria on Mon. Jun. 3 at 8 pm. Proceeds will support the work of the Lab on the Cacapon, Greenbrier and other Appalachian rivers. The concert will also benefit **River Network**, an organization helping grassroots river conservation groups everywhere in the U. S. **River Roll On!** will be a smoke-FREE event and will feature singer-songwriter **Janis Ian**. Also appearing will be folk/blues/country duo **Billy Kemp** and **Christina Van Norman**. The event will include a Silent Auction in the Birchmere record shop. Tickets @ \$20 (\$8 tax-deductible) may be ordered from River Roll On! % Ron Knipling, 5059 N. 36th St. Arlington, VA 22207. For more info call 703-533-2895.

IN CONCERT**Cathy Fink in concert**

May 11 10:30 am Washington, DC, Borders Books & Music, Family mini-concert, For info call 301-891-1228.

IONA in Concert

May 3 & 4 Central Virginia Highland Games, Scotchtown, VA. Friday night Celtic Jam 9:45 pm \$5.00, and Saturday (time tba) \$7.00. For info call 804-749-4542.

May 26 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Cate's Bistro, 715 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Concert & gourmet dinner buffet \$24.00 - cash bar. Reservations strongly recommended 703-549-0533.

Jesse Palidofsky in concert

May 2 Food for Thought, 1738 Connecticut Ave. NW 7:30 - 10:30 pm. For info call 202-797-1095.

May 3 New Deal Cafe, Town Center, Greenbelt, MD. 8 pm. For info call 301-474-5642.

May 18 Savory, 7071 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD. 8 pm. For info call 301-270-2233.

Sue Trainor & Sue Ribaud in concert

May 10 8:30 pm: ADULT CONCERT The exciting new trio **Ribaud, Trainor and Muir** opens for **Bill Staines** at the Coffeehouse at Mays Chapel, Mays Chapel United Methodist Church, 11911 Jennifer Rd, Timonium, MD. Call 410-922-5210 for info.

May 11 11:00 am-Noon: FAMILY CONCERT Ellicott Theater, 8217 Main Street, Ellicott City, Maryland. Treat the kids to a great show and finish your Mother's Day shopping in historic Ellicott City! Admission is \$5.00 for children and \$7.00 for adults. For more info, call the Ellicott Theater at 410-465-0899.

May 16 Noon-2:00 pm: FAMILY CONCERT Noon Tunes in Olde Towne Park, Diamond and Summit Avenues, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Free! Bring a picnic and enjoy the music! Call 301-258-6350 for info.

May 20 8:00 pm: ADULT CONCERT The Institute of Musical Traditions Concert Series see p. 9.

May 25 & 26 Children's Stage at the Chesapeake Country Music Festival, Essex/Middle River. Call 40-686-2233 for more info.

Urban Legends in concert

May 24 The Potter's House, 1658 Columbia Rd. NW, Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. Admission is FREE. For more info call 202-232-5483. The concert will be at 8 pm.

May 27 Falls Church Memorial Day Parade and Festivities, Cherry Hill Park, Falls Church, VA. 10 am. For more info call 703-241-5077.

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. **Fred Koller 5/21 \$10 (\$9 members) 11th Birthday 5/28 FREE** Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon, VA. Info: 703-437-7766 or 703-573-6855. Smoke FREE venue.

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).

May 5 **Justina & Joyce**

May 9 Songwriters' Round Robin featuring **Andrew McKnight, Debra Tracy and Bill Parsons**

May 16 **Deidre McCalla**

May 23 **Side by Side**

Shirlington Artists Guild Coffeehouse

Wednesday, May 8, 7 pm

The Shirlington Artists Guild presents a Coffeehouse concert on the second Wednesday of each month. This series of concerts features local area folk singer/songwriters, composers and instrumentalists in the performer friendly environment of an art gallery. The \$10 admission includes coffee and dessert. The gallery is located at 4024 South 28th St., Arlington, VA (in the Village of Shirlington, across the street from Bistro). Reservations call 703-379-6666.

May 8 **Al Petteway & Amy White**

Caff  Florian Coffeehouse

Saturday, May 11 8 pm

Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD., 0.3mi south of Allentown Rd.. The Caff  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.

May 11 **Open Mike**

Leaf Through

Thursday, May 16, 7 pm & Saturday May 25, 6 pm

Leaf Through hosts poets, authors and musicians in programs it opens to the public. **Leaf Through** is a non-profit organization that offers programs to the community to improve literacy and learning. Musicians are asked to donate their time, but are welcome to sel tapes or CDS of their music. Additional tales or CDS can also be left on consignment. The store is at 1701L Rockville Pike, in the Congressional South Shopping Center across from Magraders. Please contact Carol Perone at 301-230-8998.

May 16 **Artists of Word and Music Series**, an open reading/open mike format hosted by **Jim Semark**, musician and poet. Singers, musicians and songwriters are invited to perform and the public is invited to attend. FREE refreshments will be available. The series will be held the 3rd Thursday of every month. 7 pm

May 25 **Folk Songs and Mellow Music**, an evening of guitar, banjo and dulcimer music with musician and songwriter **Chris Mayberry**. Chris will delight children and adults with his own special brand of music. FREE refreshments will be available. 6 - 8 pm.

Del Ray Coffeehouse

Saturday, May 11, 7:30 pm

Del Ray Coffeehouse offers live music in a smoke FREE setting where fresh coffee and tea, homemade baked goodies are always for sale. Bring you own mug for guilt-FREE coffee. Join us! \$5 cover charge. Local performers are offered a chance to perform as open mike openers. There are two open mike spots available at each coffeehouse performance - so hurry to sign up! For details, directions or open mike sign up, call the church, Mon-Fri. 9 am - 1 pm at 703-549-2088.

May 11 **Buddy Mondlock, Steve Key and Cleve Francis**

Music Americana Showcase

Wednesday, May 15, 8:15 pm

Music Americana presents a monthly showcase of national and regional folk music performers at Bad Habits, 5444 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia. Showcases will be held at Bad Habits on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:15 pm; admission is \$6.00, and proceeds benefit the World Folk Music Association. Dick Cerri is host & emcee.

May 15 **Zan McLeod, Eve Goldberg, Bruce Davies and Deborah Levoy.**

Coffeehouse Good Counsel

Saturday, May 18, 8:30 pm

A smoke and alcohol FREE coffeehouse located in the Good Counsel High School cafeteria, 11601 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD. Complimentary refreshments served. Admission is \$5. For info call 301-680-8669 (evenings)

May 18 **Open Mike**

Open Door Coffeehouse

Saturday, May 4, 8 pm

The Open Door Coffeehouse is a smoke FREE, alcohol FREE venue located in the social hall of Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St., at the intersection of I-395 and Rte. 7 in Alexandria, VA. For more info call 703-299-8332.

May 4 **Debbie MacFarlan and Karen Devitt**

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 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. A four-week series of classes for beginning dancers starts on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 PM. The cost of the series is \$12 and does not include admission to the dances. Because these lessons are progressive, participants should plan to start the series only on the first Friday of the month, and to attend all four classes. The May classes will be taught by Tom Hinds. For more info about the classes, call Tom at 804-263-8070. For more information, or if you 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:

- May 3 **Fiddlestyx** with **Andy Kane**
- May 10 **Open band** with **Tom Hinds**
- May 17 **Brandt, Brandt, Jacobs & Glickman** with **David Kirchner**
- May 24 **Uncle Gizmo** with **Kathy Anderson**
- May 31 **Hudson Bay** with **Shelley Worman**
- June 7 **Mighty Possums** with **Beth Molaro**

Scandinavian Dance

Saturday, May 4, 8 pm

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

Reston Contra Dance

Saturday, May 4, 8 pm

Tom Hinds will be the caller on Sat. May 4, with the **June Apple Band**, for the Reston Contra Dance, 8 - 11 pm. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Dance \$4.50. Beginners' workshop 7-8 pm., \$1.50. The Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston, VA. in the Hunters Woods Shopping Center. Info call Alice Markham 703-709-9121. **This month is an exception to the usual second Saturday schedule.**

Northern Virginia Ceili Saturday, May 11, 7:30 pm

The Northern Virginia Ceili will be on Sat. May 11 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. Info 703-978-8265.

Sunday Waltzing in the Park

Sunday, May 5 & May 19, 3:30 pm

Due to popular demand, the 1996 Afternoon Waltz Series at Glen Echo Park will have more waltz dances -- frequently two waltzes a month. Each Sun. waltz dance begins at 3:30 pm with an introductory waltz workshop followed by two hours of social dancing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is \$6. Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. For info call 703-978-0375.

May 5 **Childsplay**

May 19 **Sandy Mitchell & Friends**

Washington Swing Dance

Saturday, May 4 & May 18, 9 pm

The Washington Swing Dance Committee offers an evening of Swing dancing at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. 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.

May 4 **John Knapp** and **Meredith Stead** will conduct a series of workshops from 1 - 2:15 BEG, 2:30 - 3:45 INT and 4 - 5:15 ADV All workshops \$10 Evening dance Doug Jay and the Blue Jays. Admission is above.

May 18 **The Nighthawks**

Clogging

2nd and 4th Thursdays

Come to the Clog Palace for free-style Appalachian clogging, 2nd and 4th Thurs. 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. Info: Julie Mangin 301-495-0082.

May 9 **The Hoover Uprights**

May 21 TBA

Argentine Tango Tea Dance

Sunday, May 5, 2 pm

Argentine Tango Tea Dance at Dancers, 4609 Willow Ln, Bethesda, MD. on Sun. May 5 from 2 - 5 pm. Recorded music; authentic style 30's, 40's & 50's Argentine Tango and Milonga (also some big band swing and Latin). \$8, Info call 310-656-0595.

English Country Dance Workshop**Saturday, May 11, 8:15 pm**

Workshop lead by **Brad Sayler**. Music by Peascods Gathering, at Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. For experienced dancers. \$5. For info 301-493-6281 or 301-946-5388.

Táncsház Hungarian Dance Party**Saturday, May 11, 7:30 pm**

Tisza Ensemble will sponsor a Hungarian Dance Party, Sat. Mar 9 at 7:30 pm at Starting Point Dance Studio. Calvert Rd, College Park, MD. Admission \$4 (\$3 for Tisza members). Táncsház starts promptly at 7:30 pm with 15 mins. of instruction in basic elements of Hungarian dancing, followed by 45 mins. of instruction in a traditional Hungarian or Transylvanian dance. Dancing is to live and recorded music. Please bring folk-dance shoes or other footwear that will not damage the dance floor. Food and drink appreciated for the snack table. For more info call 301-946-5867.

**Zydeco Dance****Saturday, May 11, 9 pm**

Enjoy the rural atmosphere of the Friendly Club and come dance to **Creole Zydeco Farmers** on Sat. May 11 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.

Irish Mini Ceili Dance**Thursday, May 16, 8 pm**

A mini Irish Ceili will be held on Thurs. Feb 15 from 8 - 10:30 pm at the Frost Center, Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville, Md. Irish Country Sets and Ceili dancing will be performed. Live music with **An Lar**, featuring Dennis Botzer, Josh Culley and Betsy O'Malley. Admission \$4 donation. For info 301-840-1416.

Zydeco Dance**Friday, May 17, 9 pm**

Enjoy Washington's favorite local zydeco band and come dance to traditional zydeco music with the unique modern sound of **Zydeco Crayz** in the Cherry Hill Park Ballroom in College Park, MD. **Zydeco Crayz** plays hard-rocking zydeco and old-time Creole music. Beginners zydeco workshop from 8 - 9 pm. Dance 9 - 12 pm. Admission is \$10 (Includes dance workshop and dance). For more info call 301-309-0895. Sponsored by Crawfish Productions in cooperation with Cherry Hill Park.

Scandia DC**Saturday, May 18, 8 pm**

Scandia DC (Scandinavian couple dancing) takes its 3rd Saturday monthly dance to the Dance Studio in the Greenbelt Community Center, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Syttende Mai Dance Party and last dance before the summer break (no teaching); live music provided by Loretta Kelly, Ellen Jacobs and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. N/P If you care to, wear a costume and bring refreshments -- most importantly, bring yourself. \$4. For more info 202-333-2826.

English Country Dance**3rd Saturday, May 18, 8 pm.**

No dance in May.

Blackthorn Ceili Dance**Saturday, May 18, 8 pm**

The Blackthorn Stick Ceili will be held Sat. May 18 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.

Cajun Music**Sunday, May 19, 6 pm**

Sunday evening Cajun music moves from Tornado Alley in Wheaton to its new location at Twist a& Shout in Bethesda, MD. It's an early evening of Cajun dancing and children are welcome. Workshop takes place from 5 - 6 pm. Dancing from 6 - 8 pm. Admission is \$7 for adults, children FREE. Twist & Shout is located at 4800 Auburn Ave. in Bethesda, MD. For more info call 301-270-2586.

English Country Dance**Saturdays, May 25, 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.

English Country Dance and Workshop**Tuesday, May 28, 7:45 pm.**

Figures, phrasing, and style taught. Calling by Barbara Harding. Musician: Pat Wexelblat. 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 or Barbara at 703-437-3615 for information. (no dance on May 14)

Foggy Bottom Morris Men**Thursdays 8 pm**

Foggy Bottom Morris is looking for a few good men! We practice our brand of English traditional morris dancing on Thursday nights, 8-10 pm at Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, MD. No experience necessary, but some minimal physical conditioning and some sense of rhythm would be helpful. For info call Bill Brown at 301-270-2014 or Nick Robertshaw at 301-840-5959.

DANCE CLASSES

Dance classes -Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff, Synergy Dance Center, May 13 - June 3. Int. swing, 7 - 8 pm, Adv. One-Step, 8 - 9 pm Showstoppers/Aerials 9 - 10 pm., 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. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom Thurs. May 2 - May 24, 7 - 8 pm Exp. Swing, 8 - 9 pm Adv. Waltz, 9 -10 pm Adv. Lindy. ALL CLASSES RECORDED MUSIC. For more info cal 703-978-0375.

Irish dance classes - (traditional country sets and Ceili dances for adults) Wednesdays April 10 - June 5 Beginners 7 - 8:15 pm, Advanced 8:15 - 9:30 pm at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. \$30. For info 301-840-1416. Taped music N/P, N/E. Instructor is Jim Keenan. Summer sessions start June 13.

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 301-840-1416. Instructors Caterina Earle (Beg.) Jim Keenan (Adv.) Taped music, N/P, N/E. Summer sessions start June 13.

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.

Scandinavian dance classes: Polska and more - Thursdays 8 - 9:30 pm starting 3/21 for 6 weeks. Ross Schipper and Linda Brooks, Indian Springs Terrace Rec. Center, Silver Spring. For info call 301-588-8745 or 202-366-6971.

Scottish Country Dance Classes - (for beginners, ages 12-adult) Tuesdays February 27 through May 28. 8 - 10 pm. Live and taped music N/P, N/E, wear soft flat shoes. First night free, then \$2/class. Instructor is Liz Donaldson. At Wash. Episcopal School, 5131 River Rd one street west of Little Falls Pkwy; for info/directions call 703-960-7455.

Zydeco and Cajun dance classes: Tuesdays May 14 - June 11, 7 8 pm Beg. Zydeco, 8 - 9 pm Adv. Beg. Zydeco, 9 - 10 pm Adv. Cajun. Admission is \$36. For more info call 301-309-0895.



INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCES

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

Sun: GREEK DANCING 7:30 pm Deerfield Community Center; Rt. 197, Laurel, MD. \$30 series, \$4 drop in. For info 301-498-6218

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.

GUMBO GROUPIES Cajun & Zydeco dancing 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.

FOLK DANCING to taped music but on a wooden floor. River Road Unitarian Church, 6301 River Rd., Bethesda, MD. 10 week session started Feb. 7 - April. 7:30 - 8:30 pm \$35. For info call 301-340-8723.

Fri: GREEK, ISRAELI FOLK DANCING Sessions started in Jan. 11, Line dancing - taped music proceeds the folk dancing. Until June. Cold Spring Elem. School, 9101 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac, MD 8 - 9:30 pm Taped music 10 wks \$40.50. For info 301-340-8723.

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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.

AND BEYOND**MARYLAND**

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

Squares and Contras

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. For info call 410-366-0808.
 May 1 **Lou Shapiro** calling to *Fiddlestyx*
 May 8 **Robbin Schaffer** calling to *Beyond the Beltway*. Nouveaux Dancers
 May 15 **Dick Bearman** calling to *Maggie Brown's Favorites*
 May 22 **Jim Kitch** calling to *Uncle Gizmo*; Nouveaux Dancers
 May 29 **Ann Fallon** calling to the **Open Band**

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. For info, please call the hotline: 410-366-0808
 May 6 **Diane Schmit** calling to the music of **Dawn Culbertson, Liz Donaldson and Malcolm Stephens**
 First Monday pizza gathering: RSVP your pizza order to Christopher or Kimberly Field at 410/366-5033 before 6:30 on Monday.
 May 13 **Jenny Beer** calling to *Some Assembly*
 May 20 **Stephanie Smith** calling to the music of **Marty Taylor, Carl Friedman and Jonathan Jensen**. Free beginner workshop at 7:30
 May 27 **MEMORIAL day Rich Galloway** calling to the music of **Marty Taylor, Susan Rudy and Dave Wiesler**

Contra Dance

Saturday, May 11, 8 pm

Due to circumstances beyond our control (ie the original caller canceled), the BFMS Second Saturday Dance is still "under construction" at this time. Not to worry- there WILL be a dance. What: Contra Dance When: Saturday May 11, 8-11 pm Where: Saint Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., (just inside I-695 at exit 20), Baltimore, MD. Who: Music by Beyond the Beltway Special mystery caller How Much: \$6 / \$8 members Notes: The dance may or may not be preceded by a workshop; call the BFMS Hotline for details.

Open Band Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 9

Welcome to our community musicians (New England, Southern or any other variety) of all skill levels to Baltimore's Open Band. If you can't meet with us to play the second Tuesday of every month, we've got sheet music available. For a good time call Robbin and David at 410-366-2742 or Susan at 410-254-01730 for more info and directions.

REST OF MARYLAND

Swing Baltimore

Saturday, May 11, 9 pm

Swing Baltimore hosts a monthly evening of swing dance featuring various live bands playing Bid Band, Jazz or early Rock N' Roll. 8 - 9 pm Dance workshop, 9 pm - midnight dance. Catonsville National Guard Armory, 130 Mellor Ave., Catonsville, MD. Admission for dance \$10/\$8 for members, dance workshop \$2/FREE to members. For more info call 410-377-7410.
May 11 *Jazz Caravan*

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.

- May 3 **Maggie Sansone, Robin Bullock and Bonnie Rideout** Admission \$10
- May 10 **Bill Staines** Admission \$10
- May 17 **Grace Griffith, Zan McLeod and Myron Bretholz** Admission \$12
- May 24 **Brook Williams** Admission \$12
- May 31 **Janis Ian** Admission advance tickets \$18.50

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 info and directions, call 410-771-4709.

- May 11 **Steve Hudson**
- May 25 No Show. Happy Holiday!



Annapolis Dance

Saturday, May 4, 8 pm

The Annapolis Traditional Dance Society will hold a contra dance on Sat. May 4 at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Hall in Crownsville, MD. **Dick Bearman & Lisa Jo Frech** will call to the music of *Some Assembly* for the dance which will be from 8 - 11 pm. Alan Gedance will lead a FREE contra style workshop from 7 - 7:30 pm followed by a FREE new dancer orientation from 7:30 - 8 pm. Dance with us at our lovely, wood-floored hall located at 1311 General's Highway (Rte. 178) in Crownsville. Cost: \$6 for members/affiliates and \$8 for the general public. For more info call 410-544-9505.

Important Message: Register now for Almost Heaven on Memorial Day Weekend. Visit the Almost Heave web site at <http://www.infi.net/~jwellsxx/atds/ah8.htm!!>.

First Night Annapolis

First Night of Annapolis, Maryland's annual celebration of the Lively Arts on New Year's Eve is issuing an immediate "Call for Performers" for Dec. 31, 1996. Professional performers are sought from all disciplines. A limited number of commissions may be available for visual artists to create light sculpture, large ice sculptures and other site-specific installations. Early applications are strongly encouraged. All performers paid. For an application call 410-268-8553.

Helen Contra Dance

Saturday, May 18, 8 pm

Contra dance to live music by *Rakes and Roses* on Sat. Apr. 20. The dance will be called by **Greg Frock**. The dance location is the 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 info 301-769-3840.

Norman Blake

Sunday, May 19, 7:30 pm

Southern Maryland Traditional Music & Dance and the Calvert Museum present **Norman Blake** in concert Sun. May 19 at 7:30 pm at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, MD. Tickets are available at Traditions in Loveville, Bay Books in Wildwood and Second Look Books in Prince Frederick. Concert possible with the support of the Calvert County Arts Council. For more info call 301-373-4864.

Cajun Dance Party!

Saturday, May 11, 8 pm

The St. John's Episcopal Church will host a Cajun Dance Party on Saturday, May 11. Dance instruction will be provided by **Mark Greenleaf** and **Cindy Blaschke** at 7:00 pm, and the dance begins at 8:00 pm, featuring music by the band *Savoir Faire*. Admission is \$10. Beginners are welcome! The church is located at 9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, Maryland. For information, call Mark Greenleaf at 301-699-7870.

Prospect Coffeehouse**Saturday, May 11, 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. For info 301-739-5265(eves.)

May 11 **Open Stage/Open mike**

1996 Western Maryland Blues Fest**Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2**

The Western Maryland Blues Fest will kick off with a noon concert Fri. May 31 at the Maryland Theatre Courtyard. The concert will be TGIF entertainment, 2 Blue Trio and The Blue Comets. In the evening at Kepler Theatre at Hagerstown Junior College, Robert Lockwood, Jr will perform at 7:30 pm. On Sat. June 1 from 11:30 am - 6 pm. in Public Square will be continuous performers. Sat. night the concert will feature John Hammond and Otis Rush at 7:30 pm at the Maryland Theatre. Sun. will occur at City Park from noon - 5 pm. Billed as a family day, entertainers include Cephas and Wiggins, Catfish Hodge and Mr. Downchild. There will be a hands on workshop with Bill Wellington. For more info call 301-739-8577, ext. 116 or 1-800-228-STAY.

Frederick Country Dances**Saturday, May 25, 8 pm**

Tom Hinds calling to the music of **Jacobs, Glickman, Brandt & Brandt**. Dances hosted by Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council the fourth Saturday of every month (except August) at the Old Armory, corner of Second and Bentz. Directions: From 70 or 270 take 15N, exit at Rosemont Ave., go straight at light onto Second St., follow Second to Bentz St., Armory is on right. FREE beginner's workshop promptly at 7:00 pm, dance begins at 8 pm. Admission: \$4 MMFAC members, \$6 non-members, \$3 Frederick city residents. Info: call 301-694-6794 or 717-334-5392.

Common Ground on the Hill Summer Courses**July 7 - 13, 1996**

Common Ground on the Hill announces its second season of summer courses and events in the traditional arts. From July 7-13, at nearby Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, Common Ground presents, "**Traditions: Native American, Black, & White.**" There will be classes in guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, harmonica, Celtic harp, piano, bass, song writing and storytelling, and dance and percussion, as well as a complete program in the visual arts including Celtic carving and print making, mixed media on paper, metal smithing, calligraphy, Native American and Appalachian basketry and origami. Human arts and special gatherings will focus on seeking "common ground" with topics ranging from Martin and Malcolm to 20th Century Native American Philosophy to Advanced Creativity. There is a strong children's program as well. Evening activities include dances, song swaps, informal music, open mikes and full concerts. The Common Ground staff consists of luminaries from the traditional arts including **Karen Ashbrook, Robin Bullick, Bob Carlin, Eileen Carson, Critton Hollow, Guy Davis, Ralph Gordon, David Massengill, Maddie McNeil, Alice McGill, Walt Michael, Barry Mitterhoff, Stacy Phillips, Charles John Quarto, Paul Reisler, Sankofa, Joe Thompson** and many more. For a free catalog, write to Common Ground on the Hill, WMC Box 1296, Western Maryland College, Westminster MD 21157, call 410-857-2771 (2772) or email: cground@ns1.wmc.car.md.us

**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 7 pm**

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**Friday, April 19, 7:30 pm**

Sing Along in Loudoun County. Pot luck dinner followed by a group sing led by local guitarists. Anyone who loves singing popular folk, traditional, country, rock and spiritual songs is invited. Other instruments welcome. Meets monthly just for fun. In Purcellville, call 703-779-7323.

Bluemont Old-time Country Dances**Saturday, May 18, 8 pm**

Sat. May 18 20th Anniversary Bluemont Dance Spring Ball with pot luck picnic 4 - 7 pm. **Mighty Possums** will for **Howard Bass's** calling. Join the fun. Reservations and more info 703-777-6306; admission is \$10 per person. Old Bluemont School Community Center, Bluemont, VA.

Oatlands Celtic Festival**June 15 - 16, 1996**

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual Oatlands Celtic Festival in Leesburg, VA. The festival will run from 10 am - 6 pm each day. Admission is \$10. Info & advance tickets are \$9 and available by phone 703-777-3174. **Andy M. Stewart, Gerry O'Beirne, Johnny Cunningham** among other performers will highlight the weekend. Friday there will be a preview party at Oatlands. Saturday evening will feature a ceili at Mosby's Tavern.

WEST VIRGINIA

Shepherdstown Dance Saturday, May 4, 8 pm

Jan Dreschler will call contras and squares to the music of **Future Geezers** at the Shepherdstown War Memorial Building (Men's Club) on Sat. April 6 from 8 - 11 pm. A free orientation dance workshop will start at 7:15 pm. Admission is \$4.50 for members, \$6 for non-members. Please bring soft-soled shoes. For more info call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

Cajun/Zydeco Dance Weekend at Buffalo Gap August 1-4, 1996

Featuring Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band and Nathan & Zydeco Cha Chas For more information contact Pat Isman at 703-658-0055 or e-mail cypress@vais.net

American Dance Weekend at Buffalo Gap Sept 20 - 22, 1996

American Dance Weekend at Buffalo Gap will be held Sept. 20-22, 1996. The Capon Bridge, W. Va., camp is now under new (and improved, in some opinions) ownership and management. Details on bands and callers will be available once plans are completed. Be aware you will be able to register for the weekend ONLY after registration fliers are out (which is still many weeks away) and ONLY through the U.S. Postal Service, since housing priorities are decided through postmark date. However, to make sure you're on the mailing list for the fliers, you may send a request to: Marguerite Plank, 625 Natural Dam Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, 717-334-5392, E-mail: mvhplank@sun-link.com

Old World Music & Dance Returns to Buffalo Gap Memorial Day Weekend - International Folk Dance May 24 - 27, 1996

This year marks the return of Old World Music and Dance's Memorial Day Weekend program to Buffalo Gap Camp. Buffalo Gap has undergone a change in ownership and management and we welcome the opportunity to show our support. This year's program focuses on music and dance from Norway and Bulgaria and includes some extraordinary musicians and dancers from Europe. The dance staff includes **Georgi Iliev** from the village of Gabra, Bulgaria, teaching dances of the *Šop* region; **Iliana Božanova** from Plovdiv, Bulgaria, presenting dances from *Thrace*; and **Olav Sem**, from Heddal, Norway and dance partner **Roo Lester**, teaching *Telespringar*, "the dance sensation that's sweeping the nation." **Jordanka Ilieva**, a remarkable female singer from Gabra, Bulgaria will be teaching *Šop* village songs. We are thrilled to be able to have the some of Bulgaria's finest traditional musicians join the staff this year: **Vasil Bebelev**, *Gaida* (bagpipe); **Ljuban Dosev**, *Kaval* (end blown flute); **Kolyo Kolev**, *Gadulka* (lyre); **Ivajlo Koučev**, *Tupan* (big drum). They will be joined by **Chris Reitz**, *Tambura* (strings & frets). The most memorable traditional Norwegian music you're likely to hear this side of the Atlantic will be provided by **Loretta Kelley**, America's preeminent Norwegian *hardingfele* (Norwegian fiddle) player. As if this weren't enough, you'll be treated to parties that go 'til dawn, food you wish your mom (or dad) knew how to make, and an opportunity to share joyful times with friends, both new and old. For info call Larry Weiner or Margaret Loomis 301-565-0539.

English and American Dance Week at Buffalo Gap July 13-20, 1996

The possibilities of English and American Week are wide and exciting: if you're a new dancer or musician trying to establish basic competence in the traditional dance and music forms, if you want a taste of something new, if you're looking for an extraordinary staff eager to share ideas, if you live to dance all day and into the night, if you're a musician looking to play with and learn from others, or if you're seriously into the pursuit of relaxation, we've got a camp and a program for you! English and American Dance Week at Buffalo Gap (in Capon Bridge, WV) is especially known for the spirit of its campers and staff, who are encouraging and generous, welcoming each new face into the camp community.

This year's Program Director, Sue Dupré, has put together a dance program that features an assortment of contra, square, English country, ritual, step and couple dance classes; the music program provides instrument instruction, dance band and singing classes. Featured staff members include Nightingale (Becky Tracy, Keith Murphy and Jeremiah McLane), Susan Kevra, Doug Creighton, Scott Higgs, Andrea Hoag, Susie Lorand, Kathy Talvitie and Mary Zikos. For further information, a descriptive brochure and registration contact Country Dance and Song Society, 17 New South Street, Northampton, MA 01060, 413-584-9913 e-mail: camp@cdss.org.

PENNSYLVANIA

Spring Gulch Folk Festival May 17 - 19, 1996

Three day festival including concerts, workshops, sing alongs, crafts, hot food and quality camping. The concerts will feature **Beausoleil**, **Chesapeake**, **Natalie MacMasters**, **Christine Lavin**, **Robin and Linda Williams**, **The Dutton Family**, **Kahurangi**, **John McEuen** (Nitty Gritty Band) and **Great American Indian Dancers**. There will be square dancing, country dancing with **Gene Shay** as host. Held at Spring Gulch Resort Campground, 475 Lynch Rd. New Holland, PA 17557. Admission: \$40 for weekend, advance sale. Camping \$39 per person. For more info call 1-800-255-5744.

American Banjo Fraternity's Spring Rally May 30 - June 1

The American Banjo Fraternity's Spring Rally is scheduled for May 30 - June 1 in Gettysburg, PA. The ABF seeks to preserve the banjo's music and performing techniques that were popular during the period 1885 - 1915. ABF members play five-string banjos with bare fingers and use gut or nylon strings. If you would like more info about this event or the ABF, please contact Mary Smith at 315-331-6717.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Summer Dance School June 23 -29

A fantastic week of music and dance for both adults and children await all those folks who venture to Kentucky. The staff will be led by **Erna Lynne Bogue, T. Auxier, and Chris Bischoff**. Music will be provided by **Frogs in the Skillet**, a hot contra dance band from Texas and **Blue Rose** who hail from Ohio. The camp facilities are outstanding (private rooms and baths and air-conditioning.) For more information call Bob Mathis at 301-589-7539 or 502-223-8367.

EUROPE

Slovakia, Old and New July 4 - 19, 1996

Folk Festivals at Vychodna dn Detva with music, dance and breathtaking costumes. Dream, dine and dance in our own 18th century castle. Enjoy rafting on the Dunajac, funiculars in the Tatras Mountains, hidden ancient wooden churches, wine tasting, rejuvenating at our favorite spa and visit Slovakia's old and new capitals ... Bratislava and Prague. For more info call Sarah & Sam Stulberg 703-527-8998.

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BEGINNING IRISH FLUTIST in search of slow session in Hyattsville/Takoma Park area. Please call Erin at 927-5449.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR: BE FORE WARNED, I NEED ALL COPY FOR EVENTS IN JUNE AND JULY BY MAY 10. THE NEXT ISSUE IS OUR DOUBLE ISSUE. MANY OF THE SUBMISSIONS TEND TO FORGET THIS AND SO I DECIDED TO REMIND EVERYONE. STARTING WITH THE AUGUST ISSUE ALL COPY NEEDS TO GO TO CARL MINTZ. I'LL HAVE THE CORRECT ADDRESS INFORMATION NEXT ISSUE.

DEADLINE FOR June/July Newsletter: Friday, May 10

All copy for the June/July issue of this *Newsletter* is due at the home of EDITOR C. Pilzer, NO LATER THAN 9 PM, Fri. May. 10

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20th Annual Washington Folk Festival

Volunteer Form



The 1996 Washington Folk Festival will take place **Saturday, June 1**, from noon to 11:30 p.m. and **Sunday, June 2**, from noon to 6 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. The WFF is presented **FREE** every year, largely because it's produced entirely by volunteers. That's right—performers, emcees, stage crew, sound engineers, construction workers, food servers, and office staff *all donate their time*. The volunteer effort builds a powerful sense of community as people pool their unique skills and interests to work toward a common goal. As always, this year's WFF can use **YOUR** help—In fact, the 20th Anniversary WFF promises to be the best ever, with lots of special celebrations and observances added to the usual activities. Be a part of the Festival's great history . . . all it takes is a few hours of your time. (Work is usually scheduled in two-hour blocks, although you can work as many blocks of time as you'd like.) Tell us some of your interests (and maybe some areas you're NOT interested in) and we'll find a place for you to contribute to the WFF's continuing success!

Name _____

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Have you worked at previous Washington Folk Festivals? _____

What kinds of jobs would you like to help with? _____

I Prefer: _____ sitting _____ active _____ assignments

Anything you would prefer NOT to help with? _____

Please check your preferences for your 2-hour block:

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Check here _____ if you would like to volunteer more than 2 hours in one day.

Other comments or suggestions? _____

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