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# **November Program**

**Margaret MacArthur** 

Saturday, November 16, 8:00 pm

Ravensworth Baptist Church

With an ear for the extraordinary, Margaret MacArthur has a knack for telling a story in song, and she weaves a memory full of anecdotes around each ballad or nonsense song she sings. Her performances are acclaimed for their honesty, depth and range of emotions. She is aptly described as a balladeer-minstrel, an accomplished, expressive performer, bringing news and stories of this land.



Margaret spent most of her childhood in the Ozarks of Missouri where she became interested in traditional ballads and songs. She has collected songs in many regions of the country, most notably in Western Kentucky and in Vermont where she has lived since 1948. She also sings songs of Arizona, where she lives and performs during the winter. Her music rings true with her years of research and fieldwork. Her wonderful ability to paint pictures with words gives her songs unusual poignancy and humor. Her performances include contemporary as well as traditional songs.

Margaret accompanies herself on guitar, dulcimer and harp-zither. Through her concern for authenticity, she has helped revive the use of old instruments, and she is noted for the MacArthur harp, an 1869 harp-zither which her husband John restored in 1962, and which has been widely copied by modern instrument makers.

Admission is \$9.00 but **FREE** to FSGW members. The church is just inside the beltway (I-495) off of Braddock Road in Virginia. From I-495, take Exit 5 onto Braddock Road East. Take the first left onto Ravensworth Road (you will see the Church on your left) and keep taking left turns until you are in the parking lot. Sound bytes on the **hotline** and **web page**.



TWO HOUSE CONCERTS THIS MONTH -- SEE PAGE 4

Mini Festival Date Set -- With a New Location

The Mini Festival will be held Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at Eastern Middle School, just inside the beltway on University Blvd. If you are interested in helping or performing, call Judy Cook at 301-776-4314.

While you are surling the net, check out our new web page at http://www.isgw.org

# FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

# Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

7:30 - 10:30 pm

FSGW's Sunday night dance is held in the historic Spanish Ballroom at the Glen Echo Park National Historic Site, off MacArthur Boulevard (just below the intersection of Goldsboro Road) 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 do not 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. At this time, we are planning to hold the dances at Glen Echo all year round. The Spanish Ballroom is not insulated and, aside from a few heaters, the only heat is that generated by the dancers. So dress accordingly as the weather turns cold. In case of inclement weather, check with the National Park Service (301-492-6282) to learn whether the dance is cancelled. This information is available by 3:00 pm.

Note: (\$1 of admission price goes to the Glen Echo Foundation for the restoration of the Park and the Ballroom.)

- Nov 3 It's that week so vote with your feet tonight. Come dance to the calling of Kate Charles and the music of *Some Assembly Required*. Assembling for our pleasure are Mary Corletta Flora on flute, Donna Boylan on keyboard and Paul Miller on guitar and bodhran.
- Nov 10 **John Krumm**, here too infrequently, treats us with his contras, squares and who knows what else. **Sandy Mitchell** (fiddle), **Marc Glickman** (piano) and **Ralph Gordon** (bass) treat us with their energetic music.
- Nov 17 **Bev Smith** has provided enjoyable evenings as both caller and musician. She's the caller tonight, to the music of local old time band, the *Hoover Uprights*: **Kate Brett** (banjo), **Kevin Enoch** (bass), **John Schwab** (guitar) and **Bill Schmidt** (fiddle).
- Nov 24 Caller **Mary Devlin** from Portland, Oregon visits Glen Echo on her east coast tour. Traveling with Mary are musicians **Elke Baker** on fiddle and **Larry Unger** on guitar.
- Dec 1 Howard Bass with Findhorn
- Dec 8 Mary DesRosiers with Nightingale
- Dec 15 Bob Dalsemer with UFO
- Dec 22 Kathy Anderson with the Contra Rebels
- Dec 29 Erik Hoffman with Andrea Hoag & David Weisler
- Dec 31 It's not too early to begin planning for New Years Eve. Our dance will feature the music of *Grand Picnic*, one of the most exciting contra dance bands on the east coast, and the band's favorite caller, Mary Virginia Brooks. The dance will be held at the Leland Center. Registration is limited and must be made in advance. Look for the registration flyers later this month at FSGW events, or send a stamped self-addressed envelope and check payable to: FSGW (\$16 for members, or \$20 for non-members) to: Carl Mintz, 704 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003-1344.

Circle April 11-13, 1997, for the **Chesapeake Dance Weekend** at Camp Letts, in Edgewater, MD, featuring *Wild Asparagus*, the *Critton Hollow Stringband* with caller **Larry Edelman**, and *Balfa Toujours*. Watch for your registration flyer in the December Newsletter.

# **FSGW English Country Dance**

# Wednesday, 8:00 - 10:30 pm Glen Echo Town Hall

Enjoy a change of pace with the end of the Summer: usher in Fall at the weekly FSGW English Country Dance. The wood floor and elegance of the community room in the Glen Echo Town Hall make this a very fitting venue for E.C. dances. Enjoy the friendly crowd known for its welcoming nature, light refreshments and dance from 8:00 to 10:30 pm. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Members \$5, non-members \$6.

The extraordinary diversity of talents who play and call at the FSGW English country dance continue to delight the ever-growing crowd of dancers who attend the Wednesday night series. Prize winning fiddlers and other top notch musicians, as well as up-and-coming musical talents -- nurtured by Liz Donaldson -- are a delight to the ears of dancers who move to marvelous calls.

- Nov 6 Mary Kay Friday calls to the music of Elke Baker on fiddle, Barbara Heitz on flute, and Liz Donaldson on piano.
- Nov 13 Caller **Stephanie Smith**'s witty style goes well with the playing of **Liz Donaldson** on accordion and piano, **Howard Markham** on concertina, and **Dave Wiesler** on piano and guitar.
- Nov 20 Veteran caller **Diane Schmit** is accompanied by **Susan Brandt** on flute, **Alice Markham** on keyboard, and **Ken Wright** on cello.
- Nov 27 Join in the Thanksgiving Eve dance and enjoy the calling of **Rich Galloway** with music by **Liz Donaldson** on piano, **Hope Stanton** on concertina, and **Malcolm Stephens** on fiddle.

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 bldg with the Post Office.

Info: Norm Bernhardt, 301-320-2469; Rich Galloway, 301-589-0939; or Roger Broseus via e-mail, RogerB@cais.com.

Dig out the finery and usher in the New Year at a Gala English Dance called by Brad Sayler with music by Dave Weisler, Marty Taylor, and Andrea Hoag. Reception at 6:30 pm, pot-luck supper at 7 pm, dessert break at 10:30 pm, toast to the New Year at midnight, dance til 12:45 am. Brad will call mostly English Country dances, with some waltzes and couple dances. The dance will be held at historic Adelphi Mill. Registration is limited and must be made in advance. Look for the registration flyers at BFMS and FSGW events, or send a stamped self-addressed envelope and check payable to FSGW (\$18/members, \$20/non-members) to Bob Farrall, 7613 Fountainebleau Dr., Suite 2112, New Carrollton, MD 20784. For Information, call Karla or Bob at 301-577-5018.

# Community Dances, at the Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom

The dances take place in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. It 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. 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 information about the dance, call 301-320-7099.

Nov 10: Lou Shapiro calling, music by Ellen Jacobs and friends. Several of her young students will be joining her to play for this dance. Larry Robinson and Ralph Bartine will also be playing. This will be a fun dance and the last community dance at the Spanish Ballroom until April.

Upcoming dances: Dec 8: (Note: at the Glen Echo Town Hall) Mary DesRosiers calling, music by Nightingale.

# House Conceris

# The Amidon Family

Saturday, November 9, 8:00 pm

The Amidon family will be presenting a lively participatory house concert of songs, stories and traditional dance tunes, with fiddles, accordion, dumbeck, banjo and guitar. The concert will take place on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm, at the home of Lars & Becky Hanslin in Chevy Chase, MD, just off of Conneticut Ave. For full directions call Lars and Becky at 301-654-4317. Admission is \$6 for FSGW members, \$8 for nonmembers.



Peter and Mary Alice Amidon have been performing for audiences throughout New England for over 10 years. Their two sons, Sam (15) and Stefan (12) have been surrounded by music since they were born, and for the last 8 years have joined Pete and Mary Alice in their concerts. The family quartet sings traditional songs from around the world in three and four part harmony; plays dance tunes on fiddles, accordion and dumbeck; and Peter and Mary Alice tell stories enriched by the family singing, Stefan's drumming, and Sam's fiddling. They are regularly featured performers at Old Songs, The Clearwater Festival, Vermont's Champlain Valley Festival and at the Northeast Whole Language Conference. They tour the northeast frequently, and have joined Vermont's Northern Harmony Chorus for two European tours.

Peter and Mary Alice met in Cambridge, MA in 1975 where they became deeply involved in traditonal music and dance. After touring the U.S. and Europe with Vermont's Word of Mouth Chorus/Bread and Puppet Theatre, the Amidons moved to Brattleboro, VT and eventually became elementary school music teachers. They also became Vermont Council on the Arts Touring Artist and VCA Artista-in-Education, performing their songs and stories in concerts throughout New England. They eventually left their teaching jobs in order to devote more time to their concerts and to conducting elementary school residencies of singing, storytelling and traditional dance.

The Amidons have released five cassette albums of songs for children and adults. Sons Sam and Stefan, along with pianist Thomas Bartlett (age 14) are the members of *Popcorn Behavior*, a contradance band that has played dances in New England. They have a cassette album of hot New England contradance tunes, which has received rave reviews all over the country.

# **Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy**

Tuesday, November 19, 8:00 pm

Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy are an exciting acoustic duo from Fredericksburg, VA. Fronted by the rich, pure voice of Laurie Rose and the steller guitar playing of Peter Mealy, they have captivated audiences up and down the east coast. Come hear them on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm at the home of Bob Clayton and Jennifer Woods in downtown Silver Spring, not far from the Silver Spring Metro. Admission is \$6 for FSGW members and \$8 for nonmembers. Call Jennifer and Bob at 301-587-7174 for more information/directions. (Warning, they have two cats and a dog, so if you're allergic. ...)

Laurie is one of those rare singers who, according to the World Folk Music Association's Dick Cerri, "has a gift for connecting the listener to the heart of the song... It's easy to fall in love when you hear her singing." Her mellifluous voice and astute interpretive skills are well supported by her versatile, rhythmically centered guitar playing and string bass.

Peter is an award winning singer/songwriter/instrumentalist who has been hailed by Northern Virginia Rhythm for his "superlative technical and compositional skills." His detailed guitar arrangements draw on influences from Celtic to jazz and give the duo its unique guitar-intensive sound. Soaring harmonies characterize the duo whether they are performing one of their compelling originials or presenting a song by one of the lesser songwriters they celebrate.

Laurie and Peter were finalists in the 1995 Kerrville Folk Festival songwriting competition and were invited to perform this year at the emerging artist showcase at the Falcon Ridge Festival in New York. Their CD, *Tocoi Llght*, comes "Highly recommended" from <u>Dirty Linen</u> magazine, and has been enthusiastically received by fans and folk music programmers. With broad musical roots and truly distinctive sound, Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy are an act that bears repeated listening.



### MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY NEWS

#### **Board Meeting**

Monday, November 4, 7:30 pm

The November Board meeting will be at the Ranger Station at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. Any FSGW member may attend. If you have any issues for the Board to consider, please contact the appropriate Board member or Jamie Platt. Board members' telephone numbers are listed in the Newsletter (see page 15).

**Open Sing** 

Friday, November 8, 8:30 pm

For "hot" singing on a cold evening come sing or just listen. Lorraine Van Buren will lead with a topic of "Dancing and other Exuberant Activities" at the Woods/Clayton home in downtown Silver Spring, MD. (Warning, they have two cats and a dog, so if you're allergic. ...) For info and directions, call 301-587-7174.

**Gospel Sing** 

Sunday, November 10, 4:00 pm

The monthly Gospel Sing will be at the home of Peggy and Hunter Jones in Potomac, MD. Call them at 301-762-6343 for directions. Singing starts around 4:00 pm with a break for a covered dish supper at 6:00 pm and then more singing. Everyone is welcome!

#### Sacred Harp Singing

Sunday, November 24, 3:00 pm

Our regular fourth-Sunday singing from shape-note tunebooks will be preceded by a special one-hour "singing school" at 3:00 pm celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Billings, the foremost early American composer, and featuring easy and famous examples of his choral music not found in The Sacred Harp. All welcome; music provided. Sacred Harp singing from 4-6 pm, followed by a potluck supper and more singing after supper. Location: the acoustically wonderful Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD. Find directions under the FSGW English Country Dance schedule. No oven at this location; bring electric warmers if you wish. For more info, call 202-546-2228/menu 42, or 301-897-5274.

Storyswap

Saturday, November 16, 7:00 pm

This month in south Arlington, held in conjunction with the Salon Network of Greater DC. Will start with a potluck dinner. Tellers and listeners welcome. RSVP Larry at 202-234-0979 or Eileen at 202-387-1314.

#### Smithsonian Concert Co-sponsored by FSGW

Saturday, December 14, 3:00 pm

The event is the first of four National Museum of American History - FSGW collaborations. American Sampler presents *Hesperus*: "A Crossover Christmas," music from medieval and Renaissance England mingles with traditional American songs and dances from Appalachia performed by *Hesperus* with **Johana Arnold**, **Scott Reiss**, **Tina Chancey**, and **Bruce Hutton**. The program is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. At the Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution. FREE and open to the public, no tickets required. For info, call 202-357-4182 or 202-357-2700.

#### Foggy Bottom Folkdancers

Thursdays, 7:30 pm

The Foggy Bottom Folkdancers meet every Thursday in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 23rd St. NW, between G & H Streets -- one block from Foggy Bottom Metro, parking available. Air conditioned room with a good dance floor. Beginner/Intermediate classes from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Request dancing from 9:00 - 10:45 pm. No experience or partner needed. Mostly taped music. Occasional parties and workshops. For info, call Jamie at 301-320-7099.

1997 Ski-Dance Weekend Information: See page 14

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bylaws: Several months ago, you all received a ballot regarding a bylaws amendment. As I mentioned in an earlier letter, that ballot was defective and deemed invalid. Since then, a bylaws committee has been meeting to review the current bylaws and suggest changes that would bring them up to date with our current practices. The committee has finally completed its work and its proposal was presented to the Board. The proposed bylaws amendments will be sent to you shortly. The FSGW Board members have all reviewed the proposal and the committee addressed the few concerns that were raised. I urge that you all take some time to read the proposal and vote to approve the proposed amendments.

Special Events: Last month, I mentioned that the Board would be discussing the issue of whether FSGW needs to make money on its special events. At the Board meeting, there appeared to be a general consensus that we should not lose money on these events. However, since many concerts tend to lose money, FSGW needs to find alternative funding to make up the shortfall. This may involve obtaining grants, or finding local business sponsors for specific events. If you run a business, or have influence with someone who does, let us know if that business is interested in donating some money to help put on one of our special events or programs. That sponsorship would be greatly appreciated and we will note the assistance in our newsletter announcement, flyers, etc.

New Members: If you are a new, or relatively new FSGW member, we hope that you are making the best of that membership. We offer 9 free monthly programs each year. The announcement for these programs is usually on page one of the newsletter. We have a great line-up of talent and we hope that you attend some of these programs. If you have any interest in dancing, FSGW organizes or sponsors several dances every week. There are the community dances and contra dances on Sundays, English country dances on Wednesdays, international folk dances on Thursdays, tango dances, and vintage dances. Check the newsletter announcements for date, time, and location. We also have house concerts, sacred harp singing, open singing, and various other events. We look forward to seeing you at some of these activities.

Coffee House: As I reported to you last month, the proposed coffee house at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Arlington is on a back burner. At the Board meeting, Mary Cliff proposed that FSGW and the Northern Virginia Folk Festival Association jointly sponsor a coffee house in Northern Virginia. Mary identified a good location and the Board decided to pursue this proposal further. I will keep you informed of the details, once they are known.

Jamie Platt

#### Capital Tangueros -- Argentine Tango Workshops

Saturday & Sunday, Nov 23 & 24

Argentine Tango Workshops with Danel and Maria, Tango Masters From New York.

Sat, Nov 23 Location: In-Step School of Dance, 9440 Mathy Dr., Fairfax, VA. Workshop times: 12:00 - 1:30 pm, 1:45 - 3:15 pm, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. \$15 per class or all 3 for \$40 (3 for \$35 for FSGW members)

Sun, Nov 24 Location: Starting Point Dance Studio, 7215-B Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD. Workshop times: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, 3:30 - 5:30 pm. \$20 per class (both for \$15 for FSGW members)

No Partner necessary for all classes. Call 703-276-1430 for class descriptions and levels.

Nov 29: Argentine Tango Dance: Last Friday of the month, Milonga at the Old Stone House, Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, MD (Rock Creek Park). 8:00 - 11:00 pm. Free. For info call 202-244-2787. Sponsored by Capital Tangueros.

Argentine Tango Practice: Sunday, Nov 10, 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Maryland Youth Ballet Studio, 7720 Woodmont Ave. #203, Bethesda, MD. \$5. Sponsored by Capital Tangueros. For info call 301- 949-5501.

For additional info, see the Capital Tangueros' Internet addresss: http://www.geocities.com/CapitalHill/4119/



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED by the National Folk Archive of the Library of Congress. If you can spend a few hours to help out at this hub of federal folk activity, call Joe Hickerson at 202-707-1725.

# AROUND TOWN

Spanish Folk Dances and Flamenco

Saturday, November 2, 8:00 pm

The Spanish Dance Theatre performs at the Alden Theatre in McLean, VA. \$15. Info call 703-790-9223.

Washington Storytellers Theatre Chaucer's Canterbury Tales Fri & Sat, Nov 22 & 23, 8:00 pm Internationally-known storyteller and performance artist Jon Spelman will present the best of Chaucer's hilarious stories. At St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 4700 Whitehaven Pkwy, DC, \$10. Info 202-291-2170.

#### Footlights, a modern drama discussion group

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 pm

Come join us to discuss plays from the modern English-speaking theater! This month we will discuss the Tony-award-winning play "The House of Blue Leaves," by American playwright John Guare. Our meeting will take place from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Chapter's Literary Bookstore, 1512 K St., NW, a block from the McPherson Square metro station. For more info call 202-484-8303.

#### St. Andrew's Day Celtic Evening

Saturday, November 23, 8:00 pm

At Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD. The evening will feature Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland, and Cape Breton Island, as well as music from other Celtic traditions. The performers include: **John Ward** on the fiddle; singer **Trix Whitehall**; *MacTalla*, a Gaelic singing group; the *Homespun Ceilidh Band* - a unique Celtic "Big Band"; and *Skye Gathering*, a Celtic chamber quartet of fiddle, harp, cello & voice/bodhran. \$8 (\$6 for students & seniors). Reservations recommended. Call 301- 441-8770.

Ensemble Galilei

Saturday, November 23, 8:00 pm

Sue Richards, Erin Shrader, Marcia Diehl, Sarah Weiner, Carolyn Anderson Surrick, & Nancy Karpeles perform a special Thanksgiving concert. At St. Columba's Church, 4201 Albemarle St., Washington, DC. Free (suggested contribution \$10). For info call 202-363-4119.



#### IN CONCERT



Jessee Paledofsky Group,

Sat, Nov 2, 7:30 pm at Church of the Savior, 2025 Mass Ave, DC.

Fri, Nov 22, 8:00 pm at Potter's House Coffeehouse, 1658 Columbia Road, NW, DC. Info 301-593-7207.

Blair Pettyjohn, Sat. Nov 2, at the Savory, 7071 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD. 8 - 11 pm. Info: 301-270-2233.

Tony Trischka Banjo Instruction workshop (9:30 am-4:30 pm) & concert (7:30 - 9:30 pm) Saturday, November 9
Beginner to advanced students welcome. Class size is limited. Workshop at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA.
Cost \$60. For info call 301-274-3411. Concert at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site's heated barn in Fairfax Co., VA on Route 7
between Tysons Corner & Reston. Tickets \$8 advance, \$10 at door. For info call 703-938-5796.

Ribaudo, Trainor & Muir - Album Recording Concert

Capitol College Auditorium, 11301 Springfield Road, Laurel, MD. Call 410-381-2834 or 301-982-9418 for reservations and information. Join Sue Ribaudo, Sue Trainor & Christina Muir in creating a "live" album recording. The session will open to the public at 3:00 pm; performances will be recorded in several sessions between 3:00 and 9:00 pm.

# LOCAL CLUB VENUES

Institute of Musical Traditions -- 15th Anniversary Concert Series Monday evenings, at 8:00 pm

Concerts held at the Silver Spring Unitarian Universalist Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave., (exit north off beltway and go 3 blocks, right on Oaklawn). Reserve in advance and save \$2. FSGW members get \$1 off ticket prices. Kids are ½ price. For more info, call 301-588-7525.

Fri, Nov 1 Gordon Bok, Ed Trickett & Ann Mayo Muir \$12 advance / \$15 door.

Sun, Nov 3 An Evening of Celtic Harp - featuring Sue Richards, and the duo Jane Valencia &

**Debra Knodel** \$10 advance / \$12 door. Note concert time is 7:00 pm.

Mon, Nov 4 Annie Gallup & Louise Taylor (double bill) \$10 advance / \$12 door.

Mon, Nov 11 Malcolm Dalglish \$10 advance / \$12 door.

Mon, Nov 18 / Iona \$8 advance / \$10 door.

Mon. Nov 25 Pierre Bensusan \$10 advance / \$12 door.

Sun, Dec 1 Tom Chapman and Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer present a family concert at Blair High

School. \$ 8 advance / \$10 door. This family event starts at 2:00 pm.

#### **Community Choir**

Sunday, November 3, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Adelphi Friends Meeting House, 2303 Metzerott Rd. (off NH Ave.) Join **Busy Graham** and **Wendy Lanxner** for an informal afternoon of singing -- unusual rounds, international folk songs, favorite tunes, and more. All ages and abilities welcome. This group sing meets the first Sunday of every month. For more info, call Busy Graham at 301-589-4920.

#### **Leaf Through Used Bookstore and Gathering Place**

Thursday at 7:00 pm

Located at 1701L Rockville Pike, Rockville MD (Congressional South Shopping Center - across the parking lot from Magruders). Free. Info call 301-230-8998.

Nov 14 Blues concert with Ray Kaminsky.

Nov 21 Open reading/open mike series hosted by Jim Semark.

#### The Eatery at Fair Lakes Center

Thursday, November 7 & Monday, November 25, 7:30 pm

12989 Fair Lakes Ctr., adjacent to Upton's Dept. Stores. Doris Justis and Folk Family perform. \$3.00 Info 703-817-1196.

#### The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 pm

Tortilla Factory, 648 Eldon St., Herndon, VA. Bonnie Rideout. \$9.00. Info call 703-437-7766.

#### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

Sunday, November 3, 4:00 pm

The Scottish vocal and instrumental ensemble *Mat-talla* presents a program for traditional Gaelic music. 14515 Church St., Upper Marlboro, MD. For info & directions, call 301-372-8704. Free-will offering.

#### **Medium Rare Coffeehouse**

Thursday, November 7, 8:00 pm

Rosemary Woods and Siobhan Skates, singer-songwriters from Belfast, Northern Ireland, at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Ct., Burke, VA, 8 pm, \$10. For info & directions call 703-924-8992.

#### Bad Habits - MACFMP new talent showcase

Wednesday, October 30, 8:00 pm

5444 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA. For info, 410-531-9233; for directions, 703-998-5808. \$7.00, presenters of folk and acoustic concerts will be admitted free. Proceeds will benefit the MACFMP. Performers for this concert were selected from applicants who reside throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. The objective of the selection process and the concert itself is to discover talent that is not currently known within the greater Baltimore-Washington area folk music circuit. The artists selected for this concert are: Patti Shea, Joe Giaccio, Simple Minds, Jane Wellington, and Karen Cope Deveau.

Bad Habits - Music Americana Showcase to benefit The World Folk Music Assoc. Wednesday, Nov 20, 8:15 pm A monthly showcase of national and regional folk music. \$6.00. Dick Cerri is host and emcee. Nov 20: Karen Capaldi, Sara Greene, Jon Carmen

#### **Dupont Music Circle**

#### First and third Wednesdays. 8:00 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; third Wed. of each month in DC. For info, call 703-658-0957.

The Ellicott Theatre November dates, 8:00 pm

8217 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD. The Ellicott Theatre is a not-for-profit center for the arts. Refreshments are available. \$10. For info and reservations, call 410-465-0899.

Sat. Nov 2. Concert: The Hard Travelers

Fri & Sat. Nov 8 & 9. Storytelling: The Black Cherry Puppet Theatre

Fri. Nov 15, Concert: Deanna Bogart, Album Release Concert Sat, Nov 16, Concert: Michael Fath Album Release Concert

Sat, Nov 30, Concert: Vicky Pratt Keating

#### The Folkal Point at the Coho Grill

Thursdays in November, 8:00 pm

Hobbit's Glen Golf Club, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia, MD. In the banquet room of the Coho Grill. \$8.00. Food and beverages be purchased. For info call 410-531-5350 or 301-982-0686.

Nov 7 Al Petteway & Amy White.

Nov 21 David Massengill, Blair Pettyjohn opening.

Nov 14 Double Bill: Moeller & Baker, Susan Piper.

Nov 28 Happy Turkey Day!

#### St. John's Episcopal Church - Benefit for the Hungry & Homeless

Saturday, November 23, 8:00 pm

9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD. Double Bill Concert featuring Kate MacDonnell and Pete Mealy & Laurie Rose Griffith. For info. call 301-449-0254.

#### Caffe Florian Coffeehouse

Saturday, November 9, 8:00 pm

Located at Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD. Open mike: acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers, and poets. Free, but a donation is requested. Sign-up 7:30 pm. Info: Sil Smith, 301-449-8804.

#### Mt. Vernon Coffeehouse

Friday, November 8, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA. Acoustic guitar and Joni Mitchel style all-original music mark Boston's Greg Greenway as a fast rising star winning new converts to folksinging with a social action edge. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance and \$9.00 at the door. For further info, call 703-765-5950 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm).

#### **Shenandoah Coffeehouse at the Reston Community Center**

Sunday, November 10, 7:00 pm

2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston VA - features excellent New England singer/songwriters Dana Robinson (contemporary with strong traditional roots) and Rachel Bissex, and local folk/pop sensation Lisa Taylor. No price or telephone no. given.

#### Starbucks Coffee Weekly Acoustic Music Series Performances

All shows are presented from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Spout Run/Arlington, 3125 Lee Highway, 703-527-6506

11/7 - Dave Goodrich 11/14 - Rachel Bissex 11/21 - Barb Martin

Burke Center Plaza/Burke, 6003-A Burke Center Pkwy., 703/250-2292

11/6 - DorNel Pratt 11/13 - Doris Justis 11/20 - Christopher Russell

Cascades Marketplace/Sterling, 21021 Southbank St., 703/421-0932

11/6 - Venus Rising 11/7 - **Jeff Aug** 11/13 - Rachel Bissex

11/14 - Andrew McKnight, Christopher Russell & Doug Brouder 11/20 - Randy Barrett 11/21 - TBA

Northpoint Village/Reston, 1444 Northpoint Village, 703-787-9341

11/6 - Andrew McKnight, Randy Barrett & Rachel Bissex

11/13 - Dana Robinson 11/20 - Venus Rising

#### **Panzer House Concerts**

Saturday, November 9, 7:30 pm

Monthly series in Columbia, MD presents Louise Taylor with Karen Pernick opening. Suggested donation is \$8. BYOB, light refreshments served. For reserverations and directions, call 410-531-9233.

#### **Club Acoustic Productions**

Sunday, November 17, 7:00 pm

Herndon, VA concert featuring Jim Henry. Socializing begins at 6:30 pm (refreshments are available). Admission is a suggested \$10 donation and seating is limited so reservations are required. For info & reservations, call 703-689-0444.

# 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. The next 4-week series of classes for beginning dancers starts on Friday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 pm. The series costs \$12 and does not include admission to the dances. These lessons are progressive; participants should plan to start the series only on the first Friday of the month. For more info, 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.

Nov 1 String Beings with Barbara Goun

Nov 8 Open Band with Jim Kitch

Nov 15 Clayfoot Strutters with George Marshall

Nov 22 Local Hero with Scott Higgs

Nov 29 Fiddlestyx with Robbin Schaffer

Dec 6 L7's (formerly Screamin' L7's) with Kate Charles

#### **Reston Contra Dance**

Saturday, November 9, 8:00 - 10:45 pm

Denise Lair will be the caller with the *June Apple Band*. All levels of experience welcome, no partner needed. Dance \$4.50; beginners' workshop 7 p.m., \$1.50. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Hunters Woods shopping center. Info: Alice Markham, 703-709-9121. Dances are on the second Saturday.

#### CDSS Northern Virginia Dance Group -- English Country Dances & Workshops

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:45 pm. Figures, phrasing, and style taught. \$3.00

Nov 12: Carl Dreher calling, music by Pat Wexelblat and Howard Markham.

Nov 26: **Howard Markham** and **Pat Ruggiero** call, music by **Pat Wexelblat** and **Malcolm Stevens**. Guest musicians welcome -- call Howard. N/P, N/E. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, VA. For info, call 703-471-0629.

3rd Saturday, Nov 16, 8:00 pm. Calling by **Barbara Harding**. Recorded music. All are welcome. N/P, N/E, free admission. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Street, Herndon, VA. For more info, call Barbara at 703-437-3615.

#### Irish Ceili Dance

Sunday November 24, 5:00 - 9:00 pm

The Greater Washington Ceili Club's monthly dance will be held at the conference center at Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD. Music for sets and ceili dances will be provided by **Frank Claudy**, **Philippe Varlet**, **Andy Thurston**, and **Jesse Winch**. A workshop featuring an Irish set dance will be offered at 4:00. Admission: \$10 GWCC & FSGW members, \$12 nonmembers, \$8 students/seniors, \$5 kids. Max family admission \$30. For more info call 703-532-7422 or 301-948-7176.

#### **Washington Swing Dance**

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 pm

The Washington Swing Dance Committee offers an evening of Swing dancing at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Introductory swing workshop from 8:00 - 9:00 pm, dancing from 9:00 - midnight. Admission to the dance is \$8, with \$1 going directly to the rehabilitation fund for the Spanish Ballroom. Info call 301-340-9732.

Nov 2 The Eric Felten Big Band

Nov 16 The O-Tones (with Ann Percival & friends)

#### Western Swing Dance in Falls Church

Friday, November 22, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

The Oklahoma Twisters invite you to Texas Two-step, swing, polka and waltz to Western Swing in the tradition of Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. Workshop (\$3) at 7:00 pm with Mary Pat Cooney. Dance: \$6.00. At the Woman's Club of Falls Church, 222 N. Washington St., Falls Church, VA. Experience and partner optional. For details: 703-536-4369.

#### **Swing Dance**

Saturday, November 23, 9:00 pm

Dance to the tunes of *The Tom Cunningham Orchestra* at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. Swing workshop from 8:00 - 9:00 pm; dance from 9:00 - midnight. Admission \$10.00. For info, call 703-533-8864.

#### Waltzing In the Park

Sunday, November 3 & 17, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

The LAST TWO Sunday waltzes for 1996 will be on Nov 3, featuring the band *The New Devils* and Nov 17 with *Ralph Gordon and Friends*. Introductory Waltz workshop at 3:30 pm. At Glen Echo Park (see page 2 for directions). Cost is \$5 per person. For more info, call Donna Barker at 703-978-0375.

#### **Foggy Bottom Morris Men**

Thursdays at 8:00 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.

#### Cajun Dance - Squeeze Bayou

Sunday, November 24, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Squeeze Bayou will be celebrating the release of their new recording "Steppin' Fast." Twist & Shout is located at 4800 Auburn Ave., Bethesda, MD. Info call 301-652-3383. Workshop: 5:00. Admission: Adults \$7.00, kids free.

#### **English Country Dance**

Saturday, November 9 & 23, 8:15 - 10:45 pm

Music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by **Barbara Harding**, at the Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Personal instruction for beginners at 8:00 pm. \$5.00. For info, call 301-493-6281.

#### International Folk Dancing

Wednesdays, 8:00 - 10:30 pm

Kahler Hall, Beaverkill Road and Harper's Farm Road, Columbia, MD. Admission is \$3. Recorded music. Beginners are welcome. Teaching until 9:00 pm. We have parties & workshops. For info: 410-997-1613 (night), 301-405-4642 (day).

#### **Country Sets & Ceili Dancing**

Saturday, November 9, 8:00 pm

At the John Wood Municipal Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax City, VA. Music by the *Bogwanderers*. Free dance instruction at 7:30 pm. \$10.00. For info, call Bob Hickey, 707-978-8265.

#### Scandinavian Dance

Saturday, November 2, 8:00 - 10:30 pm

At Takoma Park Middle School. Music by *Peascods Gathering*. Individual teaching for beginners 8:00 - 9:00 pm, dancing from 9:00 - 10:30 pm. \$4.00. For info, call 301-493-6281.

#### Scandia DC (Scandinavian couple dancing)

Saturday, November 16, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

at the Greenbelt Community Center, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. The Telespringar will be taught from 8 - 9 pm. Live music by Loretta Kelley and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. N/P. \$5.00. Info call 202-333-2826.

#### Traditional Hungarian Music & Dance - Tisza Ensamble

Saturday, November 9, 7:30 - 10:30 pm

Dancing with teaching circles followed by a performance. At the Starting Point Dance Studio, 10701 Livingston Rd., Ft. Washington, MD. For info, call Richard Morrison at 301-946-5867.

#### Zydeco Dances

Saturday, November 9, 9:00 pm - midnight

Dance to the sounds of *Daigrepont* at the Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo, MD. Workshop 8:00 - 9:00 pm. Admission \$10. Info call 301-309-0895



#### **CLASSES**

Callers' Collective: Open Calling Mike Dance (cost: \$2-\$3) Sunday, Nov 3 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. Live music! Vegetarian potluck from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, then on to the Sunday night dance. New callers are welcome to try calling a dance. And we need some dancers to show up, too! At Laura Brown's house, 3168 17th St., NW, DC. Call 202-986-5189 for directions.

Band Aid (a music class) - An ensemble playing workshop taught by pianist Liz Donaldson. Saturday, Nov 9, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm All instruments welcome. Come play a wide variety of tunes. Bring lunch, drinks provided. \$15. To register call 301-986-1291.

Dance Classes by Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff, starting in November. For additional info, call Donna at 703-978-0375. Synergy Dance Center: Mondays, Nov. 4 - 25: 7-8 pm = Int. Swing: 8-9 pm = Int. Lindy: 9-11 pm = Dance party (open to public). Classes are \$44 for 4 weeks (\$40 if pre-registered 1 week ahead) and includes the dance party. Dance party only costs \$5. Located at 4321 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC, Recorded music,

Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom: Thursdays, Oct. 31 - Nov. 21; 7-8 pm = Experienced Swing; 8-9 pm = Experienced Waltz; 9-10 pm = Experienced Lindy. Classes are \$36 for 4 weeks. Recorded music.

Scottish County Dance Society - Basic & General Scottish social dancing. Mondays: Dance and Aerobic Center (Bldg T-39), NIH, Bethesda, MD. Taped and live music. For info call 202-966-3595. Tuesdays: Greenbelt (MD) Center. For info call 202-234-6840. Wednesdays: Durant Center, Alexandria, VA. For info call 703-528-5628.

International Folk Dance open class every Tuesday from 8 - 10 pm at Key Elementary School, Key Blvd. (between Adams & Veitch, 3 blocks from Courthouse Metro) Arlington, VA. \$3. Recorded music. Instruction, walk-throughs, & requests. Singles welcome and all ages or levels of expertise. For info call 703-527-8998

Greek Dancing, Sundays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm. This 8-week series of classes meets at the Youth Center in Greenbelt, MD. Beginners welcome. \$30. For info call Chris Tennant 301-498-6218.

Irish Dance Classes (traditional country sets and ceili dances for adults) Wednesdays, until Dec 4. Beginners 7:00 - 8:15 pm, advanced 8:15 - 9:30 pm at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo MD. Cost \$35.00. Instructor is Jim Keenan. For info, call Jim at 301-840-1416. Taped music, N/P, N/E.

Irish Dance Classes (Advanced traditional country sets and ceili dances for adults) Thursdays, until Dec 12, 8:00 - 9:30 pm at Frost Center Aspen Hill Road, Rockville, MD. \$35.00. Instructor is Jim Keenan. Taped music. Live music 3rd Thursday of each month. Mini Ceili of Irish Country Sets and Ceili Dances will be held in conjunction with the Thursday evening dance class. Thursday, Nov 21, 8:00 - 10:30 pm. Music by An Lar. Cost: \$4.00 donation. For info call Jim 301-840-1416.

Scottish Country (social) dancing -- classes for BEG and INT. Taped and live music. N/P, N/E. First night \$2.00. Mondays: Dance and Aerobic Center (Bldg T-39), NIH, Bethesda, MD. For info, call 202-966-3595. Tuesdays: Greenbelt (MD) Center. For info call 202-234-6840. Other locations in MD and VA



# AND BEYOND

# VIRGINIA

#### Charlottesville, VA -- Sixth Annual Birthday Bash

Wednesdays: Durant Center, Alexandria VA. For info, call 703-719-0596.

Saturday & Sunday, November 2 - 3

call 202-234-6840

"Contra Corners" is holding its Birthday Bash near Charlottesville, VA, at the Greenwood Community Center. Activities will include a Birthday Ball from 8:00 - 12:00 on Saturday, with Fred Park calling to the music of The Jig Is Up. Contact: Contra Corners, 1582-E Thomas Jefferson Pkwy., Charlottesville, VA 22902 or at RogerB@cais.com.

#### **Dance in America in the 18th Century Traditions**

Saturday, November 9, 9:30 am - 10:30 pm

Historic workshop (9:30 am - 5:00 pm to taped music) & dance (7:30 - 10:30 pm to live music) with Charles Hendrickson. Participants will learn and practice historically correct dances and customs appropriate to British North Americans. At the Enders Fire Hall, South Buckmarsh St., Berryville, VA. Workshop: \$30, evening dance \$15, both \$41. Info 540-955-4478.

# Maryland

#### **Baltimore Folk Music Society Dances**

All dances take place at the Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul Street. Admission is \$6 for members (including FSGW) and \$8 for non-members. All dances are taught and walked through. Beginners are always welcome and are encouraged to arrive promptly at 8:00 pm. BFMS Hotline 410-366-0808 has up to the minute info on all events, or look on the BFMS web page, www.satelink.net/bfms/.

#### **Square and Contra Dancing**

- Nov 6 Caller: Robbin Schaffer, Band: Some Assembly (Paul Miller, Donna Boylan, Mary Corletta Flora).
- Nov 13 Caller: Mary Devlin, Band: Larry Unger and Elke Baker.

New Dancers' workshop at 7:30 pm. (included in price of dance admission)

- Nov 20 Caller: Susan Denise, Band: Marty Taylor, Jonathan Jensen, and friends.
- Nov 27 Caller: Andy Kane, Band: Fiddlestyx (Steve Hickman, John Devine, Jim Bienemann). New Dancers' workshop at 7:30 pm. (included in price of dance admission)

English Country Dancing Beginners welcome and encouraged to arrive promptly at 8:00 pm, when basic figures are taught.

- Nov 4 Election Eve Family Dance. There's no school tomorrow, so bring the kids for an introduction to English dance. School-aged kids admitted for 1/2. Caller: Robbin Schaffer, Christopher Field, Music: Marty Taylor, Dave Wiesler, and Carl Friedman.
- Nov 11 Caller: Scott Higgs, special guest from Philadelphia; Music; Andrea Hoag and Liz Donaldson.
- Nov 18 Caller: Rich Galloway; Music; Steve Hickman and Jonathan Jensen. Beginner's Workshop at 7:30 p.m. (included in price of dance admission).
- Nov 25 Caller: Diane Schmit; Music: Elke Baker, Mark Vidor, and Susan Rudy.
- Nov 28 Special Thanksgiving Day Dance. Caller: Mary Kay Friday; Music: Marty Taylor, Liz Donaldson, and Malcolm Stephens.

**Zydeco Dance Series** - Baltimore's own *Gumbo Junkyard* featured in the "Somebody Scream Dance Series." Fri, Nov 8. Workshop at 8:00 pm., dancing 9:00 to midnight. The Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College (CCC). Admission: \$10 general public, \$8 BFMS members and CCC faculty/staff, \$4 CCC students.

Second Saturday Dance - the "Small Fall Ball", featuring Charm City's petite caller Robbin Schaffer and Philadelphia's Raise the Roof. Saturday, Nov 9, 8:00 - 11:00 pm. Free introductory dance workshop at 7:30 pm. At St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall 1620 Reisterstown Rd., Baltimore, MD (just inside beltway exit 20 South). \$6 for members of BFMS and associated organizations (including FSGW), \$8 for non-members, kids half-price. Join the petite march at 8:00 pm, and enjoy a tiny tea during the break. Dress fantastically formal, fairly fancy, or frankly funky!

Amidon Family Concert and Dance - an evening of traditional New England music and dancing. Sunday, Nov 10, 3:00 pm. concert, dance immediately following. At St. Mark's On the Hill Parish Hall. Adults: \$7 BFMS members and members of associated groups, \$9 non-members; Children: \$5; Families: \$16 members/\$20 non-members.

Storytelling Festival - Tellebration 96!, an afternoon of storytelling for all generations. Sunday, Nov 24, 2:30 pm at St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall. Adults: \$7 BFMS members and members of associated groups, \$9 non-members; Children: \$5 Families: \$16 members / \$20 non-members. Donations of non-perishable food will be collected.

Swing Dance to Jazz Caraven - Saturday, Nov 2. Workshop: 8:00 - 9:00 pm, dance: 9:00 - midnight. \$10/\$8. At the Catonsville National Guard Armory, 130 Mellor Ave., Cantonsville, MD. For info, call 410-377-7410.

#### Frederick Contra Dance

Saturday, November 23, 8:00 pm

Scott Higgs calling to the music of *Local Hero*. At the Old Armory, corner of 2nd & Betz. Free beginners' workshop at 7:00 pm. Admission \$4.00 for MMFAC members, non-members \$6.00. For info call 301-694-6794.

#### Southern Maryland (St. Mary's County) Contra Dance

Saturday, November 16, 8:00 pm

Kate Charles calls to the music of fiddler Laura Longneck. Intro workshop at 7:30 pm. At Margaret Brent Middle School, Helen, MD. Admission \$6.00. For info and directions call 301-769-3840.

#### 333 Coffeehouse

Friday, November 15, 8:00 pm

Located at 333 DuBois Rd., Annapolis, MD. Features **Robin Bullock** playing his fiddle, guitars, mandolin and more, and **Debby McClatchy** singing and playing traditional folk and mountain music. \$5.00. For info & directions call 410-647-4275.

and

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 - 5:30 pm

Sue Ribaudo, Sue Trainor, Christina Muir, Folk Trio, plus The Stansbury Family Singers, Gospel group and Gammy winner jazzman Ron Holloway and his quartet. Interspersed with dramatic vignettes illustrating the art of listening to resolve conflict. Severna Park High School Auditorium. Tickets \$8.00 \$5.00 for students/seniors. For info call 410-266-9033.

#### **Annapolis Traditional Dance Society**

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 8:00 pm

At the air conditioned Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 70, 1311 Generals Hwy (Rt. 178), Crownsville, MD. Beginners' contra class starts at 7:30 pm, and Contra dances run from 8:00 - 11:00 pm. Wooden floor, free parking! No street shoes please - Soft-soled, non-marring shoes are required. Cost: \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members; For more info call ATDS hotline at 410-544-9505 or Bob K. at 410-923-6734, or check out the ATDS web site: http://www.pobox.com/~dancers

Nov 2 Caller and band TBA.

Nov 16 Caller and band TBA.

#### St. John's College 300th Anniversary

Sunday, November 10, 7:00 pm

Larry Edward Vote, Julie Andrijeski and Friends play songs by Purcell and traditional Irish tunes. In the Great Hall of St. John's College, Annapolis, MD. \$15.00. Info call 410-267-0908.

#### Patches and Liz Coffeehouse North

Second & Fourth Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Timonium Methodist Church, 2300 Pots Spring Rd., Timonium, MD. 410-771-4709. \$8.00. Refreshments are available. Concerts feature singer-songwriters and folk music performers from the Baltimore-Washington area as well as music artists from across the U.S. Nov 9: Mike Boran

Nov 23: Christina Muir

Coffeehouse at Mays Chapel United Methodist Church, Benefit for the Tony Sica Health Fund

Friday, Nov 29, 8:30 pm

11911 Jenifer Rd., Timonium, MD. The Concert will feature: Grace Griffith, Terra Nova, Al and Amy, Debi Smith, Tom

Prasada-Rao. Admission: \$15. For additional info, call 410-922-5210 or 301-843-6685.

#### **Mountain Green concerts**

Friday, November 22, 8:00 pm

Kevin Burke's Open House Band at the Kepler Theatre, Hagerstown Junior College, Robbinwood Dr., Hagerstown, MD. For info call 301-790-2800, x 309.

Maryland "Ethnic Heritage Festival" in Essex, MD

Saturday & Sunday, November 2 & 3, Noon - 7:00 pm

At the Essex Community College campus. \$3.50. Info 410-780-6369.

Blaskapelle "Alte Kameraden" -- preserving the musical heritage of Bavarian village bands

#### **WEST VIRGINIA**

#### **Shepherdstown Music and Dances**

Saturday, November 2, 4:00 - 11:00 pm

Frank Brown and Elaine Murakami will teach two Scandinavian dances, snoa and schottische. Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm following the workshop. The 8:00 pm contra dance will be called by **Kate Charles**. Both the dance and workshop will feature musicians **Ellen** Jacobs, Larry Robinson, and Mark Vidor. All events will be held at the Men's Club on German St. For more info call 304-725-0266.

Saturday, November 30, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

Robert Cromartie will call challenging and no walk-through contras at a special 5th Saturday dance. Music will be provided by *Martin's Flight* with **Ralph Gordon**, **Sandy Mitchell**, and **John Devine**. This dance is for experienced dancers only. The dance will be held at the Men's Club on German St. For more info call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **York Folk Dance Association Contra Dances**

Friday, November 1, 8:00 pm & Sunday November 17, 2:30 pm

Fri, Nov 1 at Asbury Church, 340 East Market Street, York, PA. **Donna Hunt** calls to tunes supplied by **Elke Baker** and **Dave Wiesler**. Beginners' workshop 7:15. Cost \$6.00. For more info call 717-845-2897, or visit www.infi.net/~jwellsxx/york.

Sun, Nov 17 The Clayfoot Strutters with George Marshall calling at the Historic Valencia Ballroom, 142 N. George St., York, PA. Event begins at 2:30 pm. For more information call 717-845-2897, or visit www.infi.net/~jwellsxx/york.

#### 1997 SKI-DANCE WEEKENDS

**January 17 - 20 & February 14 - 17** 

American Ski-Dance Weekend (Jan 17-20) will feature contras and swing; callers/leaders are Carol Kopp, Kate Charles, and Karl Knopp; musicians include Elke Baker, Larry Unger, and David Wiesler.

Washington's Ski-Dance Weekend (Feb 14-17) will feature contras and English country; callers are **Brad Sayler** and **Ann Fallon**; musicians include **Marty Taylor**, **Steve Hickman**, **Jonathan Jensen**, and **Julie and Wes Woods-Merchant**. Both weekends include free ski instruction by PATC instructors. Watch for the flyers at November FSGW events or send a stamped, SASE to Ski-Dance Weekends, c/o Peter Fricke, P.O. Box 2011, Shepherdstown, WV 25443 for registration forms and information.

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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.



#### DEADLINE FOR December Newsletter: Sunday, November 10 - Don't Wait Until the Last Day!

All copy for the next issue of this Newsletter is due at the home of Editor Carl Mintz, NO LATER THAN 9 PM, Sunday, Nov 10.

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