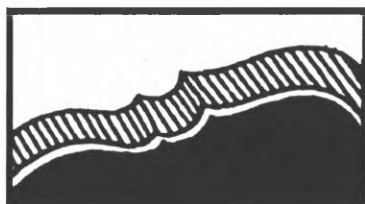


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# NEWSLETTER

## January

### Special Event

#### Swallowtail in Concert -- Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday at 8:00 pm -- An FSGW Special Event at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (at the SW corner of Kalmia Street), just a 5-minute walk from the Silver Spring Metro station. There is ample street parking.

Here is a rare opportunity to hear one of the country's most popular contra dance bands in concert. *Swallowtail* blends traditional Irish and country dance tunes with classical themes in innovative arrangements that make for an unforgettable musical experience. The band alternates between driving reels and jigs and haunting, ethereal airs and melodies. Featured instruments include the fiddle, oboe, concertina, piano, hammered dulcimer, flute, and bodhran.

The members of *Swallowtail*, **George Marshall**, **David Cantieni**, **Ron Grosslein**, **Tim Van Egmond**, and **Timm Triplett**, are well known to Washington area contra dancers. This concert offers a chance to focus on their exciting music in a concert setting. Check it out.

Admission is \$9.00 for FSGW members and \$12 for nonmembers.



### Program

#### Double Decker String Band -- Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

Saturday at 8:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring on New Hampshire Avenue, about 4 blocks outside the beltway, on your right if you are coming from the beltway.

*Double Decker String Band* plays old-time music with a life, a freshness and vibrancy, that is unsurpassed. Among America's finest old-time string bands, they do the old songs in the old way with the old style and grace. It just doesn't get any better! You can count on them to serve up a lively mix of classic vintage material: turn-of-the-century rags, hell-for-leather fiddle tunes, mountain ballads, country blues, and even a bit of popular Victoriana. They know the roots of their music, credit even its most obscure creators, and bring a loving attention to detail to their performance.

The band members, **Bruce Hutton**, **Craig Johnson**, and **John Beam** are all fine singers as well as very accomplished instrumentalists, who really know the style. They present old-time music with so much zest and self-deprecating humor that you forget that you might learn something.

Admission is \$9.00, but free to FSGW members.



**The Mini Festival is this month -- Mark Your Calendar for Jan 25<sup>th</sup> -- Schedule inside**

See page 5 for the schedule. If you want to volunteer to help, call Judy Cook at 301-776-4314.

## 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. Remember, 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 canceled. This information is available by 3:00 pm.

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

Dec 31 **New Year's Eve** dance featuring **Mary Virginia Brooks** calling to the music of *Grand Picnic*. Registration must be made in advance. A flyer can be found at most dance events or by calling 202-543-4999 (\$16 for members, or \$20 for non-members).

Jan 5 **Ann Fallon** calls to the music of *Caledonia*, a Charlottesville-based band which, owing to babies, relocations & other intrusions from the real world, has not graced our dance for far too long. The musicians are: **Laura Light** (fiddle), **Carlotta Wellington** (hammered dulcimer) and **Janet Muse** (piano).

Jan 12 **Tom Hinds**, now living in Charlottesville, is the caller. Music is by local band *Folk Remedy*: **Elke Baker** on fiddle, **Liz Donaldson** on piano and **Ken Wright** on banjo.

Jan 19 Get set for the annual visit by New England's legendary *Swallowtail*. **George Marshall** and **Tim Van Egmond** share the calling duties. The band includes: **George Marshall** (bodhran & concertina), **David Cantieni** (reedy), **Ron Grosslein** (fiddle), **Tim Van Egmond** (hammered dulcimer), & **Timm Triplett** (keyboards). Note: they will also be performing in a special concert on Tuesday, January 14th.

Jan 26 **Robbin Schaeffer** will call to music by **Ellen Jacobs** & friends.

Feb 2 **Beth Molaro** calls, music is by *Laura & the Lava Lamps*.

Feb 9 **Jim Kitch** calls, music is by *Adam's House Cat*.

Feb 16 **Bill Trautman** calls, music is by *Roustabout*.

Feb 23 **Kate Charles** calls, music is by *Fiddlesticks*.



Register now for **Chesapeake Dance Weekend**, April 11-13, at Camp Letts, in Edgewater, MD, featuring *Wild Asparagus*, with **George Marshall** calling, the *Critton Hollow Stringband* with caller **Larry Edelman**, and *Balfa Toujours*. A registration flyer was included in the December 1996 Newsletter and is available at area dances. Flyers are also available by calling 202-547-6262.

## House Concert

**Martyn Wyndham-Reid**

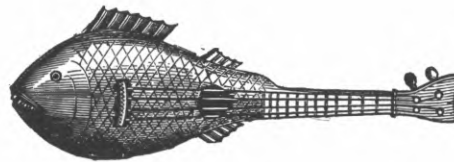
**Friday, January 31, 8:00 pm**

An old favorite performer pays a welcome visit to FSGW this month, when **Martyn Wyndham-Reid** brings his clear tenor voice, accomplished guitar accompaniment, and trove of songs from "Down Under" to a special house concert, in close-in Silver Spring, MD. Martyn's songs and singing style are hard to define, but easy to listen to. The concert will likely feature both the rough and rowdy songs of cattle hands, swagmen and miners, and the sentimental songs of love and loneliness from the old-time bush poets.

English by birth, Martyn first developed his interest in folk songs of the Australian "outback" when he went to Australia in the early 1960s. He worked for a time on a South Australian sheep "station," where he gained first-hand knowledge of the people and folklore of "the bush." It was there that he fell in love with the music and song of this desert continent. During his subsequent travels, he spent much of his time seeking out and learning songs from drovers, cane cutters, shearers and other bush workers. As the folk song revival gathered pace in Australia, Martyn found himself singing these songs to audiences all across the Australian continent. After seven years, when he returned to England, he continued performing these songs to appreciative audiences. Concert tours have spread his style of music to the far corners of the world. To date, his recording career spans over 33 years and more than a score of albums.



Admission to the concert is \$7 (FSGW members) and \$9 (non-members). Refreshments will be served. Call Bob Clayton or Jennifer Woods at 301-587-7174 for directions to their Silver Spring home. (Warning, they have 2 cats & a dog, so if you're allergic...)



### *📖 Previews of Coming Attractions 📖*

## FSGW Monthly Programs

Here is the line-up for the **monthly programs** for the rest of the season. They are always on the third Saturday night at 8:00 pm. They will all have food. There will be a sing-around following each concert. And they are **free** to members. Mark your calendar now, so you do not miss any of them.

- Feb 15 **Murray Callahan** (English music hall), at the Washington Ethical Society.
- Mar 15 **Bob Zentz** (VA Maritime), at the Ravensworth Baptist Church.
- Apr 19 **Lance Brown** (tribute to Will Rogers), at the Washington Ethical Society.
- May 17 **George & Vaughn Ward**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring.

## FSGW Special Event

- Feb 8 **Bruce Molsky** in concert at the Glen Echo Town Hall at 8 pm.  
Save this date and see the February Newsletter for full details.

## FSGW English Country Dance

**Wednesday, 8:00 - 10:30 pm**

**Glen Echo Town Hall**

Dance the wintery nights away in the warm company of FSGW members and others in the community. Enjoy the extraordinary diversity of talented callers who are accompanied by top-notch musicians who play tunes that are unique to each dance. Starting on Jan 8th, come at 7:30 for a FREE, half-hour workshop for newcomers. Dance on a wood floor in the elegant community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall. Enjoy the friendly crowd, known for its welcoming nature, light refreshments, and dance. Open to dancers of all experience levels. Members \$5, non-members \$6.

- Dec 31 **New Year's Dance** at the Adelphi Mill, called by **Brad Sayler** with music by **Dave Weisler, Marty Taylor, & Andrea Hoag**. Advance registration required. For additional info, call 301-577-5018.
- Jan 1 **Dance On New Year's Day**: Revelers should take a nap, drink some coffee or whatever it takes to be able to make it to dance in the evening to the calling of **Bob Farrell** with music provided by **Malcolm Stephens** on fiddle and **Dave Wiesler** on piano.
- Jan 8 **Brad Sayler** calls to the music of **Susan Brandt** on flute, **Liz Donaldson** on piano, and **Bruce Edwards** on bassoon and concertina. Workshop for newcomers starts at 7:30.
- Jan 15 **Liz Donaldson** hangs-up her accordion and piano to call to the music of **Elke Baker** on fiddle, **Hope Stanton** on concertina, and **Dave Wiesler**, piano. Workshop at 7:30.
- Jan 22 Caller **Mary Kay Friday** is accompanied by **Liz Donaldson** on piano, **Steve Hickman** on fiddle, and **Larry Robinson** on the bouzouki. Workshop at 7:30.
- Jan 29 **Stephanie Smith** calls to the music of **Francine Krasowska** on piano and **Jeff Steinberg** on fiddle. Workshop at 7:30.

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 (6106 Harvard Avenue), in the building with the Post Office.

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





**25<sup>th</sup> Annual FSGW MiniFest****Saturday, January 25, Noon - 10:30 pm****Folk Festival featuring music, dance, crafts and food**

The 25th annual FSGW MiniFest will be held at the Eastern Middle School on University Blvd just inside the Beltway interchange. The MiniFest offers an exciting opportunity for people of all ages to participate in traditional and contemporary folk music and dance from all over the world.

Beginning at noon and continuing until 6:00 pm, festival-goers can choose among nine different programs taking place simultaneously at various locations throughout the school, including concerts, dances, song swaps, jams, and crafts demonstrations. Featured performers and workshop leaders include: **Ed Trickett, Bill Destler & Andy Cooper, Mary Fitzgerald, Ellen Jacobs, Bruce Hutton, Chris Romaine, Lisa Null, Tom McHenry, Joe Hickerson**, just to mention a few. Groups to entertain us include: *Foggy Bottom & Rock Creek morris teams, Iona, Mactalla, Toho Koto Society, Machaya, and Squeeze Bayou.*

Learn folk dances from England, Greece, Scandinavia, Macedonia & Bulgaria. Learn intermediate swing dancing, tango, and Cajun dancing. Or just come for some good contras, squares, and waltzes.

Share your funniest songs with **Sue Trainor & Don Stallone**, or tell about your gig from hell with **David Eisner**, swap sea songs with **Tom McHenry**, labor songs with **Joe Hickerson**, or ballads with **Judy Cook, Carly Gewirz & Kathy Westra**. Maybe jamming is more to your liking; check out room 811. There will be jamming all afternoon for you to join in; old time, Scandinavian, Celtic, country-western/honky-tonk, slow jam.

There is a full day of playing and singing for the KIDS too! They will love their sessions with such fine musicians as **Sue Trainor, Bruce Hutton, Partners in Song, and Bill Jenkins**.

In addition to the music and dancing, many fine artisans will be on hand to demonstrate and sell their crafts. Learn about growing your own shitake mushrooms, making dulcimers or jewelry, chair caning, and portrait making.

In the evening, a concert and a dance will be held concurrently, beginning at 7:30 pm. The evening concert features **Lisa Moscatello & Robin Bullock; Harp, Ussilton, and Franklin; Walt Michael; and the Bawdy Balladeers**. The evening contra dance will feature **Lou Shapiro** calling with the *Washington DC Open Band* providing the music.

**The MiniFest is a fund-raiser for FSGW, and is produced by a large core of dedicated volunteer performers and workers.**

Admission to the Mini-Fest (same as last year):

**Full Day (both afternoon & evening activities)**

Note: Children under 5 years old are FREE.

Adult FSGW members \$12

Adult non-members \$15

Member kids aged 5-12 \$ 5

Non-member kids 5-12 \$ 6

**Half Day (either afternoon or evening activities)**

Note: Children under 5 years old are FREE

Adult FSGW members \$ 7

Adult non-members \$10

Member kids aged 5-12 \$ 3

Non-member kids 5-12 \$ 4

Note: We still need people to set-up & restore the performance rooms, work admissions, act as "stage" managers for the performance rooms, lug equipment, guard the instrument check room, and probably lots of other stuff. If you can donate 2 or more hours of time in return for free admission, please call Dennis or Judy Cook at 301-776-4314.



## 1997 FSGW MiniFestival Draft Grid

Time	601 Participatory	607 International	608 Showcases	703-5 Dance 1	707-9 Dance 2	807 Participatory	811 Jams	812 Kids	815 Showcases	Cafeteria			
12:00 PM	Animal Songs Swap	TBA	Andy Cooper & Bill Destler	Macedonian & Bulgarian Dance	TBA	Gospel Song Swap Flawn Williams	Old Time Jam	Using Your Head Songs for Kids	Moonfire	Crafts / Food Demos / Sales & Concerts All Afternoon			
12:15 PM	Partners in Song		Showcase	Bamco			Chris Romaine	SueTrainor	Showcase				
12:30 PM													
12:45 PM	Big Lies, Tall Tales	Machaya Klezmer Band	Lisa Null	Greek Dance Jamie Platt	Morris Dancing Demonstration	Scandinavian Jam		Jug Band Workshop for Kids Bruce Hutton	Charlie Bean & Friends Showcase				
1:00 PM	Bill Mayhew		Showcase										
1:15 PM													
1:30 PM	Song Swap		Joe Hickerson Showcase	Foggy Bottom & Rock Creek	Sing the Funniest Song You Know	Partners in Song Kids' Concert	Sidekicks Showcase						
1:45 PM	Andy Cooper & Bill Destler												
2:00 PM	Strange Characters Song Swap Judy Cook	Slaveya	Contras & Squares Howard Bass North/South All Stars			Cajun Dance Workshop Michael Hart Sharon Schiliro Squeeze Bayou	Don Stallone & Sue Trainor	Celtic Jam Mary Fitzgerald	Sing-Along Songs for Kids Christina Muir & Mary Kerr	Blues & More - Donna Fletcher Showcase	Toho Koto Society Mini Concert		
2:15 PM		Slavic Singers		Chris Romaine Showcase									
2:30 PM		Tell Your Best Joke or Your Gig from Hell David Eisner	Ed Sobansky	Showcase	Andrea Hoag David Weisler	Wendy Morrison Mark Glickman Ellen Jacobs	Country-Western Honky-Tonk Jam Nan Goland	Singing Games for Kids Andy Cooper	Occupational Songs George Stephens & Mary LaMarca Showcase				
2:45 PM										Scots Gaelic Songs	Ed Trickett Showcase	English Country Dance Workshop	Contras & Squares Andy Kane
3:00 PM	Labor & Occupational Song Swap		Mactalla	Van Mertz Showcase	Rich Galloway Andrea Hoag	Ricky Schuman	Ballads Swap Judy Cook Carly Gewirz Kathy Westra	Open Jam	Washington Skye Boat Kids Concert	Sue Trainor & Christina Muir Showcase			
4:00 PM	Joe Hickerson	Scottish Stories	TBA								Scandinavian Workshop Ross Schipper & Linda Brooks Jacobs, Hendrickson, Bodd	Intermediate Swing Dance Workshop Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff	
4:15 PM													Margaret Chatham
4:30 PM	Sacred Harp Sing	Margaret Chatham TBA	Tom McHenry Showcase	Scandinavian Workshop Ross Schipper & Linda Brooks Jacobs, Hendrickson, Bodd	Intermediate Swing Dance Workshop Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff								
4:45 PM	Dottie Hurley												
5:00 PM													
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## MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY NEWS

### Board Meeting

**Monday, January 6, 7:30 pm**

The January Board meeting will be at the home of Joe Metzler. 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 19).

### Open Sing; Topic: Food Songs

**Friday, January 3, 8:30 pm**

Now that the holidays are over and you've given plenty of time and attention to food, come and sing about it. Join us at the home of Rebecca Clayton and Ron Davies in Silver Spring. Dr. Bootsie herself will lead the sing on the topic of food. If you cannot sing a song that mentions food, you could always sing the song that feeds your soul. Just brush up one of your favorite songs and come have a good time. For directions or more info, call Rebecca at 301-270-9365.

### Storyswap

**Saturday, January 11, 7:00 pm**

This month at the home of Barbara Effron in Annandale for an evening of stories and pot luck snacks. Tellers and listeners welcome. Call 703-323-1783 for directions and rsvs.

### Gospel Sing

**Sunday, January 12, 4:00 pm**

The monthly Gospel Sing will be at the home of Kathie Mack in Takoma Park, MD, just a block from the Takoma Metro station. 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!

### Sacred Harp Singing – Special New Year's Day Sing

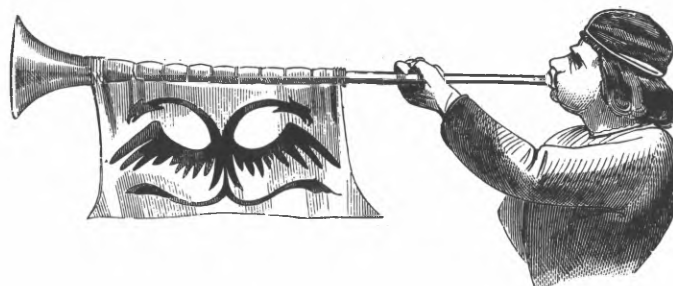
**Wednesday, January 1, 3:00 pm**

Our ever-popular New Year's Day singing of a cappella early American shape-note music in 4-part harmony will be at the Rock Spring Congregational Church of Christ, 5010 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA. Introduction to shape-note singing for beginners at 2:00 pm, the singing at 3:00 pm, & the potluck supper at 6:00 pm, with more singing after supper. Free admission, but the church requests a donation (cash, check, or nonperishable food). Loaner tunebooks provided. Directions: From Rt. I-66 take the Glebe Rd. (Rt. 120) exit, go north 1½ miles to Old Dominion Blvd. (1<sup>st</sup> traffic light after Lee Hwy.) and bear left. Go 2 blocks, then turn left onto Rock Spring Rd., and go 1 block to the church. For more info, call 301-897-5274 or the FSGW Hotline #42.

AND

**Sunday, January 26, 4:00 pm**

Our regular 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday singing will be at Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Rd., Alexandria, VA. Shape-note singing school for beginners at 3:00 pm, regular singing at 4:00 pm, and potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. Free-will offering of cash or nonperishable food for the needy. Directions: From I-495, exit 1, take US Rt. 1 south for one block and turn left (south) on Fort Hunt Rd. (Rt. 629). Go 4 miles to the church at the NW corner of Collingwood Rd. For more info, call 703-550-5860 or the FSGW Hotline #42.



## FSGW CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

### NEW FSGW / NVFFA COFFEEHOUSE ● AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

#### Fifth Wheel Coffeehouse

Sunday, December 29, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

The Fifth Wheel Coffeehouse is the place to bring friends and family and all the relatives who are visiting this holiday season. It is a **new joint venture of FSGW** and the Northern Virginia Folk Festival Association, the Arlington-based non-profit that runs the Northern Virginia Folk Festival. We will kick off the series with some holiday revelry from northern Europe, at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association conference center at 4301 Wilson Blvd in Arlington, VA.

**Charlie Pilzer** will lead the band. He will be joined by **Andrea Hoag** and **Loretta Kelley**. In addition, white-clad morris dancers will be there with bells on! You will see how this traditional English dance is really performed and maybe try it yourself to mark the change of season. Continuing the holiday afternoon, **Tom McHenry** will lead a community sing. A veteran of *Rock Creek* vocal trio and the chantey group *The Boarding Party*, Tom knows more songs than you can shake a stick (or mistletoe sprig) at. So be sure to bring your voice to join in the chorus.

A coffeehouse also features food, and real Sons (and daughters) of Norway have promised traditional holiday finger foods. Sweets, coffees, teas and ciders will be available at reasonable prices. Speaking of reasonable prices — you can enjoy all the music, dance, singing and camaraderie for a mere \$5.50 per person; kids under 12 enter free.

The NRECA conference center is at the intersection of Wilson Boulevard and North Glebe Road, at the corner of Taylor Street, across from Balston Common. It is about a block from Balston Metro. There is street parking and **free garage parking** (enter on Taylor Street). Information will be on the FSGW hotline and on the NVFFA hotline at 703-549-6044.

#### Inauguration Waltz and Contra Ball

Monday, January 20, 8:00 pm

Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom

Was your name omitted from the invitation list for the inauguration ball at the Sheraton? Are you unable or unwilling to shell out \$250 for one of the other parties in town? Would you rather dance with your friends than talk welfare policy? This is an opportunity for all Americans to get together and celebrate one of the great events of American democracy. It does not matter what side of the aisle you are on, when you are on the dance floor, all distinctions fade away. Get dressed up and have a great party. The Grand March starts at 8:00 pm. There will be an abundance of waltzes and other couple dances. The music will be brought to you by *Waltz on a Dime*, **Sandy Mitchell**, fiddle; **Dave Wiesler**, piano; **Wendy Morrison**; concertina, and **Ralph Gordon**, bass. The master of ceremonies will be **Robbin Schaffer**, who will also call a few contras. The ball is cosponsored with the Friday Night Dancers and is a fund raiser for the restoration of the Ballroom and Bumper Car Pavilion. The cost is \$10 for FSGW members and \$12 for non-members. For more info, call 301-320-7099, or e-mail [bplatt@access.digex.com](mailto:bplatt@access.digex.com). For snow cancellation info, call the Park at 301-492-6282.

#### Community Dance

Sunday, January 12, 3:00 - 5:30 pm

This month's dance continues at the Glen Echo Town Hall (see directions under FSGW English Country Dance). It would make a great outing for a church, community, or social organization, 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, call 301-320-7099.

Jan 12 **Tom Hinds** calling to the music of **Liz Donaldson** and **Susan Brandt**.

Feb 9 *Home Cooking*. Music and/or calling by **Liz Donaldson**, **Richie Schuman**, **Bob Mathis**, and friends.

#### Capital Tangueros -- Argentine Tango Practice

Sunday, January 12, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Argentine Tango practice at Maryland Youth Ballet, 7702 Woodmont Ave., #203, Bethesda, MD. \$5 All levels, recorded music. For info, call 703-276-1430. See the Capital Tangueros' at: <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/4119/>

#### International Folk Dancing

Thursdays, 7:30 pm

The Foggy Bottom Folkdancers meet in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 23<sup>rd</sup> St., NW, between G & H Streets -- one block from Foggy Bottom Metro, parking available. 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 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 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.

**American Sampler presents "Swingtime at the Smithsonian"****Fri, Feb. 21, and Sat, Feb. 22**

Second in a series of 4 programs, the American History Museum's American Sampler series presents **Claude "Fiddler" Williams**, octogenarian Kansas City jazz and swing legend, backed by **Steve Abshire**, guitar, and **Keter Betts**, bass. [Teachers: Call about a special program for school groups at 10:30 on Friday.] Friday noon, Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Carmichael Auditorium. For further info, call 202-357-4182. **FREE**.

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It is now January and **FSGW Board elections** are around the corner. I will be selecting an election committee which will seek those interested in taking an active role in running the Society. If you would like to become more involved, please give me a call. I will pass your name on to the Committee when it is formed. It was very gratifying to me that so many of our members responded to the by-laws ballot. We spent many hours trying to get it right and the membership apparently agreed. The final vote was 409 in favor of the changes and 14 against. This was a 14% return, which is extraordinary.

Our monthly meetings are full with Society business and leave little time for discussion of policy issues. Despite my efforts, it takes a long time to finish all the Board's business at our monthly meetings. We want each of the Board members to report on projects that they are involved in, which gives the Board an opportunity to express its views. It also keeps everyone "on line." The Board is considering proposals to spend a weekend or several weekend days to address important policy issues. We are currently working on an agenda for these session(s). Meantime, if you wish to express your views on any issue relating to the Society, please put these views in writing and mail them to me at 6105 Yale Avenue, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Please be brief.

I expect 1997 to be an exciting year for the Society. We will be expanding our outreach activities by co-sponsoring 2 free concert series with the Fairfax County Parks, a coffee house with the Northern Virginia Folk Festival Assoc., several free concerts with the Museum of American History, and an Inaugural Ball. In addition, the Society offers 9 free programs per year, the Minifest in January, the Chesapeake Dance weekend in April, the Washington Folk Festival in June, the Getaway in October, several reasonably priced special events, house concerts, and several weekly dances. For families with kids, the Society co-sponsors the Sunday afternoon community dances. The Society also lends its support to other events. One could easily spend several days each week attending FSGW sponsored or co-sponsored events and have a rather full social life. In fact, you could find things to do all the other nights and weekends by reading this newsletter, which provides an extensive list of things to do. In short, FSGW membership provides lots of fun for the whole family.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you all a healthy and happy new year.

Jamie Platt

## AROUND TOWN

### TV Coffeehouse

**Saturday, January 11, Arrive by 11:30 am**

Here's an invite to be on TV - Fairfax County Cable Access films Coffeehouse 10, featuring **Vicki Pratt Keating, Bill Parsons, and Andrew McKnight**. The show should air the 4th week of February. Call or e-mail Abby Sternberg, CFHS 10 Coordinator, for reservations and info at 703-978-2198 or [abbym@erols.com](mailto:abbym@erols.com). Ch 10 is located in the Merrifield area, between the Merrifield multiplex and the central post office, off the service road paralleling Lee Highway. the address is 2929 Eskridge Rd., Suite S, Fairfax, VA. Tele 703-573-1090.



## LOCAL VENUES & EVENTS

### Institute of Musical Traditions -- 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Jan 6    **Debi Smith**
- Jan 13   **Bill Parsons, Greg Greenway**
- Jan 20   *Magpie with Kim & Reggie Harris*
- Jan 27   *Small Potatoes, Laurie Rose Griffith & Peter Mealy*
- Feb 3    **Lisa Moscatiello, Susan McKeown**

### First Night Alexandria

**Tuesday, December 31, 7:00 - 11:30 pm**

*Moonfire* (Cathy Palmer, fiddle; Mary Fitzgerald, Celtic harp; Elisc Kress, flute; Judy Marshall, hammered dulcimer). Performances all evening at the Citizens' Bank of Alexandria, 200 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA. Info 202-574-2961.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "Folk Against Drinking & Driving" concert

**Tuesday, December 31, 8:00 - Midnight**

Doris Justis, Donal Leace, Hollyfield & Spruill, Steve Gellman, Venus Rising, and more. Potluck supper at 7:00 pm. At the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street, NW, in the District. For info, call 202-686-9210.

### Savory Cafe

**Saturday, January 4, 8:00 pm**

At 7071 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD. **Lisa Moscatiello**. No cover. For info, call 301-270-CAFE.

### Community Sing

**Sunday, January 5, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

Adelphi Friends Meeting House, 2303 Metzert Rd. (off NH Ave inside the beltway.) Join our Community Sing! Informal, all ages welcome, no experience necessary. Rounds, international songs, contemporary and traditional folk songs. First Sunday of every month. Refreshments provided. For more info, call Busy Graham at 301-589-4920.

### Shirlington Artists Guild Coffeehouse

**Wednesday, January 8, 7:00 pm**

Singer-songwriter **Carolyn Jane** in concert. \$10 admission includes dessert & coffee. The gallery is at 4024 South 28th St., Arlington, VA (in the Village at Shirlington, 5 doors from the Carlyle Grand Cafe). Reservations, call 703-379-6666.

**Phantasmagoria Double Header Concert****Thursday, January 9, 8:00 pm**

11319 Elkin St., Wheaton, MD. The *Urban Legends* and *Acoustic Outlet* team up to provide an evening of swingy, eclectic folk and hot, progressive bluegrass for your listening & dancing pleasure. \$7 cover charge. For info, call 301-942-8886.

**Bad Habits Grille, 5444 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA****Thursday, January 9, 9:30 pm**

**Lisa Moscatiello**, \$4.00 cover.

**Marley Station, Center Court in the Mall****Friday, January 10, Noon**

**Sue Trainor** and **Sue Ribaud** are featured every other week in the new "Family Friday at Noon" series. Marley Station is located at 7900 Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie, MD. There is no admission charge. Call 410-766-2033.

**Panzer House Concerts****Sunday, January 12, 7:00 pm**

Monthly series in Columbia, MD presents **Greg Greenway** with **Bill Parsons** opening. Suggested donation is \$8. BYOB, light refreshments served. For reservations and directions, call 410-531-9233.

**Shenandoah Coffeehouse at the Reston Community Center****Sunday, January 12, 7:00 pm**

2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston VA - featuring Celtic guitarist **Al Petteway**, female trio *Venus Rising*, and comedienne-songwriter **Sue Trainor**. Admission \$7.00. For info, call 703-476-4500.

**Footlights, a modern drama discussion group****Thursday, January 16, 7:30 pm**

Come join us to discuss plays from the modern English-speaking theater! This month we will discuss the award-winning play "American Buffalo," by American playwright David Mamet at Luna Books, 1633 P St., NW, just 3 blocks east of Dupont Circle. For more info, call 202-484-8303.

**T.T. Reynolds****Friday, January 17, 9:30 pm**

At 10414 Main St., Fairfax, VA. **Lisa Moscatiello**. \$5.00 Cover. For info, call 703-591-9292.

**Physicians Memorial Hospital Foundation Benefit Concert****Saturday, January 18, 8:00 pm**

**Grace Griffith & Mike Stein** in concert at the Village Green Pavilion, Indian Head, MD. \$10 donation. Info 301-203-0720.

**Caffe Florian Coffeehouse****Saturday, January 4 & 11, 8:00 pm**

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

**Hollyfield and Spruill**, with opening act **Mike Ball**. Admission uncertain at press time. Open mike on the 2nd Sat.

Acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers, and poets. Sign-up is at 7:30 pm. For info, call Sil Smith. 301-449-880.

**Dupont Music Circle****Wednesday, January 8 & 15, 8:00 pm**

Come sing and play British Isles (and other) folk music with us. We do not 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.

**Del Ray Coffeehouse****Saturday, January 11, 7:30 pm**

Del Ray Methodist Church, 100 E. Windsor Ave., Alexandria, VA. 703-549-2088. Come hear the *Hot Soup* trio, featuring **Sue Trainor**, **Christina Muir**, and **Sue Ribaud**. \$5.00

and

**Wednesday, January 15, 8:15 pm**

**Greg Greenway**, contemporary singer-songwriter, others TBA. **Dick Cerri** is host and emcee. \$6.00 (proceeds benefit the World Folk Music Association). For info, call 703-998-5808.

**The Ellicott Theatre****Saturdays at 8:00 pm**

8217 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD. Light refreshments are available. Admission is \$10 unless otherwise specified. For info and reservations, call 410-465-0899.

Jan 4 **Bill Kirchen** and *Too Much Fun!*

Jan 18 **Jane Brody** album release celebration.

Jan 11 **Karen Goldberg**.

Jan 25 *Big Blow and the Bushwackers*. (Also a 3:00 pm matinee, \$6.)

Jazz every Thursday -- call the theatre for the schedule.



**Irish Traditional Session****Sundays at 8:00 pm**

Traditional Irish music at Ireland's Four Courts, 2051 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA (½ mile north of Key Bridge). Hosted by **Dennis Botzer**. No cover. For info, call the pub at 703-525-3600 or Dennis at 301-422-6550.

**The Folkal Point at the Coho Grill****Thursdays in January, 8:00 pm**

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

- Jan 9 **Duck Baker and Molly Andrews**. Traditional American music performed by one of the tradition's master guitarists and one of its sweetest vocalists.
- Jan 16 **IONA** (\$10). Traditional Celtic music with the humor and spirit of a good pub session.
- Jan 23 Double Bill: **Debra Lavoy**, contemporary singer-songwriter, & **Mac Walter**, instrumental guitarist.
- Jan 30 Double Bill: **Hollyfield & Spuill, Christopher Williams**. Multi-instrumental accompaniment to their contemporary songwriting. **Christopher Williams** shows off his own songwriting and guitar chops.

**Starbucks Coffee Weekly Acoustic Music Series Performances****All shows are presented from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Cascades Marketplace, Sterling, VA; every Wed. & Thurs. 703-421-0932, free admission / donations, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Thurs, Jan 2 Songwriters-in-the-Round, featuring **Dave Alberding, Chet Lowther & Bob Gramann**

Wed, Jan 8 **Andrew McKnight**

Thurs, Jan 9 **Erin Mckeown**

Jan 15 TBA

Jan 16 *Venus Rising*

Jan 22 TBA

Jan 23 TBA

Jan 29 **Doris Justis**

Jan 30 **Bill Parsons**

Burke Center Plaza, 6003-A Burke Center Parkway, Burke, VA; Wed. 703-250-2292, free admission / donations.

Wed, Jan 8 **Steve Hudson**

Wed, Jan 15 **Erin Mckeown**

Jan 22 Songwriters-in-the-Round, featuring **Andrew McKnight, Bill Parsons & Deborah Levoy**

Jan 29 TBA

Northpoint Plaza, 1444 Northpoint Village, Reston, VA; Wed. 703-787-9341, free admission/donations

Wed, Jan 8 **Erin Mckeown**

Jan 15 **Bill Parsons**

Jan 22 *Venus Rising*

Jan 29 Songwriters-in-the-Round, **Andrew McKnight, Karen Nash & Christopher Williams**

**Americana Stage**, 9½ S. King St., Old Town, Leesburg, VA; every Thursday at 8:00 pm. For info, call 703-777-3523.

Jan 2 **Martin Sexton** with **Dana Robinson**, \$9

Jan 9 **Tim O' Brien** with **Sandy Mitchell**, \$10

Jan 16 *Magraw Gap* (Bluegrass), \$7

Jan 23 **Andrew McKnight** and **Barbara Martin**, \$8

Jan 25 (Sat) **Wyatt Rice** and *Santa Cruz*, \$10

Jan 30 **Michael Fath** with **Gary Smallwood**, \$9

**World Folk Music Assoc. 12th Annual WFMA Benefit****Friday, Jan 31, Saturday, Feb 1, & Sunday, Feb 2**

First Ever weekend extravaganza! Fri, 7:30 pm, Sat, 7:30 pm, Sun, 1:00 pm, at the Birchmere, 3901 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA. Featuring the first reunion of *The Journeymen* plus performances by **Tom Paxton, Odetta, Eric Weissberg, Carolyn Hester, Melanie, The Hard Travelers, Martin Sexton, Lucy Kaplansky, Side By Side, Artisan, Maggie Sansone, Bonnie Rideout, Al Petteway**, and more! For info, call 202-362-2225 or 1-800-779-2226.



## 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 & the National Park Service sponsor contra dances (with occasional squares) every Friday night at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on MacArthur Blvd. Dances begin at 8:30. Admission is \$5 unless otherwise noted. Beginners are always welcome. Classes will resume in March. If you are unsure whether a dance will be held due to weather, call the Park Service's recorded message at 301-492-6282 after 3:00 pm for the final word. For recorded info about who will be playing for the current week's dances, call the DC Dance Hotline at 301-270-1678. If you wish to discuss the dances or would like to play or call for a dance, contact Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099 or [bplatt@access.digex.com](mailto:bplatt@access.digex.com).

The OPEN MIKE NIGHT on January 31 is one of a quarterly series designed to encourage new local callers to "take the plunge" at Glen Echo, and for more experienced callers to drop in and call a dance or two. Please contact Ann Fallon at 410-268-0231 in advance if you are interested in participating.

- Jan 3 *Folk Remedy* with **Steve Zakon-Anderson**
- Jan 10 *Open Band* with **Tony Parkes**
- Jan 17 *Swallowtail* with **George Marshall** and **Tim van Egmond**
- Jan 24 *Findhorn Trio* with **Michael Schechtman**
- Jan 31 *Hotfoot!* / Open Mike Night
- Feb 7 *Roustabout* / caller TBA



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

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:45 pm. Figures, phrasing, and style taught. Guest musicians welcome -- call Howard. N/P, N/E. Admission \$3.00. Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St., Herndon, VA. For info, call Howard or Pat at 703-471-0629.

Jan 14 **Carl Dreher** calls, music by **Jeff Steinberg**, fiddle.

Jan 28 **Howard Markham** and **Pat Ruggiero** call, music by **Tom Anastasio** and **Laurie Mielke**.

3rd Saturday, Jan 18, 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.

### Rock Around the Clock

**Saturday, December 28, 8:30 pm**

Swing into the Holiday season with *Bad Influence*. 7:30 pm workshop. At Cherry Hill Park clubhouse, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD. \$8 members / \$10 non-members. For more info, call 301-897-8724.

### Swing Dance

**Saturday, December 28, 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.

### Contra Dance

**Tuesday, December 31, 8:00 - Midnight**

New Year's Eve Dance and Celebration at the Greenbelt Community Center with *Fiddlestyx* and **Lou Shapiro**. Contra and Square Dancing, the first hour beginner oriented. Food and drink are available across the hall at the New Deal Cafe. Clean soft soled shoed required. Admission for the dance and many other activities \$5. For info, call 301-397-2208.

### New Year's Eve Céilí

**Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 pm - 12:30 am**

With **Paddy Keenan**, **James Kelly**, **Donna Long**, & **Billy McComiskey**. At the Women's Club of Bethesda, Old Georgetown & Sonoma Roads, Bethesda, MD. Tickets \$20/\$25. For info, call 202-547-2923.

**Scandinavian Dance****Saturday, January 4, 8:00 - 10:30 pm**

At Takoma Park Middle School. Individualized teaching for beginners 8-9 pm. Music by *Peascods Gathering*. N/P, N/E. \$4.00. For info, call 301-493-6281.

**Traditional Hungarian Music & Dance - Tisza Ensemble****Saturday, January 11, 7:30 - 10:30 pm**

Tanchaz dancing with teaching circles. At the Starting Point Dance Studio, Route 1 & Calvert Rd., College Park, MD. Beg / NP. Live & recorded music. Bring dance footwear! Admission \$4.00. For info, call Richard Morrison at 301-946-5867.

**Reston Contra Dance****Saturday, January 11, 8:00 - 10:45 pm**

Tom Hinds will be the caller with the *June Apple Band*. All levels of experience welcome, no partner needed. Dance \$4.50; beginners workshop 7:00 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.

**Waltzing at Glen Echo Park****Sunday, January 12, 3:30 pm**

Sunday afternoon waltzes will continue during the winter months! Introductory waltz workshop at 3:30 pm, followed by 2 hours of social dancing to live music. Cost is \$5 per person. For more info, call Donna Barker at 703-978-0375.

**Scandia DC (Scandinavian couple dancing)****Saturday, January 18, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Greenbelt Community Center, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Swedish dances taught from 8 - 9 pm. Some live & some recorded music. N/P. \$5.00. Info 202-333-2826.

**Washington Swing Dance Committee****Saturday, January 18, 9:00 pm - Midnight**

Warm up your winter with *Big Joe and the Dynafloes* at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Dance preceded by a free introductory workshop in beginner swing from 8 until 9 pm. Admission is \$8, with \$1 going directly to the Ballroom rehabilitation fund. Or, call 202-726-3972 to volunteer and receive free admission! See FSGW Sunday Night Dance for directions to the Ballroom. For more info, call the WSDC hotline at 301-340-9732.

**Greater Washington Céilí Club – Irish Céilí Dance****Sunday, January 26, 2:00 - 6:00 pm**

At the conference center at Cherry Hill Park, College Park, MD. Music for sets & céilí dances provided by Kieran O'Hare (uilleann pipes), Jesse Smith (fiddle), and Nigel Stevens (guitar), with special guests Brendan Callahan and Jim Eagan (fiddles), Eliot Grasso (uilleann pipes), Aran O'well (flute), and Paddy League (bodhran). A workshop featuring an Irish set dance will be offered at 1:00. Admission: \$10 GWCC & FSGW members, \$12 nonmembers, \$8 students/seniors, \$5 kids 11-16, kids under 11 free. Max family admission \$30. For info, call 703-532-7422 or 301-948-7176.

**Western Swing Dances****Friday, January 3, 8:00 pm - 1:00 am**

At Phantasmagoria, 11319 Elkin St., Wheaton, MD. \$12 cover, good food, microbrew beer, smoke-free, nice dance floor. *The Oklahoma Twisters* share the bill with *The Twilight Ramblers* and *The Atomic Hillbillies*. 301-949-8886.

AND

**Sunday, January 12, 6:00 - 10:00 pm**

At the Washington House, 222 N. Washington St., Falls Church, VA. \$3 for dance lesson at 6:00 pm with Mary Pat Cooney and Jim James. \$6 for the dance only 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Some food and beverages on sale, but you are welcome to bring your own. Experience and partner optional. For details leave message at 703-536-4369.

**Squeeze Bayou Cajun Music & Dances****January 5, 11, & 17**

Sun, Jan 5 at Twist & Shout, 4800 Auburn Ave., Bethesda, MD. Dance workshop 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Music - 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Admission - \$7.00. Kids free. For more info: Band, 301-270-2586; Twist & Shout, 301-652-3383.

Sat, Jan 11 Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. The monthly Glen Echo Cajun/Zydeco dance. Workshop 8:00-9:00. Music 9:00-12:00. Admission \$10.00.

Fri, Jan 17 at Border's Books & Records, Gaithersburg, MD. Band, 301-270-2586. Music 7:30-9:30. Free.



**English Country Dance****Saturdays, January 11 & 25, 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.

**Alpine Dancers****Sundays, January 12 & 26, 4:00 - 6:30 pm**

Free open practice of the Alpine Dancers. New dancers welcome. New Carrollton Muni Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. Call for confirmation & directions. Specializing in couples and trio dances from Austria & Germany. Taped music. For info, call 301-577-3503. Web site: <http://www.gallaudet.edu/~catraxle/alpine.html>.

**Argentine Tango Dances****Sunday, January 19, 2:00 - 5:00 pm**

At Dancers, 4609 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD; \$8. 301-656-0595. Recorded Music.

AND

**Friday, January 31, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

Milonga at the Old Stone House, Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, MD (Rock Creek Park). Free. Info 202-244-2787.

**International Folk Dancing****Wednesdays, 8:00 - 10:30 pm**

Kahler Hall, Beaverkill Road & 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).

**Swiss Folklore Group - Dancing****Wednesdays, 7:30 - 10:00 pm**

At Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Recorded music. Free. Beginners welcome. For info, call Fran Walters at 301-530-5643.

**Foggy Bottom Morris Men****Thursdays, 8:00 - 10:00 pm**

Foggy Bottom Morris is looking for a few good men! We practice our brand of English traditional morris dancing at the 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 301-270-2014 or 301-840-5959.

## CLASSES

**Band Aid** (a music class) - An **ensemble playing workshop** led by bassist **Ralph Gordon**. **Sunday, Jan 26, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

All instruments welcome. Spend a delightful, informative day playing a variety of tunes under Ralph's tutelage, an opportunity not to be missed! Bring lunch, drinks provided. \$18. To register call 301-986-1291.

**Attention All Musicians** - Fiddler **Steve Hickman** and pianist **Liz Donaldson** will be leading an Open Band at the St. Columba's Scottish Dance Group's Valentine Dance party, Tuesday, Feb 11, from 8 to 10 pm. Mark your calendars now and come be a part of a full, rich, and exciting sound guaranteed to lift your spirits. At the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. If you are interested in playing, please contact Liz at 301-986-1291 so she can provide you with music arrangements in advance.

**Irish Dance Classes** (traditional country sets and céilí dances for adults) Wed, Jan 22 - March 26. BEG 7:00 - 8:15 pm and ADV 8:15 - 9:30 pm at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo, MD. Cost \$35.00. Instructor is Jim Keenan. For info, call 301-840-1416. Taped music, N/P, N/E.

**Irish Dance Classes** (Advanced traditional country sets and Céilí dances for adults) Thursdays, Jan 16 - May 22 from 8:00 - 9:30 pm at Frost Center, Aspen Hill Road, Rockville, MD. Cost: donation to the Frost Center of \$35.00. Instructor is Jim Keenan. Taped music. Live music by Matt/Josh/Jim/Cathy and mini-céilí on the third Thursday of each month. For info, call Jim 301-840-1416.

**Irish Dance Classes Set and Céilí dancing** presented by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Saturdays, Jan 11 - May 3, 10:00-11:00 am BEG/INT; 11:00-12:00 INT/ADV. Classroom 6, John Wood Center (behind the Fairfax City Police Station), 3730 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. Instructor: Marilyn Moore. For info, call 703-532-7422. Taped music. N/P, N/E. Cost: \$20 for 16-week series.

**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.

**Dance Classes by Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff.** Synergy Dance Center, **Mondays**, Jan. 6 - 27. 6-7 pm = Two Master Classes each, in Waltz and Fox Trot; 7 - 8 pm = Beg. Lindy; 8 - 9 pm = Adv. Swing; 9 - 10 pm = Dance party (open to public) with recorded music. Classes are \$44 for 4 weeks (\$40 if pre-registered 1 week ahead) and includes the dance party. Others may join dance party for \$3. The Master Classes are for advanced dancers with partners. Located at 4321 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Call Donna at 703-978-0375 for more info.

Arlington Classes, **Wednesdays**, Jan. 8 - Feb. 12. 7 - 8 pm Beg. Swing; 8 - 8:30 Social Dance; 8:30 - 9:30 pm Int. Swing. Located at Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N. Highland St., Arlington, VA. 6-week session costs \$54 for Ski Club members, \$59 for non-members. To register, call Ken Eng at 301-320-5135. Classes use recorded music.

**Norwegian Folk Dance class:** Reinlendar, Vossarull, Rorospols, Telespringar. Six Thursdays, Jan - Feb 13, 8:00 - 9:30 pm. Taught by Linda Brooks & Ross Schipper. Recorded music. \$5 donation. Indian Springs Community Center. For Info, call 301-588-8745.

**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 at 301-498-6218.

**Clogging Classes**, Sundays for 10 weeks beginning January 12, at Springhill Center near Tysons Corner, VA. For info, call Jim Maxwell, 703-503-9260.

**International folk dance** classes every Monday at the Leland Community Recreation Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Bethesda, MD. Classes: BEG, 7:15 - 8:00 pm; INT/ADV, 8:15 - 10:00 pm. N/P, mostly recorded music. For info, call 301-871-8788.

## Folk Music Releases

The October 1996 release of the **Digital Tradition database** is available. The DT now has 6,000 songs, about 4000 of which have tunes, and fills 4 floppies. Call Dennis Cook at 301-776-4314 to arrange a free disk exchange.

## AND BEYOND

### 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/](http://www.satelink.net/bfms/).

#### Square and Contra Dancing - Wednesday evenings.

Free workshops introducing basic contra dance figures take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30.

Jan 1 New Year's Day Dance. Caller: **Kathy Anderson**, Band: *Roustabout*, **Chris Romaine**, **Lars Hanslin**, **Bruce Hutton**.

Jan 8 Caller: **Susan Taylor**, Band: *Maggie Brown's Favorites*, **Carl Friedman**, **Joe Balkoski**, **Mark Vidor**, **Ralph Barthine**.

Workshop: *Nouveaux Danseurs*

Jan 22 Caller: **Andy Kane**, Band: *Looney Tunes*, **Lisa Roberts**, **Tom Reedy**, **Jim Bienemann**, **Alice Rodman**.

Jan 29 Caller: **Kate Charles**, Band: *Contra Rebels*, **Bob Buckingham**, **Jack Quigley**, **Todd Clewell**, **Renny Allgyer**.

Workshop: *Nouveaux Danseurs*

#### English Country Dancing - Monday evenings. Beginners are always welcome.

Jan 6 Caller: **Christopher Field**, Music: *New Devils*, **Jonathan Jensen**, **Marty Taylor**, **Steve Hickman**.

Jan 13 Caller: **Rich Galloway**, Music: *Dave Wiesler*, **Elke Baker**.

Jan 20 Caller: **Diane Schmidt**, Music: **Ken Wright**, **Liz Donaldson**, **Carl Friedman**. Beginners' workshop at 7:30.

Jan 27 Caller: **Mary Kay Friday** and **Naomi Davis**, Music: **Malcolm Stephens**, **Dawn Culbertson**, **Susan Rudy**.

**Second Saturday Contra Dance**, January 11, 8:00 - 11:00 pm (intro workshop at 7:30 pm). St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., Baltimore (just inside the Baltimore beltway - I-695 - at exit 20 south). **Sue Dupre** calling squares and contras to the music of *Celtic Naught*. Admission \$6 members (BFMS, FSGW, CDSS, ATDS), \$8 non-members, kids half-price.

**Tom McHenry and Judy Cook: BFMS House Concert of Great Chorus Songs** on Saturday, January 18 at 8:00 pm. Two of the Washington area's finest traditional singers will perform at the home of Andy Cooper and Dan Hollister, 6113 Ridgeview Avenue in northeast Baltimore. Please bring a snack or beverage to share at the break. The concert will culminate with a singing party, where everyone will have the opportunity to share a song or two. Admission is \$6 for BFMS/FSGW members and \$8 for others. For info, reservations and directions call 410-426-3894.

**BFMS Mid-Winter Ball**, Saturday, Jan 25, featuring **Bob Dalsemer** calling square and contra dances to the music of *Grand Picnic*, in Schaefer Ballroom at the Baltimore School for the Arts, 706 Cathedral Street at West Madison Street in downtown Baltimore. Reception at 7:00 pm. Grand March at 8:00 pm. \$14 Members, \$18 Non-Members (Member rate applies to members of BFMS, FSGW, CDSS, ATDS). Advance tickets only. For registration, call 410-653-6263. For info, call 301-565-3650 or 410-426-7806.

**Zydeco Dance Series - Crawdaddies**, Friday, January 10. Dance workshop at 8:00 pm. Dancing 9:00 to midnight. The Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College (CCC). \$10 general public, \$8 BFMS members and CCC faculty/staff, \$4 CCC students (please show ID for reduced admission). Workshop included in cost of admission.

**Swing Dance to the Tom Mitchell Quintet** - Saturday, January 25. Workshop: 7:15 - 8:45 pm, dance: 9:00 - midnight. \$12 members, \$15 non-members. At the Ellicott City Armory, 4244 Montgomery Rd., Ellicott City, MD. For info, call 410-377-7410.

### Annapolis Traditional Dance Society

**Saturdays, January 4 & 18, 8:00 pm**

At the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 70, 1311 Generals Hgwy. (Route. 178), Crownsville, MD (5 miles north of the Annapolis Mall). 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 required. \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members. For info, call ATDS hotline at 410-544-9505 or Alan G. at 410-647-2374, or their web site: <http://www.pobox.com/~dancers>.

Jan 4 Caller: TBA, Band: **Taylor, Hickman, Weisler**

18 Caller: **Ann Fallon**, Band: TBA

**First Night Annapolis**, transforms the entire city into a stage for a splendid **New Years Eve** celebration. Over 250 indoor seated performances in over 50 unexpected spaces throughout the historic district. For info, call 410-268-8553.

### Frederick Contra Dance

**Saturday, January 25, 8:00 pm**

**Ann Fallon** calling to *The New Devils* (**Marty Taylor, Steve Hickman, & Jonathan Jensen**). At the Old Armory, corner of 2nd & Betz. Festive attire encouraged - please bring finger foods to share (nothing that requires utensils). Free beginners' workshop at 7:00 pm. Admission \$4.00 for MMFAC members, non-members \$6.00. For info, call 301-694-6794.

### Patches and Liz Coffeehouse North

**Second & Fourth Saturdays, 8:00 pm**

Timonium Methodist Church, 2300 Pots Spring Rd., Timonium, MD. 410-771-4709. 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.

No information on performers given.

## VIRGINIA

### Bluemont Old-time Country Dances

**Saturday, January 18, 8:00 pm**

**Cecil Sharply**, figure caller with *Furnace Mountain Special* (**David Vandeventer, Morgan Morrison, Tabby Finch**). Beginners' workshop at 7:30 pm. Admission \$5. Bluemont School Community Center, route 734 (just off route 7). For more info, call 703-777-6306.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Shepherdstown Music and Dances

Saturday, January 4, 8:00 pm

**Robbin Shaffer** will call contras to the music of *Klezmos*. Free beginners' workshop at 7:15. At the War Memorial Building (Men's Club) on German St., Shepherdstown, WV. For more info, call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

### Shepherdstown Music & Dance - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Dance Weekend

February 1 & 2

A waltz workshop will be taught by **Ken Haltenhoff** and **Donna Barker** Saturday at 2:30 pm. The evening contra dance will begin at 8:00 pm with **Beth Molaro** calling to the music of **Elke Baker**, **David Weisler** and **Ralph Gordon**. Both events will be held at the War Memorial Building in Shepherdstown and may be attended a la carte. A candlelight dessert will follow the dance. Sunday's events start with a leisurely brunch served by the Shepherdstown dancers at noon at the Entler Hotel. More dancing, mostly waltzes, will follow from 1:30 to 4:00 pm with music again by Baker, Weisler and Gordon. The entire weekend - 2 dances, a workshop and brunch - is offered at \$25 per person. A list of B & Bs, hotels plus application forms may be obtained by calling 304-263-8323.

### Shenandoah Coffeehouse Series

Saturday, January 18, 8:00 pm

War Memorial Building, corner of King & German Streets, downtown Shepherdstown, WV, 540-687-6759, \$7 admission; featuring singer-songwriter **Deborah Levoy**, blues singer/songwriter **Barbara Martin** & pop-folk songwriter **Bill Parsons**.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### York Folk Dance Association Contra Dances

No Dances in January (Next dance on February 7)

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