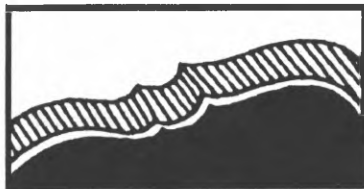


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# NEWSLETTER

## PROGRAM

### The Kossoy Sisters

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm

at Ravensworth Baptist Church

Admission \$10 but FREE to FSGW members.

Come join this delightful duo for a wonderful evening of traditional American songs with their perfectly-matched harmonies and charming presentations. Their styles and harmonies blend like only twin sisters can.

*The Kossoy Sisters, Irene Saletan and Ellen Christenson,* performed at the very first Newport Folk Festival, sang in the original production of Woody Guthrie's "Bound for Glory", and recorded their legendary "Bowling Green" for Tradition Records. Together, they bring us over 100 years of musical experience.

They are widely known for their clear, bell-like harmonies, which have inspired and influenced other singers. Although they sing mostly southern mountain songs, they have also adopted other traditional and contemporary songs. They accompany themselves on guitar, banjo and autoharp.

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## THE FOLK FESTIVAL MAY 30 & 31

At historic Glen Echo Park at the intersection of MacArthur Blvd and Goldsboro Road.

The festival runs from noon to 10:00 pm on Saturday and noon to 6:00 pm on Sunday. There is a full program of music, dance, storytelling, and crafts from around the world. But, all the performers come from the Washington area! Just a few of the 150 performances include **Tom Paxton**, **Tom Prasada-Rao**, the Spanish Dance Society, **Elke Baker**, *Hesperus*, **Ed Trickett**, **Bill Baker**, the Washington Toho Koto Society, **Mike Stein**, and *Big Blow and the Bushwackers*. You will find everything from blues to bluegrass, from Celtic fiddle to Vietnamese dulcimer, and from zydeco dance to Roumanian dance. Look for a full program in the June-July Newsletter.

(Additional information on page 5)

# FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

## Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

Sundays, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

FSGW's Sunday evening dance is held in the historic Spanish Ballroom at the Glen Echo Park National Historic Site, off MacArthur Boulevard (at 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. 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 air-conditioned or heated, so dress accordingly.

## THE SCHEDULE

- May 3     Ferrying down from the Cape May dance weekend are New England caller **Susan Kevra** and *Childsplay*, a band of 20 plus fiddlers from around the world whose instruments were all crafted by **Bob Childs**.
- May 10    Calling tonight is Ohioan **Becky Hill**, on tour with local fiddler **Laura Lengneck** and New England banjo/guitarist **Larry Unger**.
- May 17    **Beth Molaro** calls a very lively dance, aided & abetted by the famous *Open Band*.
- May 24    From Georgia, make welcome caller **Cis Hinkle** and *Legal Contraband*: **Tim Higgins** (fiddle), **TJ Johnson** (mandolin) & **George Phillips** (guitar).
- May 31    Some of our superb local talent provides tonight's fun. **Laura Brown** is the caller, with music by *Folk Remedy*. **Elke Baker** plays fiddle, **Liz Donaldson** is on piano and **Ken Wright** plays banjo and more.
- Jun 7     **Susan Taylor** calls, music by *Fiddlestyx*.
- Jun 14    **Hank Morris** calls, music by *Hot Frogs on the Loose*.
- Jun 21    **Bill Wellington** calls & plays music with **Lynne Mackey** & **Alexander Mitchell**.
- Jun 28    **TBA**

FSGW needs a good upright or baby grand piano.  
Must play well and be in good working order.  
If you have one or know of one,  
please call Carly at 703-631-9655.

We could also use an enclosed trailer.  
We can pay a small amount, and because we  
are a tax exempt organization, the donor may  
also obtain a tax deduction!



## FSGW WEDNESDAY NIGHT ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

### Glen Echo Town Hall

Wednesdays, 8:00 – 10:30 pm

Attend the FSGW's English country dances and find a mix of fun and refined dancing led by talented callers who are accompanied by top-notch musicians playing tunes that are unique to each dance. On a given night you may hear anything from the ubiquitous piano and fiddle to the flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, or viola. Dance on a wood floor in the fine community room at the Glen Echo Town Hall. 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. Cost: members \$5, non-members \$6.

**BALL PRACTICE:** Callers during the coming weeks will include dances from the Washington Spring Ball in their programs so that the dances may be practiced in advance of the Ball. See the announcement appearing below for more details on the Ball.

- May 6 **Stephanie Smith** calls to music by **Francine Krasowska** on piano, **Jeff Steinberg** on fiddle, and **Colleen Spence** on flute.
- May 13 **Rich Galloway** calls to the music of **Elke Baker** on fiddle, **Liz Donaldson** on piano, and **Laurie Mielke** on recorder.
- May 20 **Liz Donaldson** switches gears and calls to music provided by flautist **Susan Brandt**, **Howard Markam** on concertina, and the indefatigable **Davie Wiesler** on piano.
- May 27 **Mary Kay Friday** calls to the music of **Liz Donaldson** on piano, **Barbara Heitz** on flute, and **Becky Ross** on fiddle.

Looking ahead, callers in June:	Jun 3 <b>Diane Schmit</b>	Jun 17 <b>Stephanie Smith</b>
	Jun 10 <b>Brad Sayler</b>	Jun 24 <b>Mary Kay Friday</b>

**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 at the 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 (Post Office bldg.). Info: Norm Bernhardt, 301-320-2469; Rich Galloway, 301-589-0939. Via Email: Roger Broseus, [English@fsgw.org](mailto:English@fsgw.org).

### English Country Spring Ball

Saturday, May 16, 8:00 pm

at the Whitby Gymnasium, National Cathedral School, Washington, DC

Experience English country dancing at its finest. Music will be provided by a stellar group: **Earl Gaddis** (from Bare Necessities) on violin and viola. **Liz Donaldson**, a popular and accomplished piano player who has long experience playing for English country dances as well as other styles of folk dance. Rounding-out the group of renowned musicians is violinist **Andrea Hoag**, also well known on the Washington scene and other venues across the country.

Admission by prior reservation only. \$20 for members of FSGW, BFMS or CDSS, \$22 for non-members. Reception: 7:30 pm. Dance: 8:00 pm. An approximate gender balance will be maintained. Dances will not be called so attendance of the FSGW's Wednesday evening English country dances is strongly encouraged: dances will be taught and practiced in the weeks preceding the ball. Ball dances will also be called at BFMS English country dances on Monday evenings so that our friends in Baltimore can practice them. A practice session will be conducted in the afternoon before the ball. Fliers are available at local dances or by contacting Roger to receive a copy via e-mail. For info, contact Marian Lapp at 703-533-2966 (h), 703-876-5207 (w); Kimberly Field at 410-366-5033; or, Roger Broseus via e-mail: [english@fsgw.org](mailto:english@fsgw.org), or at [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org).

**Board Meeting****Monday, May 4, 8:00 pm**

The May Board meeting will be at the Glen Echo Park Ranger Station. Any FSGW member may attend. If you have any issues for the Board to consider, please contact the appropriate Board member or our President, Carly Gewirz, at 703-631-9655.

**Election of FSGW Board Members takes place in May.**

Ballots should be in members' mailboxes by the end of April.

Ballots must be postmarked by May 8<sup>th</sup> to be counted.

**MORE FOLKLORE SOCIETY EVENTS****Open Sing****Friday, May 8, 8:30 pm**

In May the Open Sing will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, not the first Friday. It will be at the home of Rita Ferrara and Bill Day in Silver Spring/Wheaton, MD. Rhomyly Forbes will be the leader. Her topic is "Rites of Passage: Birth, Marriage, Death, and other Life-Altering Events." We usually go around the circle and give each person a chance to lead or suggest a song. Any song that might fit the topic, no matter how remotely, is fair game. Just brush up a couple of your favorite songs and come have a good time. For directions or more info, call Bill or Rita at 301-946-2879.

**Storyswap****Saturday, May 9, 7:30 pm**

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Ralph and Margaret Chatham in Falls Church at 7:30 pm on Saturday, May 9, for an evening of shared stories and potluck refreshments. Free. Call 703-698-5456 for directions and rsvps.

**Mother's Day Gospel Sing****Sunday, May 10, 4:00 pm**

The monthly Gospel Sing will be at the home of Peggy and Hunter Jones in Potomac, MD. Call them at 301 763-6343 for directions. Singing starts around 4:00 pm with a break for a covered dish supper at 6:00 and then more singing until around 8:00. Since this is Mother's Day, bring your mother. "Tell Mother I'll Be There" and "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again" are sure to be sung this session. Everyone is welcome!

**Sacred Harp Singing****Sunday, May 24, 4:00 pm**

This month's Sacred Harp singing will be at Brookmont Church, 4000 Virginia Place. From the DC line take MacArthur Blvd. ½ mi NW, left on Maryland Ave., right on Broad St., 1 block to church on left. The singing is free, but participants are asked to bring a potluck dish and a donation for the church. For info, call 202-543-3539 or 202-328-5027.



**The Kossoy Sisters**(Continuation of articles from 1<sup>st</sup> page)**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm**

Irene and Ellen began singing in harmony at the age of 8 or 9, singing mostly what they heard around the house: songs of the 20's and music hall songs. After hearing Pete Seeger and the Weavers, they started drifting into traditional American songs. Most of their teenage years were spent singing in Washington Square in Greenwich village, and by the age of 20, they had performed widely in New York.

The *Kossoy Sisters* performed for several years at the now legendary Fox Hollow Folk Festival, did a concert tour with Frank Hamilton in California in 1981, sang at the University of Chicago Folk Festival, the Folk Song Society of Greater Boston, New York Pinewoods Club, and Focal Point in St. Louis in the 1980's. With the 1997 reissue on CD of *Bowling Green* by Tradition / Rykodisk, the *Kossoy Sisters* have resumed performing. It will be an evening you are sure to enjoy.

Directions to Ravensworth Church (5100 Ravensworth Road):

From the Washington Beltway in Virginia get off at the Braddock Road East exit.

At the first light turn left onto Ravensworth Road (you can see the Church).

At the next street turn left onto Kalorama Road.

At the next left turn left onto Bristow.

And almost immediately turn left into the church parking lot.

**THE WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL IS BACK****MAY 30 & 31**

Please join us for 2 days of great performances, exceptional talent and a showcase of arts and crafts. Remember, this is a FREE event which relies on the contributions of the performers and organizers & volunteers who donate their time & talents.

**Volunteers for WFF**

The 21st Annual Washington Folk Festival is only a month away and final preparations are moving into full swing. The 7 venues will be showcasing a wealth of talent from the Greater Washington area; programming is nearly complete. There is still much work to do at Glen Echo to get ready for this event. The first two weekends in May will be spent organizing and repairing equipment. On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, tents and stages must go up (rain or shine) so we need a strong turnout. Work starts at 9:00 am on Saturdays and at 10:00 am on Sundays. Final site preparations will begin on Memorial Day and every evening that week up to the festival. If you can spare a few hours one of these weekends in May, the Washington Folk Festival can use your assistance. For more info, or to let us know you can help, please call Beth Curren at 301-657-2789, or e-mail her at [dwainl@aol.com](mailto:dwainl@aol.com). Volunteers are, of course, also needed during the 2 days of the festival. There are many jobs and tasks which are necessary for the Festival to run smoothly, such as administrative work, hospitality, booth sitting at the crafts tents, ferrying performers and equipment to stages, helping out at the membership and tee shirt tents, and many more. To register as a volunteer during the Washington Folk Festival, please call Volunteer Coordinator Nikki Maylett at 301 270 5371 or e-mail her at [maylett@pop.dn.net](mailto:maylett@pop.dn.net)

**Friends of the Washington Folk Festival**

The Washington Folk Festival is free to attend, but it is not free to produce. Our costs include renting sound systems and pianos, feeding performers and staff, printing the programs and publicity, maintaining the tents, stages and equipment, buying postage and office supplies, and paying for the parking shuttle buses. You can help by becoming a Friend of the Washington Folk Festival for just \$30. This year as an incentive we are offering a special T-shirt commemorating the 1997 festival (or lack thereof) for a donation of \$45. You can also become a Super Friend with a donation of \$75 and get both a T-shirt and a parking pass for the main Glen Echo lot. If you would like to become a Friend of the Festival, send a check made out to FSGW to: Dean Clamons, PO Box 217, Clifton, VA 20124. If you want a T-shirt, be sure to include the desired size.

## FSGW CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

### Community Concert & Dance at the Glen Echo Town Hall

Sunday, May 17, 3 - 5:30 pm

The intergenerational family concert and dance series is fun for all and 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 ages and skill levels are invited to attend - no experience is necessary. The family-style program starts at 3 pm and the dances are from 4 - 5:30 pm.

Featuring the musical antics of *Girls' Night Out* in concert with **DeLaura Padovan** calling to the music of **Laura Lengnick**, **Steve Hickman**, and **John Devine**.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children 5 and over, with a \$15 family maximum. For further information about the dance, call Jamie or Betsy Platt at 301-320-7099. For directions to the Town Hall, see page 3.

### International Folk Dancing

Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00 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. Air conditioned room with good dance floor. Beginner / intermediate classes 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Request dancing 9:00 - 10:45 pm. N/E, N/P. Mostly taped music. Occasional parties and workshops. \$4.00. For info, call Jamie at 301-320-7099.

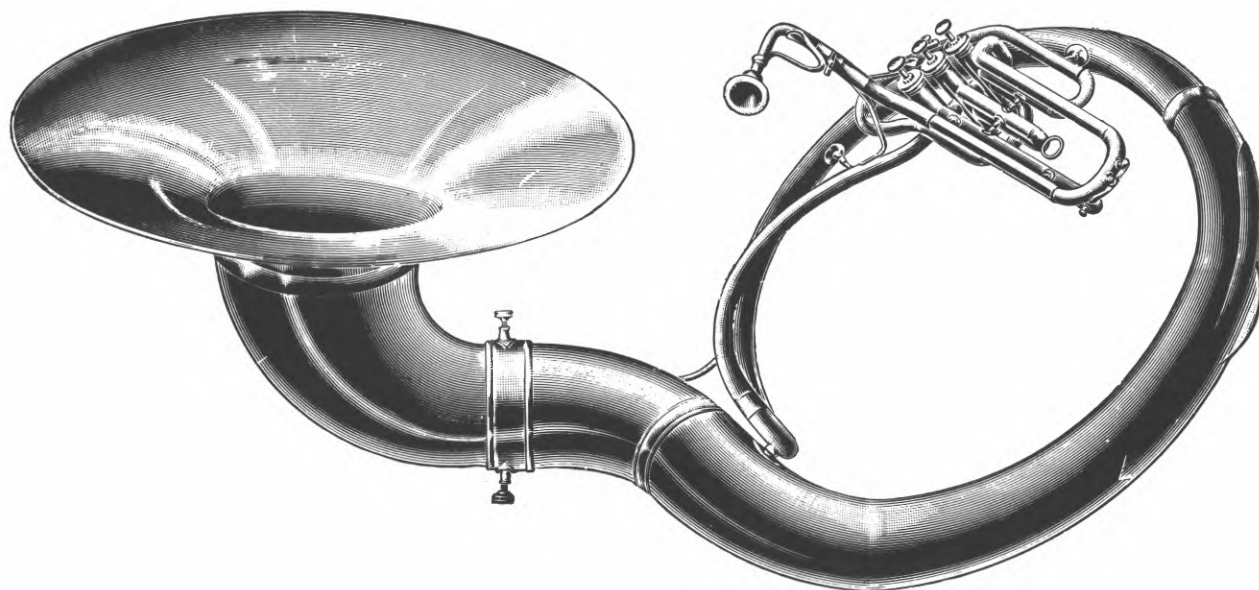
**Capital Tangueros** Check the Tangueros home page: [www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/4119/](http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/4119/), or call the FSGW hotline - x 36 - for May events.

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## Newsletter Event Submitters

**Remember, the next Newsletter is a double month issue  
June AND July.**

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## A R O U N D   T O W N

### Potomac Musical Heritage Trails Festival

May 9, 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Tap your toes and join the conversation in the Spanish Ballroom as scholars and musicians bring to life some of the people, the places, and the stories that have made the Potomac River Valley the distinctive region it is today. Scholars and musicians offer music from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present day; featuring **Alan Jabbour, David and Ginger Hildebrand, Rusty Hassan, Paul Bollenback, Rich Pawling** and the *History Alive! Boys*, **Michael Nobel Kline**, and **Israel Welch**. Free. For more info, call 301-283-2113 mailbox #920.



## L O C A L   V E N U E S   &   E V E N T S

### Institute of Musical Traditions – May 1998 Concerts

Monday Nights at 8:00 pm

Concerts are held at the Silver Spring Unitarian Universalist Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave. (Exit 28A - New Hampshire Ave. - north off beltway & go 3 blocks, right at Oaklawn). \$2 coupon towards your next purchase at the House of Musical Traditions at any concert. Attend 6 concerts & get the 7th free. FSGW members get \$1 off each ticket. For more info or advance tickets, call 301-588-7525. 14 and under ½ price.

- Sat, May 2     **Si Kahn** with special guest **Marcy Marxer** (\$12 advance, \$14 door) - at Paint Branch Unitarian Church - 3215 Powder Mill Rd., Adelphi, MD: exit 28A off beltway, at 2nd light turn right on Powder Mill Rd., go 1½ miles. Church on right.
- Mon, May 4     **Roy Book Binder** and **Les Sampou** (\$10 adv/\$12 door)
- Mon, May 11    **Laryea Addy, Ghanaian Dance & Drum Ensemble** (\$10/12)
- Mon, May 18    **Lisa Moscatiello, Caroline Aiken, Lisa Gutkin, Annie Wenz** (\$10/\$12)
- Sat, June 13    Family Matinee & Evening Concert -- Both concerts to benefit IMT and Class Acts featuring **Cathy Fink** and **Marcy Marxer, Sue Richards, Bonnie Rideout, Grace Griffith** -- *The Greater Beltway Broads*. 3 pm family matinee tickets: \$8 advance, \$10 door. 8 pm evening concert: \$12 advance, \$15 door, \$25 benefit tickets with reception during intermission and post-concert (\$10 tax deductible).

### Smithsonian Associates Guitar Concert

Friday, May 1, 7:30 pm

At Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW. **Pierre Bensusan**, French-Algerian guitarist, in concert. Tickets: \$10-\$19. For info/tickets, call the Smithsonian Associates at 202 357-3030.

### Music and Dance of Spain

Friday, May 1 & Saturday, May 2, 8:00 pm

At Sidney Lanier Auditorium, 3710 Bevan Dr., City of Fairfax, VA. By the *Danza Del Rio* Spanish dance company. \$16 (students \$12). For info and tickets call 703-503-9492.

### Spring Farm Festival-Hard Bargain Farm

Saturday, May 2, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

At 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD. Farm overlooking the Potomac River. Tour the farm, visit the farm animals, enjoy the plant sale along with entertainment. Performers include **Grace Griffith, Chris Noyes & Lisa Moscatiello, Jeff Harding, Scott O'Dell & Friends, Hollyfield & Spruill**, and **Hugh Cassidy**. For info, call 301-292-5665 or 301-292-1139.

### Southern Maryland Tradition Music and Dance - Concert

Saturday, May 2, 8:30 pm

At the Calvert Marine Museum auditorium in Solomons (St. Mary's Co.). **Roy Book Binder**, folk artist, storyteller and bluesman performs, **Drew Hines** opens. \$10 (\$8 members). For info, call 301-769-3840.

**Lecture on "The Celtic Roots of Welch Literature"****Sunday, May 3, 2:30 pm**

Dr. **Morten Warmind**, Celtic Scholar, of Aarhus University (Denmark) will speak to the St. David's Society of Washington, DC on "The Celtic Roots of Welsh Literature." At the Geneva Room of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, # 1 Chevy Chase Circle (off Connecticut Ave on the Circle at the DC / MD line). All welcome. Small tea and social hour follows presentation. For info and messages, call 202-234-6162, press option #2.

**Panzer House Concerts****Sunday, May 3, 7:00 pm**

Monthly concert series featuring acoustic music in an intimate setting in Columbia, MD. **James Mee** with **LisaBeth Weber**. BYOB - light refreshments served. Suggested donation \$8. Reservations required - to RSVP and for directions, call 410-531-9233.

**National Geographic Society – 2 Concerts****Friday, May 8, 5:30 and 8:00 pm**

In the Grosvenor Auditorium, 1600 M St., NW. Step-dancing, fiddle virtuoso **Natalie MacMaster** will present an evening of music from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Tickets: \$12, \$15, \$18. For info & tickets, call 202-857-7700.

**Scandinavian Dance/Concert****Friday, May 8, 7:00 - 10:00 pm**

At Great Hall, St. Luke Lutheran, 9100 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring MD, 1 mi. inside Beltway. Norwegian dance lesson 7 pm by **Linda Brooks/Ross Schipper**, \$4. No charge for dance/concert 8:00 - 10:00, live music: **Loretta Kelley**, Hardanger fiddle; **Andrea Hoag**, fiddle; **Charlie Pilzer**, bass; **Larry Robinson**, bouzouki. Scandinavian costumes invited. Spectators welcome. Bring potluck desserts to be shared. For info, call Frank Jones, Sons of Norway, 703-243-5770.

**Smithsonian Associates - Fiddle & Guitar Concert****Saturday, May 9, 7:30 pm**

At Baird Auditorium, National Museum of Natural History, 10th and Constitution Ave., NW. **Jennifer** and **Hazel Wrigley** present Scottish fiddle and guitar melodies of the Orkney Isles. Tickets \$10-\$17. For info/tickets, call 202-357-3030.

**Bethesda Acoustic House Concerts****Saturday, May 9, 8:00 pm**

**Anne Hills** performs a mixture of traditional and contemporary folk music. Suggested donation: \$10 (includes dessert & coffee). For reservations and directions call 301-897-5695 or e-mail Frank Allen Philpot at [Fphilpot@aol.com](mailto:Fphilpot@aol.com).

**Caff  Florian Coffeehouse****Saturday, May 9, 8:00 pm**

At Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, 7400 Temple Hill Rd., Camp Springs, MD., 0.3 mi south of Allentown Rd. Open mike, held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, Sept thru June; acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers, and poets. Sign-up starts at 7:30 pm. Free. Info, Syl Smith, 301-292-6482, or visit our website at [www.dmuuc.org/Cafe\\_Florian.html](http://www.dmuuc.org/Cafe_Florian.html)

**Del Ray Coffeehouse****Saturday, May 9, 7:30 - 10:00 pm**

At the Del Ray United Methodist Church Hall, 100 E. Windsor Ave., Alexandria, VA; off Route #1 South between Crystal City & Old Town Alexandria. East coast singer/songwriter encore - **James Mee** and **Jerry Bresee**. Admission \$7.00. For info, call 703-549-4848 (M-F, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm).

**Where? House Concerts****Saturday, May 9**

At Kim Kaplan's house, 2911 Woodstock Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Nationally known songwriter **Susan Graham White**. The evening includes light refreshments. \$10. For reservations (required) and directions, call 301-588-5314 or email [jkkaplan@erols.com](mailto:jkkaplan@erols.com).

**Georgetown Art Guild Coffeehouse****Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm**

At 1054 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC (in Canal Square). A lively, fun-filled evening of old-time, contemporary & original country/folk tunes featuring **Linda Lou** and *The Lucky 4* (**Linda Lou Rees** & her children **Katie**, **Paige**, **John** & **Steve**). \$12 (includes dessert & coffee). On-site parking available. For reservations, call 202-625-1470.

**Glen Echo Park Art in Action****Sunday, May 17, 1:00 - 5:00 pm**

At Glen Echo Park. Artists, theater performers, dance instructors, and environmentalists will show their talents. Come to take mini-classes and see demonstrations in glass art, furry animals, pottery, sculpture, quilting, metal working, contra dancing, swing dancing, puppetry, guitar, enameling, theater, and much more. After the activities, you are invited to stay for the annual Foundation meeting at 5:15 pm. At 7:30 pm, FSGW's contra dancing in the Spanish Ballroom follows.

**Russian Festival Concert****Saturday, May 30, 7:30 pm**

At Lisner Auditorium, Geo. Washington Univ, 20th & H Sts, NW, DC. Two of Russia's foremost domra soloists **Alexander Tsygankov** and **Tamara Volskaya** sing. Also featured is the Society's 50-member folk orchestra including vocal soloists. \$15 & \$17 (senior/student discounts available), Call Protix 703- 218-6530 or for info 703-648-9533 or [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org).

**Marley Station****Fridays, May 1, 15, & 29, Noon**

Located at 7900 Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie, MD - Center Court in the Mall. **Sue Trainor** and **Sue Ribaud** are featured every other week in the "Family Friday at Noon" series. For info, call 410-766-2033.

**Klezmer Club****Sundays, May 3, 17 & 31**

At the Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave (across from Saks Fifth Ave). Featuring *Machaya Klezmer Band* with dancing, singing and concert; \$17 all-you-can-eat buffet, (\$4 cover charge for listening only); singles tables. For info or reservations, call Julian's at the Holiday Inn; 301-951-0001.

**Leaf Through Used Book Store and Gathering Place****May Events**

At 1701L Rockville Pike In the Congressional South Shopping Center, across the parking lot from Magruder's (across the street from the Twinbrook Metro stop). Admission is free and all are invited. For info, call the store at 301-230-8998.

Sat, May 2 6:00 pm *Songs of Life, Songs of Love*, original SongPoems by **Christine Macabee**.

Sat, May 16 6:00 pm **Nancy Magill**, Jazz, Blues & Original Tunes, from her CD *No Illusions*.

Thurs, May 21 7:00 pm Open Mike Evening: Artists of Word and Music Series (monthly 3rd Thursdays).

Thurs, May 28 7:30 pm Old Fashioned Hootenany: Sing/play along with the musicians of *Michael's Boat*.

**Common Ground On The Hill****May events**

New musical program at the Frederick Celtic Club, at 611 North Market St., Frederick, MD. An intimate performance venue for traditional artists/performers. Great food, excellent music with plenty of room for dancers on hardwood dance floor. For info, call 301-662-7499 or email [cmartin@denro.com](mailto:cmartin@denro.com).

Fri, 5/1 Old-Time Jam & Clogging 7:30 pm.

Sat, 5/2 *Homespun Ceilidh Band* 8:00 pm.

Fri, 5/8 Celtic Session & Ceili Dance - beginning Irish set dance workshop 7:00 pm.

Sat, 5/9 **Amy Ferebee** and **Steve Snyder** 8:00 pm - acoustic duo mixing traditional and contemporary songs.

Fri, 5/15 Open Jam.

Sat, 5/16 **Walt Michael** - a major figures in the hammered dulcimer revival. Always innovative and dynamic.

Fri, 5/22 Celtic Session & Ceili Dance - beginning Irish set dance workshop 7:00 pm.

Fri, 5/29 Bluegrass Jam.

**Folk, Celtic, and Bluegrass Music at O'Brien's****Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 8:30 pm**

Folk and acoustic music venue at O'Brien's, 387 E. Gude Drive in Rockville, MD. For concert schedule info, call 301-762-3395. Ticket prices vary. Tues. shows feature a variety of contemporary acoustic musicians and singer-songwriters. Wed. shows feature Irish and other Celtic performers. Thurs. is Bluegrass night.

Vic's Music Corner - for new acoustic and singer/songwriters. It specializes in presenting lesser known performers, highly regarded by folk aficionados, who are becoming national touring acts.

May 13 **Rachel Bissex** with **Jamie Anderson**, opening.

May 27 Singer **Terri Allard**.

**Dulcimer Jams: Fretted Dulcimer Circle****First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm**

Meet to swap tunes and play together at the Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA. In addition, the Northern Virginia Hammer Dulcimer Players usually meet the last Saturday afternoon of the month at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. For info, call 703-578-3106 or [eholsopple@aol.com](mailto:eholsopple@aol.com).

**St. Elmo's Coffee Pub – live acoustic music****Every Friday & Saturday night, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

At 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. (corner of Del Ray Ave.), Alexandria, VA. \$5. For reservations and info, call 703-739-9268.



**The Folk Club of Reston – Herndon****Tuesdays, 7:30 pm**

At the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA. Open mike with a 12-minute (3-song) limit. \$1 donation. Member Showcase 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays. **Roy Book Binder** 5/19 \$10 (\$9/members); 13th Birthday Party 5/26 FREE. For info, call 703-437-7766 or 703-318-0768.

**Western Loudoun Arts Center Acoustic Concert Series****Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm**

At 743 E. Main St., Purcellville, VA (Blue Ridge Café in the Loudoun Valley Shopping Center). New weekly concert series. Coffee available. Admission is \$5. For more info, call the Blue Ridge Café at 540-338-3394.

5/6 "Songwriters-in-the-Round", with **Randy Barrett, Jerry Bresee & Lisa Taylor**.

5/13 **Lisa Jones & Bill Bromfield** - Contemporary folk music about life, love and family with energy & humor.

5/20 **Barbara Martin** - Country/folk singer-songwriter spiced with classic 20's & 30's blues.

5/27 *The Unfortunate Rakes* - dynamic Shenandoah Valley Celtic trio.

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

In the Hobbit's Glen Golf Club, 11130 Willow Bottom Drive, Columbia, MD. \$10. Full menu. For info, call 410-531-5350.

May 7 **Mack Bailey and Les Sampou**.

May 21: *The Hard Travelers*. Special location: Oliver's Carriage

May 14 **Jamie Anderson and Shelley Koffler**.

House, 5410 Leaf Treader Way, Columbia, MD. \$12

**Celtic Concerts at the Old Brogue****Sunday Evening Concerts**

At Snuggery, at the intersection of Walker Road and Route 193 in Great Falls, VA. The concerts offer two sittings each evening, 5 - 6:30 pm and 7 - 8:30 pm. Admission is \$9 for each concert. A season ticket for all 6 dates is \$42. For info & reservations, call 703-759-3309.

**The Courtyard Concert Café****Mon thru Thurs, 8:00 pm; Fri & Sat, 9:00 pm; Sun, 7:30 pm**

A smoke-free restaurant/listening room at the Willston II Shopping Centre, 6108 Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50 & Patrick Henry Drive), Falls Church, VA. Price varies. For info and reservations, call 703-533-2828.

**Birchmere****May Events, 7:30 pm**

At 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA. For info, call 703-549-7500 or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com). For tickets, call 202-432-7328.

Fri 5/1 **Phoebe Snow** (\$22.50).

Fri 5/15 *The Sam Bush Band* (\$17.50).

Sat 5/16 **Cris Williamson & Tret Fure** (\$17.50).

Thu 5/28 *Sweet Honey in the Rock* (\$17.50).

Sat 5/30 *Lowen & Navarro* with **Gretchen Peters** (\$18.50).

**Storytelling in the Washington Area****May events**

*Voices in the Glen* Newsletter lists many events for all ages. Call Margaret Chatham for info at 703-698-5456.

**Footlights, a modern drama discussion group****Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 - 9:30 pm (dinner at 6:30)**

Come join us to discuss plays from the modern western theater! In May we will discuss *The Rules of the Game* (1918), by Italian playwright & Nobel laureate Luigi Pirandello. At Luna Books, 1633 P St., NW (3 blocks east of Dupont Circle). \$2 donation requested. For more info, call 202-484-8303 or e-mail [dsobelso@capaccess.org](mailto:dsobelso@capaccess.org).



For a comprehensive listing of folk/acoustic music in your area, visit MusiCal at <http://concerts.calendar.com/>.



## LOCAL DANCES

Editorial Policy for Dance Events & Classes: 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 Tele Numbers!**

**Abbreviations used in the listings:** **BEG:** Beginning **INT:** Intermediate **ADV:** Advanced  
**N/E:** No experience necessary **N/P:** No partner necessary.

### Friday Night Dances

The Friday Night Dancers & the National Park Service sponsor contra dances (with occasional squares) 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. Beginner classes start at 7:30 pm before each dance. 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](mailto:bplatt@access.digex.com).

- May 1 **Laura Lengnick and Larry Unger**, caller TBA.
- 8 Open band with **Beth Molaro** calling.
- 15 *Terpsichore* with **Tom Hinds** calling.
- 22 **Jon Devine, Laura Light**, and **Tom Hinds** calling.
- 29 Band TBA with **Andy Kane** calling.



### CDSS Northern Virginia Dance Group – English Country Dance

May events

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St., Herndon, VA.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, May 12 & 26, 7:45 pm. English country dance and workshop, figures, phrasing, and style taught.

Live music. N/P, N/E. \$3. For info, call Howard or Pat at 703-471-0629.

3rd Saturday, May 16, 8:00 pm. English country dance. Calling by **Barbara Harding**. Recorded music. N/P, N/E.

All are welcome. Free admission. For info, call Barbara at 703-437-3615.

### Friday Night International Folk Dance Group

Friday, May 1, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

At the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Teaching from 8 - 9 pm. Int'l folk dance party with *BAMCo* (Balkan brass band) & *Luk Na Glavata* (traditional Maceonian music and songs). N/P; BEG. Wooden dance floor - lots of fun! \$5.00. For more info, call Larry 301-565-0539, John 410-715-9210, or John 301-565-3650.

### Cajun Dance

Friday, May 1, 7:30 - 10:00 pm

At the Lincolnia Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St., Alexandria, VA. Music by *Savoir Faire* cajun band. Lessons at 7:00 pm. \$7. Bring your own non-alcoholic drink. For info, call 703-757-0211.

### Reston Contra Dance

Saturday, May 2, 8:00 - 10:45 pm

**Lou Shapiro** calls with the *June Apple Band*. Dance \$5. Beginners workshop 7 pm, \$1. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Hunters Woods Shopping Center. From 495: Toll Rd. (267 W) to exit 12, Reston Pkwy; left on Pkwy. (from west, right turn onto Reston Pkwy); left at 1st light onto Sunrise Valley Dr. Go 1 blk. to Colts Neck Rd.; turn right, go 1/4 mile to left turn into newly configured parking area of reconstructed Hunters Woods Center. Park near new Rite Aid drugstore. Follow signs to Community Center. Info: Alice Markham, 703-709-9121.

### Scandinavian Dance

Saturday, May 2, 8:15 - 10:45 pm

Last dance of the season - will resume in October. At Rosemary Hills Elementary School, in the gym at the west end of the school, 2111 Porter Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Music by *Peascods Gathering*. Teaching followed by general dancing. \$4. NE, NP. Info: Carl Minkus 301-493-6281, Fred Aalto 703-356-3036.

### Arminius Social Club Maifest

Saturday, May 2, 8:30 pm - 12:30 am

At the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5417 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. Admission \$14 members/\$16 non-members includes dance, beer, soft drinks, coffee, food platter. *Mike Surratt and the Continentals* play dance music. For info, call Gerhard Meinzer at 301-559-1944 or Joan Stoneberger at 410-635-2435.

**29th AGAS German-American Festival****Sunday, May 3, noon - 5:00 pm**

At Blob's Park (Maryland Route 175 @ Baltimore Washington Pky). Dancing, music and dance performances by the *Continental Duo*, *Alpine Dancers*, and *G.T.E.V. Alpenveilchen*. Donation \$4, under 14 free. Drawing for 2 round-trip tickets to Germany. Two 50/50 drawings. Door prizes. Info: 202-554-2664 Eva Nanni or 301-577-6488 Mike Surratt.

**Cajun Dance****Saturday, May 9, 9:00 pm**

At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo. Admission \$12 (includes intro cajun workshop from 8 - 9 pm). **Steve Riley** and the *Mamou Playboys*. For more info, call 301-309-0895.

**Hungarian Folk Dance & Music - Tisza Ensemble****Saturday, May 9, 7:30 - 10:30 pm**

Dance party w/ teaching circles at Starting Point Dance Studio, Calvert & Route 1, College Pk, MD. Beg. N/P. Live & recorded music. Bring dance shoes. \$5. Info, call Richard at 301-946-5867. <http://www.glue.umd.edu/~hungaria/Tisza>

**Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair****Saturday, May 9 & Sunday, May 10, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

At Market Square on King Street in Alexandria. Free. Folk music from 1 - 4 pm each day. For info, call 703-212-0010.

**Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance Monthly Contra Dance****Saturday, May 16, 8:00 pm**

At the Margaret Brent Middle School, Route 5, Helen, MD. Dance to the music of the *Bushwood Mill Band* with caller **Greg Frock**. Free beginners workshop at 7:30 pm. N/P, N/E. \$6. For more info, call 301-769-3840.

**Strauss Ball****Saturday, May 16**

At Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD. Includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, beer, wine, soda, live orchestra and large dance floor. Cost is \$70. For more info, call Linda Davidson at 703-960-5030 or Mary Manvell at 703-491-6004.

**Scandia DC – Scandinavian couple dancing****Saturday, May 16, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At Greenbelt Community Center (dance studio), 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Last dance until the fall - party night, no teaching. Bring food to share if you wish. Music by **Loretta Kelley**. N/P. \$7. For info, call 202-333-2826.

**Diamond Dance Circle / Memorial Day International Folk Dance Weekend****May 22 - 25**

In Bethesda, MD. Featured dance masters are **Theodore Vasilescu** (Romanian dance), **Ingval Sodal** (Scandinavian dances), **Tineke Van Geel** (Armenian dance). Performance & music by *Smoesul-Napoca Folklore Ensemble* (Romanian dance and music). Also music by **Barton Spelemannslag**. Many dance and music workshops. At the Holton Arms School and the Women's Club of Chevy Chase. For a flyer and info, call Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788.

**Alpine Dancers****Sunday, May 24, 4:00 - 6:30 pm**

Free open practice of the Alpine Dancers. New dancers welcome. New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. Call for confirmation and directions. Specializing in couples and trio dances from Austria and Germany. Taped music. For info, call 301-577-3503, Carol & Herbert Traxler.

**Swing Dance****Saturday, May 2 & 16, 9:00 - Midnight**

At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo. Admission \$8 (includes the introductory swing workshop from 8 to 9 pm). As always, you are invited to volunteer for free or reduced admission. Call 202-726-3972 and leave a message to volunteer. For more info, call the WSDC Hotline at 301-340-9732.

May 2, TBA

May 16, *Walt Wagner and his Serenaders***Sunday Afternoon Waltz at Glen Echo Park****Sunday, May 3 & 10, 3:00 - 6:00 pm**

May 3 with the band *Childsplay* (20 fiddlers!) and May 10 with **Larry Unger** & friends. Introductory waltz workshop at 3:00 pm, followed by 2½ hours of social dancing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cost is \$5 per person. For more info, call Donna Barker at 703-978-0375 or see <http://www.erols.com/swing4me>. The May 10 date will be part of the celebration: "Mother's Day in the Glen." Watch for more great events for the dancing families in the area on that day.

**English Country Dance****Saturday, May 9 & 23, 8:15 - 10:45 pm**

At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by **Barbara Harding**. N/P, N/E. \$5. For info, call Carl Minkus 301-493-6281 or Karla Farrall 301-577-5018.

**Children's Irish Music Session****Second Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

In the back room of Nanny O'Brien's, 3319 Conn. Ave NW, DC (by the Cleveland Park metro). Free. For info and session booklet, contact Karen Ashbrook at 301-588-2820 or e-mail at HDashbrook@aol.com.

**Taylor Made Squares, a square dancing club****Tuesdays, 8:00 - 9:30 pm**

At the Long Branch Community Center on Piney Branch Road in Silver Spring, MD. There is a wood floor, records are used and the event is free. **Betsy Taylor**, the caller, can be reached at 301-589-4868 for further info. Singles and couples are welcome, and instruction will be given if needed.

**International Folk Dance****Tuesdays, 8:00 - 10:00 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 540-659-3993 or 703-527-8998 (voice mail) or e-mail sstulberg@aol.com.

**Swiss Folklore Group Dancing****2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 - 10:00 pm**

At the Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Rd., NW, DC. Dancing to recorded music. Free. Beginners welcome. For info, call Fran Walters at 301-530-5643.

**Israeli Dances****Wednesdays, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

At the Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD. Instruction from 8 - 9:15. Oldies on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, newer dances on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. Recorded music. \$4. Recorded music. For info, call Ben Hole at 301-441-8213.

**Cajun and Zydeco Dancing – Gumbo Groupies****Wednesdays, 8:00 - 10:00 pm**

Join us for dancing, practice, and informal instruction at the Longbranch Community Center, 8700 Piney Branch Rd. (between University Blvd. and Flower Ave.), Silver Spring, MD. Free. Recorded and (occasional) live music. For info, call Peter or Lydia at 301-439-4815.

**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), 301-495-4642 (day).

**Swing Dances****Every Friday, 9:00 - Midnight**

At America Restaurant, Tysons Corner Center, Lower level. *Tom Cunningham Orchestra*. Lessons 8-9 pm. \$10 cover.

**Ceilis (Irish set and ceili dancing)****2nd Saturday, 8:00 pm**

From Sept thru June. Free lesson for beginners at 7:30 pm. At the John C. Wood Recreation Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA. Live music by the *Bog Wanderers Ceili Band*. N/P, N/E. Families and non-dancers welcome. Price: \$10 for adults, \$5 children 6-15, under 6 free (\$20 family maximum). For directions and info, call Bob Hickey at 703-978-8265.

**Blackthorn Ceili****3rd Saturday of each month, 8:00 pm**

Irish ceili and set dancing. From Sept to May. At St. Michael's, 805 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Live music by the *Blackthorn Ceili Band*. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for under 16, free for children under 8. For directions & info, call Clare Stohlman, 301-929-6135.

**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 Oak View ES, 400 East Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, 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 Jud McIntire at 703-528-0588.

**Bluemont Morris****Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

A group of men and women who do traditional English morris dances in the spring and fall. The group is fun & the dancing is addictive and great exercise. We practice in Reston, VA. Come join us, call Laura at 703-845-8536.

## CLASSES

**NOTICE: Starting with the June/July issue, all submitters under "CLASSES" MUST be FSGW members.**

### **BandAid – Ensemble Playing Workshop**

Area pianist, **Liz Donaldson** will lead the next BandAid. Come play a variety of dance tunes with a focus on ensemble playing and choosing good medleys. Cost \$15. Space is limited. Contact Liz at 301 986-1291, or email: [liz@us.net](mailto:liz@us.net) to reserve a space.

### **Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 1:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Dance Classes** with Donna Barker & Ken Haltenhoff. No partner required (EXCEPT Master Waltz class as noted). Recorded music used for classes. For further info, call Donna at 703-978-0375 or see the web site at <http://www.erols.com/swing4me>.

Monday Nights, Maryland Youth Ballet, Second Floor, 7702 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. April 27 - May 18. 7 - 8 pm = Int. Swing; 8 - 9 pm = Int. Waltz; 9 - 10 pm = Int. Lindy. \$40/person for each 4-week series. Register at first class.

Aerials class June 1: Maryland Youth Ballet, Second Floor, 7702 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD. 7 - 8:30 pm = Slides, Dips, Drops, Side-Cars, etc.; 8:30 - 10 pm = Flips, Lifts, Jumps, etc. Take one or both classes. \$15 per class per person. Couples only.

Wednesday nights at Vienna's Grille, 146 Maple Ave., East, Route 123, Vienna, VA. Come to workshops and dance OR just the dancing from 8:45 to 11 pm. 7:15 - 8:00 pm = Beg. Swing; 8:00 - 8:45 pm = Int./Adv. Swing; 8:45 - 11 pm = Dancing to music by DJ. \$10/night for workshops AND dance, \$7/night for dance only (\$12 & \$9 respectively for non-PSDC members)

Thursday nights -- April 30 - May 21 - 6 - 7 pm = Int. Swing; 7 - 8 pm = Exp. Swing; 8 - 9 pm = Exp. Waltz; 9 - 10 pm = Exp. Lindy with practice time afterward. \$36 per person for each 4-week series. Register at first class.

Thursday May 28 - June 18 - 6 - 7 pm = Exp. Swing; 7 - 8 pm = Beg. Swing; 8 - 9 pm = Beg. Waltz; 9 - 10 pm = Beg. Lindy with practice time afterward. \$36 per person for each 4-week series. Register at first class.

**Clogging Class** - FREE - taught to modern c/w & bluegrass music at Thomas Jefferson Com. Center, Arlington VA, by *Old Dominion Cloggers*. Thursdays at 7:30 pm starting April 16 for 5 weeks. N/P, beg. For info, call Bill at 703-379-7525, email [william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us](mailto:william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us) or Karen at 703-354-3713.

**Dance Classes** with Ellen Wicker & Roland Lewis at the Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom. Tuesdays, May 12 - June 9. Beginning Zydeco, 7:15 - 8:30 pm; Adv/Beg Zydeco, 8:30 - 9:45 pm. Tuition \$36.00. For more info, call 301-309-0895

**International Folk Dance Classes** Mondays at the Leland Community Center in Bethesda, MD. BEG, 7:15 - 8:00 pm; INT/ADV, 8:15 - 10:00 pm. \$5 per class. N/P, mostly recorded music. Instructors: Phyllis and Brandon Diamond. For info, call 301-871-8788.

**International Folk Dance Group** - May 8, 15, & 29. International (European) Folkdance - recorded music; 8 - 11 pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Teaching from 8 - 9:15 pm. N/P, N/E. Wooden dance floor. Admission \$5.00. For more info, call Larry Weiner 301-565-0539, John Robinson 410-715-9210, or John Bartholomew 301-565-3650.

**Music in the Glen**, group lessons in **Irish fiddle** and **pennywhistle** for various ages and ability levels, 5 weeks, April 18-May 30. Locations in Vienna, Takoma Park, and DC. Offerings are for teens and adults, beg pennywhistle for ages 8-12, and an Irish repertoire class for melody instrumentalists. \$50.00 for the 6 weeks, \$35.00 for the children's series only. For more info and to register, call Betsy at 703-560-4719.

**Irish Ceili and Set Dancing**. Wednesdays at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo & Thursdays, at the Frost Center, Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville. Beginners 7:00-8:15 pm. Intermediate and advanced 8:15-9:30 pm. 12-week session is \$35. Instructor is Jim Keenan. Taped music. For info, call 301-840-1416. Ceili on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

**Scottish Country Dancing** - Wed, 8:00 pm, Durant Center, Alexandria, VA. Live music once a month. N/P. Basic and general class available. Northern Virginia Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. For info, call 703-329-9118.

**Scottish Country Dance** - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:15 - 10:00 pm. Live music by National Fiddling Champion Elke Baker. At 8030 Main St., Ellicott City, MD. Caryl Maxwell Dance Studio, 3rd floor. Beginners welcome, N/E, N/P. \$5 per class. Soft-soled shoes please. For more info, call 301-589-6813 or e-mail [aplumar@tvp.org](mailto:aplumar@tvp.org) or Elke at 301-869 0963.

**Scottish Country Dancing** - Tuesdays, 8:00 pm, Greenbelt Community Center, beginners welcome, N/P, N/E. \$3 a night, first night. Free. Taped music. For info/directions, call 202-234-6840 or e-mail: [jmccullo@erols.com](mailto:jmccullo@erols.com).

**Scottish Country Dancing** - Mondays, 8:00 p.m., NIH Fitness Center (Bldg T-39), Bethesda, MD. N/P, N/E. Beg and ADV. \$3 a night. Taped music. For info/directions, call 301-942-2831, or e-mail: [BLPeet@aol.com](mailto:BLPeet@aol.com)

**Western Square Dancing** for BEG. Wednesdays at the North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8814 Kensington Pkwy. Taped music. N/P. \$3.50/session, 7 - 8:30 pm. Mainstream dancing from 8:30 - 10:00 pm. For info, call 301-762-4541 or 301-593-6267.

**Traditional Clogging** including some Irish: Classes at Wakefield Recreation Center, Beltway & Braddock in VA, Thursdays at 8:30 pm. Taught by Jim Maxwell and other Patchwork dancers. We also have classes for children and adults on Saturday at 10 am. For info call, Jim Maxwell at 703-503-9260, 202-401- 3571 or James\_Maxwell@ed.gov.

**Baroque Dance (17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> C.)** Classes, taught by Cheryl Stafford. Tuesday nights, 8:30-9:45 pm, taped music. At Ballet 106 in Gaithersburg, MD. N/P, N/E. \$15/class. For info and directions, call Cheryl at 301-330-0072.

**Lap Dulcimer Workshops:** Thursdays, 8 weeks, beginning May 7. Christina and Toya Koch teach lap dulcimer workshops at The Appalachian Bluegrass Shoppe, 643 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD. Lap Dulcimer for Beginners from 6:30 - 7:30 pm and More Lap Dulcimer from 7:45 - 8:45 pm. 8 weeks. Call 410-744-1144 for further description and other course offerings.



## AND BEYOND

### MARYLAND

#### Baltimore Folk Music Society Dances (BFMS)

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 see the BFMS web page, [www.satelink.net/bfms/](http://www.satelink.net/bfms/).

**Square and Contra Dancing – Wednesday evenings.** For more info, call 410-321-8419.

Free workshops introducing basic contra dance figures on the 4th Wednesday of this month at 7:30 pm.

May 6 Caller: **Andy Kane**, Band: Baltimore's Fabulous Open Band

May 13 Caller: Caller Potpourri Night, featuring calling by several active members of the Baltimore dance community; Band: *Au Contraire* (Carl Friedman, Susan Brandt, Ralph Barthine, Mark Vidor).

May 20 Caller: **Greg Frock**; Band: *Looney Tunes* (Alice Rodman, Lisa Roberts, Tom Reedy, Jim Bienemann)

May 27 Caller: **Susan Denise**; Band: *Laura and the Lava Lamps* (Laura Lengnick, Dave Wiesler, Ralph Gordon).

**English Country Dancing – Monday evenings.** Beginners are always welcome. For more info, call 410-740-3250

May 4 Caller: **Rich Galloway**; Music: **Liz Donaldson, Lenore Cowen, and Judy Kleppel.**

First Monday Beginner Workshop begins at 7:15, and is included in the cost of the evening dance.

May 11 (Music by the Dancers); Caller: **Mary Kay Friday**; Music led by **Andrea Hoag.**

May 18 Caller: **Diane Schmit**; Music: **Francine Krasowska, Marty Taylor, and Carl Friedman.**

May 25 Caller: **Dawn Culbertson**; Music: **Jeff Steinberg, Susan Brandt, and Jonathan Jensen.**

**2nd Saturday Contra Dance Series.** May 9, 8:00 - 11:00 pm. Free intro dance workshop at 7:30 pm. At St. Mark's On the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore (just inside the Baltimore beltway - I-695 - at exit 20 South).

**Becky Hill** calling, music by **Laura Lengnick** and **Larry Unger.** Workshop \$2, dance \$6 for BFMS and St. Mark's members, \$8 for non-members. For info, call 410-561-4573.

**Zydeco Dance**, Friday, May 15. *Creole Junction* at the Barn Theater on the Catonsville Community College campus. The event begins with a free zydeco dance workshop, taught by **Chris Fox**, at 8:00 p.m. Dancing to live music begins at 9:00. Admission is \$8 for BFMS members and CCC faculty and staff, \$10 for general public

**Baltimore's Open Band Rehearsal****Saturday, May 2, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

At Ben Hobb's 7107 Wardman Road in Baltimore. Come play with the ever-lovable Open Band. Folks gather each month at rotating locations to play, practice, chat & chew. For info or if you need music, call Susan at 410-254-1730.

**Argentine Tango Workshop****Saturday, May 16, 1:00 - 4:00 pm**

At the Bryn Mawr School (old gym) 109 W. Melrose Ave. Baltimore. Taught by Bette and Joe Petrisko from the Capital Tangueros, \$20 BFMS members & affiliates, \$25 non-members. Call Monica at 410-488-1856, email meb@smart.net.

**Annapolis Traditional Dance Society – Contra Dance****Saturday, May 2, 8:00**

At the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 1311 General's Highway (MD Route 178), Crownsville, MD. Lovely wooden floor. **Liz Donaldson** calling to music by *Martin's Flight* (**Alexander Mitchell, Marc Glickman and Ralph Gordon**), \$6 ATDS Members and Reciprocals/\$8 General, Instruction at 7:20 pm. For info, call the ATDS hotline at 410-544-9505.

**333 Coffeehouse, Annapolis****Friday, May 15, 8:00 pm**

At the Unitarian Church, 333 Du Bois Road, off Bestgate (Exit 24). **Bar Scott** with *Harmonytryx & Venus Rising*. \$6 / students & seniors \$5. Food available. For info, call Max at 410-647-4275.

**Frederick (MMFAC) Contra Dance****Saturday, May 23, 8:00 - 11:00 pm**

**Tom Hinds** will call mostly contras to the tunes of *Taylor Among the Devils* (**Marty Taylor**, playing flute and concertina, **Jonathlan Jensen** on piano and **Steve Hickman** on fiddle). At the William R. Talley Adult Recreation Center at Bentz and Second Streets in Frederick, MD. Beginners' workshop starts at 7 pm. Admission is \$6, with discounted prices for Frederick city residents and Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council members. For info, call Marguerite at 717-334-5392.

## VIRGINIA

**Bluemont Old-time Country Dances****Saturday, May 16, 8:00 pm**

Last dance of the season - at the Old Bluemont School Community Center, Bluemont, VA (in western Loudoun county). **Beth Molaro** calls; music by *Microchasm* (**John Devine, Laura Lengnick, Steve Hickman, Ralph Gordon**). For info, call 703-777-6306, or e-mail bluemontes@aol.com.

## WEST VIRGINIA

**Buffalo Gap Work Weekend ➤ May 9-10.** Join in the fun and comradery of a work weekend at Buffalo Gap. It's kind of like a Bed & Breakfast that you pay with labor. Help get the camp ready to open for the summer season. The camp provides accommodations and meals in exchange for your help. Call the camp if you are interested. Please e-mail gapfuflo@aol.com or contact Andy Rogers at 304-856-1122. Visit our web page [www.buffalogapcamp.com](http://www.buffalogapcamp.com). It's a lot of fun.

**Shepherdstown Music & Dance - traditional English May Day on May 2nd.** All-day FREE activities include children's activities at 10 am and a main street parade at 11:45 am. Picnic, May Pole dancing and revels on the Green at 12:30 pm. A free Family Dance at 2 pm will feature **DeLaura Padovan** calling to music by *Fiddlestyx*. Mass Morris dancing and other presentations at 4 pm. Then join us for the monthly contra dance at the Shepherdstown Men's Club on German Street at 8 pm with a free workshop at 7:15 pm. *Fiddlestyx* (**Steve Hickman, John Devine, and Jim Bieneman**), will provide the music with **DeLaura Padovan** calling. Admission is \$6.00 for nonmembers, \$4.50 for members and \$3.00 for dancers under 25 years of age. Please bring soft-soled shoes. For more info, call 304-725-0266 or 304-876-2169.

**Shepherdstown Music & Dance – Waltzes & Contras, Saturday, May 30.** **Sue DuPre** will call mostly contras to the music of **Bob Pasquarello** and Friends as SMaD presents an evening of waltzes and charming contras at the Shepherdstown Men's Club. Come waltz at 6:30pm to the beautiful melodies of **Bob Pasquarello**. The waltz / contra dance starts at 8 pm. This is a fund-raiser to help pay for air-conditioning for the dance hall. Admission is \$12.50 for nonmembers, \$10 for members and \$6 for dancers under 25 years of age. For info, call Joanie at 304-263-2531.



**Old World Music & Dance / Buffalo Gap, WV – Memorial Day Weekend - May 22 - 25.** Music & dance from the Rom (Gypsy) community and the Balkans. Dance staff includes *Severdjan Azirovi* family (Rom dances) & **Michael Ginsburg** (Balkan dance). Music by *Zlatne Uste Balkan Brass Band*, the *Yuri Yunakov Ensemble* (Yuri is a Bulgaria saxophone player), and the *George Caba Transcarpathian Ensemble* (Romanian, Serbian/Croatian music). Food by Janet Bradley. \$260. For info: Larry or Margaret 301-565-0539, e-mail: [weiner@erols.com](mailto:weiner@erols.com), web site: [www.erols.com/weiner](http://www.erols.com/weiner).

### Almost Heaven 98

Saturday, May 23 thru Monday, May 25

At YMCA Camp Horseshoe, St. Georges, WV (a 4½ hour drive from the DC area). Swing to the *O-Tones*, contra and waltz to *Swallowtail*, and learn couples dances with **Donna and Ken**. Cost is \$160 for adults and \$85 for kids. For info, call Cindy at 301-933-3645, Joyce at 301-596-0487, or Myrna at 410-268-5540.

### Augusta Heritage Center Summer Workshops

July 5 through August 9

On the Davis & Elkins College campus, Elkins, West Virginia. Top quality instructors conduct week-long workshops in vocal and instrumental music, crafts, dance, folklore and folkarts for kids in the summertime cool W Va mountains. For a catalog, contact Augusta Heritage Center, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV 26241 - phone 304-637-1209 or fax 304-637-1317 or e-mail: [augusta@augustaheritage.com](mailto:augusta@augustaheritage.com) or for current info log in on our website: [www.augustaheritage.com](http://www.augustaheritage.com).

### Upper Potomac Dulcimer Festival

June 15 - 20

5- day residential festival with workshops, concerts, dances and jam sessions featuring the hammered dulcimer. Featured artists are: **Kim Murley** (Chinese and Appalachian) **Scott Reiss** (and *Hesperus* doing Crossover Traditional and Early Music), **Linda Lowe Thompson** (Traditional American) and **Ken Kolodner** (with **Robin Bullock** and **Laura Risk** doing Celtic and International). For more info and a brochure, contact Joanie Blanton at 304-263-2531 or [blanton@intrepid.net](mailto:blanton@intrepid.net)

### Buffalo Gap Community Camp

Schedule of Events for 1998

The camp is located on 200 wooded and open acres in the hills of West Virginia, about 2 hours west of Washington DC. It features a hand-hewed timber open-air dance pavilion, Scandinavian-style log sauna, 100' x 100' indoor dance hall, swimming pond with sandy beach, dining hall large enough for 300, rustic but comfortable sleeping cabins, and a spectacular night sky. For info about programs or to register, contact the individual program sponsors. For info about leasing the camp or about work weekends, contact Andy Rogers at Buffalo Gap 304-856-1122 or Jim Newburn at 410-997-4430. The preliminary schedule and contacts for information follow:

May 15 - 17	New Warrior Training Adventure	Jeff Duvall 703-522-6812, <a href="mailto:rockeagle@tidalwave.net">rockeagle@tidalwave.net</a> .
May 22 - 25	Memorial Day Folk Dance Weekend	Larry Weiner 301-565-0539, <a href="mailto:weiner@erols.com">weiner@erols.com</a>
Jun 12 - 14	12-Step Retreat	Mike Hayden 301-916-4260
Jun 18 - 21	Buffalo Jambalaya	Barbara Davenport 301-434-0682, <a href="mailto:cajunbarb@erols.com">cajunbarb@erols.com</a>
Jun 27 - Jul 4	Scandinavian Week	Judy Barlas 313-327-3636, <a href="mailto:jbarlas@pilot.msu.edu">jbarlas@pilot.msu.edu</a>
Jul 4 - 11	English & American Dance Week	Steve Howe 413-584-9913, <a href="mailto:camp@cdss.org">camp@cdss.org</a> , web- <a href="http://www.cdss.org">www.cdss.org</a>
Jul 11 - 18	Family Week	Steve Howe 413-584-9913, <a href="mailto:camp@cdss.org">camp@cdss.org</a> , web- <a href="http://www.cdss.org">www.cdss.org</a>
Jul 31 - Aug 2	Washington Ethical Society	Mary Herman 202-882-6650 (day), <a href="mailto:wes@ethicalsociety.org">wes@ethicalsociety.org</a>
August 8 - 15	Mid-Atlantic Reclaiming Week	Cathy Conn 703-590-4089, <a href="mailto:apagan@his.com">apagan@his.com</a>
Sept 4 - 7	Savoy Swings Again	Leonard Koenick, 301-567-1291, <a href="mailto:lkoenick@erols.com">lkoenick@erols.com</a>
Sept 11 - 13	Buffalo on the Danube	Jamie Platt 301-320-7099, <a href="mailto:bplatt@access.digex.net">bplatt@access.digex.net</a>
Sept 18 - 20	American Dance Weekend	Marguerite Plank 717-334-5392, <a href="mailto:mvhplank@sun-link.com">mvhplank@sun-link.com</a>
Sept 25 - 27	New Warrior Mission Weekend	Jeff Duvall 703-522-6812, <a href="mailto:rockeagle@tidalwave.net">rockeagle@tidalwave.net</a>
Oct 2-4	Men's Council '98	Bill Bonner 301-762-6011, <a href="mailto:wmbonner@helix.nih.gov">wmbonner@helix.nih.gov</a>

We still have some choice dates available for dances, retreats, weddings, reunions, etc.



## PENNSYLVANIA

### York Folk Dance Association – Contra Dance

Friday, May 1, 8:00 - 11:00 pm

At the Red Lion Grange, Rt. 24 & Lombard Rd., Red Lion, PA. Beginners' workshop 7:30. **Susan Taylor** calling to *The Contra Rebels*. Cost: \$6.00. For info, call 717-845-2897 or [sdenise@umaryland.edu](mailto:sdenise@umaryland.edu), or [www.w4c.com/dance/york](http://www.w4c.com/dance/york).

### Lancaster Traditional Society Contra Dance

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

At Faith United Church of Christ, 1204 Wabank St., Lancaster. Caller, **Tom Hinds**, band TBA. \$6. Free beginners' workshop at 7:15 pm. For info and directions, call 717-390-7277 or [sam@mcc.org](mailto:sam@mcc.org).

### Spring Gulch Folk Festival

May 15, 16 & 17

At the Spring Gulch Resort Campground, New Holland, PA. Performers include **Kim Richey**, *Trout Fishing in America*, **John McEuen**, *Little Brian and the Zydeco Travelers*, *The Gibson Brothers*, **Robin & Linda Williams**, *Kayaga of Africa* and many more. Amenities include a heated pool, spa, tennis, and much more. For info, call 1-800-255-5744.

### American Banjo Fraternity's Spring Rally

May 21 - 22

In Punxsutawney. ABF seeks to preserve the banjo's music and performing techniques that were popular during the 1885-1915 period. For info, call Mary Smith at 315-331-6717.

## FARTHER AWAY

**River Rendevous - July 17 - 19** in Coshocton, OH (60 miles east of Columbus). Features *Wild Asparagus*, *Hotpoint String Band* with **Becky Hill** calling. For info call 216-229-1910 or email [jimsedvy@prodigy.net](mailto:jimsedvy@prodigy.net).

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