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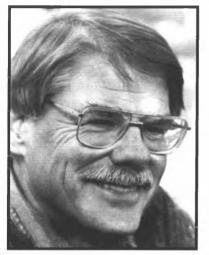
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FSGW Special Event

Washington, DC



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My Maine Man

Sunday, March 16

· 7:30 PM ·

Gordon Bok grew up around the boatyards of

Camden, Maine. In his early years, he worked on a variety of vessels, from passenger schooners to yachts, where he learned sea songs, stories, legends and ballads from the people he worked with. His early songs like Bay of Fundy, began to get attention, as did his rich voice and fluid guitar work.

At a time when folk music was experiencing a great revival, Gordon became a leader in preserving, collecting, creating and sharing a wide variety of rich and intensely beautiful songs of both land and sea. His mastery of 6- and 12-string guitars added to his already well-developed vocal expression to create an unmistakable style that has carried him through decades of performances. He is one of our most cherished folk artists, whose music has been used in films and is published in folk music anthologies, including Rise Up Singing and his own collections, Time and the Flying Snow and One to Sing, One to

In addition to performing in concert halls, coffeehouses, and festivals through the U.S.. Canada, Great Britain, Scandinavia, New Zealand, and Australia, Gordon has taught choral singing and song writing at summer music camps and other gatherings. He has served both as Artist-in Residence and faculty member of the College of the Atlantic, and received an honorary Doctorate of Science degree from the Maine Maritime Academy in

Gordon's deep bass voice and his guitars and cellamba are perfectly suited to the acoustics of Tifereth Israel Congregation's Wolman Sanctuary, 7701 16th Street, NW.

Admission: \$18.00 for FSGW or Tifereth Israel Members: \$25.00 for Non-Members: \$12.50 for Students

Tifereth Israel synagogue is on the corner of 16th and Juniper Sts, NW in DC. Street parking only. Enter through the Juniper St. doors. About a block south of the Washington Ethical Society—and about five blocks south of the portal traffic circle at the DC/MD line, close to the Silver Spring metro. It's the synagogue on the EAST side of 16th St. (opposite from WES)—the synagogue across the street (West side of 16th) is Ohev Sholom, not Tifereth Israel. Handicapped accessible throughout. Please use the ramp to the Juniper St. doors.

Driving: From I-495, take the Georgia Ave. South exit 31(B). Once on Georgia Avenue, go 1/2 mile South of the Beltway, stay in the right hand lane and exit onto 16th St. Follow 16th St. about a mile, go around the circle at the District line, and continue through two traffic lights. Juniper Street, NW is the second left after the traffic light at Kalmia Rd.

Parking: Juniper and Jonquil Sts. are less heavily trafficked than 16th St. Because much of the 1500 block of Jonquil Street is against a ball-field, there are always lots of parking spaces there.

Metro: Red Line to Silver Spring. Exit and walk southwest on Colesville Road two blocks to the traffic circle; cross 16th Street, then walk south 6 blocks on 16th Street to Tifereth Israel, #7701, on the left. (Ohev Sholom, the National Synagogue, is across the street on the right). If you'd rather not walk, an S-4 Metrobus will deliver you to the corner of Juniper St.



FSGW Sunday Night Pances at Glen Echo Park, MP · (Pirections, page 23) Contras & Squares · 7:30 to 10:30 pm Introductory lesson every Sunday from 7-7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of dance at Glen Echo Park. Every Sunday FSGW (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with entertaining callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. Welcome/Orientation session every Sunday at 7 pm. Come early for an introduction to the basics and a brief vocabulary lesson. (Hmm... does

"cross trails" mean unhappy footpaths?) Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. The Ballroom is not climate-controlled. Dancers should dress appropriately in layers and bring water or sports drinks. If you use scented products such as perfumes, note that some dancers have allergies - please apply it, if you must, with a light hand. Info: Robert Cox, dance@fsgw.org. March dances will be in the Ballroom.

> Admission: \$9 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members. \$12 for the general public

March



March roars in like a lion with *Too Hot Mamas – Janine Smith* and Susan Taylor calling some fabulous dances while the rest of us drink in the intoxicating music of Elixir: Ethan Hazzard-Watkins on fiddle, Jesse Hazzard-Watkins on trumpet, Anna Patton on clarinet, Will Patton on bass and mandolin, and Owen Morrison on guitar.



9 From the wilds and tames of New Jersey, **Bob Issacs** brings his inimitable blend of caffeinated contras to the Spanish Ballroom. There'll be a latte steaming hot music provided by *The Percolators* with Joe Hermann on fiddle, guitar, mandolin and banjo, Joe Fallon on guitar, banjo and bass, Larry Edelman on mandolin, fiddle, and guitar, C.W. Abbott on mandolin and guitar, and David Cahn on guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, bass and accordion.



- 16 Tom Hinds will help us celebrate this Paddy's-Eve dance. Dig out that green shirt and dance your green socks off to the fine local band known as Foggy Mountain Hilton: Matt Levine on guitar, Sue Tice on fiddle, Geff King on bass and Eddie Goldbetter on mandolin.
- 23 Tori Barone will bring her special brand of flowing and energetic contras to Glen Echo, calling to music by Charm City's very own Mortal Wombat - Carl Friedman on fiddle, Robin Wilson on flue and concertina, Ralph Barthine on guitar and Michael Friedman on piano and foot percussion.
- 30 March may go out like a lamb, but Tom Calwell and Myra Hirschberg, great



callers from the Ottawa Valley in Ontario, won't let ewe do any wool-gathering. Not with *Contranella* providing the music: Megan Wobus Beller on fiddle, John Wobus on piano, and Charley Beller on percussion, mandolin, and banjo. This dance will be free to FSGW Members; a brief membership meeting will be held during the break.

FSGW members are asked to bring proof of membership (membership card or a recent FSGW Newsletter showing the address and expiration date). A printed FSGW membership list will also be at the ticket table for reference. If you cannot provide a membership card or recent Newsletter with preprinted address, and if your name is not on the Membership list, you will be asked to pay full price.



Free to Members!!

Honky-Tonk with Attitude

Saturday, March 15 • 8 pm

The Sweetback Sisters – featuring Zara Bode and Emily Miller on vocals, joined by an all-star cast of instrumentalists including West Virginia's triple threat **Iesse Milnes** on fiddle and guitar (and brotherly harmony), **Stefan "da** guns" Amidon on drums, Philly's Ross Bellenoit on Telecaster and lap steel, and bass players Joseph DeJarnette, Corey Dimario and Amanda Kowalski, serve up a broad array of traditional honky-tonk music and gems from the 1940s and 50s. Prairie Home Companion loved them, and you will too – put on your boots and join us.

There will be a brief FSGW membership meeting at the conclusion of the intermission, during which nominations may be made from the floor for candidates for the 2008-09 FSGW Board of Directors.

At Knox Presbyterian Church, 7416 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22042

Admission: Free to FSGW Members; \$15 for Adult non-members, \$12 student non-members, \$7.50 children.

Directions: I-495 Beltway in Virginia to Exit 50B (old exit 8-E) (US 50 East, 'Arlington'); go one half mile, left at second traffic light onto Allen St. Church is on the left. Parking lot on left behind the church.

If the church lot is full, do NOT park on Allen St. It is reserved for residents and you may be ticketed or towed. You may park on the Route 50 frontage road in front of the church (check parking signs) or across Route 50 in the Fairfax Co. library lot. Traffic light with crosswalks and walk signals available at Route 50 and Allen St.

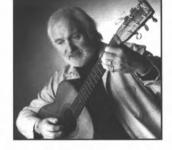
Metro: Orange Line to Ballston, then take the 1B, 1C, or 1F MetroBus (Wilson Blvd-Fairfax Line) to Allen St. and Arlington Blvd. Handicapped Access: Building ramped to the main doors facing Allen Street. Fully accessible toilet on the main floor.

FSGW House Concert

Laurel, MD

yndham-Read

Traditional songs of Australia and England



Wednesday, March 12 • 8 pm

Dennis and Judy Cook invite you to their home for a musical house party featuring a very special guest: Martyn Wyndham-Read, on a rare visit to the States by way of Australia. English by birth, Martyn first developed his great interest in the folksongs of the Outback when he went to Australia in the early 1960's. There, while working on the South Australian sheep station known as Emu Springs, he gained first-hand experience of life as a bush worker and at the same time fell in love with Australia and its music.

During his subsequent travels he spent much of his time seeking out and learning old songs directly from drovers, cane cutters and other bush workers. As the folksong revival gathered momentum in Australia, Martyn found himself singing these songs to audiences all across the Australian continent. After seven years Down Under, he returned to England to perform these songs to appreciative British audiences. To date his recording career spans 33 years and more than 30 albums, many considered classics of their genre.

One of the most engaging performers you're ever likely to see, his exceptionally intimate performance style combines songs, humorous bush poetry recitations, stories and anecdotes of Outback life, and comments on Australian history and culture that typically leave the audience ready to book the next flight out to Sydney!

Please contact **Dennis or Judy Cook at 301.776.4314 or cooks@ceimd.com** to let them know you'll be coming, and to reserve a seat. All reservations held until at least 10 minutes before showtime. There will be a donation basket to help defray expenses of the evening.

FSGW English Country Pances at Glen Echo Town Hall, MP Wednesdays • 8 to 10 pm Admission: \$7 for FSGW members,

\$9 for non-members.



Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, Page 23). Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians. Each evening offers a different and delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, viola, and recorder. Light refreshments served at the break. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner required.

Info: Stephanie Smith at 301.229.3577 or Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org

March

- 5 Michael Barraclough calls to music by Judy Kleppel (oboe), Colleen Reed (flute), and Liz Donaldson (piano).
- 12 Becky Ross (fiddle), Ralph Gordon (cello) and Liz Donaldson (piano) will provide the music, while Susan Taylor leads the dancing.
- 19 **Tom Spilsbury** leads the dancing to music by **Jonathen Jensen** (piano), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin) and David Knight (fiddle).
- 26 Edith Coakley (fiddle), Dan Gillespie (recorders), and Julie Gorka (piano) play the tunes, while Rich Galloway calls the dances.



Family Pance · Glen Echo, MP (Prections, Page 23). Sunday, March 9 • 3-5 pm
Bring your family to Glen Echo Town Hall, where caller Janine Smith will lead

dances for all ages and abilities. Music by Two of a Kind: Tom Lyons on fiddle, and Matt Levine on guitar. Admission is still only \$5 per person (age 4 and up) for an entire afternoon. This is a great activity for birthday parties, scouts, or family reunions. Please bring a snack/drink to share. More information at www.fsgw.org

26th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend **Camp Letts. MD**

Friday-Sunday, April 11-13, 2008The sun'll come out... tomorrow. Bet your bottom dollar that ... in just five short weeks, LOADS

of your very own friends'll be rockin' round the clock and dancin' up a storm at the 26th annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend. They'll be there enjoying Tony Parkes and the Airdance Trio, Beth Molaro and Rachet Mountain Rock Farmers, and la musique charmante of Reveillons! What ARE you waiting for? You can be there too, but you need to act TODAY. Visit www.fsgw.org to download the registration form or to register on-line!! FSGW offers SIGNIFICANT discounts (25% off the regular admission price) to dancers ages 13-25 and to our Kitchen Scholars. Camp Letts is about 10 minutes south of Annapolis, located on a beautiful inlet off the sparkling Chesapeake Bay.



Dennis Gruenling and Friends A Big Tribute to Little Walter

Monday, March 17 • 7 pm

Dennis Gruenling is one of the finest blues and roots harp (harmonica) players on the East Coast. As such, he's shared the stage with many fine blues musicians, including Pinetop Perkins, Snooky Prvor, Homesick James. Little Sammy Davis, A.C. Reed, Mick Taylor and Jimmy Dawkins, as well as contemporary masters such as Rod Piazza, Little Charlie & The Nightcats, Charlie Musselwhite, Kim Wilson, Rusty Zinn, Steve Guyger, and Mark Hummel. On Monday, May 17, he will honor one of the greatest and most influential harmonica players in blues history, Little Walter Jacobs. Joining

Dennis in this tribute concert will be **Doug Deming** on vocals and guitar, and **Steve Guyger** on vocals, and a harmonica master in his own right.

FSGW is proud to co-sponsor this concert (organized by local blues harp aficionado Jeff Glassie) with the Archie Edwards Barbershop Blues Foundation, at the Social Hall of historic Brookmont Church, just off MacArthur Boulevard, a few blocks outside the DC line.

For further information, contact Jeff Glassie: jeffglassie@comcast.net or 301.320.7865.

Admission is \$15, and includes a limited edition CD!

Brookmont Church is located at the corner of Virginia Place and Broad Street in Brookmont. Please note that the church has TWO addresses -6506 Broad Sreet (the social hall, lower level) AND 4000 Virginia Place (the sanctuary, upper level).

Driving: Exit the Beltway (Exit 40 or 41) as though you were going to Glen Echo. After the U-turn at the exit to Glen Echo turn RIGHT on MacArthur Blvd, towards DC. Go 1.5 miles to Maryland Ave. Turn right on Maryland Avenue. Turn right onto the SECOND Broad St. and take the next

Parking: Please obey the *no parking* signs along the Green and park on the side of the street next to the building.

Accessibility: Because of the historic nature of the building, it is unfortunately not ADA compliant. Let us know, and we'll try to make accommodation.

FSGW House Concert

McLean, VA

John Roberts

A Half and A Quarter and More

Saturday, March 22 · 8 pm

John Roberts is half of Roberts and Barrand and a quarter of Nowell Sing We Clear, but he's also an accomplished solo performer – when he can break free of his group engagements that is. He's been singing English and American

folksongs since the early 1960s, when he joined a local folk club in his native Worcestershire. He's been singing with Tony Barrand for 40 years now, delighting audiences at major festivals such as Fox Hollow, Mariposa Folk Festival, Philadelphia Folk Festival, Old Songs, and Mystic Sea Music Festival. And now he's finally released his first solo recording Sea Fever (a selection of sea songs).

Join us at Ursy Potter and Carter Hearn's home in McLean, Virginia. Suggested minimum donation \$15. Call Ursy or Carter at 703.821.1373 or email Riverlover@aol.com to reserve a seat or get directions. It's not easily reached by Metro, but if you contact FSGW in advance [specials@fsgw.org] we'll try to match you up with a ride.





Gwilym and Carol Davies With Terry Brenchley English, Welsh, American, French, tunes and songs

Tuesday, April 1 · 8 pm

This talented trio of British folk artists is visiting the US as an ensemble for the first time. Terry Brenchley's flowing fiddle combines with the melodeon, banjo, and keyboard skills of Gwilym and Carol Davies to back their strong voices and harmonies. These musicians bring a rare background of research into and knowledge of traditional music and song. Gwilym has collected folksongs in the Appalachian and Adirondack Mountains, and has placed his recordings with the Library of Congress. Terry, who now resides in France, has made a special study of French folk tunes. You can expect a lively and stimulating evening of English, Welsh, American, and perhaps some continental European songs.

Please contact Dennis or Judy Cook at 301.776.4314 or cooks@ceimd.com to let them know you'll be coming, and to reserve a seat. All reservations held until at least 10 minutes before showtime. There will be a donation basket to help defray expenses of the evening.

Mini-Fest Thanks

On behalf of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, and most of all on my own behalf, I would like to extend my profound thanks to all of the volunteers – and there were nearly 350 of them – musicians and singers, sound technicians and classroom captains, callers and Morris dancers, and more – who made this year's Mini-Fest such a delight! There was music not merely in the classrooms, but everywhere – people were jamming in the stairwells and hallways; Morris and rappersword groups danced outside in the entryway, and in the lobby. And Todd Crowley's Instrument Petting Zoo (featuring everything with strings, from autoharps to zithers) was a source of plinks and planks (and smiles and laughter and just plain joy) all day long.

Special recognition to: Dennis Cook and Jamie Platt, who not only trucked in all of the sound equipment and set it up in Cafetorium and Gym respectively, but who wound up doing sound checks "on the fly" after uproarious Morris invasions. ("You can spray and spray, but they keep coming back....")

* The "Group 1" volunteers (who showed up at 10 am, set up all of the classrooms, put things back in order at 6, and stayed late to pack up all of the sound equipment) and to Neil Zimmerman and the "Group 2" volunteers (who staffed the ticket and performer check-in tables and the instrument check-in room, kept the Green Room clean, and acted as "Food Sheriff" in the main lobby).

* The program people: Charlie Pilzer (contra bands), Linda Goodman (vocal and blues/jazz tracks), Becky Ross (fiddle workshop), Bill Mayhew (storytellers), Janine Smith and Matt Levine (bluegrass), Charlie Baum (Aux Gym jams and Cafetorium daytime track), and Jamie Platt (all-Balkan evening program).

If you'd like to give us any feedback about any aspect of this year's festival, please write to me at minifestmessages@aol.com. We're already excited about next year!

April Blum, Mini-Fest Chair









Sacred Harp Convention

Great Falls, VA

The 19th Annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention



Saturday-Sunday, April 5-6

Join "the hollow square" again this year for two days of intense, 4-part, participatory, unaccompanied singing of hymns, fugues, and camp-meeting songs from the classic shape-note tunebook, The Sacred Harp. This annual convention, sponsored by FSGW since 1990, draws singers from around the country. It's a great occasion to experience the power of this dynamic musical tradition, for veteran singers to meet old friends, and for new singers to learn from experienced singers. No admission charge, although a free-will offering will be collected. At the Great Falls Grange, on Georgetown Pike/Route 193. For complete details: http://www.his.com/sabol/ PRC/ or contact Convention Chair Keven Moreno, 410.358.8941



Saturday, April 5 9:30 am Registration begins.

10 am-4 pm All-day Singing and Potluck Dinner (provided by local singers) at the Great Falls Grange

5-9 pm Social Supper and New Traditions Singing at Cathy Tucker's home in Asburn, VA (Directions will be provided.)

New Traditions singing features new songs or songs from other tunebooks. If you'd like to lead a song, please bring 40 copies.



Sunday, April 6

9 am Registration begins.

10 am-3:30 pm All-Day Singing and Potluck dinner (provided by local singers) at the Great Falls Grange.

Directions: from Interstate 495 (Beltway), exit at Virginia exit 44, (Rte. 193, Georgetown Pike), near the Potomac River. Travel west on Rte. 193 toward Great Falls, VA for 6.2 miles to the redbrick Grange on the right. The park entrance is on the RIGHT, just before the Library (also on the right) and a shopping center (on the left) in the center of Great Falls.

Membership Pues Increase

The FSGW board voted a slight increase in membership fees to help cover the rising costs of printing and mailing the newsletter. This is the first rate change in nearly five years. The new rates will go into effect on April 1, 2008 and are as follows:

1 year individual - \$33

2 years individual - \$62

3 years individual - \$91

Lifetime individual - \$550

1 year family - \$45

2 years family - \$85

3 years family - \$125

Lifetime family - \$800

Student/Out-of town newsletter - \$25

Members may renew up to April 1, 2008 at the old rates even if their membership expires later in the year. Please contact the membership chair, Jerry Stein, at members@fsgw.org if there are any questions.

FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing · Colmar Manor, M.P Friday, March 7 · 8:30 pm

This month's topic is *The March Hare*, however homonyms may be heard: Herr, hair, hayer, or how about hear and here, if that's the way your rabbit ears twitch. Is your song about a coney too corny, your tune about the bunny not funny, the round re the rabbit an overly rarebit, and the lapin lullaby limpin'? Hop over to Mary Jo and David Shapiro's house (3419 41st Avenue) anyway. *Info/directions:* Safety@davidelishapiro. com or 301.699.8833.

FSGW Storyswap • Falls Church, VA Saturday, March 29 • 7:30 pm

Join area storytellers and listeners for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks in the home of Ralph and Margaret Chatham in Falls Church. Free. Info/directions/RSVP: 703.698.5456.

FSGW Gospel Sing · Colmar Manor, MP Sunday, March 9 · 4-8 pm

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Singing starts at 4pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6pm with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! The February Gospel Sing will be at the home of Mary Jo Shapiro in Colmar Manor. Info/directions: 301.699.8833.

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing · North Bethesda, MP Sunday, March 30 · 4-7 pm

Note Change in Location, and 5th Sunday, not 4th Sunday! The Music Room of the Metro-accessible Strathmore Mansion (NOT Strathmore Music Center), 10701 Rockville Pike, is hosting this special FSGW monthly singing as part of their education program. \$5 admission. We will break for refreshments, but no potluck supper. We welcome veteran and novice shape-note singers for unaccompanied 4-part harmony sings of fugues, hymns, and camp-meeting songs.from the 1991 Sacred Harp tunebook (loaner books always available). Info: 301.229.8534.

Co-Sponsored Event

Glen Echo International Folkdancers

Glen Echo, Md

Thursdays, 7:30-10:45 pm

1 of the Redeemer, 6201

Every Thursday at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive (just west of the shopping center across from Glen Echo Park). Lesson at 7:30. Request dances from 9-10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Admission \$5. Info: Jamie at 301.466.3018 or dancingplanet@erols.com

Nominations for FSGW Board of Pirectors

The FSGW Election Committee (Jim Cole, Justin Frank, Lynn Pastore and Jane Ziki) is seeking candidates to run for the Board of Directors of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington for the 2008-09 term. Please speak to any of the members of the committee if you are interested in serving on the FSGW Board, or contact Jim Cole at pastpresident@fsgw.org.

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Washington Folk Festival Coordinating Committee

Sousan Frankeberger Dwain Winters 703-803-3272 301-657-2789 FSGW Board Meetings Tuesday, March 4 · 8 PM

The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 at Glen Echo Park, MD. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate board member or Charlie Baum, FSGW president at 301-587-2286 in advance of the meeting.

Concerts & Concert Series

Jug Band Fest • Silver Spring, MD

Sunday, March 2 • 2-6 pm

The Potomac River Jazz Club presents an afternoon of music in a jugular vein, featuring Razz'm Jazz'm, The All-New Genetically Altered Jug Band, and Doug Everton and The Wayward Street Players. Join the battle of the jugs; bring an instrument and sit in during the finale. Rosensteel Hall, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue. Info/directions: 703.525.3786 or www. prjc.org.

Elizabeth LaPrelle Concert • Fairfax, VA

Tuesday, March 4 • 7:30 pm

Morning Dew and Roses: Elizabeth LaPrelle, whose sound and style have earned her national recognition, will perform and discuss traditional ballads of Virginia at George Mason University Student Union Bldg II, Room 6. This free performance is sponsored by George Mason's Folklore Programs. Info: Margaret Yocom at 703.993.1172 or www.gmu.edu/folklore/resources

Irish Music Concert • Alexandria, VA

Tuesday, March 4 • 7:30 pm

Lunasa, innovative Irish acoustic band, at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$20. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Mandolin Concert • Falls Church, VA

Saturday, March 8 • 7:30 pm

Orrin Star Duo: Orrin Star with John Seebach. Derzon House Concert. \$15. Info: derzon@verizon. net, 703.916.0655, or www.orrinstar.com

Contemporary Bluegrass Concert • Alexandria, VA

Saturday, March 8 • 7:30 pm

Peter Rowan and Tony Rice at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$25. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Mandolin Concert • Crownsville, MD

Sunday, March 9 • 2-4 pm

Orrin Star Duo: Orrin Star with John Seebach. Warnock House Concert. \$15. Info: warnock@ awcubed.com, 410.923.1009, or www.orrinstar.com

House Concert • Uniontown/Westminster, MD

Friday, March 14, 8 pm

Joe Hickerson house concert at the home of Charlie Collyer and Pam Zappardino, 3339 Uniontown Rd. Info/reservations: 410.871.1579

Gordon Bok in Concert • Boiling Springs, PA

Saturday, March 15 • 7:30 pm

Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley present Gordon Bok in concert, 2 Forge Road, \$15, at the door or by mail in advance. Info: 717.243.9525 or lawsp@dickinson.edu

Bluegrass Concert • North Bethesda, MD

Friday, March 28 • 8 pm

The Music Center at Strathmore presents **The Seldom** Scene (rock tunes into bluegrass) and Doyle Lawson and his band Quicksilver (modern bluegrass). Tickets \$19-40. Info: 301.581.5100 or www.strathmore.

Melodies of Merry England • Harpers Ferry, WV

Saturday, March 29 • 8 pm

Upper Potomac Spring Music Weekend and Shepherdstown Music & Dance co-sponsor a concert of English folksongs and dance tunes at Harpers Ferry Jr. HS. Sets by John Roberts (English folksongs); Jenny Coxon (traditional hammered dulcimer); and Peter Barnes, Mary Lea, and Paul Oorts (English dance tunes). \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 SMAD members, \$8 children and students. Info: www.smad.us. 304.263.2531 or updf@earthlink.net

Band Concert • Annandale, VA

Sunday, March 30 • 7 pm

Free concert by the City of Falls Church Concert Band, directed by **Adam Levowitz**, featuring music by Grainger, Levowitz, Copeland, Shostakovich and more. Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike. Info: www.fallschurchconcertband.org

DCBU Spring Concert • Falls Church, VA

Saturday, April 12 • Time TBA

The DC Bluegrass Union presents David Parmley and Continental Divide and Good Deale Bluegrass with Mike Auldridge at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855-A Annandale Rd (North of Rte 50). Info: derzon@verizon.net

Arabic Concert and Dance • Arlington, VA

Saturday, April 26 • 7:30 pm

Join master percussionist Souhail Kaspar and oudist/violinist Rachid Halihal and special guests for an evening of music and dance. Saffron Dance studio. \$25 includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. **Info: www.** wmfolklifecenter.org, kostana@wmfolklifecenter. org, or 571.332.4865



Concerts & Concert Series continued

Concert Series

listed by day of the week

Sundays

Focus Inn Alexandria • Alexandria, VA

Monthly concerts at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. 7pm; admission \$12 members, \$15 non-members. More info: 703.380.3151, herbcl@ earthlink.net or www.focusmusic.org

March

9 Paul Reisler and Paddy Dougherty

Celtic Winter Concerts • Great Falls, VA

The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Rd, presents the last two in its 6-Sunday concert series. Reservations required, 703.759.3309. \$15

March

- **2** *The Andrea Beaton Trio*, Cape Breton music
- 9 Iona, high energy pan-Celtic music

Sunspot at the Lyceum • Alexandria, VA

In the historic Lyceum, 201 S. Washington (corner of Prince) in downtown Alexandria. Info: 800.404.9049 or www.sunspotpro.com

March

9 Cathie Ryan presents an evening of traditional Irish music \$25/28

Mondays

Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD

Weekly concerts at St. Mark Presbyterian, 10701 Old Georgetown, Rockville, MD 20852. Shows begin at 7:30. More info: **301.754.3611 or www.imtfolk.org**

March

- 3 Dervish: L. Kelly, Mitchell, McDonagh, Holmes, Jordan, Morrow, \$20 advance/\$25 door.
- 10 Pierre Bensusan, \$18 advance/\$22 door
- 17 Bright Morning Star: Dorsey, Fox, Fulginitishakar, Giles, King, Taylor, \$20 advance/\$25 door
- **24** Joe Uehlein and the *U-Liners*, \$14 advance/\$17 door
- 31 Joe Jorgesen Quintet with Loralyn Coles opening, \$19 advance/\$24 door

Tuesdays

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Monthly concerts at the Tortilla Factory Restaurant, 648 Elden Street. \$11 Members, \$12 non-members. Doors open at 6, concert begins at 7. Info/directions: 703.435.2402, clubacoustic@cox.net or www. restonherndonfolkclub.com

March

18 Nathan Rogers, Canadian folk traditions

Wednesdays

Focus Rockville • Rockville, MD

Focus Inn presents bi-monthly concerts, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at O'Brien's BBQ, 387 E Gude Dr, Rockville. Shows begin at 8 pm. \$12 members/\$15 general public. Info: David at focusrockville@earthlink.net, 301.275.7459, or www.focusmusic.org

- 12 Lea and Doug Alan Wilcox with Wilpower
- 26 Miche Fambro and Randall Williams

Literary/Music Series • Rockville, MD

Wednesdays • 7:30

VisArts (a non-profit) will host a monthly literary reading/music series featuring poetry/fiction reading, music, literary open mic. Seeking musicians interested in providing a free 20-minute segment (all genres). Contact mayorgapoetry@gmail.com (preferably with audio clip), with "VisArts Music" in the subject line.

Thursdays

Baldwin's Station • Sykesville, MD

7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD. Info: **410.795.1041** or www.uptownconcerts.com

March

- 13 Nathan Rogers, \$15
- 20 St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Maggie Sansone, Sue Richards, Andrea Hoag, \$18

Fridays

Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD

In the basement of Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Road. Show begins at 8. Info: 410.521.9099 or www.uptownconcerts@gmail.com

March

- 7 Ocean Orchestra Trio
- 28 Tim Grimm and Bob Sima

333 Coffeehouse • Annapolis, MD
Third Fridays at Annapolis Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 DuBois Rd, off Bestgate Ave. Acoustic music. Dessert and coffee available in this smokeand alcohol-free environment. Admission \$10, \$8 for Seniors/students. Info: 443.786.0463 or www.fsgw. org/333

March



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Sundays

THE FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES ARE LISTED ON THE INSIDE FRONT COVER.

Wednesdays

Baltimore Folk Music Society • Baltimore, MD

Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm

Lovely Lane Ch., 2200 St. Paul St, Baltimore. Beginners are always welcome. *New dancer workshops at* 7:30 on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. \$8 Members/\$12 Non-members, \$3 discount to students w/ID.

March

- 5 Caller **Janine Smith**, music by **Late for Supper**
- 12 Dick Bearman calls to Some Assembly
- 19 No dance this week (Easter week).
- **26** Multi-caller night, coordinated by **Ann Fallon** with *Mortal Wombat*

Fridays

Friday Night Dancers • Glen Echo Park, MD
Fridays • 8:30-11:30 pm

The Friday Night Dancers (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) sponsor weekly contra dances to live music in the Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (March 14th dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion). New dancer class every week at 7:30. \$9 per person. To play for or call a dance, contact fndgigs@petml.com. For general information, visit www.fridaynightdance.org

March

- 7 Caller TBA with the *Percolators* (Abbott/ Hermann/ Fallon/ Edelman/ Cahn)
- **14** Caller **Denise Lair** with the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band** (Bumper Car Pavilion)
- 21 Caller Perry Shafran with the Jane's Gang (Rothfield/ Sidlick/ Carr/ Taylor)
- 28 Callers Tom Calwell and Myra Hirschberg with Mortal Wombat (Friedman/ Wilson/ Barthine/ Friedman)

Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA

2nd and 4th Fridays • 8-11 pm

Air-conditioned hall, all ages and experience levels welcome. Light refreshments at the break, donations welcome. New dancer class at 7:30. \$8 Members/\$9 Non-members/\$4 students. Info: harrisburgcontra.org

March

- 14 Caller **Tori Barone** with **Off** 'n **Ensemble**
- 22 Caller Dan Pearl with Late for Supper

Saturdays

Elverson Dance • Elverson, Pa

1st Saturdays • 7:30-10:30 pm

March 1. **Ted Crane** calling to *Dr. Twamley's Audio Snake*. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 61 Morningside Drive (3 miles east of downtown Elverson). \$8, \$5 for students and seniors. New dancers welcome. Smoke free, alcohol free. Beginners' lesson at 7. Children must be chaperoned. Info: Nancy Katzen, **610.780.5667**

Annapolis Light House Shelter Benefit Contra Dance • Annapolis, MD

March 1st • 8 - 10 pm

Intergenerational evening of contras and squares with caller **Ann Fallon** and band **West Annapolis Crab Tippers** at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 199 Duke of Gloucester St, \$2 parking at Hillman Parking Garage, 150 Gorman St. Minimum suggested donation of \$10 per adult, \$5 ages 10-18. Light refreshments provided. No experience required. RSVP for \$5 youth pre-dance social 5-7 pm. **Info: Cairn Krafft at 410.257.2379; or http://annapolis.quaker.org/lighthouseContra.html**.

Shepherdstown Dance • Shepherdstown, WV 1st and 5th Saturdays • 7:30-11 pm

March 1, **Susan Taylor and Janine Smith** calling to *Elixir*. War Memorial Building, corner of German and King Sts.\$6 for members, \$8 for non-members, \$4 for dancers under 12. Beginners workshop at 7:30, dance at 8. Info: **smad.us**

Baltimore Dance • Pikesville, MD

2nd Saturdays • 6:30-11 pm

March 8, **Susan Taylor** calls to **The Pillows of Society**. St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. Potluck 6:30-7:15. Annual membership meeting 7:15-8; arrive by 7:25 and get in free. Contras and squares from 8 to 11. \$8 BFMS and affiliates/\$12 Non-members/\$3 discount to students with ID. Info: Diane Friedman at **matchmaker2@comcast.net**, or **410.321.8419**, or www.bfms.org

Reston Contra Dance • Reston, VA

2nd Saturdays • 8-10:45 pm

On March 8, Janine Smith calls the last of this winter's Reston contra dances to music by the June Apple Band. Beginners' workshop 7:15-8, dance 8-10:45. Admission: \$7 (workshop free). Partner not necessary. Bring snack to share (juice provided). Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, in the Hunters Woods Center. Info: 703.709.9121. Directions: Reston Community Center, 703.476.4500.

Annapolis Traditional Dance • Annapolis, MD

3rd Saturdays • 7 pm

March 15, **DeLaura Padovan** calls to the energetic music of **Devine Comedy** (Steve Hickman, John **Devine**, and **Marty Taylor**). Free introduction to contra

Baltimore English Dance

Bethesda Scottish Dance

Sundav Monday Wednesdav Tuesdav Why are people so tired on April 1? 9 am Annapolis Jam 7:30 Bethesda International Dance 6:30 Children's Irish Music Jam 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women Frederi 2 pm Jug Band Festival 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance 7:30 Elizabeth LaPrelle Concert FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 7:30 GLEN FSGW Board Meeting Scottish Jam 7:30 Arlington Morris Dance Baltimore Contra Dance 7:30 Chevy (Glen Echo Waltz 7:30 IMT Concert Greenbelt Scottish Dance Alexandria Scottish Dance 7:30 Cajun I More Geese/Swans Baltimore English Dance Arlington Int'l Folk Dance 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance 7:45 Arlingto 7:30 FSGW CONTRA Bethesda Scottish Dance Sea Chanteys /Wheaton JANINE SMITH & SUSAN TAYLOR Foggy I w/Elixir Americ 9 am Annapolis Jam 6:30 Children's Irish Music Jam 7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Dance Laurel Jam Frederi 2 pm CABOMA Iam 7:30 GLEN DC Bluegrass Jam 7:45 Herndon English Dance 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women Songwriting Workshop 7:30 Bethesda International Dance Greenbelt Scottish Dance **FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE** 7:30 Chevy (FSGW FAMILY DANCE 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance Arlington Int'l Folk Dance Baltimore Contra Dance 7:45 Arlingto FSGW GOSPEL SING 7:30 Arlington Morris Dance Alexandria Scottish Dance Mt. Ver 7:30 FSGW CONTRA 7:30 IMT Concert Focus Inn Rockville Foggy I BOB ISSACS WITH THE PERCOLATORS 8 FSGW House Concert Baltimore English Country Dance America Bethesda Scottish Dance MARTYN WYNDHAM-READ Baldwi Sea Chantey Baltimore NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!! 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance 9 am Annapolis Jam **FSGW SPECIAL CONCERT** Gaithersburg Irish Ceili 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women Frederi Voices in the Glen DENNIS GRUENLING/FRIENDS Reston/Herndon Folk Dance **FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE** 7:30 GLEN Glen Echo Waltz 7:30 Bethesda International Dance Greenbelt Scottish Dance Baltimore Contra Dance 7:30 Chevv Glen Echo Blues/Swing 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance Arlington Int'l Folk Dance Alexandria Scottish Dance 7:45 Arlingt Sea Chanteys Annapolis 7:30 FSGW SPECIAL CONCERT: 7:30 Arlington Morris Dance Mt. Ve GORDON BOK 7:30 IMT Concert 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance Foggy 7:30 FSGW CONTRA Baltimore English Dance Americ Tom HINDS WITH Bethesda Scottish Dance 8 Baldwi FOGGY MOUNTAIN HILTO 26 **EASTER SUNDAY** 9 am Annapolis Jam DC Bluegrass Jam Falls Church Sea Chanteys Laurel Jam Frederi 2 pm CABOMA Jam 7:30 Bethesda International Dance 7:45 Herndon English Dance 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women Greenb 7:30 FSGW CONTRA 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance Greenbelt Scottish Dance 7:30 Cajun Jam 7:30 GLEN Tori Barone with Mortal 7:30 Arlington Morris Dance **FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE** Arlington Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Chevy WOMBAT Baltimore Contra Dance 7:30 IMT Concert 7:45 Arlingt Baltimore English Dance Alexandria Scottish Dance Mt. Vei Bethesda Scottish Dance Focus Inn Rockville 8 Foggy 1 Sea Chanteys Charlestown 8 Americ 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance 30 APRII Because the 9 am Annapolis Jam 7:30 Bethesda International Dance 8 PM FSGW House Concert 1 pm Reston Bluegrass 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance GWILYM & CAROL DAVIES. & Hot Dance/Waltz 7:30 Arlington Morris Dance TERRY BRENCH finished a 3 FSGW SACRED HARP 7:30 IMT Concert

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Myra Hirschberg & Tom Calwell

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y've just 31-day March!		Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention Saturday-Sunday

Tuesday, April 1 • 8 pm GWILYM & CAROL DAVIES WITH TERRY BRENCHLEY

An evening of English, Welsh, American & continental European songs & tunes.

House Concert • Cooks' Laurel, MD

APRIL 5 & 6, 2008 19TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

April 11-13, 2008 26TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE Dance Weekend Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

Thursday, April 17 • pm BILL STAINES

Glen Echo Town Hall, Glen Echo, Maryland

Sunday, May 18 FSGW Monthly Program Serre l'Écoute location TBA

May 31 & June 1, 2008 **28th Annual Washington** FOLK FESTIVAL Glen Echo Park, MD

October 3-6, 2008 **44**TH ANNUAL GETAWAY West River Retreat Center Edgewater, MD



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dance at 6:30. \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd. Info: 301.717.6454, pshaf@yahoo.com http://www.smtmd.org,or www.contradancers.com/atds

Lancaster Contradance • Lancaster, PA

3rd Saturdays, 8-11 pm

March 15, local callers and *Bottom of the Bucket*. St. John's Episcopal Church 321 W. Chestnut St. Beginners Workshop at 7:15, Dance 8-11 pm. \$7/\$4. Info: Shane 717.431.7417 or sam@mcc.org or www.lancastercontra.org

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD

4th Saturdays • 8-11 pm

March 22, **Perry Shafran** calling to **Mortal Wombat**. Trinity School, near the Harry Grove Stadium. Free beginners' workshop at 7 pm, dance begins at 8. **New Admission Prices effective as of January 2008**: \$9; students \$5, 12 and under \$4. \$4 Info/directions: **www.contradancers.com** or call Boe Walker at **301.694.6794**.

English Country

Mondays

Baltimore Folk Music Society • Pikesville, MD

Mondays • 8-10:30 pm

English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New dancers are welcome. New dancer orientation first Wednesday at 7:45. Admission \$7 Members, \$10 Non-members, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South. Info: Mike Franch at 410.889.3252 or engdance@bfms.org

March

- 3 Caller Tom Spilsbury, with Geud Band of Baltimore
- 10 Caller **Diane Schmit** with **Jonathan Jensen**, **Robin Wilson**, and **Becky Ross**
- 17 Caller Christopher Field, music by Judy Meyers, Robin Wilson and Jeff Steinberg
- 24 Caller Rich Galloway, music by Marty Taylor, Michael Friedman, Carl Friedman
- 31 Caller Mike Franch, music by Julie Gorka, Walt Robinson, and Emily Aubrey

Tuesdays

English Country Dancing • Herndon, VA

2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 7:45-10 pm

Harding Hall, 730 Jackson Tr. Workshop includes figures, phrasing, and style. Live music (guest musicians welcome - call in advance). \$5 No partner or experience necessary. Info: Barbara Harding at **703.437.3615**.

Wednesdays

The FSGW English County Dances are listed on Page 4.

Saturdays

English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD

Saturday, March 8 • 8-10:45 pm

At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by *Barbara Harding* and *Bob Farrall*. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Info: Carl Minkus 301.493.6281, Bob Farrall 301.577.5018.

Family

The FSGW Family Dance is listed on Page 4.

BFMS Family Dance • Pikesville, MD

Sunday, March 8

Susan Taylor calls to *The Pillows of Society*. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South. Group discounts for youth groups, Scout troops, church groups, home schooling communities (12 or more). \$5 for BFMS members and affiliates; \$7 non-members; children under 2 free. Family max \$20 members, \$28 non-members. Info: Diane at 410.321.8419, or match-maker2@comcast.net

International

Mondays

Bethesda International Folk Dancers • Bethesda, MD

Mondays • 7:30-10pm

No partner necessary, all ages and levels of expertise welcome. Beginners:7:30-8:10. Intermediate/Adv.: 8:10-10pm. Mostly recorded with occasional live music. \$6 per class. Leland Community Center, 4301 Willow Ln. \$7 per class. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond at 301.871.8788, www.diamonddancecircle.com or diamonddancecircle@comcast.net.

Tuesdays

Arlington International Folk Dancing • Arlington, VA

Tuesdays • 8-10 pm

Key Elementary School, Veitch St., between Wilson and Key near Courthouse Road Metro. Folk Dance for Fun Admission \$5 Recorded music, instruction, walkthroughs, and requests. Singles welcome, all ages or levels of expertise. Info: Sam or Sarah 703.527.8998 or sstulberg@ earthlink.net or Kent Hibben at 301.520.3794 or kenthibben@hughes.net

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Thursdays

The FSGW Glen Echo Folkdancers ARE LISTED ON PAGE 7

Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers • Washington, DC Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 pm

Chevy Chase Community Cntr, 5601 Connecticut, NW (at McKinley). Instruction and walk-through until 8:30. All levels welcome, no partner necessary. Recorded music. Leader: Roland Forbes. Info: Jackie Davis at 301.424.8827 or Naomi Rogers at 301.438.0063

Circle Dance Arlington, VA

Thursdays • 7:45-9:45 pm

Beginners especially welcome 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Dances on 2nd and 4th Thursdays are more advanced. All dances are taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Rte 50 at George Mason Dr. \$10 per session or pay a reduced fee for a series. Info: Judie David at **703.451.2595** or **Vedavid@starpower**. net.

Mount Vernon International Folk Dancing • Alexandria, VA Thursdays • 8-10 pm

Beginners to advanced - all are welcome! Easy dances 8-8:30, followed by requests and advanced instruction. Join our friendly, diverse group on a beautiful dance floor. No partner necessary. Donation \$2.50. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Info: 703.866.2393 or kkrogh@aol.com

Fridays

Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • Greenbelt, MD

Fridays • 8:15-10:45 pm Greenbelt Community Cntr Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd. Focus is dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Mostly recorded music. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching 8:15-9, requests from 9-10:45. \$7/\$10 on 1st Fridays (live music). Info: Larry Weiner at 301.565.0539, larry@ larryweiner.com or John Robinson at 410.715.9210

Israeli

Israeli Dancing • Kensington, MD

Mondays • 7:30-11 pm

Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave. Circle dances 7:30-9:30, couple dances 9:30-11. \$7/Students \$5. Info: Moshany, **240.350.3110**, maspro@verizon.

Israeli Dancing • Potomac, MD

Wednesdays • 8:15-10 pm

Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac (between Democracy Blvd. and Montrose Rd.). "Oldies" only (dances before 1990). Instruction 8:15-8:45, Requests 8:45-10. Recorded Music. \$5. Info: Ben Hole 301.441.8213.

Israeli Dancing • Greenbelt, MD

Saturday, March 29, 8:15-11 pm

Israeli "Oldies" party (dances before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. \$5. Info: Ben Hole, 301.441.8213.

Morris

Arlington Northwest Morris • Arlington, VA

Mondays • 7:30-9 pm

Learn and perform the traditional Morris dances of Northwest England which combine simple footwork with power and precision. We are a welcoming group of women who practice in a great place with a wooden floor (easier on your knees) at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Info: Suzanne @suzelise@comcast.net or Laura @LLPar42@aol.com

Rock Creek Morris Women • Silver Spring, MD

Wednesdays • 7:5 pm

Learn to dance in the ancient English morris tradition, and you'll get all the aerobics you need. Join a strong community that dances, plays, sings, and drinks together. Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, 807 Daleview Dr. Info: 301.927.6373, louiseneu@earthlink.net or www.uswet.com/RCMW.html

Foggy Bottom Morris Men • Silver Spring, MD

Thursdays • 8-10 pm

Learn and perform long-sword, traditional dances from English villages, and seasonal mumming. Anyone who enjoys dance and movement can experience the vigorous thrill of the morris! We welcome new and slightly used dancers at practices (and at the Quarry House afterwards). Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave. Info: Brad Graham. 410.480.3289 or www.fbmm-morris.org

Scandinavian

Norwegian Dance House Party • Washington, DC Saturday, March 8 • Potluck 6:30 pm, Dancing 8 pm

Norwegian springars are quite different from the familiar Swedish hambos. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare to 6807 Westmoreland Ave. Mesmerizing live music by Grammy-nominated hostess Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see hfaa.org). Beginners welcome. Hosts: 202.333.2826. Info/directions: Jenny, pi@xecu. net, 301.371.4312

Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD

Saturday, March 15 • 7 - 10 pm

Scandia DC sponsors a 3rd Saturday dance every month. This month features live fiddle music by featured fiddler Loretty Kelley and the Scandia **DC** Spelmannslag. Karen Myers will play for the teaching. There may also be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8 (Springleik, a Norwegian dance from the Gudbrandsdal region,

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ending in a couple turn). Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. \$7 Info: 202.333.2826, inclement weather call 301.474.5525. Info: linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org.

For new and experienced dancers. No partner needed. *Bring soft, flexible shoes. Recorded and live music.*

Scottish Country Dance • Bethesda, MD

Mondays • 8-10 pm

NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call/ email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod, 301.622.5945 or blackolav@cs.com and Betty Lee Barnes, 202.966.3595 or Thistledance@starpower.net

Scottish Country Dance • Greenbelt, MD

Tuesdays • 8-10 pm

Dance all year round at the Greenbelt Community Center. Info: www.rscds.greaterdc.org or Bob Cameron at rbcthescot@yahoo.com or 202.321.7718

Scottish Country Dance • Alexandria, VA

Wednesdays • 8-9:45 pm
Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. Info: Carol Porter, 703.379.5779 or nova-secretary@rscds-greaterdc. org

Squares

Hot Squares Dance Party • College Park, MD

No March dance. The Hot Square Babes are taking a break until May 13. Info: 410.268.0231 or 301.762.2231 or www.hotsquares.info

Swing/Waltz/Ballroom

Washington Swing Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD

Saturday, March 1 • 8-midnight

The Red Stock Ramblers. No partner or dance experience necessary. All ages welcome. Introductory lesson from 8-9 pm in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Admission \$12. Info: 301.340.9732 or wsdcswings@yahoo.com or www.wsdc.org

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday, March 2 • 3-6 pm

Elixir in the lovely Spanish Ballroom. 30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2 1/2 hours of social dancing - a lively mix of folk waltzes, Schottische, swing, tango, or polka. \$8. Info: www.Waltz-TimeDances.org or 301.634.2222

Slow Blues & Swing Dance • Glen Echo, MD

Sunday, March 16 • 7 - 11 pm

Glen Echo Park Bumper Car Pavilion. Optional 90-minute workshop from 7 to 8:30 taught by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte. The dance begins at 8:30

with blues and swing by Acme Blues Company. \$17 for workshop and dance, or \$12 for dance only. Info: Donna Barker at 301.634.2231. Glen Echo Park at 301.634.2222 or www.DanceDC.com.

Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday, March 16 • 3-6 pm

Honeysuckle Rose, in the elegant Spanish Ballroom. 30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2 1/2 hours of social dancing – a lively mix of folk waltzes, Schottische, swing, tango, or polka. \$8. Info: www. WaltzTimeDances.org or 301.634.2222

Hot Dance Sunday Afternoon • Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday, March 30 • 3-6 pm

New Hots Jazz Orchestra, in the Spanish Ballroom. 30-minute samba lesson at 3. No partner or experience necessary. Swing, waltz, and ballroom dance to music of the 20s, 30s, 40s and more. \$10. Info: www. newhotsjazz.com or info@newhotsjazz.com

Swingin' Blues Dance • Glen Echo, MD

Sunday, March 28 • 7 - midnight

Glen Echo Park Bumper Car Pavilion. 7-8, slow blues workshop taught by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte; 8-9, West Coast Swing workshop by Ken Roesel. The dance begins at 9, with the Jamie Lynch Band providing blues and swing tunes. \$13 for a workshop and dance. Info: Donna Barker 301.634.2231, Glen Echo Park 301.634.2222 or www.DanceDC.com.

Zydeco/Cajun

Cajun Dance • Silver Spring, MD

Thursday, March 6 • 7:30-10:30 pm

Riverdale Ramblers will provide music for listening and/or dancing at Los Arrieros restaurant, 7926 Georgia Avenue. Admission \$10. No partner or dance experience necessary. 301.229.4487 or 301.585.8813.

Cajun/Zydeco Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD

<u>Saturday, March 22 • 7:30-11 pm</u>

Join us in the Glen Echo Bumper Car Pavilion for a 30-minute Cajun dance lesson at 7:30 (taught by Michael Hart and Sharon Shiliro. Then dance from 8 to 11 to L'Angelus. Admission \$15. Info: Michael Hart at 301.762.6730 or www.DancingbytheBayou.com



Pance Classes

Ballroom

Thursdays

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

Each 4-week series is \$40 (plus applicable registration fee); pay at the door or pre-register at www. glenechopark.org. Additional information at www. dancedc.com. No partner or previous experience required for any classes.

Argentine Tango Fundamentals from 7-8 pm. Technique and styling, beginning with basic tango concepts and moving on to ochos, pasadas, and more.

Swing and Charleston Fundamentals from 8-9 pm. Learn footwork, partnering, and styling.

Blues Dancing from 9-10. Learn partnering techniques in closed and open positions, dips, and other creative moves.

Irish Set and Ceili

Tuesdays

Set and Ceili Dance Classes • Gaithersburg, MD
Tuesdays • Beginners 7-8, Advanced 8:15-9:30

Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive, beginning January 8. Instruction by The Ring of Kerry Dancers (non-profit). Beginners welcome, ages 8 and up. \$35 per semester (January through early June). Info/directions: Marilyn O'Brien at 301.926.6943.

Thursdays

Set and Ceili Dance Classes • Rockville, MD

Thursdays • Basics 7-8, Intermediate 8-9:30

Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Road, from January 3 to early June. Cost in the form of a \$30 donation to Frost Center School. Sponsored by non-profit Wash-

ington Ceili Club. Info/directions: Paul O'Donnell, 301.649.6410.

Scandinavian

Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD

Beginning Class: Thursday March 6 and Tuesday March 18 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Advanced Class: Tuesdays March 11 and 25 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Note that this month the beginners classes are on different days of the week. Beginners learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn dances from Boda, Orsa, Rättvick, Ragujnda, and requests. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Sometimes live Swedish fiddle music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5. Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.

Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and South Dr. for vehicle inspection (have ID ready). Go to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to dancing in Building T-39, just northwest of building 41. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop (also need ID). See a map (essential) at www.HambDC. org or on a flyer.

Squares

Western Squares Workshop • Kensington, MD Friday, February 29 - Saturday, March 1

Leap into Square Dancing at the Leap Year Blast – Learn the basics of Western Square Dancing in one weekend! Friday night 7:30-10:30pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm and evening dance 7:00-11:00pm. Info: Kenny Farris at 301.490.6279 or Kenny. Farris@verizon.net. To register call Shirley Heintzelman at 301.929.1472 or CHeintzelman1@verizon. net. \$30 per person, must be paid by 2/15. Saturday lunch included. Resurrection Lutheran Church, 3101 University Blvd West.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Listed by day of the week (Sunday thru Saturday)

Sundays

Scottish Traditional Music Jam • Wheaton, MD

1st Sundays • 3-6 pm

Scottish traditional music jam, first Sundays, Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue. Musicians welcome. Info: http://dcscottishsession.blogspot.com/ or contact Peter Walker at boghadubh@gmail.com.

More Geese Than Swans • Washington, DC

1st Sundays • 7 pm

More Geese Than Swans, a small group (formerly Black Book Singers of DC), meets on the first Sunday evening of the month to sing Renaissance choral music, sacred and secular. Some sight reading skills necessary. Group meets near a Metro stop and welcomes new members. Info: Joan Gildemeister at jgildemeister@cs.com.

CABOMA Jam • Arlington, VA

2nd and 4th Sundays • 2 pm

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association (CABOMA) holds jams the 2nd and 4th Sundays of

Jams/Opem Mics/Audience Participation continued

each month. Lyon Park Community Center, corner of N. Filmore and Pershing. Info: Dave at **301.274.3441**.

Annapolis Acoustic Jam • Annapolis, MD

Sundays • 9 am-Noon

Indoors at The Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: phyllis@saroffillustration.com.

Bluegrass Jam • Reston, VA

5th Sundays • 1-4 pm

Open acoustic bluegrass jam held any month having a 5th Sunday. Bring an instrument, sing along or listen – all are welcome. At Reston Used Book Shop, Lake Anne, 1623 Washington Plaza. Info: **703.435.9772**.

Mondays

Monthly Children's Irish Music Jam Session • Accokeek, MD

2nd Mondays • 6:30-8 pm

Come out to National Colonial Farm and join the fun! We will meet at the Farm's Education Center. Look for signs. National Colonial Farm is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road in Accokeek, MD. Info: 301.283.0167 or p.addamiano-carts@att.net.

DC Bluegrass Union VFW Bluegrass Jams

• Takoma Park, MD

2nd & 4th Mondays • 7-10 pm

Free. At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave. (corner of 4th Ave). Info: VFW Post 350 at **301.270.8008** or Barb Diederich **barb@alum.mit.edu**.

Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD

Every Monday • 8 pm

Informal singing group meets Takoma Park (sometimes in DC) to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: **Katya@partan.com** or Joan at **202.363.6197**.

Tuesdays

Monthly Children's Irish Music Session • Silver Spring, MD

1st Tuesdays • 6:30-7:45 pm

Children's Irish Music Session run by Karen Ashbrook with Paul Oorts precedes a weekly adult session at 8 pm led by Dennis Botzer. Children are welcome to stay and play if they know the tunes. McGinty's Pub, 2nd floor, 911 Ellsworth Dr, 301.587.1270. Info/music booklet: **karenashbrook.com**.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Wheaton, MD and Falls Church, VA

1st and 4th Tuesdays • See below for start times

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mike sea chantey sings. No cover/minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Mostly a cappella

but instruments are welcome. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org.

1st Tuesdays - At Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue, Wheaton. 8 pm

4th Tuesdays – At Stacy's Coffee Parlor, 709 W. Broad Street, Falls Church. 7 pm

Folk Club of Reston/Herndon • Herndon, VA

2nd Tuesdays • 7:30 pm

At the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Open mic format. 2nd Tuesday includes a 25-minute member showcase. Smoke-free environment. Info: www. restonherndonfolkclub.com, 703.689.0444.

Wednesdays

Laurel Jam Session • Laurel, MD

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 7–10 pm

Adults who enjoy acoustic music are invited to come and sing, play, or listen to folk, bluegrass, and other traditional music in an informal setting. Phelps Senior Center, 701 Montgomery Street. Info: 301.776.6168 during business hours.

Women's A Cappella Chorus • Brooklyn Park, MD Wednesdays • 7-10 pm

The Harbor City Music Company, a women's a cappella chorus, seeks motivated singers in all voice parts. Rehearsals at Chesapeake Center, 194 Hammonds Lane. 800.856.9868, hcmcsueg@comcast.net or www.harborcitymusiccompany.org.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sings • Baltimore, Annapolis, & Charlestown, MD

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays • 8 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mike sea chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.ship-scompany.org

2nd Wednesdays – Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street,

Baltimore (Fells Point)

3rd Wednesdays – Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401

4th Wednesdays – Wellwood Inn and Rivershack, 523 Water Street, Charlestown 21914

Arlington Jam! • Arlington, VA

3rd Wednesdays • 7-10:30 pm

Fiddles, guitars, all instruments welcome! Intermediate and advanced players interested in old-time, blues, Scandinavian, swing, and other styles. First Friday and third Wednesday at 1909 N. Ohio Street, Arlington, VA. Info: Lilli Vincenz, 703.532.2731 or FiddlerLilli@zzapp.org.

Jams/Opem Mics/Audience Participation continued

Cajun Jam • Silver Spring, MD

4th Wednesdays • 7:30-10:30 pm

For dancers, musicians, and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Los Arrieros, 7926 Georgia Ave. Park in rear lot off Blair Rd. and on Georgia Ave. Beginners welcome. Info: swopes123@aol.com.

Thursdays

American Balalaika Symphony, Open Rehearsals • Alexandria, VA

Thursdays • 8 pm

Fiddle, mandolin, and guitar experience translates easily to the balalaika and domra. Enthusiastic beginners welcome! Come play Russian and East European folk and classical music. Most Thursdays at Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Avenue. Info: www.balalaika.biz or 703.248.8199.

Irish Traditional/Bluegrass Music Sessions • Frederick, MD

Thursdays • 7 and 8:30 pm

At Boe's Strings, 26 S. Market Street. Info and tune list at www.BoesStrings.com or Boe at 301.662.0750.

Songwriters Open Mic • Greenbelt, MD

4th Thursdays • 7-9 pm

New Deal Café, 113 Centerway/Roosevelt Center. Originals encouraged. Signups at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. Info: 301.474.5642 or www.saw.org.

Fridays

Songwriters Open Mic • Olney, MD

1st & 3rd Fridays • 7:30-10 pm

Caribou Coffee, 18101 Olney Village Mart Drive. Originals only. Signups at 7 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. Info: contact SAW at 301.654.8434, www.saw.org, or Caribou Coffee at 301.570.0909.

Arlington Jam! • Arlington, VA

1st Fridays • 7-10:30 pm

See Wednesday listing.

Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD

2nd Fridays • 8:30–11:30 pm

The fabulous Glen Echo Open Band plays for the second Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability are welcome. Find recordings, tunebook names and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at www.openbandonline.com. The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac. Info: www.fridaynightdance.org.

Open Mic at Potter's House • Washington, DC

4th Fridays • 8 pm

Both spoken word and music. Homemade dinner/desserts served starting at 7. Potter's House 1658 Colum-

bia Road NW (Green line to Columbia Hgts). Suggested donation \$10. Info: www.PottersHouseDC.org.

Saturdays

Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Washington, DC

Saturdays • 2 pm

New location: HR-57-Center for Preservation of Jazz and Blues, 1610 14th St, NW. The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation holds an acoustic blues jam almost every Saturday afternoon. All skill levels welcome. **Info: 202.526.7539 or www.acousticblues.com**.

Batala Percussion Band • Washington, DC

Saturdays • 10am - 1 pm

Newly-formed all-woman ensemble plays Brazilian samba-reggae rhythm. Instruments provided by the band. No prior knowledge of music or percussion is necessary, only interest and willingness to learn. Practices will be in locations convenient to public transportation. Info: Mariana Pereira, Musical Director 202.361.8993, or drums@batalawashington.com, or www.batalawashington.com.

Folk Music Sing Along/Jam • Arlington, VA

1st and 3rd Saturdays • 2 pm

Indoors in Crystal City. All voices, instruments welcome. Visit the website for details: http://folk.meet-up.com/45. More info: liverpoolwalrus@yahoo.com.

Songwriters Open Mic • Springfield, VA

2nd Saturdays • 7:30-10:45 pm

Kings Park Community Room (next to Cricket Box gift shop), Kings Park Shopping Center, intersection of Braddock, Rolling and Burke Lake Rds. Originals encouraged. Signups at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. Info: Jim Johnson at 703.913.7408, jimjohnson@verizon.net or www.saw.org.

Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA

Saturday, March 22 • 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Hammer dulcimer players meet monthly at the Dolley Madison Library to swap tunes and play together. Other acoustic instruments welcome. Info: Heli at 703.689.3477, heliel@earthlink.net, or http://pages.prodigy.net/holsopple.

Songwriter Xchange • Shirlington, VA

4th Saturdays • 10 am-12:30 pm

Bring your original song, or portion of a song in progress, to share for friendly peer feedback. A guest artist starts the session with an educational presentation on songwriting, followed by the song swap. You don't need to bring a song to participate. Hosted by Songwriters' Association of Washington (www.saw.org) at the Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA. Info/directions: Paige Powell 703.671.4131, www.saw.org or Dan Grove at SongXchange@comcast.net.

Storytelling

Voices in the Glen • Falls Church, VA

Sunday, March 16 • 2:30 pm

What could be luckier than Irish tales, told by Anne Sheldon, Merrillee Pallansch, Tim Livengood, Jane Dorfman, Ralph Chatham and Margaret Chatham. Free! For adults and children over age 10. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike. Info/reservations: 703.790.8088 after March 2.

The Song of Hilde • Washington, DC

Fri-Sat-Sun, March 14-15-16

A modern heroic epic – *The Song of Hilde,* a tale of bravery, sorcery and redemption. At the Corner Store Theater, 900 South Carolina Avenue, SE. Fri and Sat at 7:30; Sun at 3. Tickets \$5-10. **Info: www.krisswanson.net or 202.544.5807**

Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

Western Squares Workshop . Kensington, MD

Friday, February 29 - Saturday, March 1

Leap into Square Dancing at the Leap Year Blast – Learn the basics of Western Square Dancing in one weekend! Friday night 7:30-10:30pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm and evening dance 7:00-11:00pm. Info: Kenny Farris at 301.490.6279 or Kenny. Farris@verizon.net. To register call Shirley Heintzelman at 301.929.1472 or CHeintzelman1@verizon.net. \$30 per person, must be paid by 2/15. Saturday lunch included. Resurrection Lutheran Church, 3101 University Blvd West.

Directions: From I-495: Exit 33, Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) North toward Kensington. Go 2.2 miles. Stay straight, which puts you on University Blvd West (MD 193). The church is on the left, approx. .8 miles. You must make a U-turn around a median to get to the church parking lot. From University Blvd, the church is 2 Blocks west of Wheaton Plaza.

The Last Annual Jug Band Fest • Silver Spring, MD

Sunday, March 2, 2-6 pm

Three (count 'em) great Washboard/Jug Bands: Razz'm Jazz'm; The All-New Genetically Altered Jug Band; and Doug Everton and the Wayward Street Players present an afternoon of music in a jugular vein. A wonderful mixture of music and hardware store inventory. Rosensteel Hall, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue (just outside the Beltway, off Georgia Avenue). Bring your own instruments and sit in during the finale! Info/directions: 703.525.3786 or www.prjc.org.

Pocono Waltz Weekend • Pocono Manor, PA Friday, March 7 - Sunday, March 9

Learn rotary waltz, cross-step waltz, tango, and other couple dances taught by Stanford University dance faculty member **Richard Powers**. At Pocono Manor, a century-old hotel, with beautiful, spacious ballroom. Meals in the Mountain View Dining Room are buffet-style for breakfast and lunch, plus four-course evening dinner. Enrollment limited to 80 dancers. \$100 for dance classes, additional charge for hotel stay and meals. **Info: poconowaltzweekend.org**

Instrument Petting Zoo • College Park, MD

Sunday, March 9 • 3 pm

College Park Arts Exchange invites you and your children to the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd for this hands-on experience! UM music ed. students will give each child a chance to make a sound on every instrument. Build your own wind instrument. Ages 3+, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration suggested, space is limited. Info: info@cpae. org or 301.927.3013.

25th Annual Pysanka Workshop • Washington, DC

Sunday, March 9 • noon - 5 pm

A one-day symposium devoted to the art of Ukrainian Easter Egg making. Symposium from noon to 5 pm, workshop from 2-5 pm (registration 1-2), led by **Jurij Dobczansky**. Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, 4250 Harewood Rd NE **Info:** 301.356.7695 or www.ucns-holyfamily.org/Events.html

Melody Writing Workshop • Alexandria, VA

Sunday, March 9 • 2-5 pm

Paul Reisler will conduct this participatory workshop for songwriters of all levels. Learn specific techniques which will help you create memorable melodies that support the emotion of your lyrics. \$35 for Focus and SAW members; \$40 non-members. Church of the Resurrection. 2280 North Beauregard St. Info: 703-380.3151

Orrin Star Mandolin Workshop • Cheverly, MD

Saturday, March 15 • noon - 2 pm

Cherokee Shuffle is a popular bluegrass fiddle tune which is relatively easy to learn and which, in our key-of-D arrangement, uses almost the full 2-octave range of the mandolin in 1st position. It also lends itself to select chordal swipes which make it sound full, even when played solo. Limited to 12 participants. \$40 includes tablature hand-out.

Info: 301.773.6149 or htt;://www.orrinstar.com/ Pages/MandoShops.html

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Upper Potomac Spring Music Weekend • Harpers Ferry, WV Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30

Workshops, classes, concert, an English country and ceilidh dance and sessions for players of all instruments in English traditions in a relaxed retreat setting at the Cliffside Inn in Harpers Ferry. Faculty features John Roberts teaching English Folksong, Peter Barnes, Mary Lea and Paul Oorts teaching English Dance Band and Jenny Coxon, Karen Ashbrook and Jody Marshall teaching hammered dulcimer. Info: www.dulcimerfest.org or call Joanie Blanton 304.263.2531 or email updf@earthlink.net

Arabic Percussion/Dance Workshops • Arlington, VA Saturday, April 26 • 10 am - 3 pm

Master percussionist **Souhail Kaspar** with oudist/violinist **Rachid Halihal** and special guests teach Doumbek Fundamentals (10 am-noon), Arabic Music Ensemble for instruments and voice (noon-2), and Rhythm and Movement for Dancers. \$50 per workshop. \$40 if you register and pay before 4/15. Register online at www.wmfolklifecenter.org

Spring Springar Spree • Washington, DC

Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4

The Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers' 3rd annual weekend of workshops and dance parties. Music by our own Loretta Kelley and special guest Paul Morrissett. Hallingspringar dance classes by Laine Harris and Jennifer Brosious. Bruce Emery will review Telespringar, and probably Valdresspringar. Come share the Joy of Springar! Info: Jenny Foster, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312.

International Herdeljezi Festival • Washington, DC

Saturday, May 17 • 7:30 pm

At the National Cathedral School, join the 2nd annual celebration of traditional and modern Rromani (Gypsy) dance and music. Free Pazar (bazaar). Workshops and classes during the day, evening dance party from 7:30 pm to midnight. Leaders include Reyhan Tuzsuz, Amy Luna Manderino, Sani Rafati, Steve and Susie Kotansky, Seido Salifoski, N. Scott Robinson, and Sidqi. Individual classes \$35; evening concert \$30 adults, \$25 students and seniors. Full day passes available. Info: www.wmfolklifecenter.org, kostana@ wmfolklifecenter.org, or 571.332.4865

Almost Heaven Dance Camp • High View, WV Friday, May 23 - Monday, May 26, 2008.

The Annapolis Traditional Dance Society invites you to another exciting weekend that is always enjoyable for families and adults. Almost Heaven Dance Camp, Memorial Day weekend, features *Wild Asparagus*, the *OpporTunists* and the *Avant Gardeners*. Becky Hill and George Marshall will call contras and more. The dance program will include contra, swing, tango, waltz, and other couples dances. The weekend also

features children's and family activities, swimming in the Olympic-size pool, late-night parties. Note our new location: We have moved to Timber Ridge Camp where the Cacapon River flows. **Info:** including registration materials, at **www.contradancers.com**, or **Marti Schweitzer**, **registrar**, **almostmarti@gmail.com** or **703.437.0766**.

Washington Folk Festival • Glen Echo, MD

Saturday, May 31 - Sunday, June 1 • noon to 7 pm Mark your calendar now for the 28th annual Washington Folk Festival, at Glen Echo Park. Seven stages featuring music, storytelling, dance, and crafts from all around Washington. Info: www.fsgw.org

Nordic Fiddles & Feet • Capon Bridge, WV

Saturday, June 28 - Saturday, July 5
This celebration of Swedish and Norwegian music and dance is still at Buffalo Gap Camp. Even if you don't know a Hambo from hambone, don't miss this chance to visit the place that's so dear to us. All live music. Scandinavian Dance Basics by Roo Lester and Larry Harding. Swedish dances from Föllinge with Berit Bertilsdotter and Petter Johansson. Valdres dances with Dag Hamre and Brit Berthelsen Totland. Fiddle, hardingfele, and nyckelharpa classes; Scandi craft and culture sessions; fabulous food; nightly dance parties. And ooh that sauna.... www.nordic-fiddlesandfeet.org or Meg at 865.522.0515.

Mountain Dulcimer Week • Winchester, VA

Sunday July 6 - Friday, July 11

Shenandoah University presents the 2nd Annual Mountain Dulcimer Week – a week-long event with workshops, jam sessions and two evening concerts. Nationally known performers and players of the Mountain Dulcimer including: Madeline MacNeil, Ralph Lee Smith, Janita Baker, Rob Brereton and Tull Glazener. Classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced. Info: jmille3@su.edu, 540.665.5442, Ralph at 703.435.7420 or www.ralphleesmith.com or visit www.su.edu/gce.

Augusta Dance Week • Elkins, WV

August 3-10

Augusta Heritage Center has moved dance week back to Week 5, the same week as Old Time and Vocal Week, in response to many requests (and even a petition) from dancers. This year features bands *Notorious* and *Avant Gardeners* playing for contras and squares by Carol Ormond and Cis Hinkle; Argentine tango, waltz and swing with Matthew Duveneck; hip-hop with Emily Oleson, clogging and body percussion with Matthew Olwell and Eileen Carson Schatz, and Shim-Sham, Motown and dancing "by ear" with Ann Kilkelly. Info: www.augustaheritage.com

Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events continued

SummerTunes 2008 • Frederick, MD

Saturday, August 23

Come join fiddler Andrea Hoag and pianist Liz Donaldson for the 2008 edition of SummerTunes. This informative and lighthearted all-day music workshop culminates with a full evening of performance at the MMFAC contradance in Frederick, MD (with caller Ann Fallon). Info: liz@us.net or 301.986.1291

FootFall Dance Weekend • High View, WV

Friday, September 5 • Sunday, September 7

Bring your shades, because regardless of the temperature, FootFall 2008 is going to be one hot weekend! This year's featured performers are *The Hotpoint Stringband* (make 'em go "woo"!) and the brassy and dynamic *Elixir*, with exhilarating callers *Kathy Anderson* and *Nils Fredland*. Contra, squares, waltz with *Gaye Fifer and Wayne Albright*, air-conditioned

cabins, Saturday night chocolate chip pancake stampede, refreshing swimming pool, and much more. **Info:** www.footfalldance.com or Registrar Jerry Blum at 703.978.2774.

Takoma Park Folk Festival • Takoma Park, MD

and community booths.

Applications are now being accepted for the 31st annual Takoma Park Folk Festival. Each of the seven stages features a different type of music or dance. Apply using the online form at www.tpff.org; application deadline is May 15; decisions will be made by June 15. TPFF is free and family-friendly; all organizers are volunteers, and performers are not paid. In addition to performances by folksingers in a variety of traditions, singer/songwriters, international musicians, children's performers, and dancers, TPFF features a crafts show, kids' games,



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On the weekend of May 31/ June 1, FSGW's WFF needs help with stage crews, information booths, parking, food service, trash patrols, theater ushers, volunteer and performer check-in, and more.

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Priving & Mass Transit Pirections to Frequent Venues:

Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street, NW, Washington DC

Just south of the corner of Kalmia Road, NW about 4 blocks inside the District from the Maryland line, close to the Silver Spring metro stop.

By Car: From I-495, take the MD 97/Georgia Avenue--South Exit 31(B). Once on Georgia Avenue, go 0.5 miles South of the Beltway, stay in the right hand lane and follow these lanes onto 16th St. Follow 16th St. about a mile, go around the circle at the District line, and continue another half-mile through two traffic lights. Look for the Ethical Society, the second building on your right after the light at Kalmia Rd. Parking on the street. Kalmia Road is less heavily trafficked than 16th Street.

By Metro: Red Line to Silver Spring. Exit and walk southwest on Colesville Road two blocks to the traffic circle; cross 16th Street, then walk south 4 blocks on 16th Street to the Washington Ethical Society, #7750, the second building on the right after Kalmia Road, NW. If you'd rather not walk, an S-4 Metrobus will deliver you to the corner of Kalmia Rd.

Glen Echo Park, MD • Spanish Ballroom/Bumper Car Pavilion 7300 MacArthur Blvd. At Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo, MD

The Bumper Car Pavilion is located just past and to the right of the Carousel. The Spanish Ballroom is to the right of the Bumper Car Pavilion.

From the Beltway:

Maryland Side: at 2-lane Exit 40 take the left fork for the Cabin John Parkway. Where Cabin John merges with the Clara Barton Parkway, move into the left lane, under the overhang.

Virginia side: Get into the far right hand lane at the top of the bridge. At the first fork, bear right. Stay in the left lane; watch for Cabin John traffic merging from the right at the overhang.

MD&VA: Watch for signs to MacArthur Blvd. Make a very sharp hairpin turn and move immediately into the right lane. At the T intersection/stop sign, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. The Upper parking lot is on the left. For the lower parking lot, go around the small traffic circle and make the first left onto Oxford St.

By Public Transportation: Take the #29 Bus from the Friendship Heights Metro Station. Ask the driver to let you know when to get off for Glen Echo Park. The bus stops running before the last dance ends. Ask the dance coordinator to announce that you need a ride. We've never left anybody at the Park. Last bus leaves Friendship Heights Metro at 7:30 pm.

Glen Echo Town Hall 6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD:

Same as for Glen Echo Park, save that Harvard Street is the THIRD left off of MacArthur Blvd. After the traffic circle.

*Please Note: Park in the lot behind the hall, on University Drive, or on the east side of MacArthur Blvd, NOT on Harvard St.

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