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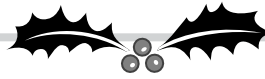
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FSGW Special Event



Silver Spring, MD

# Nowell Sing We Clear

Saturday afternoon, December 20 at 3 pm  
at Church of the Ascension

633 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Each winter since the mid-1970s, **John Roberts** and **Tony Barrand** have assembled a fresh production of *Nowell Sing We Clear*, a “pageant of mid-winter carols.” With unaccompanied song, tight harmonies, familiar carols, morris and New England dance tunes, recitations, and old mummers’ plays, they’ll take us back to a time before commercialized holidays, when families and friends in towns and villages across the British Isles, New England and Appalachia retold the Christmas story, shared age-old customs of the winter solstice and welcomed the New Year.

The high-energy and family-friendly entertainment features vocal solos and duets by Roberts and Barrand, joined by popular New England dance musicians and callers **Fred Breunig** and **Andy Davis**. This year’s show includes a Kentucky Mummer’s play, some recently written carols, and several old songs. Songsheets will be provided to encourage participation. And if you listen closely, you may hear some of the topical references that always seem to find their way into the show.

Four hearty voices, with fiddle, button accordion, piano, drum and concertina, will combine to lighten your hearts, lift the darkness of winter and focus your thoughts on the longer, brighter days to come and the ephemeral greening of spring.

*Nowell Sing We Clear* CDs, including the new *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell*, will be available for purchase. To add to the holiday spirit of this Special Event, festive munchies will be available at intermission.

**General admission is \$25, FSGW \$22, \$10 for students to age 22. For further information or to buy online (no service charge), go to [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org), or call Marty at 703.354.6460.**

Free parking is available in the elementary school lot across the street at the back of the church on Silver Spring Ave. (You can enter the church from the back also). Street parking around the church is also available. The Church is an eight-block-walk (LONG blocks) from the Silver Spring Metro.





# FSGW Sunday Night Dances

at Glen Echo Park, MD • (Directions, page 19)

**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 basic moves**, and check out YouTube instructional videos as well (see below). Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. All dances are in the non-climate-controlled Ballroom this month, so as the weather gets colder, dress 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**.

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

## December

- 7 Crowfoot** (Jaige Trudel on fiddle, Nicholas Williams on flute and accordion, and Adam Broome on guitar) will send your feet flying to their energetic and mesmerizing music. Our caller this evening is Asheville's **Adina Gordon**. Don't miss this one!
- 14** A cold wind might be blowing down the Clara Barton Parkway, but the Ballroom will be full of hot music, courtesy of **The Morrison Brothers Band** (with **Owen, Jim, and Will Morrison**). **Susan Hankin**, a fine caller from Pennsylvania, will keep your tootsies twinkling.
- 21** It's the longest night of the year!! Celebrate the Solstice with **Colin Hume** (on tour from the land of Druids and Stonehenge). He'll be calling an interesting mix of dances to wonderful music by the seasonally appropriate **Some Assembly** (**Joe Klausner** on fiddle and mandolin, **Mary Flora** on winds, **Paul Miller** on guitar and bodhran, and **Donna Boylan** on piano). Put down those incomprehensible instructions and come dance!
- 28** We started the month with Crowfoot, and we're ending it with crowing. **A. P. And The Banty Roosters** will help us say goodbye to 2008 – **Andy Porter** on fiddle, **Joe Langley** on mandolin and guitar, **Mark Lynch** on banjo and **Art Abrams** on the bass will keep us awake with their fabulous music, with calling by our very own **Janine Smith**, a hot chick caller.
- 31** Ring in New Year's Eve with a special contra dance. Pre-registration required; no walk-ins. Dust off that tiara and air out the tux – contras, squares and waltzes to music by **The Familiars**, featuring **Alexander Mitchell** on fiddle, **Jonathan Jensen** on piano, and **Henry Koretzky** on guitar, with caller **Laura Brown**. Paint Branch UU Church, Powder Mill Road in Adelphi, MD. FSGW Member \$30; non-members \$36. Info: <http://ceimd.com/php/public.php?Org=fsgw&ProgramID=26&NoTitle=1>



## On the Web:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5\\_NxcNq5cQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5_NxcNq5cQ) Floorplay at Glen Echo August 15 2008  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0K5ajb4Ae8o> Contranella in the Bumper Car Pavilion March 30, 2008  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1o7tdtHZyE&feature=related> "Contra Dance Training."  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrcKrr\\_SusY&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrcKrr_SusY&feature=related) "Hidden Secrets of the Contra Elite."

# Debra Cowan

*exceptional interpreter of traditional  
and contemporary songs*

*Saturday, December 13 \* 8 pm*

Debra Cowan is an exceptional interpreter of traditional and contemporary songs, using that ability to communicate the story within the song. Her rich voice conjures images of stony grey Celtic castles, green and rolling English landscapes, and gritty American urban streets. Debra can cast a spell with a woeful traditional ballad of love gone wrong, and then immediately reduce the audience to tears of laughter with an outrageous comic song. Her concern for social justice and equality is reflected in her song choices, as she may include songs describing life in the jute mills of Scotland or the meat-packing plants of the USA

\$15 suggested donation—more if you wish; all proceeds go to the performer. **Info: 301.776.4314.** Seats are held until 10-minutes before the concert. The Cooks are in West Laurel, MD, between I-95 and US29, north of MD198.



## Hot Line Goes Cold



Because timely information is now available on our website, and because events listed in the Newsletter now include websites, email addresses, and telephone numbers, the FSGW Board has voted to discontinue its hotline service as of January 1, 2009. This will save FSGW roughly \$25 per month in costs.



## 27th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend!

**April 3-5, 2009 at Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD (15 minutes south of Annapolis)**



Featuring: Lisa Greenleaf, Kathy Anderson, *The Latter Day Lizards*, *I-95 Breakdown*, and (by very popular demand) the music and dance of Quebec with *Réveillons!* For ALL the details visit [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org) and click on Chesapeake. If you get your registration in before January 1st you are guaranteed immediate admission to the weekend and that's that. **NO** lottery as in years past. After January 1st, there will (probably) be a pesky waiting list, so act **now** to avoid disappointment!

On line registration is available again this year. FSGW Members \$235 – \$215 for applications postmarked or accepted online before 2/8/09. Non-members \$250. **Kitchen Scholarships** (a discount of \$50 off your registration fee) in exchange for only 4 hours in the kitchen, not 6 hours as in the past. **YOUTH Scholarships** – \$150 for dancers 13-25 years of age!

## FSGW English Country Dances at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD Wednesdays • 8 to 10 pm



Admission: \$8 for FSGW members,  
\$10 for non-members.

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, Page 19). 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](mailto:English@fsgw.org)

### December

- 3 **Melissa Running** calls to music by **Julie Gorka** (piano), **Becky Ross** (fiddle), and **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon).
- 10 **Tom Spilsbury** leads the dances to music by **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Rhonda Hotop** (fiddle) and **Dan Gillespie** (recorders).
- 17 **Stephanie Smith** calls to tunes by **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **David Knight** (fiddle) and **Susan Brandt** (flute).
- 24 *No dance*
- 31 **Special New Year's Eve Dance**. Dancing from 8:30-12:30. Potluck desserts and fruit, midnight champagne toast. Preregistration required. FSGW members \$28; non-members \$30. (\$3 off if you register by Dec. 14.) **Judi Rivkin** calls to music by **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Becky Ross** (fiddle) and **Colleen Reed** (flute). At historic Adelphi Mill, 8401 Riggs Road. **More info at [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org), or call 301.577.5018 or 301.585.7750.**

### On the Web:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwiZhHGa2tA> Barbarini's Tambourine "Football style".
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiXgPRPCF-c&feature=related> Fandango
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6STcWFqQXY> Lull Me Beyond Thee



## Family Dance Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, Page 19) December 14 • 3-5 pm

Bring your family to Glen Echo Town Hall for a delightful afternoon of dances for all ages, led by **Janine Smith** calling to music by the **Morrison Brothers Band**. Admission is only \$5 per person (age 4 and up) for an entire afternoon. This is a great activity for holiday parties and family reunions. More information at [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org)

## FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

### FSGW Open Sing • Edgewater, MD Saturday, December 6 • 8:30 pm

This month's Open Sing is on Saturday, at the home of **Michele and Dennis Callaghan** in Edgewater, MD. The topic is "Old and New" to mark the end of the old year, and the beginning of 2009. **For directions and more info: 410.956.2266 or 240.305.4263.**

### FSGW Storyswap • Chevy Chase, MD Saturday, December 6 • 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Ellouise Schoettler** in Chevy Chase for an evening of shared holiday (or other!) Stories and potluck snacks. Free. Call **301.951.1213** for info/directions and to RSVP.

### FSGW Gospel Sing • Washington, DC Sunday, December 14 • 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 December Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Bill Thompson and Ann Herzog**. **Info/directions: 202.797.9259.**

### FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Thursday, January 1, 2009 • 7-8 pm

Sing in the New Year with some fine old songs at the annual New Year's Day Sacred Harp Singing. Start-

ing at 3 pm, singers from around the region will join in unaccompanied four-part harmony on the hymns, spirituals, and fugues in the 1991 edition of the original *Sacred Harp* and the 1958 *Christian Harmony* songbooks (loaner books always available). Original shape-note pieces or songs from other tunebooks (such as *American Christmas Harp*) are also welcome. There will be four hours of singing, with a break for supper. Please bring your heart, your voice, and a dish to share. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. Please note that this special sing takes the place of our usual 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday singing; the regular schedule resumes January 25. All are welcome **Info: 301.229.8534.**

**Directions:** St. Peter's is 0.5 miles south of Chain Bridge, on the west side of Glebe Road (coming from Washington, on your right; from Virginia, on your left.) The church is not visible from Glebe Rd. but its sign is. Turn on Tazewell St. to reach the parking lot.

### Co-Sponsored Event

### Glen Echo International Folkdancers • Glen Echo, Md

Thursdays, 7:30-10:45 pm

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**

## FSGW Midwinter Festival Takoma Park, MD Saturday, February 7 • noon-10:30 pm

Planning is underway for FSGW's annual one-day indoor folk festival extravaganza, to be held at the Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road. This year's emphasis is on all things Irish, and will include an evening celebration (7:30-10:30 pm) of Irish instrumental music, song, and dancing. At press time, plans also include an all-day contra dance (noon to 6 pm, with waltz from 6 to 7:30 pm, and more contra from 7:30-10:30 pm); six hours of other dance styles (English Country Dance with Anna Rain, a Family Dance called by Susan Taylor, Eastern Squares by Janine Smith, Irish Set dancing, Irish step dancing, and International Dance led by Jamie Platt), storytelling, Sacred Harp and gospel singing, a whole day's worth of bluegrass, a repeat of last year's doo-wop workshop and more. The Instrument Petting Zoo will be back (everything from autoharps to zithers), and so will the Morris Dancers.

Watch the website for more details and a schedule. Ticket prices are expected to be the same as last year

#### Day plus evening (noon to 10:30 pm)

FSGW Adult Member \$14 FSGW Child (6-12) \$6 FSGW Family Maximum \$43  
Non-FSGW Adult \$18 Non-FSGW Child (6-12) \$8 Non-FSGW Family Max \$55

#### Day (noon to 6 ONLY) or Evening (6 to 10:30 ONLY)

FSGW Adult Member \$8 FSGW Child (6-12) \$4 FSGW Family Maximum \$25  
Non-FSGW Adult \$12 Non-FSGW Child (6-12) \$5 Non-FSGW Family Max \$37

## Cliff Notes

If you've lost track of **Traditions**, **Mary Cliff's** folk music program, there are now two entirely different shows, both of which air each Saturday.

The afternoon show (2 pm-6 pm) is part of the "roots and branches" block of Bluegrass Country. To hear the afternoon show, go to [www.bluegrasscountry.org](http://www.bluegrasscountry.org), or tune your HD radio tuner to WAMU 88.5 HD channel 2, or if you are in Reston, Great Falls, Potomac, Bethesda, or Glen Echo, tune your radio dial (if your radio still has a dial) to 105.5 FM.

The late night program begins Saturday night at 11 pm and runs until 1 am Sunday morning over WAMU 88.5, and also streams on the internet at [www.wamu.org](http://www.wamu.org).

Both of these fine programs contain Mary Cliff's unique and charming mix of traditional song, bluegrass, blues, ethnic, singer/songwriters, topical songs, and the occasional 60s flashback. This show usually features recordings by artists who will be performing in the Greater Washington area within that week. The website with the "who's wheres" can be found at [www.marycliff.net](http://www.marycliff.net).

## Updates to your "My Menu" page

How to "opt in" for "no hard copy" of the Newsletter and ballot. • How to "opt in" for interest categories. How to "opt out."

According to webmaster Dennis Cook, the Member checkboxes for electronic delivery of the Newsletter, for electronic delivery of next year's FSGW ballot, for interest categories, and for "no email contact" are now available on our website.

Here is the How-To, according to Dennis:

Point your browser to [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org) • Click on the "Members Page" link at the top. • Login, using the last-name and ID shown on your newsletter label. • Click the [MY MENU] button on the Members' Menu line. • Click the [My Mail] button • Check the boxes you want, and click the [Click to Save Changes] button.

## Highlights of FSGW Board Meeting • November 2008 (November 11, 2008)

- The annual fundraising letter is being drafted by VP **Mary Cliff** to be sent in late November/early December. Requests will be for donations to the general fund or for specific FSGW programs.
- Discussion regarding joining the Cultural Alliance, an organization which provides resources such as marketing and accounting assistance to arts groups. Membership is \$7y00 per year, which the budget does not cover. The Board will reconsider this in early 209.
- Treasurer **Dennis Cook** reports that FSGW investments are down \$87000, or nearly one-fourth of principal.
- The FSGW Hotline will be discontinued as of January 1. The cost of maintaining the phone line would be better spent elsewhere, and contact information for each program, including both telephone numbers and email addresses, is available in the Newsletter and on the FSGW website.
- **Betsy Platt** asked FSGW to co-sponsor an Inaugural Ball on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Tentative approval, pending verification of venue and performers.

### FSGW Board 2007-2008

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### FSGW Board Meeting Tuesday, December 2 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 304 Arcade Bldg 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.

## Mark your calendars So You Don't Miss Any of these Upcoming FSGW Events!

This is the current listing of upcoming FSGW events – mark your calendars *in pencil* as dates, times, and locations (and even performers) are subject to change.

FSGW requests a \$5 donation from FSGW members who attend monthly events, to help offset the increased costs of these events.

### 2009 - January

Date	Day	Performer	Location
17	Sat	FLORY JAGODA AND ENSEMBLE	Monthly program w/co-sponsor

### February

Date	Day	Performer	Location
7	Sat	FSGW MIDWINTER FESTIVAL	Takoma Park Middle School, Takoma Park, MD
13	Fri	BALKAN CELEBRATION: SLAVEYA & LYUTI CHUSKI	WES - monthly program, Washington, DC
28	Sat	JOE STEAD	House concert - Cooks, Laurel, MD

### March

Date	Day	Performer	Location
1	Sun	SPARKY AND RHONDA RUCKER	WES - monthly program, Washington, DC

### April

Date	Day	Performer	Location
3-5	Fri-Sun	CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND	Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD
4-5	Sat-Sun	POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP CONVENTION	Great Falls Grange
24	Fri	RUMISONKO — TRADITIONAL ANDEAN MUSIC	WES - monthly program, Washington, DC

### May

Date	Day	Performer	Location
2	Sat	IRISH EVENING	WES - monthly program, Washington, DC
15	Sat	WASHINGTON SPRING BALL	Location TBA
30-31	Sat/Su	WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL	Glen Echo Park, MD

## Needed: A Few Generous Angels

FSGW presents traditional music and dance to a general public that's forced to stretch its arts and entertainment dollars because of the recent ups and downs (mostly downs) of the economy. We need to stretch our own organizational dollars, too. So, following the lead of many other non-profit groups, FSGW is actively seeking individuals and businesses to make tax-deductible contributions of \$100 or more to support the general work of the Society, or to create one or more funds dedicated to specific types of events – a fund for Irish programs, or for blues, for Jewish events, or for songwriters' appearances, for Balkan concerts, or for flamenco. What about a fund to present National Heritage Fellows in concert, or to produce events in very public places, where we could spread the word about FSGW's work? You get the idea. We're looking for *angels* to help present the finest folk talent, the best dance band, the most unusual workshop. FSGW has two dedicated funds already: the David Olive & Linda Lieberman Memorial Fund (providing Getaway scholarships) and the Jonathan Eberhart Memorial Fund (for an annual concert). Think about it. If you or your business – law firm, real estate agency, restaurant, employment agency, whatever – is in a position to make a tax-deductible donation to FSGW, we'd like to hear from you. We'll thank you or your business publicly (unless you'd rather be anonymous) at the event, in the Newsletter, and online. If you'd like to help FSGW, please contact FSGW Vice President Mary Cliff at VicePresident@fsgw.org to discuss your ideas and take the first steps toward becoming an FSGW Angel.

## Concerts & Concert Series

**Celtic Holiday Concert • Alexandria, VA**  
*Saturday, December 6 • 7:30 pm*

A delightful evening of Celtic and Christmas music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Rd. with **Maggie Sansone** on hammered dulcimer, Irish singer **Pat Egan**, **Sue Richards** on Celtic harp and **Laura Byrne** on Irish flute. \$18 adults; \$10 seniors and students; \$5 under 13. **Info: 703.765.4342. Or [www.saintlukeschurch.net](http://www.saintlukeschurch.net)**

**Ralph Stanley • Alexandria, VA**  
*Saturday, December 6 • 7:30 pm*

**Ralph Stanley** plus **The Clinch Mountain Boys** at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$35. **Info: 703.549.7500 or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com)**

**Banjo to Hip Hop Jubilation • Silver Spring, MD**  
*Saturday, December 6, 2008 • 1 pm*

**Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer's** annual family concert this year features **Christylez Bacon**, DC's hip-hop sensation in a fresh new show for kids and families. Presented by Institute of Musical Traditions. Bring a new toy to contribute to the Toy Drive. At Eastern Intermediate School, 300 University Blvd East. Tickets \$10 adv/\$12 door. **Info: [www.intfolk.org/holiday](http://www.intfolk.org/holiday), or 301.754.3611.**

**Celtic Holiday Concert • Owensville, MD**  
*Sunday, December 7 • 4 pm and 7 pm*

A one-hour concert in the historic Christ Episcopal Church, 220 Owensville Road (limited seating). **Maggie Sansone** on hammered dulcimer, Irish singer **Pat Egan**, **Sue Richards** on Celtic harp and **Laura Byrne** on Irish flute. \$15 adults; \$7 children. **Info: 410.867.0346 or [Christchurchwr@aol.com](mailto:Christchurchwr@aol.com), or [www.christchurchwestriver.org](http://www.christchurchwestriver.org)**

**Fynesound Annual Benefit Concert • Falls Church, VA**  
*Sunday, December 7 • 7:30 pm*

**Fynesound**, (**Sharon Knowles**, **John Knowles**, **Karin Loya**, and **Linda Rice-Johnston**) perform season favorites at Knox Presbyterian Church, donations to benefit NCA Alzheimer's Association. **Info: 703.560.5288 or [www.fynesound.com](http://www.fynesound.com).**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Solstice Concert • Baltimore, MD**  
*Saturday, December 20 • 3:30 pm and 8 pm*

Baltimore-based **Helicon** presents this year's Winter Solstice concert at the Kraushaar Auditorium, Gaucher College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road. **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer, fiddle), **Chris Norman** (flutes, whistles, pipes) and **Robin Bullock** (guitar, cittern, piano) present a repertoire of traditional folk music from Appalachia, Israel, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Africa, the Far East, Ireland, Scotland, and more. Tickets \$28 door, \$25 in advance; group rates available. **Info/ticket**

purchase at [222.kenkolodner.com](http://222.kenkolodner.com) or 410.243.7254. Directions to the campus at [www.goucher.edu/about/](http://www.goucher.edu/about/)

**Human Rights Concert • Washington, DC**  
*Saturday, December 20 • 7:30 pm*

**Magpie** will be featured at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hanukah Human Rights Concert and Fair at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 16<sup>th</sup> and Juniper St NW. Tickets \$20, students \$10. **Info: [info@am-kolel.org](mailto:info@am-kolel.org) or [www.am-kolel.org](http://www.am-kolel.org)**

**Hank Williams Tribute • Alexandria, VA**  
*Saturday, December 27 • 7:30 pm*

**Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer**, **Bill Kirchen**, **Robin & Linda Williams & Their Fine Group** at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$29.50. **Info: 703.549.7500 or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com)**

**Blue Grass New Year's Eve • Alexandria, VA**  
*Wednesday, December 31 • 7:30 pm*

**The Seldom Scene**, **Good Deale Bluegrass Band** with **Mike Auldridge**, **Moondi Klein** and **Jimmy Gaudreau** at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$39.50 **Info: 703.549.7500 or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com)**

**Celtic New Year's Day Concert • Annapolis, MD**  
*Thursday, January 1 • 7 pm*

Welcome the New Year at the Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St, with **Maggie Sansone** on hammered dulcimer, Irish singer **Pat Egan**, **Sue Richards** on Celtic harp, **Laura Byrne-Egan** on Irish flute, **Jim Eagan** on fiddle, and Irish dancer **Shannon Dunne**. **Info: 410.268.4545 or [www.ramsheadonstage.com](http://www.ramsheadonstage.com)**

**Kennedy Center Millennium Stage • Washington, DC**  
*Sunday, January 4 • 6 pm*

**Doris Justis** and **Sean McGhee** celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year with this free concert. Take Metro to the Foggy Bottom Metro stop and look for the shuttle bus to the Kennedy Center. Open seating. **Info: 202.467.4600, [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org), or [www.dorisjustis.com](http://www.dorisjustis.com)**

————— Concert Series, listed by day of the week —————

————— Sundays —————

**Focus Inn Alexandria • Alexandria, VA**

Next show is January 11<sup>th</sup>. Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. 7 pm; admission \$12 members, \$15 non-members. More info: 703.501.6061, [kay@focusmusic.org](mailto:kay@focusmusic.org) or [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org)

*Concerts & Concert Series continued*

**Baldwin's Station • Sykesville, MD**

Special Sunday show. 7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD. Shows begin at 8. Ticket prices vary. \$2 service charge on credit card orders, \$1 service charge for cash or checks. Info: 410.795.1041, [www.uptownconcerts.com](http://www.uptownconcerts.com), or [uptownconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:uptownconcerts@gmail.com)

**December**

- 7 *The Hard Travelers Christmas Concert* \$22

**Mondays**

**Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD**

Saint Mark's Presbyterian, 10701 Old Georgetown, Rockville, MD 20852. Shows begin at 7:30. More info: 301.754.3611 or [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org)

**December**

- 1 *Mosaic Harmony Choir Benefit* (\$15 adv / \$20 door)
- 8 *Al Petteway, Amy White & Robin Bullock* (\$17 adv / \$22 door) – Celtic Yule
- 15 *Bruce Sagan, Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley & Charlie Pilzer* (\$15 adv / \$20 door) – a Scandinavian Christmas

**Tuesdays**

**Folk Club of Reston-Herndon**

Next show is January 27<sup>th</sup> Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year. Doors open at 6, open mic at 7:15. Info/directions: 703.435.2402, [clubacoustic@cox.net](mailto:clubacoustic@cox.net) or [www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com](http://www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com). Non-smoking venue, door opens at 6. Info/directions: 703.435.2402, [clubacoustic@cox.net](mailto:clubacoustic@cox.net), or [www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com](http://www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com). \$16, \$15 for Folk Club members.

**Wednesdays**

**Focus Rockville • Rockville, MD**

Focus Inn presents bi-monthly concerts, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:focusrockville@earthlink.net), 301.275.7459, or [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org)

**December**

- 10 *Greg Klyma and Hannah Spiro*
- 24 *Dark* (Happy Holidays!)

**Thursdays**

**Baldwin's Station • Sykesville, MD**

7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD. Shows begin at 8. Ticket prices vary. \$2 service charge on credit card orders, \$1 service charge for cash or checks. Info: 410.795.1041, [www.uptownconcerts.com](http://www.uptownconcerts.com), or [uptownconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:uptownconcerts@gmail.com)

**December**

- 4 *Mac Walter* \$16

- 7 *Special Sunday concert* – see above.
- 18 *A Connemara Christmas* \$20

**Fridays**

**IMT "Next to the House" Concerts • Takoma Park, MD**

Contradiction Dance Studio, 7014 Westmoreland Ave, features emerging artists in an intimate and informal setting. \$12 at the door.

**December**

- 5 *Gregory Allen Isakov*

**Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD**

In the basement of Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Road. Show begins at 8. \$20. Info: 410.521.9099 or [www.uptownconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:www.uptownconcerts@gmail.com)

**December**

- 5 *Al Petteway, Amy White & Robin Bullock*
- 12 *Celtic Christmas* with Maggie Sansone, Pat Egan, Laura Byrne Egan, Jim Eagan, Matt Bell and Irish dancers.

**Potter's House Benefit Concerts • Washington, DC**

Potter's House, 1658 Columbia Rd NW, easy Metro access and off street parking available. Info: 202.232.5483 or [www.PottersHouseDC.org](http://www.PottersHouseDC.org)

**December**

- 5 *Perry King & Bronson Hoover*
- 12 *Joe Shade & Friends*
- 19 *Open mic* – music and poetry,




**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 smoke- and alcohol-free environment. Doors open at 7:30, concert at 8. Admission \$10, \$8 for Seniors/students. Info: 443.786.0463 or [www.fsgw.org/333/](http://www.fsgw.org/333/)

**December**

- 19 *Jennifer Cutting's Oceans Quartette*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><i>I heard a bird sing In the dark of December A magical thing and sweet to remember. 'We are nearer to Spring than we were in September,' I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.</i></p> <p>Oliver Herford, <i>I Heard a Bird Sing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">1</p> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Bethesda International Dance 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 7:30 IMT Concert Series Mosaic Harmony Choir Benefit 8 Baltimore English Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">2</p> <p>7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Dance 8 Arlington International Folk Dance 8 Sea Chanteys/Wheaton <b>8 FSGW BOARD MEETING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">3</p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Dance 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>7 F 7:30 C 7:45 A 8 M 8 F 8 B</p>
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<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">14</p> <p>9 am Annapolis Jam 2 pm CABOMA Jam <b>3 FSGW FAMILY DANCE</b> <b>JANINE SMITH</b> <b>w/MORRISON BROTHERS</b> 3 Hot Dance Glen Echo 4 Footworks Performance <b>4 FSGW GOSPEL SING</b> <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE</b> <b>SUSAN HANKIN</b> <b>w/MORRISON BROTHERS</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">15</p> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Bethesda International Dance 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 7:30 IMT Concert Series Bruce Sagan, Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley &amp; Charlie Pilzer – a Scandinavian Christmas 8 Baltimore English Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">16</p> <p>7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Dance 8 Arlington International Folk Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">17</p> <p>7 Arlington Jam 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Sea Chanteys/Annapolis 8 Alexandria Scottish Dance 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>7 F 7:30 G 7:30 C 7:45 A 8 M 8 F 8 B</p>
<p><i>First Night of Chanukah</i> <span style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">21</span></p> <p>9 am Annapolis Jam 1:30 Hammer Dulcimer Jam 3 Glen Echo Waltz <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE</b> <b>COLIN HUME</b> <b>w/SOME ASSEMBLY</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">22</p> <p>7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 Baltimore English Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Dance</p> 	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">23</p> <p>7 Sea Chanteys/Falls Church 7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Dance 8 Arlington International Folk Dance</p> 	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 1.5em;"><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p> <p style="color: green; font-style: italic;">Many regularly scheduled activities will be cancelled.</p> 	<p>C Ma act</p>
<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">28</p> <p>9 am Annapolis Jam 2 pm CABOMA Jam 3 Zydeco/Cajun Dance <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE</b> <b>JANINE SMITH</b> <b>w/AP &amp; THE BANTY ROOSTERS</b></p> 	<p><i>Last Night of Chanukah</i> <span style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">29</span></p> <p>7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 Baltimore English Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Dance</p> 	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">30</p> <p>7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Dance 8 Arlington International Folk Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 2em;">31</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 1.5em;"><b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b></p> <p style="color: green; font-style: italic;">Many regularly scheduled activities will be cancelled.</p> <p><b>7:30 FSGW NEW YEAR'S EVE ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> <b>8 FSGW NEW YEAR'S EVE CONTRA DANCE</b> 9 GWCC New Year's Eve Ceili</p>	<p>T Ma act 3 FSG SAC 7 Celti</p>

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<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  <i>any regularly scheduled activities will be cancelled.</i></p> 	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8 Potter's House Open Mic                      8 Harrisburg Contra Dance                      8:15 Greenbelt International Folk Dance                      8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance</p> 	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10 am Bataala Percussion                      8 Frederick Contra Dance</p> 
<p><b>JANUARY 1, 2009</b>  <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  <i>any regularly scheduled activities will be cancelled.</i></p> <p><b>FSGW NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  <b>RED HARP SINGING</b>                      New Year's Day Concert</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 2008</b></p>		

**FSGW Advance Notice**

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**February 7, 2009**  
**ANNUAL MINI-FEST**  
 Takoma Park Middle School  
 Takoma Park, MD

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**April 3-5, 2009**  
**27TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE**  
**DANCE WEEKEND**  
 Camp Letts  
 Edgewater, MD

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**April 4 and 5, 2009**  
**POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP**  
**CONVENTION**

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**May 30 & 31, 2009**  
**29TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON**  
**FOLK FESTIVAL**  
 Glen Echo Park, MD

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**October 2-5, 2009**  
**45TH ANNUAL GETAWAY**  
 West River Retreat Center  
 West River, MD



## Dances

Plans are being made for an **Inaugural Dance**, to be held at the Glen Echo Ballroom on **Tuesday, January 20, 2009**, co-sponsored by World Music & Dance Institute and FSGW. Details will be available on the web and in the January issue of the *Newsletter*.

### Community/Family

#### THE FSGW FAMILY DANCE IS LISTED ON PAGE 4.

**Dance and Potluck • Galesville, MD**  
*Saturday, December 6 • 5:45-10 pm*

Live music by **Leah Weiss, Gary Wright, and Friends**, with squares, longways dances, and circle dances called by **Janine Smith**. All ages welcome. No partner, experience, or lessons necessary. Potluck from 5:45 to 7. Dance from 7-10. Adults \$10, Age 10-18 \$5, under 10 free. **Info: 301.926.9142.**

**BFMS Family Dance • Pikesville, MD**  
*Saturday, December 13 • 5-6:30 pm*

**Ridge Kennedy** calls to **Ladies in the Parlor**. Special holiday dance at St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South. Potluck dinner after the dance – 6:30-7:30. Group discounts for youth groups, Scout troops, church groups, home schooling communities (12 or more). \$5 for BFMS members and affiliates; \$7 non-members. Family max \$20 members, \$28 non-members. **Info: Diane at 410.321.8419, or matchmaker2@comcast.net**

### Contra

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.** Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. \$8 Members/\$12 Non-members, \$3 discount to students w/ID.

#### December

- 3 Caller **Tori Barone**, music by **The Avant Gardeners**
- 10 Caller **Rick Mohr** to **The Contraptions**
- 17 Caller **Colin Hume** calls to **Rocket Surgery**
- 24 No dance
- 31 No dance

#### 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. New dancer introductory class every week at 7:30. \$9 per person. To play for or call a dance, contact [fndgigs@petml.com](mailto:fndgigs@petml.com). For general information, visit [www.fridaynightdance.org](http://www.fridaynightdance.org)

#### December

- 5 Caller **Adina Gordon** with **Crowfoot**
- 12 Caller **Susan Taylor** with the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**
- 19 Caller **Janine Smith** with **The Morrison Brothers**
- 26 Caller **TBA** with **AP & The Banty Roosters**

**Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Members \$8; Non-members \$9; Students \$4. **Info: www.harrisburgcontra.org**

#### Saturdays

**Elverson Dance • Elverson, Pa**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays • 7:30-10:30 pm*

December 6 **Liz Bradley** and **Late for Supper**. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 61 Morningside Drive (3 miles east of downtown Elverson) \$8, \$5 students/seniors. New dancers welcome. Soft-soled shoes, bring a snack to share at the break. Smoke free, alcohol free. Beginners' lesson at 7. Children must be chaperoned. **Info: Nancy Katzen, 610.780.5667 or elversoncontra.org**

**Shepherdstown Dance • Shepherdstown, WV**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays • 7:30-11 pm*

December 6, **Adina Gordon** calling to **Crowfoot**. War Memorial Building, corner of German and King Sts. **This month, holiday potluck dinner at 6 pm.** \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$4 for dancers under 12. Beginners workshop at 7:30, dance at 8. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes. Snacks at the break. **Info: smad.us or call Jeanne Marie at 304.263.8323 or Becky at 304.876.2169**

*Dances continued***Baltimore Dance • Pikesville, MD***2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays • 6:30-11 pm*

December 13, **Ridge Kennedy** calls to *Ladies in the Parlor* – a special holiday dance at St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. Potluck dinner 6:30-7:30; new dancer orientation 7:35-7:55 pm. Contrás and squares from 8 to 11. \$8 BFMS and affiliates/\$12 Non-members. Students \$5 members, \$6 non-members. Info: Diane Friedman at [matchmaker2@comcast.net](mailto:matchmaker2@comcast.net), or 410.321.8419, or [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org)

**SMTMD Dance • California, MD***2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays • 7-10 pm*

Next dance January 11 at St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall, St. Andrew's Church Rd (MD Rte 4). Beginners instruction at 7, dance from 7:30-10. Wear floor-friendly non-scuffing shoes. \$6 for SMTMD member, \$8 for non-members. 12 and under free. Info: [www.smtmd.org](http://www.smtmd.org) or 301.769.4762.

**Annapolis Traditional Dance • Annapolis, MD***3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays • 7 pm*

December 20, **Michael Barraclough** with *Mortal Wombat*. Free introductory session at 6:30, dance 7-10. \$10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and ATDS members. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No partner or experience required. Snacks to share are welcome. Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd. Info: 443.540.0867, [janscope@hotmail.com](mailto:janscope@hotmail.com) <http://www.smtmd.org>, or [www.contradancers.com/atds](http://www.contradancers.com/atds)

**Lancaster Contradance • Lancaster, PA***3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8-11 pm*

December 20, caller **Susan Taylor** to *June Apple*. St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St. Beginners workshop at 7. Dance 8-11. \$8/5. Info: Shane 717.431.7417 or [www.lancastercontra.org](http://www.lancastercontra.org)

**Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD***4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays • 8-11 pm*

December 27, TBA with TBA ("Terrific Bands Always"), at Trinity School, near Harry Grove Stadium. Free beginners' workshop at 7 pm, dance begins at 8. Adults, \$8, students \$5, 12 and under \$4. Info/directions: [www.contradancers.com](http://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](mailto:engdance@bfms.org)

**December**

- 1 Caller **Christopher Field**, with **Liz Donaldson**, **Karin Loya** and **Becky Ross**
- 8 Caller **Liz Donaldson**, with **The Geud Band of Baltimore**
- 15 Caller **Michael Barraclough**, with **Judy Meyers**, **Emily Aubrey**, and **Robin Wilson**
- 22 Caller **Colin Hume**, with **Julie Gorka**, **Walt Robinson**, and **Jeff Steinberg**
- 29 Caller **Mike Franch**, with **Ralph Barthine**, **Carl Friedman**, and **Robin Wilson**

**Wednesdays**

**THE FSGW ENGLISH COUNTY DANCES  
ARE LISTED ON PAGE 4.**

**Saturdays****English Country Holiday Dance • Silver Spring, MD***Saturday, December 13 • 8-10:45 pm*

Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. Dance to music by **Peascods Gathering**, calling by **Barbara Harding** and **Bob Farrall**. Festive lights and decorations, and traditional "snapdragon" for good luck in 2009. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Info: **Carl Minkus** 301.493.6281, **Bob Farrall** 301.577.5018.

*International***Sundays****Alpine Dancers • New Carrollton, MD***Sunday, December 7 • 4-6:30 pm*

**Alpine Dancers** are looking for energetic beginners; we hold a free open practice at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy, near Beltway Exit 20A. Graceful and lively couples and trio figure dances from Austria, German, and Switzerland. Recorded music. Confirm dates. Info/directions: [caroltraxler@yahoo.com](mailto:caroltraxler@yahoo.com), 301.577.3503, 301.464.9193, or [www.alpinedancers.org](http://www.alpinedancers.org)

**Mondays****Bethesda International Folk Dancers • Bethesda, MD***Mondays • 7:30-10 pm*

**Special Dance on Dec. 15 (see below). No Dances on Dec. 22 or 29.** 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](http://www.diamonddancecircle.com) or [diamonddancecircle@comcast.net](mailto:diamonddancecircle@comcast.net).

*Dances continued***Special Holiday Dance • College Park, MD**  
**Monday, December 15 • 8-11:30 pm**

The Bethesda International Folk Dancers and the Diamond Dance Circle invite everyone to their 44<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Party. Wear your favorite folk costume and bring a treat (preferably ethnic) to share. At the Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road. Bring a list of your favorite recorded music requests. Beginners and singles welcome. **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, walk-throughs, 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 KentLHibben@hughes.net**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays. Dances on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays (live music). **Info: Larry Weiner at 301.565.0539, larry@larry-weiner.com or John Robinson at 410.715.9210**

*Irish***CCE Monthly Ceili • Fairfax, VA**  
**Saturday, December 13 • 7-11 pm**

Workshop at 7 pm, ceili from 7:30-11 pm. Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. Dance program, directions and more online at [www.ceilidance.com](http://www.ceilidance.com) or call **Kendra Swann 703.490.5207.**

**GWCC New Year's Eve Ceili • College Park, MD**  
**Tuesday, December 31, 2008 • 9 pm - 1 am**

Greater Washington Ceili Club celebrates the advent of 2009 with a special dance, featuring music by **Dave Abe, Billy McComisky, Zan McLeod, and Myron Bretholz**, at Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9700 Cherry Hill Road (use entrance code 76000 at the barrier/gate). Advance purchase \$50 per person (GWCC Members \$45). \$55 at the door. **Info, Dixie at 301.294.3568 or Jane at 301.929.179, or http://www.gwcc-online.org**

*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.net**

**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 Dance Party • Greenbelt, MD**  
**Saturday, December 13 • 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.**

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*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, suzelize@comcast.net** or **Laura, LLPar42@aol.com**

**Rock Creek Morris Women • Silver Spring, MD**  
**Wednesdays • 7:45-9:45 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 Cotswold 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 McGintys afterwards). Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave. Info: **Brad Graham, 410.480.3289** or **www.fbmm-morris.org**

*Scandinavian*

**Norwegian Dance House Party • Baltimore, MD**  
**Saturday, December 6 • Potluck 6:30 pm, Dancing 8 pm**

Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare to 718 Dunkirk Rd. Mesmerizing live music by guest fiddler **Petra Kirstein** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see hfaa.org). Beginners welcome. Hosts **Joyce Duncan** and **Tom Zeller** at 410.377.8457. Info/dirs: **Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312.**

**Scandinavian Candlelight Holiday Dance and Luciafest**  
**• College Park, MD**  
**Sunday, December 14 • 7:30-10:30 pm**

At Cherry Hill Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, with music by **Peascods Gathering**. Basic teaching by **Carol Carnahan** from 7-7:30. Dance by candlelight on a suspended wood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her crown of candles, traditional refreshments. Singles, couples, beginners and experienced dancers all welcome. \$10. Info: **Lorraine Silsbee, 301.585.1130** or **Carl Minkus, 301.493.6281.**

**Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD**  
**Saturday, December 20 • 7-10 pm**

Scandia DC sponsors a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Holiday Dance Party this month with fiddlers **Andrea Hoag, Bruce Sagan,** and the **Scandia DC Spelmannslag**. Dancing starts at 7 (no teaching, but short talk-thrus). Wear a costume if you have one; bring finger food to share if

you can – most important, bring yourself to the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. \$7 Info: **202.333.2826**, inclement weather call 301.474.5525. Info: **linda(at)scandiadc.org, or www.scandiadc.org.**

*Scottish*

*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 **Thistleddance@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 **Jay Andrews** at **andrewj@erols.com** or **703.719.0596**

**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**

*Swing/Blues*

**Washington Swing Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD**  
**Saturday, December 6 • 8-midnight**

**Junkyard Saints.** No partner or dance experience necessary. Dress is casual. Snack bar closes at 10 pm, so bring water or sports drink. All ages welcome. Introductory lesson from 8-9 in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Admission \$12, or get in free if you volunteer for one hour (email **Derek** at **wsdcvolunteer@hotmail.com**) Info: **301.340.9732** or **wsdcswings(at)yahoo.com** or **www.wsdc.org**

*Waltz*

**Waltz with Blue Bamboo • Glen Echo Park, MD**  
**Sunday, December 7 • 3-6 pm**

A 30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2½ hours of social dancing – a lively mix of folk waltzes, Schottische, swing, tango, or polka, in the Spanish Ballroom. \$8. Info: **www.WaltzTimeDances.org** or **301.634.2222**

**Hot Dance Sunday Afternoon • Glen Echo Park, MD**  
**Sunday, December 14 • 3-6 pm**

**New Hots Jazz Orchestra,** in the Spanish Ballroom. No partner or experience necessary. 30-minute maxixe lesson at 3. Swing, waltz, and ballroom dance to

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music of the 20s, 30s, 40s and more. \$10. Info: [www.newhotsjazz.com](http://www.newhotsjazz.com) or [info@newhotsjazz.com](mailto:info@newhotsjazz.com)

**Waltz with Some Assembly • Glen Echo Park, MD**  
**Sunday, December 21 • 3-6 pm**

A 30-minute introductory waltz lesson at 3, followed by 2½ hours of social dancing – a lively mix of folk waltzes, along with tango, polka, swing, and more, in the Spanish Ballroom. \$8. Info: [www.WaltzTimeDances.org](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org) or 301.634.2222

*Zydeco/Cajun*

**Zydeco Holiday Dance Party • Glen Echo Park, MD**  
**Sunday, December 28 • 3-6 pm?**

Join us for an end-of-the-year afternoon Holiday Party in the Spanish Ballroom. No further details at press time, but check Info: **Michael Hart at 301.762.6730** or [www.Dancingbythe Bayou.com](http://www.Dancingbythe Bayou.com)

*Dance Classes*

*Irish*

**Tuesdays, August through June**

Classes offered through the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, 22030. Classes given in 5-week sessions throughout the season. Dances taught are at the beginning to intermediate level; cost is \$30 per session. Information on Irish social or country dancing can be found at [www.Ceilidance.com](http://www.Ceilidance.com), and YouTube channel “ceili308” has videos of dances. **More information: 703.273.6869** or [ceiliset@yahoo.com](mailto:ceiliset@yahoo.com)

**Thursdays, September 4 - December 18**

Greater Washington Ceili Club dance classes. Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Road, Rockville, MD. **Paul O'Donnell** teaches basic dances fro 7-8, and advanced dances from 8-9:30. Come for your session or choice, or for the entire evening. Mini-Ceili on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, with live music. **Info: 301.649.6410** or [www.gwcc-online.org](http://www.gwcc-online.org).

**Saturdays, September 13 - May 9, 2009**

O'Neill-Malcom Branch Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) classes. Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. 10:30 am to noon. Five 6-week sessions from September 2008 through May 2009, taught by **Marilyn Moore**. \$30 per session for CCE members, \$40 for non-members. No experience or partner required. **Info: 703.281.5882** or [marymulrenan@aol.com](mailto:marymulrenan@aol.com)

*Scandinavian*

**Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD**

**Beginning Class:** Tuesday, December 2 and 16

• 7:30 - 9:30 pm

**Advanced Classes:** Tuesdays, December 9

• 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Beginners learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn Finnskogspols, Nigpolska, Gammalvånster, Springleik, 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](mailto:lisa@HamboDC.org), or [www.HamboDC.org](http://www.HamboDC.org).

**New Directions and New Entrance to NIH:** Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and the **new Gateway Drive entrance**. (This new entrance is south of South Dr., and can be reached ONLY from the north, on Wisconsin Ave). Have ID ready for vehicle inspection. Park there, or drive 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](http://www.HambDC.org) or on a flyer.



*Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation*

— Listed by day of the week (Sunday thru Saturday) —

**Sundays**

**Scottish Traditional Music Jam • Wheaton, MD**  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:boghadubh@gmail.com)**.

**More Geese Than Swans • Washington, DC**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sundays • 7 pm**

**More Geese Than Swans** meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays 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](mailto:jgildemeister@cs.com)**.

**Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA**

**December 21 • 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: Ellie at

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703.578.3106, nvhdp@holsopple.com, or http://pages.prodigy.net/holsopple.

**CABOMA Jam • Arlington, VA**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays • 2 pm*

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

**Mondays**

**Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD**  
*Every Monday • 8 pm*

Informal singing group meets in Northwest DC/Takoma Park to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya, 301.270.4175 or Katya@partan.com or Joan at 202.363.6197.

**DC Bluegrass Union VFW Bluegrass Jams • Takoma Park, MD**  
*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays • 7-10 pm*

**Note change of date!** Free. Non-smoking. At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave. (corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave), near New Hampshire and Eastern. Info: VFW Post 350 at 301.270.8008 or Barb Diederich barb@barbdiederich.com.

**Tuesday**

**Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Wheaton, MD and Falls Church, VA**  
*1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 capella but instruments are welcome. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays – At Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue, Wheaton. 8 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays – At Stacy's Coffee Parlor, 709 W. Broad Street, Falls Church. 7 pm

**Folk Club of Reston/Herndon • Herndon, VA**  
*Tuesdays • 7:30 pm*

Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Open mic format. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase; monthly concerts usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, price varies. Smoke-free environment. Info: www.restonherndon-folkclub.com, 703.435.2402.



**Old Time Jam • Washington, DC**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays • 8 pm*

Fiddlers, banjo pickers, guitarists, bass players and cloggers all welcome at Nanny O'Brien's, 3319 Connecticut Ave NW, for an old-time jam. Info: ulrike(at)brauneis.us

**Wednesdays**

**Baltimore Singers Club • Fells Point, MD**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays • 9 pm*

*Baltimore Singers Club* convenes in the upstairs room at Bertha's Bar and Restaurant, at Fells Point (Baltimore). We don't usually have a theme, but narrative songs and ballads tend to dominate the repertoire. Everyone is welcome. Info: baltimoresingersclub.blogspot.com.

**Sea Chantey Open Pub Sings • Baltimore and Annapolis, MD**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.shipscompany.org

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays – Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street, Baltimore (Fells Point)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401

**Arlington Jam! • Arlington, VA**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> 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 St.. Info: Lilli Vincenz, 703.532.2731 or FiddlerLilli@zzapp.org.

**Thursdays**

**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.

**Fridays**

**Arlington Jam! • Arlington, VA**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Fridays • 7-10:30 pm*

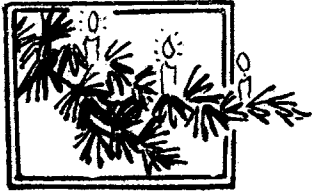
See Wednesday listing.

**Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.friday-nightdance.org.

*Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued***Open Mic at Potter's House • Washington, DC**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Fridays • 8 pm*

Both spoken word and music. Homemade dinner/desserts served starting at 7. Potter's House 1658 Columbia Road NW (Green line to Columbia Hgts). Suggested donation \$10. Info: [www.PottersHouseDC.org](http://www.PottersHouseDC.org).

*Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events***Terpsichore's Holiday • Roanoke, WV**  
*Saturday December 27 - Thursday, January 1*

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual winter dance camp for ages 4 and up, Terpsichore features workshops in contras, squares, English country, swing dance swap, English ritual dancing (Morris and sword), dance band, arts & crafts, singing, storytelling, music making, plus nature hikes, swimming, community dances, and nightly contra dances. Programs for adults, teens and children. Staff includes **Bill Wellington, Gaye Fifer, Notorious, Steve Hickman, John Devine, DeLaura Padovan, Leslie Jean Milbourne, Lew & Enid Cocke, Jude Binder, Nikki Herbst**. For best rates, register before December 1. Info: [www.danceholiday.net](http://www.danceholiday.net), **Sylvia Malm** at [danceholiday08@gmail.com](mailto:danceholiday08@gmail.com) or 703.532.6181.

**Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend • Shepherdstown, WV**  
*Friday, January 9-Sunday, January 11*

Weekend retreat featuring classes, individual tutoring and sessions for a wide variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, fiddle, flute and mixed instruments. Piping staff includes **Eliot Grasso, Jerry O'Sullivan, Dick Hensold, Laura McKenzie, Bob Mitchell** and more. All classes are held in the relaxed retreat atmosphere of the Shepherd University campus center and the surrounding historic buildings. For more information see the webpage at [www.squeezethebag.info](http://www.squeezethebag.info), call **Joanie Blanton** 304.263.2531 or email [updf@earthlink.net](mailto:updf@earthlink.net).

**Upper Potomac Scandinavian Fiddle & Dance Weekend • Shepherdstown, WV**  
*Friday, January 23-Sunday, January 25*

Dance workshops, instrumental classes, jam sessions and a Scan/Contra Dance in a weekend event for fiddle, dance and mixed instruments featuring mostly Scandinavian music. Program staff includes **Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley, Charlie Pilzer, Julia Borland-Fernborg, Bruce Sagan, Goran Ohlsson** and more. All classes are held in the relaxed retreat atmosphere of the Shepherd University campus center and the surrounding historic buildings. For more information see the

**Saturdays****Batala Percussion Band • Washington, DC**  
*Saturdays • 10 am - 1 pm*

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](mailto:drums@batalawashington.com), or [www.batala-washington.com](http://www.batala-washington.com).

webpage at [www.scanfiddle.info](http://www.scanfiddle.info), call **Joanie Blanton** 304.263.2531 or email [updf@earthlink.net](mailto:updf@earthlink.net).

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual BFMS Mid-Winter Ball**  
*Saturday, January 31 • 6:45 -11:30 pm*

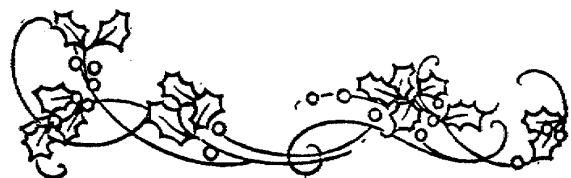
Travel back in time for a "Mid-Winter Night's Dream" – don your doublet, fasten your farthingale, and come to the sylvan woods (Towson University, Chesapeake Rooms) where nothing is as it seems. **The Elftones (Mara Shea** on fiddle and **Roger Gold** on guitar) will enchant you with Irish, Scottish, Canadian, and old-time tunes, and **Cis Hinkle** will provide graceful and clear calling. Verily an evening of charm and excitement – games, amusements and diversions – and, of course, delightful dance. Tickets (\$26 for members, \$32 non-members and \$4 discount before January 1) can be purchased at most BFMS events, or online at [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org), or by mail. Info: [midwinter@bfms.org](mailto:midwinter@bfms.org) or 410.433.4419.

**FSGW Midwinter Festival • Takoma Park, MD**  
*Saturday, February 7 • noon-10:30 pm*

It's official. Mark your calendar now. The 2009 edition of the FSGW Midwinter Festival (aka Mini-Fest) will feature an all-Irish evening program. Interested in helping? Participating? Email [minifestmessages\(at\)aol.com](mailto:minifestmessages(at)aol.com) – **April Blum**, Mini-Fest Chair

**FSGW Chesapeake Dance Weekend • Camp Letts, MD**  
*Friday, April 3 - Sunday, April 5*

FSGW's 27<sup>th</sup> annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend features music by **The Latter Day Lizards, I-95 Breakdown**, and **Réveillons**, with calling by **Lisa Greenleaf** and **Kathy Anderson!** Info elsewhere in this issue, and at [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org).



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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. Then follow instructions in MD&VA, below.

**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. Then follow instructions in MD&VA, below.

**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. Be SURE to come to a COMPLETE STOP at the Stop Sign!!!!

**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.

### Washington Ethical Society (WES) Auditorium,

7750 16<sup>th</sup> St. NW, DC just south of the intersection of Kalmia Rd. and 16<sup>th</sup> St, about four blocks inside the DC/MD line.

FROM THE BELTWAY:

Take the Georgia Ave. South exit (29 south). Stay in either right line. Go .4 miles from the exit ramp, going south on 16<sup>th</sup> St. South. Follow 16<sup>th</sup> Street past the light at East-West Highway (Rt. 410); go straight at the circle at the DC/MD line. Kalmia Rd. is the second light after the DC/MD line. WES is the second building on the right after Kalmia Rd. Parking is on Kalmia or 16<sup>th</sup> St.

**BY METRO:** Red Line to Silver Spring Stop. Walk south on Rt. 29 Colesville Rd. to the traffic circle at 16th – go left down 16th four blocks to Kalmia Rd. and WES. If you'd rather not walk, an S-4 Metro Bus will deliver you to the corner of Kalmia Rd. and 16th.



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