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FSGW Co-Sponsored Program

Washington, D.C.

Flory Jagoda & *the Altaras Ensemble* Saturday, January 17, 2009 8 pm



Flory Jagoda was born into a musical family in the Sephardic Jewish community in Sarajevo, Bosnia. When the Sephardic Jews were forced out of Spain in 1492, many settled in cities around the Mediterranean, taking their customs, language and music with them. Young Flory learned many of the old songs from her grandmother, a Sephardic folksinger. Most of her community was killed during World War II, but she escaped, making her way to Italy, where she met her future husband.

As she says, "I arrived in America as a war bride in 1946 with a suitcase full of memories — good memories as well as some very ugly ones." She began to pour those memories into songs — songs remembered from her family, Balkan songs of her native region, and songs she composes and arranges in the Ladino language of her ancestors, a kind of 15th-century Spanish. She is a leader in the revival of the old language, and many of her songs are performed around the world.

She has released four recordings, reflecting "the four musical stages in my life." In 2002, she received the National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, in recognition of her lifetime as "an important carrier of a unique musical heritage." Flory has passed her music to her children, many students, and to an apprentice, **Susan Gaeta**, who joins her for this concert. Also performing in the *Altaras Ensemble* are **Larry Robinson**, **Alan Oresky**, **Joanne Stefanick**, **Margie Jervis** and **Lynn Falk**.

At **Tifereth Israel 7701 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012**. Corner of 16th and Juniper Streets. Two blocks south of WES Auditorium on the eastern side of 16th St. **Please use the Juniper Street entrance.**

Admission is free for Folklore Society members (donations encouraged). Discount for Tifereth Israel members. **General admission \$20, half for students to age 22. For further information, go to www.fsgw.org, or call Marty Summerour at 703.354.6460.** Street parking is available.



FSGW Sunday Night Dances

at Glen Echo Park, MD • (Directions, page 23)

Contras & Squares • 7:30 to 10:30 pm

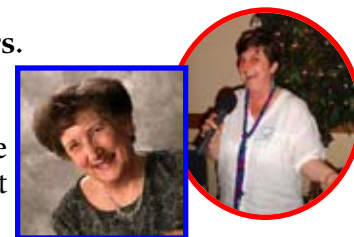
Introductory lesson every Sunday from 7-7:30 pm

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 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**

January

4 The New Hip Trio (Liz Donaldson on piano, Joe DeZarn on fiddle and Ralph Gordon on bass) will ring in this New Year of Sunday night dances, with local caller **Susan Taylor**.



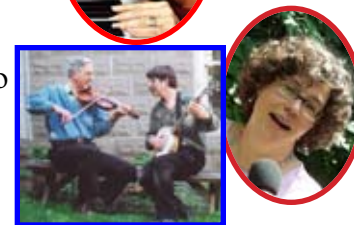
11 Bev Bernbaum will breeze in from Ontario, along with **Anadama**, a lively band from New England, featuring **Emily Troll** on accordion, **Amanda Mason** on fiddle, and **Bethany Waickman** on guitar. Grrrrll power!!



18 Celebrate this historic Inaugural Week with **Shawn Brenneman** calling to delightful and energetic music by **Night Watch**, with **Naomi Morse** on fiddle, **Elvie Miller** on accordion and piano, and **Owen Morrison** on guitar and mandolin.



25 Local favorite **Janine Smith** rounds out the month with great calling to music by **Alan Jabbour** on fiddle and **Ken Perlman** on banjo.



On the Web:

- http://www.sciencenews.org/sn_arc97/6_14_97/mathland.htm "Contra Dancing and Matrices"
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oh8LhfysPxQ> Florida Snowball January 2008
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIANkooUepM> Florida Snowball January 2008
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1o7tdtHZyE&feature=related> "Contra Dance Training."
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Prckrr_SusY&feature=related "Hidden Secrets of the Contra Elite."

Have you come across a previously-published online article about some aspect of dance you'd like to share? Please send your suggestions to Newsletter@fsgw.org

Barry O'Neill

Repertoire ranging from the grand to the
humorously topical

Saturday, January 31 • 8:00 PM

Barry O'Neill is the sort of singer you could swap songs with in your living room, and three days later, he'd still be coming up with songs that you haven't yet heard yet. Professionally, he may be a political scientist and academic, and music is his hobby, but he's been ferreting out good songs all his life. His huge repertoire ranges from the grand to the humorously topical. A Canadian by birth, he draws from material from all over North America, from the streets of New York to the hills of Canada to the Victorian parlor. Described as laid-back and unassuming, his wit is dry, and his guitar and concertina playing is skillfully understated.

\$15 suggested donation--more if you wish; all proceeds go to the performer.

Driving Directions: Please call Dennis and Judy Cook at 301-776-4314 for reservations and driving directions. Seats are held until 10 minutes before the concert.

The Cooks are in West Laurel, MD, between I-95 and US29, north of MD198 and south of Brooklyn Bridge Road (yes, there is a story there).



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 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 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

January

- 7 **Michael Barraclough** calls to music by **Julie Gorka** (piano), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and guest musician **Dick Hensold** (pipes and winds).
- 14 **Melissa Running** leads the dances to music by **Julia Gorka** (piano), **Becky Ross** (fiddle) and **Laurie Mielke** (recorders).
- 21 **Dan Gillespie** calls to tunes by **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Judy Kleppel** (oboe) and **Bruce Edwards** (concertina/bassoon).
- 28 **Anna Rain** calls the dances while **Melissa Running** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), and **Karin Loya** (cello) play the tunes..

On the Web:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQDtxpmJjDk> Yellow Stockings with Anna Patton on clarinet
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1EZqNTMvDA> With Jacqueline Schwab and Peter Barnes
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cumxIYp3Svw> The Boatman



Family Dance Glen Echo Town Hall (Directions, Page 19) Sunday, January 11 • 3-5 pm



Bring your family to Glen Echo Town Hall for a delightful afternoon of dances for all ages, led by **Rebecca Lay** calling to music by **Anadama**. 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

Mini Fest Ticket prices (such a deal):

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

You may purchase tickets through our website, www.fsgw.org, using PayPal.

Please print your receipt and bring it with you, although we will have a list of payments received.

FSGW Midwinter Festival

Takoma Park Middle School

Saturday, February 7

Noon-10:30 pm

Cabin fever getting you down? Need a chance to dance, sing, listen to a silly story, plunk on a zither, get Morris-ed? We've got you covered. The annual mid-winter madness known as the Mini-Fest will be held at the **Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, on Saturday, February 7, from noon until 10:30 pm.**

This year's theme is "All Things Irish" so (with all due respect to Kermit), it's going to be easy being green. The **Irish Breakfast Band** gets us off to a rousing start in the Jam Room at noon. Storytellers will tell tales from Donegal and Kerry. **Marc Glickman** and **Dennis Botzer** present a concert of Irish music in the Cafetorium at 2. There's **Irish Step dance** at 3, **Irish Set dance (Hugh Conway instructing)** at 5, and an Irish jam in between. Shamrocks Rock!!

If Terpsichore is your favorite Muse, there's an all-day contra dance in the Auxiliary Gym (noon to 6, including an hour of squares called by local favorites the **Hot Square Babes**). In the Main Gym you'll be able to try **Scandinavian dance** (hambo, anyone?), **English Country dance** (Jane Austen would be so proud), and a rollicking **Family Dance** (with the ebullient **Susan Taylor**).

In the lobby, back by popular demand, **Todd Crowley's** delightful **Instrument Petting Zoo**, which was such a hit last year – if it's got strings, you'll probably find it here – everything from autoharps to zithers.

Several local troupes of Morris dancers will perform sporadically throughout the day (we used to try to schedule them, until we realized how pointless that was). They do usually wear bells, so you'll hear their energetic and robust dances coming your way. (You can run, but you cannot hide.)



But wait, there's more....

In the Cafetorium, **Foggy Mountain Hilton** starts us off, then Spanish and Brazilian guitar work by **Juan Curadros**, with **Broadside Electric** and **Barrelhouse Brawl** back to back later in the day, and ending with the warped *cappella* scientific humor of **The Chromatics**.

The **Twinbrook Tellers** — very young storytellers who are talented beyond their years.

Two Gospel Sings (one from 12:30-1:30 and another from 2-3).

Sacred Harp will be forming the hollow square at 1. **Flawn Williams**

will offer a repeat of last year's totally shaboom doo-wop workshop. Carl Zebooker will entertain with intricate fingerstyle blues. **Judy Cook** and **Lisa Null** will remind you how thrilling ballads can be. And what about **Morris Chorus and Parodies** or maybe duet singing?

Got a song in your heart? Bring it to the Songwriters Workshop and get some useful feedback.

But wait, there's more....

From 6 to 7:30, there's a brief waltz lesson, and free waltz (to practice all those nifty steps you just learned).

Then, from 7:30 to 10:30 two simultaneous evening programs (and yes, you can bop back and forth and try them both):

In the Main Gym, an evening dance of squares and contras, featuring the **Glen Echo Open Band**, with guest caller **Bob Isaacs**.

In the Cafetorium, **Takoma on the Shannon**, an all-Irish program of music, dance, and song, organized by **Shannon Dunne**.

Send all Newsletter submissions to: newsletter@fsgw.org



Tentative 2009 MiniFest Performance Grid

Time	Dance Tracks		Performance	Room 102 Roots Americana	Room 108 Workshops	Room 114 Workshops	Room 118 Workshops	Room 122 Storytelling	Jams		Lobby	
	Aux Gym Contra Dance	Main Gym Dance Workshops							Room 104	Room 184		
noon-1	Dave Colestock Julie Gorka & friends	Scandinavian Dance Lia Brooks 12-1	Foggy Mountain Hilton Blugrass 12-1	Dick & Marlene Levine 12-12:30 Traditional Gospel Sing Ann Porcella & Flawn Williams 12:30-1:30	Todd Crowley 12-12:30 Mary Shapiro 12:30-1	Judy Cook 12-1	Ash Grove Players Swing, old-time, Scandinavian 12-1	Margaret Chatham 12:30-1 Donegal Stories	Irish Breakfast Band 12-1	Instrument Petting Zoo In the Lobby noon to 6		
1-2	Perry Shafraan Carl Friedman & friends	English Country Michael Barradough Liz Donaldson 1-2	Bolivian Dancers Sambos Corporales 1-1:30 Juan Cuadros 1:30-2	Art of the Duet 1:30-2:30, The Aldersons, Lynn Healey & Mark Clifton "Roots of the Banjo" Greg Adams 2:30-3:30 When Country Was Country 3:30-5	Maggie Sansone & Mark Bell Boothran workshop 1-2 Johnny Grave 2-2:30 Eileen Joyner 2:30-3	Chance and Suzette Shiver 1-2 Themes in a Hat 2-2:30 Juan Cuadros 2-3:30	Carl Zebooker 1-1:30 Songwriters Workshop Bring a work in progress 1:30-3	Ellowise Schwoettler 1-1:30 Jack Tales Twinbrook Tellers 1:30-2:30 Jane Dorfman 2:30-3 Irish Stories	FSGW Sacred Harp 1-2 FSGW Gospel Sing 2-3	Morris Dancers any old time Crafts		
2-3	Anna Rain TBA	Family Dance Susan Taylor The Metrotones 2-3	Marc Glickman & Dennis Botzler 2-3 Broadside Electric 3-4 Barrelhouse Brawl 4-5	Calico Jack Maritime Songs 3-4 Flawn Williams Doo-Wop 4-5	Boys Night Out acoustic bluegrass 3-4 The Social Rumble Jim Lande, David Bird, Vince Farrabaugh 4-5	Kim Capps 3:30-3:45 Slaveya 3:30-4 Bob Clayton 4-4:30 Mindy Run Civil War songs 4:30-5	Adam Whitley 3:30-3:45 Patrick Henry / Stamp Tax Laura J. Bobrow 3:30-4	Adam Whitley 3:30-3:45 Patrick Henry / Stamp Tax Laura J. Bobrow 3:30-4	Morris Chorus 3-4 Dennis Botzler Irish Session 4-5			
3-4	Hot Square Babes AP & the Bantry Rooters	Irish Step Dance 3-4										
4-5	New Callers Gypsy Meltdown	Serbian/Croatian Jamie Platt Sarenica 4-5										
5-6	Eva Murray Marc Glickman & friends	Irish Set Dance 5-6	Chromatics a cappella science 5-6	Participatory American Roots Jam 5-6	Karen Arbrook Hammer Dulcimer 5-6	Parodies Sue Trainor Don Stallone 5-6	Lia Mill Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Open Sing 5-6	Bill Mayhew 5-5:30 Stonywap 5:30-6	Archie's Barbershop 5-6			
6-7:30		Waltz lesson / waltz The Waltzniks	Subway and Takoma Park's own Savory Café will sell sandwiches, coffee, sodas, sweets and more from noon to 7:30 pm in the Cafetorium									
7:30-10:30		Bob Isaacs calling Contras and Squares with the Glen Echo Open Band	Takoma on the Shannon: All Irish Evening program	Information for performers: Green Room is Room 140 (11:30-5:30 pm); secure instrument check is Room 104 (11:30 to 6pm).								

Load out for Classroom areas and crafts, 6-6:30 pm; load out for Main Gym and Cafetorium from 10:30-11 pm

December 18, 2008 (1-3:30am)



Glen Echo Inaugural Ball

Tuesday, January 20

7:30-11 pm

Whether you voted red, blue, or green, come dance the night away and celebrate this historic occasion at the Spanish Ballroom. The World Music and Dance Institute and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington are pleased to co-sponsor an alternative, non-partisan dance event to benefit the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. There will be contra dance with **The Gigmasters** and caller **Janine Smith** and swing with **The Idle Americans**.

So don't fight the DC traffic or the security check bottlenecks – and wear whatever you like – black tie, black tee, or your brightest Hawaiian shirt! Smoke- and alcohol-free.

**Admission \$20, at the door, or by check, payable to WMADI, 9609 Pinkney Court, Potomac, MD 20854, on online at www.fsgw.org.
Info: 301.717.4641 or www.dancingplanetproductions.com**



FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Kensington, MD Friday, January 2 • 8:30 pm

Calling all dreamboats and oneiromancers!! This month's Open Sing will be at the home of **Nancy King** on Glenway Drive, and the topic (perfect for these long winter nights) is "Dreams and Dreaming." For directions and more info: 301.933.3073.

FSGW Storyswap • Fairfax, VA Saturday, January 17 • 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Michael Fleming** in Fairfax for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. Call 703.573.1341 to RSVP and get directions.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD Sunday, January 11 • 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 January Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Kathie Mack**. Info/directions: 301.270.5367.

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Thursday, January 1, 2009 • 3-8 pm

Sing in the New Year with some fine old songs at the annual **New Year's Day Sacred Harp Singing**. Starting 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. See directions below to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. Please note that this special sing is in addition to our usual 4th Sunday singing on January 25. All are welcome **Info: 301.229.8534**.

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Sunday, January 25 • 4-8 pm

The monthly 4th Sunday (except in December) Sacred Harp Sing features four-part singing from shape-note tunebooks on either side of a 6 pm potluck supper **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**

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, 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.

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.

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 • 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 • December 2008 (December 2, 2008)

December 2, 2008 – A quorum was not present, so no resolutions were passed.

- Mary Cliff was working on the annual fund-raising letter.
- Cultural Alliance has reconfigured their membership classes, and FSGW could now join for \$450 instead of \$700.
- Hotline is off the website per webmaster Dennis Cook.
- Members should be able to look at the members' page even if they've forgotten their membership number.
- There should be a copy of the new Bylaws on the website.
- Some problems reported purchasing Noel Sing We Clear tickets through PayPal.
- Elections Committee members will be sought to oversee the nomination and voting process.

FSGW Board 2008-2009

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FSGW Board Meeting Tuesday, January 6 • 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.

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 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

Leon Redbone • Alexandria, VA Saturday, January 3 • 7:30 pm

Leon Redbone – blues and music from earlier times – Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$35. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

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

Doris Justis and **Sean McGhee** celebrate their 25th 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, or www.dorisjustis.com

Chinese Music • College Park, MD Friday, January 9 • 7:30 pm

Accomplished string musicians **Yuli Wang** and **Elizabeth Barber** with special guest **Shengyong Zhou** on the Chinese flute. Part of College Park Arts Exchange monthly Cultural Connections. Pay what you can donation. Info: cpae.org or 301.927.3013.

Bluegrass Concert • Alexandria, VA Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10 • 7:30 pm

Ricky Skaggs and **Kentucky Thunder** present high-energy bluegrass. Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$35. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Orrin Star Concert • Pikesville, MD Saturday, January 10 • 8:30 pm

At Guitars of Pikesville, 806 Reisterstown Rd. Two sets with intermission. Admission \$15. Hot licks. Cool tunes. Big grins. Info: www.guitarsofpikesville.com or www.orrinstar.com.

Jones Family Concert • College Park, MD Saturday, January 10 • 7:30 pm

The Jones Family will be joined by **Bob Clayton**, blues singer **Garret Fitzgerald**, and **Aistra**, a new folk band featuring Jones daughter **Chenoa Clark**. To benefit Help by Phone of Prince George's County. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave, 1 block east of US 1, behind Maryland Book Exchange. \$12 adults, \$10 students. Info: 202.374.5870 or standrewscollegepark.org

Chris Smither Concert • Westminster, MD Saturday, January 10 • 8 pm

Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main St. Info: 410.857.2771 or www.commongroundonthehill.org.

Squeeze the Bag • Shepherdstown, WV Saturday, January 10 • 8 pm

The magic of bellows-blown bagpipes will warm this (probably) cold winter's night. Kinder and gentler cousins of highland pipes, these instruments are mellow, expressive, and designed for playing indoors. **Eliot Grasso** on uilleann pipes, flute, and whistle; **Dick Hensold** on Northumbrian smallpipes, medieval great-pipes, recorders, gemshorn and more; **Laura Mackenzie** on Scottish smallpipes, border pipes, flue, and concertina; **Bob Mitchell** on Scottish smallpipes and border pipes, and **Jerry O'Sullivan** on Uilleann pipes. Shepherd University, Reynolds Hall, corner of King and German Streets. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 SMD members, \$8 students. Free to Shepherd students with Rambler ID. Info: **Joanie** at 304.263.2531 or updf@earthlink.net or www.smad.us

Contemporary Folk Concert • Alexandria, VA Friday-Sunday, January 16-18 • 7:30 pm

Eddie From Ohio – contemporary folk music, in gorgeous harmony. Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets \$35. Info: 703.549.7500 or www.birchmere.com

Magpie's "Burning Bush" Inaugural House Concert • Takoma Park, MD Friday, January 16 • 8 pm

Join **Magpie** and celebrate this historic Presidential Inauguration. Irreverent songs are likely to include *I Trust the People*, *Shock and Awe*, *Send 'Em All Off in an Airship*, *Condoleezza*, *Terry the Terrorist Talkin' Blues*, *Follow the Money*, *Raise Your Voice*, *Haul 'Em All Off to Jail* and more. Bring a bottle of sparkling cider or some festive munchies. Limited seating. Call **Jim** or **Alison** for reservations: 301.588.4208.

Pirate Invasion and Concert • Galesville, MD Saturday, January 17 • 8 pm

The **Pyrates Royale**, a band of not-so-nefarious marauders, will offer an evening of merriment and mayhem (with hardly any looting or pillaging) at Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Main Street. Not exactly your mother's yo-yo-ho-and-a-bottle-of-rum. Tickets \$15 advance/\$20 door. Info: 443.786.0463 or janiemeneely@gmail.com.

Riders in the Sky • McLean, VA Saturday, January 17 • 2 pm and 8 pm

Hold onto your hats! These Grammy-award-winning modern-day cowboys are the foremost purveyors of

Concerts & Concert Series continued

C&W – and we mean “Comedy and Western,” pardners. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. \$30, discount to FSGW members. **Info, tickets: 703.790.9223 or thru ticketmaster.com**

Scandinavian Fiddle Magic • Shepherdstown, WV
Friday, January 23 • 3 pm

This trio of local musicians – **Andrea Hoag** on fiddle, **Loretta Kelley** on *hardanger* fiddle, and **Charlie Pilzer** on bass - were nominated for a Grammy award in 2006. They will be joined by special guests **Bruce Sagan** on *nykelharpa* and fiddle, and **Julia Borland-Ferneborg** and **Goran Ohlssen** on fiddle, presenting an evening of haunting melodies and harmonies from the frozen North. Shepherd University Reynolds Hall, corner of King and German Streets. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 SMD members, \$8 students. Free to Shepherd students with Rambler ID. **Info: Joanie at 304.263.2531 or updf@earthlink.net or www.smad.us**

Polyhymnia Concert • Washington, DC
Saturday, January 24 • 8 pm

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 4301 Albemarle Street, NW. Intriguing a cappella music by a 28-voice choir. Free. **Info: polyhymniasings.org**

Oretea Brothers Concert • Purcellville, VA
Saturday, January 31 • 8 pm

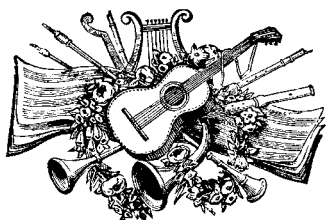
Danny Knicely presents **Cesar Oretea** and **Jose Oretea**. The Oretea brothers, originally from Bolivia, studied Flamenco guitar and singing in Spain. The performance, in English and Spanish, will also feature **Danny Knicely** on guitar and mandolin, and local favorite **Ralph Gordon** on bass. You'll hear lively gypsy numbers, some hot originals, and traditional melodies from Europe, Brazil, Bolivia, and Appalachia. At the Carver Center, 200 Willie Palmer Way, M.S. 78W. Tickets \$15 advance, \$18 door. **Info and tickets: 800.404.9049 or www.sunspotpro.com.**

Polyhymnia Concert • McLean, VA
Saturday, January 31 • 8 pm

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane. Intriguing a cappella music by a 28-voice choir. Free. **Info: polyhymniasings.org**

Polyhymnia Concert • Kensington, MD
Sunday, February 1 • 2:30 pm

Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave. Intriguing a cappella music by a 28-voice choir. Free. **Info: polyhymniasings.org**

**Concert Series, listed by day of the week****Sundays**

Focus Inn Alexandria • Alexandria, VA
 Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. 7 pm; admission \$12 members, \$15 non-members. More info: **703.501.6061, kay@focusmusic.org or www.focusmusic.org**

January
11 Hot Soup with David LaFleur

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**

January
12 Bearfoot
19 Peter Ostroushko & Danny Gotham
26 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Winners Showcase

Tuesdays

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon
 Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Celebrating its 23rd year. Doors open at 6, open mic at 7:15. **Info/directions: 703.435.2402, clubacoustic@cox.net or www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.** \$11 Members, \$12 non-members

January
27 Anne Hills, a Kate Wolf Memorial Award winning singer

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**

January
14 Pat Wictor and Jon Shain
28 TBA

Thursdays

Baldwin's Station • Sykesville, MD
 This concert series may not continue in 2009. **Info: 410.795.1041, www.uptownconcerts.com, or uptownconcerts@gmail.com**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
<h1>January 2009</h1>				
<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">4</p> <p>9 am Annapolis Jam 3 pm Scottish Jam 3 Glen Echo Waltz 7 More Geese Than Swans 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE SUSAN TAYLOR WITH THE NEW HIP TRIO</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">TWELFTH NIGHT</p> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Bethesda International Folk Dance 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">6</p> <p>7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 FSGW BOARD MEETING 8 Greenbelt Scottish Dance 8 Arlington International Folk Dance 8 Sea Chanteys /Wheaton</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">7</p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Dance 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>M</p> <p>3 PM</p> <p>3 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">11</p> <p>9 am Annapolis Jam 2 pm CABOMA Jam 3 FSGW FAMILY DANCE 3 Glen Echo Zydeco Dance 4 FSGW GOSPEL SING 4 Alpine Dancers 7 Focus Inn Alexandria 7 Glen Echo Slow Blues 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE BEV BERNBAUM WITH ANADAMA</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">12</p> <p>7:30 Bethesda International Folk Dance 7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris 7:30 IMT Concert: <i>Bearfoot</i> 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">13</p> <p>7:30 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Old Time Jam, DC 8 Greenbelt Scottish Dance 8 Arlington International Folk Dance</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">14</p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Dance 8 Sea Chanteys / Baltimore 8 Focus Inn Rockville 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance 9 Baltimore Singers Club</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30</p> <p>7:30</p> <p>7:30</p> <p>7:45</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>F</p>
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NEW YEAR'S DAY 1</p> <p>Many regularly scheduled events may be cancelled.</p> <p>FSGW SACRED HARP NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING Hot Squares Dance Party</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 Arlington Jam 8 Potter's House Concert 8:15 Greenbelt International Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 8:30 FSGW OPEN SING</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 am Bataala Percussion 3 pm Capitol Hill Family Dance 8 Shepherdstown Contra Dance 8 Norwegian Dance 8 Glen Echo Swing Dance</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Frederick Irish/Bluegrass GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL DANCE Chevy Chase International Dance Arlington Circle Dance Mt. Vernon International Dance Foggy Bottom Morris Men</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 IMT Concert 8 Potter's House Concert 8:15 Greenbelt International Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance with The Glen Echo Open Band</p>	<p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!! 10</p> <p>9:30 am Storytelling Bootcamp 10 Bataala Percussion 5 pm Baltimore Family Dance 7 CCE Monthly Ceili 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Silver Spring English Dance</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Frederick Irish/Bluegrass GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL DANCE Chevy Chase International Dance Silver Spring Zydeco Dance Arlington Circle Dance Mt. Vernon International Dance Foggy Bottom Morris Men</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 333 Coffeehouse 8 Cellar Stage 8 Potter's House Concert 8:15 Greenbelt International Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10 am Bataala Percussion 7 Annapolis Contra 7:30 FSGW STORYSWAP 8 FSGW FLORY JAGODA <i>CO-SPONSORED CONCERT</i> 8 Lancaster, PA Contra Dance</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Frederick Irish/Bluegrass GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL DANCE Chevy Chase International Dance Arlington Circle Dance Mt. Vernon International Dance Foggy Bottom Morris Men</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30 IMT Concert 8 Cellar Stage 8 Potter's House Concert 8:15 Greenbelt International Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10 am Bataala Percussion 1:30pm Hammer Dulcimer Jam 7 Galesville Family Dance 7:30 Elizabeth Ellis Story 7:30 Shepherdstown Dance 8 Frederick Contra Dance</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Frederick Irish/Bluegrass GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL DANCE Chevy Chase International Dance Arlington Circle Dance Mt. Vernon International Dance Foggy Bottom Morris Men</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8 Potter's House Open Mic 8:15 Greenbelt International Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10 am Bataala Percussion 7 pm Scandinavian Dance 8 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT BARRY O'NEILL</p>

FSGW Advance Notice

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

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

April 4 and 5, 2009
POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP
CONVENTION

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

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

Don't forget!!
The FSGW
Midwinter
Festival
Saturday,
February 7
Noon to
10:30 pm!!

Concerts & Concert Series continued

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. Info: www.imtfolk.org

January

- 9 **Justin Trawick** (winner of "Emerging Artist Competition" at 2006 TPF)F
- 24 **Firewheel** (**John Kadlecik** and **Katy Gaughan**) with **Christian Crowley** and **Topher Dunne**

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

January

- 16 **Jay Ungar & Molly Mason**
- 23 **Bill Staines**

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

January

- 2 Samba and African drums – benefit Young Women's Drumming Empowerment Project
- 11 **Scott Sexton** and **Soul Fusion**, benefit After School Alliance
- 16 **Inauguration celebration**. Call for advance tickets. 202.294.2906
- 23 **Amos and Amos** plus **Pillar of Fire** benefit Nazarene Food Ministry
- 30 Open Mic music and poetry, tip jar benefit Sopa a Las Dos

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/

January

- 16 **Gary Wright & Leah Weiss**



Dances

Community/Family

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

Capitol Hill Family Square Dance • Washington, DC

Saturday, January 3 • 3-5:30 pm

Live music by **Joel Bailes**, **Pearl Bailes** and **Charlie Bean** of the **Capitol Hillbillies**. An experienced leader will demonstrate and teach all the moves. All ages are welcome. No partner, experience, or lessons necessary. Admission \$5 (under age 5 free). H Street Playhouse, 1365 H Street, NE. Info: cymrot@gmail.com

BFMS Family Dance • Pikesville, MD

Saturday, January 10 • 5-6:30 pm

Rebecca Lay calls to **Anadama**. Annual Cabin Fever Festival at St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South. Bring your favorite summer picnic treat for the 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

Dance and Potluck • Galesville, MD

Saturday, January 24 • potluck 5:45, dance 7-10 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. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Road, 10 miles south of Annapolis. Adults \$10, Age 10-18 \$5, under 10 free. Info: 301.926.9142.

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

Dances continued

January

- 7 Caller **Janine Smith**, music by *The Contra Rebels*
- 14 Caller **Kathy Angell** with *Sugar Beat*
- 21 Caller **Greg Frock** calls to *Baltimore Open Band*
- 28 **Ann Fallon** calls to *AP and the Banty Roosters*

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. For general information, visit www.fridaynightdance.org

January

- 2 Caller **TBA** with *The Love Mongrels*
- 9 Caller **Dave Colestock** with the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*
- 16 Caller **Shawn Brenneman** with *Night Watch*
- 23 Caller **TBA** with *Waverly Station*
- 30 Caller **TBA** with *Floor Play*

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. Members \$8; Non-members \$9; Students \$4.. Info: www.harrisburgcontra.org

Saturdays

Elverson Dance • Elverson, Pa

1st Saturdays • 7:30-10:30 pm

JANUARY 3 **Dave Colestock** and *B.R.E.W.* St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 61 Morningside Drive (3 miles east of downtown Elverson) \$8, \$5 students/seniors. New dancers welcome. Sort-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

1st Saturdays • 7:30-11 pm

JANUARY 3, **Eva Murray** calling to *MetroGnomes*. War Memorial Building, corner of German and King Sts. \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 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

Baltimore Dance •Pikesville, MD

2nd Saturdays • 6:30-11 pm

JANUARY 20, **Rebecca Lay** calls to *Anadama* – this month, the annual BFMS Cabin Fever Festival, featuring the Hawaiian shirt contest judged by fashion expert **George Mercer**. St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd. Bring your favorite summer picnic specialties or a tropical delight to the potluck dinner 6:30-7:30; newcomers' workshop 7:35-7:55; hula lesson at the break. 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, or 410.321.8419, or www.bfms.org

SMTMD Dance • California, MD

2nd Saturdays • 7-10 pm

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 or 301.769.4762.

Annapolis Traditional Dance • Annapolis, MD

3rd Saturdays • 7 pm

JANUARY 17, **Greg Frock** with *New Hip Trio*. 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 <http://www.smtmd.org> or www.contra-dancers.com/atds

Lancaster Contradance • Lancaster, PA

3rd Saturdays, 8-11 pm

JANUARY 17, caller **DeLaura Padovan** to *PHD*. 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

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD

4th Saturdays • 8-11 pm

JANUARY 24, **Ted Hodapp** with *Taylor Among the Devils*, 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 or call **Boe Walker** at 301.694.6794.

Shepherdstown Contra/Scandi Dance • Shepherdstown, WV

4th Saturday • 7:30-11 pm

Special dance on January 24, **Susan Taylor** will call contrás and teach Scandinavian couples dances to music by **Hoag, Kelley and Pilzer** along with the staff and students of the Upper Potomac Scandinavian Fiddle Weekend, War Memorial Building, corner of

Dances continued

German and King Sts. \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for dancers under 12. Beginners workshop at 7:30, dance at 8. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes. Info: smad.us or call **Jeanne Marie at 304.263.8323** or **Becky at 304.876.2169**

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

January

- 5 Caller **Sharon McKinley**, with **Judy Meyers, Marty Taylor and Karin Loya**
- 12 Caller **Michael Barraclough**, with **Dick Hensold, Paul Oorts and Jonathan Jensen.**
- 19 Caller **Carl Friedman**, with **Liz Donaldson, Becky Ross and Colleen Reed**
- 26 Caller **Diane Schmit**, with **Julie Gorka, Walt Robinson, and Jeff Steinberg**

Wednesdays

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Saturdays

English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD
January 10 • 8-10:45 pm

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**.

International**Sundays**

Alpine Dancers • New Carrollton, MD
Sundays, January 11 and 25 • 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, **301.577.3503**, **301.464.9193**, or www.alpinedancers.org

Mondays

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

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, 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

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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

Dances continued

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**

Irish

CCE Monthly Ceili • Great Falls, VA
Saturday, January 10 • 7-11 pm

Workshop at 7 pm, ceili from 7:30-11 pm. Please note that this 2nd Saturday ceili will be in its new location at the Great Falls Grange, 9819 Georgetown Pike, beginning this month. Dance program, directions and more online at www.ceilidance.com or call Kendra Swann 703.490.5207.

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**.

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 & Potluck • Columbia, MD
Saturday, January 3 • Potluck 6:30 pm, Dancing 8 pm

Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare to Norwegian-style house party at 6212 Twenty Year Chase. Mesmerizing live music by our own world-class **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see hfaa.org). Beginners welcome. Host is Deb Weinreich at 410.953.0030. Info/dirs: **Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312**.

Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD
Saturday, January 31 • 7-10 pm

Scandia DC usual 3rd Saturday dance is on the 5th Saturday due to floor refinishing. This month will feature fiddle music by **Andrea Hoag, Karen Myers** will play for the teaching (7-8 pm Bakmes/Polska, a lively Swedish dance). There may be some recorded music. No partner necessary. 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](mailto: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 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 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

Dances continued

Squares

Hot Squares Holiday Dance • College Park, MD
Thursday, January 1 • 3-5:30 pm

Don't veg out in front of the tube watching parades and bowl games. Come to the Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, on New Year's Day and you'll have a great time dancing to driving tunes by **Tom Lyons** (fiddle), **Geff King** (bass), and **Matt Levine** (guitar), with wonderful squares called by the **Hot Square Babes**. All ages and experience levels welcome. Bring something to share at the potluck supper, which follows the dance. Admission \$8 Info: **401.268.0231** or **301.947.2231** or <http://www.hotsquares.info/>

Swing/Blues

Washington Swing Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD
Saturday, January 3 • 8-midnight

The Red Stick Ramblers. 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 \$15 Info: **301.340.9732** or wscswings@yahoo.com or www.wscd.org

Slow Blues and Swing • Glen Echo, MD
Sunday, January 11 • 7-11 pm

Glen Echo Town Hall (2nd floor). 90-minute workshop taught by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte at 7. Dance begins at 8:30; DJ Mike Marcotte will play classic and new slow blues and swing tunes. \$15 for workshop and dance, \$8 for dance only (please arrive no earlier than 8:15). Dbarker@GlenEchoPark.org or www.DanceDC.com for parking information. Info: **Donna Barker at 301.634.2231**.

Slow Blues and Swing • Glen Echo, MD
Sunday, January 25 • 7-11 pm

Glen Echo Town Hall (2nd floor). 90-minute workshop with Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte at 7, followed by dancing from 8:30-11; DJ Mike Marcotte will play

classic and new slow blues and swing tunes. \$15 for workshop and dance, \$8 for dance only (please arrive no earlier than 8:15). Dbarker@GlenEchoPark.org or www.DanceDC.com for parking information. Info: **Donna Barker at 301.634.2231**.

Waltz

Waltz with Green Light Karma • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, January 4 • 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**

Waltz with Night Watch • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, January 18 • 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 or **301.634.2222**

Zydeco/Cajun

Zydeco Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD
Sunday, January 11 • 3-6 pm

Join Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro at 3 pm for a 30-minute Zydeco dance lesson. The dance begins at 3:30 with Creole, Zydeco, Cajun 2-step, waltz and more. **Brad Randell and The Zydeco Ballers**. Admission \$15. Info: **Michael Hart at 301.762.6730** or www.DancingbytheBayou.com

Cajun Dance • Silver Spring, MD
Thursday, January 15 • 7:30-10:30 pm

Sammy Naquin and the Zydeco Whips with Al Berard will provide music at this monthly Cajun dance/concert series. Los Arrieros Restaurant, 7926 Georgia Ave just north of DC line, south of Silver Spring Metro. Park in rear lot off Blair Rd or on Georgia. Admission \$10. No partner or dance experience necessary. Info: **301.585.8813** or **301.229.4487**



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, and YouTube channel "ceili308" has videos of dances. **More information: 703.273.6869 or ceiliset@yahoo.com**

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**

Scandinavian

Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD

Beginning Class: Tuesdays, January 6 and 27
• 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Advanced Classes: Tuesday, January 13
• 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**, or **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.HamboDC.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 *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 meets on 1st 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 kgildemeister@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 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 *1st & 3rd Mondays • 7-10 pm*

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

Tuesdays

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

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued

Folk Club of Reston/Herndon • Herndon, VA
Tuesdays • 7:30 pm
 Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Open mic format. 2nd Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase; monthly concerts usually 3rd Tuesday, price varies. Smoke-free environment. Info: www.restonherndonfolkclub.com, 703.435.2402.

Old Time Jam • Washington, DC
2nd 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](mailto:ulrike(at)brauneis.us)

Wednesdays

Baltimore Singers Club • Fells Point, MD
2nd 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 & Annapolis, MD
2nd & 3rd 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.shipcompany.org
 2nd Wednesdays – Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street, Baltimore (Fells Point)
 3rd Wednesdays – Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401

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

Saturdays

Batala Percussion Band • Washington, DC
Saturdays • 10am - 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, or www.batalawashington.com.

Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA
January 24 • 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 703.578.3106, [nvhd@holsopple.com](mailto:nvhdp@holsopple.com), or <http://pages.prodigy.net/holsopple>.



Storytelling

Storytelling Boot Camp • Washington, DC
Saturday, January 10 • 9:30am - 4 pm

This six-hour intensive workshop will help you find a story “seed,” understand story structure, and begin shaping an original story into something that can be performed. True Reformer Building, 1200 U Street. Advance registration required. \$85. **Info: Amy at 240.888.9751 or www.speakeasydc.org**

Elizabeth Ellis • Washington, DC
January 24 • 7:30 pm

One Size Fits Some – an original story about being obese in America, told by **Elizabeth Ellis** at Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Street, NW. \$12, limited seating. **Info: telmoment@verizon.net or 301.838.9614.**

Storytelling 101 • Washington, DC
Wednesdays, Feb 18, 25, Mar 4, 11 • 6:30-9:30 pm

Twelve hours of instruction, including two half-hour private coaching sessions. \$185. Location TBA. Advance registration required. **Info: www.speakeasydc.org**



Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

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, call **Joanie Blanton 304.263.2531** or email 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 webpage at www.scanfiddle.info, call **Joanie Blanton 304.263.2531** or email updf@earthlink.net.

28th 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 \$12 student) can be purchased at most BFMS events, or online at www.bfms.org, or by mail. **Info: 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

Ski-Dance Weekend • Laurel Highlands, PA
Friday-Monday, February 13-16

The 25th annual Ski-Dance Weekend at Camp Harmony features cross-country skiing, sledding, contra dancing and music making in a beautiful rustic setting. Wonderful music by **Dave Weisler** and the **Avant Gardeners**, with calling by **Tori Barone** and **Bob Mathis**. Adults \$170 (\$10 less for STS /Sierra Club members); children 3-13 \$75; infants-2 years \$5. Lodging is dormitory style at this 100-plus acre camp, with other skiing areas nearby. **Info: www.skidance.com, eliotapplestein@verizon.net, 301.984.6855** or **Bob Mathis** at 301.589.7539 or talibob@starpower.net

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

FSGW’s 27th 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.

Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

CDSS Music and Dance Week • High View, WV Sunday, August 16 - Saturday, August 23

If you're looking for a fabulous summer week, filled with music, dance and song, try CDSS Week at comfortable Timber Ridge Camp, conveniently located about two hours west of the Washington/Baltimore area. The week will feature four complete and interlocking programs: an adult English and American dance program; a Family/Children's Program; an intensive American Dance caller's workshop; and a Young Dancers Program, designed specifically for dancers age 16 - 25. Singing, late night dance parties, art, nature walks, swimming, jamming and more will add to the fun. **Info:** <http://www.cdss.org/programs/2009/timberidge.html>.



Thoughts and Thanks from a New Dancer

I won't tell you why and how I first came to the Glen Echo contra dance. But I will never forget that first night - kaleidoscopic! A contra dance - multidimensional and layered with sights and sounds. Uplifting! More than a hundred people artfully weaving through patterns and figures, smiling, organized, and, at the same time, free. Dynamic. Fun. Funky. Energetic. A brand-spankin'-new experience - rich, radiant, and passionate!

Firsts are important to me, and I knew instinctively that this "first" would be significant. Carlos Castaneda wrote, "Ask yourself, and yourself alone one question. Does this path have a heart. All paths are the same, they lead nowhere...The only question is...Does this path have a heart? ...If it does, then it is a good path. If it doesn't then it is of no use." Watching the joyful crowd responding to the rhythms, in sync with each other and the band, hearing their feet hit the floor in unison (bam!), watching the play between musicians and dancers it became obvious. This dance path, in this place, has Heart.

Despite my elation, the scene was intimidating to a newcomer, but the members of the dance community invited me in, made me feel welcome, patiently guided me to my "new neighbor," and showed me how to not get dizzy. It will be my privilege to "dance it forward."

I now know that any lesson I need to learn in life I can learn through dance. I can spend hours meditating, to learn how to be in the present moment - or I can do it instantly in a contra dance, or by gliding smoothly around the floor with my waltz partner. Are you trying to eliminate preconceptions and misconceptions about others? Want to see the best in others, and make a connection? You'll feel all that shallow stuff fall away during the give and take of dance, the eye contact during the swing, the energy that flows between you and your partner. Want to gain control, or maybe lose it? Come dance. Do you have trouble embracing change? Come dance. Feeling closed and empty, or open and hurting? Come dance. Want to experience something familiar or discover something new and exciting? Come dance. Dance is a lesson in standing on your own two feet, literally and figuratively.

And dance is about touch. Not just physically (although one on-line description of contra is "a way to get a hug from a new person every 30 seconds") but with emotion, reason, and spirit. A chance to encounter, understand and appreciate the diversity of humanity. To create or deepen a bond with every dance. And to be touched musically: melodically, rhythmically, energetically! "The magical connection between the tip of a fiddler's bow and the tap of a dancer's toe." To stay in sync with the beat as it grows faster. To shed self-imposed constraints and dare to dance wildly. And at the same time, to share all of this with others. No wonder we come back. No wonder we come dance!

Roxanne Watts

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Driving & Mass Transit Directions to Frequent Venues:

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

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.

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