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## Sparky and Rhonda Rucker

*Saturday, January 17 • 8 pm*

**Sparky and Rhonda Rucker** are fascinated by history, especially the people they've found there. They're known for doing extensive research about old songs and historical characters, and they make good use of those stories and characters in their performances. Both are noted storytellers, contributing to a number of publications and performing regularly at festivals, schools, libraries and historical sites for audiences of all ages. And they've both been singing and playing music virtually all their lives.

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CD RELEASE CONCERT

SEEKERS CHURCH, (TAKOMA) DC

## MARTHA BURNS

### BLAZING WITH TALENT

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 \* 8 PM**



**Martha Burns** sings American old-time songs the old-time way. Her repertoire includes Southern ballads, cowboy songs, comic ditties, turn-of-the-century heart-throbbers, and more, culled extensively from first-generation recorded country music,

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James "Sparky" Rucker grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, singing in church and school. He participated in workshops at the Highlander Center with such civil rights activists as **Rosa Parks** and **Bernice Reagon**, marching in the 1960s with the **SNCC Freedom Singers**, **Guy Carawan** and **Pete Seeger**, working later on behalf of Southern Appalachian coal miners. He taught school in Chattanooga before becoming a full-time folksinger, which is, after all, just a different kind of teaching.

**Rhonda Hicks Rucker** grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, studying piano as a pre-schooler. In church she learned the old hymns and became the substitute organist. She took to acting, singing and the guitar in her teens. She studied medicine, got her medical degree and practiced as an internist for five years. While studying and practicing, she met Sparky, and she joined him on stage in 1989 part-time, and eventually full-time.

It's been nearly six years since Sparky and Rhonda Rucker played for FSGW. They've been busy as ever, doing concert performances across the country; touring Ireland; presenting workshops in schools, folk camps and arts centers on subjects from the Underground Railroad to the Civil War to the American West. Rhonda's first novel, *Swing Low, Sweet Harriet*, based on Harriet Tubman's work as a Civil War spy and scout, was published last year.

They've released more than a dozen CDs, including a few of folktales. Sparky sings and plays fingerstyle and bottleneck guitar, banjo and spoons. Rhonda sings and adds piano, banjo, and harmonica.

Their experience, credits, and awards fill pages. They bring unique knowledge, great humor, credibility, talent for entertaining audiences and a fascination for their subject. Join us and share this fascinating evening.

At the **Washington Ethical Society Auditorium, 7750 16th St., NW, 20012**. General admission, \$15; free to FSGW members

## **MARTHA BURNS** continued from front page.



field recordings and folk song collections. Martha offers songs you have never heard before, rare treasures from other places and times.

Martha grew up in Greenwich Village during the height of the American Folk Revival. Old-time music was everywhere. The **New Lost City Ramblers** and the Friends of Old-Time Music, based in New York, were bringing national attention to now legendary Southern singers like **Doc Watson**, **Clarence Ashley**, **Dock Boggs** and **Roscoe Holcomb**, and popularizing re-issued 78s of **The Carter Family** and others who had recorded in the 1920s and early 30s. Martha's passion for folk music deepened during the decade she spent in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she moved in 1970.

Martha began performing in the mid-1970s and quickly attracted widespread interest as a sparkling new singer of old-time songs. By the early 80s her performance roster included the Philadelphia Folk Festival, Pine-woods Folk Music Camp, folk clubs, and, a six-week British tour.

In 1987, Martha took leave from performing, lured by an academic interest in American history. She has published on subjects ranging from early nineteenth-century hymnody to female piano teachers before the Civil War.

Martha's return to music and performing, after more than two decades, was consummated earlier this year with the release of her first solo album, "Old-Time Songs." The product of a highly successful Kickstarter campaign, "Old-Time Songs" features a rare variety of Martha's favorites. It includes guest appearances by master old-time musicians and singers.

All these will be at the **Seekers' Church, 276 Carroll St., NW, 20012** (across the street from the Takoma Metro station on the Red Line). Admission \$15 at the door.

## FSGW HOUSE CONCERT

UPPER MARLBORO, MD



# Bob Walser

## Sea and Shore

Sunday, January 18 • 3 pm

A wonderful afternoon of stirring music by **Bob Walser** from Minneapolis. Bob is a great singer, multi-instrumentalist, and noted scholar of traditional music of the sea and shore. He was the original director of the Sea Music Festival (now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year at the Mystic, CT Seaport Festival Museum).

He has a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology and has toured throughout the U.S., England, the Netherlands, France, and Poland, delighting audiences with his deep knowledge of maritime music, leavened with gentle humor. A skilled instrumentalist, Bob presents song accompaniments and dance tunes on melodeon, concertina, banjo and guitar.

He is a treasure trove of little-heard songs, and especially songs with good choruses, he loves to share them with others, so come prepared to sing.

At Mount Lubentia, home of **Andy and Sondra Wallace**.

Info/reservations/directions: [andy.sondra@verizon.net](mailto:andy.sondra@verizon.net) or 301-324-7311. Suggested donation \$15.

## FSGW HOUSE CONCERT

UPPER MARLBORO, MD

# Alan Reid and Rob Van Sante

Burns Birthday Bash • Sunday, January 25 • 3 pm

Come celebrate Robert Burns' birthday with a concert of Scottish music by two renowned musicians from across the pond, **Alan Reid** and **Rob Van Sante**.

**Alan** was born in Glasgow and for more than forty years was a mainstay of the celebrated Scottish folk group **Battlefield Band**. His inventive songwriting and powerful renditions of traditional songs were a significant part of the group's stellar international reputation. Alan has been nominated for the Scots Traditions Award in the "Composer of the Year" category, and has contributed several tracks to the Linn Records 12 CD collection of the entire Robert Burns song catalogue.

**Rob** was born in Holland, but has lived most of his life in northern England, where he has become a well-known figure in the English folk scene. He has played with many folk luminaries and has recorded many of them in his studio at Leeds.

Alan and Rob joined forces in 2000, while both were working with **Battlefield Band**. They left the band in 2010, and now tour the UK, North America, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. They have recorded four critically acclaimed albums (the latest is "Rough Diamonds"). For more about Alan and Rob, visit their website at [reidvansante.com](http://reidvansante.com).

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## TWO BITS, FOUR BITS....

As I'm sure you are aware, first class postage costs have substantially increased over the last ten years, and further increases are likely. After much discussion over several months, the Board has decided not to increase dues for all members, but instead to ask members who wish to receive a paper newsletter to partially subsidize mailing costs.

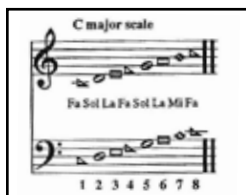
Starting with January 2015 new memberships and renewals, FSGW will request a \$6 annual fee – fifty cents a month – from members who wish to receive a first-class-mail copy of the Newsletter. Paper copies will continue to be available at FSGW events, of course.

If you renew by mailing a check, and wish to receive a mailed copy of the Newsletter every month, please include the additional amount for paper newsletters (see the back page of this Newsletter for specifics). If you renew online, the additional \$6 may need to be processed as a "donation." Please be patient as we set up the system. Lifetime members, who do not receive renewal notices, will continue to receive paper newsletters with no additional annual charge, although they may select "electronic newsletter only."

April Blum, FSGW President

## FSGW Sings/Swaps/Events

**FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING • ALEXANDRIA, VA**  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 • NOON – 5 PM



Welcome 2015 in harmony at the annual New Year's Day shape-note singing. Singers from around the region will join in unaccompanied four-part hymns, spirituals, and fugues from the 1991 edition of the original *Sacred Harp* and the 2013 *Shenandoah*

*Harmony* (loaner books available). There will be four hours of singing, with a break for a potluck feast, all on the ground level of the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church of Alexandria.. Info: Mary Ann Daly at **301-229-8534**, or [madaly@verizon.net](mailto:madaly@verizon.net), or [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org).

**FSGW OPEN SING • KENSINGTON, MD**  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 • 8:30 – 11:30 PM

The January FSGW Open Sing will be hosted by Nancy King. Theme: "Rovers, Wanderers, and Nomads." Everyone welcome. Most songs presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on topic – come anyway! Please bring a snack for sharing. Contact Nancy at [nking2@verizon.net](mailto:nking2@verizon.net).

**FSGW STORYSWAP • WASHINGTON, DC**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers from beginners to expert, and story listeners of all experience levels are invited to the home of Starr Kopper for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. For RSVPs and directions, contact Starr at **202-262-0948** or [StarrKopper@rcn.com](mailto:StarrKopper@rcn.com).

**FSGW GOSPEL SING • TAKOMA PARK, MD**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 • 4 – 8 PM

FSGW Gospel Sings are held on second Sundays at various homes. Singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered-dish supper at 6 pm, with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! This month's Sing will be at the home of Barbara Karpas in Takoma Park, 20912. Info: **301-270-4239**.

**FSGW DOO WOP SING • ROCKVILLE, MD**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 • 5:30 – 10 PM

Do you like those classic harmonies from the 1950s and 60s from groups such as the Platters, Lovin' Spoonful, and Everly Brothers? Come join us for our quarterly Doo Wop Sing! We sing great songs from that era, such as *Blue Moon*, *Sh-Boom*, *My Boyfriend's Back*, and *Mr. Sandman*. We start with an optional potluck dinner at 5:30. Singing usually starts at 6:30. Metro and bus accessible. Info: Dave Nelson at **240-506-6569**, or [denelson22@gmail.com](mailto:denelson22@gmail.com), or [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org).

**FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING • ALEXANDRIA, VA**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 • 4-8 PM

At the regular fourth-Sunday shape-note singing, singers explore the rich traditions in *The Sacred Harp* (1991), *Shenandoah Harmony* (2013), and *Christian Harmony* (1959) with four-part harmony fueled by a potluck supper. Loaner books are available, and all are welcome. Usually the singing is held upstairs (Room 19) and the potluck on the ground level of the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St, 22302, about a mile from the Metro and Amtrak stations and GW Memorial. Info: Mary Ann Daly at **301-229-8534**, or [madaly@verizon.net](mailto:madaly@verizon.net), or [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org).



# FSGW Midwinter Festival

Silver Spring/Takoma Park, MD

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Noon to 10:30 pm



Hooray! It's time for the FSGW Mini-Fest – It may be cold outside, but inside there will be warm smiles and hot music. Ballads and blues, washboards and waltz, stories and shape note singing, music and morris dancers and more – you can dance all day or try some of the more than 40 workshops and concerts at 7 different venues throughout the school (plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, usually involving morris dancers and hankies). It's a sure-fire cure for the winter blues!!

We'll be at our usual location – **Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road** – on Saturday, February 7, from noon until 10:30 pm. Mark your calendars!



**I**n the Cafetorium, six hours of fabulous concerts programmed by **Charlie Baum**. At noon, the dynamic duo of **Glyn Collinson** and **Andrew Marcus** – high-energy British traditional folk tunes and original songs. At 1, **Karen Ashbrook** and her students from the **Sligo Creek Hedge School** perform Celtic music featuring hammered dulcimer. Next will be the **Moondiggers**, who perform classic folk music. **Shenandoah Run** is a collegiate folk style big band – '60s-style "Folk Music with a Kick." At 4, we welcome **The Rogue Farmers** – "Farm Jazz" – all-acoustic fiddle, mandolin, guitar and dog-house bass. **Lyuti Chushki** – "Hot Peppers" – play wonderful traditional Balkan music. Schedule details are still being finalized, so check the website for specifics.



**T**he "Roots Americana" room, programmed by **Martha Burns** (a new programmer for Mini-Fest this year), begins with wonderful close harmony by the **Blue Moon Cowgirls**. After that, look for **Gary Wright** and **Leah Weiss**, followed by **Bruce Hutton**, **Chris Romaine** and **Bill Mansfield**. At 3 pm, folklorist and fiddler **Alan Jabbour**; then award-winning guitarist and mandolin player **Orrin Star** from 4 to 5, and banjo historian and instrumentalist **Greg Adams** closing out the afternoon from 5 to 6.



**T**he Storytelling Program will be back, organized by **Tim Livengood** under the theme "Golden Oldies." We'll have fresh voices and old favorites, telling their own interpretation of Golden Oldie stories, including the return of the **Twinbrook Tellers**.

**T**he Jams room, programmed by **Charlie Baum** and **April Blum**, starts with a **Gospel Sing** at noon, followed by **Shape Note Singing**, and **Sea Chanteys**, hosted by **Vince Wilding** (Vince says he doesn't host so much as referee). The Morris dancers have threat—promised to lead a 45-minute **Morris Chorus**, followed by a mellow blues jam featuring musicians from **Archie's Barbershop** and ending with a rousing **Irish Seisiún**.



**I**n the Traditional Song room, **Lisa Null** has worked her usual magic, beginning at noon with a wonderful extended "family" of individuals: **Rita Ferrara**, **Bill Day**, **Darriel Day** and **Joce-lyn Winkler**. **Riki Schneyer** sings mostly American songs—everything from ballads to gospel starting at 12:45; with **Peter Brice**, a singer in the classic Irish style at 1:15 and **Martha Burns** who sings old-time

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## DECEMBER 2014 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- \* The Board accepted the resignation of **Susan Stimpfle** as Publications Chair, and Board members are actively seeking a replacement. President **April Blum** (a previous six-term editor) agreed to act as editor until a replacement is appointed by the Board.
- \* The Library of Congress American Folklife Center is planning a July event, which the Board tentatively agreed to co-sponsor.
- \* The Board discussed website issues, particularly the November 17 attack which resulted in the website being down and a small loss of data. The Board will review commercially available, industry-standard hosted membership management systems. Secretary **Kim Gandy** provided a well-researched list of possible candidates.
- \* The Board dissolved the FSGW Web Steering Committee. A replacement committee will be appointed by the Board once a decision regarding website data migration is reached.

## FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington endeavors to print copy it deems relevant to its membership and purpose as stated in its by-laws:

**"The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people."**

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## FSGW BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW board meetings will be held in Classroom 301 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 **April Blum** by e-mail, [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org), or call afternoons or evenings 301-422-0292 in advance of the meeting.

# FSGW Sunday Night Dances

at Glen Echo Park, MD

Contras & Squares • 7:30–10:30 pm

Introductory lesson every Sunday • 7–7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of dancing 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. Come early for an introduction to the basic moves.** Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. In January all the Sunday Night Dances are in the Spanish Ballroom. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress in layers. Smooth-soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning. Info: **Penelope Weinberger** or **Steve Burnett**; [dance@fsgw.org](mailto:dance@fsgw.org)

Admission: \$10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members,  
\$5 youth (with student ID if over 17)  
\$13 for the general public..

## January

- 4 The Charlottesville, Virginia based **Morrison Brothers Band** features three fabulous musicians (each of whom has a brother surnamed Morrison, of course). **Jim Morrison** (fiddle) and his sons, **Owen Morrison** (guitar) and **Will Morrison** (percussion) play Celtic and New England style original and traditional tunes. **Gaye Fifer** returns to the Spanish Ballroom to call.
- 11 **Barefoot** is a new venture – fiddling demon **Ed Howe** (of *Perpetual e-Motion* fame) and phenom **Jamie Oshima**. Don't miss this Glen Echo debut of an amazing new duo! Our very own **Janine Smith** calls!
- 18 **Ann Fallon** calls to **Ricochet** – **Rya Martin** (piano) and **Walter Hojka** (fiddle) will have you bouncing off the walls with dance delight!
- 25 **Bill Wellington** calls to **The Get Rights** – one of Charlottesville's tightest old-time bands, fronted by upright bass player *extraordinaire* **Sabra Guzmán**, with smokin' fiddle, guitar, and banjo to boot!



*FSGW sponsors events that are intended to foster a pleasant environment and a tolerant community, and to provide a comfortable experience for all.*



## FSGW DANCE EVENTS

# FSGW English Country Dances

**Glen Echo Town Hall, MD • Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm**

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the **Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD 20812**. Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians—every Wednesday a different and delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, cello, viola, and recorder. Light refreshments served at the break. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner required. **Info: Stephanie Smith 301-229-3577 or Roger Broseus English@fsgw.org**

**Admission: \$10 for FSGW members, \$12 for non-members.**

January

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**Carol Marsh** leads the dancing while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Karin Loya** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music.



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**Liz Donaldson** calls to the playing of **Barbara Heitz** (flute), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), and **Melissa Running** (piano).



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**Melissa Running** leads the dances to the music of **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, accordion), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano).



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**Tom Spilsbury** calls while **Chelle Fulk** (fiddle), **Susan Brandt** (flute), and **Ralph Gordon** (cello) play the tunes.

## FSGW Winter Contra Sonic • Glen Echo, MD Thursday, January 15 • 8–11

To celebrate the cold, we've imported some of Minnesota's best. DJ **Bob Walser** will be braving the wind and storms to come spin some REALLY REALLY cool (dare we say cold?) tunes, while local favorite (and Minnesota ex-pat) **Ted Hodapp** calls some dances sure to heat up the hall. Lesson at 7:30. Admission: **\$8 FSGW/affiliates, students; \$10 general.**



## FSGW Family Dance • Glen Echo, MD Sunday, January 11 • 3–5 pm



The FSGW Family Dance is a great shared activity for all ages and all types of celebrations. Make it part of a very special birthday party, or use it as a Brownie or Cub Scout outing. No experience necessary – just come on out and dance – an experienced (and patient) family dance leader will make sure that everyone has a great time. This month, local favorite (and Family Dance volunteer) **Janine Smith** calls to high-energy music by **Ed Howe** (of *Perpetual e-Motion*), in the Glen Echo Ballroom Annex \$5 for ages 4 and older.







## FSGW The Great American Square Dance Revival, Part XXXIV!! • Washington, DC Saturday, January 10 • 8:30 – 11:30 pm

It's time for another fabulous traditional Appalachian old-time square dance. **Phil Jamison** from Asheville, NC calls the figures to music by **Bigger Hoedown: Bruce Molsky** (fiddle, banjo, guitar), **Rafe Stefanini** (fiddle, banjo), **Clelia Stefanini** (fiddle) and **Kevin Enoch** (bass).

Come on down – all are welcome. Young and old, new and experienced, hipsters and outta-the-loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, pointy-toed hand-tooled boots or fancy dress needed. St. Stephen's Church, 1525 Newton St, NW, near the Columbia Heights Metro. \$5 at the door. Info: [dcSquareDance.com](http://dcSquareDance.com).

## FSGW Hot Squares • Adelphi, MD Thursday, January 1 • 2 – 5 pm



The **Hot Square Babes** (**Laura Brown**, **Ann Fallon**, **Eva Murray**, **Janine Smith** and **Susan Taylor**) are throwing their annual Square Dance Party on New Year's Day, featuring fabulous live music by **A.P. and The Banty Roosters** – **Andy Porter** (fiddle), **Joe Langley** (guitar), **Mark Lynch** (mandolin) and **Artie Abrams** (bass) and all the usual Hot Square Babe shenanigans. Dancing is followed by a potluck dinner until 7 pm. A paltry (poultry?) \$10 gets you into this FIRST dance of 2015! Info: **301-926-9142** or [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org). Location: Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Terrace, Adelphi 20783.

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### FSGW CO-SPONSORED DANCE EVENTS

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## Second Thursday Contra Dance in Silver Spring

Free to First-Timers

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 • 7:30–10 PM

(7–7:30 PM INTRO WORKSHOP)

**Gabe Popkin** calls to music by **Hickman, Glickman & Devine** (**Steve Hickman**, **Marc Glickman** and **John Devine**). Beginners workshop 7-7:30. Silver Spring Civic Bldg, Great Hall, One Veterans Plaza, 20910. Free parking in public lot across the street. \$10; \$8 for FSGW or BFMS members and Revels. \$5 students. Free for first-timers. Info: Busy Graham at **301-466-0183** or [busygraham@gmail.com](mailto:busygraham@gmail.com).

Presented by Carpe Diem Arts c/o Class Acts Arts -- in partnership with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW), Silver Spring Town Center Inc. (SSTCI) and the Montgomery County Department of Recreation's "Be Active Montgomery" initiative.



## Glen Echo International Folkdancers • MD

THURSDAYS • 7:30–10:45 PM

See the listing under International Dances on page 17.

# Concerts

## CONCERT SERIES

### BALDWIN'S STATION • SYKESVILLE, MD

7618 Main St. Accessible to people with disabilities. Info: **410-795-1041**, [uptownconcerts.com](http://uptownconcerts.com) or [uptownconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:uptownconcerts@gmail.com). 8 pm.

January

- 8 Harpeth Rising** -- progressive folk music. \$15  
**15 Dave Rowe**, from the Maine music scene. \$18

### BARNs AT WOLF TRAP • VIENNA, VA

1635 Trap Road, 22182.

January

- 17 Livingston Taylor**, folk-pop, \$25, 7:30 pm  
**29 Jonathan Edwards**, folk-pop, \$25, 8 pm  
**31 Schooner Fare**, Maine folk, \$27-32, 7:30 pm

### BIRCHMERE CONCERT HALL • ALEXANDRIA, VA

3701 Mt. Vernon Ave; 22305. All shows at 7:30 pm. Info: [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com)

January

- 9-10 Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder**, bluegrass \$39.50  
**16-18 Eddie from Ohio**, contemporary folk \$37.50  
**24 Four Bitchin' Babes**, folk-pop \$35

### THE CELLAR STAGE • BALTIMORE, MD

Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Rd 21214. Info: **410-521-9099** or [uptownconcerts.com](http://uptownconcerts.com) or [uptownconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:uptownconcerts@gmail.com). 8 pm.

January

- 23 Blue Moon Cowgirls** – inviting, exciting, igniting. And **Neptune's Car** – New England songwriters mix folk, country, and a passion for lighthouses. \$21  
**30 Naked Blue** blends Americana tradition with pop sensibility. And **We're About 9** featuring songs from their newly released *Future Pilot*. \$21

## FOCUS MUSIC SERIES



Information for all locations at [focusmusic.org](http://focusmusic.org) or call **703-501-6061**.

### FOCUS/CHORDS OF COURAGE ALEXANDRIA, VA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7 PM

**Chords of Courage** uses song and video to celebrate courageous and inspiring people. **Caron Dale**, the founder, will be joined by **Kevin Dudley**, **Laura Baron**, **Bain Ennis**, **Matt Kohut**, and members of the band **R.S.V.P.** Church of St. Clement, 1701 N Quaker La, 22302. \$15 advance, \$18 door. Info: Herb Cooper-Levy at **703-380-3151** or [focusmusic.org/venue\\_alexandria.php](http://focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php)

### FOCUS/NATHANS-RONSTADT CONCERT

FALLS CHURCH, VA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 • 7 PM

Singer-songwriters **Aaron Nathans** (guitar) and **Michael G. Ronstadt** (cello) present original, often humorous songs at Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 2849 Graham Rd, 22042. \$15 advance, \$18 door. Info: Judy Oliver at **703-869-0711** or [focusmusic.org/venue\\_fallschurch.php](http://focusmusic.org/venue_fallschurch.php).

### FOCUS/DAN NAVARO ROCKVILLE, MD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 • 7 PM

**Dan Navarro** + opener **Heather Aubrey Lloyd** at Ted's 355 Diner in Rockville.

### GYPsy SALLY'S • WASHINGTON, DC

3401 K St NW 20007 Info: [gypsysallys.com](http://gypsysallys.com)

Tuesdays at 8 pm, open mic in the Vinyl Lounge (upstairs). No cover.

January

- 9 Roosevelt Dime**  
**13 Dustbowl Revival**, eclectic roots. \$12-15; 8:30 pm

## HOW TO SUBMIT A LISTING TO THE FSGW NEWSLETTER:

1. Please look at this Newsletter and determine under what category your listing should appear. When submitting copy, put that category in the subject line, followed by the month. So if you want to list a contra dance, your subject line is: Dance Contra [Month]. No punctuation, please. If it's a workshop: Workshop [Month]. If it's a single concert: Concert Individual [Month]. And so forth. Putting the category in the Subject Line makes it easier for the editor to retrieve groups of events.

2. Please submit all listings in FSGW format. All information should be submitted in the following sequence:

Event Title \* City, State Abbreviation

Day of the week, Date \* start time - end time

One or two sentences only. Location (+ zip code for GPS). Ticket prices.

Info: Contact Name at Phone number or email/website.

NB: The city and state appear in the header; do not repeat then in the body, but in this age of Droids and GPS units, you need to include the 5-digit zip code – it goes right after the street address.

CONCERTS *continued***THE HAMILTON • WASHINGTON DC**

600 14<sup>th</sup> St NW 20005. Info: [thehamiltondc.com](http://thehamiltondc.com)  
Sundays at 10 am and 12:30 pm, gospel brunch \$45

**January**

- 8 **Willie Watson**, folk/blues, \$15-20, 7:30 pm  
25 **The Steel Wheels**, bluegrass, \$15-22, 7:30 pm  
29 **Barnstar!**, bluegrass quintet, \$15-20, 7:30 pm

**INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS (IMT)**

Info for both locations: [imtfolk.org](http://imtfolk.org), or call 301-960-3655 to purchase advance tickets. All tickets at both locations are General Admission.

**IMT ROCKVILLE, MD**

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd 20852

**January**

- 31 **Djesben** and **Groovananda**. Groove to two World Music bands. **Djesben** is a trio of multi-instrumentalists with diverse backgrounds who play "World Jazz" and **Groovananda** is a yoga rock band with funk, jazz, yoga, and Indian musical influences. Additional info: [djesben.com](http://djesben.com), [facebook.com/wynne.paris](https://www.facebook.com/wynne.paris). \$10 advance, \$15 door.

**IMT WASHINGTON, DC**

Co-sponsored with Focus Music. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St, NW, 20012

**January**

- 14 "Joan & Joni Tribute" — **Allison Shapira & Kipyn Martin** lead a musical journey from the 60s to today — songs by Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell. Additional info: [joanandjoni.com](http://joanandjoni.com). \$15 advance, \$20 door. Students (ID required) \$12/17. 7:30 pm.

**INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS**

(listed chronologically)

**FIDDLE SUMMIT CONCERT • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 • 8 PM**

This annual concert presents some of the finest fiddlers from a variety of traditions, including **Andrea Hoag** (Scandinavian), **Elke Baker** (Scottish), **Joe Herrmann** (old time), **Graham DeZarn** (Irish), **Danny Knicely** (bluegrass), and **Alexander Mitchell** (swing) along with **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and more), and **Dave Wiesler** (piano). At the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, 100 West Washington St, 25443. \$18 adults, \$15 seniors, \$12 SMD members, \$8 students. Info: Joanie at **304-263-2531** or [updf@earthlink.net](mailto:updf@earthlink.net) or [smad.us](http://smad.us)

**CARROLL CAFE • WASHINGTON, DC**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 • 7:30 PM**

Come out for an exciting double bill. **Sligo Creek Stompers** play a raucous but refined blend of traditional roots music

(Appalachian, bluegrass and New Orleans style); and **Lulu's Fate**, featuring **Tom Espinola** on mandolin and guitar, performs a mix of Appalachian, southern string band, and country blues traditional and original tunes. 276 Carroll St, NW, Washington DC, near the Takoma Park Metro Station. \$16 advance, \$20 door. Info: Jesse Palidofsky at **301-562-4147** or [carrollcafe.org](http://carrollcafe.org)

**DANNY PAISLEY/SOUTHERN GRASS • HERNDON, VA**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass** are the absolute best at playing traditional music. Alison Krause has said she believes Danny has the best male bluegrass voice around — high praise indeed. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd, 20170. \$15 at the door. Info: Bob Thompson at **703-435-8377** or [kd4fue2@verizon.net](mailto:kd4fue2@verizon.net).

**ORRIN STAR DUO • WASHINGTON, DC**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7 PM**

"An Evening of Bluegrass, Folk & Humor" with hot picker and wit **Orrin Star**, joined by **John Seebach** (guitar, mandolin, harmony vocals). At The Corner Store, a lovely gallery-by-day venue near Eastern Market. 900 South Carolina Avenue SE, 20003. \$20 donation with RSVP, \$22 at the door. Info: **202-544-5807** or [kris@cornerstorearts.org](mailto:kris@cornerstorearts.org).

**ACRE 121 • WASHINGTON, DC**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 • 8 PM**

The **Sligo Creek Stompers** play an interesting blend of traditional roots music, with infusions of Irish fiddle tunes, honky tonk, gypsy swing, and contra. At Acre 121, 1400 Irving St NW, 20010. \$5 at the door. Info: [sligocreekstompers@gmail.com](mailto:sligocreekstompers@gmail.com) or **202-779-8393**.

**333 COFFEEHOUSE • ANNAPOLIS, MD**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 • 7:30 – 10 PM**


333 presents the **Pam Ortiz Band**, featuring "Songs for the 99%" by this acoustic quintet, featuring former **Terra Nova** singer and songwriter **Pam Ortiz**. Annapolis Friends Meeting, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$12 general public, \$10 seniors, students, ATDS or FSGW members. Info: Tom Rhoads, **443-333-9613** or [333concerts.org](http://333concerts.org).


**EAST OF MONROE • HERNDON, VA**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**East of Monroe** is relatively new on the scene, but each member is a veteran of the bluegrass and acoustic music world. They create beautiful harmonies with a phenomenal vocal range and magnificent instrumental prowess. They provide a mix of styles — bluegrass with country, soulful jazz and gospel. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd, 20170. \$15 at the door. Info: Bob Thompson at **703-435-8377** or [kd4fue2@verizon.net](mailto:kd4fue2@verizon.net).



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><i>All times are pm unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <h1>January 2015</h1>			
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10am Annapolis Jam 11am DC Bluegrass Union Jam 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE</b> <b>GAYE FIFER WITH</b> <b>THE MORRISON BROTHERS</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Night of Christmas</b> 7 DC Bluegrass Union Jam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Sea Chanteys/Wheaton</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women <b>8 FSGW BOARD MEETING</b> <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Int'l Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10am Annapolis Jam 2 CABOMA Jam <b>3 FSGW FAMILY DANCE</b> <b>4 FSGW GOSPEL SING</b> <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE</b> <b>JANINE SMITH WITH BAREFOOT</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 Balkan Singing</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 7:30 IMT/Focus Concert <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Int'l Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Sea Chanteys Baltimore</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10am Annapolis Jam <b>3 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT – BOB WALSER</b> 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 4 Sandy Spring Sacred Harp 4 Revels Jubilee Voices Concert <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE</b> <b>ANN FALLON WITH RICOCHET</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> 7 DC Bluegrass Union Jam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 Balkan Singing</p> 	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7 DC Shape Note Sing 7 Focus/Rockville Dan Navaro 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance <b>8 FSGW WINTER CONTRA SONIC</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>6:30 Community Sing 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Int'l Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Sea Chanteys Annapolis</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10am Annapolis Jam 2 CABOMA Jam 3 GWCC Ceili 3 Hot Society Dance <b>3 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT – ALAN REID &amp; ROB VAN SANTE</b> <b>4 FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING</b> 4 Alpine Dancers 7 Revels Pub Sing <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE</b> <b>BILL WELLINGTON WITH</b> <b>THE GET RIGHTS</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 Balkan Singing</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club Zoe Mulford &amp; Brad Yoder 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Int'l Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Sea Chanteys Washington DC</p>

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>New Year's Day 1</b> <b>NOON FSGW NEW YEAR'S SHAPE-NOTE SINGING</b> <b>2PM FSGW SQUARE DANCE PARTY</b> 3 New Year's Ceili 7:30 Glen Echo Int'l Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Back Room Blues Dance	<b>2</b> 8 Fiddle Summit Concert 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance <b>8:30 FSGW OPEN SING</b>	<b>3</b> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 4 Alpine Dancers 8 Shepherdstown, WV Contra Dance 8 Norwegian Dance
<b>8</b> <b>7:30 FSGW SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE</b> 7:30 Glen Echo Int'l Dance 8 Baldwin's Station Concert Harpeth Rising 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Back Room Blues Dance	<b>9</b> 7:30 Carroll Café Concert Sligo Creek Stompers/Lulu's Fate 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra with The Glen Echo Open Band	<b>10</b> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 7 Focus Concert 7 Orrin Star Duo Concert <b>7:30 FSGW STORYSWAP</b> 7:30 Danny Paisley Concert 7:30 French Bal Folk 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Silver Spring English Dance <b>8:30 FSGW GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL XXXIV</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!</b>
<b>15</b> 7:30 Glen Echo Int'l Dance 7:30 Arlington Circle Dance 8 Baldwin's Station Concert Dave Rowe 8 Wheaton Folksong Sing-In 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Back Room Blues Dance <b>8 FSGW WINTER CONTRA SONIC</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 333 Coffeehouse Pam Ortiz Band 8 Sligo Creek Stompers Acre 121 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance	<b>17</b> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam <b>2:30 FSGW STORYSWAP</b> 7 Annapolis, MD Contra Dance 7 Lancaster, PA Contra Dance 7 Greenbelt Scandinavian Dance 7 Focus (Falls Church): Nathans-Ronstadt 8 Squeeze the Bag Concert 8 Bluemont Contra Dance <b>3 FSGW PROGRAM SPARKY AND RHONDA RUCKER</b>
<b>22</b> 7 Mt. Rainier Folk Hoot 7:30 Glen Echo Int'l Dance 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Back Room Blues Dance	<b>23</b> 8 Cellar Stage: Blue Moon Cowgirls + Neptune's Car 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 9 Gypsy Sally's: Bumper Jacksons + Miss Tess & The Talkbacks	<b>24</b> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam <b>5:30 FSGW DOO WOP SING</b> 7:30 East of Monroe Concert 7:30 Leesburg Assembly Falls Church, VA <b>3 FSGW CD RELEASE CONCERT: MARTHA BURNS</b> 8 Frederick Contra Dance 8 Greenbelt Israeli Dance
<b>29</b> 7:30 Glen Echo Int'l Dance 7:30 Arlington Circle Dance 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Back Room Blues Dance	<b>30</b> 8 Cellar Stage Concert Naked Blue + We're about 9 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 	<b>31</b> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 1:30 Hammer Dulcimer Jam 7:30 Gaudreau /Star Concert 7:30 IMT Concert

## FSGW Advance Notice

Saturday, February 7, 2015

### FSGW MIDWINTER FESTIVAL (MiniFest)

Takoma Park Middle School, MD

Sunday, March 15 • 3 PM

FSGW House Concert

### ERIC & SUZY THOMPSON

Mount Lubentia (The Wallace's)  
(Upper Marlboro, MD)

Sunday, April 12 • 3 PM

FSGW House Concert

### MARTIN GROSSWENDT & SUZANNE SALEM-SCHATZ

Mount Lubentia (The Wallace's)  
(Upper Marlboro, MD)

Friday, April 10, thru

Sunday, April 12

### 26TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND

CAMP LETTIS, EDGEWATER, MD

Saturday, May 9 • 7:30 PM

### FSGW's 29TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON SPRING BALL

Cherry Hill Conference Center  
College Park, MD

Saturday, May 30, &

Sunday, May 31, 2015

### 35TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

Friday, October 2, thru  
Monday, October 5, 2015

### 51ST ANNUAL FSGW GETAWAY

West River Conference Center  
West River, MD

CONCERTS *continued***SQUEEZE THE BAG! • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 • 8 PM**

The bellows-blown bagpipe is a quieter, more parlor-oriented cousin to the great highland bagpipes. Four kinds of bagpipes will be featured: the Scottish smallpipe, the Irish uilleann (or Union) pipes, Northumbrian smallpipes and the Border pipes which are played in the border region between Scotland and England. Our artists are: **Dick Hensold, Joey Abarta, Sean Gavin, Kelly Criscuolo-Debutts, Tim Cummings, Iain MacHarg** and **Bob Mitchell**. At Shepherd University's Reynolds Hall, 301 North King Street, 25443. \$18 adults, \$15 seniors, \$12 SMD members, \$8 students. Info: Upper Potomac office at **304-263-2531** or [updf@earthlink.net](mailto:updf@earthlink.net) or [smad.us](http://smad.us)

**BUMPER JACKSONS • WASHINGTON, DC**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 • 9 PM**

The **Bumper Jacksons** paint America's story from New Orleans' brothels to Appalachian hollers. Recognized as the region's Best Traditional Folk Band at the 2013 Wammies, **The Bumper Jacksons** re-imagine American roots music with both power and tenderness. Co-billed with **Miss Tess and the Talkbacks**, at Gypsy Sally's, 3401 Water St NW, 20007. \$12 advance, \$15 door. Info: **202-779-8393** or [bumperjacksons@gmail.com](mailto:bumperjacksons@gmail.com).

**FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON • HERNDON, VA**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 • 7:30 PM**

**Zoe Mulford** and **Brad Yoder** perform American folk music and more. \$10 members/\$11 non-members. Open mic on other Tuesdays. Info: [DAHurdSr@cs.com](mailto:DAHurdSr@cs.com) or [TheFolkClub@yahoo.com](mailto:TheFolkClub@yahoo.com).

**HOUSE CONCERT • ADELPHI, MD**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 • 7:30 PM**

**Jimmy Gaudreau & Orrin Star**. A rare Maryland appearance by these two renowned area musicians. Hear great picking, sweet singing, funny stories and a repertoire ranging from bluegrass standards to original instrumentals, little-known folk gems and mandolin duets. \$20 donation at the door. At Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Terrace, 20783 (Adelphi=Hyattsville on some GPSs). Directions: **301-422-0292**.



# Classes

**SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD**  
**TUESDAYS, JANUARY 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**7:30 - 9:30 PM**

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn Hambo, Schottis, Waltz, *Zwiefacher*, and other Swedish and Norwegian couple turning dances, including requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes (leather soles are best) for turning, not running shoes. \$5. First time free. Info: Lisa Brooks at **240-731-1935**, [lisa@HamboDC.org](mailto:lisa@HamboDC.org) or [www.HamboDC.org](http://www.HamboDC.org).

**Directions:** Enter NIH at Wisconsin Ave. and the Gateway Drive Visitor Entrance (south of South Dr., reachable ONLY from the north on Wisconsin Ave.). Park there, or drive to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to Building T-39. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center Metro stop. See map at [www.HamboDC.org](http://www.HamboDC.org).

**ADULT IRISH SET DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD**  
**THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8 - MAY 7 • 7 - 9:30 PM**

The Greater Washington Ceili Club offers Irish social dance lessons in a relaxed setting. No partner needed. 7-8 pm, basic steps and dances. 8-9:30 pm advanced dances. Third Thursday often a mini-ceili with live music. (1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/15, 5/7). Wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes. \$40/season, first class free. Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. (Just outside the Beltway, Georgia Ave exit). Plentiful free parking. Info: Paul O'Donnell at **301-649-6410** or [info@gwcconline.org](mailto:info@gwcconline.org).

**WALTZ PRACTICUM • GREENBELT, MD**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 • 2-4 PM**

Waltz lovers, please join us for an open practicum at the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio. Mid-tempo waltzes (108-162 bpm) to recorded music. All waltz styles are welcome; eclecticism and fusion encouraged. Dance shoes mandatory; street shoes not permitted on dance floor. 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$5 suggested donation. Info: Elliott Drabek at **443-653-1468** or [Elliott.drabek@gmail.com](mailto:Elliott.drabek@gmail.com) or [ti-nyurl.com/waltz-practicum](http://ti-nyurl.com/waltz-practicum).

**IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • GAITHERSBURG, MD**  
**TUESDAYS, JANUARY 13-MAY 12 • 7-9 PM**

The Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers teach Irish set and ceili dancing at Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Raven Rock Dr, 20878. No partner, Irish heritage, or dance experience required, but bring a sense of humor and comfortable shoes. \$50 per person for the entire semester. Free class voucher available online. Info: Jean Woods at **301-253-4263** or [jtmwoods@gmail.com](mailto:jtmwoods@gmail.com) or [ringofkerrydancers.org](http://ringofkerrydancers.org).

**BANJO LESSONS** Old-Time & Bluegrass w/Don Rusnak. 50+ yrs. Exp. Near Ballston Metro, Arlington, VA. Banjos bought/sold/traded/repared. **703-522-1696**. [BanjoDaddy@hotmail.com](mailto:BanjoDaddy@hotmail.com)

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# Dances

*Note: The events listed here welcome all levels from beginners to experienced dancers. The dances are taught and walked through first, so no experience is required. Come and enjoy, with or without a partner!*

## COMMUNITY/FAMILY

### FSGW Family Dance

Details on page 8.

### GALESVILLE COMMUNITY DANCE

No dance this month.

### BFMS FAMILY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD

No Family Dance in January or February 2015.

## CELTIC/CEILI

### NEW YEAR'S CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 • 3 – 8 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club presents the Second Annual New Year's Day celebration with live music by **Ellis Island: Dave Abe** (fiddle), **Myron Bretholz** (bodhran), **Peter Fitzgerald** (banjo) and **Andy Thurston** (guitar). An introductory workshop starts at 3, with easy dances and old favorites from 4 to 8. Potluck dinner during the first break. Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd (entrance code 76000). \$20 Members, \$25 Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info: **301-512-4480** or **gwcc-online.org**.

### GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 • 3–8 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club sponsors a 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday dance (Sept-May). Music by **Laura Byrne and Friends**. 8-hand jig workshop at 3. Ceili 4-8, with potluck dinner during the first break. Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740 (entrance code 76000). \$20 Members, \$25 Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info: **301-512-4480** or **gwcc-online.org**.

## CONTRA

### Sundays

### FSGW Sunday Night Dances

Details on page 7.

### Wednesdays

### BFMS CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD

WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM



Beginners are always welcome. New-dancer workshops are held at 7:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. Members \$9, non-members \$13, member/Non-member

students with ID \$4/\$6. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., 21218. Info: **bfms.org**.

## January

- 1 **SPECIAL THURSDAY NIGHT NEW YEAR'S NIGHT DANCE.** Perry Shafran calls to Megan Beller (fiddle), Charley Beller (percussion), and Michael Raitzyk (guitar).
- 7 **George Mercer** calls to **Baltimore Open Band**
- 14 **Kristin Seibert** calls to **Phoenix – Corey Walters** (flute, mandolin), **Nora Smith** (fiddle) and **Christopher Jacoby** (guitar). New dancer workshop at 7:30.
- 21 **April Blum** calls to **Waverly Station – David Knight** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass).
- 28 **Kim Forry** calls to **Strings on Wings – Barb Schmid** (fiddle) and **Todd Clewell** (guitar). New dancer workshop at 7:30 pm.

## Thursdays

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Contra • Silver Spring, MD

### FSGW Co-sponsored Dance

Details on page 9

## Fridays

### FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS • GLEN ECHO, 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 historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (unless otherwise specified), at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. New dancer class every week from 7:30 to 8:15. \$10 for the lesson and dance. \$5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: **FridayNightDance.org**, or **301-632-2222**, or the Friday Night Dance Facebook page.

## January

- 2 **Anna Rain** calls to **Frog Hammer: Jim Besser, Glyn Collinson, Andrew Marcus, Richard Seidel, Michael Ferguson, Bob Collins** and **Dave Casserly**.
- 9 The fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**; with caller **Steve Gester**
- 16 **Gwyn Williams** calls, with music by **Ken Kolodner** (fiddle, hammered dulcimer), **Brad Kolodner** (banjo, guitar, fiddle), and **Alex Lacquement** (bass).
- 23 **Ann Fallon** calls to **AP & The Banty Roosters: Andy Porter** (fiddle), **Mark Lynch** (mandolin, banjo), **Joe Langley** (guitar) and **Artie Abrams** (bass).
- 30 **Dave Colestock** calls to **The Treble Makers: Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Brenna Hogan** (hammered dulcimer) and **Robin Wilson** (flute and concertina).

## DANCES CONTINUED

*Saturdays***SMAD CONTRA DANCE • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV****SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 • 8 – 11 PM**

This month, **Laura Brown** calls to the **Fiddle Retreat Open Band**, led by **Andrea Hoag, Elke Baker, Graham DeZarn, Paul Oorts, and Dave Wiesler**. Beginners workshop at 7:30. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Dance is at the Shepherdstown War Memorial Building, German and King Sts, 25443. Members, \$10 Non-members, \$5 under 12. Info: Becky at **304-876-2169** or **smad.us**.

**BFMS CONTRA DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD****SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 • 8 – 11 PM**

BFMS presents 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday American, Square, and Contra dancing. Introduction to contra dancing from 7:35 to 7:55; dance from 8 to 11 pm. Beginners, singles, couples and families welcome. This month, **Rebecca Denison** calls to music by **Callithump: David Knight** (fiddle), **Glyn Collinson** (guitar, bouzouki, stomping), and **Andrew Marcus** (accordion). St. Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. \$9 Members, \$13 Non-members. Under 21 full-time students with ID \$4 members, \$6 Non-members. Info: **Becca Dennison** at **301-606-7115**, or **satdance@bfms.org** or **BFMS.org** or BFMS hotline **888-646-BFMS**.

**LANCASTER CONTRA • LANCASTER, PA****SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 • 7–10 PM**

**Terry Bachmann** calls to **Phoenix: Nora Smith** (fiddle), **Corey Walters** (flute, mandolin), and **Christopher Jacoby** (guitar, mandolin, accordion). St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W Chestnut St, 17603. \$9 Adults, \$6 Students. Age 15 and under free. Info: Karen at **717-951-4317** or **lancastercontra.org**.

**ATDS CONTRA • ANNAPOLIS, MD****SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 • 7 – 10 PM**

**Kim Forry** will call contras and squares to the delightful tunes of **Black Oranges (Sarah Foard and Gary Prince)**. Free introductory lesson at 6:30. All ages welcome, no experience or partner necessary. All dances taught and walked through. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401 \$10, with discounts for seniors, students, families, and ATDS Members. Info: Jan Scopel at **443-540-0867** or **janscope@hotmail.com**; Ann Fallon at **410-268-0231** or **aefallon@verizon.net**, or **contradancers.com/atds**.

**BLUEMONT CONTRA • HILLSBORO, VA****SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 • 8 – 11 PM**

Music by **Joe DeZarn and Friends: Joe DeZarn** (fiddle), **Graham DeZarn** (fiddle, melodeon), and **Pat Egan** guitar), caller TBA. Beginners workshop at 7:30. We welcome dancers of all ages and experience levels. Dance is at the Hillsboro Old Stone School, 37098 Charles Town Pike, 20132. \$8 Members, seniors, and students. \$12 Non-members. Info: Nathan Borger at **540-955-8186** or **info@bluemont.org**.

**FREDERICK CONTRA • FREDERICK, MD****SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 • 8 – 11 PM**

Special "When I'm Sixty-Four" birthday dance! Dance for free as **Marc "Birthday Boy" Glickman's** guest. Music and calling by local area favorites. What a terrific way to celebrate! Bring a snack to share at the break. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd (near Harry Grove Stadium), 21703. Introductory workshop at 7:15. Free this month, but donations gratefully accepted. Info: Boe Walker at **301-694-6794**, or **contradancers.com**.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY***Mondays***BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD****MONDAYS • 8 – 10:30 PM**

All dances are taught and walked through. New dancer orientation first Monday at 7:45. Admission \$8 Members, \$11 Non-members, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. Info: Carl Friedman at **410.321.8419** or **engdance@bfms.org**.

January

- 5** New Dancer orientation (free) at 7:45. **Tom Spilsbury** calls to **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (winds, concertina), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).
- 12** **April Blum** calls to **Trio Con Brio: Elke Baker** (violin), **Paul Oorts** (strings, accordion) and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano and more).
- 19** **Ann Fallon** calls to **The Geud Band of Baltimore**.

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**26 Rich Galloway** calls to **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Mary Flora** (flute), and **Donna Boylan** (piano).

### *Wednesdays*

**FSGW English Country Dance. Details on page 8**

### *Saturdays*

**SILVER SPRING ECD • SILVER SPRING, MD**

**JANUARY 10 • 8 PM**

Dance to music by **Peascods Gathering** with calling by **Bob Farrall**. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave., Parking and entrance at rear of school. Info: Carl Minkus at **301-493-6281** or [cminkus@verizon.net](mailto:cminkus@verizon.net), or Bob Farrall at **301-577-5018**.

**LEESBURG ASSEMBLY • GREAT FALLS, VA**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 • 7:30-10:30 PM**

Come join us for the first dance of the year! All dances taught, and called to live music. Check the website for information about the caller and musicians. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike – 4.7 miles west of the Beltway. \$15. Info: David Pacelli at **703-757-8648** or [theleesburgassembly.org](http://theleesburgassembly.org).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**ALPINE DANCERS • NEW CARROLLTON, MD**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 • 4 – 6:30 PM**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 • 4 – 6:30 PM**

Alpine Dancers perform and teach folk dance, specializing in graceful and lively couple and trio dances from Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Always looking for energetic beginners. Free open practice at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy, 20784. Info: Carol Traxler at **301-577-3503** or [caroltraxler@yahoo.com](mailto:caroltraxler@yahoo.com), or [alpinedancers.org](http://alpinedancers.org).

### *Mondays*

**DIAMOND DANCE CIRCLE • BETHESDA, MD**

**MONDAYS • 7:30 – 10 PM**

Come join our friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30-8, intermediate / advanced 8-10 (requests from 9:15-10). No partner needed. Adults over 16 please. Mostly recorded music, wonderful wood floor. Jane Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Bethesda 20815. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, **301-871-8788**, [diamondDanceCircle.com](http://diamondDanceCircle.com) or [diamondDanceCircle@comcast.net](mailto:diamondDanceCircle@comcast.net).

### *Wednesdays*

**COLUMBIA FOLK DANCERS • COLUMBIA, MD**

**WEDNESDAYS • 8 – 10:30 PM**

We meet at Kahler Hall in Columbia, Village of Harpers Choice. Class at 8, dancing starts at 8:30. Requests taken throughout the evening. \$5 (\$3 for seniors). Info: Ethel at **410-997-1613**,

Ed at **410-740-2309**, or [columbiafolkdancers.org](http://columbiafolkdancers.org).

### *Thursdays*

**GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE**

**BETHESDA, MD**

**THURSDAYS • 7:30 – 10:45 PM**

Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). Lesson at 7:30, Request dances from 9 to 10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Co-sponsored by FSGW. \$5 Info: Jamie at **301-466-3018** or [dancingplanet@erols.com](mailto:dancingplanet@erols.com).

**CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA**

**3<sup>RD</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS (15 & 29) • 7:30 – 9:30**

Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of meditation and joy. All dances taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Rte 50 at George Mason Dr, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204. Donation requested. Info: Ann Ulmschneider at **703-528-5114** or [aulmsch@msn.com](mailto:aulmsch@msn.com).

**MT. VERNON FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA**

**THURSDAYS • 8 – 10 PM**

**No dance January 1.** Join our friendly, diverse group on a beautiful dance floor; no partner necessary. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. Easy dances 8 - 8:30, followed by a mix of easy, advanced instruction, and requests. Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, 22307. Donation \$4. Info: Patricia at **703-472-3888** or [pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com](mailto:pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com).

### *Fridays*

**GREENBELT FOLK DANCING • GREENBELT, MD**

**FRIDAYS • 8:30 – 10:45 PM**

We focus on dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching from 8:30 to 9:15, request from 9:15 on. Live music on first Fridays. Greenbelt Comm. Cntr Studio, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. First Fridays, \$12; other Fridays \$7. Students and seniors half price except first Fridays. Info: Larry Weiner at **301-565-0539** or [larry@larryweiner.com](mailto:larry@larryweiner.com), or [larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm](http://larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm)

### *Saturdays*

**FRENCH BAL FOLK • SILVER SPRING, MD**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7:30 – 10 PM**

Join us for an evening of dances from central France. Never danced in France? Not to worry – we'll have instruction through the evening. **Lynn Baumeister** and **Anna Rain** instructing, music by **Leslie Barr** (fiddle). 9512 Saint Andrews Way, Silver Spring 20901. \$5 donation. Info: Lynn Baumeister, **412-275-0023** or [lynnpers@mailcan.com](mailto:lynnpers@mailcan.com).



## DANCES CONTINUED

## ISRAELI

ISRAELI DANCING • CHEVY CHASE, MD  
TUESDAYS • 7 – 10:30 PM

Instruction from 7 to 7:45. We focus on building a repertoire of both classic and newer Israeli dances in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Recorded music. Light refreshments served. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, 20815. \$8 adults, \$6 students. Info: Mike Fox at **240-424-0805** or [markidmike.com](http://markidmike.com), or [markidmike@gmail.com](mailto:markidmike@gmail.com).

ISRAELI DANCING • GREENBELT, MD  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 • 8 – 11:15 PM

Israeli Classic Dance party (dances from before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$8. Info: Ben Hole at **301-441-8213**.

## MORRIS

ARLINGTON NORTHWEST MORRIS WOMEN  
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 of Arlington, Arlington Blvd at George Mason Dr. Info: [suzelise@comcast.net](mailto:suzelise@comcast.net) or [nwdancers@comcast.net](http://nwdancers@comcast.net)

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN  
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 – 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: Louise Neu at **301-927-6373** or [louiseneu@earthlink.net](mailto:louiseneu@earthlink.net) or [uswet.com/RCMW.html](http://uswet.com/RCMW.html).

FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN  
THURSDAYS • 8 – 10 PM

Experience the vigorous thrill of the morris and the camaraderie of a morris team! Learn and perform dances from English Cotswold villages, mummers' plays and occasional long-sword dances. We welcome new and slightly used dancers to our practices at Knock on Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow St, NW, Washington DC and/or at the pub afterwards. Info: Alan Peel at **301-920-1912** or [squire@fbmm.org](mailto:squire@fbmm.org) or [fbmm.org](http://fbmm.org).

LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students: basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles. Downtown Silver Spring. FREE mutual interview! [enul@starpower.net](mailto:enul@starpower.net) or **301-587-2286**

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## SCANDINAVIAN

NORWEGIAN DANCE & POTLUCK • SILVER SPRING, MD  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

POTLUCK 6:30 PM • DANCE 8 PM

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by guest fiddler **Paul Morrisett** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (sympathetic strings under bowed strings – see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with Swing or hambo elements. Beginners, singles, couples, watchers, listeners – everyone is welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, cash you can spare. This month at 9512 St. Andrews Way 20901. Host phone 301-585-5806. Info: Jenny at **301-371-4312** or [pi@xecu.net](mailto:pi@xecu.net), or [MAND.fanitull.org](http://MAND.fanitull.org)

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 • 7–10 PM

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. This month we are privileged to feature fiddler **Paul Carlson**, who teaches and plays regularly for the Nordic Dancers and the Washington Spelmanslag. This will be his first time playing with the **Scandia DC Spelmanslag**. No partners necessary. Teaching from 7-8: Klackpolska, a fun Swedish dance to lively music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$10. Inclement weather cancellation 310.474.0646. Info: Linda at **202-333-2826**, [linda@scandiadc.org](mailto:linda@scandiadc.org), or [www.scandiadc.org](http://www.scandiadc.org).

## SCOTTISH

See [rscds-greaterdc.org](http://rscds-greaterdc.org) for all Scottish dance listings.

BETHESDA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • MD  
MONDAYS • 8 – 10 PM

NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). #5 Call or email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod at **301-622-5945** or [blackolav@gmail.com](mailto:blackolav@gmail.com).

GREENBELT SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • MD  
TUESDAYS • 8 – 10 PM

Dance all year 'round at the Greenbelt Community Center. \$8. Info: Jay Andrews at **703-719-0596** or [andrewj@rcn.com](mailto:andrewj@rcn.com).

ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • VA  
WEDNESDAYS • 8–9:45 PM

Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St, Alexandria 22314. \$5 Info: [elanyi@cox.net](mailto:elanyi@cox.net).

## SWING/BLUES

BACK ROOM BLUES • GLEN ECHO, MD  
THURSDAYS • 8:15 – 11:30 PM

Popular weekly blues dance in the "Back Room" at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812.

Sprung wood floor. Come early, as it is selling out. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9. DJ Mike Marcotte and guests play blues from 9 to 11:30. Info: Donna Barker at **301-634-2231** or [CapitalBlues.org](http://CapitalBlues.org).

## WALTZ/COUPLES DANCING

### AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD SUNDAYS • 3:30 PM

A lively mix of folk waltzes with other couples dances, including hambo, swing, tango, and polka. Beginner lesson from 2:45 to 3:30. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. \$10. Info: [WaltzTimeDances.org](http://WaltzTimeDances.org) or **301-634-2222**.

## January

**4 Devine Comedy**

**18 Marty, Steve, John & Alexander**

### HOT SOCIETY DANCE • GLEN ECHO, MD SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 • 3-6 PM

*The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington* plays music from the 20s, 30s and 40s. Foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha cha, rhumba, swing and more. No partner or experience necessary. Tango lesson at 3 pm. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. \$14. Info: Dave Tucker at **703-861-8218** or [glenecopark.org](http://glenecopark.org) or [hotsociety.net](http://hotsociety.net).

# Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

## Sundays

### ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD SUNDAYS • 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: [ken.i.mayer@gmail.com](mailto:ken.i.mayer@gmail.com).

### DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT CIRCLE JAM WASHINGTON DC 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAYS • 11 AM - 2 PM

The Mansion, 2020 O St., NW, 20036. Accessible on Metro Red Line. Info: Mike Marceau at [mikemarceau@juno.com](mailto:mikemarceau@juno.com). Info on venue: [omansion.com](http://omansion.com).

### CABOMA JAM • ANNANDALE, VA 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS • 2 PM

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Marantha Baptist Church, 3511 Annandale Road, 22003. Info: Don at **703-522-1696**.

### SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS • 4-6 PM

Singing is followed by a potluck supper. Location is a small schoolhouse behind the Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, about 10 miles west of Laurel. Info: Dave Greene at 301-570-3283 or [dgreene@all-systems.com](mailto:dgreene@all-systems.com) to confirm.

## Mondays

### BALKAN SINGING • TAKOMA PARK, MD MONDAYS • 8 PM

Informal singing group, *Sedenka*, meets in to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya at **301-270-4175** or [Katya@partan.com](mailto:Katya@partan.com)

### DC BLUEGRASS UNION VFW JAM TAKOMA PARK, MD

1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAYS • 7-10 PM

Free. Non-smoking. At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave (corner of 4th Ave), 20912, near New Hampshire and Eastern Aves. Info: Barb Diederich at **301-633-2504** or [barb@barbdiederich.com](mailto:barb@barbdiederich.com)

### SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAYS • 8-10 PM

*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 honored if possible. Mostly a *cappella* but instruments are welcome. Info: Myron Peterson at [ructic@yahoo.com](mailto:ructic@yahoo.com) or [ShipsCompany.org](http://ShipsCompany.org)

## January

**5 Limerick Pub**, 11301 Elkin St. Wheaton, MD

## Tuesdays

### RESTON/HERNDON FOLK CLUB • HERNDON, VA TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM



At Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, 2010. Open mic format. Doors open at 6. Second Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase. Third Tuesday often features monthly concerts, price varies. Info: **703-435-2402** or [RestonHerndonFolkClub.com](http://RestonHerndonFolkClub.com).

### DC SHAPE NOTE SING • WASHINGTON, DC 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY • 7 - 9 PM

We sing from both *The Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*. Loaners available and books for sale. Everyone is welcome to bring snacks and friends. We look forward to singing with you. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201

## JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CONTINUED

4<sup>th</sup> St, SE, Washington, DC. Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking is possible; church is a 10-minute walk from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metro stations, or a 20-minute walk from Union Station. Info: **540-955-2660** or **DcShapeNotes** on Face book.

**OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD****ALTERNATE TUESDAYS • 7:30 – 10:30 PM**

**Ken and Brad Kolodner** lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at Liam Flynn's, North Ave. Info: **KenAndBrad.com**, or **KenKolodner.com** or **BradKolodner.com**.

*Wednesdays***SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SINGS • 3 LOCATIONS****2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, AND 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAYS • 8 – 10 PM**

**The Ship's Company** chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at **ructic@yahoo.com** or **ShipsCompany.org**.

January

**14 Wharf Rat**, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt) Baltimore 21231**21 Galway Bay**, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401**28 Laughing Man Tavern**, 1306 G St, NW, Washington DC 20005**ARLINGTON JAM! • ARLINGTON, VA****1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 – 10 PM**

Strings (bowed, plucked or hammered), winds, free reeds: all instruments welcome! Intermediate and advanced players interested in old-time, blues, Scandinavian, swing, and other styles. If you sight-read: music provided! 1909 N. Ohio St. Info: Lilli Vincenz at **703-532-2731** or **Fiddler-Lilli@verizon.net**; or Steve Woodbury at **703-425-5943** or **woodburybauer@verizon.net**.

**CAJUN JAM • GREENBELT, MD****4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAYS • 7–9 PM**

Monthly open Cajun jam and dance. New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Ctr. Info: **301-474-5642** or **newdealcafe.com**. Check website to confirm.

**COMMUNITY SING • SILVER SPRING, MD****JANUARY 21 • 6:30 – 8:45 PM**

Revels and Carpe Diem sponsor a monthly community sing with a half-hour music jam at the end. All ages welcome. No experience necessary. Bring refreshments and songs to share if you wish. January's theme is Liberty and Justice in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Free. Revels Community Room, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. Info: Busy Graham at **301-466-0183** or **BusyGraham@gmail.com**.

*Thursdays***BFMS OPEN SING • FELLOWS POINT, MD****JANUARY 18 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

It's the closest thing to singing in someone's living room...with-out being in one! Singing is about the song; not the performance. We'll sing chorus songs, so even if you aren't comfortable singing in front of a crowd, you can sing along *with* the crowd at the Wharf Rat, 801 S. Ann St. Info: Michael Quitt, **mqpens@gmail.com**.

**FOLKSONG SING-IN • WHEATON, MD****3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAYS • 8 – 10 PM**

Join local musician **Brad Howard** every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a chance to lead the room in song. Bring your favorite folk tunes, your voice, and even your instruments for a great evening of song and pub-style fellowship. The Limerick Pub, at the corner of Elkin and Price, 11301 Elkin St. Venue Info: **thelimerickpub.net**

**FOLK HOOT! • MT. RANIER, MD****4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS • 7 – 9 PM**

**Bruce Hutton** hosts a traditional folk music open mic at the Urban Eats Art and Music Café, 3311 Rhode Island Ave. Info: Bruce Hutton at **301-802-7669**, or **facebook.com/urbaneatsmd**.

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*Fridays***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 [OpenBandOnline.com](http://OpenBandOnline.com). The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac. Info: [FridayNightDance.org](http://FridayNightDance.org).

*Saturdays***ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES JAM • RIVERDALE, MD**  
**SATURDAYS • 1 – 6 PM**

Acoustic instruments, all skill levels and listeners welcome. 4701 Queensbury Rd, across from the Riverdale MARC train station. Ample parking. Free, but donations welcome. Info/confirmation: **301-396-3054** or [acousticblues.com](http://acousticblues.com).

**HAMMERED DULCIMER JAM • McLEAN, VA**  
**JANUARY 31 • 1:30 – 4:30 PM**

Hammered dulcimer players of all levels meet monthly to swap tunes and play together; other acoustic instruments welcome. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. Info: **703-356-0770** or [eholsop@gmail.com](mailto:eholsop@gmail.com), or [google.com/site/nvhdplayers..](http://google.com/site/nvhdplayers..)



# Storytelling

**THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA PARK, MD**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 • 7:30–8:30 PM**

Old-fashioned storytelling with stories of all kinds: truth, myth, and everything else. For adults (occasional language and themes). Hosted by **Tim Livengood**, with featured tellers **Noa Baum** and **Regi Carpenter**. At the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, 20912. Suggested donation of \$10 per person goes to the featured tellers. Contact Tim Livengood, **443-535-3185**, or [timbales@verizon.net](mailto:timbales@verizon.net)

**VOICES IN THE GLEN STORYSWAP • WASHINGTON, DC**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7:30–10:00 PM**

Storytellers from beginners to expert and story listeners are invited to the home of Starr Kopper in NW DC for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. Email [starrkop@rcn.com](mailto:starrkop@rcn.com) for RSVPs and directions.

**BETTER SAID THAN DONE • FAIRFAX, VA**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 • 7:00 PM**

Angels and Demons: Stories about Good, Evil, and Trying to Choose. The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, 22030. Tickets \$10. [www.bettersaidthandone.com](http://www.bettersaidthandone.com)



# Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

## UPPER POTOMAC FIDDLE RETREAT SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 2-4, 2015

Twenty-four different workshops for fiddle, hammered dulcimer, mixed instruments, and dance band, in a variety of styles, will be held on the campus of Shepherd University in historic Shepherdstown. Weekend staff includes **Elke Baker** (Scottish, English), **Andrea Hoag** (Scandinavian, ECD), **Graham DeZarn** (Irish, Appalachian), **Alexander Mitchell** (swing), **Danny Knicely** (bluegrass and old-time mandolin), **Joe Herrmann** (old-time), **Dave Wiesler** (NE dance band, piano), **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer accompaniment), and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and mixed instrument band). Showcase concert on Friday night, contra dance on Saturday night. Info: Joanie Blanton at **304-263-2531**, or [upperpotomacmusic.info/fiddleretreat](http://upperpotomacmusic.info/fiddleretreat) or [updf@earthlink.net](mailto:updf@earthlink.net).

## UPPER POTOMAC PIPERS WEEKEND SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 16-18, 2015

Classes, individual tutoring, concerts and sessions for a wide variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, percussion, flute, and mixed instruments, will be held on the campus of Shepherd University and in nearby historic buildings. Staff include **Cillian Vallely** (uilleann pipes), **Sean Gavin** (Irish flute), **Timothy Cummings** (Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes), **Dick Hensold** (Northumbrian smallpipes), **Iain MacHarg** (Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes), **Kelly Criscuolo-Debutts** (Irish repertoire and uilleann pipes maintenance, and reed-making) and our host piper **Bob Mitchell** (Scottish smallpipes and border pipes). Info: Joanie Blanton at **304-263-2531**, or [upperpotomacmusic.info/squeezethe bag](http://upperpotomacmusic.info/squeezethe bag) or [updf@earthlink.net](mailto:updf@earthlink.net). Early Bird registration (by December 15) offers a substantial discount.

## SPARKY AND RHONDA RUCKER VOCAL WORKSHOP • SILVER SPRING, MD FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 • 7 – 9 PM

"Let Freedom Sing" vocal workshop with **Sparky and Rhonda Rucker**. Participants will explore harmonies and prepare two songs to perform with Sparky and Rhonda as part of their FSGW concert (free to FSGW members, \$15 for non-members) on Saturday, January 17 (WES Auditorium). All are welcome to attend this workshop, whether or not they are able to participate on Saturday. Workshop \$20-30. Pre-registration recommended. Info: Busy Graham at **301-466-0183** or [BusyGraham@gmail.com](mailto:BusyGraham@gmail.com).

## DANCE MUSICIANS WORKSHOP • BETHESDA, MD TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 3-24 • 7-9 PM

Sponsored by the Friday Night Dancers, this four-week workshop is open to all musicians who want to make people think, "Gotta dance!" Repertoire, learning by ear, arranging, etc. Tired of practicing alone? Join us! Off Old Georgetown Road, just north of the Beltway. \$40. Info: Leslie Barr at **301-346-7037** or [lbarr604@gmail.com](mailto:lbarr604@gmail.com).

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CAPITAL WEEKEND COLLEGE PARK, MD

FRIDAY–SUNDAY, MARCH 27–29, 2015

Teacher: **David Queen** from Lancashire, UK. Music: **Terpsichore** with **Elke Baker**, **Liz Donaldson**, and **Ralph Gordon**. At Cherry Hill Convention Park, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. Info: Sally-Beth Buckner, **301-564-0097**, [rscds-greaterdc.org/events](http://rscds-greaterdc.org/events)



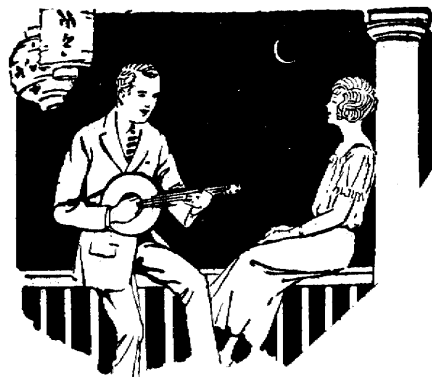
## FSGW's CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND EDGEWATER, MD FRIDAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 10-12, 2015



FSGW celebrates CDW's 33rd anniversary at beautiful Camp Letts. **Adina Gordon** will call dances old and new to wild fun and adventurous tunes by **The Great Bear Trio**. **Phil Jamison**, up from beautiful North Carolina, will call squares and more to authentic Appalachian music by **The Corn Potato String Band**, and **Matthew Duveneck** and **Anna Gilbert** will instruct dancers in waltz and tango, with music by **Fiddlemuse**. Info: [ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org](http://ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org) or [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org).

## SPRING BANJO RALLY • BOILING SPRINGS, PA FRIDAY – SUNDAY, MAY 21-23, 2015

The American Banjo Fraternity sponsors this event, devoted to post-minstrel, nylon-string five-string banjo music as played in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Venue is the ground level of the Meadow Lodge, Allenberry Resort, 1559 Boiling Springs Rd. Venue info: **800-430-5468**. Info: [banjofraternity.org](http://banjofraternity.org)



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songs in a straight and lovely old-time way. At 2:15 there's a one-hour ballad session, with **Bea Lehman, Melissa Weaver Dunning, Connie McKenna, Steve Winick, and Charlie Baum** – story songs sung by those who love to sing them. At 3:15, **Oma Pearl** (lead singer for *Conjure Woman*) breathes fresh meaning into songs from the African-American tradition. **Betsy and Meara O'Malley** are a wonderful mother-daughter pair, who sing mostly Irish songs. At 4:30, it's **Don Stallone** with **TC** – Don hosts TC, a master of Indian vocal styles. **Calico Jenny** takes over at 5 to present songs of the sea, many from a woman's perspective, and the afternoon ends with a mini-concert of songs from her new CD by **Lisa Null**.

**Matilda's Café** (programmer **Matilda Gawf**, also new to Mini-Fest this year) features **Basswood the Band** (folk rock on some unusual instruments, including kazoo and glockenspiel), followed by **Lulu's Fate** (guitar, mandolin, cello). At 2, **Debra and John Annen** perform as the duo **DeJohn**. **Lea Morris** and **Matt Holsen** are up next, with **SoulFolk** — a mix of gospel, jazz, and R&B. At 4, it's **Zach Parkman & Friends** doing acoustic country, folk and blues. And the feathers will fly at 5 when the **Barnyard Prophets** perform – **Phil Fox** and **Severn Savage** specialize in harmonious humor.

**Judy Oppenheim** (FSGW's excellent new Program Chair) will include **The Scrub Pines** at noon, followed by Mini-Fest favorites **Slaveya** in their beautiful black, white and gold costumes from 1 to 2 pm. **Capital Accord** Chorus will sing from 2 to 3, and then it's the ever-popular "Doo Wop" workshop, led by the fabulous **Flawn Williams**. **The Squeezers** – **Jim Besser, Gus Voorhees, Randy Stein** and **Tom Sanford** – will close out the afternoon.

**The Main Gym** features **English Country Dance** at noon – **Melissa Running** calls to music by **The Treble-makers** – **Liz Donaldson, Emily Aubrey, Robin Wilson**, then a rollicking **Barn Dance** called by **Ann Fallon** to old-time local favorites **AP & the Banty Roosters** – **Andy Porter, Mark Lynch, Joe Langley, and Art Abrams**. There's a **tango workshop** at 2, featuring the impressive **Tango Mercurio Orchestra**. **Lisa Brooks** and **Dan Kahn** will lead a **Scandinavian dance workshop** at 3, followed by something new this year – a chance to give **flamenco** a fling – a workshop led by **Flamenco Furia**. And at 5, **Jamie Platt** aka "The Sound Guy" will lead **Balkan and other international dances**.

**The Auxiliary Gym** will begin with an hour of open waltz, with beautiful music by **Firefly**. Then two hours of contra, the first hour with music by **The Treblemakers** – **Liz Donaldson, Emily Aubrey, Robin Wilson, and Brenna Hogan** – and the second with music by **The MetroGnomes** – **Bob Garber, Mark Vidor, and McGregor Yatsevitch**. **The MetroGnomes** will play for couples dances from 3 to 4, followed by two hours of **Cajun music** – first an hour with the wonderful **Cypress Trio** – and then a one-hour **open Cajun jam**.

**From 7:30 to 10:30, two simultaneous evening programs** – in the **Main Gym**, an evening of contras and squares with the **Fabulous Glen Echo Open Band** and a cavalcade of local callers, and in the Cafetorium, a concert featuring **The Capitol Hillbillies** (New Orleans-style jazz and jug band) and **Sheryl Sears and Friends** (jazz-tinged blues), programmed by **Charlie Baum**. More to come! Check **fsgw.org** for latest info!

— **April Blum**, Mini-Fest Chair

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