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FSGW FREE Monthly Program

Takoma, DC

Elizabeth Ellis

Stories from the Heart and Everywhere Else

Wednesday, January 13 • 7:30 pm

Imagine a warm hearth with a merry fire, friends and neighbors gathered near. The music has stopped and the stories have begun—the spoken word that holds us in thrall as the teller weaves together tales about our lives, our history and our sense of place. In the cold heart of January, FSGW is happy to offer its members a FREE evening of storytelling from one of the nation's finest tellers.

Elizabeth Ellis is a national treasure, one of the finest storytellers there is. Working from simple raw materials—traditional stories, her Appalachian childhood, Walmart(!)—Elizabeth captures the listener with an unpretentious charm that disguises the craft in her work. She makes it sound easy, but few people draw in the listener the way Elizabeth does. Her stories confront the essence of shared humanity, the parts we can be proud of, the parts that embarrass us, and also the darker shades of the human experience. She does all this with hilarity and poignancy. An evening with Elizabeth Ellis is by turns entertaining, enlightening, refreshing, and always satisfying.

Elizabeth has received both the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Circle of Excellence Award from the National Storytelling Network. She is a favorite and frequent presence at the National Storytelling Festival and the Teller-In-Residence Program of the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, Tennessee, and has been lauded as "One of America's finest storytellers." by the School Library Journal. Elizabeth is the author of "From Plot to Narrative", which received Anne Izard and Storytelling World Awards. She is the co-author, with **Loren Niemi**, of *Inviting the Wolf In: Thinking About Difficult Stories*. Elizabeth is listed on the Touring Roster of the Texas Commission on the Arts and the MidAmerica Arts Alliance. Find more at www.elizabethellis.com.

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Elizabeth will be appearing as the featured teller in the Grapevine, a monthly storytelling series sponsored by FSGW. The program begins at **7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 13**, at **Busboys and Poets Takoma, 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington, D.C.**, two blocks up from the Metro (food and drink available for purchase). For more information, contact Noa Baum and Tim Livengood at **301-587-3558** or **grapevinetakoma@gmail.com**, or find the Facebook page at GrapevineStorytelling

The Grapevine is supported by donations from the audience. For this special edition of the Grapevine, FSGW is making a generous donation on behalf of FSGW members and encourages them to come out for a listen. You won't be disappointed.

FSGW Sings/Swaps/Events

FSGW SHAPE-NOTE SINGING – 2 THIS MONTH!

FSGW SHAPE-NOTE SINGING • ALEXANDRIA, VA FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 • 12-5 PM

Welcome 2016 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, 2723 King St., 22302. For info - see listing below.

FSGW SHAPE-NOTE SINGING • ALEXANDRIA, VA SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 • 4-8 PM

At the regular 4th 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 in room 19 and the supper on the ground level of the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St. 2723 King St., 22302, near Metro & Amtrak stations & GW Memorial. More info: **madaly@verizon.net** or **301-229-8534**.

FSGW OPEN SING • KENSINGTON, MD SATURDAY • JANUARY 2 • 8:30 PM

Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Everyone is welcome. The open sings have a loose topic to encourage us to learn new songs or put the polish back on some old ones. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on the topic-come join in the fun anyway! This month, held at the home of Nancy King, in Kensington, MD. Contact Nancy at **nlking2@verizon.net** for directions. Theme: Resolutions, Vows and Promises.

FSGW GOSPEL SING • TAKOMA PARK, MD SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 • 4-8 PM

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Group singing starts at 4 pm, and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6, with more singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will be at the home of Jean and Cavan Capps. Info/directions call **301-270-4448**.

FSGW STORYSWAP • WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 • 7:30 PM

What better way to cheer the deep midwinter than with an evening of stories? Bring your tale and your ears to the home of Starr Kopper for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. For RSVPs and directions: **starrkop@rcn.com**, **202-244-5559** or **202-262-0948**.

SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 • 1-3 PM

On the third Wednesday of each month, this song circle offers a daytime opportunity for informal group singing. Open to all ages and levels of experience, the song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. Lyrics will be provided, and you don't need to read music. Come to sing or just to listen to delightful songs, humorous or serious, old or new, timeless or topical. Co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, 20901. Free! For info or to suggest songs in advance, Fred Stollnitz at **fstollnitz@comcast.net**.

FSGW DOO WOP SING • BETHESDA, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 • 5:30-10 PM

Do you like those classic harmonies from the 1950s and 1960s from groups such as the *Platters*, *Lovin' Spoonful*, and *Everly Brothers*? Come join us for our quarterly Doo Wop Sing! We will sing great songs from that era, such as *Blue Moon*, *Sh-Boom*, *My Boyfriend's Back*, and *Monday, Monday*. An optional potluck begins at 5:30, followed by a fun evening of singing beginning at 6:30. Metro and bus accessible. RSVP and directions: Carla Gladstone, **valise@his.com** or **301-951-3426**.

FSGW Midwinter Festival ★ Silver Spring, MD

Saturday, February 6 ★ noon - 10:30 pm

Come out and play (and dance and sing)! It's time for the FSGW Mini-Fest. The annual celebration of all things FSGW – Chanteys and stories, dances and duets, hambos and hornpipes, banjos and bodhrans and ballads. There are two dance tracks and more than forty workshops and concerts at seven different venues throughout the school (plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, usually involving Morris dancers, bells, sticks 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 Rd., 20910.**

- ★ In the Cafetorium, six hours of fabulous concerts programmed by **Charlie Baum**. As of press time (mid-December) confirmed performers include **Dennis Botzer** and **Marc Glickman**; **Balkanto** (Eastern European music); **Shenandoah Run** (a collegiate folk style big band); **Moch Pryderi** (Welsh music), and **The Bog Band** (Irish music).
- ★ The “**Roots Americana**” room is programmed again this year by **Martha Burns**. Current confirmed performers are **Bruce Hutton**, **Chris Romaine** and **Bill Mansfield**; and **Ann Porcella** and **Bill Schmidt**.
- ★ **The Storytelling Program** will be back, organized by **Tim Livengood** including, of course, the wonderful Twinbrook Tellers.
- ★ **The Jams Room**, programmed by **Charlie Baum** and **April Blum**, will include a **Gospel Sing** and **Shape Note Singing**, a blues jam featuring musicians from **Archie's Barbershop** and probably a rousing Irish Seisiún.
- ★ **Lisa Null's Traditional Song** room (always jam-packed and often SRO) features **Don Stallone**; **Connie McKenna**, **Betsy O'Malley**, **Melissa Weaver Dunning**, **Lea Coryell**, **Martha Burns** and **Eleanor Ellis** in a song swap; **Meara O'Malley**, **Michele Callaghan**, **Sarah White** and **Dan Kaufman**, **Bea Lehman**, and the day ends with a ballad swap featuring **Lorraine Van Buren**, **Carly Gewirz**, **Steve Woodbury**, and **Severn Savage**.
- ★ A brand new track – **Living Traditions** – hosted by **Mike and Heather Livingston**, features lots of participatory singing, including songs from the new *Rise Again*, a performance by **Shannon Dunne**, an Appalachian ballads workshop led by **Sara Lynch-Thomason**; a Friends of Bellman session led by **Larry Robinson**, **Julia Borland-Ferneborg**, **Jim Borland**, **Cliff and Kersten Doddy**, and **Craig Packard**, plus a performance by **Maelstrom**, and ending with a “Roots and Branches” sing-along led by **Ingrid Gorman** and **Imogene Weiss**.
- ★ Also new this year is **Maritime Marvels!** Programmed by **Janie Meneely**, confirmed performers include **Geoff Kaufman**, **Scales and Crosstones**, **Ship's Company** (featuring a short performance and an hour-long chantey sing), **Jocelyn Winkler & Darriel Day**, and **Janie** herself as a member of the **Misbehaving Maidens**.
- ★ The Main Gym will feature six hours of dance, including English Country Dance, a Scandinavian dance workshop, a tango workshop and more. And the Auxiliary Gym will include waltz, contra, and Cajun/Zydeco.
- ★ From 7:30 to 10:30, two simultaneous evening programs – in the Main Gym, an evening of contras and squares with the fabulous **Frog Hammer** and local caller **Janine Smith**. In the Cafetorium, a concert programmed by **Charlie Baum**. **The Flaming Shillelaghs**, **Lisa Null**, **Eleanor Ellis**, and **Sara Lynch-Thomason** (and perhaps a few others) will make this a tuneful and delightful evening.

— April Blum, Mini-Fest Chair



TICKET PRICES REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR!

Day plus evening (noon to 10:30 pm)

FSGW Adult Member \$15 FSGW Child (6–12) \$8 FSGW Family Maximum \$45
Non-FSGW Adult \$20 Non-FSGW Child (6–12) \$10 Non-FSGW Family Max \$55

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

FSGW Adult Member \$10 FSGW Child (6–12) \$5 FSGW Family Maximum \$25
Non-FSGW Adult \$15 Non-FSGW Child (6–12) \$7 Non-FSGW Family Max \$40



FSGW English Country Dances

Glen Echo, 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., 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, 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.

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Stephanie Smith calls the dances to the music of **Colleen Reed** (flute), **Adam Bern** (fiddle), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)

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Carol Marsh calls the dances while **Carrie Rose** (flute), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Melissa Running** (piano) make the music



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Melissa Running and **Kappy Laning** lead the dances while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the tunes



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Tom Spilsbury calls to the playing of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Barbara Heitz** (flute), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano)

The next **Washington Spring Ball** has been scheduled for May 14, 2016, Great Hall of the Silver Spring Civic Building. Check the FSGW website for more info.

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 by email, 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 them 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.

Submit entries to newsletter@fsgw.org

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

AT GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

CONTRAS AND 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. December dances will be 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

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

** Special Sunday Dance **

Afternoon Challenging Contras 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Sunday, January 3 - Will Mentor and *Stringrays*

Venue: Bumper Car Pavilion

Will Mentor is bringing his particularly twisted way of challenging us in a dance with music by the fabulous *Stringrays*. Come on out for an afternoon of mind bending delights! **Rodney Miller**, **Stuart Kenney** and **Max Newman** bring the tunes.



REGULAR SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES:

January 3 - Will Mentor and *Stringrays*

Venue: Spanish Ballroom

An inimitable trio of musicians share their love of playing and exploring great tunes. *Stringrays* are **Rodney Miller** (fiddle), **Max Newman** (guitar) and **Stuart Kenney** (bass, banjo). One of our favorites, **Will Mentor**, returns to Glen Echo to call.



January 10 - Kappy Laning with *New Hip Trio*

Venue: Spanish Ballroom

Fiddler **Joe DeZarn**, pianist **Liz Donaldson**, and bassist **Ralph Gordon** have been playing traditional dance music together as the *New Hip Trio* since 2007. Blending their collective experience playing tunes from mostly the Irish, American, Quebecois and Old-time fiddle repertoire, their music brings spark and flair to the dance floor. **Kappy Laning** calls.



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January 17 - April Blum with *Taylor Among the Devils*

Venue: Spanish Ballroom

FSGW's very own **April Blum** takes the stage to call with *Taylor Among the Devils*: **Marty Taylor** (winds and concertina), **Jonathan Jensen** (piano and winds) and **Steve Hickman** (fiddle and harmonica).



January 24 - Janine Smith with *Nearly Wild* • Venue: Spanish Ballroom

Our local superstar, **Janine Smith**, calls with *Nearly Wild* - featuring **Jim Morrison**, **TJ Crow**, and **Charlie Pilzer**. This will be a great dance!



January 31 - Perry Shafran with *Frog Hammer* • Venue: Spanish Ballroom



Frog Hammer is a super-high-energy English ceilidh rock band. They are eminently danceable, innovative, presenting traditional tunes as you've never heard them and new tunes with a kick. Between their brass section and supercharged Englishman, they are guaranteed to get you airborne. *Frog Hammer* is **Jim Besser** (concertina), **Glyn Collinson** (guitar, bouzouki), **Andrew Marcus** (accordion), **Michael Ferguson** (trombone), **Bob Collins** (drums), and **Dave Casserly** (saxophone). **Perry Shafran** will call dances to keep us moving and grooving.



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

PLEASE NOTE: FSGW Newsletter deadline is changing!
 From here forward, please send newsletter submissions to editor (newsletter@fsgw.org) by the **8th of the preceding month.**

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FSGW BOARD MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 • 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, or call afternoons or evenings 301-422-0292 in advance of the meeting.

FSGW DANCE EVENTS

FSGW FAMILY DANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 · 3-5 PM

Joe DeZarn (fiddle), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass), with caller **Liz Donaldson** will provide a fun filled family dance in the Spanish Ballroom Annex. No experience necessary – an experienced (and patient) family dance leader will make sure that everyone has a great time. Glen Echo Ballroom Annex \$5 for ages 4 and older.



FSGW SQUARE DANCE · ADELPHI, MD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016 · 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. A paltry \$10 gets you in to this FIRST awesome dance of 2016! Held at Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Terr., 30783. Info: fsgw.org or **301-926-9142**.

TWO THIS MONTH

THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL - PART XXX! WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 8:30-11:30 PM

We're baaaaaaack! The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating 5 wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! We're returning to (the just newly renovated) Saint Stephen's Church for another rollicking evening. Square Dance tunes played by real-deal musicians and a real live Square Dance Caller shows you how it's done and will have you up and do-si-do-ing in no time flat. Come see what it's all about, right in the heart of DC on a swingin' Saturday night. All are welcome—young and old, brand new and experienced dancers, hipsters and total outta-the-loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed. Saint Stephen's Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington DC, near the Columbia Heights Metro. \$5 at the door. More info: www.FSGW.org or www.DCsquaredance.com.

PLAN AHEAD - FSGW'S 34TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND · APRIL 8-10, 2016!

April showers? Who cares? It's not a problem if you're busy dancing at the Chesapeake Dance Weekend.

Perennial favorite, **Lisa Greenleaf**, will lead the contra dancing to the thrilling music of the **Stringrays**. Each member of the band has been to Chesapeake before, but never in this exciting combination. **Rodney Miller**, master fiddler (and he makes 'em too!) mixes his soulful tunes with guitar genius **Max Newman**, and **Stuart Kenney**, master of both bass and banjo.



Former homeboy **Larry Edelman** makes a rare East Coast appearance with his bag of challenging and entertaining square dances. **The Hotwire**

Stringband, will ensure that everyone understands the true meaning of square dancing to some of the finest old-time music around. Get moving to the music of **Brad Leftwich**, (fiddler), **Linda Higginbotham** (banjo), **Abby Ladin** (bass) and **Joel Lensch** (guitar).



You may know her as a great contra dance caller, but **Susan Kevra** will be treating us to something more exotic. She'll be teaching French dances, assisted by **Lynn Baumeister**, with music by **Jeremiah McLane** (accordion) and

Leslie Barr (fiddle). You'll think you're at a *bal folk* in France as you dance bourrees, mazurkas, and schottisches to authentic French music!

And if you need a break from all this amazing music and dance (but who would?!), settle into one of the rocking chairs on the waterfront deck, go for a hike, or chat with old and new friends. It's a great way to welcome Spring. Looking forward to seeing you at Camp Letts, just an hour away from Washington, DC. For more details or to register, go to www.chesapeakedanceweekend.org.



FSGW Co-SPONSORED DANCE EVENTS

SILVER SPRING CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 · 7:30-10 PM · (7-7:30 LESSON)

Caller **April Blum** with the musical talents of **David Wiesler** and **David Knight**. Great Hall of the Silver Spring Civic Bldg, One Veterans Plaza, 20910. Free parking at 801 Ellsworth Dr. Introductory workshop at 7. Co-sponsored by FSGW, Carpe Diem Arts, and Montgomery Cty Rec Dept. \$8 for FSGW/BFMS/CDSS members. \$10 adults, \$5 students. First timers free.

Info: Rachael Erichsen 757-239-3714 or Busy Graham at busygraham@gmail.com.



GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS · MD THURSDAYS · 7:30-10:45 PM

See the listing under International Dances on page 14.

Concerts



INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS (IMT)

Info for all locations at imtfolk.org or
301-960-3655 for advance tickets.

STRINGGRAYS • TAKOMA PARK, MD MONDAY, JANUARY 4 • 7:30 PM

With the fiddling of **Rodney Miller**, guitaring of **Max Newman**, and bass/banjo playing of **Stuart Kenney**, *Stringgrays'* sound is playful and sublime, modern and old-school. These three musicians are exponents of traditional fiddle tunes, and find constant inspiration in each other for lyrical improvising and interplay. At Allyworld, 7014-C Westmoreland Ave., Takoma Park, 20912. \$20 Adv./\$20 door, Students & children \$15 adv./\$20 door.

PHIL WIGGINS & GEORGE KILBY JR. WITH SPECIAL GUEST SHERMAN HOLMES • ROCKVILLE, MD MONDAY, JANUARY 18 • 7:30 PM

Special IMT Concert for Martin Luther King Day

Phil Wiggins, half of the internationally acclaimed acoustic blues duo *Cephas and Wiggins*, hooked up with **George Kilby Jr.**, producer and accompanist of legendary pianist, **Pinetop Perkins** of the *Muddy Waters* band, not long after the passing of their respective musical partners. They are joined by longtime friend **Sherman Holmes** for an evening of rocking original roots material. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., 20852. \$15 adv./\$20 door; students & children \$12 adv./\$17 door.

MOLSKY'S MOUNTAIN DRIFTERS • ROCKVILLE, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 • 7:30 PM

Bruce Molsky is "one of America's premier fiddling talents" (*Mother Jones*) and a twice-Grammy-nominated artist on fiddle, banjo, guitar and song. Bruce is joined in this brand new trio by banjo player **Allison de Groot** and guitarist/singer **Stash Wyslouch**. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., 20852. \$20 adv./\$25 door; students & children \$15 adv./\$20 door.

INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS

(listed chronologically)

RONNY COX • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 • 7:30 PM

Ronny Cox is a superbly talented singer-songwriter, musician and actor. Ronny's music is eclectic, a woven tapestry of songs and stories with an overall arc that eventually comes together and tells something about "the human condition." El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave., 20901, 301-608-2121. \$25. Info: www.wfma.net.

JANIE MENEELY & ROB VAN SANTE • ALEXANDRIA, VA FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 • 6:30-8:30 PM

Janie Meneely, songstress and raconteur of all things Chesapeake, will be joined by singer and guitarist **Rob van Sante** (of the Scottish duo *Reid & van Sante*) for an evening of songs and stories sponsored by the Friends of Duncan Library at Emma's Espresso and Wine Bar. The bar serves small plate fare as well as wine and beer. There is no admission charge. 106 Hume Ave., 22301. Info: Ruth Hailu at 703-746-1705 ext. 3 or janiemeneely@gmail.com.

CARROLL CAFÉ BUMPER JACKSONS • TAKOMA, DC FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 • 7:30 PM

The *Bumper Jacksons* are a big, fat party. Hot and sweet, their traditional jazz and pre-war country repertoire paints America's story from New Orleans' brothels to Appalachian hollers. Unafraid to scrape together new sounds from forgotten 78's, the *Bumper Jacksons* boldly and elegantly balance paying homage to the traditions while fashioning their own unique, DIY style. Carroll Cafe at Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW @Takoma Metro, 20012. \$18 adv./\$20 door. Info: Jesse Palidofsky 301-562-4147, or carrollcafe.org.

FIDDLE SUMMIT • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 • 8 PM

Featured artists include national Scottish fiddle champion **Emerald Rae**; **Pascal Gemme**, the driving force behind the French Canadian supergroup *Genticorum*; **David Kaynor**, known for his solid New England style and graceful Scandinavian fiddling; bluegrass and old-time fiddler and mandolinist **Danny Knicely**; 6-time WV fiddle champion, **Jake Krack**; **Ken Kolodner** on dulcimer and fiddle, the fine flair of English country dance music from **Peter Barnes** on piano and flute; and **Mary Lea** and **Paul Oorts**. Jam session to follow. Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Washington St., 25443. \$20/\$18 seniors/\$10 students. Info: 304-263-2531 or updf@earthlink.net.


STEVE GILLETTE & CINDY MANGSEN • SILVER SPRING, MD SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7 PM

World Folk Music Association 3rd Anniversary Showcase. **Steve Gillette** & **Cindy Mangsen** have been performing together for 25 years, bringing together their love of traditional music and their wealth of original songs and accompanying themselves with guitars and concertinas. El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave., 20901. \$25. Info: www.wfma.net.

333 COFFEEHOUSE • CHARM CITY KLEZMER ANNAPOLIS, MD FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 • 7:30 PM

Joyous Yiddish tunes and daring jazz improvisation from this Baltimore group featuring **Max Geller** on clarinet and **Michael Raitzyk** on guitar. Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$12/\$10 for 65+, students, members of ATDS/FSGW/BFMS. Info: www.333concerts.org or 443-333-9613.

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FSGW Advance Notice

2016

Saturday, February 6
FSGW ANNUAL MINI FEST
Takoma Park Middle School, MD
Noon to 10:30 pm.

Saturday and Sunday
April 2 & 3, 2016
THE 27TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Great Falls, Virginia

Friday, April 8, thru Sunday, April 10
34TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND
Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

Saturday, May 14
30TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON SPRING BALL
Silver Spring, MD

Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5
36TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL
GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

Friday, September 23, thru Monday, September 26, 2016
52ND ANNUAL FSGW GETAWAY
West River Conference Center
West River, MD



CONCERTS continued

SQUEEZE THE BAG! • WV**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 8:00 PM**

Four kinds of bagpipes will be featured in this showcase concert, including the tiny Northumbrian pipes of England with **Ian Lawther** and the uilleann pipes, played by **Cillian Vallely**, accompanied by flutist **Kevin Crawford** and fiddler **Colin Farrell**. The Scottish section of the concert will feature pipers **Mike MacNintch**, **Nick Hudson**, and **EJ Jones** and bouzouki player **Frances Cunningham**, with host piper **Bob Mitchell**. Shepherd University's Reynolds Hall, 109 N. King St., 25443. \$20/\$18 seniors/\$10 students. Info: 304-263-2531 or updf@earthlink.net.

**SMALL POTATOES • HERNDON, VA****TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 • 7:15 PM**

Calling themselves eclectic-maniacs, describing their music as "Celtic to Cowboy," **Jacquie Manning**

and **Rich Prezioso** have become sought-after regulars at clubs and coffeehouses. They both sing, and they both play guitars and an array of other instruments. Join us for an evening of music and community. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, \$11/\$10 members. Info: www.restonherndon-folkclub.com. Adv. tickets - DAHurdSr@cs.com.

RAIN FOLLOWS THE PLOW FOLK OPERA • HERNDON VA**MONDAY, JANUARY 25 * 7:30 PM**

First theatrical performance of Steve Coffee's original folk opera about the Dust Bowl, illuminating the worst man-made ecological disaster in U.S. history through the stories of those who lived through it. Featuring the Glimpses, Kevin Dudley, Jeff Smith, Harley String Band, and many more. NextStop Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, 20170. \$15. Info and advance tickets : www.rainfollowstheplow.com.

Dances

CEILI

GWCC NEW YEAR'S CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 • 3-8 PM**

The Greater Washington Ceili Club is celebrating its 30th season this year! Music provided by **Ellis Island (Dave Abe, Myron Bretholz, Peter Fitzgerald, Andy Thurston)**. No workshop. Ceili 4-8 pm, with potluck dinner during the first break. No partner needed, smooth soled shoes (not tennis shoes) recommended. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740 (entrance code 76000). \$20 Members/\$25 Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. 10 & under free. Info: **301-512-4480** or gwcc-online.org.

AND**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 • 3-8 PM**

GWCC sponsors a 4th Sunday dance (Sept-May). Music this month by **Laura Byrne, Rose Flanagan** & friends. Workshop (Borlin Polka) at 4 pm, Ceili 5-9 pm, with potluck dinner during the first break. Same address as above. \$15 Members, \$20 Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. 10 & under free.

CCE COMMUNITY IRISH DANCE (CEILI) • HERNDON, VA**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 • 6:30-10 PM**

Live music and a caller (**Marilyn Moore**) sincerely welcome dancers of all levels to these 2nd Saturday of the month dances. Workshop at 6:30, dance at 7. Wear comfortable clothes and lightweight clothing. Frying Pan Park Visitors Center, 2739 West Ox Road, 20171. \$15. Info **703-631-9179** or ccepotomac.org.

COMMUNITY/FAMILY**FSGW Family Dance.****Details on page 7.****HARRISONBURG FAMILY DANCE • HARRISONBURG, VA****FIRST THURSDAYS • 6:30-8:30 PM**

First Presbyterian Church, 17 Court Square 22802. Line, circle and square sets. Free and open to all. Info: tommack1861@gmail.com or [facebook.com/SVCWED](https://www.facebook.com/SVCWED).

FRONT ROYAL FAMILY DANCE • FRONT ROYAL, VA**SECOND THURSDAYS • 6-7:30 PM**

Samuels Public Library, 330 East Criser Rd 22630. Line, circle and square sets. Free and open to all. Info: tommack1861@gmail.com or [facebook.com/SVCWED](https://www.facebook.com/SVCWED).

CONTRA

*Sundays***FSGW Sunday Night Dances.****Details on pages 5 & 6.***Wednesdays***BFMS CONTRA DANCE****BALTIMORE, MD****WEDNESDAYS • 8-10:30 PM**

Beginners always welcome. New dancer workshops at 7:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. BFMS and FSGW members \$9, non-members \$13. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: bfms.org.

January

6 **Melissa Chatham** calls to **David Knight** (fiddle) and **Dave Wiesler** (guitar, piano).

13 **April Blum** calls to **Unbowed** - **Henry Koretzky** (mandolin, guitar), **Jill Smith** (piano), and **Bruce Campbell** (bass). New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.

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DANCES continued

- 20 **Kappy Laning** calls to the *Organic Family Band* - **Michael Raitzyk** (guitar), **Jakob Raitzyk** (fiddle), and **Rebekah Gellar** (fiddle).
- 27 **Lindsey Dodson** calls to **Megan Beller** (fiddle) and **Charley Beller** (guitar, percussion). New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.



FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS • GLEN ECHO, MD FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 PM

The Friday Night Dancers, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, sponsors 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

- 1 **Will Mentor** calls to *Stringrays* with **Rodney Miller** on fiddle, **Max Newman** on guitar, and **Stuart Kenney** on upright bass and five-string banjo.
- 8 **Perry Shafran** calls to the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*
- 15 **Susan Taylor** calls to the *Triple Helix* with **Coleen Reed** on flute and sax, **Alexander Mitchell** on fiddle and mandolin and **Keith Gillis** on guitar.
- 22 **TBD** calls to *Black Orange* with **Sarah Foard** on fiddle, **Gary Prince** on guitar and **Manny Arciniega** on percussion.
- 29 **Janine Smith** calls to *Genticorum* with **Yann Falquet** on guitar, jew's harp, vocals, **Alexandre de Grosbois-Garand** on wooden flute, electric bass, fiddle, vocals; **Pascal Gemme** on fiddle, feet, vocals.

Saturdays

CONTRA DANCE • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV SATURDAYS • 8 PM

All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. War Memorial Bldg., 102 E German St., 25443. Free introductory workshop at 7:30. \$12; \$5 under 12. Info: [Becky at 304-870-4118](mailto:Becky@smad.us) or smad.us.

January

- 2 **Will Mentor** calls lively contra dances to the fine music of *Stringrays*, with **Rodney Miller** on fiddle, **Max Newman** on guitar and mandolin, and **Stuart Kenny** on banjo and bass.
- 9 **David Kaynor** calls to the immense "wall of sound" from the *Fiddle Retreat Open Band* led by **David Kaynor**, **Pascal Gemme**, **Mary Lea**, **Peter Barnes** and more. • No beginner's workshop on this date.



BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 • 8-11 PM

DeLaura Padovan calls to *Devine Comedy* with **Marty Taylor** (whistles and concertina), **John Devine** (guitar) & **Steve Hickman** (fiddle and harmonica). Intro to contra dance 7:30. Bring a snack & a friend. \$9 BFMS/FSGW members/\$13 non-members, Discount for under 21 and full-time students with ID. St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Road. Info: [Becca Denison at 301-606-7115](mailto:Becca.Denison@bfms.org), or satdance@bfms.org or saraglik@gmail.com.

BLUEMONT CONCERT SERIES CONTRA DANCE HILLSBORO, VA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 • 8-11 PM

The Bluemont contra dances are held the third Saturday of the month, October through May. Each dance begins at 8 pm with a beginners workshop at 7:30 pm. We welcome dancers of all ages and experience levels. All dances feature a live band and experienced figure caller. Hillsboro Old Stone School, 37098 Charles Town Pike, 20132. \$12/\$8 for seniors, students. Contact: [Nathan Borger 540-955-8186](mailto:Nathan.Borger@bluemont.org); info@bluemont.org, bluemont.org.

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 • 7-10 PM

Anna Rain calls to *Contra Rebels* with **Todd Clewell**-fiddle, **Henry Koretzky**-guitar, **Barb Schmid**-fiddle, and **Bruce Campbell**-bass. St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. Beginners workshop 6:15. \$9 adults/\$6 students. Age 15 and under free. Info: [Karen at 717-951-4317](mailto:Karen@lan-castercontra.org) or lan-castercontra.org.

ATDS CONTRA • ANNAPOLIS, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, • 6:30-10 PM

Shane Knudsen will call contras and squares to the energetic tunes of *Terpsichore*: **Elke Baker** (fiddle) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). Free introductory session at 6:30. No experience or partner required. All dances taught and walked through. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$10/discounts for seniors, students, families, and ATDS/FSGW Members. Info: [Jan Scopel at 443-540-0867](mailto:Jan.Scopel@atds.com) or janscope@hotmail.com or contradancers.com/atds.

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 • 8-11 PM

Sugar Beat returns, featuring **Elke Baker**-fiddle; **Susan Brandt**-flute; and **Marc Glickman**-piano and bodhran. Caller **Perry Shafran**. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Introductory workshop at 7:15. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd., 21703; \$10/students with ID \$5. Info: [Boe Walker at 301-694-6794](mailto:Boe.Walker@contradancers.com) or contradancers.com.

BFMS MIDWINTER BALL • BALTIMORE, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 • 7-11:30 PM

You are cordially invited to the BFMS Midwinter Ball. Music by *Grand Picnic* (**Marco Brehm**, **Michael Gorin**, **Jody Kruskal**,

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Bill Peek, and **Sam Zygmuntowicz**). Dances will be called by **Rick Mohr**. The theme is Summertime Fun. Please dress for your favorite warm-weather activity. The reception starts at 7:00, grand march led by Stan Fowler at 7:30, followed by contra and couple dancing. Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, 3800 North Charles Street, 21218. Registration info: www.bfms.org/midwinter.php or midwinter@bfms.org or 410-274-0437.

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 7:45. Admission \$8 Members (BFMS, ATDS, FSGW, CDSS); \$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

- 4** Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45
Carl Friedman calls to **Tina Chancey** (violin), **Wayne Hankin** (winds), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, etc.)
- 11** **Emily Aubrey** calls to **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)
- 18** **Diane Schmit** calls to **Geud Band of Baltimore**
- 25** **Rich Galloway** calls to **Becky Ross** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano)

Wednesdays
**FSGW English Country Dance.
Details on page 4.**
*Saturdays***SILVER SPRING ECD • SILVER SPRING, MD****SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 • 8-10:45 PM**

Dance to music by **Peascods Gathering**, calling by **Bob Farrall**. Beginners and singles welcome. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902. Parking and entrance in rear. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Info: Carl Minkus at 301-493-5281, cminkus@verizon.net, or Bob Farrall at 301-577-5018.

LEESBURG ASSEMBLY • GREAT FALLS, VA**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 • 7:30-10:30 PM**

Warm yourself up with lively dancing at our monthly dance! All dances taught and called to live music, and new dancers are welcome! Please bring a refreshment to share. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066 – 4.7 miles west of the Beltway. \$10. Info: David Pacelli at 703-757-8648 or theleesburgassembly.org.

INTERNATIONAL*Mondays***BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK • 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. All levels of experience welcome. Adults over 16 please. Mostly recorded music; wonderful wood floor. Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. \$8. Info: Phyllis or Brandon, 301-871-8788, DiamondDanceCircle.com or 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.

*Thursdays***GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK • 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.

**MT. VERNON INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING
ALEXANDRIA, VA**
THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM

We welcome beginners and advanced dancers, no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden floor; a mix of easy dances, advanced instruction and requests. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, 22307. Donation \$4. Info: Patricia at 703-472-3888 or pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com.

CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA**3RD AND 5TH THURSDAYS • 7:30-9:30**

Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of mediation 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.

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*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, requests from 9:15 on. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. \$7/students and seniors half price. Check website for special events. Info: Larry Weiner at **301-565-0539** or larry@larry-weiner.com, or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

ISRAELI**ISRAELI DANCING • ARLINGTON, VA****2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS • 8-10 PM**

Beginner/review instruction from 8 to 9. Intermediate and practice from 9-10. All with a thirst for exercise and dance are welcome. Congregation Etz Hayim, 2920 Arlington Blvd, 22204. \$5 per person per hour. Info: **Ethan Halpern** at **301-982-0937** or xtc0yes@aol.com.

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.

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 or nwdancers@comcast.net.

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN**WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-9:45 PM**

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Rd, 20814, walkable from Bethesda Metro. Info: Louise at **301-927-6373** or louise-neu@earthlink.net or 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 or fbmm.org.

SCANDINAVIAN**NORWEGIAN DANCE & POTLUCK • WASHINGTON, DC**
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 • POTLUCK 6:30, DANCING 8 PM

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle. Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. 3600 T St., NW, 20007. Host phone just in case: Linda & Ross 202-333-28286. Info & directions: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or **Jenny** at pi@xcu.net.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 • 7-10 PM**

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature **Andrea Hoag**, Grammy nominee and our local treasure, and the Scandia DC Spelmanslag. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Gam-mal-polska and Slang-polska from Stugun. These two Swedish dances share the same steps but one is slow and elegant and the other lively and exciting. Open Dancing 8-10. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. \$10; Info: Linda Brooks or Ross Schipper at **202-333-2826**, or Linda@ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather recording: **301-474-0646**.

SCOTTISH

See rscds-greaterdc.org for all Scottish dance listings.

BETHESDA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE**MONDAYS • 8-10 PM**

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

GREENBELT SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE**TUESDAYS • 8-10 PM**

Dance all year 'round at the Greenbelt Community Center. Info: Jay Andrews at **703-719-0596** or andrewj@rcn.com.

ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE**WEDNESDAYS • 8-9:45 PM**

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

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SQUARE DANCE

COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE • GALESVILLE, MD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 • 7 PM

Dance squares, circles, longway sets and waltzes. **Janine Smith** calls to traditional Appalachian dance tunes by **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar) and friends. Sit-ins welcome on fiddle, guitar, and clawhammer banjo. All ages welcome. 5:30 Doors open; 6 optional potluck, 7 Family-friendly dancing; 8:30 More Challenging dancing. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Road, 20765 (Near Annapolis). \$10, Kids 5-17 \$5. Info: <http://communitysquareddance.wordpress.com/> 301-926-9142.

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. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9. Different DJs and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30. Info: Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or CapitalBlues.org.

WALTZ PRACTICUM • GREENBELT, MD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 • 1-3 PM

Waltz lovers, please join us for an open practicum at the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio. Mid-tempo waltzes 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, Elliott.drabek@gmail.com or tinyurl.com/waltz-practicum.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD

TUESDAYS (JANUARY 5, 12, 19, 26) • 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 240-731-1925, lisa@HamboDC.org or HamboDC.org.

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • GAITHERSBURG, MD

TUESDAYS (THROUGH MAY 10) 7-9 PM

The Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers teach Irish set and ceili dancing, for ages 8 and up. No partner necessary. We begin on January 5, 2016. Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Raven Rock Dr., 20878. First class is free (see website for coupon) for non-

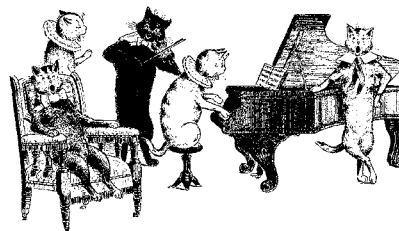
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AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD • 3:30-6 PM

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 or 301-634-2222.

January

- 3 **Karen Collins & The Backroads** with **Karen Collins, Ira Gitlin, Geff King, Pat Puglisi**.
- 17 **Taylor Among The Devils** with **Marty Taylor** (winds, concertina), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle, mandolin), **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, vocals).
- 31 **Tangerine Tempo** with **Elke Baker** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Alex Lacquement** (bass).



Dance Classes

members, then \$50 per semester, \$5. Info: www.ringofkerrydancers.org

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAYS (JANUARY 13, 20, 27, FEB. 3, 10, 17)

A six-week series on the dances of the Hungarian minority in Magyarböd, Slovakia. Beginner level instruction by members of Tisza Ensemble, emphasizing Hungarian dance technique and improvisational leading and following. No partner needed. 4007 Rickover Rd., 20902. \$40 for series. Contact Cathy Lamont 301-648-1909, info@tisaensemble.org, tisaensemble.org.

GWCC IRISH SET DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAYS JAN. 7-MAY 19 • 7-9:30 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club offers ongoing Irish social dance lessons in a relaxed setting, no partner needed. 7-8 pm, basic steps and dances. 8-9:30 advanced dances (this season will include the West Kerry Set and the Claddagh Set). Third Thursday, in lieu of later class, there is a mini-ceili with live music open to all (small donation for musicians; 1/21, 2/18, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19). Wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes. \$40/season, first class free. Argyle Park Activities Bldg., 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Plentiful free parking. Info: Paul O'Donnell at 301-649-6410 or info@gwcc-online.org or www.gwcc-online.org.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

SCOTTISH JAM • ALEXANDRIA, VA 4TH SUNDAYS • 2-5 PM

John Strongbow's Tavern, 710 King St., 22314. Info: Peter@boghadubh@gmail.com or dscottishsession.blogspot.com. Info on venue: johnstrongbows.com.

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

Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT CIRCLE JAM WASHINGTON DC

1ST SUNDAYS • 11 AM-2 PM

The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036. Accessible on Metro Red Line. Info: Mike Marceau at mikemarceau@juno.com. Info on venue: omansion.com.

CABOMA JAM • ANNANDALE, VA 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2 PM

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Marantha Baptist Church, 3511 Annandale Rd, 22003. Info: Don at [703-522-1696](tel:703-522-1696) or www.caboma.org.

SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD 3RD SUNDAYS • 4-6 PM

Singing is followed by a potluck supper. Location is a small schoolhouse behind the Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, 20860 (about 10 miles west of Laurel). Info: Dave Greene at [301-570-3283](tel:301-570-3283) or dgreene@all-systems.com to confirm.

VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SING • OAKTON, VA 3RD SUNDAYS • 5-7:30 PM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124, in classroom 3/4. Info: John at [540-955-2660](tel:540-955-2660) or jdelre@visuallink.com or visit dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

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.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION VFW JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 1ST AND 3RD 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](tel:301-633-2504) or barb@barbdiederich.com.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD 1ST MONDAYS • 8-10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly but instruments are welcome. Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

Tuesdays

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD TUESDAYS: 7:30-9 PM

Make the Capital Accord Chorus part of your 2016 New Year's Resolution! We are an all-female group, singing in the barber-shop style, and we want you to be part of our Chorus. Come join us! Open rehearsals are free and begin on January 5, 2016, with performances throughout the year in the DC metro area and a Spring Competition in Delaware. Rehearsals currently held at Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave, 20902. Before You Come: Check www.capitalaccord.org for a potential change in rehearsal location! Info: Lara at [1-301-392-7664](tel:1-301-392-7664) or admin@capitalaccord.org.



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

At Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, 20170. 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](tel:703-435-2402) or RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.

DC SHAPE NOTE SING • WASHINGTON, DC 3RD TUESDAYS • 7-9 PM

We sing from both and . Loaners available and books for sale. Everyone is welcome to bring snacks and friends. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE, 20003. Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking possible; church is 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metro stations, or 20 minutes from Union Station. Info: John at [540-955-2660](tel:540-955-2660) or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

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, 22 W. North Ave, 21201. Info: KenAndBrad.com.

JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION continued

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January

- 13 Wharf Rat**, 801 S Anne St. (Fell's Pt.), Baltimore, 21231
20 Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave., Annapolis, 21401
27 Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005

ARLINGTON JAM! • ARLINGTON, VA**1ST AND 3RD 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, 22205. Info: Lilli Vincenz at Fiddler-Lilli@verizon.net or Steve Woodbury at [703-425-5943](tel:703-425-5943) or woodburybauer@verizon.net.

CAJUN JAM • GREENBELT, MD**4TH WEDNESDAYS • 7-9 PM**

Monthly open Cajun jam and dance. New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, 20770. Info: [301-474-5642](tel:301-474-5642) or newdealcafe.com. Check website to confirm.

*Thursdays***COMMUNITY SING AT REVELS • SILVER SPRING, MD****THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 • 6:30-8:45 PM**

Revels and Carpe Diem sponsor a monthly community sing. All ages welcome. No experience necessary. Bring refreshments and songs to share if you wish. January theme: Peace, Liberty and Justice in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King. January birthdays celebrated at 7:45pm with candles and cake. Free will donations. Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. Info: Jo Rasi, jrazi@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835.

FOLKSONG SING-IN • WHEATON, MD**3RD 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, 20902. Venue Info: thelimerickpub.net.

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 or 301-587-2286

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*Fridays***GLEN ECHO OPEN BAND • GLEN ECHO, MD****2ND FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 PM**

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

*Saturdays***ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES JAM • RIVERDALE, MD****SATURDAYS • 1-5 PM**

Acoustic instruments, all skill levels and listeners welcome. 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737, across from the Riverdale MARC train station. Ample parking. Free, but donations welcome. Info/ confirmation: [301-396-3054](tel:301-396-3054) or acousticblues.com.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING • BERRYVILLE, VA**1ST SATURDAYS • 4-8 PM**

Shape note singers will gather at Josephine School Museum, 303 Josephine St. Potluck supper (picnic style, no kitchen facilities). Info: shenandoahharmony.com, dcshapenote.squarespace.com, or call John or Kelly at [540-955-2660](tel:540-955-2660).

BEATLES SING-ALONG • LEESBURG, VA**3RD SATURDAYS • 7-10 PM**

Do you love the Beatles music? Sing along with other Beatles fans as we sing all their great songs. Lyrics sheets provided. Led by one or more guitarists. Other acoustic instruments welcome. 601 Catocin Circle NE, 20176. Free parking. \$2 suggested donation. Info: Lawrence Brand at [301-639-7608](tel:301-639-7608) or Lawrence@RLBrand.com.

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UPPER POTOMAC FIDDLE RETREAT SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

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Join some of our finest local fiddlers and special guests for a weekend featuring over 30 different workshops for fiddle, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, piano, and mixed instruments, and dance band classes in a variety of styles in historic Shepherdstown, WV, on the campus of Shepherd University. Friday night features a showcase concert; Saturday night has a contra dance with the weekend's open band led by our instructors as well as jam sessions nearby. For information see <http://upperpotomacmusic.info/fiddleretreat> or call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net.

UPPER POTOMAC PIPERS WEEKEND SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Weekend retreat featuring classes, individual tutoring, concert and sessions for a wide variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, percussion, flute and mixed instruments. For more information see the webpage at <http://upperpotomacmusic.info/squeezethebag/>, call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net. Rental smallpipes and practice bouzoukis (restrung baritone ukes) are available for the weekend for a small additional fee for those just starting out.



In Memoriam: Richard Seidel, bassist and former FSGW Newsletter Editor

Richard Seidel, whose day jobs had to do with the judiciary system, passed away on November 12, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. When not at his day jobs, he was an amazing talented bass player, who added his musicianship to many Washington area musical ensembles of many genres, including *Frog Hammer*, *Peascods Gathering*, *the Washington Spelmannslag*, several area Klezmer bands, and dance bands of all sorts. He played with so many groups that festival schedulers sometimes had to work hard to keep him from being on two stages at the same time. In the past, he even found time to serve on the FSGW Board as newsletter editor. Richard's musicianship and friendship will be missed.

A tribute to Richard Seidel - from his bandmates at *Frog Hammer*:

Richard Seidel, Frog Hammer's incredible bassist, died in November. To the end, Richard never let his illness interfere with his love of playing. He was a skilled and amazingly inventive musician who challenged us with his high standards. Frog Hammer will carry on, but Richard will be missed every time we play. Richard touched an incredible number of musical lives, playing in jazz, klezmer, Scandinavian and rock bands. He was also a talented recording engineer who boosted the careers of many area musicians. A musical gathering in his honor will be held in early March, date to be announced.

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