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W/Molly Graham Hickman § Corinne Ducey Saturday, Dec 2 • 7:30-10 pm

Beautiful arrangements of secular, Christian, and pagan seasonal songs by Massachusetts North Shore duo Meridian (Olivia Gale & **Colin de la Barre**), as featured on their 2015 CD Joy, Health, Love and Peace. Opening: Molly Graham Hickman & Corinne Ducey, strong and sweet interpreters of Americana with roots in the shape note tradition.



With polished close vocal harmonies and light sprinkles of guitar and autoharp, Meridian taps into the deep roots of Winter Solstice celebrations in Christian and pagan traditions. Fans of Nowell Sing We Clear's FSGW holiday concerts will recognize the material drawn from the Copper Family, the Watersons, John Kirkpatrick, and other

tradition-bearers—songs that form the soundtrack of a crackling fire, a mug of mulled ale, and friends gathered 'round. As they sing, in the lyrics of Alouette Iselin, "We need the comfort of singing voices until the dark time ends." At Seekers Church. \$5; free to members, a holiday gift from FSGW.

Please bring, if you can, a small donation of toiletries or personal care goods (such as toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, dental floss, new cotton socks, gloves, washcloths, 15" x 25" towels, soap, shampoo (esp. travel size), hand lotion, disposable razors, or shaving cream) to go in care packages for people experiencing homelessness as part of Seekers Church's holiday supply drive.



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How to submit a listing to the FSGW Newsletter

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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**

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"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."

• All copy must be submitted by e-mail to newsletter@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.

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See the front page.

FSGW New Year's Eve Contra Dance Ball CHEVY CHASE, MD SUNDAY, DEC 31 • 8 PM TO 12:15 AM

Bring in the new year with *Pete's Posse* (Pete Sutherland, Tristan Henderson, & Oliver Scanlon). Will Mentor calls the figures. Grand March begins at 8 pm. At Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Ave, 20815. Admission by registration only; must be 18 or older, no tickets available at the door. General Admission, \$44. Current FSGW/ATDS/BFMS/CDSS members, \$40. Info/registration: Jim Gillard, 301-938-5996, or fsgw.org (click on "New Years Contra Ball" under "Winter" in the sidebar).

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD Happy Holidays from the Capital Accord Chorus! Check out our website for times and locations of our Holiday Singouts. Info: 1-301-392-SONG (7664), admin@capitalaccord.org, or capitalaccord.org.

Scandinavian Candlelight Holiday Dance & Luciafest • College Park, MD Friday, Dec 1 • 8:30–11 pm

Music by **Peascods Gathering**. Basic teaching by **Dan Kahn**, 8–8:30. Dancing to candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her crown of candles and traditional holiday refreshments. Singles, couples, beginners, and experienced dancers are all welcome. At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom. \$10. Info: Lorraine Silsbee, 301-585-1130; or Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281 or cminkus@verizon.net.

D.C. LABOR CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, DEC 2 • 7:30 PM

The **D.C. Labor Chorus** is a collective of labor and community activists who love to sing for peace, social justice, and in solidarity with all working people. Every year, each member gets to choose a song for the Chorus to perform in a family-friendly holiday concert of "Favorite and Sacred Songs." Join us in the ballroom on the campus of the ATU Tommy Douglas Conference Center (formerly George Meany Center / National Labor College), 10000 New Hampshire Ave, 20903 (just outside the Beltway). Free. (Donations gratefully accepted.) Info: **Facebook.com/DCLaborChorus**.



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LEESBURG ASSEMBLY: ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE GREAT FALLS, VA SATURDAY, DEC 2 • 7:30-10:30 pm

Join us for our holiday party and dance. Festive attire or period dress welcome. **Tom Spilsbury** calls to music by **Catherine Chapman** (violin) and **Judy Meyers** (piano). All dances taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. At St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066 (4.7 miles west of the Beltway). \$15; students, \$10. Info: Laurel Bybell (Secretary), Ibybell@gmail.com or **703-791-5603**; or **theleesburgassembly.org**.

CHERISH THE LADIES: CELTIC CHRISTMAS GERMANTOWN, MD SUNDAY, DEC 3 • 4 PM & 7 PM

Flutist **Joanie Madden** leads the ladies in seasonal music, Celtic style. At BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Dr, 20874. \$29–51.

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS • SYKESVILLE, MD THURSDAY, DEC 7 • 8 PM

Feat. Laura Byrne (flute), Jim Eagan (fiddle), & Patrick Egan (voice, guitar). Award-winning members of the area's Irish music community celebrate the season. At Baldwin's Station, 7618 Main St, 21784. \$22. Info: 410-795-1041 or uptownconcerts.org.

The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation's 9th Annual Holiday Party Riverdale, MD Saturday, Dec 9 • 1 pm

Potluck party with food, beverages, silent auction, and, of course, a great jam. Bring yourselves, food (chili is popular!) and auction items to share, & instruments if you wish. One of the purposes of the party is to raise money: the silent auction is our major fundraiser for the year. Whether it's through donating items to the auction or bidding generously on items in the auction, we need YOUR help to keep the Barbershop open. Info: acousticblues.com/events/events. html#holiday_party.

ENGLISH COUNTRY HOLIDAY DANCE SILVER SPRING, MD SECOND SATURDAY, DEC 9 • 8–10:45 PM

Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*; calling by **Bob Farrall**. Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisins snapdragons for good luck in the following year. Beginners and singles welcome. At Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902 (parking and entrance in rear). \$5. Info: **Carl Minkus**, **301-493-6281** or **cminkus@verizon.net**; or **Bob Farrall**, **301-577-5018**.



Holiday Hvents continued

THE CHRISTMAS REVELS • WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAYS, DEC 9 & 16 AND SUNDAYS, DEC 10 & 17 AFTERNOON & EVENING PERFORMANCES

Journey with us as we celebrate winter holidays in a small Québec village. This energetic Québécois winter celebration features carols, wild dancing, and foot-stomping instrumentals, blending old French traditions with New World ingenuity. Join the Washington Revels cast of over 100, ages 8–80, as we revel together to bring in the holiday spirit. At George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St NW, 20052. \$12–60. Tickets required. Info: **301-587-3835**; **revelsdc.org/shows-events/christmas-revels/**.

CHATHAM COUNTY LINE ELECTRIC HOLIDAY SHOW WASHINGTON, DC FRIDAY, DEC 15 • 8:30 PM

Longtime bluegrass group celebrates the season. At Gypsy Sally's. \$15/20.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD Third Saturdays, Dec 16 • 7–10 pm

Scandia DC sponsors a holiday dance party featuring live fiddle music by **Andrea Hoag** (grammy nominee and our local treasure) and the Scandia DC **Spelmanslag**. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Dancing starts at 7; no teaching this month, but there will be short talk-throughs of most dances. Wear a folk costume if you have one, bring finger food to share if you can, but most important, bring yourself. At Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor). \$10. Info: **Linda Brooks** or **Ross Schipper**, **202-333-2826** or **Linda@ScandiaDC.org**; or **ScandiaDC.org**. Inclement weather, **301-474-0646**.

CELTIC CHRISTMAS WITH *IONA* • ALEXANDRIA, VA SUNDAY DEC 17 • 7 PM

Iona brings their special twist on the upcoming Winter Solstice with the traditional music of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany (France), the Isle of Man, Asturias, and Galicia (Spain), as well as their transplants in America. At George Washington National Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr, 22301. \$15 adv/FocusMusic members; \$18 door. Info: Herb Levy, 703-380-3151 or FocusMusic.org.

A SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS • ROCKVILLE, MD Monday Dec 18 • 7:30 pm

The Vikings are coming! The Vikings are coming! **Andrea Hoag** (versatile and imaginative fiddler with deep traditional roots), **Loretta Kelley** (foremost American performer of the hardingfele—an intricately decorated fiddle native to Norway) and **Charlie Pilzer** (Grammy award-winning musician devoted to Celtic, folk, and Scandinavian music since 1978) with special guest **Chris Ousley**. At Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, 20852. \$20 adv/\$25 door; students/children: \$15 adv/\$20 door. Info/tickets: **imtfolk.org** or **301-960-3655**.



DIAMOND DANCE CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE HOLIDAY PARTY • COLLEGE PARK, MD Monday, Dec 18 • 8-11:30 pm

Please join us on the wonderful wood floor at the Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom, for a great evening of classic and recent International Folk Dance favorites (maybe some swing and ballroom) hosted by DJ Brandon Diamond, who will take requests. Bring your favorite holiday goodies to share for our annual holiday reunion for all of our Folk Dance Group Villages party. Folk Costumes encouraged. No partner necessary. Beginners and newcomers are welcome. \$10. This special dance celebrates 53 years of our Bethesda International Folk Dance class, which meets most Monday nights at the Lawton Center in Bethesda (see Dance Listings, page 14)

Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788 or diamonddancecircle@comcast.net.

CHALLENGING ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE ADELPHI, MD

3rd Thursdays, Dec 21 • 7:30-9:30 PM

A monthly English contra dance series offers a chance to dance the hard ones. This month, a holiday celebration, with **April Blum** calling to music by **Paul Oorts** (mandolin), **Chelle Fulk** (violin), and **Liz Donaldson** (keyboard). Dances include "Winter Solstice," "Candles in the Dark," "An Early Frost," "Michael and All Angels," and more. At Ballroom Blum. \$8 donation per person/\$15 per couple suggested. Info/directions: **301-422-0292** or **jerryandapril@aol.com**.

WINTER SOLSTICE W/FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN TAKOMA PARK, MD

Thursday, December 21 • 6 pm and 7:30 pm

The **Foggy Bottom Morris Men** will once again celebrate the coming of Winter Solstice. As the night closes in, we will perform the Abbots Bromley horn dance, our border morris traditions, a sword dance or two, and recreate the classic Solstice theme of rebirth in our traditional, comic Mummers play to drive away the darkness. The second show is particularly suited for families with small children. At 6 pm near the Takoma Park Gazebo (7035 Carroll Ave, 20912) and at 7:30 pm inside the Takoma Park Library (7500 Maple Ave, 20912). Info: **Alan Peel, 301-920-1912, squire@fbmm. org**, or **fbmm.org**.

SKYLARK • NORTH BETHESDA, MD Thursday, Dec 21 • 7:30 pm

Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), **Elise Kress** (vocals, winds), & **Zan McLeod** (guitar, bouzouki) present A Celtic Solstice. At Strathmore Mansion. \$20.

"GOOD FOR THE JEWS," FEAT. ROB TANNENBAUM & DAVID EAGIN • VIENNA, VA Sunday, Dec 24 • 7 pm

A hilarious, unorthodox Christmas Eve tradition here. At Jammin' Java. \$25.

Holiday Abents continued

TERPSICHORE DANCE HOLIDAY • ADAMSTOWN, MD WEDNESDAY, DEC 27 TO MONDAY, JAN 1

Founded in the mid-1990s by folk dance families, brings together folk traditions of dance, art, and music into a weeklong community. Dance traditions include contra, squares, waltz, swing, blues, morris, rapper, English Country, clogging, and more. A time to get away at the end of the year and try a new instrument, sing a few songs, create an art project, and advance your musicianship. Novice dancers wishing to experience a new kind of vacation are welcome. Four days feature classes, community gatherings, and dancing through the night. Grand finale is New Year's Eve celebration and dance. NEW LOCATION: At the Claggett Center, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, 21710. Info: danceholiday.net/whatis-terp/ or facebook.com/pg/TerpsichoresHoliday/ about/?ref=page_internal.

THE SELDOM SCENE + THE EASTMAN STRING BAND + THE PLATE SCRAPERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA SUNDAY, DEC 31 • 8 PM

New Year's Eve with top-notch regional bluegrass bands. At the Birchmere. \$39.50.

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY'S NEW YEAR'S

EVE GALA ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE Sunday, Dec 31 • 6:30 pm to 12:30 am

Tom Spilsbury and Ann Fallon will call to the fabulous sounds of *Elegant Echoes*: Liz Donaldson (piano), Colleen Reed (flute), and Becky Ross (violin). Reception, 6:30; dance, 8:30. Please bring non-marking dance shoes to help preserve the floor. Our dancers who are sensitive to fragrances will be grateful if you use them sparingly. At St. Mark's on the Hill. Registration/info: bfms.org/nyeGala.php.

GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD Monday, January 1 • 4–8 pm

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) resolves to start the year off right by dancing in the new year! Our ceili celebration features live music by *Ellis Island*: Dave Abe, Myron Bretholz, Peter Fitzgerald, Martin McCann, & Andy Thurston. Door prizes & raffle; potluck dinner during the first break. Single dancers welcome, smooth-soled shoes recommended. At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom. \$25; members, \$20. Ages 11–20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info/entrance code: **301-512-4480** or gwcc-online.org.

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for the last week of December.

FSGW HOUSE CONCERT: MERIDIAN . TAKOMA PARK, MD



SUNDAY, DEC 3 · NOON TO 2 PM (BRUNCH AT 11 AM)

If you enjoy **Meridian's** Christmas and Solstice material on December 2, join **Colin** & **Olivia** for brunch the next day for a taste of their year-round material drawing on English and maritime traditions and some contemporary folk influences such as Archie Fisher, Dougie MacLean, and *Hissyfit*, as sweetly channeled on their 2013 debut CD *Out Along the Headlands*. Good chance of a pickup song circle after the concert. At Janie Meneely's. \$15 suggested donation. RSVP/directions: **program@fsgw.org**.

Concerts

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Sundays

JV's Restaurant • Falls Church, VA Sundays • 1 pm

Brunch featuring bluegrass or tradjazz. Mostly area musicians, with occasional touring artists. Info: **jvsrestaurant.com**.



A DUO OF TRIOS: NO GOOD SISTER & LULU'S FATE • ROCKVILLE, MD SUNDAY DEC 3 • 7:30 PM

No Good Sister are three women and a three-part harmony that is both timeless and exciting. **Lulu's Fate** performs a mix of music from the Appalachian, Southern string band and country blues traditions, as well as early swing, gospel, original tunes, and covers ranging from Hank Williams to Tom Waits. At Tikvat Israel, 2200 Baltimore Rd, 20851. \$15 adv/FocusMusic members; \$18 door. Info: **Scott Moore**, **301-461-3600** or **FocusMusic.org**.

CHERISH THE LADIES: CELTIC CHRISTMAS GERMANTOWN, MD SUNDAY, DEC 3 • 4 PM & 7 PM

See listing, page 3.

SEAN WATKINS • VIENNA, VA SUNDAY, DEC 3 • 8 PM One third of *Nickel Creek*, gone solo. At Jammin' Java. \$20.

THE CHRISTMAS REVELS • WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAYS, DEC 9 & 16 AND SUNDAYS, DEC 10 & 17 Afternoon & Evening performances

See listing, page 4.

EMMYLOU HARRIS • WASHINGTON, DC SUNDAY, DEC 10 • 7:30 PM

The legend, joined by Larry Campbell & Teresa Williams; to benefit her dog rescue group, Bonaparte's Retreat. At the Hamilton. \$90–250.

Ruthie Logsdon & Greg Hardin, Michael Kelly, + *Rivers* Bethesda, MD Sunday, Dec 10 • 7–9 pm

Ruthie and Greg (of *Ruthie and The Wranglers*) will be joining us for our December showcase. Michael Kelly is an award-winning songwriter. *Rivers* is an all-acoustic trio that has a genre-bending indie folk style sound. At Positano Ristorante Italiano. \$15; members, \$10 (pay at door, credit cards accepted). Reservations: reserve@wfma.net or 301-744-7740; wfma.net/pr1712.htm.

TRACY GRAMMER WITH JIM HENRY • VIENNA, VA Sunday, Dec 10 • 7:30 pm

Tracy presents Dave Carter's music and her own, backed by soloist/multi-instrumentalist, **Jim**. At Jammin' Java. \$15–25.

CELTIC CHRISTMAS WITH *IONA* • ALEXANDRIA, VA Sunday Dec 17 • 7 pm

See listing, page 4.

"Good for the Jews," feat. Rob Tannenbaum & David Eagin • Vienna, VA Sunday, Dec 24 • 7 pm

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THE SELDOM SCENE + THE EASTMAN STRING BAND + THE PLATE SCRAPERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA SUNDAY, DEC 31 • 8 PM

See listing, page 5.

Mondays

WOLF'S BLUES JAM • FALLS CHURCH, VA Mondays • 8:30 pm

Mostly area musicians, with occasional touring artists. At JV's Restaurant.

A SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS • ROCKVILLE, MD Monday, Dec 18 • 7:30 pm

See listing, page 4.

THE WAILIN' JENNYS • ALEXANDRIA, VA MONDAY & TUESDAY, DEC 18 & 19 • 7:30 PM Harmonious, award-winning Canadian trio of Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody, & Heather Masse. At the Birchmere. \$49.50.

Tuesdays

MARK WENNER (OF *THE NIGHTHAWKS*) & *THE BLUES WARRIORS* • FALLS CHURCH, VA TUESDAY, DEC 19 • 8:30 PM

At JV's Restaurant.

HOT TUNA • ALEXANDRIA, VA TUESDAY, DEC 5 • 7:30 PM

Jorma Kaukonen & **Jack Casady** grew up here, joined *Jef-ferson Airplane*, and lean toward the blues. At the Birchmere. \$49.50.

ABBIE GARDNER • HERNDON, VA TUESDAY, DEC 12, 7:15 PM (DOORS, 6 PM)

Fiery Dobro player, toured with Americana darlings *Red Molly* for 11 years. **Abbie** will be accompanied by either **Jon Paul** or **Craig Akin**. At Amphora's Diner Deluxe. \$12; members, \$11. Tickets at the door or contact **Dave**, **DAHurdSr@ cs.com**. Info: **703-435-2402**, **jamesue@aol.com**, or **restonherndonfolkclub.com**.

THE WAILIN' JENNYS • ALEXANDRIA, VA MONDAY & TUESDAY, DEC 18 & 19 • 7:30 PM

See listing above.

Wednesdays

BROOKSIE WELLS • WASHINGTON, DC

WEDNESDAY, DEC 6 • 7:30 PM (UPSTAIRS IN VINYL LOUNGE) After years with pop music and kids shows, she's back to her folk roots. At Gypsy Sally's. No cover.

The Suitcase Junket • Washington, DC Wednesday, Dec 6 • 8 pm

Eclectic one-man band, from juke joint tunes to throat singing; **Lauren Calve Duo** opens. At Gypsy Sally's. \$10.

CRANFORD HOLLOW + THE MIGHTY PINES WASHINGTON, DC

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13 • 8 PM

Americana from South Carolina + St. Louis roots band. At Gypsy Sally's. \$8.

Robyn Helzner Trio • North Bethesda, MD Wednesday & Thursday, Dec 13 & 14 • 7:30 pm

Cantor backed by **Dov Weitman**, **Matt Holsen**, **Jason Walker**, and Cantor **Rochelle Helzner** as they perform world Jewish music. At Strathmore Mansion. \$20.



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Concerts continued

SAMANTHA FISH • WASHINGTON, DC Wednesday, Dec 20 • 8:30 pm

Young blues singer + opener *Louie Fontaine & the Starlight Searchers*, Danish rocker. At Gypsy Sally's. \$20/25.

Tom Teasley & Seth Kibel, "Tiny Planet" North Bethesda, MD

WEDNESDAY, DEC 20 • 7:30 PM

Local music icons use percussion and winds for cross-cultural dialogue. At Strathmore Mansion. \$20.

JEFF SMITH TRIO • WASHINGTON, DC WEDNESDAY, DEC 27 • 7:30 PM (UPSTAIRS IN VINYL LOUNGE) Busy area singer-songwriter, from Americana to blues rock. At Gypsy Sally's. No cover.

Thursdays

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS • SYKESVILLE, MD THURSDAY, DEC 7 • 8 PM

See listing, page 3.

April Verch and Joe Newberry Harrisburg, PA

THURSDAY, DEC 7 • 7:30 PM

Fiery fiddle, step dance, and Ozark mountain favorites. Appalachian Brewing Co, 50 N Cameron St, 17101. Info: **sfmsfolk.org**.

RUMPKE MOUNTAIN BOYS + BROKEDOWN HUSTLERS

WASHINGTON, DC Thursday, Dec 7 • 8:30 pm

Ohio bluegrass + energetic acoustic originals. At Gypsy Sally's. \$12.

ROBYN HELZNER TRIO • NORTH BETHESDA, MD Wednesday & Thursday, Dec 13 & 14 • 7:30 pm

Cantor backed by Dov Weitman, Matt Holsen, Jason Walker and Cantor Rochelle Helzner as they perform world Jewish music. At Strathmore Mansion. \$20.

CARBON LEAF • ALEXANDRIA, VA

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DEC 14 & 15 • 7:30 PM Roots-rock from Richmond + opening duo *Sawyer*. At the Birchmere. \$35.

Skylark • North Bethesda, MD Thursday, Dec 21 • 7:30 pm

See listing, page 4.



EILEEN IVERS • VIENNA, VA FRIDAY, DEC 1 • 8 PM

Award-winning exponent of Irish fiddle, "Jimi Hendrix of the Violin," brings her band. At Wolf Trap, the Barns. \$27–32.

WALT MICHAEL & COMPANY • BALTIMORE, MD FRIDAY, DEC 1 • 7:30 PM

Hammered dulcimer, stringband, harmonies. At the Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N Charles St, 21210. \$25; senior/student, \$22. Info: **CommonGroundOnTheHill.org**.

DANNY BARNES TRIO • WASHINGTON, DC FRIDAY, DEC 8 • 8:30 PM

Award-winning banjo player, plays bluegrass & other roots music. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$20.

DAR WILLIAMS • ALEXANDRIA, VA

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DEC 8 & 9 • 7:30 PM

See listing, page 8.

JOHN COWAN WITH DARIN & BROOKE ALDRIDGE

VIENNA, VA

Friday, Dec 8 • 8 pm

"The Voice of Newgrass" & tight bluegrass, Americana harmonies. At Jammin' Java. \$20–25.

TRIFILIO TANGO TRIO • TAKOMA, DC FRIDAY, DEC 8 • 7:30–10 PM

Come thrill to the romance of tango. At Seekers Church. \$18 adv/\$20 door. Tickets/info: **carrollcafe.org**.

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CHATHAM COUNTY LINE ELECTRIC HOLIDAY SHOW WASHINGTON, DC FRIDAY, DEC 15 • 8:30 PM

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CURLEY TAYLOR & ZYDECO TROUBLE WASHINGTON, DC FRIDAY, DEC 15 • 8 PM

Lifelong musician, worked with the legends, now accordionist in his own band; dance lesson included. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$20.

DOMINIC CICALA • WASHINGTON, DC FRIDAY, DEC 15 • 10:30 PM (UPSTAIRS IN VINYL LOUNGE) DC singer-songwriter. At Gypsy Sally's. No cover.

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GENNA MATTHEWS • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DEC 22 • 8 PM (UPSTAIRS IN VINYL LOUNGE)

Americana singer-songwriter from Charlottesville. At Gypsy Sally's. No cover.

Revelator Hill • Washington, DC Friday, Dec 22 • 8:30 pm

Bobby Thompson leads the blues rock, with DC's busy saxman **Ron Holloway**; opener **Bryan Elijah Smith** sings Americana. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$15.

MATTHEW MCALLISTER • WASHINGTON, DC FRIDAY, DEC 29 • 10:30 PM (UPSTAIRS IN VINYL LOUNGE) Charlottesville indie-folk singer-songwriter. At Gypsy Sally's. No cover.

Saturdays

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CHERYL WHEELER + JOHN GORKA

ALEXANDRIA, VA Saturday, Dec 2 • 7:30 pm

Two of the best contemporary singer-songwriters with great voices and a sense of humor. At the Birchmere. \$39.50.

CHORO DAS 3 • COLLEGE PARK, MD SATURDAY, DEC 2 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Award-winning *Choro das 3*, a virtuosic female instrumental ensemble, perform Brazil's choro and samba music. The three sisters: **Corina** (flutes), **Lia** (guitar), and **Elisa** (mandolin) play with their percussionist father. At MilkBoy ArtHouse, 7416 Baltimore Ave, 20740. \$26. Enter raffle for a Choro das 3 CD when purchasing tickets online (enter code **Folk**). Two CDs will be raffled off. Info: **Pablo Regis**, **202-450-8541**, **sambajig@sambajig.com**, or **sambajig.com/event/chorodas3**/.

D.C. LABOR CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, DEC 2 • 7:30 PM

See listing, page 3.

Songs & Stories of Old Virginia • Fairfax, VA Saturday, Dec 2 • 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Mountain dulcimer virtuosi **Ralph Lee Smith** and **Madeline MacNeil** present songs and stories of old Virginia with singalongs and a dulcimer petting zoo. All ages. At City of Fairfax Regional Library, Meeting Rooms A & B, 10360 North St, 22030. (Ample free parking in the underground lot beneath the Library. Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request. Call **703-324-8380** or TTY **703-324-8365**.) Free admission. Info/directions: Laura Wickstead, Virginia Room Librarian, **703-293-6227** x6, laura.wickstead@fairfaxcounty.gov, or_fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

STEPHEN WADE • NORTH BETHESDA, MD SATURDAY, DEC 2 • 8 PM

"Banjo Dancing" star explores "Tall Tales & Traditional Tunes" and shows the trailer for an upcoming film based on his book. At AMP by Strathmore. \$25–35.

WALT MICHAEL & COMPANY • WESTMINSTER, MD SATURDAY, DEC 2 • 7:30 PM

Hammered dulcimer, stringband, harmonies. At Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St, 21157. \$25; senior/student, \$22. Info: **CommonGroundOnTheHill.org**.

CHOPTEETH AFROFUNK BIG BAND • WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAY, DEC 9 • 8:30 PM

Merging American & West African music into high-energy Afropop. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$20.

THE CHRISTMAS REVELS • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAYS, DEC 9 & 16 AND SUNDAYS, DEC 10 & 17 • AFTERNOON & EVENING PERFORMANCES

See listing, page 4.

DAR WILLIAMS • ALEXANDRIA, VA

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DEC 8 & 9 • 7:30 PM Folk-pop singer-songwriter brings songs & readings from her new book. At the Birchmere. \$35.

SMITHJACKSON • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DEC 9 • 8 PM (UPSTAIRS IN THE VINYL LOUNGE) Harmonious DC duo mixes folk/rock/bluegrass. At Gypsy Sally's. No cover.

GOOD MEASURE, DENEE BARR AND TIMELESS FUSION, SOPHIE LASHER • COLUMBIA, MD SATURDAY, DEC 16 • 6:30–9:30 PM

Joseph Isaacs' Music Matters Showcase. Each act plays two 4-song sets. At Mad City Coffee. Voluntary donations for the homeless accepted.

MISS TESS & THE TALKBACKS • WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAY, DEC 23 • 8:30 PM

Daughter of longtime FSGW members; folk and swing roots. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$20–25.

21st Annual Hank Williams Tribute

Alexandria, VA

SATURDAY, DEC 30 • 7:30 PM

Classics performed by **Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer**, **Robbie Fulks**, **Robin & Linda Williams**, **Patrick McAvinue**, & **Mark Schatz**. At the Birchmere. \$29.50.





Mondays

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • BETHESDA, MD Mondays • 8–10 pm

National Institutes of Health Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Dropin fee, \$5. Info/directions: John MacLeod, 301-622-5945, blackolav@gmail.com, or rscds-greaterdc.org..

Tuesdays

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD TUESDAYS, DEC 5, 12, & 19 (No CLASS DEC 26) 7:30–9:30 pm

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn hambo, schottis, polskas, springars, and other Swedish and Norwegian couple-turning dances, including requests. Wear smooth-soled shoes (leather soles are best) for turning, not running shoes. \$5. First time free. Info/address: Lynn Walker, 301-834-4020, lisa@HamboDC.org, or Hambodc.org.

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

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

Wednesdays

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD Wednesdays, Jan 10 to Feb 14, 8–9:30 pm

Tisza Ensemble teaches dances of the Bukovinai Székelys, a Hungarian ethnic community from the northeastern Carpathians. A great intro to Hungarian folk dance since steps from many regions of Hungary are included. No experience or partner needed. \$40 for 6-week series. Info/address: **Cathy Lamont**, **301-648-1909**; **tiszaensemble.org**.

SCOTTISH DANCE • ALEXANDRIA, VA Wednesdays • 7:30–9:30 pm

Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center (2 blocks from King Street Metro), 1605 Cameron St, 22314. \$5. Info: **elanyi@cox.net.**

Thursdays

GWCC Adult Set & Ceili Dance Class Silver Spring, MD Thursdays • 7–9:30 pm

The Greater Washington Ceili Club holds weekly adult Irish set & ceili dance classes in a friendly, relaxed environment.



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Classes Thursday nights through Dec 14. No experience or partner needed. Wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there is a monthly mini-ceili with live music & open to all, generally on the 3rd Thursday each month (small donation requested for musicians). Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. \$40/season, register and pay at class, first class free. Info: 301-649-6410, info@gwcc-online.org, or gwcc-online.org.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS • ROCKVILLE, MD THURSDAYS • 7–9 PM

Modern western square dance lessons. No partner or experience needed. At Rockville Nursing Home Conservatory Hall, 303 Adclare Rd, 20850. Cost for 6 weeks: Adults, \$39; Students, 19.25; Children ages 9–16, free with participating adult. Info/registration: Eva Murray at 301-761-4108 or rockvillesquaredance.com.

Saturdays

GUITAR WORKSHOPS • RIVERDALE, MD SATURDAYS, DEC 2 & JAN 6 • 11:15 AM TO 12:45 PM

With Gina DeSimone. The Basics of Improvising, Parts 1 and 2 (getting comfortable doing a solo at a jam). Two-part workshop series covers ways to approach improvising in a no-judgment, supportive atmosphere. This month, Part 1: Learning a minor pentatonic scale useful for improvising blues; transposing; finding the root, 3rd, 5th, etc.; and making mistakes sound right. At Archie's Barbershop. Suggested donation, \$20. Info/register: events@acousticblues.com.

HARMONICA, INTERMEDIATE (4TH CLASS IN A SERIES) • RIVERDALE, MD SATURDAY, DEC 16 • 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

With Geoff "Stingy Brim" Seals. Fourth session in the series covers intermediate chugging, accompaniment, duo with guitar, and vocal and harp mics. At Archie's Barbershop. Suggested donation, \$20. Info/register: events@acousticblues.com.

fsgw dances

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FSGW CONTRA SONIC · GLEN ECHO, MD

TUESDAY, DEC 19 · 8-11 PM (INTRO LESSON, 7:30 PM)

The Winter Sonic! Local favorite **DJ B-Ham** (**Brian Hamshar**) will spin a hot, exciting mix of pop and dance tunes with caller **TBA**. Warm up from the winter cold with this night of alternative music for contras—glowsticks a distinct possibility. Glen Echo Ballroom Annex, Glen Echo Park. \$9; ATDS/BFMS/CDSS/FSGW/students, \$7. Info: Penelope Weinberger or Steve Burnett, dance@fsgw.org.



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FSGW NEW YEAR'S EVE CONTRA DANCE BALL · CHEVY CHASE, MD SUNDAY, DEC 31 · 8 PM TO 12:15 AM

See listing, page 3.

FSGW FAMILY DANCE · GLEN ECHO, MD

No dance in December. Info: Penelope Weinberger or Steve Roth, dance@fsgw.org.

Storytelling FSGW STORYSWAP • VIENNA, VA

SATURDAY, DEC 9 • 7:30 PM

One Saturday night per month, tending toward the second one, local storytellers congregate at someone's home and swap stories, practicing new material or pulling out old favor-ites. This month, storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Bill and Maren Mayhew for an evening of shared stories, seasonal or random, and potluck snacks. Free. RSVPs/ directions: billmayhew666@gmail.com.

FSGW COSPONSORED: THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA, DC SECOND WEDNESDAYS, DEC 13 • 7:30-9:30 PM

The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. "Crossing Borders: Mixing the Flavors," hosted by **Noa Baum**, with featured tellers **Ed Stivender** and Nestor Gomez. The program opens with up to three open-mic tellers with a 5-minute limit (each). Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St NW, 20012. Food and drink available. Suggested donation of \$15 per person goes to the featured tellers—feel free to donate more! "Like" The Grapevine on Facebook at GrapevineStorytelling. Details: grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.

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FSGW-COSPONSORED: THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL · WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAY, DEC 9 · 8:30-11:30 pm

The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating six wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian square dances. Old-time dance tunes played by **Jesse Milnes** and friends. Our caller (**T-Claw**) 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. At Saint Stephen's Church. \$5 at the door. Info: **dcsquaredance.com**.

FSGW-COSPONSORED: SECOND THURSDAY CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE SILVER SPRING, MD THURSDAY, DEC 14 · 7:30-10 pm

(FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7 PM)

Sonya Kaufman calling to Honeysuckle Rose: Liz Donaldson (piano), Paul Oorts (mandolin), and Andrea Hoag (fiddle). Presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with FSGW and Washington Revels and with support from Montgomery County Department of Recreation. In the Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building. \$10; FSGW/BFMS/CDSS/Revels members, \$8; students and those without income, \$5; first-timers, free. Info: Bob Mathis, talibob@starpower.net; or Busy Graham, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or 301-466-0183; or carpediemarts.org/dancewith-us, revelsdc.org/, or fsgw.org.



FSGW-COSPONSORED: GREENBELT CONTRA DANCE · GREENBELT, MD

No dance in December. Info: 301-397-2208. Keep an eye on our Facebook page, "Greenbelt Contra Dance."

FSGW-COSPONSORED: GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS · BETHESDA, MD THURSDAYS · 7:30-10:45 pm

Lesson at 7:30 pm, request dances from 9 to 10:45 pm. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Cosponsored by FSGW. At Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr, 20816 (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). \$5 Info: **Jamie**, **301-466-3018** or **dancingplanet@erols.com**.9 fsgw dances continued

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. 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: **English@fsgw.org.**

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

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Beginner Session starts at 7:30. Tom Spilsbury calls the dances to the music of Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), and Liz Donaldson (piano)



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Anna Rain calls the dances while David Knight (fiddle), Bruce Edwards (bassoon), and Francine Krasowska (piano) make the music





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Melissa Running calls the dances while Becky Ross (fiddle), Carrie Rose (flute), and Liz Donaldson (piano) play

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Ann Fallon calls to the playing of Paul Oorts (mandolin, accordion), Ralph Gordon (cello), and Melissa Running



(piano)

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

HAMMERED AND MOUNTAIN DULCIMER RENTALS, rentadulcimer.com, 301-609-2140. 10% discount to FSGW members.

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FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES AT GLEN ECHO PARK, MD · SPANISH BALLROOM 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 intro-duction to the basic moves.* Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. 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 Roth; 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

December

- 3 Ann Fallon calling to *Rhapsody*: Marty Taylor (winds), Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), and Dave Wiesler (piano, guitar)
- 10 Caroline Barnes calling to *Elizabeth Baker and Friends*: Elizabeth Baker (fiddle), Taylor Baker (guitar), and Mary Dunlap (upright bass)
- 17 Susan Kevra calls to *Eloise & Company*: Rachel Bell (accordion), Becky Tracy (fiddle), and Owen Morrison (guitar)

24 No dance

31 No Glen Echo dance (See page 3 for New Year's Eve Contra Dance Ball)

April 27–29 • 36th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend



FSGW is excited to announce its 36th annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend. This springtime getaway is one of FSGW's premier events during the calendar year. Superb calling and fantastic musicianship draw campers from across the east coast. With dance workshops during the day and evening dances after dinner, the all-inclusive weekend offers heated cabins, full meals, and plenty of camaraderie. This year's program features contras, squares, and honky-tonk dancing with headliners *Chameleon* (Alexander Mitchel, Dave Wiesler, Paul Oorts), Jesse Milnes & Emily Miller (with Joe Dejarnette), and Rachel Eddy & the *Rock Farmers* (Jonathan Vocke & Jay White). Calling will be led by crowd favorites Will Mentor and Janine Smith, while Ed Fizdale and Su Peck will guide us for all things honky-tonk. Registration is now open, so sign up early for that FSGW member-only discount. Info/registration: chesapeakedanceweekend.org/.

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Sundays

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES • GLEN ECHO, MD

CONTRAS AND SQUARES • 7:30-10:30 PM **EW** INTRODUCTORY LESSON EVERY SUNDAY • 7–7:30 PM See page 13.

AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD SUNDAYS • 3:30 PM • BEGINNER LESSON 2:45 PM

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing. The band will play a lively mix of folk waltzes with other couples' dances, including hambo, swing, tango, and polka. Beginner lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm. No partner required. At Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom. \$10. Info: waltztimedances.org or 301-634-2222.

December

- 3 Rhapsody: Marty Taylor (winds, concertina), Alexander Mitchell (fiddle, mandolin), Dave Wiesler (piano, guitar), and Ralph Gordon (bass)
- 10 Notorious: Larry Unger (guitar, banjo), Eden MacAdam-Somer (fiddle, vocals), and friends

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY'S

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE



SUNDAY, DEC 31 • 6:30 PM TO 12:30 AM See listing, page 5.

GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD

No regular ceili in December. See page 5 for GWCC's New Year's ceili. GWCC's monthly Sunday ceili returns in January. Info: 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org.

Mondays

BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE BETHESDA, MD

Mondays • 7:30–10 pm (no class 12/18, 12/25, or 1/1)

Come join our friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30–8 pm, Intermediate/Advanced 8–10 pm (requests from 9:15–10 pm). No partner needed. All levels of experience welcome. Adults over 16. Mostly recorded music; wonderful wood floor. At Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. \$7. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788 or DiamondDanceCircle.com; or DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

BFMS English Country Dance PIKESVILLE, MD MONDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

English country dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New dancer orientation first Mondays at 7:45 pm. At St. Mark's on the Hill, Parish Hall. \$11; BFMS/ATDS/FSGW/ CDSS members, \$8; \$2 student discount. Info: Sharon McKinley, 410-660-9147 or engdance@bfms.org.

December

- Free new dancer orientation, 7:45 pm. Sharon 4 McKinley calls to the music of Emily Aubrey (violin), Robin Wilson (winds, concertina), and Liz Donaldson (piano)
- 11 Diane Schmit calls the figures to the music of Carl Friedman (violin), Marty Taylor (winds, concertina), and Jonathan Jensen (piano)
- 18 April Blum will be the caller; music provided by Jeff Steinberg (violin), Dave Crandall (winds), and Judy Meyers (piano)
- 25 No dance

January

1 Yes, there will be a dance! Ann Fallon & Tom Spilsbury call to music by Elegant Echoes: Becky Ross (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), & Liz Donaldson (piano). Also, see page 5 for our New Year's Eve Gala English Country dance

DIAMOND DANCE CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE HOLIDAY PARTY • COLLEGE PARK, MD MONDAY, DEC 18 • 8-11:30 PM

See listing, page 4.

GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD MONDAY, JANUARY 1 • 4-8 PM

See listing, page 5.

Tuesdays

FSGW CONTRA SONIC • GLEN ECHO, MD TUESDAY, DEC 19 • 7:30-11 PM

See page 10.

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

Instruction from 7 to 7:45 pm. We focus on building a repertoire of both classic and newer Israeli dances in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Recorded music. Light refreshments served. At Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, 20815. Adults, \$8; Students, \$6. Info: Mike Fox, 240-424-0805 or markidmike.com.

WEDNESDAYS

FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES • GLEN ECHO,

MD

WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

See page 12.



BFMS CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD WEDNESDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

Beginners always welcome. New dancer workshops at 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally known

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musicians and callers appear regularly. \$13; BFMS/FSGW members, \$9. At Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: **bfms.org**.

December

- 6 TBA calls to *Wild Wombats of the Chesapeake*: Ralph Barthine (guitar), Carl Friedman (fiddle, flute), Janina O'Brien (piano), and Robin Wilson (flute, concertina)
- 13 Ann Fallon calls to the *Treble Makers*: Emily Aubrey (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Robin Wilson (flute, concertina, sax)
- 20 April Blum calls to *Devine Devils*: Steve Hickman (fiddle), Marty Taylor (concertina, whistles), Jonathan Jensen (piano), and John Devine (guitar)
- 27 TBA calls to TBA

THE NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON, DC SILVER SPRING, MD WEDNESDAYS, OCT THROUGH MAY (EXCEPT NOV 22, DEC 20, & DEC 27), 7:30–10 PM

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Newcomers are welcome. No prior dance experience or a partner is necessary. Music by fiddler **Paul Carlson**, a professional musician and teacher widely recognized for his skill and enthusiasm for Scandinavian music. At Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, 20901. No charge the first time; \$4 per session thereafter. Info: **Chris Kalke**, **301-864-1596**, **ckalke@verizon.net**, or **sites. google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/**.

Thursdays

FSGW-cosponsored: Glen Echo International Folk Dancers • Bethesda, MD Thursdays • 7:30–10:45 pm

See page 11.

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FSGW-cosponsored: Second Thursday Contra/Square Dance • Silver Spring, MD

THURSDAY, DEC 14 • 7:30–10 PM (FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7 PM)

See page 11.

ALEXANDRIA FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA Thursdays • 8–10 pm (No dance 12/28)

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

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

Popular weekly blues dance. Sprung wood floor. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9 pm. Different DJs and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30 pm. In the "Back Room" at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Info: **Donna Barker**, **301-634-2231** or **CapitalBlues.org**.

CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA FIRST THURSDAYS, DEC 7 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of mediation and joy. All dances taught. Recorded music. At Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington. Donation requested. Info: **Ann Ulmschneider**, **703-528-5114** or **aulmsch@msn.com**.

FRONT ROYAL FAMILY DANCE • FRONT ROYAL, VA 2ND THURSDAYS, DEC 14 • 6-7:30 PM

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

CHALLENGING ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE Adelphi, MD

3RD THURSDAYS, DEC 21 • 7:30–9:30 PM See listing, page 4.

Fridays

GREENBELT FOLK DANCING • GREENBELT, MD FRIDAYS • 8:30 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 pm, requests from 9:15 on. At Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor). \$7/students and seniors half-price. Check website for special events. Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539 or larry@ larryweiner.com; or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

SCANDINAVIAN CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE

AND LUCIAFEST • COLLEGE PARK, MD Friday, Dec 1 • 8:30–11 pm

See listing, page 3.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS • GLEN ECHO, MD FRIDAYS • 8:30–11:30 pm

(NEW DANCER CLASS EVERY WEEK, 7:30–8:15 PM) The Friday Night Dancers, a nonprofit, volunteerbased organization, in cooperation with the



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 Glen Echo Park. \$10 for the lesson and dance. \$5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: FridayNight-Dance.org or the Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park Facebook page.

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December

- 1 Perry Shafran calls to *Frog Hammer*: Andrew Marcus (accordion), Jim Besser (concertina), Dave Casserly (saxophone), Michael Ferguson (trombone), Bob Collins (drums), and Glyn Collinson (bouzouki, guitar)
- 8 Gaye Fifer calls to the Glen Echo Open Band
- 15 Susan Kevra calls to Eloise & Company: Rachel Bell (accordion), Becky Tracy (fiddle), and Owen Morrison (guitar)
- 22 Warren Doyle calls to Waverley Station: Liz Donaldson (piano), Ralph Gordon (bass), and David Knight (fiddle)
- 29 Will Mentor calls to *Pete's Posse*: Pete Sutherland (fiddle, piano, banjo, melodica, vocals), Oliver Scanlon (fiddle, viola, mandolin, feet, vocals), and Tristan Henderson (guitar, mandolin, feet, jaw harp, vocals)

Saturdays

FSGW-cosponsored: The Great American Square Dance Revival • Washington, DC Saturday, Dec 9 • 8:30–11:30 pm See page 11.

ATDS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD Saturday, Dec 2 • 6:30–10 pm

The evening includes a free introductory session at 6:30; dance 7–10 pm. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. At Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall. \$10; discounts for seniors/students/families/ ATDS members. Info: Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com; Ann Fallon, 410-268-0231, aefallon@verizon.net; or contradancers.com/atds.

LEESBURG ASSEMBLY: ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE GREAT FALLS, VA SATURDAY, DEC 2 • 7:30–10:30 PM See listing, page 3.

NORWEGIAN POTLUCK & DANCE • TAKOMA PARK, MD SATURDAY, DEC 2 • POTLUCK, 6:30 PM; DANCING, 8 PM

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/ sympathetic strings under the bowed strings—see HFAA. org). 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. Hosts Loretta and Tony, 301-270-4925. Info/directions: MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny, pi@xecu. net, 301-371-4312.



SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV 1st Saturdays, Dec 2 • 8 pm (Free intro workshop at 7:30)

Greg Frock calls contra dances and squares to the music of *The Organic Family Band*: Jakob Raitzyk (fiddle, foot percussion), Rebekah Gellar (fiddle), Michael Raitzyk (guitar), and Judith Gellar (french horn). All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. At the War Memorial Building, 102 E German St, 25443. \$12; \$5 under 12. Info: John, 301-542-3272 or smad.us.



BFMS CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD SECOND SATURDAYS, DEC 9 • 8–11 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP AT 7:30)

Perry Shafran calls to the *Black Oranges*: Sarah Foard (fiddle), Cynthia Marie (piano), Gary Prince (guitar), and Manny Arciniega (percussion). Baltimore Folk Music Society presents American square and contra dancing on the second Saturday of each month. Beginners, singles, couples, and families welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Short break in the middle. Bring a snack & bring a friend. At St. Marks on the Hill. \$13; members & affiliates, \$9; under 21/full-time students with ID, \$6 (\$4 members). Info: Sara Glik, satdance@bfms.org, bfms.org, or BFMS hotline, 888-646-BFMS.

BFMS FAMILY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD SATURDAY, DEC 9 • 5-6:30 PM (POTLUCK, 6:30-7:20 PM)



Susan Taylor calls to **Megan Beller** and **The Charles Street Fiddlers**. The BFMS Family Dance is geared toward young children and families. All ages are encouraged to attend. Dances are all taught, and dancing is to live music. This event is enjoyed by children, parents, and grandparents as they dance and sing together. Join us afterward for the potluck: good food and conversation. At St. Mark's on the Hill, Parish Hall. S6; members, S4; children under age 3, free. Info: **bfms.org/familyDance.php**.

ENGLISH COUNTRY HOLIDAY DANCE SILVER SPRING, MD SECOND SATURDAY, DEC 9 • 8–10:45 pm

See listing, page 3.

ATDS CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD

SATURDAY, DEC 16 • 7–10 PM (FREE INTRO LESSON, 6:30 PM) Steve Gester calls to the lively tunes of Organic Family Band: Rebekah Geller (fiddle), Jakob Raitzyk (fiddle, foot percussion), Judith Geller (french horn), and Michael Raitzyk (guitar). All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break welcome. At Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall. \$10; discounts for seniors/students/families/ATDS. Info: contradancers.com/atds; Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com; or Charlotte Featherstone, 203-247-3964 or charlotte.featherstone@verizon.net.

dances continued

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA Saturday, Dec 16 • 7–10 pm (Intro Workshop, 6:15; potluck, 5:30)

Shane Knudsen calls to Contra Intuitive: Ryck Kaiser (fiddle), Kirk Evans (fiddle), Peggy Shutes (piano), and Mike Foster (bass). At St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. S9 adults; students, S6. Age 15 and under free. Info: Karen, 717-951-4317 or lancastercontra.org.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD THIRD SATURDAYS, DEC 16 • 7–10 PM

See listing, page 4.



FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD

SATURDAY, DEC 23 • 8–11 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP, 7:15) Caroline Barnes will call to the combined combo of *Hick-man, Glickman & Devine Comedy* featuring Steve Hickman (fiddle), John Devine (guitar), and Marc Glickman (piano). Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. General, \$10; students: \$5. Info: Boe Walker, 301-694-6794 or contradancers.com.

TERPSICHORE DANCE HOLIDAY • ADAMSTOWN, MD WEDNESDAY, DEC 27 TO MONDAY, JAN 1 See listing, page 5.

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GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE GALESVILLE, MD

No dance in December or January—we'll start up again in February! Info: communitysquaredance.wordpress.com/ or **301-926-9142**.

Jams

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for the last week of December

Sundays

ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD

SUNDAYS • 9:30–11:45 AM Back room at 49 West Coffeehouse, 49 West St, 21401, Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

OLD-TIME JAM • RICHMOND, VA

SUNDAYS, 2–5 PM

Bluegrass/Old-Time stringed instruments only. Cary Street Café, 2631 West Cary St, 23220. Info/directions: **804-353-7445**.

UKULELE JAM • RIVERDALE, MD 1st Sundays, Dec 3 • 2–4 pm

Playing music from many different genres; it's just plain fun! At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Barbershop). Free (donations accepted/encouraged). Info: **UkeJamatArchieEdwards@gmail.com**.

BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA 1st and 3rd Sundays, Dec 3 & 17 • 1-4 pm

Held outdoors in summer months, in the Country Store in winter months. Frying Pan Park, 2709 W Ox Rd, 20171. Info/ directions: **703-437-9101**.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION • WASHINGTON, DC

1st Sundays, Dec 3 • 11 am to 2 pm (Bluegrass Jam) 3rd Sundays, Dec 17 • 11 am to 2 pm (Bluegrass & Country Jam) The Mansion, 2020 O st NW, 20036 (Dupont Circle Metro). Info: Mike Marceau, mikemarceau@juno.com. OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS, DEC 3 & 17 • 3–6 PM Old-time Appalachian music-bring your fiddle, banjo, guitar, etc. Open to all. Organized by Old Time Frederick. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: **oldtimefrederick.org**.

BLUEGRASS OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS, DEC 10 & 24 • 3-6 PM

Beginners welcome. Feel free to join the group and enjoy lively homegrown music the way it was meant to be. Great for listening, too. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: **301-834-7178**.

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS, DEC 10 & 24 • 2–6 PM

Capital Area Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St (at Pershing Dr), 22201. Slow Jam, 2–3 pm; Regular Jam continues until 6 pm. Info: **Don**, **703-522-1696** or **caboma.org**.

CLASSIC COUNTRY & GOSPEL JAM • SILVER SPRING, MD 2ND SUNDAYS, DEC 10 • 2–5 PM

The Sunday jam welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments, as well as voice. Playlist, directions, info: **Dorie Hightower**, **301-706-7633**, **SundayJam.org**.

SCOTTISH JAM & GAELIC SONG CIRCLE

ALEXANDRIA, VA

4TH SUNDAYS, DEC 24 • 1-5 PM

Song circle begins at 1 pm, jam begins at 2 pm. Fiona's Irish Pub, 5810 Kingstowne Center, 22315. Info: dcscottishsession.blogspot.com. Info on venue: info@fionasirishpub. com.

Jams continued

Mondays

WOLF'S BLUES JAM • FALLS CHURCH, VA EVERY MONDAY • 8:30 PM

At JV's Restaurant. No cover.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 1st and 3rd Mondays, Dec 4 & 18 • 7-10 pm

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave, 20912 (corner of Orchard and 4th, just a few blocks from the intersection of New Hampshire and Eastern). Info: VFW Post 350, **301-270-8008** or **Barb Diederich** at **Barb@BarbDiederich.com**.

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM • HERNDON, VA 3rd Mondays, Dec 18 • 7:30–9 pm

Acoustic circle jam. Share favorite gospel, hymns, or praise songs or just play along. Open to all ages and skill levels. Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Rd, 20171. Info: **debbie@touchedbysongs.com** or **dcbu.org.**

Tuesdays

OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD

ALTERNATE TUESDAYS, DEC 12 & 19 • 7–10:30 PM Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at The Five and Dime Ale House, 901 West 36th St, 21211. Info: KenandBrad.com or Baltimore Old Time Jam Facebook page.

Wednesdays

BLUEGRASS MUSIC ALLIANCE JAM • MARTINSBURG, WV WEDNESDAYS • 6–9 PM

Musicians of all levels encouraged to come; bluegrass music fans are welcome to listen. Martinsburg Moose Lodge, 201 Woodbury Ave, 25404, **bluegrassmusicalliance.org/localarea-jams/**.

Thursdays

OPEN BLUEGRASS JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD 1st Thursdays, Dec 7 • 6:30-9 pm

Hosted by **Bobby Bales** and **Claude Jones**. Bobby is a legendary lead guitarist in the *Grassy Ridge Band*. All are welcome to join in. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: **301-834-7178**.

Saturdays

Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation Riverdale, MD • Acoustic Blues Jam Saturdays • 1–5 pm

Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie's Barbershop). Free, but donations welcome. Info: **301-396-3054** or **acousticblues.com**.

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See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for the last week of December

Mondays

TEAVOLVE CAFE • BALTIMORE, MD

MONDAYS • 7 PM Open-mic showcases hosted by **Rob Hinkal**. At Teavolve Cafe & Lounge, 1401 Aliceanna St, 21231. Info: **Rob Hinkal**, **410-522-1907** or **facebook.com/teavolvecafe**/.

Tuesdays

RESTON-HERNDON FOLK CLUB

Herndon, VA

TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM) Open-mic format. At Amphora Diner Deluxe. Info: 703-435-2402 or RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.

GYPSY SALLY'S OPEN MIC • WASHINGTON, DC MOST TUESDAYS • 8 PM Upstairs in Vinyl Lounge. At Gypsy Sally's. Free. Info: http:// www.gypsysallys.com/listing/open-mic/. JV'S OPEN MIC • FALLS CHURCH, VA 1st Tuesdays, Dec 5 • 8 pm

Hosted by *Crazy After Midnight*. At JV's Restaurant. Info: **703-241-9504**, jvsrest@aol.com, **703-216-0560**, or avnocero@gmail.com.

Thursdays

Acoustic Open Mic • Riverdale, MD 1st Thursdays, Dec 7 • 7:30–10 pm

If you have a song or three to share with others, original or otherwise, stop in and show your stuff. At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Barbershop). Info: **acousticblues.com/events/events.html**.



Participatory Performing Groups

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for the last week of December.

Sundays

MASON DIXON BORDER MORRIS • FREDERICK, MD SOME SUNDAYS • 12–2 PM

Possibly the oldest and most fictitious morris team in North America. Gender irrelevant, steampunk a plus. Practices usually twice a month. Location rotates between Fredrick, Ellicott City, Columbia, and Aldephi, somewhat randomly; weatherand space-dependent. Info/directions: **blgraham_99@yahoo.com** or **facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris**.

Mondays

JOIN THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY GAMELAN ENSEMBLE

MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Embassy of Indonesia offers a free program to learn and perform Javanese Gamelan music with an instructor from Indonesia, **Mr. Muryanto**. The Gamelan is an orchestra of gongs, gong-chimes, and xylophone-like instruments. Rehearsals are Monday and Thursday evenings. Come one or both days. No experience required. Contact **Marc Hoffman**, Indonesian-American Association, **wildwoodflower@ gmail.com** or **202-271-2291**.

Tuesdays

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD TUESDAYS • 7:30–10 PM

Happy Holidays from the *Capital Accord Chorus*! We are an all-women's *a cappella* group singing in the barbershop style. Join us Tuesday evenings for free and open rehearsals. At Northwood HS Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd W, 20901. Check out our website for times and locations of our Holiday Singouts. Info: **1-301-392-SONG** (**7664**), admin@ capitalaccord.org, or capitalaccord.org.

Wednesdays

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN • BETHESDA, MD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:45 PM

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. At Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Rd, 20814 (walkable from Bethesda Metro). Info: **RCMW@uswet.com**, or **uswet.com/RCMW.html**.

WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY ORCHESTRA Arlington, VA Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm

We are seeking people who play (or want to learn) balalaika, domra, or bayan/accordion or who play some orchestral wind and percussion instruments to perform the music of Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe. At Faith Lutheran Church, 3313 Arlington Blvd, 22201. Info: **balalaika.org** or **703-549-0760**.

Thursdays

CARPATHIA FOLK DANCERS • WASHINGTON, DC THURSDAYS • 6:30–9 PM

Carpathia is Washington's multiethnic Eastern & Central European dance performance ensemble. We are currently looking for 3–4 new men and women who are interested in performing dances from a variety of countries including Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Germany, and Bulgaria. We rehearse in Foggy Bottom and have dancers from 16 years old to their mid-40s (we are open to any interested in fast-paced performance dance who are at least 14 years old). Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Info/directions: carpathiadc@gmail.com, carpathiadc.org, or facebook.com/carpathiadc.

FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN • TAKOMA, DC 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, 20012, and/or at the pub afterward. Info: **Alan Peel**, **301-920-1912**, **squire@fbmm.org**, or **fbmm.org**.

JOIN THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY

GAMELAN ENSEMBLE MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS See listing, left column of this page.

Fridays

GLEN ECHO OPEN BAND[•] GLEN ECHO, MD

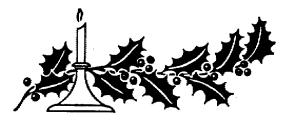
2ND FRIDAYS, DEC 15 • 8:30-11:30 PM

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

Saturdays

WASHINGTON'S *Spelmanslag* • Kensington, MD 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Dec 9 & 23 • 2:30–4:30 pm

Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info/directions: **JuliaBorland3250@gmail.com**.



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FSGW OPEN SING • KENSINGTON, MD Friday, Dec 1 • 8 pm

Topic: Lessons, Morals, and Cautionary Tales. Everyone welcome. Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. The open sings have a loose topic. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on topic-come anyway! Please bring a snack to share. Home of **Nancy King**. RSVP/directions: **nlking2@verizon.net.** NOTE: If you're willing to host on a future first Friday, please email **Vince Wilding, Vince@VinceWilding.com**.

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FSGW GOSPEL SING • WASHINGTON, DC SUNDAY, DEC 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 pm, with more singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome. This month's Gospel Sing will take place at the home of **Bill Thompson** and **Ann Herzog** in their beautiful and Metro-accessible Victorian rowhouse. Info/directions: **landcommentary@gmail.com** or **202-797-9259.**

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FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON, DC

No Sing this month. Info: Mary Helen, maryhelend@gmail.com; or Brenda, 202-599-0447 or brendadunlap@gmail.com.



FSGW-COSPONSORED: CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Dec 5 & 19 • 1–2:30 pm

Cosponsored by the Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends. The song circle is about the joy of singing. All are welcome, regardless of experience or level of ability. Words will be provided on song sheets—no need to read music. Come for informal singing or just to listen, but do come. Free; refreshments provided. At Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. Info or to volunteer: Frieda Enoch, fenoch@jccgw. org or Liz Milner, lizmilner@mindspring.com.



FSGW-COSPONSORED: SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD THIRD WEDNESDAYS, DEC 20 • 1–3 PM

Wendy Lanxner will be our special guest song leader and accompanist. This song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. You don't have to read music, and printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance. Of course, you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. All are welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen. Free. Cosponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. For more info or to suggest songs in advance: Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

Sundays



FSGW GOSPEL SING • TAKOMA PARK, MD SUNDAY, DEC 10 • 4–8 PM

See left column, this page.

SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD 3rd Sundays, Dec 17 • 4–6 pm

Singing 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**, **301-570-3283** or **dgreene@all-systems. com**.

VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SINGING • OAKTON, VA 3rd Sundays, Dec 17 • 5-7:30 pm

Books: Shenandoah Harmony and Sacred Harp (1991 Denison edition). Bring a snack to share. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (Classroom 1), 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124. Info: John, 540-955-2660 or jdelre@visuallink. com or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

Mondays

BALKAN SINGING • TAKOMA PARK, MD Mondays • 8 pm

Informal singing group, *Sedenka*, meets to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info/directions: **Katya**, **301-270-4175** or **Katya@partan.com**.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD 1st Mondays, Dec 4 • 8–10 pm

NOTE: Last Wheaton chantey sing. *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 *a cappella* but instruments welcome. Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

Tuesdays

FSGW-COSPONSORED: CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Dec 5 & 19 • 1 to 2:30 p.m.

See page 20.

DC SHAPE NOTE SINGING • WASHINGTON, DC 3rd Tuesdays, Dec 19 • 7–9:30 pm

We sing from both Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony. Loaner book available and books for sale. Everyone 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; 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metros; 20 minutes from Union Station). Info: **Brenda Dunlap**, **202-425-5264** or **dcshapenote.squarespace.com**.

Wednesdays

FSGW-COSPONSORED: SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD THIRD WEDNESDAYS, DEC 20 • 1–3 PM

See page 20.

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SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SINGS

2ND (BALTIMORE) AND 4TH (DC) 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, ructic@yahoo. com or ShipsCompay.org.

NOTE: The monthly Annapolis chantey sing (Galway Bay) is discontinued.

December

- 13 Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231
- 27 Mackey's (No sing this month)

Thursdays

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • TYSONS CORNER, VA 2ND THURSDAYS, DEC 14 • 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 *a cappella* but instruments welcome. Paddy Barry's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8150 Leesburg Pike, 22182 (Rte 7 near 123; half-mile walk from Tysons Corner or Greensboro Metros). Info: **Myron Peterson, ructic@ya**- hoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

WASHINGTON REVELS-CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SING • SILVER SPRING, MD THURSDAY, DEC 21 • 6:30-8:30 PM

This December, let's sing in celebration of the holiday season & the winter solstice, and get some holiday shopping done! Everyone is welcome to bring a song to lead and refreshments to share. Presented by Washington Revels and Carpe Diem Arts. At Washington Revels Studio Space. Free (donations welcome). Info: Jo Rasi, jrasi@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835; revelsdc.org/shows-events/communitysings/; or carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us.

FOLKSONG SING-IN (OPEN FOLK SING) WHEATON, MD 3rd Thursdays, Dec 21 • 8–10 pm

Join local musician **John Durant, Jr.**, 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, 11301 Elkin St, 20902 (corner of Elkin & Price). Venue info: **thelimerickpub.net**.

Fridays



FSGW OPEN SING • KENSINGTON, MD FRIDAY, DEC 1 • 8 PM

See page 20.

333 Community Music Night • Annapolis, MD Friday, Dec 15 • 7:30 pm

An evening of sing-alongs and performances led by members of the 333 community—our hosts, volunteers, and you, the audience. Bring your voices! Annapolis Friends Mtg., 351 Du-Bois Rd, 21401. Suggested donation, \$5. Info: **333concerts.** org, **443-333-9613**, or **333coffeehouse@gmail.com**.

Saturdays

SHAPE NOTE SINGING • BOYCE, VA 1st Saturdays, Dec 2 • 4–8 pm

All are welcome to sing from *Shenandoah Harmony* and *Sacred Harp*. Potluck dinner at 6 pm. Locations vary. Info/ address: **Kelly** or **John**, **jdelre@visuallink.com** or **540-336-8112**; Northern Shenandoah Valley Facebook page; or dcshapenote.squarespace.com/nsv/.

THE BEATLES SING ALONG • LEESBURG, VA 2ND SATURDAYS, DEC 9 • 7 - 9:30 PM

Come sing and play along with the great music of *The Beatles*. We start the evening singing an album. This month it is: *Beatles For Sale*. All levels of musicianship are welcome. Acoustic & electric guitars OK. **Lawrence Brand** leads the singing. Songbooks are provided. United Methodist Church, 107 W Market St, 20176 (Plenty of free parking). Free. Info/RSVPs/ directions: **Lawrence Brand**, **301-639-7608**, **Lawrence@ RLBrand.com**, or **meetup.com/The-Beatles-Sing-Along**.



Upcoming events are subject to change; please check fsgw.org for updates, further details, additional event listings, and links to performers' audio samples and websites. Please note that more upcoming events than appear in the newsletter may be listed on the website.

JANUARY

FRIDAY, JAN 19 • *WINDBORNE* SATURDAY, JAN 27 • TENORES DE ATERÚE

February

SATURDAY, FEB 3 • FSGW ANNUAL MIDWINTER FESTIVAL (MINI-FEST)

SUNDAY, FEB 4 • BILL DESTLER AND SARAH MURDOCH

SATURDAY, FEB 17 • JANIE MENEELY & ROB VAN SANTE WITH THE CA'MEOWS

FRIDAY, FEB 23 • EVIE LADIN & KEITH TERRY

SATURDAY, FEB 24 • ANDREW FINN MAGILL & Peter Mawanga

TUESDAY, FEB 27 • ALI DINEEN & FERAL FOSTER

March

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 • PUMPKIN BREAD FRIDAY, MARCH 23 • AALLOTAR SATURDAY, MARCH 24 • OLD HOWARD TROUPE FRIDAY, MARCH 30 • TURNSPIT DOGS SATURDAY, MARCH 31 • THE FLY BIRDS

other upcoming events

UPPER POTOMAC MUSIC WEEKENDS 2018 Shepherdstown, WV

Workshops take place in the relaxed, retreat setting of the Shepherd University campus and the surrounding historic Shepherdstown buildings. Info: **upperpotomacmusic.info**, **304-263-2531**, or **upperpotomac@gmail.com**.

FIDDLE RETREAT • JAN 5-7

Workshops, concert, jam sessions, and a contra dance for fiddlers and those who play with them. A variety of styles are presented by some of the region's finest fiddle teachers with an emphasis on dance fiddle styles including Cape Breton, Appalachian, New England, English, and Quebecois. This year's teachers are **Elke Baker** (Beginning, Scottish), **Laura Risk** (Scottish, Quebecois), **Sean Heely** (Scottish, Irish), and **Rachel Eddy** (Old Time), along with **Alex Lacquemont** (acoustic bass), **Dave Wiesler** (piano), **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and mixed-instrument classes), and **Brad Kolodner** (banjo).

PIPERS WEEKEND • JAN 12-14

Weekend retreat featuring classes, concerts, sessions and private tutorials for a variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, flute, fiddle, and mixed instruments. Staff include Joey Abarta (uilleann pipes), Sean Gavin (Irish flute), and Ian Lawther (Northumbrian smallpipes); on Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes: Tim Cummings, E.J. Jones, and Bob Mitchell; multi-instrumentalist piper and hurdy-gurdy player **Sean Folsom** (history, repertoire, variety bagpipes); and **Frances Cunningham** (bouzouki). Classes for all levels of ability; high-quality rental Scottish smallpipes are available for new pipers who wish to try them for the weekend.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: LEARN AND PERFORM BALKAN SONGS AND STORIES • SILVER SPRING, MD Workshops: Sundays, Feb 11, 18, & 25 • 3:30-5 pm Concert: Sunday, March 4 • 6 pm

Children of all ages and backgrounds will have the opportunity to learn and perform songs from a unique culture, through three workshops rehearsals and a public performance. The workshops and concert will be led by internationally recognized teacher and performer **Tatiana Sarbinska** and the **Orfeia Vocal Ensemble**. At Botev Academy Bulgarian School, 8120 Carroll Ave, 20912. \$30 (scholarships available). Info: **orfeiavocalensemble@gmail.com** or **Rhonda Kranz, 301-270-0247.**



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Allyworld, 7014 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (Takoma Radio entrance)

AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave, North Bethesda, MD 20852, ampbystrathmore.com (Strathmore members receive admission discounts)

Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, Herndon, VA, 20170

Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie's Barbershop), 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (across from Riverdale MARC train station; ample parking). Info: acousticblues.com or events@acousticblues.com

Baldwin's Station, 7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD 21784

Ballroom Blum, Adelphi, MD. Info/directions: 301-422-0292 or jerryandapril@aol.com

Beans in the Belfry Meeting Place and Café, 120 W Potomac St, Brunswick, MD 21716.

Birchmere Concert Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304 (all shows 7:30 pm), birchmere.com, 703-549-7500

BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Dr, Germantown, MD 20874 (Ride-On bus routes 97 & 100)

Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740.

Electric Maid Community Exchange, 268 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012 (Takoma Metro), electricmaid.org.

Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812

Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St, Glen Echo, MD 20812

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Gypsy Sally's, 3401 K St, NW, Washington, DC 20007, gypsysallys.com. Open Mic most Tuesdays upstairs in Vinyl Lounge; 8 pm, free.

The Hamilton, 600 14th St NW (at F), Washington, DC 20005, thehamiltondc.com

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd, Herndon, VA 20170, holycrosslutheranchurch.net

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA 22180, jamminjava.com

Janie Meneely's, Takoma Park, MD. Info/directions: program@ fsgw.org.

JV's Restaurant, 6666 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22042, jvsrestaurant.com.

Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Info: 703-838-4994.

Mad City Coffee, 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd, Columbia, MD 21044, 410-964-8671, madcitycoffee.com.

New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD 20770, newdealcafe.com.

Pearl Street Warehouse, 33 Pearl St SW, Washington, DC 20024. Info: pearlstreetwarehouse.com.

Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Potter's Violins, 7111 Eastern Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (old Blair Mansion) **pottersviolins.com.**

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC 20010 (near the Columbia Heights Metro)

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012 (Takoma Metro)

Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (free parking in garage across the street at 801 Ellsworth Dr after 7 pm and on weekends)

St. Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208

Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Info: strathmore.org.

Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Ln, Bethesda, MD 20852. Info: strathmore.org.

Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22204

Warner Theatre, 513 18th St NW, Washington, DC, 20004, warnertheatredc.com

Washington Revels studio space, 531 Dale Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20910, revelsdc.org

Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, weinbergcenter.org

Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1635 Trap Rd, Vienna, VA, 22182, wolftrap.org

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