

COVID-19

The FSGW Board is following the emergency declarations at the National and Local levels, and for this period the only events available are online-only. In-person events will resume once the emergency declarations are resolved.

In the meantime, we continue to work on online experiences. A quick delve into your favorite performer's website or your choice of social media may help you find them playing a streaming concert, workshop, dance, or lesson.

To offset the closure of the gig economy, FSGW offered to pay our canceled performers last month. We wanted to share a few of the kind responses we got back. We understand the terrific impact on performers and the arts in general.

We're doing OK for now. Probably there are others who need the money more than us.

I'll just take a re-booking when you're ready to get back into business.

These are some strange times! The pay offer is much appreciated. I'd be really happy with a check for [60% of what was offered]

Thanks again, this is a big help. I do hope we can reschedule sometime.

As someone who is now struggling to figure out what it means to be a full-time musician right now, anything is appreciated at this point and touched that the FSGW is able to help out.

...we have decided to ask for 50% of the fee if that's alright with you. If you are in a position to send each of us a check we'd be most grateful and it would help out a lot.

Yes, when all this has passed I would most certainly like to revisit the idea of performing once again for the FSGW.

Thanks so much for your email, and for the very generous offer...we don't feel right at this time taking a fee. We are hoping at some point that we'd be able to re-schedule our concert and of course we look forward to getting paid at that time!

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SINGS

FSGW OPEN SING • ONLINE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 • 7:30 P.M.

Steve Woodbury and Ann Bauer will be hosting the June Online Open Sing via Zoom. The Topic will be "Shoes, bonnets, and dentures — and anything else you can wear." **Info:** Email Steve and Ann at woodburybauer@verizon.net to get the Zoom link to participate. Deadline for email is 12 Noon on 6/5/20

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • ONLINE

THIRD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 • 1 TO 3 PM

We won't let the pandemic keep us from getting together virtually to enjoy each other's company and to sing some springtime songs! This song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The Song Circle, co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts, is about the joy of group singing, not about talent. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or experience. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen! While the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center is closed, we'll use the Zoom software platform to meet online. You can join us using any Internet-connected device--computer, tablet, or smartphone--or you can join by dialing a phone number. Email Fred Stollnitz (Subject: Song Circle) at fstollnitz@comcast.net for Zoom log-in information and instructions for setting yourself up for an online Song Circle. Please do this by June 16 if possible. **Wendy Lanxner** will lead some songs with guitar accompaniment. If you would like to lead one or more songs and/or to be an instrumental accompanist, email Fred (Subject: Song Circle Planning). **Info:** <https://www.fsgw.org/event-3838727>

STORYTELLING

FSGW CO-SPONSORED: THE GRAPEVINE • ONLINE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 • 7:30-9 PM

Join us via Zoom. Please register via Eventbrite by searching on the Grapevine Storytelling Series or check our Facebook page for the Grapevine Storytelling Series. Eventbrite will send you an email with the necessary Zoom information. The Grapevine is spoken word performance for adults and teens, celebrating the timeless art of the story, hosted by storytellers Noa Baum, Renée Brachfeld, and Tim Livengood. **Info:** <http://facebook.com/grapevinestorytelling>
Our featured tellers this month are the hilarious **Willa Brigham** and a founding mother of the modern storytelling Renaissance, **Barbara Freeman**. Barbara Freeman is the award-winning storyteller and pioneer who brought about the Storytelling Renaissance. More at <http://www.barbarafreemanstoryteller.com> Welcome to the lively, animated and wonderfully wacky world of Two Time Emmy Award Winning Storyteller/Inspirational Speaker, Author of The Pizza Tree and Midnight Quilter, Willa Brigham. Willa is original, creative and enthusiastically engaging. She will leave you feeling better about yourself and others, and this world we live in. More at <http://www.willabrigham.com>

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I can't thank you enough for this reimbursement! It couldn't have come at a better time

...in these very hard times it is so lovely to know that you are doing this—I have been very concerned about the musicians I know for whom performance is a huge part of their livelihood.

Thank you for being so mindful of the musicians in your dance community. I gratefully accept the full compensation. I look forward to playing in Washington to a full dance floor some day!

Please waive this fee — I am blessed to still have my job and don't need the money. I'd much rather it stay in FSGW coffers and support the organization.

Please use the money to start things up with a big bang when we can dance again.



ONLINE DANCES

ZOOM ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • ONLINE MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY • 1 PM

SUNDAY • 2 PM

Easy English Country Dances that do not need to be modified for virtual dancing. Come join us! We meet four times each week, and will continue after the pandemic as a teaching/practicing aid. **Info:** alex.shevits@gmail.com

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 1 PM

Join our Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83548663870>
Meeting ID: 835 4866 3870

SUNDAY 2 PM JOIN OUR ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81771203837>
Meeting ID: 817 7120 3837

SUPPORT FOLK MUSIC ON YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS!

Saturday nights listen to **Mary Cliff's Traditions** (Washington's longest-running radio show devoted to folk music) from 9 pm to midnight on WERA-FM Arlington (96.7 FM or streaming at wera.fm)

And tune in to WOWN-LP Takoma Park (94.3 FM or streaming at takomaradio.org); many shows of interest to blues, folk, reggae, and other traditional music enthusiasts. Full schedule/show descriptions at takomaradio.org.

FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy

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

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

- 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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- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

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FSGW BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 • 8 PM

Monthly FSGW Board meetings are all electronic via Zoom. Meetings are open to all FSGW members, contact president@fsgw.org or webmaster@fsgw.org for a link to the meeting. If you wish to have the Board consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member or **Charlie Pilzer** at president@fsgw.org at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FSGW needs your support. We are an all volunteer society. The 200+ events we sponsor each year rely on membership fees but it's not enough to cover expenses. Please help us by donating this month.

Takoma Park Folk Festival

Because of Covid-19 concerns, it is unlikely that the 2020 Festival can be held in its usual form on September 13. Several broadcast and webcast options are being explored, and we hope to determine the format of our 2020 events by June 15. Applications from performers and the craft artists are being considered as expressions of interest. Application forms at tpff.org/participate remain open beyond the announced deadlines but may be closed at any time, depending upon ongoing events.

The FSGW Election Committee is pleased to announce the results of the election below. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the 2020-21 FSGW Board and provide the leadership FSGW will need to prosper in the year ahead.

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 At Large - **Jerry Blum**
Renée Brachfeld
Jim Gillard

The role of Membership Chair has recently become open, and the role of Publicity Chair will be open on July 1st. If you are interested in volunteering to fill either of these positions please contact Charlie Pilzer at president@fsgw.org.

Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 2

FSGW's On Social Media Check Us Out!



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Twitter: twitter.com/DCFolklore



Instagram: instagram.com/DCFolklore?igshid=j9j1hzipzy

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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. E.g., Classes [Month], Concert [Month], Dance [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 (no parentheses in phone numbers) 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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FSGW Membership Form

New Membership Renewal Change of Address

TYPE

- Individual One-Year Membership \$25.00
- Individual Lifetime Membership \$500.00

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- I have chosen an Individual Lifetime Membership
DO NOT write a credit card number on this form.
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Each Member must submit a separate form

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I would like to receive the weekly e-blast about FSGW events.

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