

Kevin Elam, Julie Henigan, Melissa Weaver Dunning, & Lisa Null Online • Sunday December 6 • 7 pm Concert starts 7:30 pm

Starting with Celtic roots and then expanding into other genres in every imaginable direction...

Join us via Zoom for FSGW's second concert of the pandemic year. We'll have an opportunity to listen to great performers, interact with them, and visit with each other. We'll go round-robin, and let each musician play off the ideas of the performances that preceded them on this evening. Expect an opportunity after the performances for a sing-around or just socializing.

Kevin Elam lives locally on the Virginia side of the Potomac. He loves and excels at Irish traditional music—he was awarded first place in Men's English Singing at the 2019 Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, rarely won by an American! A multi-instrumentalist who boasts a strong background in classical piano and a degree in Jazz studies, he also loves early music and pre-baroque song. <https://www.kevinelammusic.com/>



Julie Henigan comes from the Ozarks, but studied Irish culture, language, and music in America and Ireland, subjects about which she has written both scholarly and popular books and articles. Her repertoire covers everything from Irish sean-nós singing styles to Ozarks variants of traditional American songs and contemporary songwriters who have caught her attention. Besides being a singer of traditional Irish, British, and American songs, she also plays fingerstyle guitar, clawhammer banjo, fiddle, and lap dulcimer. <https://www.facebook.com/JulieHeniganMusic/>



Melissa Weaver Dunning studied with Norman Kennedy—both his amazing traditional Scottish singing and his weaving and fiber-arts techniques. But Norman's songs were just the beginning of her repertoire; encounters with Frank Harte gave her a grounding in Irish material. She also worked alongside her family for 35 years to run the Bluemont Concert Series in rural and small-town Virginia west and south of the DC metro area. <https://www.facebook.com/peaceweaver>



Lisa Null co-founded Green Linnet records (which became America's premier Celtic label) but loves American songs of every kind. She likes to find obscure songs in books that need reviving to bring them back into circulation, such as the songs of Carrie Grover, who was born in Nova Scotia, lived in Maine, and descended from an Irish family. Lisa has three CDs available on the Smithsonian Folkways label. (The most recent, *Legacies*, is being re-issued shortly, and might not be showing yet.) <https://www.facebook.com/Lisa.Null.singer/>



Register at <https://www.fsgw.org/concerts> to get the Zoom link.

Cost to register: Free; Suggested donation: \$20 per listener. (If you feel generous and can afford it, a higher amount will help support the performers.) **Info:** Charlie Baum, cbaum@fsgw.org.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE - SEA TO SEA! • ONLINE
THURSDAY DECEMBER 31 • 8 PM (EASTERN) • DETAILS ON PAGE 3.

SINGS

FSGW OPEN SING • ONLINE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 7:30 P.M.

Libby and Sarah McKnight will host our December Open Sing. The topic for December will be Trees. Please register in advance.

Registration deadline is 12 Noon EST on December 4th. Zoom link will be sent the afternoon of December 4th. This gives us much needed time for setup. **Info:** vince@vincewilding.com. Registration form is at: <https://forms.gle/qbSHw7Y17yuQ6MRBA>.

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

SCHWEINHOUT SONG CIRCLE • ONLINE THIRD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 1 TO 3 PM

Everyone, regardless of age or talent, is welcome to participate in the Schweinhaut Song Circle. We sing old and new, humorous and serious, timeless and topical songs. As we go around the Zoom room, everyone has a chance to sing, request a song, or just pass. To help us get started, **Wendy Lanxner** will lead songs with guitar accompaniment. She's happy to accompany any song she knows or can find the chords for. It's helpful if you send your requests in advance using the form in the registration link below. Bring or request your favorite songs about the holidays! After 2 p.m., you're welcome to lead songs, with or without instrumental accompaniment. The Zoom link will be sent Wednesday morning to those who have previously attended the Song Circle using Zoom. If you are new to the Song Circle, please register at <https://forms.gle/jr4sR9tmu6VRMBdN8> by Tuesday, December 15, to receive the Zoom link. For more information about using Zoom, please go to fsgw.org/event-4014774

STORYTELLING

FSGW Co-SPONSORED:

THE GRAPEVINE • ONLINE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 7:30-9:00 PM

Join us via Zoom for our featured tellers this month, **Nancy Donoval** and **Valerie Tutson**! 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**. Please register at <https://fsgw.org/grapevine> to get the necessary Zoom information.

Nancy Donoval finds humor in the hard stuff, in moments that change us: first kisses, lost love, the untimely death of a parent, and

a trip to the bathroom of the opposite gender. She is the reigning National Story Slam Champ with a selection from "The Road to Shameless: A Survivor's True Story of Rape and Recovery." More about Nancy at <http://www.nancydonoval.com>

Valerie Tutson draws stories from around the world with an emphasis on African traditions, including stories and songs from travels in South Africa, in West Africa, and stories from African American history. Valerie has recently served as the co-Director of the National Black Storytelling Festival in Providence, RI. More about Valerie at <http://www.valerietutson.com>

Please LIKE and FOLLOW us on Facebook, and leave a comment how you feel about the show. It helps us spread the word about storytelling!



FSGW DANCES

FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • ONLINE WEDNESDAYS • 8-10 PM

Wednesday night FSGW English Country Dances are now on Zoom! The dances will be called to recorded music, with the program adapted to one or two dancers. Zoom details and other particulars for the dances will be sent via email. Contact ecd@fsgw.org (and include your first and last name) if you would like to receive the e-blasts about these online dances. These online dances are free, but if you would like to help support the caller's effort, please see the website for details. **Info:** fsgw.org/english-country-dance

December

2	Dan Gillespie	23	Melissa Running
9	Andrea Nettleton	30	Ann Fallon
16	Kappy Laning		

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT CONTRA • ONLINE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 8 PM

Join us for our virtual dance concert series! There will be no caller but the music will all be danceable contra- and waltz-style tunes. Feel free to dance alone, pin your friends over zoom, or just hang out and listen. The music will be 8-9:30 with two breaks so you can chat with each other and with our wonderful musicians. Band TBA.

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Missing the calendar?

Due to space limitations for the print version of the Newsletter, the calendar is on-line this month — fsgw.org/newsletter

FSGW BOARD MEETING • TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 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.

Information about upcoming virtual dance concerts (Including registration and viewing info) can be found at:

<https://fsgw.org/sunday-contra-square-dance>

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE - SEA TO SEA!

ONLINE

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31 • 8 PM (EASTERN)



Toast in the New Year Sea to Sea! A grand New Year's Event is planned, with multiple tracks of programming for contra dance, English Country Dance, other couples and solo dances, concerts, and socialization. Come hang out online virtually with your friends and meet new friends on New Year's Eve! Save the date—New Year's Eve—and join us to toast in the New Year four times across the continent online folkie style. More information, including how to get the link, will be posted at <https://fsgw.org/NYE-online> or <https://NYE.dance> Stay tuned!

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GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS

ONLINE

THURSDAYS • 7:30 (EXCEPT THANKSGIVING!)

Glen Echo Folkdancers have gone from the Ballroom Annex to Online. Come join us for a fun evening of International Folk dances and good times with friends old and new! Join our Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87152651884?pwd=QWVYVFc1cm9uWTNqTkwrYTdpPWIRdz09> Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884 Password: 145 **Info:** dancingplanet@erols.com

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GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE • ONLINE

FRIDAYS • 7:30 PM

Friday night Greenbelt International Folk Dancing has gone "virtual." As we all practice good social distancing, many in our folk dance community are feeling the absence of our usually scheduled local dances. In response, please join us for the Greenbelt Virtual Folk Dance Session. Let's keep dancing!

- Connect and dance in our own homes
- Watch hosts leading familiar dances
- See each other; listen and dance to our favorites

How: We will be using the ZOOM video conferencing app to share music and live videos of the leaders and each other. This can be used on a desktop, laptop, or smartphone.

What to Expect: Your hosts are **Linda Mansdorf**, **Vita Hollander**, **Ben Hole**, and **John Robinson**. They will play 25 to 30 dances, which should approximate the number of dances normally done on a Friday night in-person event. The hosts will do a quick teaching or demonstration of the steps to some of the dances that may be less familiar to you or just as a refresher, but the session is not designed as a workshop, so the majority of the evening will be spent playing dances that many of us already know and love to do.

How To Join Us: Each week we'll send an email with the Zoom Meeting link ID. Make sure John Robinson knows you would like to receive the email with the link. John's email for **Info:** j_robinson@verizon.net. <https://www.facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/>

CONCERTS

WASHINGTON REVELS & CARPE DIEM ARTS

DAILY ANTIDOTES OF SONG • ONLINE

DAILY • 12 NOON

Each day at noon, Washington Revels and Carpe Diem Arts offer "notes of hope" as a song leader from our roster of local, national and international guest artists shares a song online. Watch our website for announcements about specially-themed weeks. Great for all ages! Attend via the virtual concert room or sing along on Facebook Live;

Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 5 on the web

see our website for participation instructions. Free; donations to the "Antidote Fund" are encouraged and support the artists. **Info:** Jo Rasi, jrazi@revelsdc.org; revelsdc.org/2020/daily-song/.

"A SEASON OF REVELING" • ONLINE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

The magic of Washington Revels has moved online and, like a band of jolly wassailers, we hope you'll invite us in to share our Fall theme, *Hearth & Home*, from the comfort of your own home! Our "Season of Reveling" celebrates the closeness of family, the comfort of friends, and the many holidays that mark our journey from Autumn to Winter. In December, Revels community members will invite us (virtually) to light menorah candles for Hanukkah, to celebrate Nordic musical traditions in a Santa Lucia festival, and to welcome the Shortest Day during our Winter Solstice Revels. Free and ticketed virtual events. **Info:** info@revelsdc.org; revelsdc.org/season/

WINTER SOLSTICE REVELS • ONLINE/VIRTUAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 • 7 PM

Gather the family and join Washington Revels for this "Season of Reveling" highlight! Our Winter Solstice Revels will kindle the spirit of the season. This year the glow may come from our favorite devices rather than the flaming Yule log, but the warmth will be just as real as we celebrate with traditional Revels singalongs, performances by our virtual choruses of Adults, Teens and Children, and the cheerful sound of the Washington Revels Brass. Mark Jaster, Sabrina Mandell, and their friends at Happenstance Theater join us for a special 2020 mummies play, and **Foggy Bottom Morris** brings the haunting Abbots Bromley Horn Dance to life. Revel with us, wherever you may be, as we take joy together on the Shortest Day. Tickets required; post-event access is included with your purchase. **Info:** info@revelsdc.org; revelsdc.org/season/

DANCES

FRIDAY NIGHT CONTRA • ONLINE

DECEMBER 4 & 18 • 8:30 PM

Friday Night Contra Dancers have gone Virtual! Join us on Zoom for Contras that have been modified to work for quarantined dancers! The Zoom room opens at 8:00 for social time, and stays open after the dances for more social time. Visit the FND Facebook page for all the info, date, and callers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fridaynightdancers/>

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS • ONLINE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5 • 6:30 PM

Our Monthly Zoom potluck & music/dancing with MAND (Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers). In lieu of our famous traditional cozy potluck socials, let's take potluck from our own fridges/pantries and chat while eating. Then listen/dance/watch as our **Loretta Kelley** and **Sonia White** alternate sets on their magical Norwegian Hardanger fiddle and Swedish nyckelharpa, plus often a guest Hardanger fiddler. Then some folks will stay for the afterparty, with more chat and BYO dessert/snacks, as others drift off. **Info:** <http://MAND.fanitull.org>

SCANDINAVIAN VIRTUAL DANCE/MUSIC EVENT ONLINE




SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 8 - 9:30 PM

Scandia DC will be holding it's 7th virtual dance/music event on Zoom in December. The evening will feature 1/2 hour of dance teaching to recorded music followed by several live music sets for dancing. The first set will allow musicians to play along (on mute) with the lead musician. Tunes in that set will be available on the website in advance of the evening. **Info:** Linda@ScandiaDC.org to get on the list to receive an invitation if you are not already on the list. More information will be available at ScandiaDC.org and in the invitation email closer to the event.



December 2020



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		1 NOON REVELS DAILY ANTIDOTE OF SONG – EVERY DAY! 8 FSGW BOARD MEETING	2 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE WITH DAN GILLESPIE	3 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE	4 7:30 FSGW OPEN SING 8:30 GREENBELT INT'L FOLK DANCE 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance with <i>Sugar Beat!</i>	5 6:30 MAND Potluck/Dance
6 7 FSGW CONCERT WITH KEVIN ELAM, JULIE HENIGAN, MELISSA WEAVER DUNNING, & LISA NULL	7 	8 <i>Newsletter Deadline!!</i>	9 7:30 FSGW GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE WITH ANDREA NETTLETON	10 <i>First Night of Hanukkah</i> 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 	11 8:30 GREENBELT INT'L FOLK DANCE	12
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20 7 Winter Solstice Revels 	21 <i>Happy Winter Solstice!</i>	22	23 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY Dance with Melissa Running	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 	26 <i>First Night of Kwanzaa</i>
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If you are interested in volunteering to fill either of these positions please contact Charlie Pilzer at president@fsgw.org.



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And tune in to WQWD-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.



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