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THE GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING

HYATTSVILLE MD & ONLINE • FEBRUARY 14 • 7:30 PM

The Grapevine is spoken-word performance for adults and teens, celebrating the timeless art of the story, hosted by storytellers **Renée Brachfeld** and **Tim Livengood**.

Join us on February 14 at 7:30 pm live at Busboys and Poets Hyattsville (5331 Baltimore Ave, Hyattsville, MD), and also via Zoom, featuring storytellers **Gayle Ross** and **Tim Livengood**!

Gayle Ross

draws from the spring of her Native American Cherokee storytelling heritage. Gayle has become one of the best-loved and most respected storytellers in this timeless art form. Whether provoking laughter with a Trickster tale or moving listeners to tears with a haunting myth, Gayle is a master of the age-old craft. The prestigious National Council of Traditional Arts has included Gayle in two of their touring shows, "The Master Storyteller's Tour" and the all Indian show, "From the Plains to the Pueblos".

More about Gayle at: worldstorytellingcafe.com/gayle-ross



Tim

Livengood is a Hoosier by birth, a Marylander by abode, and a storyteller by habit. He learned to tell stories the traditional way, by listening to his father exaggerate. Tim tells original stories in a folkloric



style, as well as the occasional true story of adventure, which is a euphemism for poor planning.

FSGW IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook: facebook.com/fsgw.org/



Twitter: twitter.com/fsgw_org/



Instagram: instagram.com/fsgw_org/



Meetup: meetup.com/folklore-society-of-greater-washington/

Check Us Out!

No registration needed for in person, but register at fsgw.org/grapevine for Zoom and online recording.

Registration: fsgw.org/event-5431719/Registration

We ask for donations to support our tellers; suggested \$20 per person at fsgw2.org/grapevine.html

Info: fsgw.org/grapevine

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FSGW ELECTIONS



Recruiting New Board Members!!!

FSGW could not offer the hundreds of concerts, dances, festivals and other events each year without the many Society members who volunteer to make it all happen. The FSGW Board of Directors is recruiting Board members through our annual election process for a one-year term beginning on July 1. The Election Committee is compiling a slate of candidates for the May election for the 2024–2025 term and invites you to nominate candidates. You may offer your nominations for the FSGW Board at:

Thursday, February 8 – Silver Spring **2nd Thursday Contra Dance** at Silver Spring Civic Center Building
fsgw.org/silver-spring-contra-dance

~ Other events in March to be determined ~

Nominations will be accepted from when we open the FSGW membership meeting at each event. These events are official Folklore Society meetings for the purpose of receiving nominations for the Board from the membership.

Nominations can also be submitted directly to the Election Committee (prior to April 1) by petition signed by five current FSGW Members. You can contact the Election Committee at:

elections@fsgw.org



FSGW is looking for **A PART-TIME WORKER** to help with a number of administrative items.

These administrative items include: membership, event registration, website updates, and handling incoming email. This position shares tasks with another part-time administrative worker (you'll have a co-worker!).

This is a paid position.

Expected hours are 5 to 10 hours per week — spread over the week rather than concentrated into one or two days, since incoming email needs to be monitored and responded to regularly.

Needed skills include organizing information, documenting procedures, writing business-like emails, comfort with Google Docs and Sheets, and using a WYSIWYG editor to make website updates. HTML and CSS skills are nice to have but not required.

Preference for someone in the DMV area who attends FSGW events at least occasionally.

Interested? Email contact@fsgw.org

FSGW Co-SPONSORED
SEÁN GAVIN AND COLM GANNON CONCERT
 ALEXANDRIA VA • FEBRUARY 11 • 7 PM



Seán Gavin, is one of the most highly regarded Irish musicians of his generation. Master uilleann piper and flute player, he is the first and only musician born outside Ireland to win the prestigious Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal. He has toured regularly with Téada, as well as solo and other projects. Seán was Musical Director for the PBS program “I Am Ireland” and for the long-running *Atlantic Steps*. He has lectured on traditional music at the University of Chicago, St. Andrew’s in Scotland, and many other locations. He is now back in his native Detroit where he continues to play, teach, and promote traditional Irish music. See SeanGavinMusic.com for more.

Accordion wizard **Colm Gannon’s** playing is as vibrant and beautiful as the Connemara hills. Born in Boston of Connemara parents, he learned his music from his father and brother Seán. As a youth he played regularly with Seamus Connolly, Tina Lech and Jesse Smith. Colm won the All Ireland on the button accordion in 1994, has toured widely with *Riverdance*, *Dervish*, and *DeDannan*.

- At the Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum
- Co-Sponsored by FSGW and the Traditional Music Series at the Lyceum

Ticket Information: Advanced tickets: Adults \$25 /
 At the door \$30: For advance ticketing, go to:
ticketstripe.com/gavin-gannon

LIVE! AT THE LIBRARY: REV. ROBERT B. JONES, SR.
THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 7 – 8 PM

A Black History Month Concert
 Co-Sponsored by
 the Folklore Society of Greater Washington

Reverend Robert B. Jones, Sr. is an inspirational musician and storyteller celebrating the history, humor, and power of American roots music. His deep love for traditional African American and American music is shared in live performances that interweave timeless stories with original and traditional songs. For more than thirty years Robert has entertained and educated audiences of all ages in schools, colleges, libraries, union halls, prisons, churches and civil rights organizations.

Rev. Jones performs throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. An award-winning multi-instrumentalist, he is accomplished on guitar, harmonica, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, and ukulele. He has recorded six albums of original and traditional songs. In 2017 Robert and Matt Watroba co-founded “Common Chords”, an educational organization designed to create community, cultural and historical connections through music and the arts.



PHOTO : Peggy Brisbane

Ticket Information: This event is FREE, but tickets are required for entry. You can reserve a ticket here: loc.gov/item/event-411333 Follow the “Get Tickets” Link to reserve a space.

Info: Please call 202-707-1743.

FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

GLEN ECHO, MD

WEDNESDAYS • 8 – 10:30 PM

The English Country Dance committee has initiated the resumption of in-person Wednesday night dances at Glen Echo Town Hall.

The Dance Committee has decided to discontinue the Virtual Dances. We thank everyone for their enthusiastic support for the dance, and for our friends from all over the world for attending. Here's hoping more happy dancing is in your future.

Check our web page (fsgw.org/ecd) for the latest information on dancing in-person.



February 7 - Dan Gillespie



February 21 - Kappy Laning



February 14 - Melissa Running



February 28 - Anna Rain

February Lineup:

- 7 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano)
- 14 **Melissa Running** leads the dancing while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute), and **Neil Epstein** (piano) make the music
- 21 **Kappy Laning** calls to the music of **David Knight** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)
- 28 **Anna Rain** calls while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Sophie Chang** (cello), and **Melissa Running** (piano) play

FSGW DANCES

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IMPORTANT NOTE

The FSGW Board has rescinded the Policy on Calling Terms adopted on January 14, 2020.

Gender-free terms will now be used for the FSGW co-sponsored contra dances.

FSGW AND THE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS JOINT CONTRA DANCE GLEN ECHO MD • FRIDAYS LESSON AT 7:30 PM, DANCE AT 8 PM

FSGW and FND have joined to present Contra dances! Full information will be on the FSGW calendar and FND Facebook page.

Info: fsgw.org/

[Friday-contra-square-dance](http://fsgw.org/ Friday-contra-square-dance)

Please pre-register so we can manage participation.

February . . . FSGW Tier 2 events

2 **River Abel** with *Rachel Eddy and Friends* - Rachel Eddy (fiddle), Charlie Pilzer (keyboards), and Em Hammond (guitar, banjo, bass)

fsgw.org/
[event-5482201/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5482201/Registration)

9 **Perry Shafran** with *The Glen Echo Open Band*

fsgw.org/
[event-5549311/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5549311/Registration)

16 **Greg Frock** with *Emily Aubrey and Friends* - Emily Aubrey (fiddle) and Charlie Pilzer (piano)

fsgw.org/
[event-5549302/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5549302/Registration)

23 **Alexandra Deis-Lauby** with *Kingfisher* - Jeff Kaufman (piano, mandolin, drums, synths), and Cecilia Vacanti (fiddle)

fsgw.org/
[event-5549313/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5549313/Registration)

Please note that all are strongly encouraged to preregister.

COVID POLICY:

Since June 1, this is an FSGW Tier 2 event: N95, KN95, KF94 or similar masks are encouraged but not required. We no longer require proof of vaccination.

fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response

FSGW CO-SPONSORED SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE SILVER SPRING MD FEBRUARY 8 7 PM LESSON, 7:30 PM DANCE

February . . . FSGW Tier 2 event

8 **Greg Frock** with *Are We There Yet?* - Susan Brandt (flute), Tina Chancey (fiddle), Charlie Pilzer (piano), and Tom Wright (mandolin)

This dance will be an **Annual Membership Meeting** for nominations for the FSGW Board. —Members of FSGW will get **free entry**.

Register at: fsgw.org/
[event-5515409/Registration](http://fsgw.org/event-5515409/Registration)

Location: Silver Spring Civic Building
8525 Fenton St.
Silver Spring MD 20910

A *Dance Basics* session will be presented by **Linda Zebooker** from

6:30 to 6:55 pm. Exercises and demos geared to making Contra Dance safer and more fun for all.

Free introductory lesson 7 to 7:30 pm. Dance 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$15 general admission.

FREE! Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) Members. \$5 ages 21 and under and those with limited income.

This is an FSGW Tier 2 event: N95, KN95, KF94 or similar masks are encouraged but not required. We no longer require proof of vaccination. fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response

Info: fsgw.org/silver-spring-contra-dance

This dance is presented by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts and is funded in part by Montgomery County Recreation, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, and the Maryland State Arts Council, plus individual donors and dancers!

FSGW CO-SPONSORED LE BAL PERDU DC AND FSGW PRESENT AN EVENING OF BALFOLK! DANCES FROM FRANCE TAKOMA PARK MD • WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21 • 7:30 PM

Live music from *Trio Mirambel* - fiddle, accordion, and hurdy-gurdy.

All dances taught, no partner needed!

Location: Join us at the School of Musical Traditions: 7112 Willow Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912. Easy street parking and a few blocks from the Takoma Metro.

Cost: \$10

Info: lebalperdu.dc@gmail.com



FSGW BARN DANCE!

GLEN ECHO MD • FEBRUARY 11 • 1 – 3 PM

Come join us at the barn dance! This fun-spirited dance event is suitable for all ages and ability levels and features live music and calling. There will be circle dances, ceilidhs, and a variety of mixers.

This dance fits the bill for families with preschool children just as well as older groups of tweens and teens. Our intergenerational community is what makes this dance unique and fun.

~ So grab a friend or your kids and come join us! ~

February . . .

**11 TBA with
Alexander Mitchell (fiddle) and Gina Faber (guitar)**

1 to 3 pm in the Ballroom Back Room (Annex) at
Glen Echo Park—FREE!

Info: fsgw.org/barn-dance

**FSGW CO-SPONSORED
GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL
FOLK DANCERS
GLEN ECHO MD & ONLINE
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 PM**

To register, please provide an email address for possible contact tracing. Masks and vaccinations are urged, but not required. These dances are instruction-oriented from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with open request dancing after 8:30 pm. \$10 at the door. If you wish to attend, please contact Jamie at dancingplanet@erols.com to RSVP before attending.

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom. You can enter by clicking onto the following link: us02web.zoom.us/j/87152651884?pwd=QWVvVEc1cm9uWTNqTkwrYTdPWlRrdz09
Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884
Password: 145
If you click on the link, you may not need to enter a password.

For more information:

please contact Jamie at dancingplanet@erols.com or the website: dancingplanetproductions.com/folkdance.

**FSGW CO-SPONSORED
GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK
DANCE • GREENBELT MD
FRIDAYS • 8 PM**

Weekly in-person international folk dancing has returned to Greenbelt with some sessions being in-person only, and others will be hybrid (in-person AND through Zoom). Occasionally, due to dance studio unavailability, some events will be Zoom only.

We do a variety of line, circle and couple dances mostly from the Balkans, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. If you've ever wondered about music in odd rhythms – like 7, 9 and 11 – come and get hooked on this wonderful music, which includes these great dance rhythms and more. The room where we dance has a beautiful sprung wood floor (please bring a clean change from your street shoes). We sometimes have special events, including dance workshops and live music nights. Newcomers and beginners are welcome!

When: (almost) Every Friday night from 8 to 9:30 pm

Where: Greenbelt Community Dance Studio
15 Crescent Rd.
Greenbelt MD 20770
(NEW! Enter and depart the community center through the front door.)
For the zoom link, contact John Robinson.

COVID POLICY: To participate in the In-Person programs at the Greenbelt Community Center you must comply with the Greenbelt IFD Covid-19 masking & vaccination policy. larryweiner.com/FridayDance-Covid-19%20-%202022-08-01a.htm

Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539 or John and Sheila Robinson, 410-715-9210

More Info: visit larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm or facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/?ref=page_internal

FSGW SINGS

**FSGW OPEN SING • ONLINE
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2 • 7:30 PM**

Many thanks to **David Kidman** for hosting the February Open Sing from across the pond!

David's theme is *The Ways of Love*

Only those wishing to sing need to register.

Register: bit.ly/Feb-2024-OpenSing-Signup

Singers' list: bit.ly/Feb-2024-OpenSing-Singers-List

Reminder: Registration will be open till Noon EST on 2/2/24.

Zoom Link will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List, if you're not a member, sign up at groups.io/g/FSGWOpenSings

Event Page: fsgw.org/event-5556340

Info: Vince@VinceWilding.com

**FSGW SONG CIRCLE
SILVER SPRING MD
& ONLINE
SECOND FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9
1:30 – 3:30 PM**

The monthly Schweinhaut Song Circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy delightful songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. Come for informal group singing or just to listen.

In observance of Valentine's Day, **bring or request your favorite love songs, or any other songs!** To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using the form in the registration link below.



Susan McNelis will lead songs with guitar accompaniment, and any participant may lead any song a cappella or self-accompanied.

The Song Circle will be held in person at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Participants are encouraged, but not required, to pre-register (see below), to have completed a full course of a COVID-19 vaccine (including boosters if eligible) before January 26, and to wear a mask except while leading a song.

If you can't come in person, you can join us on Zoom or by phone. The Zoom link and phone number will be sent Friday morning to those who are on the Song Circle email list and to others who register at forms.gle/jr4sRgtmu6VRMBdN8 by Thursday, February 8. For the latest updates about the Song Circle, see fsgw.org/event-5558379

FSGW OPEN SING
OLD GREENBELT MD
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17
2 – 5 PM

Thanks to **David & Mary Jo Shapiro** for hosting!

Topic: Signs, omens, portents, and plain old coincidences. Double credit for songs involving trigonometric functions, even tangentially.

For address and head count, call David or Mary Jo, 301-699-8833. Park in driveway or on opposite (= legal) side of street.

In-Person Event Page:
fsgw.org/event-5564460

Info: Vince@VinceWilding.com

FSGW GOSPEL SING
TAKOMA PARK MD
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 • 4 – 7 PM

The February 2024 Gospel Sing will take place at Kathie Mack's house in Takoma Park MD.

Group singing for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm, potluck dinner from 6 to 7 pm. Hymnals provided.

A mask-friendly event — masks are optional but welcome. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you have had the latest COVID booster and are symptom-free.

RSVP/Directions/Info:
kpmack2@gmail.com
or call 301-270-4239
(leave a voicemail).

General Info: fsgw.org/gospel-sings

OPEN DANCES

SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE
SHEPHERDSTOWN WV
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3 • 8 PM

Put on your dancing shoes for a fabulous evening as **Penelope Weinberger** calls to **Gina Faber** (guitar, fiddle) and **Joe DeZarn** (fiddle).

Beginner/refresher lesson at 7:30; potluck snacks at the break.

Vaccinations are recommended and masking with KN95 or similar masks is encouraged but not required.

Admission: \$15 nonmembers, \$12 members, \$5 dancing kids under 12.

Info: smad.us

FSGW STORYTELLING

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FSGW & VITG (VOICES IN THE GLEN)
MONTHLY STORY SWAP • ONLINE
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers and listeners are invited to an evening of shared stories. Anyone is welcome to tell a tale; no one ever has to. For adults or families. Free.

Info: Jane Dorfman, 301-654-5818,
dorfmanjo@gmail.com;
voicesintheglen.org/event/vitg-monthly-story-swap-online-40

The upcoming **Bumper Car Square Dance on Saturday February 24** was accidentally conflated with the upcoming **Pop-Up Contra Dance on Sunday February 25** in the original posting of this newsletter and in the print version. They are actually two wonderful separate events on two separate days available for your enjoyment!

BUMPER CAR SQUARES
GLEN ECHO MD • SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 24 • 7 – 10:30 PM

Square Dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD!

Haven't ever square danced before or maybe the last time was in elementary school? YOU can do this! Come at 7 pm (sharp) for an introductory session and we'll have you do-si-do-ing and swinging your partner in no time flat.

NO partner, special attire, or prior experience necessary. The Bumper Car Pavilion has a wonderful wooden floor and overhead radiant heaters keep you toasty warm no matter the weather.

Admission: \$15-adults, \$5-teens, 12 and under FREE!
Cash or credit card at the door.

Caller **Becky Hill** teaches the dances with skill and enthusiasm, and guides you through the figures to the pulsing groove of Appalachian dance tunes by **Devil in the Mill** (devilinthemill.com/#). That's

Dakota Karper (fiddle),
Meghan Mette (fiddle),
Julius Bjornson (guitar), and
Greg Mulley (bass guitar).

All this FUN is brought to you by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture.

For **more details**, please visit:
glenechopark.org/events-calendar/202402



Join us for Square Dancing in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park!

- Each dance will kick off with a lesson at 7pm, followed by a social dance with a live band and caller at 7:30pm
- No partner or special attire required
- \$15 General Admission; check online for discounts

SAVE THE DATE

- December 2, 2023
- February 24, 2024
- March 23, 2024
- July 6, 2024
- September 14, 2024
- November 2, 2024
- December 7, 2024

info@glenechopark.org



GLEN ECHO PARK
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

Info: glenechopark.org/dances

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
HERNDON VA • SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10 • 6:30 PM

Join us with **April Blum** calling to music by **Diane Sorenson** and **Jeff Steinberg**.

Period or modern evening attire suggested

To assist with refreshments we invite

you to contribute hors d'oeuvres, a covered dish, or dessert.

Cost: \$10; Students, \$5.

Location: Self-Trail Manor
13222 Loyalty Rd.
Leesburg VA

Info: Laurel Bybell (Secretary)
lbybell@gmail.com or
703-791-5603 or
theleesburgassembly.org

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Sunday Afternoon Pop-Up Contra Dances

Glen Echo Park

Bumper Car Pavilion

3:00-6:00 pm

New dancer lesson at 2:30 pm

January 14

Carrie Rose, Miranda Weinberg, Dave Wiesler with Gaye Fifer!

February 25

The Dam Beavers with Janine Smith

March 24

Rhys Jones and Friends with Will Mentor

April 28

"The French Connection":

Contras, singing squares, and French dances: Sarah Gowan, Bill Quern and Leslie Barr with Leslie Barr, Janine Smith and Susan Taylor

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contras



**DANCING PLANET SUNDAY
AFTERNOON POP-UP CONTRA
DANCE • GLEN ECHO MD
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25
2:30 – 6 PM**

New Dancer Intro Session: 2:30 pm

Dance: 3 – 6 pm

New to Glen Echo, the **Dam Beavers** bring a high octane mix of contra dance tunes wowing dancers across the country. **Ben Schreiber** (fiddle) and **Scotty Leach** (piano) are extraordinary musicians who can match **Janine Smith's** brilliant calling. C'mon out to this FUN, high energy dance that will keep you smiling all week!

Cost: \$15 cash or Venmo at the door, no cards

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contras

Admission is: \$10 BFMS members & affiliates, \$15 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: free

**BFMS DANCE (BALTIMORE FOLK
MUSIC SOCIETY) • BALTIMORE MD
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10**

7 – 9:30 PM

NEW DANCER LESSON: 6:30 PM

Contra dances with **Caroline Barnes** calling to the **Rhythmajigs** - **Patti Reum** (flutes and whistles), **Michael Giordano** (fiddle and mandolin), and **Jack Maus** (piano)

Dance lesson: 6:30 pm. Potluck snacks at the break. Masks & vaccinations are optional.

Online payment only.

Pre-payment is encouraged.
bfms.org/secondsatpay.php

Location: The Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter
6112 York Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21212

BFMS CONTRA (BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY) • BALTIMORE MD
FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS:
FEBRUARY 7 & 21
8 – 10:30 PM

Wednesday Night Contra Dance Series! Every other Wednesday, 8 to 10:30 pm.

Location: Lovely Lane Church
2200 St. Paul St. 21218

Beginners always welcome!
New dancer workshops at 7:30.
BFMS and FSGW members \$10,
non-members \$15. Student discount.

Pre-registration Info: bfms.org

February

7 **Dance** to music by
Waverley Station -
David Knight (fiddle) and
Liz Donaldson (piano).

21 TBD

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
BALTIMORE MD
2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS
8 – 10:30 PM
NEW DANCERS' WORKSHOP 7:45 PM

New Dancers' workshop 7:45 pm.

English country dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through.

Preregistration required at bfms.org,
vax/mask required.

Location: Church of the Nativity
and Holy Comforter
6112 York Rd., 21212
bfms.org/directionsToChurchoftheNativity.php

\$15 for non-members; \$10 BFMS,
ATDS, FSGW, CDSS members;
\$7 student non-members,
\$5 student members.

Info: Ann Fallon, 410-507-0934,
engdance@bfms.org or
aefallon@verizon.net

February

12 **Christopher Field** will call dances
to the music of **Elke Baker** (violin)
and **Jacqueline Schwab** (piano).

26 **April Blum** will lead the dancing
to music by **Jeff Steinberg**
(violin), **Ben Hobbs** (piano), and
Ralph Barthine (guitar).

SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO MD
FEBRUARY 10 & 24 • 8 PM

- Beginner swing lesson 8 to 9 pm;
dance 9 to 11:30 pm (band plays
two sets)
- Admission \$20/person advance
sales (credit card only);
\$30/person at the door.
Advance ticket sales end at
12 noon on the day of the dance.
All ticket sales are final; no
refunds or credits.

Register at:

Gottaswing.com/calendar
where you can buy tickets
online for each dance.

We have dropped all covid-related
restrictions at our classes and

dances. We encourage vaccinations,
boosters, and masks are always
optional.

Info: gottaswing.com/calendar

February (in the Ballroom)

10 Swing it with **Dr Zoot**

24 **Ralf Böcker & Friends**

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
ANNAPOLIS MD
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17
7 – 9:30 PM
(INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM)

Christopher Field calls to enchanting
live music.

Face masks optional. Attendance is
not capped; however, pre-
registration is very helpful to us,
thanks! Email aefallon@verizon.net
to pre-register.

Venue has windows and fans for
circulation and ventilation. No
experience or partner required.
Note: No food/drinks provided;
please bring own drinking water.
Snacks to share are welcome if you
bring napkins, appropriate paper
goods+utensils and plan to clean up
after snack time. \$10.

Location:

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

Info: Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867,
janscope@hotmail.com or
Ann Fallon, 410-507-0934,
facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057517095183

AFTERNOON WALTZ
GLEN ECHO MD
FEBRUARY 4 & 18
2:45 PM

*Join us
for an afternoon of waltzing
in the Spanish Ballroom!*

Take our beginner waltz lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm and enjoy dancing from 3:30 until 6 pm.

No partner required.

Admission is \$15, \$5 for full-time students with ID.

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org

or 301-634-2222

Proof of fully vaxed status is required. Masks requirements change; please bring one. More info on our website.

February

4 *Some Assembly* with
Mary Flora (flute, sax,
pennywhistle),
Donna Moore Boylan
(keyboard, accordion),
Adam Lee (guitar),
Joe Klausner
(fiddle, violin, banjo),
Iain Sturrock
(percussion and vocals)

18 *Destino* with
Paul Oorts (accordion, mandolin,
banjo, guitar),
Tom Wright (10-string Brazilian
style mandolin),
Charlie Pilzer (piano),
Susan Brandt (flute)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SILVER SPRING MD
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10
7:30 – 9:30 PM

Bob Farrall calls to music by
Peascods Gathering.

Beginners and singles welcome. \$5.

Location:

Glen Haven Elementary School
10900 Inwood Ave., 20902
(Parking and entrance in rear.)

Info: Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281,
cminkus@verizon.net, or
Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE
CHAPTICO MD
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10 • 7 PM

The 2nd Saturday of the month
September through June.

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zack Fowler Rd.
Chaptico, MD

The evening starts at 7 pm with a half hour beginner's dance workshop followed by **Greg Frock** with live music performed by the **SOMD Open Band** and dancing from 7:30 to 10 pm.

Check the **website calendar**
(smtmd.org/new-events)
for the lineup of dances
and callers!

Admission is \$12 for non-SMTMD
members; \$8 for members.
Children 17 and under,
when accompanied by an
adult, and band members
are free.

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com
smtmd.org/#/dances



**MID-ATLANTIC
NORWEGIAN DANCERS
SILVER SPRING MD
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10 • 7:30 PM**

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle and **Sonia White** on key fiddle.

Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Please bring clean dance shoes to change into and always check MAND website for updates.

Info: MAND.fanitull.org
or Sonia at
snowwhite4468@mac.com

**SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT MD
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17
3:30 – 5:45 PM; SIGN-IN AT 3:15**

Scandia DC will be holding its monthly Third Saturday dance/music event January 20th in person. The event will feature dance teaching at the beginning to recorded music followed by live music sets.

The first music set will allow musicians to play along with lead musician, **Sonia White**, after a practice session in a separate room during the dance teaching. Tunes in that set will be available on the website in advance of the event.

Please don't attend if you are feeling sick or have been in recent contact with someone with COVID. More details on COVID precautions will be in the invitation email.

Info: Email Linda@ScandiaDC.org to get on the list to receive the latest information on the event 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.

**THE NORDIC DANCERS OF
WASHINGTON DC
SILVER SPRING MD
WEDNESDAYS
7:30 – 9:50 PM**

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

Music by **Paul Carlson**.

Check by email for updated COVID protocols.

No charge the first time; \$4.00 per session thereafter.

Location: Highland View Elementary School
9010 Providence Ave.
Silver Spring, MD

Info: Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596,
ckalke@verizon.net
sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc

**CUBAN SALSA CLASS
& SOCIAL DANCING
WASHINGTON DC
SATURDAYS • 1:15 – 4 PM**

We dance at:

Chevy Chase Baptist Church
5671 Western Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20015

\$15/person

Details: danceintime.com/classes

Questions: Barb@DanceInTime.com
or call Barb: 443-773-2623



OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS, AND PERFORMING ARTS

CARPE DIEM ARTS **DAILY ANTIDOTE OF SONG** **ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON**

Daily at noon, Carpe Diem Arts offer “notes of hope” as a song leader from our roster of OVER ONE HUNDRED local, national and international guest artists shares a song online. Watch our website for announcements about specially-themed weeks.

Great for all ages! Attend in the virtual concert room or sing along on Facebook Live; see our website for participation instructions.

Free; donations to the “Antidote Fund” are encouraged and support the artists.

Info: [carpediemarts.org/
daily-antidote-of-song](http://carpediemarts.org/daily-antidote-of-song)

BFMS SONG SWAP **BALTIMORE MD** **TUESDAY FEB 13 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

BFMS live song circle: We are once a month every 2nd Tuesday.

Bring a favorite folk-genre song or two to share with our community of singers. Chorus songs or repeated refrains are encouraged. You can lead a song, sing along, hum, listen, or add some accompaniment. No mic, no pressure, no performance. Just singing together in a friendly, supportive space!

Free (pass-the-hat goodwill donation welcome).

Location: 4 Hour a Day Lutherie
in Lauraville
4305 Harford Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21214

Info: bfms.org/songswap.php

BFMS SONG SWAP • ONLINE **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27 • 7:30 PM**

BFMS Zoom Song Swap: The Song Swap is a place for folks to come together and share songs, community, and keep the live singing tradition thriving.

While we have been getting together on zoom, the BFMS songswap has become transcontinental and international with participants from west, farther west, and north and northwest across the border. You can drop in on the zoom and meet (and hear / sing with) some nice folks we’re not likely to meet in person!

Info: Check the link at our facebook page: [facebook.com/groups/
618331624855775?setting=
setting=RECENT_ACTIVITY](https://facebook.com/groups/618331624855775?setting=RECENT_ACTIVITY)

BLUEGRASS/OLD-TIME, CELTIC, BLUES/FOLK JAMS **WESTMINSTER MD** **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7 • 7 PM**

Each genre will have a separate space but participants are welcome to spend time in each one! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Leaders will help everyone take part.

No enrollment necessary.
Listeners welcome.

Location: Carroll Arts Center
91 West Main St.
Westminster, MD 21157

First Wednesday of every month,
7 to 9 pm.

ROSA INCAICA • HOUSE CONCERT **TAKOMA PARK MD** **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2** **DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM;** **MUSIC BEGINS AT 8 PM**

Argentinian guitarist
Pablo Gonzalez Jazey and singer
Annelise Skovmand present their
unique interpretations of traditional
and contemporary Argentinian and
Latin America folk songs.
Resident cat. BYOB.

Purchase your tickets here:
[groupmuse.com/events/13799-
argentinian-folk-chamber-music](http://groupmuse.com/events/13799-argentinian-folk-chamber-music)

Info: Stephanie Kaufman at
kaufmansi@gmail.com
or 202-316-8776

THE FRYING PAN OLD-TIME JAM **FAIRFAX VA** **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4 • 1 PM**

Near the stage in the Visitor Center.
The jam is on the first Sunday of the
month from 1 to 4 pm. Chairs are
available in the room. You can go to
the main Visitor Center entry and
they will direct you.

Free. Frying Pan Park, Fairfax VA.

TAKOMA OPEN SPARK
TAKOMA PARK MD
ONGOING TUESDAYS • 7 PM

Institute of Musical Traditions presents the Takoma Open Spark.

Supported by a cast of talented local regular artists and hosted by **rob Hinkal** and **David Eisner**, each Tuesday evening IMT hosts an open mic night where all are invited to perform. A special featured artist slot is the highlight of the night!

Signup at 6:30, music at 7 pm, webcast Live on Facebook, YouTube and Twitch. House piano available.

7 pm | The evening is free to attend, but we encourage a \$10 suggested donation for our featured artist.

Location: School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Info: rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or imtfolk.org

WARRENTON BLUEGRASS JAM
WARRENTON VA
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 • 2 PM

Yes...that is right. The Warrenton Bluegrass Jam is back! The Jam is now part of the Allegro Acoustical Jams Programs of the Allegro Community School of the Arts. Thanks to Lachelle and Sam Yoder for embracing and supporting a revitalized jam. Doc Phillips and I will co-lead the jams and we encourage everyone to come and enjoy the music and good times.

Our jams will continue meeting on the second Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 pm. We will use the Allegro studio located at 65 Main St. in downtown Warrenton. There should be plenty of parking available. This facility will permit us to jam in one location year round without having to worry about the weather. The building is located in the block between the Post Office and the Presbyterian Church.

Feel free to spread the word about our jam.

Info: wattmans52@gmail.com

CIDER TRADJAM
ALEXANDRIA VA
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 • 1 – 4 PM

An afternoon of English, Irish, Scandi, French and American tunes at Lost Boy Cider. All (acoustic) instruments, all levels: just great jamming and great cider.

Free Location: Lost Boy Cider
317 Hooffs Run Dr.
Alexandria, 22314

Info: concertinist@gmail.com

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON VA
FEBRUARY 11 & 28 • 2 PM

CABOMA's jams are regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Regular time and place: 2 to 6 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church
of Arlington
4444 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22204

We have three rooms for jamming. The slow jam starts in the chapel (the big basement room with the circular ceiling fixture) from 2 to 3 pm. Room 13/15 houses a regular tempo jam. And room 14 is also available to us. Room 14 is not used a lot; it's available for creative uses—small breakout groups or perhaps a continuation of the slow jam.

Info: caboma.org

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM
HERNDON VA
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13 • 7 – 9 PM

New time: 2nd Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm

Open to all ages and all levels. We play a variety of gospel from hymns, bluegrass gospel, country gospel, praise, original songs. Chairs are available but please bring a stand.

The **address** is: Floris United Methodist Church
13600 Frying Pan Rd.
Herndon, VA 20171.
Drive up the hill and park on the upper level.

ALASH: MASTERS OF TRADITIONAL TUVAN INSTRUMENTS
WASHINGTON DC
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22 • 7 PM

Alash, a three member ensemble from the Republic of Tuva, are masters of traditional Tuvan Instruments as well as the ancient art of throat singing.

Location: 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20003

Tickets: \$20

Info: Mary Ann Brownlow
240-501-1369
maryannbrownlow@gmail.com
hillcenterdc.org/event/global-sounds-on-the-hill-featuring-alah-masters-of-traditional-tuvan-instruments

**MAYAN KAQCHIKEL SINGER/SONGWRITER SARA CURRUCHICH
WASHINGTON DC
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23 • 7 PM**

Sara Curruchich is the first indigenous Guatemalan singer and songwriter to sing in Kaqchikel as well as Spanish for an international audience.

Location: 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20003

Tickets: \$20

Info: Mary Ann Brownlow
240-501-1369
maryannbrownlow@gmail.com
hillcenterdc.org/event/global-sounds-on-the-hill-featuring-sara-curruchich

**CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
7 – 9 PM**

Shape note singing from *The Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*: community singing of 4-part a cappella songs in a style rooted in colonial America.

Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcome! Songbooks available to share.

Location:
Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church
201 4th St SE
Washington, DC 20003

Info: dcshapenote.squarespace.com
silvermanalexa@gmail.com

**FSGW CO-SPONSORED
TAKOMA OLD-TIME JAM
TAKOMA PARK MD • WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 21 • 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

Jonathan Vocke will host the Old Time Jam on Wednesday from 6:45 to 9 pm. We'll have a 30 - 40 minute slow jam to start.

This jam is open to all skill levels and instruments. Please come with whatever you play and plan on supporting the restaurant that is generously hosting us!

Our location has been Busboys and Poets, subject to change
235 Carroll St NW
Washington, DC 20012
—**Watch for updates on our location.**

Info: fsgw.org/
Takoma-Park-Old-Time-Jam

**WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG
HYATTSVILLE AND KENSINGTON MD
SESSIONS ON THE 2ND AND 4TH
SATURDAY • 2:30 – 4 PM**

Washington's Spelmanslag is a group of local musicians who love to play traditional Swedish folk music

together. All instruments and all levels of play are welcome.

Info: Catherine Chapman
240-461-9244
washingtonsspelmanslag.com
facebook.com/washingtonsspelmanslag

**SMTMD OPEN MIC NIGHT
CHAPTICO MD
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23 • 7 PM**



4th Friday of the month September through June.

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to perform their favorite tunes. Doors open at 7 pm with performances beginning promptly at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$8; performers are admitted free of charge. Contact Chris Dudley in advance (ccdudley@rocketmail.com) to sign up as a performer.

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zack Fowler Rd.
Chaptico, MD

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com
smtmd.org/#/open-mic-night

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES
GAITHERSBURG MD
TUESDAYS, JANUARY 9 TO MAY 7
7 – 8:45 PM

The *Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers* teach Irish set and ceili dancing, for ages 18 and up. No partner necessary. For non-members, the first class is free (see website for coupon), afterwards is \$50 per semester plus an annual \$25 membership fee.

Location: Ridgeview Middle School
16600 Raven Rock Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Website: ringofkerrydancers.org

TAKOMA MANDOLEERS
ARLINGTON VA
TUESDAYS • 7:30 – 9:30 PM

The *Takoma Mandoleers* are a community orchestra comprised of mandolin, mandola, mandocello, classical guitar and string bass. Founded in Takoma Park in 1923, we play the mandolin orchestra repertoire from classical to the 20th and 21st centuries.

Info: Mandoleers.org/contact

BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM
BALTIMORE MD
TUESDAYS • 8 PM

Howdy folks! We're moving to the Green Room which is an event space below the Bluebird Cocktail Room on Hickory Ave just off The Avenue. The Green Room is a gorgeous space with wonderful acoustics, a cozy vibe, plenty of room for the jammers

and viewers, great drinks of all sorts (beer, wine, cocktails, non-alcoholic options) and awesome food. We hope this becomes the long-term home for the jam.

All are welcome to play along in the jam regardless of skill level or instrument. Even if you don't play, you can come to soak in the scene, listen to the music and grab a bite to eat.

Every other Tuesday, **Ken & Brad Kolodner** will lead the *Baltimore Old Time Jam* from 7 to 10 pm. The first hour of the jam will be a "slow jam" so anyone can hop in and play along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to 10 pm, they'll kick up the tempo for the "fast jam." Imagine a sea of fiddles, banjos, guitars and more all swelling together in a chorus of joyous tunes!

On the opposite Tuesdays, **Alex Lacquement & Lucas Chohany** will lead the *Baltimore Bluegrass Jam* from 7 to 10 pm for a jam featuring bluegrass songs and instrumentals. Come with a song or two to lead — or just show up and jam along.

Best of all, the jam is FREE!

Location: The Green Room
3600 Hickory Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21218

Info: facebook.com/groups/569707316420150

MANOR MILL OLD TIME JAM
MONKTON MD
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 • 1 – 4 PM

Fourth Sunday every month. Generally 1 to 4 pm unless otherwise noted!

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

BLUEGRASS CLASS WITH
CHERRY BLOSSOM SPECIAL
TAKOMA PARK MD
THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 1, 15,
MARCH 7, 21 • 7 – 8 PM

Learn how to play in a bluegrass ensemble with other beginner-to-intermediate musicians! Come with your fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, or bass - or the willingness to learn a new instrument. With the guidance of *Cherry Blossom Special* (with SMT teachers, **Mari Carlson, Justin Heath, and Nick Cameron**), you will learn how to play and sing with proper technique, blend in a group on your instrument and voice, and prepare for a performance.

This class is open to middle school age students and above (students under the age of 12 should speak to us prior to registration).

The class will culminate in a recital, in which the group will be the opening act for *Cherry Blossom Special*. Come join the band!
\$200 for 6 sessions.

Location: 7112 Willow Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Info: (240) 690-1910
lessons@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com
schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/classes-workshops/bluegrass-class-w-cherry-blossom-special

**ADULT OLD-TIME STRING BAND
WITH JONATHAN VOCKE
TAKOMA PARK MD
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 14, 28,
MARCH 13, 27
7:30 – 8:30 PM**

This class is open to adults 18+ interested in learning how to play traditional string band music in a group setting. Over the course of our four meetings we will be learning and practicing 3-4 tunes.

This class is open to all instruments but band members should come to the class knowing the basic techniques to play their instruments. At the end of the class we may even perform a little concert for our friends and family members. \$200 for 6 sessions.

Location: 7112 Willow Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Info: (240) 690-1910
lessons@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com
[schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/
classes-workshops/adult-old-time-
string-band-w-jonathan-vocke](http://schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/classes-workshops/adult-old-time-string-band-w-jonathan-vocke)

**DRUMLADY K'S RHYTHM ROOM
TAKOMA PARK MD
SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17
10 - 11 AM**

Join *DrumLady Kristen Arant & Friends* for a series on children's songs and games of the African diaspora!

Explore drums and other instruments made of wood, straw,

seed pods and gourds; learn songs about the instruments, rhythms, and children's songs in African languages such as Ga Adangbe and Yoruba. Move and sing and play, Ashe! For ages 4 to 6. \$150 for 4 sessions.

Location: 7112 Willow Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Info: (240) 690-1910
lessons@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com
[schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/
classes-workshops/drumlady-
ks-rhythm-room](http://schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/classes-workshops/drumlady-ks-rhythm-room)

**WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY
(WBS) • ARLINGTON VA
WEDNESDAYS
7:30 – 9:30 PM**

WBS is welcoming new members. The orchestra is comprised of Eastern European folk instruments including balalaikas and domras in various sizes, and some Western percussion and wind instruments, producing a uniquely beautiful sound. We have an eclectic repertoire including classical music, folk songs, Broadway tunes and popular music from around the world. We perform often around the Washington DC metropolitan area and occasionally beyond, and our audiences are always enthusiastic.

WBS invites strings players at all levels, as well as percussion, oboe, clarinet, and accordion players. (If you read music, you can learn domra or balalaika.) Come and visit us any Wednesday night.

Location: Faith Lutheran Church
3313 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Info: balalaika@balalaika.org or
balalaika.org

Message us on Facebook for details.

**ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
KENSINGTON MD
SUNDAYS • 10 – 11:30 AM**

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. No dance experience necessary! Email if interested.

Location: White Flint Park
11525 Rokeby Ave.
Kensington, MD 20895

Info: rockcreekmorriswomen@gmail.com and rockcreekmorriswomen.weebly.com

**FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN
ARLINGTON VA
SATURDAYS • 11 AM – 1 PM**

Learn traditional English morris dances from the Cotswold villages of Bampton, Bledington, and more. New and experienced dancers are wanted to join our community that dances, socializes, and sings. It's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

Location: Welburn Square
901 N. Taylor St.
Arlington, VA 22203

Info: Jud McIntire,
squire@fbmm.org
Nat Brown,
foreman@fbmm.org

**SHIP'S COMPANY CHANTYMEN
FAIRFAX VA, BALTIMORE,
WHEATON, & WOODSTOCK MD
1ST THURSDAY, 2ND WEDNESDAY,
& 3RD THURSDAY: 8 PM
4TH SUNDAY: 2 PM**

1st Thursdays are at the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub & Restaurant: 3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. (8 to 10 pm)

The 2nd Wednesday (Baltimore) is in Fells Point in the Anchor Bar at Admiral Fell's Inn: 815 S. Broadway. (8 pm)

The 3rd Thursday folk sing hosted by **Johnny Strumm** is at the Limerick Pub: 11301 Elkin St., Wheaton, MD 20902. (8 pm)

The 4th Sunday location is now located NW of Ellicott City MD at Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant: 10805 Birmingham Way #24, Woodstock, MD.

NOTE: **NOT** 8 pm as usual for Pub sings, but rather 2 pm start. Still approximately two hours. Same format, same lead host **Brad Graham**, different location, food, and daylight instead of nighttime.

Info: Brad Graham
blgraham_99@yahoo.com
Subscribe to Ship's Company Chantymen open Chantysings events newsletter at [SCC-ChanteySings-Invitation subscribe@groups.io](http://SCC-ChanteySings-Invitation.subscribe@groups.io)

**ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING • ONLINE
MONDAYS • 7 PM**

Orfeia is an all-woman vocal ensemble, directed by singer, director and composer Tatiana Sarbinska, dedicated to preserving, performing and teaching traditional music from Bulgaria and Eastern Europe. Orfeia's repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans, including Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Russia, and Greece. We usually rehearse in Chevy Chase MD. We are always seeking new members. No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

Info: Diane, 202-274-4155
orfeiovocalensemble@gmail.com
orfeia.org
facebook.com/orfeiamusic

FESTIVALS & WEEKENDS

Ski-Dance Weekend

LAUREL HIGHLANDS PA • FEBRUARY 16 TO 19

Cross-country ski or snowshoe in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania during the day and contra dance at night!

 Do you have two left feet? 

...Bring both of them because there is free ski instruction and **Janine Smith** will have you moving to the music of **Dave Wiesler** and **Mat Clark**.

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Lots of fun and prices range from \$95 to \$450 depending on your accommodations.

Info: skidance.org

or contact Bob Mathis
at rjmathis62@gmail.com
or call 240-858-9341

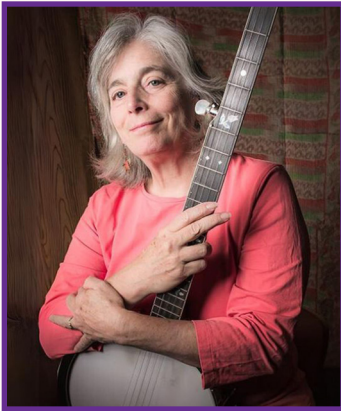
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is sponsored by
Sierra Club Potomac Region Outings (SCPRO).

OldTime Banjo Retreat

TAKOMA PARK MD • FEBRUARY 16, 17, 18 • ALL DAY

Join two expert players and wild enthusiasts of the old time banjo for a weekend that will expand your playing, your knowledge and spark your own banjo joy.



Cathy Fink has taught thousands of in person lessons and literally sold over 10,000 online old time banjo lessons. She's both a tune player and song accompanist and began playing banjo in 1974, becoming the first

woman to win the West Virginia State Banjo Contest (1980) and the Clifftop Appalachian Old Time Banjo Contest (2018).

More about Cathy at:

schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/teachers/cathy-fink



Victor Furtado is the recipient of the prestigious 2019 Steve Martin Banjo Prize and a recent graduate of Berklee College of Music. While steeped in tradition, he has taken old time banjo to new sounds that

include world music rhythms, Swedish polskas and original techniques.

More about Victor at:

schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/teachers/victor-furtado

Cathy and Victor will each teach 4 workshops and lead a masterclass and two jam sessions together. Special guests **Rachel Eddy** and **Em Hammond** will lead the Saturday afternoon jam session and join the Saturday evening concert. **Marcy Marxer** will join jam sessions and the concert. Concert tickets are included in the cost of registration.

Price \$250 includes:

- 4 workshops on February 17 & 18
- Concert on February 17 at Seeker's Church
- Jam Session February 16 & 17

Scholarships are available. To apply for financial assistance, write to:

lessons@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com

Banjo Weekend will occur at School of Musical Traditions in downtown Takoma Park, MD, right around the corner from House of Musical Traditions. The neighborhood offers plenty of places to meet, greet, eat, and hang out.

Location: Takoma SPARK

7112 Willow Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912

Info & Registration: schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/classes-workshops/old-time-banjo-retreat

This event is limited to 30 attendees, and geared towards intermediate and advanced players.

BALTIMORE OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL



April 19-20, 2024

**Concerts, Workshops, Jamming,
Square Dancing, Free Parking, Community,
Great Tunes, Good Times**

**DON FLEMONS, BRUCE MOLSKY, THE ONLIES,
THE HORSENECKS, BECKY HILL & FRIENDS,
ALLISON DEGROOT & TATIANA HARGREAVES,
KEN & BRAD KOLDNER, FROM AFRICA TO APPALACHIA
(CHEICK HAMALA, DIABATE, RILEY BAUGUS, DANNY KNICELY),
BEATBOX DADS**

Location: Baltimore Museum of Industry
1415 Key Highway, Baltimore, MD 21230

Info: baltimoreoldtimefest.com

*Presented by the Center for Cultural Vibrancy
Hosted by Ken & Brad Kolodner*

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.
- All listings must be submitted in the format set out on our website (fsgw.org). Just click on [Newsletter](#) and scroll down to Guidelines for Submitting Copy for Publication.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

Basic Ad charges: 1/4 page ads (3.4” x 4.5” or 7.25” x 2.5”): \$65 for one month, \$120 for two. Commercial business: \$8 for 10 words. Noncommercial and individual: \$4 for 10 words. 25% discount for any single ad placed in 12 consecutive issues (one year) and paid in advance. We will work with you on larger ads. Copy, with check made payable to FSGW, must be received by the newsletter deadline.

Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Memo on the check should read, “Advertising for ...”

FSGW POLICY REGARDING COVID-19 AND PARTICIPATION AT IN-PERSON EVENTS

is being revised as we watch the spread of variants and their effect on the community. A current version is posted on our website at fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response

The goal is to keep all of us healthy and to enable everyone to feel safe. FSGW hopes that everyone will approach participating at in-person events from a “good neighbor” perspective. Each of us is essential to keeping the community healthy. Thank you!

Charlie Pilzer, FSGW President

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6 • 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.

2023-2024 FSGW BOARD

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Noon Every Day! Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song</p>				<p>1 8 Ship's Company Chantey Sing</p>	<p>2 7:30 FSGW Online Open Sing 7:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Rosa Incaica Concert 8 FSGW & FND Contra w/ Rachel Eddy and Friends</p>	<p>3 11 Foggy Bottom Morris 8 Shepherdstown Contra Dance</p>
<p>4 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 1 Old-Time Jam-Frying Pan Park 2:45 Waltz at Glen Echo</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7 Baltimore Jam 7 Takoma Park Spark 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers 8 FSGW Board Meeting</p>	<p>7 7 Westminster OT Jam 7:30 DC Nordic Dancers 7:30 Glen Echo International 8 FSGW English Country Dance w/ Dan Gillespie 8 BFMS Contra Dance</p>	<p>8 Newsletter Deadline! 7:30 FSGW Silver Spring Contra w/ Are We There Yet? (Annual Membership Meeting for Board Nominations)</p>	<p>9 1:30 FSGW Song Circle 7:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8 FSGW & FND Contra w/ The Glen Echo Open Band</p>	<p>10 11 Foggy Bottom Morris 2:30 Washington Spelmanslag 6 MAND potluck/dance 7 Chaptico Contra Dance 7:30 FSGW & VITG Story Swap 7:30 Silver Spring ECD 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Swing Dance Glen Echo</p>
<p>11 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 1 FSGW Barn Dance w/Alex- ander Mitchell & Gina Faber 1 Cider Trad Jam 2 Herndon ECD 2 CABOMA Jam 2 Warrenton Bluegrass Jam 3 Pop up Dance 4 FSGW Gospel Sing 7 FSGW Concert w/ Sean Gavin</p>	<p>12 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p>	<p>13 7 Herndon Gospel Jam Sing 7 Baltimore Jam 7 Takoma Park Spark 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers</p>	<p>14 7:30 DC Nordic Dancers 7:30 FSGW Grapevine Storytelling 7:30 Glen Echo International 8 FSGW English Country Dance w/ Melissa Running 8 Ship's Company Chantey Sing</p>	<p>15 7 FSGW Concert w/ Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. 8 Wheaton Folk Sing-In</p>	<p>16 5 Old Time Banjo Festival 5 Ski Dance Weekend 7 SMTMD Open Mic 7:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8 FSGW and FND Contra w/ Emily Aubrey and Friends</p>	<p>17 10 Old Time Banjo Festival 10 Ski Dance Weekend 11 Foggy Bottom Morris 2 FSGW In-Person Open Sing 3:15 Scandia DC Dance Event 7 Annapolis ECD</p>
<p>18 10 Old Time Banjo Festival 10 Ski Dance Weekend 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 2:45 Waltz at Glen Echo</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7 Baltimore Jam 7 Takoma Park Spark 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers</p>	<p>21 7 Capital Shapenote Singing 7:30 FSGW Old-Time Jam 7:30 FSGW Bal Folk Dance 7:30 Glen Echo International 8 FSGW English Country Dance w/ Kappy Laning 8 BFMS Contra Dance</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8 FSGW and FND Contra w/ Kingfisher</p>	<p>24 11 Foggy Bottom Morris 12 BFMS Autumn Assembly 2:30 Washington Spelmanslag 7 Square Dance in the BCP 8 Swing Dance Glen Echo</p>
<p>25 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 1 Monkton Manor Old Time Jam 2 Ship's Company Chantey Sing 2 CABOMA Jam 2:30 Pop-Up Contra Dance</p>	<p>26 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p>	<p>27 7 Baltimore Jam 7 Takoma Park Spark 7:30 Takoma Mandoleer</p>	<p>28 7:30 Glen Echo International 8 FSGW English Country Dance w/ Anna Rain</p>	<p>29</p>		



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