



Folklore Society of Greater Washington

NEWSLETTER

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*Dancing, Performances, Workshops,
Jam Sessions, Children's Activities and MORE!*

Mini-Fest

Saturday MARCH 7
11 am – 6 pm



BROWNE
EXCELLENCE DIVERSITY CHARACTER COMMUNITY
ACADEMY

Calling folkies of all ages!

Don't let the name fool you; this day-long **FREE Folk Festival** is anything but mini!

Alexandria VA ■ More details on [page 3](#) and at fsgw.org/mini-fest

Hasdance Weekend

Saturday March 28, 9:15 am – Sunday March 29, 6 pm

Glen Echo Park MD, 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Registration: fsgw.org/event-6241806

Indicate on your registration form if you are interested in **VOLUNTEERING**.

Info: fsgw.org/hashtag-dance-weekend

Questions? hasdanceweekend@gmail.com

CALLERS



♥ River Rainbowface



♥ Quill Duvall



Hashdance Weekend is an ultra-challenging urban dance weekend featuring mind-bending figures, non-gendered calling and phenomenal music. Two days of amazing workshops, dancing, community, fun and food in the fabulous Spanish Ballroom.

♥ Northwoods
Casey Murray,
Molly Tucker &
Sam Zakon-Anderson

BANDS

♥ Eloise & Co.
Rachel Bell,
Becky Tracy &
Bethany Waickman



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 2026–2027 term and invites you to nominate candidates.

You may offer your nominations for the FSGW Board at:

Mini-Fest • fsgw.org/mini-fest • Saturday March 7 • 11 am – 6 pm | Membership Meeting: 12:15 pm
Browne Academy, 5917 Telegraph Rd. Alexandria VA

Nominations will be accepted 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

VOLUNTEER!



Help Keep FSGW Events Thriving!

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington depends on volunteers to make our concerts, dances, jams, festivals, retreats and other events possible.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with check-in at events, equipment load-in/load-out, room setup/breakdown, and more!

Volunteers often enjoy free or discounted admission to events as well as the satisfaction of being part of our vibrant folk community.

Interested or have questions?

Contact president@fsgw.org to get involved!



Technology Administration Assistance Needed

FSGW is looking for volunteers to assist with technology administration to help keep our events running smoothly.

Do you have experience with website development, event data tracking, Google suite management, or similar skills?

Do you have an interest in learning or strengthening any of these skills?

If so, we would love to have your assistance keeping our digital “house” organized! Please contact president@fsgw.org to hear about how you can help.

■ SCHEDULE

View the most current schedule with longer descriptions [here](#).

.....Commons

- 11 am **Orfeia Vocal Ensemble** with award-winning director **Tatiana Sarbinska**—Learn traditional Bulgarian and Balkan songs.
- 12:15 **FSGW Membership Meeting**
Hear about what FSGW is doing and how to get involved. We are looking for new folks to join the Board, so if that sounds like something you might be interested in, we'd love to say hi!
- 1:30 **Washington's Spelmanslag Performance and Workshop** of traditional Scandinavian music. All levels of musicians and all instruments are welcome to join.
- 2:45 **Reynardine "Sean Nos" Stringband**—Reynardine performs across the gamut of Irish and Appalachian styles.
- 4 **Rugan Lewis**—musician, songwriter and producer
A fresh perspective, blending soulful vocals, lively guitar work, psychedelic synthesizers, and heartfelt, intimate lyrics.
- 5:15 **Marina Abrams: Storyteller**—Stories for children about a boy named Barzu, who lives in the mountains of Central Asia.

.....Music Room

- 11 am **Sweet Storm**: Soulful, heartfelt duo honoring traditional blues.
- 12:15 **Workshop: Finding the Backbeat in African Diasporic Music**
- 1:30 **Contra Dance Music Jam Session**, led by Bobby LaRose
- 2:45 **Donna Elanor and Jacob Howley**
Presenting original arrangements of traditional and original songs and tunes drawn from pan-Celtic traditions.
- 4 **Workshop: Yiddish Singing**, led by Jacob Howley
- 5:15 **Workshop: "Cuban Salsa" (aka Rueda de Casino)**
Led by Barb Bernstein, director of DanceInTime. High-energy Cuban dance. No partner or experience is needed.

.....CAPA (aka gym)

- 11 am Juan Cayrampoma's band **Raymi** uses traditional Andes instruments such as Zampohas and Quenas while also exploring the possibilities of contemporary instruments.
- 12:30 **Sticky G**—Featuring family-friendly music from old and new folk, as well as classic acoustic covers
- 2 **DC Ambiance**—a Hot Club Swing Group with original arrangements
- 3:30 **Slaveya Women's Vocal Ensemble with Dance Workshop**
A capella harmonies of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, and a workshop to learn traditional and cultural dances.
- 4:30 **Foggy Bottom Morris Men & Rock Creek Morris Women Workshop**—An athletic, living traditional dance from England. No experience needed as it's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

.....CAPA (aka gym) continued...

- 5:15 **Barn Dance**—Calling: **Penelope Weinberger** | Music: TBD
Come join us for a Barn Dance! This fun dance event is suitable for all ages and ability levels. It features live music and a caller who teaches all the dances and keeps everyone moving to the music. We'll enjoy a variety of dances including: circles, squares, longways sets, contras, waltzes, and more! Families with kids, families with tweens and teens, grandparents, and everyone in between will have a rollicking good time! No partner is necessary.

.....Library

- 11 am **2Many Buttons**—Unique free-reed duo playing an eclectic mix of English and Anglo concertinas.
- 12:30 **Archie Edwards Blues Ensemble**—Conducting acoustic blues jams for over 60 years.
- 3:30 **Sweet Yonder**—Instrumental attitude and inspiring vocal harmonies to a driving mix of authentic acoustic music with compelling originals and bluegrass classics.
- 5 **Rigatoni Trio**—A lively folk-music repertoire that was played by US Italian immigrants at social gatherings in the early part of the last century.

.....Classroom—Storytelling

- 11 am **Margaret Chatham**, Storyteller—The Weaver's Son and the Giant of the White Hill, a traditional Irish story, as "defrosted for the microwave age" by Ralph Chatham
- 11:45 am **Michael Fleming** is a senior teller from the farmland of central Indiana. He has been telling folktales and personal stories for about 40 years. His favorite stories to share are trickster tales involving Coyote, Raven, and Brer Rabbit.
- 12:30 **A Touch of Magic**—Reality fades and magic hour commences. Stories about the world we know mixing with the otherworldly.
- 1:15 Storyteller **Tim Livengood** will amuse and hilariate with stories of how the world might have come to be. There will possibly be a dash of science thrown in.
- 2 **Jane Dorfman**—Stories of strong women and beloved sisters. Folk tales and fairy tales from around the world and perhaps a lie or two.
- 2:45 **Rishi Nixon** is a Maryland spoken-word storyteller and performing artist. He has completed study of spoken classical Sanskrit at the advanced level, and, in particular, works to adapt ancient and sacred stories from South Asian folklore for accessible modern listening.
- 3:30 **Anne Sheldon**
- 4:15 **JR Denson**—A collection of true stories about getting in (and out) of trouble.
- 5 **Joan Leotta** is a storyteller, author, speaker. In addition to storyperformance she brings a one woman show as Louisa May Alcott. She offers folktales on many topics for all ages and will be telling stories of the *March Wind*.

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and MORE!**

**[Two Smooth Dudes](#)
[Food Truck](#)**

We are in need of VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested, please
reach out to president@fsgw.org

BROWNE ACADEMY
5917 TELEGRAPH ROAD
ALEXANDRIA VA 22310

Parking is available on site at Lot #3
(see [campus map](#) for details)

Registration is open!

40th Annual Washington Spring Ball

May 16 • Silver Spring MD



The ball dances will be taught during the practice session. In the evening at the ball, all dances will be briefed (talked-through) and then prompted for the first few rounds.

Dancers are encouraged to attend FSGW's weekly [Wednesday night ECD](#) at Glen Echo Town Hall. There, dancers can learn basic figures and ball dances in advance.

Instructions, videos and sheet music for dances: fsgw.org/page-18610

Come have a ball with us!



A joyful yearly event of English Country Dancing to glorious music!

Practice Session: 2 – 5 pm: Anna Rain calls to music by **Elke Baker** (fiddle) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

Ball: 7:30 – 11 pm: Music by **Karen Axelrod** (keyboard), **Audrey Jaber** (violin) and **Miranda Weinberg** (violin).

The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. Dancers wear what makes them feel happy and festive; some choose attire from the 18th or 19th century.



fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball

Save the Date! ■ Call for Volunteers! ■ Join the Festivities!

~ 43RD ANNUAL ~

WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

Sun. Aug. 23 • Glen Echo Park MD • 12–9 pm



The Washington Folk Festival returns on August 23!

A one-day event, jam-packed roster with dancing, storytelling, and music ranging from American to International styles: bluegrass to Celtic, Klezmer to Americana, blues to Zydeco, we cover folk music from around the world! Five stages, hundreds of performers, and it's all FREE!

[Performer applications](#)

are now open for the festival.

~ Get Involved! ~

This is an all-volunteer event: everyone, including the performers, planners, technicians, and sound engineers; EVERYONE donates their services.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact wff@fsgw.org.

To volunteer, email wffvolunteers@fsgw.org.

[DONATE TO SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL](#)

We rely on donations, large and small, to make this festival possible.

Info: fsgw.org/washington-folk-festival

Windmills International Folk Dance Festival

Baltimore MD • Sat. Mar. 21 • 12-6 pm

Join us in Baltimore for a vibrant celebration of **culture, music, and traditional folk dance from around the world!** Held at the historic **Lithuanian Hall**, the Windmills Festival brings together talented dance ensembles from the Baltimore–Washington area and beyond.

Enjoy colorful performances, authentic costumes, and rhythms from many cultures — all in one place! Plus, savor **international foods**, visit the **cash bar**, and take part in a fun **folk dance workshop** where everyone is welcome to dance along.

Location: [Baltimore Lithuanian Hall](#), 851 Hollins St.

Tickets: available at the door / [online](#)

Info: [Facebook](#), [Lithuanian Hall Annual Events](#)

A family-friendly event celebrating diversity, tradition, and community — **don't miss it!**



Due to unprecedented demand, we've expanded capacity for our Friday programming for the **7th Annual Baltimore Old Time Music Festival**—a joyous, interactive and inspiring celebration of where this wonderful style of music exists today. We've adjusted the schedule to offer even more music across all three stages. Join your festival hosts and beloved local roots musicians **Ken & Brad Kolodner** as they welcome you to the Baltimore Museum of Industry for a music celebration fun for all ages! Concerts, workshops, square dancing, jamming, kids programming and more on the gorgeous waterfront campus of the Baltimore Museum of Industry with stunning views of the Baltimore skyline.

Featured artists include **Rhiannon Giddens & Kristina Gaddy; Jerron Paxton; The Wild Shoats; Tessa McCoy & The State Birds; Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer & Chao Tian; Joseph Decosimo & Stephanie Coleman; Eddie Bond Trio; Golden Shoals; Stanley & The Ten Sleepless Knights; Mark Schatz & Bryan McDowell** and your festival curators and hosts **Ken & Brad Kolodner**. [More about the lineup.](#)

Tickets: A limited number of Friday, Weekend and Supporter Passes are available again. Plenty of Saturday Full Day & Night Passes remain as well.

Location: Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway

Info: baltimoreoldtimefest.com

The festival is co-produced by the Center for Cultural Vibrancy.

FESTIVALS / WEEKENDS / SPECIAL EVENTS



The [DC Square Dance Collective](#) and our friends at the [Baltimore Square Dance](#) are excited to host another year of **Dare to Be Square DMV!** This is a fun, affordable, weekend-long gathering and getaway featuring sessions where you can square dance to your heart's content, learn to call your first dance, hone your calling skills (any and all levels), enjoy instrument and singing sessions, learn clogging/flatfooting, play lawn games (for real), or take advantage of oodles of opportunities to jam and just hang out!

We're thrilled to welcome back **Will Mentor** and to introduce **Charmaine Slaven** as dance callers and instructors. We'll also have performances and workshops from an all-star lineup of musicians, including **Steam Machine** (Minneapolis) and **Big Cricket** (Baltimore). Find out more about these amazing and talented people.

Registration is now open! Everyone must register in advance because we cannot sell onsite registrations at the park. This almost always sells out. No experience is needed to attend!

Location: [Prince William Forest Park](#),
Cabin Camp 4 - Pleasant,
16675 Pleasant Rd., Dumfries VA

More details: daretobesquaredmv.com

Takoma Park Folk Festival • MD **Sun. Sept. 27 • 10:30 am – 6 pm**

We are **seeking musicians of all genres** from MD, VA, WV, PA, DE & DC and artists for the Juried Craft Show. Applications will open April 1.

FSGW Co-sponsored Jam

Takoma Park Old-Time Jam **Takoma DC** **3rd Wed. Mar. 18 • 7:30–9:45 pm**



We'll have a 30- to 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: Busboys and Poets,
235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

Info: fsgw.org/Takoma-Park-Old-Time-Jam
[Jonathan Vocke](#)



We are also seeking **non-profit organizations**, **food vendors** and **volunteers**. We especially need help with fundraising and soliciting sponsorships.

Location: Takoma Park Middle School

More info: tpff.org

Live music is proof that there's some things the Internet can't kill.

– Jim James



FSGW Co-sponsored
House Concert

Mike Agranoff

Edgewater MD • Sunday March 15

4 pm (Doors 3:30 pm)

Mike Agranoff is one of those folk performers that steadfastly defies categorization, and yet amasses stalwart fans from folk aficionados of all categories. He draws his material from sources as diverse as traditional ballads and fiddle tunes, Tin Pan Alley, contemporaries in the Folk World and his own witty pen. He delivers it with a skilled hand on guitar and English concertina, and an almost telepathic transmittal of the essence of the song, and occasionally a sly twinkle in the eye in anticipation of some of the most horrible parodies ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting audience. A signature feature of Mike's performances is his inclusion of some heart-stopping spoken-word pieces that rivet the listener to unforgettable stories.

More about Mike: mikeagranoff.com/home.php

Suggested donation: \$15–20

Location: At the home of the Callaghans in Edgewater MD. To reserve a seat, get address details, or other info, contact the Callaghans at callagh@verizon.net

Latest info: fsgw.org/event-6562862



FSGW Co-sponsored
House Concert
& Song-Sharing

Judy Cook

Takoma Park MD

Saturday March 21 • 3 pm

Judy Cook has been captivating audiences for well over 30 years by making the great ballads come alive, and by providing opportunities for rousing choruses. She knows a great many songs and continues to find new ones.

Judy is returning to FSGW for a house concert featuring some of her favorite songs at Kathie Mack's home in Takoma Park. Expect songs of love, supernatural beings, animals real and imaginary, strong women, songs of hope and encouragement, and songs about singing. Her husband Dennis will be adding his harmonies to a number of Judy's songs.

After the concert there will be a short break followed by a time to share songs in an open sing.

Contributions of food or drink to share would be most welcome.

Suggested minimum donation: \$15

For **further information, reservations or directions**, contact Kathie Mack at kpmack2@gmail.com, or call 301-270-5367 (leave a voicemail; landline doesn't take texts).

Latest info: fsgw.org/event-6579884

THE GRAPEVINE

Takoma and Online
Wed. Mar. 11 • 7:30 pm

STORYTELLING

Our featured tellers
this month are
Les Schaffer
and
Judith Onesty!

*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.***

FSGW & VITG
(Voices in the Glen)
Monthly Story Swap
Silver Spring MD
Sun. Mar. 15 • 2 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
[VITG location info](#) /
fsgw.org/story-swaps



Les Schaffer claims that all his stories are true, even the made-up ones. He tells and teaches stories in theater, therapeutic, classroom and workshop settings. He writes and tells stories that help heal, teach, bring a laugh or a tear, often in the same story. Les enjoys telling Jewish, Native American, cowboy, and family tales.

[More about Les](#)

Judith Onesty tells stories anywhere that there's an audience ready to listen. She tells a wide variety, including original family stories and stories that can be scary, hilarious and touching. Judith tells "with a special blend of humor, poignancy and wonder" at libraries, festivals, schools, theaters, and, well, anywhere that there's an audience.

[More about Judith](#)



Join us
on Mar. 11
at 7:30 pm live at
Busboys and Poets
Takoma and also
via Zoom!

Register For free access to the live stream or to catch the recorded show later. You will get emails with reminders on the date, time and location, as well as Zoom information. No registration needed for in-person participation; but if you register you will have access to the live stream and the recorded show for later.

We ask for donations to support our tellers; suggested contribution \$20 per person (feel free to give more!). Donations can be made online before, during or after the show.

Location: Busboys & Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

Info: fsgw.org/grapevine

FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Glen Echo MD
Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

Latest info: fsgw.org/eccd

The FSGW weekly English Country Dance offers delightful dancing at Glen Echo Town Hall led by talented callers, accompanied by top-notch musicians playing a wide variety of instruments.

The crowd is friendly; new dancers are always welcome and can get an informal lesson if they arrive around 7:30.

No need to bring a partner, or dress up.

March lineup . . .

- 4 **Andrea Nettleton** calls while **Niki Yeracaris** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute) & **Bobby LaRose** (piano) make the music.
- 11 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of **Becky Ross** (flute), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin/accordion) & **Neil Epstein** (piano).
- 18 **Robert Mills** (guest caller from NJ) leads the dancing while **David Knight** (fiddle), **Elizabeth Epstein** (flute) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the tunes.
- 25 **Kappy Laning & Wendy Clarke** call to the music of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle) **Catherine Chapman** (fiddle) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano).

Registration is open!

40th Annual Washington Spring Ball

May 16 • Silver Spring MD

Learn the dances we will dance at the Spring Ball; beginners are welcome during Wednesday ECDs. Join us! Weekly beginner lesson at 7:30.

Come have a ball with us!

More info: fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball



Mar. 4 - Andrea Nettleton



Mar. 11 - Dan Gillespie



Mar. 18 - Robert Mills



Mar. 25 - Kappy Laning



Mar. 25 - Wendy Clarke



FSGW Barn Dance

Bumper Car Pavilion • Glen Echo Park MD • 2nd Sunday March 8 • 1–3 pm

Janine Smith will call to music by Katie Stahl & TBD

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!**

Admission: FREE! (no need to register, just show up at the door)

Info: fsgw.org/barn-dance / [March Barn Dance](#)



FREE!

PHOTO: Carpe Diem Arts



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

Silver Spring Contra Dance

Silver Spring MD • 2nd Thursday March 12

Lesson: 7 pm | Dance: 7:30–10 pm

Rebecca Anger calling to the music of *Terpsichore*:

Liz Donaldson (keyboard), Elke Baker (fiddle) &

Ken Kolodner (fiddle/hammer dulcimer)

Admission:

\$15 general admission

\$12 Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) members

\$5 ages 21 & under / limited income

Location: The Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, 8525 Fenton St.

[More Info / Registration required](#) —pre-registration preferred)

There are short-cuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them. – Vicki Baum

FSGW Co-sponsored **Glen Echo International Folk Dancers**

Glen Echo Park 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](#) to RSVP before attending.



More info: [Jamie](#), [FSGW](#),
[Dancing Planet](#)

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom.

You can enter by clicking [here](#).

Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884 , Password: 145

If you click on the link, you might not need to enter a password.

FSGW Co-sponsored **Greenbelt International Folk Dance**

Greenbelt MD & Online • Fridays • 8–9:30 pm

Weekly in-person international folk dancing has returned to Greenbelt with some sessions being in-person only, and others 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!

Location: Greenbelt Community Dance Studio,
15 Crescent Rd.
(Enter and depart the community center through the front door.)

For the **Zoom link**, contact [John Robinson](#).

Admission: \$5 (unless otherwise noted. 21 years old and younger and first-timers are free); Zoom is Free

Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539
or [John and Sheila Robinson](#), 410-715-9210

More Info: [FridayDance](#) or [Facebook](#)



SUNDAY AFTERNOON
*Dancing Planet
Contra Dances*



Glen Echo Park MD
Sunday March 22 • 3 – 6 pm
Introductory Session 2:30 pm

*Contras & Squares
in the (climate controlled!)
Ballroom Backroom*

Melissa Chatham
calling to
Owen Morrison
(guitar),
TJ Crow
(mandolin) &
Ralph Gordon
(bass)



Photo by David Frantz (803) 571-2445

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Admission: \$15. Cash, check, or credit cards accepted at the door. (Credit card fees apply).

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contra/

Future 2026 dates: 4/19: **Chloe Levine** calling with **Neon Creek**. Then 6/28, 9/13, 10/25 & 11/22



The **FSGW Safety Policy** has been updated, viewable at fsgw.org/safety-policy.

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 ...”

Softly, deftly, music shall caress you.

Hear it, feel it, secretly possess you.

– Andrew Lloyd Webber

FSGW Open Sing • Online

1st Fri. Mar. 6 • 7:30 pm

Thanks to **Val Fowler** for hosting the March Online Open Sing.

Topics:

- **Purim**
(celebrating saving the oppressed)
- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **International Women's Day**

Registration/Signup is here.

Only those wishing to sing need to register.
Registration will be open until noon 3/6/26.

[Singers List \(view only\) is here.](#)

Zoom link will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List; if you're not a member, sign up to [join the list here.](#)

Info: fsgw.org/event-6559869
[Vince Wilding](#)

FSGW Open Sing • Mar. 21

Takoma Park • after concert by Judy Cook—[see page 8](#)

FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD and Online • 2nd Fri. Mar. 13 • 1:30–3:30 pm



Elizabeth Rosenberg and Joe Whitesell will lead songs with guitar accompaniment; 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 Rd., Silver Spring. Participants should read and follow FSGW's [Policy Regarding Respiratory Viruses and In-Person Event Participation.](#)

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 here by Thursday, March 12.

Info: For the latest updates about the Song Circle, see fsgw.org/event-6560734.

The monthly 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.

March is Irish-American Heritage Month and Women's History Month. Bring or request your favorite Irish songs, songs about women's history, or any other songs! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance [using the form here.](#)

FSGW Gospel Sing

**Washington DC
2nd Sun. Mar. 8
4–7 pm**



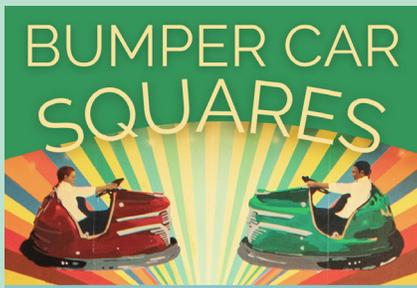
The March 2026 Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Shirley Buzzard in Washington DC near the

Waterfront Metro station. Group singing for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm, followed by a potluck

dinner. Hymnals provided. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you are symptom-free.

RSVP/directions: text or call Shirley at 202-288-3902 or email sbuzzard01@gmail.com or kpmack2@gmail.com

Latest info: fsgw.org/gospel-sings



Come dance with us!

Bumper Car Squares

GLEN ECHO PARK MD
SUNDAY MARCH 1
3-5:30 PM (LESSON 2:45)

Bumper Car Squares is now on the 1st Sunday afternoon of the month, every month in 2026!

Square dance intro session for all skill levels from 2:45 to 3 pm.

Then, caller **Dave Hauver** leads a rousing square dance along with live music by the **Dakota Karper Collection:** **Dakota Karper** (fiddle), **Thomas Curry** (guitar) & **Em Hammond** (bass).

Square dance from 3 to 5:30 pm. Short hydration break midway, but mostly FUN, lively square dancing the whole time. All ages welcome, no partner, prior dance experience, or special outfit needed.

Admission: \$15/adult, \$5/teen, FREE for ages 12 and under. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted at the door.

Details / Discounted advanced tickets: glenechopark.org/dances

Location: Ballroom Backroom (climate controlled), Glen Echo Park

More info: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/glenechopark), info@glenechopark.org or 301-634-2222

Upcoming 2026 dances: April 5, May 3, June 7 & more to come

Brought to you by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
AFTERNOON WALTZ
SUN. MAR. 1 & 15
LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30-6 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 until 6 pm. No partner required.

March . . .

- 1 **Waltz Sisters:** Tina Chancey (fiddle), Paul Oorts (accordion/mandolin) & Liz Donaldson (piano)
- 15 **Devine Comedy** with John Devine (guitar/vocals), Steve Hickman (fiddle/harmonica/vocals) & Marty Taylor (whistles/concertina)

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

More info: WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

BALTIMORE MD
MONDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

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

March . . .

- 2 **Sharon McKinley** calling to music by **The Merrie Bande** led by Emily Aubrey
- 9 **Christopher Field** calling to music by **Becky Ross** (violin), **Andrew Tomlinson** (flutes) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano)

- 16 **Kappy Laning** calling to music by **Elke Baker** (violin), **Paul Oorts** (accordian et al) & **Jonathan Jensen** (piano)

- 23 **April Blum** calling to music by **Marty Taylor** (whistles/recorders/concertina), **Emily Aubrey** (violin) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano)

- 30 **Diane Schmitt** calling to music by **Robin Wilson** (flutes/concertina), **Jeff Steinberg** (violin) & **Carl Freidman** (piano)

Admission: \$10 members, \$15 non-members, under 21 and full-time students with IDs: free.

Advance registration only

Location: Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd. ([directions](#))

Info: engdance@bfms.org or [Janina O'Brien](mailto:JaninaO'Brien), 443-722-5805

CAPITOL HILL CAJUN DANCE
WASHINGTON DC

1ST TUE. MAR. 3 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Laminate wood-like floor. Open Band.

Admission: free. Donations and snacks welcome.

Location: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 301 A St. SE; some parking available.

Contact: Joel Bailes, rollingpiano@gmail.com

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

New dancer workshops at 7:40 pm
Beginners always welcome!

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And those who were seen dancing



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were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music.

➔ **BFMS CONTRA**
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March . . .

- 4 **April Blum** calls to the music of **Lovely Lane String Band:**
Brenna Hogan (fiddle),
Shane Knudsen (fiddle),
John Sauer (guitar),
Lisa Roberts (banjo), &
Art Abrams (bass)
- 11 **Penelope Weinberger** calls to the music of **Amberwing:**
Emily Aubrey (fiddle),
Robin Wilson
(flute/concertina/saxophone) &
Janina O'Brien
(piano/whistles/bodhran)
- 18 **Greg Frock** calls to the music of the **Baltimore Open Band**
- 25 **Melissa Chatham** calls to the music of **ContraPuntal:**
Charlie Pilzer (piano),
Zachary Mills (fiddle/feet) &
Bobby LaRose (mandolin)

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

Cost: BFMS and FSGW members \$10,
non-members \$15. Under 21 and
students dance for free.

Online payment only

Info: bfms.org or [Hannah Mueller](mailto:Hannah.Mueller)

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS
TAKOMA PARK • SAT. MAR. 7
6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK, 7:30 PM
MUSIC FOR DANCE

Loretta Kelley on Hardanger fiddle and
Sonia White on nyckelharpa plus other
guest musicians will play Norwegian
and Swedish tunes for dancing.
Beginners, singles/couples,



Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD: FRIDAYS MAR. 6, 13, 20, 27
LESSON: 7:30 PM; DANCE: 8-11 PM

Friday Night Dancers, a nonprofit,
volunteer-based organization, in
cooperation with the National Park
Service, the Glen Echo Park Partnership
for Arts and Culture, and Montgomery
County, sponsors weekly contra
dances to live music in the historic Glen
Echo Spanish Ballroom or the Glen
Echo Bumper Car Pavilion.

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Tickets: [online](#) or at the door, \$15

Info: fridaynightdance.com or
info@fridaynightdancers.org

watchers/listeners all welcome. Please
bring food to share and clean shoes to
wear. Donations gratefully accepted.

Location: At Sonia's house (no pets);
If you need address ask
snowwhite4468@mac.com

More info: MAND.fanitull.org
MAND@fanitull.org

DC SQUARE DANCE COLLECTIVE
MOUNT PLEASANT DC
SAT. MAR. 7 • 8-11 PM (DOORS 7:30)

Calling by **Becky Hill** with music by the
Crooked Creek Misfits

March . . .

- 6 **Ang DeCarlis** calls to **Crossover:**
Carol Bittenson (fiddle),
Len Bittenson (fiddle/viola/recorders)
& **Alex Cumming**
(accordion/piano/foot percussion)
- 13 **Bob Isaacs** calls to **Stomp Rocket:**
Bethany Waickman (guitar),
Dave Langford (fiddle) &
Glen Loper (mandolin)
- 20 **Colette Mrozek** calls to
The Rock Farmers: Rachel Eddy (fiddle),
Caitlyn Hearn (accordion),
Richard Osban (guitar) &
Em Hammond (percussion)
- 27 **Qwill Duvall** and **River Rainbowface**
call to **Eloise & Company:**
Rachel Bell (accordion/piano),
Bethany Waickman (guitar) &
Becky Tracy (fiddle/octave fiddle)

All are welcome – young and old, brand
new and experienced dancers.
No experience, partner, or fancy
outfit needed.

All dances are taught and called. Bring
friends, bring water, and BYOB.

Location: St. Stephen's Church,
1525 Newton St NW

Admission: \$10 cash or Venmo
Nobody will be turned away for lack
of funds.

Info: dcsquaredance.org

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE
CHAPTICO MD • 2ND SAT. MAR. 14 • 7 PM

See website for rescheduled or canceled events

The evening starts at 7 pm with a half-hour beginner's dance workshop followed by live music performed by the **SOMD Open Band**. Dancing starts at 7:30 pm. Check the [website calendar](#) for the lineup of dances and callers.

Admission: \$8 for members; \$12 for non-SMTMD members; children 17 and under (when accompanied by a paying adult) and band members are free.

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com, smtmd.org/new-events



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Location: Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall,
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
SAT. MAR. 14 & 28
LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS

March . . .

14 Gottaswing—Russ Wilson & Paul Cosentino lead a Big Band Tribute to the Savoy

28 Gottaswing
—featuring Natty Beaux

Info: glenechopark.org/events-calendar

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SILVER SPRING MD
2ND SAT. MAR. 14 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Bob Farrall calls to music by *Peascods Gathering*.

Beginners and singles welcome.

Admission: \$5

Location:

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

Info: [Carl Minkus](mailto:Carl.Minkus), 301-493-6281 or
Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE MD
SAT. MAR. 14 • 7–9:30 PM
(6:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

April Blum calling to *Wild Wombats of the Chesapeake*: **Carl Friedman** (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina, sax), **Ralph Barthine** (guitar), **Janina O'Brien** (piano/bodhran/whistle)

Potluck snacks at the break.

Location: Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd.

Admission: \$10 BFMS members & affiliates, \$15 non-members. People under 21 and students with ID: free.

Online payment only

Pre-payment is encouraged.

Contact: [Carol Fleishman](mailto:Carol.Fleishman)

CAPITOL HILL SWING DANCE
WASHINGTON DC • 3RD THUR. MAR. 19
7:30–9:30 PM (LESSON 7 PM)

Live music. Laminate wood-like floor.

Admission: \$10, teens \$5

Location: St. Mark's Episcopal Church,
301 A St. SE; some parking available.

Latest info:

facebook.com/rollingpiano/events

Contact: Joel Bailes,
rollingpiano@gmail.com

Upcoming events: 4/16, 5/21 & 6/18

SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT MD
3RD SAT. MAR. 21 • 6:45–9:30 PM

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 the lead musician, **Loretta Kelley**, after a practice session in a separate room while the dances are taught. 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 will be in the invitation email.

Location: Greenbelt Community Center,
15 Crescent Rd.

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.info and in the invitation email closer to the event.

ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
ANNAPOLIS MD • SAT. MAR. 21
7-9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

April Blum calls to the music of
Carl Friedman (fiddle),
Charlie Pilzer (keyboard) &
Mark Vidor (accordion).

Pre-registration is not required but please email aefallon@verizon.net to let us know if you can help with pre-dance setup and/or post-dance hall restoration. Such help is much appreciated!

Face masks are optional. Venue has windows and filter fans for circulation and ventilation. Please bring your own water bottle. Snacks to share are welcome if you bring napkins+appropriate paper goods+utensils and plan to clean up after snack time. No experience or partner required.

Admission: \$15; students \$5; children through 5 years old free

Location: Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd.

Info: [Ann Fallon](mailto:Ann.Fallon), 410-507-0934
or [Jan Scopel](mailto:Jan.Scopel), 443-540-0867
[Facebook](#)

TWO SPECIAL BFMS DANCE EVENTS!
BALTIMORE MD • SAT. MAR. 21

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

Online payment only
Pre-payment is encouraged.

Info: bfms.org

BALTIMORE FAMILY BARN DANCE
3-4:30 pm

This fun, family-friendly event is open to all ages and ability levels and will include a lesson.

Expect a lively mix of squares, sets, circles, contras, and waltzes taught and called by **Katie Stahl**.

Enjoy live music by
William and Ulrike Brauneis.

*All children must have an
adult chaperone.

Admission: \$15 non-members, \$10
members, \$5 kids 12 and under,
\$30 family max

TECHNO CONTRA • 8-10:30 pm

j9 calling and **Chloe Rosenthal** DJ'ing

Contra dance to a techno beat.

Admission: \$10 BFMS members &
affiliates, \$15 non-members. People
under 21 and students with ID: free

Potluck snacks.

GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB
CÉILÍ • SANDY SPRING MD
SUN. MAR. 22
4-8 PM (3 PM WORKSHOP)

GWCC sponsors, supports and encourages céilís, dance classes, concerts and other programs for the enjoyment of its members and the community at large.

Workshop: Monaghan Set

Single dancers and listeners welcome!

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck supper (1st break)

Location: The Lyceum,
17801 Meeting House Rd.

Admission: \$25/GWCC members,
\$30/non-members,
ages 11-20 half-price, under 11 free

Info: gwcc-online.org



BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT
MOBTOWN BALLROOM
SAT. MAR. 28
7:30-10:30 PM (DOORS 6:30 PM)

Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a hilariously fun evening of square dancing, live music and plentiful silliness. **No experience or partner is needed.** There will be a dance caller walking you through all the moves. The kitchen and bar will be open!

Location: Station North,
30 W North Ave.

Info / tickets: bmoreoldtime.com

Upcoming dance: 4/18 (at Baltimore Old Time Music Festival)

JUST IN TIME PERCUSSIVE DANCERS
SILVER SPRING MD
SUNDAYS OR MONDAYS • 4 PM

We are a performing dance company in the DC Metro area, specializing in Appalachian, Canadian, English and Irish step dance. We are recruiting new adult members!

Weekly rehearsals on Sundays
or Mondays.

More Info

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
GREENBELT MD
TUESDAYS • 7:30-9:30 PM

Dancing and instruction to recorded music. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. No partner required.

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Location: Dance Studio,
Greenbelt Community Center,
15 Crescent Rd.

Cost: \$10 (first time free)

Info: [Anne Dempsey](#) or
[Larry Wegehaupt](#), 240-645-2776

Additional Scottish Country dances

in Arlington VA and in Silver Spring,
Baltimore and Frederick MD

**NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON DC
SILVER SPRING MD**
MOST WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:50 PM
**PERFORMANCE: WINDMILLS FESTIVAL:
SAT. MAR. 21, BALTIMORE’S
LITHUANIAN HALL**

The Nordic Dancers are pleased to again participate in the **Windmills International Folk Dance Festival and Workshop**. Starting at noon, the event will feature dance workshops, food, international vendors and dance performances.

More about Windmills: [See p. 6](#)
[Windmills Dance Festival](#)
[Facebook](#)

The Nordic Dancers of Washington DC have in-person sessions at Highland View Elementary School. Come any Wednesday and learn traditional dances of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

We welcome new dancers anytime, no prior experience or partner needed.

Questions: NordicDancers@aol.com or
call 301-864-1596

Info: [sites.google.com/site/
nordicdancersdc/](https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/)

**ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
TAKOMA PARK MD**
**WEDNESDAYS • MAR. 4, 7:30 PM;
REMAINDER, 6:30 PM**

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings and socializes together.

No dance experience necessary!
Email if interested.

Location: Takoma Park Middle School,
7611 Piney Branch Rd.

Info: [email](#), [website](#)

**BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK
DANCE GROUP**
THURSDAYS • 7–8:45 PM

Join our friendly dancers for dances from around the world.

Masks are optional.

Location: Church of the Redeemer,
6201 Dunrobbin Dr.

Info: [Carl Minkus](#) or 301-493-6281
for info on our First Time Free
policy and subscription policy
(can't accept money on premises).

GLEN ECHO PARK

In addition to dances listed here and on the FSGW Dance pages, Glen Echo Park features dancing many nights in the week. For more information about blues, tango, ballroom and other styles of social dancing, look at the [Glen Echo Park calendar](#).

**OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS
AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION
DUPONT CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM
WASHINGTON DC**
1ST & 3RD SUN. MAR. 1 & 15
1–4 PM

This jam plays mainly bluegrass songs and tunes, and welcomes new beginners and experienced jammers.

Location: [The Mansion at O St.](#)
2020 O St. NW

Info: [DCBU Facebook](#)

**FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN
WASHINGTON DC**
SATURDAYS • 10 AM–12 PM

Learn traditional English morris dances. Join our community that dances, socializes and sings. It's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

Location: Rotates throughout the DMV

Info: fbmm.org
[Jud McIntire](#), [Nat Brown](#)

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

Location: Chevy Chase Baptist Church
5671 Western Ave. NW

Admission: \$15/person

Details: danceintime.com/classes

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

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS
1ST & 3RD WED. MAR. 4 & 18 • 7–9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

Mar. 4—3 separate jams:
bluegrass/old-time, folk/blues & Celtic

Location: Carroll Arts Center,
91 W. Main St.

Mar. 18—combined jam: bluegrass/
old-time/folk/blues free-wheeling

Location: St. Paul's, 17 Bond St.

Info: [Website](#), [email](#) or 410-857-2771

Daily Antidote of Song

Changing the world one song at a time.

CARPE
DIEM
ARTS

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.

ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON

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.

along, hum, listen, or add some accompaniment. No mic, no pressure, no performance. Just singing together in a friendly, supportive space!

REMEMBER: If you are sick, not feeling well, etc., please stay home.

Admission: Free (pass-the-hat goodwill donation welcome)

Location: 4 Hour Day Lutherie in Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd.

SHIP’S COMPANY CHANTEYMEN
WED. MAR. 11: BALTIMORE MD
THUR. MAR. 19: WHEATON MD
8–10 PM

2nd Wednesdays (Baltimore) are in Fells Point in the Anchor Bar at Admiral Fell’s Inn: 815 S. Broadway

3rd Thursday folk sings are hosted by Johnny Strum at the Limerick Pub: 11301 Elkin St., Wheaton MD

Info: [website](#), [Brad Graham](#),
Subscribe to Ship’s Company Chanteymen open Chanteysings events [newsletter](#)

HOUSE CONCERT AT BRAD’S:
THE JB CARDINEAU BAND
BALTIMORE MD
THUR. MAR. 12 • 6:30–9 PM

You’re invited! Bring friends, food, drink and a smiling face for what will surely be a beautiful evening of music and community! **Jean-Baptiste Cardineau** is a Franco-American Nouveau-Traditional musician and songwriter who manifests his musical and lyrical vision via a well-spring of early styles of music on both Mandolin and Guitar. He charms crowds with his sense of humor, folksy aphorisms, storytelling and, most of all, his masterful and seasoned playing. He’ll be joined by a stellar crew of top-notch bluegrass and roots musicians for a powerful bluegrass show!

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SAY SISTER! GUITAR FESTIVAL

ROCKVILLE MD • MAR. 6 • 7:30 PM

Institute of Musical Traditions presents the **Say Sister! Guitar Festival** with **Yasmin Williams, Marcy Marxer, Lisa Liu, Cathy Fink & Piedmont Blüz**

Location: Upper School at Charles E Smith Jewish Day School, 11710 Hunters Ln.]

Tickets: \$30 adv (+\$2 processing fee), \$35 door

CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM

ARLINGTON VA

2ND & 4TH SUN. MAR. 8 & 22
2–6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd.

Info: [caboma.org](#)

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING
2ND MON. MAR. 9, 4TH TUE. MAR. 24
• 7–9:30 PM (6:30 PM DOORS)

Join us in America’s oldest musical tradition! Experience the joy of singing a *cappella* choral music in four-part harmony. Shaped note heads aid sight reading. No experience needed and loaner books are available.

Attendance is free. All are welcome!

Location: Four Hour Day Lutherie 4305 Harford Rd.

Info: [baltimoreshapenote.org](#)
[facebook](#)

BFMS SONG SWAP • BALTIMORE MD
2ND TUES. MAR. 10 • 7:30–9:30 PM

We’re delighted to be singing in person!

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

Feel free to bring food and drink to share.

Most shows fill up so don't hesitate to [reserve a spot](#).

Location: Brad's House,
831 West 33rd St.

Cost: \$20-\$35 suggested sliding scale donation for adults. 14 & under free.

Questions: bradkolodner@gmail.com

**WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG
KENSINGTON OR HYATTSVILLE MD
SAT. MAR. 14 & 28 • 2:30-4 PM**

Rehearsals: Come play Scandinavian music with us!

Info: washingttonsspelmanslag.com
dcspelemanslag@gmail.com
Catherine Chapman, 240-461-9244

**FOCUSMUSIC & WFMA PRESENTS
JAMES KEELAGHAN &
DAVID WOODHEAD • BETHESDA MD
SAT. MAR. 15 • 7:30 PM**

Location: Imagination Stage
(Reeve Theatre), 4908 Auburn Ave.

Admission: \$25 in advance (WFMA /
Focus members \$22.50) /
\$30 at door (members \$25)
Virtual Tickets: \$15 in advance
(members \$13.50)

Info / tickets:
focusmusic.org/sun-3-15-james-keelaghan-bethesda-virtual

**MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM
MONKTON MD
4TH *2ND SUN. MAR. 15
2:30-5:30 PM**

*Note new date this month.

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

**CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON DC
3RD WED. MAR. 18 • 7-9 PM**

Shape note singing from the 2025 *Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony*: a cappella community singing in a style rooted in colonial America. All are welcome! Songbooks available to share.

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

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

**CONCERT: HIGH HORSE
WESTMINSTER MD
SAT. MAR. 21 • 7:30 PM**

High Horse is a Boston-based progressive-acoustic stringband. The band breathes the energy of alternative rock into an indelible blend of Bluegrass, Old-time, and Folk magic with crisp vocals and virtuosic chops. The band is fiddler **Carson McHaney**, cellist **Karl Henry**, guitarist **G Rockwell**, and bassist **Noah Harrington**.

Location: Carroll Arts Center,
91 W. Main St.

Tickets: \$25 Seniors, \$28 Adults, Pay What You Will, Minimum of \$15

[More Info](#)

**BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP
TUES. MAR. 24 • 7:30 PM**

It's 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 4th Tuesday BFMS song swap has become transcontinental. You can drop in on the Zoom and meet (and hear / sing with) some nice folks you're not likely to meet in person!

**SMTMD HOMESPUN COFFEEHOUSE
OPEN MIC • CHAPTICO MD
4TH FRI. MAR. 27 • 7 PM**



PHOTO: ERIN JEWELL

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. Contact [Chris Dudley](mailto:ChrisDudley) in advance to sign up as a performer.

Admission: \$8; under 17s (accompanied by a paying adult) & performers free

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

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

See website for rescheduled or canceled events

**FOCUSMUSIC & WFMA PRESENTS
THE LIMELITERS WITH SEAN MCGHEE
BETHESDA • SAT. MAR. 28 • 7:30 PM**

For more than 60 years *The Limelitters* have entertained audiences from coast to coast with their soaring vocal harmonies and screwball sense of humor. They first made their mark in folk clubs and on college campuses during the height of the folk music boom of the early 60's. A string of best selling albums for RCA Records and frequent appearances on major TV shows quickly made them a household name.

Location: Cedar Lane Unitarian
Universalist Congregation,
9601 Cedar Ln.

Admission: \$30 in advance (WFMA /
Focus members \$27) /
\$35 at door (members \$30)
Virtual Tickets: \$15 in advance
(members \$13.50) [Info / Tickets](#)

**ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING
CHEVY CHASE MD
REHEARSALS: 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 Eastern Europe. *Orfeia's* repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans. We are always seeking new members. No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

Info: Diane, 202-274-4155
[email](mailto:email@orfeia.org), orfeia.org, [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/orfeia)

**TAKOMA SPARK OPEN MIC
TAKOMA PARK MD & ONLINE
TUESDAYS • 7 PM**

A cauldron of creativity from local and not-so-local artists. You're invited to come and play, or just listen.

Admission: Free, but we DO solicit donations for our featured artists every week. Sign up at 6:30 pm, music at 7 pm, webcast live on Facebook, YouTube and Twitch.

Location: School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.

Info: [imt folk SPARK](http://imtfolk.org),
rob@ilyaimy.com, 301-910-2575

Presented by
the Institute of Musical Traditions

**BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM
BALTIMORE MD
TUESDAYS • 7-10 PM**

The weekly jam is held in The Green Room with wonderful acoustics. 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 *Old Time Jam*. The first hour of the jam will be a "slow jam": anyone can play along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to 10 pm, they'll kick up the tempo for the "fast jam."

On the other Tuesdays, **Alex Lacquement & Lucas Chohany** will lead the *Bluegrass Jam* featuring songs and instrumentals.

Best of all, the jam is FREE!

Location: 3600 Hickory Ave.

Info: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/bmoreoldtime), bmoreoldtime.com

**TAKOMA MANDOLEERS
ARLINGTON VA
TUESDAYS • 7:30-9:30 PM**

The *Takoma Mandoleers* are a community orchestra playing mandolin, mandola, mandocello, classical guitar & string bass. Founded in Takoma Park in 1923, we play the mandolin orchestra repertoire from classical to the 21st century.

Info: Mandoleers.org

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

We are a community-based orchestra of more than 50 volunteer musicians. The orchestra plays Eastern European folk instruments including balalaikas and domras in various sizes and some Western percussion and wind instruments.

We are seeking musicians to join us to play domra, balalaika, accordion and percussion. We perform music from around the world, led by our conservatory-trained conductor, **Svetlana Nikonova**.

Info: balalaika.org
balalaika@balalaika.org

**SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
CLASSES • TAKOMA PARK MD**

The School of Musical Traditions offers many classes on various types of music-making, for adults and kids! These include: How to jam, Celtic music, bluegrass, old timey, jazz, songwriting, vocals and more. See their website for details and to sign up.

Location: School of Musical Traditions,
7112 Willow Ave.

Info: Website

**SMTMD SPRING CONCERT:
ALASDAIR FRASER & NATALIE HAAS
CHAPTICO MD • FRI. APR. 24 • 7 PM**



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Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas will be performing live at the Christ Church Parish Hall. Doors open at 7 pm and the concert begins at 7:30 pm. Complimentary refreshments will be offered.

Admission: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and children under 17 are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. See the website for more details.

Location: 37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com,
smtmd.org/#/concert/

Editor's note: *Alisdair & Natalie always put on extraordinary concerts. They will also perform at Montgomery College on Apr. 25.*

FSGW POLICY REGARDING RESPIRATORY VIRUSES AND IN-PERSON EVENT PARTICIPATION

FSGW's goal is to keep in-person event participants healthy and safe. FSGW requests that participants approach attendance at in-person events from a "community care" perspective, including respecting the personal choice to mask/not mask. Each of us plays an essential role in keeping the community healthy so thank you for your collaboration! A current version is posted on our website at fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response

Lucia Schaefer, FSGW President

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) • 8 PM TUESDAY MARCH 3

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 Lucia Schaefer at president@fsgw.org at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 1 Bluegrass Jam, DC 2:45 Bumper Car Squares, GEP 2:45 Waltz Time, GEP	2 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	3 8 FSGW Board Meeting , online 7 Bluegrass Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Capitol Hill Cajun Dance 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	4 7 3 Jams, Westminster 7:30 FSGW ECD , Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance , GEP 7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.	5 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth.	6 7:30 FSGW Open Sing , online 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 7:30 Say Sister! Guitar Festival, Rock. 8 Int'l Folk Dance , Gbelt	7 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 11-6 FSGW Mini-Fest , Alex. <i>Dancing, performances, workshops, jam sessions, children's activities & more!</i> w/12:15: Brief FSGW Membership & Nominations Meeting 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 6:30 MAND Norwegian Dance, TPark 8 DC Square Dance Collective	
8 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 1 FSGW Barn Dance , GEP 2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl. 4 FSGW Gospel Sing , DC	9 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 7 Shape Note Singing, Balt. 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	10 7 Old Time Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 BFMS Song Swap, Balt. 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	11 6:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark 7:30 FSGW Grapevine , Takoma & online 7:30 FSGW ECD , Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance , GEP 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl. 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt. 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Balt.	12 6:30 House Concert at Brad's: <i>The JB Cardineau Band</i> , Balt. 7 FSGW/Carpe Diem Arts Contra , SS 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth.	13 1:30 FSGW Song Circle , SS & online 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance , Gbelt & online	14 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 2:30 Spelmanslag, Kensington 6:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7 SMTMD Contra, Chaptico 7:30 ECD, SS 8 Swing dance, GEP	
15 1 Bluegrass Jam, DC 2 FSGW/VITG Story Swap , SS 2:30 Old-time Jam, Monkton 2:45 Waltz Time, GEP 4 House Concert: Mike Agranoff , Edgewater 7:30 Concert: James Keelaghan & David Woodhead, Beth.	16 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	17 7 Bluegrass Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	18 6:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark 7 Combined Jam, Westminster 7 Capitol Hill Shape Note Singing 7:30 FSGW Old-Time Jam 7:30 FSGW ECD , Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance , GEP 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl. 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.	19 7 Capitol Hill Swing Dance, DC 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth. 8 Folk Sing, Wheaton	20 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance , Gbelt	21 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 12 Windmills International Folk Dance Festival & Workshop, Balt. 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 3 House Concert & Song Sharing: Judy Cook , TPark 3 BFMS Family Barn Dance 6:30 ECD, Ann. 6:45 Scandia DC Dance/music, Gbelt 7:30 Concert: <i>High Horse</i> , Westminster 8 BFMS Techno Contra	
22 2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl. 3 FSGW/DPP Contra , GEP 3 GWCC Céilí, Sandy Spring	23 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	24 7 Old Time Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7 Shape Note Singing, Balt. 7:30 BFMS Song Swap, online 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	25 6:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark 7:30 FSGW ECD , Glen Echo 7:30 Int'l Folk Dance , GEP 7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.	26 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth.	27 7 SMTMD Open Mic, Chaptico 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 Int'l Folk Dance , Gbelt & online	28 9:15-1 am FSGW Hashdance Weekend 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 2:30 Spelmanslag, Hyattsville 7:30 Square Dance, Balt. 7:30 Concert: <i>The Limelighters</i> with Sean McGhee, Beth. 8 Swing dance, GEP	
29 9:15-6 FSGW Hashdance Weekend	30 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	31 7 Old Time Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	<p style="text-align: center;">NOON EVERY DAY! Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~~~~~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Status of ongoing events may vary. Please confirm with the organizer.</i></p>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">KEY</div> <p>Bold text — FSGW sponsorship</p> <p>FSGW — Folklore Society of Greater Washington</p> <p>FND — Friday Night Dancers</p> <p>BFMS — Baltimore Folk Music Society</p> <p>Contra — Contra Dance ECD — English Country Dance Ann. — Annapolis MD Arl. — Arlington VA Balt. — Baltimore MD Beth. — Bethesda MD CC — Chevy Chase MD GEP — Glen Echo Park MD Gbelt — Greenbelt MD</p> <p>Rock. — Rockville MD SS — Silver Spring MD TPark — Takoma Park MD CDA — Carpe Diem Arts DPP — Dancing Planet Productions GWCC — Greater Washington Céilí Club MAND — Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers SCC — Ship's Company Chanteyman SMTMD — Southern Maryland Traditional Music & Dance</p>	

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