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February 2009

Valentine's Dance Extravaganza

Saturday, February 14 Waltz workshop 5:30 - 6:30 pm Potluck 6:30 - 7:30 pm Contra Dance 8 - 10:30 pm (New Dancer Orientation 7:35 pm) St Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, Reisterstown

There's nothing we love more than dancing (well, except chocolate), so join us this Valentine's Day for the Baltimore Folk Music Society's annual Valentine's Extravaganza.





We'll start with a waltz workshop with the lovely Anna Rain and the music of Some Assembly. Anna is a skilled teacher and will instruct beginners as well as more experienced waltzers who wish to polish their skills. No partner necessary. Admission for the workshop is \$4 for members of BFMS and affiliated organizations, and \$5 for non-members. There will be great opportunities during the evening dance to enjoy your new skills. A pot luck dinner follows from 6:30-7:30, and then a newcomer's orientation for new contra dancers at 7:35.

Anna promises to call a memorable evening of romantic contra dances starting at 8. She'll again be joined by **Some Assembly**. This quartet features a joyous blend of traditional Celtic and French-Canadian music, spiced with jazz and classical music and other wonderful surprises! Mary-Corletta Flora is on flute, sax, and penny whistle; Joe Klausner is on fiddle and mandolin; Paul Miller plays bodhran and guitar; and **Donna Boylan** is on keyboard and piano. We promise lots of wonderful waltzing!

Don't forget our Annual Dessert Contest with great prizes! It has been rumored that desserts with chocolate receive extra brownie points (see previous chocolate comment!). We will also have our Annual Poetry Contest using conversation hearts.

Contra Dance Admission: \$8 BFMS Members & Affiliates, \$12 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: \$5 members, \$6 non-members. Beginners, singles, couples, and families welcome. No experience necessary. For more info call the BFMS hotline at 410-366-0808 or Diane at 410-321-8419.

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Do you enjoy our monthly Family Dance? We're looking for some help on upcoming Saturdays. Without your help, this wonderful event will be discontinued! Please contact BFMS President Dan Katz at 410-799-5596 or president@bfms.org to let him know how you can help out!

BFMS English Country Dance*

St. Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville

1/3 mile inside the Baltimore Beltway, at Exit 20 South

Monday evenings, 8 - 10:30 pm; New dancer workshop 7:45 pm on the first Monday of each month

Jane Austen did it (and wrote about it). George Washington did it (but not with Jane Austen). You can too! Each dance is taught and walked through. You don't have to bring a partner. We always have live music and friendly dancers ready to welcome and teach new dancers. Admission: \$10/\$7 for BFMS members & affiliates. Info: <u>engdance@bfms.org</u> or www.bfms.org

February 2

Tom Spilsbury calling to The Geud Band of Baltimore.

February 9

Carl Friedman calling to Liz Donaldson (piano), Marty Taylor (recorders, concertina), and Emily Aubrey (fiddle).

February 16

Sharon McKinley calling to Jonathan Jensen (piano, etc.), Paul Oorts (mandolin, accordion), and Jeff Steinberg (fiddle).

February 23

Mike Franch calling to Judy Meyers (piano), Carl Friedman (fiddle), and Robin Wilson (flute, concertina).



The Baltimore Folk Music Society is funded by an operating grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. Funding for the Maryland State Arts Council is also provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

BFMS American Contra & Square Dance*

Historic Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St Paul St.

Wednesday evenings, 8 - 10:30 pm New dancer orientation: 7:30 pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Music and dance styles include New England, Southern Appalachian, and Celtic. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly, as well as local favorites. Dances are taught and walked through. No partner necessary. New dancers always welcome.

Admission: \$12/8 BFMS members and affiliates. Full-time students receive a \$3 discount. Snack contributions for the break are welcome. Info: <u>amdance@bfms.org</u> or <u>www.bfms.org</u>

February 4

Susan Hankin calls to Looney Tunes, featuring special guest Ken Kolodner. Ken will be playing fiddle and hammered dulcimer, Lisa Roberts will play fiddle and banjo, Tom Reedy will be on guitar, and Jim Bieneman will play bass.

February 11

Our very own **George Mercer** will call to the tunes of **Taylor Among the Devils: Steve Hickman** on fiddle, **Marty Taylor** on whistle and concertina, and **Jonathan Jensen** on piano and more.

February 18

Sargon deJesus makes his Baltimore debut calling to music by Waverley Station: Liz Donaldson on piano, David Knight on fiddle, and Ralph Gordon on bass.

February 25

Don't call **Perry Shafran** late for supper. Instead, let's have Perry call to the music of **Late for Supper**: **Barb Schmid** on fiddle, **Todd Clewell** on guitar, and **Jack Hoffman** on banjo.

Directions to Lovely Lane

From the North: Take I-83 south to the 28th Street/Druid Hill exit. Bera left and take 28th St. to Maryland Ave. Turn right on Maryland Ave then left on 23rd St.

From the South: I-95 to I-395, exiting for downtown Baltimore onto S. Howard and turning right onto Pratt. Once on Pratt, turn left onto Charles and then right onto 23rd St. Use parking lots on either side of 23rd St at St Paul. The church is on the right.

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Baltimore Open Band Practice ‡

Sunday, February 8, 4 to 6 pm

Come toot, snap. fiddle, and plink with the ever-lovin' Baltimore Open Band. This group is a community gem whose members meet on the second Sunday of each month in Catonsville. All ages, instruments, and levels are truly welcome. For more info, contact Susan Taylor at 301-982-1107 or <u>susantaylor@greenbelt.com</u>

Fourth at Four Storyfolk *

Sunday, February 22, 4 pm

Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1700 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson (One mile north of the Baltimore Beltway at Exit 27)

Storytellers and story enthusiasts get together to swap stories and performance ideas each month. This is an ideal place to try out new stories in front of a friendly and supportive audience. The Fourth at Four also plans and publicizes interesting performance opportunities in the greater Baltimore area. Please bring a beverage or a snack to share during the break. Everyone is welcome to join us, but we appreciate RSVPs so we don't inadvertently lock you out of the hall!

For information or to be added to our newsletter, contact Barbara Woodey at 410-252-1438 or <u>bellwoodey@prodigy.net</u>; to RSVP, please contact Diane at 410-321-8419.

The Friendly Coffeehouse *

Friday, February 13, 8-11 pm Calvary Baptist Church, 120 W Pennsylvania Ave., Towson

Join us the second Friday of each month for an evening of music and more. Acoustic performers are invited to sign up for open mike slots (three songs or ten minutes). Friendly, supportive atmosphere with a music-loving audience that really listens! Parking lot in the back; piano inside. For info., call 410-825-0948; email <u>leahu@earthlink.net</u>; or check our website at <u>www.friendlycoffeehouse.org</u> on the day of the event for any last minute changes.

BFMS Family Dance *

There will be no Family dance in February. Join us for the Second Saturday dance and a special waltz workshop! See page 1.

English Open Band Practice ‡

Sunday, February 1, 3:30 - 6 pm

This is a rehearsed open band for English dancing. Newcomers welcome. For information, contact Eileen Franch, 410-889-3252 or franch@juno.com. If you have given Eileen your email address and not heard from her, please contact her again. Some addresses were lost due to human error.

Singing for Everyone[‡]

Sunday, February 1, 7 - 9 pm Homewood Friends Meetinghouse, 3107 N Charles

Join us for an evening of songs and company - all are welcome! Snacks are welcome but will be confined to the lunch room downstairs. On-street parking available -- meters do not run on Sundays. For more info, please contact Susan Warner at <u>scwarner@hotmail.com</u>

Dances of Universal Peace[‡]

Sunday, February 8, 3 - 5 pm, potluck after Westchester Community Center, 2414 Westchester Av, Ellicott City

The Dances are simple movements often done in a Circle while singing simple tunes using words from sacred phrases of many traditions across the world. Beginners are welcome. The Circle builds community.

Once you have joined the Dance Circle a few times, we are interested in inviting musicians including drummers to join our hammer dulcimer player, recorder player, and flutist in musical accompaniment (written music is available).

More information at <u>www.peacedances.org</u> and directions to the location at <u>www.oella.org</u>. For questions, call Peggy at 410-465-1914.

BFMS Board Meeting *

Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 pm

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to all BFMS members, and all are encouraged to attend. Ice cream social follows meeting. For directions, agenda, and other information, please contact the President (see page 7).

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The Almost Famous Coffeehouse‡

Saturday, February 28, 7:30 pm 2415 Diana Road, Baltimore

Please bring a song/instrumental (or two or three) to share, to the house of Gary and Abbie Bass. Light snacks/beer/wine welcome. Reservations required due to limited space. We will be going around in a circle (without a campfire, but possibly a simulated fireplace) and sing/play/eat till one of the hosts falls asleep! We'll also take a little intermission to rest our voices and strings and socialize.

All songs/instrumentals acceptable (from traditional to originals to Beatles to contemporary folk). Songs/ instrumentals do not have to be sing-alongs or be found in *Rise Up Singing*. Only acoustic instruments please.

Email to <u>almostfamouscoffeehouse@mail.com</u> for reservations and/or more information.

A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words...

Do you have any or are you willing to take any photos that show the spirit of BFMS? We need photos that show that energy for our new BFMS brochure and other event publicity.

What is the spirit of BFMS? Why are you a member and why do you come to these events? Maybe it's of someone's skirt flaring, maybe it's people laughing together, maybe it's someone lovingly playing an instrument, or maybe it's someone singing a soulful song with a wistful look on her face.

If we choose a photo that you submit, we will need to know the names of those people and contact information so we can get permission to use their picture in the brochure. Please send an email to <u>publicity@bfms.org</u> that you have and are sending a photo and then **send the photo in a separate email**. Photos are sometimes not delivered. That way I will know to contact you about the missing photo. Photos are due by 3-1-09 but the sooner the better. Thanks for helping increase the numbers of people that may attend BFMS events thus helping to ensure that this organization will thrive in 2009!

Oh, and don't forget to put flyers up in your neighborhood coffeeshops and restaurants. Many of them have bulletin boards. If you like to go there and like BFMS events, there are probably people that go there that might like BFMS events too! Aren't you thankful that you know about BFMS events?

Rebecca Denison, Publicity Chair

Norwegian Dance & Potluck‡

Saturday, February 7, potluck 6:30 pm, dancing 8 6807 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by our own world-class Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings--see hfaa.org). Norwegian springars are quite different from the Swedish Hambo. Beginners welcome--we'll show you the moves. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare. Host is Loretta, (301) 270-4925. Info/dirs: Jenny, pi@xecu.net, (301) 371-4312.

International Folk Dancing[‡]

Saturdays, 7:30-10:30 pm.

Homewood Friends Meeting House, 3107 N. Charles St.

Dances from Europe, Israel and other countries of the Near and Middle East. Beginners welcome; no partner necessary. Admission \$2; first time free. Lessons given in first half hour. Al & Hildy Saunders 410-484-9392 (check answering machine message to confirm dancing is on) or Paul & Elise Kreiss 410-367-8194 (evenings & weekends) or <u>pkreiss@toadmail.net</u> Across Charles St. from Museum Drive (just east of Johns Hopkins). Enter down outside stairs from side porch. Call to arrange handicapped access.

Ballroom Dancing & Lessons[‡]

Fridays, 8 pm JHU ROTC Building

Waltz, rumba, tango & more! Our 17th year; always free! From 39th St & University Pkwy go south onto San Martin Drive; take 3rd left into campus. Climb wooden stairs, south side of building. Don't pay to park. Special: MarbleTag at 7:50!! For info contact Dave/Anne Greene 410 599-3725.

30+ Potluck & Contra

Saturday, February 14, 7:30 pm til ??? 14015 Woodens Lane, Reisterstown

A fun and relaxing evening for dancers and musicians age 30 and older. Open band and open calling, please bring a dance and a dish to share (no red meat or lamb please). Musicians should bring their preferred seating and music stands as well.

For more information, please contact Gwynne at 410-303-2222 or gwynne_allison@yahoo.com

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Other Dances

Friday Night Dancers

Fridays, 8:30 - 11:30 pm, Beginner Workshop 7:30 Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MD

Contras with occasional squares. Live music. Beginners welcome. Admission is \$9, info@fridaynightdance.org

February 6

Tom Calwell and Myra Hirschberg call to Contranella: Megan Beller, John Wobus, and Charley Beller.

February 13

TBA calls to the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band.

February 20

Mardi Gras Dance featuring the Avant Gardeners: Laura Light, George Paul, Dave Wiesler, and Dan Sebring. Caller TBA.

February 27

TBA calls to Giant Robot Dance: Andrew Marcus, Aaron Marcus, Michael Ferguson, Andrew VanNorstrand, and Noah VanNorstrand.

Lancaster Contra Dance

Saturday, February 21, 8 to 11 pm St. John's Episcopal, 321 W. Chestnut, Lancaster

Dr. Twamley's Audio Snakes with **Mike Rovine** on fiddle, **Celia Wyckoff** on bass, **Jill Smith** on piano, and **John Krumm** on various strings. Donna Hunt calling. Beginners' workshop at 7:15

\$8 admission, \$5 members.For information call Shane at (717) 431-7417 or <u>www.lancastercontra.org</u>.

Arden Contra Dance

Sunday, February 1, 2 - 5 pm; lesson at 1:30 pm Arden Gild Hall, Arden, DE.

Local Callers call for **Dr. Twamley's Audio Snakes**. \$9. For info: (302) 478-7257 or <u>http://home.sprynet.com/~rbrat/</u>

Frederick Contra Dance

Saturday, February 28, 8 pm (workshop 7 pm) Trinity School, Frederick (by Harry Grove Stadium)

Michael Schechtman calls to **Dennis Botzer**, fiddle & pennywhistle; **Tina Eck**, flute; and **Marc Glickman**, piano & bodhran. General-\$8; Students-\$5; 12 and under \$4. Info/directions: <u>www.contradancers.com</u> or call Boe Walker at 301-694-6794.

FSGW Sunday Night Squares & Contras

Sundays, 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Beginner Workshop 7 pm Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MD

Contras and squares for new and experienced dancers. No partner necessary. New dancers please arrive early. Admission \$12, \$9 for members, \$4 ages 17 and under. For info contact Robert Cox dance@fsgw.org or www.fsgw.org

February 1

Ted Hodapp calls to The Love Mongrels: Orrin Star, Danny Knicely, Alexander Mitchell, and Ralph Gordon

February 8

Tom Calwell and Myra Hirschberg call to Contranella: Megan Beller, John Wobus, and Charley Beller.

February 15

Susan Taylor calls to The Metrognomes: McGregor Yatsevitch, Barb Schmid, Mark Vidor, and Bob Garber.

February 22

Morna Leonard calls to music by Honeysuckle Rose: Andrea Hoag, Paul Oorts, and Liz Donaldson.

Locust Lane Contra Dance

2nd & 4th Friday, 8 - 11 pm, Free workshop at 7:30 Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, 5501 Locust Lane, Harrisburg PA

February 13 **Terry Bachmann** calling to **Smash the Windows**.

February 27

Roger Auman calling to The Gooseberries.

Admission \$9/\$8 members. For more info or directions, contact Dave Colestock at 717-770-1477 or LocustLaneContra.freeservers.com.

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FSGW Family Dance

Sunday, February 8, 3 pm Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St, Glen Echo

Tom Callwell and **Myra Hirschberg** call dances for all ages to the music of **Contranella**: **Megan Beller** on fiddle; **Charlie Beller** on mandolin, banjo, and percussion; and **John Wobus** on piano. Admission \$5 for ages 4 and older. fsgw.org.

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Annapolis Traditional Dance Society Contra

Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m.; workshop 6:30 Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Road

Traditional American Contra and Square Dancing. Home Grown Fun! An evening with all local talent. **Kim Forry** will call dances to the driving music of **Leah Weiss** on fiddle, **Gary Wright** on guitar, and **Neil Harpe** on banjo.

Admission for dance, \$10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of ATDS. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome!

Questions?? Contact Jan Scopel at 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com; www.contradancers.com/atds

FSGW English Country Dancing

Wednesdays 8-10:30 pm Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St, Glen Echo

\$10/\$8 members. More info: 301-320-2469, 301-229-3577, or English@fsgw.org. Live musicians each week, see website for details. Callers listed below.

February 4

Tom Spilsbury calls to the music of Andrea Hoag and Elizabeth Moore (fiddles), Colleen Reed (flute) and Liz Donaldson (piano).

February 11

Stephanie Smith calls to **David Knight** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

February 18

Martha Seigel calls to the playing of Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Dan Gillespie (recorders) and Francine Krasowska (piano).

February 25

Melissa Running leads the dancing while Becky Ross (fiddle), Ralph Gordon (cello) and Julie Gorka (piano) make the music.

Tea Dance

Sunday, February 22, 3 - 6 pm Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington, featuring music and dances from the 20's, 30's and 40's. Foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha cha, rumba, swing and more. No partner or experience necessary. Basic dance lesson at 3:00. \$12. Info: www.glenechopark.org and www.hotsociety.net.

Glen Echo Afternoon Waltz

1st & 3rd Sundays, 3 pm lesson, 3:30 - 6 dancing. Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

February 1 Taylor Among the Devils

February 15 Waltz Wizards

Dance to a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Admission is \$8 per person. For info: go to w w w . WaltzTime Dances.org, e - mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org, or call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

Scandinavian Dance Classes

Most Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 pm NIH, Bethesda, MD (ID required to enter facilities)

In the Beginning Class (February 10), learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Some Hambo is done every time.

In the Advanced Class (February 3 and 17), learn dances from Boda, Orsa, Rättvick, Ragunda, and Föllinge, as well as Finnskogspols, Nigpolska, Gammalvänster, and requests.

Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Sometimes live Swedish fiddle music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5. Info: Lisa Brooks at 240-731-1935, <u>lisa@HamboDC.org</u>, or <u>www.HamboDC.org</u>. Go to web site to get map for directions and parking! New entrance to NIH -- be sure to check web site for info!

Cajun Dance

Thursday, February 5, 7:30 pm Los Arrieros, 7926 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring

Cajun dancing to Cyprus Trio. \$10. For more info, call 301-585-8813.

Cajun Dance

Saturday, February 28, 8 -11 pm; lesson at 7:30 UU Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive

An evening of Cajun dancing to the music of the Pine Leaf Boys. Plenty of parking and a nice wood floor! Admission \$8. Info: Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or www.DancingbytheBayou.com.

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Zydeco Dance

Sunday, February 8, 3 - 6 pm Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

Join us at 3 pm for a 30-minute Zydeco dance lesson taught by Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro. The dance begins at 3:30 pm with Little Red & the Renegades. Admission is \$15. Info: M i c h a e 1 H a r t a t 3 0 1 - 7 6 2 - 6 7 3 0 o r www.DancingbytheBayou.com.

Mardi Gras Zydeco Dance

Tuesday, February 24, 8 - 11 pm; lesson at 7:30 Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic. Admission is \$15. Info: Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or www.DancingbytheBayou.com.

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Greater Washington Ceili Club Monthly Ceili

Sunday, February 22, 4 – 9 pm Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9700 Cherry Hill Road, College Park (Entrance Code: 76000)

Music by Tina Eck, Mitch Fanning, Betsy O'Malley, Jessie Winch. Set Dance Workshop at 4, potluck supper 6 to 7 followed by more dancing. \$15. GWCC members \$12. Kids under 11 Free, Students 11 to 20, \$8. For more info: 301-294-3568 or http://www.gwcc-online.org

Sean-nos Irish Dancing with Shannon Dunne

Wednesdays

Joy of Motion, Atlas Theatre, 1333 H St NE, DC

Sean-nos Dancing is a battering style step dance, done to traditional Irish music. Characterized by a loose, playful upper body and feet close to the floor, this style of dance is fun for all ages! Beginners 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Intermediates 8:30 - 9:30 pm. Classes are on a drop in basis. For information visit: http://www.joyofmotion.org

While I dance I cannot judge, I cannot hate, I cannot separate myself from life. I can only be joyful and whole. That is why I dance.

- Hans Bos

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Concerts

Perry Hall Folk Music Night

Saturday, February 7, 7 - 10 pm Perry Hall UMC, 9515 Belair Rd., Baltimore

Featured Performers: Steve Warner & the Rolling Coyotes <u>http://www.stevewarnermusic.com/Coyotes/</u> Admission free, donations welcome. This is an "open mike" event. For more information, see <u>www.perryhallumc.org</u> or contact ndzimmer@comcast.net or 410-529-7176.

Beth Patterson House Concert

Saturday, February 14, 8 pm Takoma Park

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Beth Patterson in concert! Beth does Celtic bouzouki and a lot more. Previously a member of the acclaimed band The Poor Clares, today Beth plays and sings original and traditional songs in a manner that is both entertaining and musically true. Visit <u>http://www.littlebluemen.com/beth.asp</u>. Suggestion donation: \$15.00. For reservations and info, call Kathie at 301-270-5367

Uptown Concerts at Cellar Stage

Fridays, 8 pm (doors open 7 pm) Faith Community United Methodist Church of Hamilton, 5315 Harford Rd, Baltimore

February 6: The Tannahill Weavers. \$20

February 13: IONA. \$20

Tickets: 410-795-1041 or uptownconcerts@gmail.com

FSGW House Concert: Joe Stead

Saturday, February 28, 8 pm Cook's Treehouse (Laurel, MD)

Joe Stead is one of Great Britain's great folk musicians, collectors, teachers, recorders and performers. He has played all the major festivals in Great Britain, not to mention illustrious venues such as The Albert Hall and Festival Hall, and has toured America more times than he can remember.\$15 suggested donation - all proceeds go to the performer.

Call Dennis and Judy Cook at 301-776-4314 for reservations and driving directions.

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Institute of Musical Traditions Concert Series

Mondays, 7:30 pm St Mark's, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville

Februarv 2 Victor Heyman Scholarship Fundraiser. \$20 adv/\$25 door

February 9 The Kennedys. \$15 adv/\$20 door

Februarv 16 Tannahill Weavers. \$18 adv/\$22 door

February 23 Sometymes Why. \$15 adv/\$20 door

For more info call 301-754-3611 or visit www.imtfolk.org



Effort to Keep Ranger Stan Fowler at Glen Echo

In late December, the National Park Service suddenly reassigned Stan Fowler after his 30 years as a ranger Glen Echo Park.. Stan is viewed by many as the "heart and soul" of Glen Echo, and the community of dancers, musicians, and artists that has grown up around the park was devastated by the news. Immediately, a grassroots network emerged and launched a letter-writing and petition drive to urge the National Park Service to reverse this decision. In addition to his educational, interpretative, and resource conservation efforts at the park, Stan has personally inspired hundreds of volunteers to provide over 19,000 hours of service to renovate the Bumper Car Pavilion and other park facilities. Stan has been a good friend of the folk community through his invaluable assistance with the annual Washington Folk Festival and his support for the social dance community that surrounds Glen Echo Park.

If you would like to add your voice to those who are writing and petitioning the National Park Service and Congressional delegations, please join one of the following groups:

DanceRanger: http://groups. yahoo.com/ group/DanceRanger/

Celebrating Glen Echo Park's Dance Ranger: http://tinyurl. com/6skzw8

Saving Glen Echo's Dance Ranger: http://tinyurl.com/8mj78g

Keep Stan Fowler at Glen Echo Park: http://tinyurl. com/7yadhx

FSGW 2009 Mid-Winter Festival

Saturday, February 7, noon - 10:30 pm Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, Takoma Park

A full day of dancing and workshops. Daytime activities include: Instrument Petting Zoo; Contra dancing from noon to 6 pm; Dance workshops in Square dance, Family dance, English Country dance, International dance, Irish set dance and Irish step dance; Storytelling; Bluegrass workshops and performances; Blues, Latin and Brazilian Guitarists; Blues, Roots and Old-Time Jams; Doo-wop; Balkan and Sea songs; Morris Dancers; Crafts.

Evening Program: 6 to 7:30 pm waltz; 7:30 to 10:30 pm contra dance with Bob Isaacs and the Glen Echo Open Band. ALSO: an all-Irish extravaganza! Go between the two events as you like!

Current schedule and more information at www.fsgw.org See website for ticket pricing - visit for the day, the evening, or both!

Camps & Weekend Events

CDSS Music and Dance Week

August 16 - 23 Timber Ridge, WV

If you're looking for a summer week filled with music, dance and song - try CDSS week at Timber Ridge, conveniently located within two hours of the Washington/Baltimore area. Four complete and interlocking programs – an adult English and American dance program, a family/children's program, an intensive American dance caller's workshop and a new program specifically for young dancers age 16 - 25. Singing, late night dance parties, art, nature walks, swimming, jamming and more will add to the fun. More information available at http://www.cdss.org/programs/2009/timberridge.html.

27th Annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend!

April 3-5, 2009 Camp Letts, Edgewater

Lisa Greenleaf, Kathy Anderson, The Latter Day Lizards, I-95 Breakdown, and Reveillons! www.fsgw.org and click on Chesapeake. Questions? Email janineandmatt@msn.com.

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Baltimore Folk Music Society Membership Application	Folkie Interests o Contra dancing o Cajun / zydeco	Volunteer Interests o Greeting / ticket taking o Sound system
Today's Date:	o English dancing o Coffeehouse / concerts o Singing o Storytelling o Family / kids events o Dance / camp weekends o Instruments / open band	o Refreshments o Newsletter o Graphic design—fliers, etc. o Hosting musicians / visitors o Website o Other
o New member o Renewal o Address change Do not list my: o Name o Address o Phone o E-mail o I do NOT want to receive e-mail notices of BFMS events	Student: 1 year (\$20) (no newsletter delivery) Individual: 1 year (\$27) 2 years (\$50) 3 year Family: 1 year (\$37) 2 years (\$71) 3 years (\$	\$ rs (\$69)
Enclose check payable to BFMS and mail to: BFMS P.O. Box 7134 Waverly Station, Baltimore, MD 21218	Newsletter only: 1 year (\$20) Donation: SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP: Contributor (\$75) Supporter (\$150)	\$ \$ Sustainer (\$250) Patron (\$500) \$
or register online at <u>www.BFMS.org</u>	TOTAL ENCLOSED	s

THE BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC

SOCIETY is nonprofit. a educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting folk music, dance, and tradition. Members receive the newsletter eleven times a year and are eligible for discounts to Society events by showing their membership card. BFMS is a member of the Country Dance and Song Society of America. and shares reciprocity arrangements with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington and the Annapolis Traditional Dance Society.

Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public and members are encouraged to attend. Please call or email the president (see right-hand column). For more information on any BFMS event, call the Hotline at 410-366-0808, or visit our web site: www.bfms.org.

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