

Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

February 2012

Nine Hours of Dancing—and Chocolate Too!



The Baltimore Folk Music Society presents our annual valentine's celebration on Saturday, February 11. Admission for the whole event is \$20.00 for BFMS members and affiliates and \$24 for nonmembers. Under 21 and full-time students with ID is \$10 members and \$14 nonmembers. To attend one portion of the three portion event cost is \$9 BFMS Members & Affiliates, \$13 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: \$4 members, \$6 non-members. Beginners, singles, couples, and families are welcome. No Experience necessary. You don't need to bring a partner.

For more information call Becca at 301-606-7115 or email Becca at nutritionexpeditions @ yahoo.com. The dance is held at St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Road.

Caller and Hambo workshop instructors: **Ted Hodapp & Lynn Baumeister**Band: **Serpentine**: **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Charlie Pilzer** (piano and button accordion), **Leigh Pilzer** (soprano sax) and **Will Morrison** (drums).

First portion:

2 pm -3:15 pm Hambo workshop 3:15- 3:55 pm couple dancing

Second portion:

4:15 - 6:15 pm Advanced Contra Dance

Free: potluck from 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Third portion:

7:30-8:00 pm New Dancer Orientation and Style Points for the Seasoned Dancers 8:00 - 11:00 pm Evening Contra Dance 9:15-9:45 **Chocolate Extravaganza Contest!**



Ted Hodapp & Lynn Baumeister



Serpentine

Chocolate contest categories are:

Most unique AKA "special"

Most romantic AKA "sensual"

Judges Favorite AKA "most popular"

Best use of Chocolate "most euphoric"

Messiest AKA "gooiest"

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*

Lovely Lane United Methodist Church 2200 Saint Paul St. Baltimore 21218

Wednesday evenings, 8-10:30 pm New dancer session at 7:30 on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month Admission: \$13/\$9 for BFMS members & affiliates. Students \$6/\$4 for members.

Directions to Lovely Lane

From the north: take I-83 south to the 28th St./Druid Hill exit. Bear 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, exit onto S. Howard (downtown Baltimore), turn right onto Pratt. Left onto Charles, right onto 23rd Street. Use parking lots on either side of 23rd St. at Saint Paul. The church is on the right.

February 1

Greg Frock calls to **Donna Hébert** (fiddle) and **Max Cohen** (guitar).

February 8

Janine Smith calls to AP and the Banty Roosters -Andy Porter (fiddle), Mark Lynch (mandolin, uke), Art Abrams (Bass), and Joe Langley (guitar).

February 15

Andrea Nettleton calls to Waverley Station -David Knight (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano) and Ralph Gordon (bass).

February 22

Becca Denison calls to **Strings on Wings - Barb Schmid** (fiddle) and **Todd Clewell** (guitar and fiddle).

February 29

Perry Shafran calls to the Baltimore Open Band.

Fourth at Four StoryFolk*

Sunday, February 26, 4pm Towson Unitarian Universalist Church 1710 Dulaney Valley Road about 1 mile north of Beltway exit 27

The Fourth at Four Storyfolk is the most active storytelling group in the Baltimore area and is now an official BFMS event! Seasoned and fledgling storytellers meet to swap tales at 4 pm on the 4th Sunday of each month. This is an open, warm group of supportive storytellers, and listeners are always welcome. We also share potluck goodies at the break. Please call Diane at 410-321-8419 or Barbara at 410-252-1438 so that we don't inadvertently lock you out.

BFMS English Country Dance*

Saint Mark's on-the-Hill Parish Hall 1620 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville 21208 0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South

Monday evenings, 8-10:30 pm; New dancer session at 7:45 on the first Monday of the month Admission: \$11/\$8 for BFMS members & affiliates \$2 student discount

English Country Dancing – fun, flirty, elegant movement to live music. All dances are taught and walked through. For more info, contact Emily Aubrey at 410.433.4419 or engdance @ bfms.org

February 6

Rich Galloway calls to to Ben Hobbs (piano), Becky Ross (violin), and Robin Wilson (flute, concertina).

February 13

Carl Friedman calls to Liz Donaldson (piano), Jeff Steinberg (violin), and Karin Loya (cello).

February 20

Diane Schmit calls to **Judy Meyers** (piano), **Edie Stern** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (concertina and recorder).

February 27

Susan Taylor calls to Paul Oorts (strings), Dave Crandall (winds) and Jonathan Jensen (piano, ocarina, pennywhistle and miscellaneous).

BFMS Board Meeting*

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30pm.

Meetings are open to BFMS members, and all are encouraged to attend. Ice cream social follows meeting. For directions, agenda, and other information, please contact the President at: president @ bfms.org.

Hold the Date —Catoctin Weekend*

June 15-17, 2012 Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, MD

The Catoctin music and dance weekend getaway gives dancers and musicians of all ages a chance to attend a family -friendly weekend featuring folk music, crafts and dancing in a beautiful mountain setting. For information, contact Catoctin @ BFMS. org

Singing for Everyone:

Sunday, February 5, 2011 from 7 to 9 PM Homewood Friends Meeting House 3107 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21218

Everyone is welcome. Snacks are welcome, and will be confined to the Lunch room downstairs. You do not have to feed the parking meters. More info: scwarner @ hotmail.com

Ballroom Dancing ‡

Every Friday, 7:50 pm ROTC building at Johns Hopkins University

Waltz, rumba, tango and more. Always free. All are welcome. Goodies for snack time are welcome, too. For more info call Anne and Dave Greene at 410-599-3725 or email Anne: agreene @ all-systems.com, Dave: DGSG @ all-systems.com

International Folk Dancing‡

Saturdays, 7:30 - 10:30 pm, lessons in first hour Homewood Friends Meeting House, 3107 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21218

Dances from Europe, Israel and other countries of the Near and Middle East. Beginners welcome; no partner necessary. Admission \$2; first time free.

Al & Hildy Sanders 410-484-9392 (check answering machine message to confirm dancing is on) or Paul & Elise Kreiss 410-367-8194 (evenings & weekends) or pkreiss @ toadmail.com. Across Charles St. from Museum Drive (just east of Johns Hopkins). Enter down outside stairs from side porch. Call to arrange handicapped access.

Norwegian Dance & Potluck‡

Sunday, February 12, dancing 2 pm, potluck 6pm 6902 Sycamore Ave., Takoma Park 20912

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by foremost-in-US **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings--see https://linear.ncg. Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners & listeners welcome. No need to bring a partner. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare. 1 indoor cat.

Hosts Lynn Baumeister & Ted Hodapp's phone just in case: 301.270.1875. Info/dirs: http://MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny, pi @ xecu.net, 301.371.4312.

English Open Band Practice:

The Geud Band of Baltimore, a rehearsed open band for English Country Dancing, practices monthly and plays for Monday night English Dances every 2-3 months. Newcomers welcome. For information, contact Eileen Franch, at: franch @ verizon.net

Uptown Concerts at The Cellar Stage:

Faith Community United Methodist Church 5313 Harford Rd. Baltimore, MD 21214

Friday, February 3rd

BILL STAINES

Pam Cardullo Ortiz & Bob Ortiz open.

Tickets \$18.00 - Showtime 8:00 pm

Artist websites: www.acousticmusic.com/staines/

www.pamortizmusic.com

Friday, February 17th

SETH GLIER

Midway Fair opens.

Tickets \$15.00 - Showtime 8:00 pm

Artist website: www.sethglier.com; http://midwayfair.org

For tickets and information, call: 410-521-9099

www.uptownconcerts.com

Common Ground on the Hill Concert Series ‡

Baltimore Concert Series

Friday, February 3, 8 pm Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church 5200 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21212

Keeping the Blues Alive Award winner Lea Gilmore www.leagilmore.com

Westminster Concert Series

Saturday, February 4, 8 pm Carroll Arts Center 91 West Main St., Westminster, MD 21157

Multi-instrumentalist **Dom Flemons** of the Carolina Chocolate Drops www.carolinachocolatedrops.com/

General admission tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors over 65 and those 19 and younger, children 12 and younger get in free. To purchase by phone call Common Ground on the Hill at 410-857-2771. To order online visit www.commongroundonthehill.org. Tickets are sold at the gate as available.

Member-Sponsored Events & More

Uptown Concerts at Baldwin's Station:

7618 Main Street * Sykesville, MD 21784

Thursday, February 9th **SEAMUS KENNEDY** Tickets \$18.00 – Showtime 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 23rd THE SATYR HILL BAND Tickets \$15.00 – Showtime 8:00 pm

For tickets and reservations, call: 410-795-1041 www.uptownconcerts.com

Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club

Sunday, February 5, 2012, 2:30 pm to ~8pm

Scottish tunes learned by ear, then some learned with music, followed by potluck and jam session. For more information go to http://www.potomacvalleyscottishfiddle.org/

Perry Hall Folk Music Night

Saturday, February 25, 7:00-10:00 pm Perry Hall United Methodist Church 9515 Belair Rd., Baltimore, MD 21236

Admission is free, but donations are welcome. This is an "open mike" event. Featured Performer: **Percy Shaw** www.percyshaw.com

Info: http://www.perryhallumc.org/FolkMusicNight/ ndzimmer@comcast.net (Neil Zimmerman) 410-529-7176

Special Events

FSGW Midwinter Festival

Saturday, February 4 * noon-10:30 pm Takoma Park Middle School 7611 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD

Hooray! It's time for the FSGW Mini-Fest—Morris dancers and banjo pickers, contra dancers and fiddlers, balladeers and blues singers. Find your calendar and circle the date—with two all-day dance tracks, and seven workshop and performance sites, plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans—it'll be hot!!

Check the website for updates; performance grid available at http://fsgw.org/

photos/2012MiniFestPerformanceGridB&W.pdf

Chesapeake Dance Weekend

April 13-15, 2012 Edgewater, MD

The 30th Anniversary Chesapeake Dance Weekend features a dizzying array of dance styles (Contra, Square, English, Tap, Shim Sham, Body Percussion) to a dazzling array of musical styles (Crowfoot, Tractor Family, Steve Hickman & John Devine) with this stunning array of master dance leaders - Joseph Pimentel, Cis Hinkle, Matthew Olwell & Emily Oleson. Escape to a Dance Nirvana that is only 45 minutes away from DC, but worlds away from the ordinary. All sorts of Work Scholarships (a discount of \$50) are available and the Youth Discount is mighty substantial!

Visit www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org for details and online registration.

Other Local Dances

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society

Traditional American Contra and Square Dancing Saturday, February 18, 7-10 pm. Lesson 6:30 Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall 351 Dubois Road, Annapolis MD

David Giusti calls dances to the driving music of Leah Weiss, fiddle; Gary Wright, guitar; and Ahren Buchheister, bass).

Admission for dance, \$10, with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (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; or Ann Fallon, 410 268 0231, aefallon @ verizon.net. www.contradancers.com/atds

Galesville Community Dance

Galesville Memorial Hall —952 Galesville Road, Galesville MD (Near Annapolis)

NO DANCE in February. Event resumes in March!

http://communitysquaredance.wordpress.com/ More info: (301) 926-9142

Other Local Contra & Square Dances

FSGW Sunday Night Squares & Contras

Sundays, 7:30-10:30 pm, Beginner Workshop 7pm 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. www.fsgw.org

Feb 5 Ann Fallon with Sligo Creek Stompers

Feb 12 Tom Hinds with Taylor Among the Devils

Feb 19 Andrea Nettleton with Metro Gnomes

Feb 26 Perry Shafran with Gypsy Meltdown

Friday Night Dance

Fridays, 8:30-11:30. Beginners' workshop 7:30 Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MD

Weekly contra dances to live music. Admission \$9. www.fridaynightdance.org

February 3 — Scott Higgs calls to Sugar Beat with Elke Baker on fiddle, Susan Brandt on flute, and Marc Glickman on piano.

February 10 -- Frederick Park with the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band.

February 17 — Perry Shafran calls to Gypsy Meltdown: Kathy Kerr on fiddle and mandolin, Colleen Reed on flute and sax and Keith Gillis on guitar.

February 24 -- Kim Roberts calls to Waverley Station with Liz Donaldson on piano, David Knight on fiddle and Ralph Gordon on cello.

Shepherdstown Music and Dance Contra Dances

Saturday, February 4, 8 pm, Lesson 7:30 pm. War Memorial Building. German & King St. Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Frederick Park calls to Taylor Among the Devils.

All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Admission is \$10 adults, \$7 SMD members, \$4 dancers under 12 years old.

For information contact Becky at 876-2169 or see the web page at www.smad.us.

Frederick Contra Dance

Saturday, February 25, 8-11pm. Trinity School 6040 New Design Rd, Frederick MD 21703

Janine Smith calls the figures to the sweet music of Sugarbeat, featuring Elke Baker on fiddle; Susan Brandt on flute, and Marc Glickman on piano.

\$10, Students: \$5. Please check our website for details and directions: www.contradancers.com Contact person is Boe Walker at 301.694.6794.

Lancaster Traditional Society Contra Dance

Saturday, February 18 8-11 pm. Lesson at 7:15. St. John's Episcopal Church 321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA.

Dr. Twamley's Audio Snakes with **Mike Rovine** (fiddle), **Wes Steenson** (mandolin, banjo, guitar), and **Jill Smith** (piano). **Shane Knudsen** calling.

For information call Shane at (717) 538-5833 or visit our website at www.lancastercontra.org. \$8/\$5 students. Children 15 and younger FREE.

Arden Contra Dance

Sunday, February 5, 2-5 pm; lesson at 1:30 pm Arden Gild Hall 2126 The Highway, Arden, DE 19810

Larry Unger, Emily Schadd, and Brian Slattery, with calling by **Donna Hunt** \$11/\$10 for Arden Club members.

For more info: 302-478-7257 or http://www.ardenclub.org/

Locust Lane Contra Dance

2nd, 4th & 5th Fridays; 8-11pm; lesson 7:30 Christ the Savior Orthodox Church 5501 Locust Lane, Harrisburg PA 17109

Feb 10—April Blum calling to Fingerpyx

Feb 24—Karl Senseman and Terry Bachmann calling to the Contra Rebels

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

Other Local Dances

Elverson Contra Dance

Saturday, February 4,, 7:30 pm. Lesson 7 pm. Hillcrest Hall (Near Birdsboro, PA., directions on website)

Bob Isaacs calls to Raise the Roof

\$9/\$8 for members. Info: www.elversoncontra.org

Contra Sonic

Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM Artisphere—Arlington, VA

It's high energy, it's loud, and it's glow stick fueled! This month: The Return of J9 with dJ improper. \$8, \$6 students. More information at http://fsgw.org/

The Great American Square Dance Revival

Saint Stephens Church—1525 Newton St. NW, Washington DC (Columbia Heights Metro.)

NO DANCE in February. Event resumes in March! Info: visit www.dcsquaredance.com

FSGW Family Dance

Sunday, February 12, 3 pm. Glen Echo Town Hall Upstairs, Glen Echo, MD

Tom Hinds calls with Taylor Among the Devils. Admission \$5 for ages 4 and older. More information at fsgw.org

English Country Dances For Fun

Sunday, February 12 (Second Sundays) Lesson 2:30; Dancing 3:00-5:30 PM Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom Annex

This series is specifically geared toward new dancers and dancers of other dance forms. The material is thoroughly taught and the pace is merciful. Experienced dancers are also very welcome as good role models on the dance floor. All dances are taught and walked through. Admission price is \$10.

For more information, tel 703-992-0752. or see www.michaelbarraclough.com/ECD4FUN

FSGW English Country Dancing

Wednesdays 8-10:30pm Glen Echo Town Hall 6106 Harvard St. Glen Echo MD 20812

Feb 1 - Rich Galloway calls to Judy Kleppel (oboe), Susan Brandt (flute) and Liz Donaldson (piano).

Feb 8 - Anna Rain calls to Becky Ross (fiddle), David Giusti (recorders) and Liz Donaldson (piano).

Feb 15 - Stephanie Smith calls to Barbara Heitz (flute). Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina) and Melissa Running (piano).

Feb 22 - Open Mic Night for Callers: April Blum, Ann Fallon, Kappy Lanning and Laura Schultz - coordinated by Tom Spilsbury to music by Colleen Reed (flute), Jeff Steinberg (fiddle) and Liz Donaldson (piano).

Feb 29 - Melissa Running calls to David Knight (fiddle), Dan Gillespie (recorders) and Ralph Gordon (cello).

Sunday Afternoon Waltz

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812

> Feb 3 - Waltz Weavers Feb 19 - Taylor Among the Devils

Dance to a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Admission is \$10. No partner required.

The waltz lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour of beginner instruction and 15-minutes for an intermediate move. Dancing follows until 6 p.m.

For info: go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org, or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

Hot Society Sunday Afternoon Dance

Sunday, February 26, 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, rhumba, swing and more. No partner or experience necessary. Foxtrot lesson at 3:00. \$14.

Info: www.glenechopark.org and www.hotsociety.net.

Slow Blues and Swing Dancing

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23; 9-11 pm 45-minute beginner lesson at 8:15 pm The "Back Room", Glen Echo Park

DJ Mike Marcotte and guests. Dance slow blues and swing to incredible blues music. Admission \$8 for lesson and dance. For more information, call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231, or go to www.CapitalBlues.org.

Cajun/Zydeco Dances

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

Sunday, February 12

Nathan and the Zydeco ChaChas

Join us for a Zydeco dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. The 30-minute dance lesson given by Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro begins at 3 pm with dancing until 6pm. Admission \$18.

Tuesday, February 21

Ruthie and the Wranglers ~ Little Red and the Renegades Celebrate Mardi Gras with a Zydeco Dance in the Spanish Ballroom...complete with beads, door prizes, and Mardi Gras treats to eat! The 30-minute dance lesson given by Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro begins at 8 pm with dancing until 11pm. Admission \$15.

For more information, call Michael Hart at 301.762.6730 or visit www.DancingBytheBayou.com



J. Patrick's Second Sunday Ceili

Sunday, February 12, 4:30-8:30 J. Patrick's Irish Pub 1371 Andre Street in Locust Point, Baltimore MD

Music by J. Patrick's All-Stars. The incredible Marilyn Moore will be calling all the dances. Come out for a great afternoon of music and dance. Admission is still just \$5.

For more information, call 410-244-8613

Emerald Isle Club Monthly Ceili

Saturday, February 4, 7-11 pm American Legion Post 183 Hall 2301 Putty Hill Ave. Parkville, MD 21234

Irish music and dance. **Peter Fitzgerald** continues to present great music with the **J. Patrick's All Stars**, and **Marilyn Moore** continues to teach us how to dance.

Adult member \$15, adult non-member \$18. Children 7-17 are \$9, 6 and under are free. Family and senior discounts. Our ceilis are usually held the first Saturday of the month, October through May.

More info: http://www.emeraldisleclub.com/ceili1.html

CCE February Ceili

Saturday, February 11th, 7:30-10:30 pm Lesson 7-7:30 Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor's Center 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon, VA 20171

Music by the **Bog Wanderers Ceili Band and Friends** All dances called by **Marilyn Moore**

We invite you to dance (wear light weight clothing/flat shoes) or bring your instrument and join the Bog Wanderers. This is a "family friendly" event. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Wear Red or Pink and receive an extra door prize ticket!

Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor's Center (This is NOT where the barns are!) (703) 437-9101 for directions http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp/

CCE Members - \$12, Non-members-\$15 Special prices for students and families Information: 703-631-9179 Sponsored by The O'Neill-Malcom Branch Comhaltas

Ceoltoiri Eireann -www.ccepotomac.org

Concerts

Focus Music Rockville

Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville 100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville, MD 20850

Tuesday, Feb 14, 8 pm — Folk/Americana artists Siobhan Quinn and Michael Bowers, with special guest Chatham Street, in a Valentine's Day concert of husband-wife duos.

Tuesday, Feb 28, 8 pm — Folk/Americana artists **Danny** Schmidt and Carrie Elkin.

Tickets are \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance at www.focusmusic.org. For more information, contact David Spitzer at focusrockville @ earthlink.net or 301-275-7459.

Focus Music Alexandria

Sunday, February 19, 7 pm Church of the Resurrection 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311

Folk singer-songwriter Bob Franke.

Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at www.focusmusic.org. Info: 703-501-6061.

That same weekend, Franke will conduct a two-session **songwriting workshop**, also at Church of the Resurrection. (See listing under "Classes and Workshops")

Family AWESOME Concert Experience

Saturday, February 11 Two shows: 1 pm and 3 pm Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912



Consummate musicians and storytellers, **Kim and Reggie Harris** combine a strong folk and gospel legacy with a solid background in classical, rock, jazz and pop music.

www.kimandreggie.com

\$10 advance, \$12 door, multishow discount available.

INFO: call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org

Hanneke Cassel performs 2/22 at IMT Takoma Park ↓





↑ **Kevin Burke** performs 2/13 at IMT Rockville

Institute of Musical Traditions Concert Series

Monday, Feb 6 — Archie Fisher (Traditional Scottish Folk) 7:30 PM, IMT Rockville: St. Mark Presbyterian Church 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville, MD \$18 advance/\$22 door; students with ID \$14/\$18 www.myspace.com/archiefisher

Monday, Feb 13 — **Kevin Burke** (Irish Fiddle) 7:30 PM, IMT Rockville: St. Mark Presbyterian Church 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville, MD \$18 advance/\$22 door; students with ID \$14/\$18 www.kevinburke.com

Wednesday, Feb 22 — Hanneke Cassel (Scottish Fiddle) 7:30 PM, IMT Takoma Park: Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD \$18 advance/\$22 door; students with ID \$14/\$18 www.hannekecassel.com

Wednesday, Feb 29 — **Scott Alarik** concert & book reading (Folk musician/Folk Music Writer/Author) 7:30 PM, IMT Takoma Park: Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD \$14 advance/\$18 door; student with ID \$10/\$14

INFO: call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org

Mid-Atlantic Music Series

Saturday, February 18 Chesapeake Arts Center 194 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park, MD

"Country Bluegrass": Enjoy an evening with foot stomping bluegrass music by **Ray Owen**. Artist website: http://www.RayOwenMusic.com

Tickets are available for \$15 (\$12 CAC members). All tickets can be purchased by calling 410-636-6597 or visiting our website at www.chesapeakearts.org

Classes & Workshops

Upper Potomac Spring Music Weekend

Friday, March 16 -Sunday, March 18, 2012 Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV

The Spring Music Weekend combines an afternoon (Friday 1:30-5:00PM) and weekend (Saturday morning - Sunday noon) classes for hammered dulcimer (all levels offered, rental instruments available), mixed instrument repertoire and more with a variety of special guests.

This year's staff include: <u>Cindy Ribet</u>, <u>Patti Amelotte</u>, <u>Sam</u> Rizzetta, Andy Young, and Paul Oorts

For information see http://upmw.smad.us/dulcimerfest/ or call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf @ earthlink.net . Now payable by PayPal.

Bob Franke Songwriting Workshop

Saturday, February 18 1:30-4 pm Sunday, February 19, 2:00-4:30 pm Church of the Resurrection 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311

Franke begins Saturday afternoon with a talk about the songwriting process. He describes his approach to songwriting, and the tools and resources that he has found most useful. He then interviews each participant, asking about their individual issues in songwriting. Each person then is assigned a song to write. The group returns Sunday with their songs, and each one is performed and critiqued.

Cost for the two-day workshop is \$60 general, \$50 for members of Focus Music, Songwriters Association of Washington and Baltimore Songwriters Association. A \$10 discount will be applied if the registration fee is paid by Feb. 10 via www.focusmusic.org. (Call 703-501-6061 or email judyoliver1 @ verizon.net for workshop questions.)

Scandinavian Dance Classes

Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 7:30 - 9:30 pm NIH, Bethesda, MD

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Beginners learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn Springleik, Boda, Orsa, Föllinge, Finnskogspols, Nigpolska, Gammalvänster, Telespringar, and requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5.

Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, <u>lisa@HamboDC.org</u>, or www.HamboDC.org.

Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and the new Gateway Drive Visitor Entrance (south of South Dr., reachable ONLY from the north on Wisconsin Av.). Park there, or drive to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to Building T-39. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop. See map at HamboDC.org.

Common Ground on the Hill Winter-Spring Jam Classes

McDaniel College, Westminster MD Monday Evenings, Feb 6-March 26, 2012

Common Ground on the Hill is excited to offer winter-spring Jam Classes with instructor **Christopher James** during the "school year!" The total cost for eight group lessons is only \$160. These group classes are offered as a way to stay in good musical form and to get ready for the myriad of Tradition Weeks offerings at Common Ground on the Hill in July. Participants will have fun learning to play good music with other folks!

Join the Jam (Beginner level) Mondays, 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

What Can You Add to the Jam? (Intermediate level) Mondays, 7:30pm - 8:30pm

For full course descriptions, or to register for classes: www.commongroundonthehill.org/jam_classes.html email sarah @ commongroundonthehill.org, or call 410-857-2771