



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

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March 2009

BFMS Annual Meeting & Second Saturday Contra

Saturday, March 14

Potluck 6:30 pm

Annual Meeting 7:15 pm

Contra Dance 8 - 10:30 pm (New Dancer Orientation 7:35 pm)

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

This month, it's time again for the Annual State-of-the-Society meeting of the Baltimore Folk Music Society. All members are invited to join us to hear about the past year's activities, plans for the future, and so much more. Most important, it's time to nominate people to help run BFMS for the next year! Annual elections are only a month away, and this is your chance to suggest yourself or someone else as a board member. Board members serve a 13 month term from June 2009 to June 2010. Please take a look at the positions listed on page 9 of the newsletter and see if you are interested in one of them!

As an added enticement to attend this meeting, all BFMS members who attend the meeting will get into the Saturday night dance FREE. That's right -- FREE! You have to arrive by 7:20 pm to take advantage of this wonderful once-a-year offer, however!

After the meeting, **Susan Taylor** and **Looney Tunes** will create a evening of magical fun with a superb mix of zesty contras and squares. **Ken Kolodner**, fiddler and virtuoso hammered dulcimer player, will be a special guest. Ken joins Looney Tunes regulars **Lisa Roberts** on fiddle and banjo, **Tom Reedy** on guitar, and **Jim Bienemann** on bass. Come see why 9 out of 10 potato chip lovers have voted this dance the best way to spend National Potato Chip Day. Spring is around the corner - get your mind and spirit ready by dancing with us!

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.



The Family Dance and the Second Saturday dance are going to change leadership in the near future. Diane Friedman has done a fabulous job and we thank her for her tremendous devotion to our dance community. In an effort to turn this change into an opportunity, we want to allow supporters of the dance to be involved and direct the change as it is occurring. If you have ideas to make the dance better and would like to help with the planning, Contact Nan Lyon (days, 410-537-3325), Rebecca Denison (nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com) or Diana Kerns (evenings, 410-467-4771) or come to the March membership meeting for more information or to chat about the Saturday dances.

BFMS Sponsored Dances

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: engdance@bfms.org or www.bfms.org

March 2

Christopher Field calling to **Judy Meyers** on piano, **Emily Aubrey** on fiddle, and **Karin Loya** on cello.

March 9

New England caller **David Millstone** calls to **Liz Donaldson** on piano, **Becky Ross** on fiddle, and **Robin Wilson** on flute and concertina.

March 16

Liz Donaldson calls to **Jonathan Jensen** on piano and other instruments, **Paul Oorts** on mandolin and accordion, and **Marty Taylor** on concertina.

March 23

Tom Spilsbury calls to **Michael Friedman** on piano, **Carl Friedman** on fiddle, and **Robin Wilson** on flute and concertina.

March 30

Michael Barraclough calls to **Julie Gorka** on piano, **Walt Robinson** on recorders, and **Jeff Steinberg** on fiddle.

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: amdance@bfms.org or www.bfms.org

March 4

Dave Colestock calls with **BOB** -- that's right, it's the **Baltimore Open Band!**

March 11

David Millstone calls to music by **Cabaret Sauvignon**: **Andrea Hoag** on fiddle; **Karen Ashbrook** on hammered dulcimer and wooden flute; **Paul Oorts** on mandolin, accordion, banjo, and possibly even more; and **Dave Wiesler** on piano and guitar.

March 18

Michael Barraclough calls to **Some Assembly**: **Mary Corletta-Flora** on flute and sax. **Joe Klausner** on fiddle and mandolin, **Paul Miller** on guitar and bodhran, and **Donna Boylan** on piano.

March 25

David Giusti calls to local favorites **Mortal Wombat**: **Carl Friedman** on fiddle, **Robin Wilson** on flute and concertina, **Ralph Barthine** on guitar, and **Michael Friedman** on piano.

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.



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 and Member Sponsored Dances & More

BFMS Family Dance *

Saturday, January 10, 5 pm, potluck at 6:30

St Mark's, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville MD

The BFMS Family Dance is delighted to welcome back our local folk heroes **Susan Taylor** and **Looney Tunes**. The terrific old-timey sounds of **Looney Tunes** are **Lisa Roberts** on fiddle and banjo, **Jim Bienemann** on bass, and **Tom Reedy** on guitar. The band will be joined by guest fiddler and hammered dulcimer virtuoso **Ken Kolodner** of **Helicon** fame. Susan's clear and vivacious calling always magically infuses folks of all ages with a spirit of fun.

All ages are welcome! We love to see 3 generations having a terrific time together. Please join us for the pot luck dinner that follows the dance -- bring a dish to share.

Admission: \$5 members \$20 maximum member families, \$7 non-members \$28 maximum non-member families. Group discounts are available. No Experience necessary; you don't need to bring a partner.

For more information call the BFMS hotline at 410-366-0808 or Diane at 410-321-8419.

Fourth at Four Storyfolk *

Sunday, March 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 bellwoodey@prodigy.net; to RSVP, please contact Diane at 410-321-8419.

Baltimore Open Band Practice ‡

Sunday, March 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 susantaylor@greenbelt.com

English Open Band Practice ‡

Sunday, Date TBA, 4 - 6 pm

The Geud Band of Baltimore is a rehearsed open band for English dancing. Newcomers welcome. We play for a Monday Night English Country Dance every two or three months, so please join us! For information, contact Eileen Franch, 410-889-3252 or franch@juno.com.

The Friendly Coffeehouse *

Friday, March 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 leahu@earthlink.net; or check our website at www.friendlycoffeehouse.org on the day of the event for any last minute changes.

An Evening of Sea Chantey Singing‡

Saturday, March 21, 8 pm

Catonsville (see below for direction info)

An evening of Sea Chantey singing at the Catonsville home of Barbara and McGregor. Led by Don Stallone, a Montgomery County native who is recognized throughout the Washington, D.C. area as "The Chanteyman," and known for his powerful live performances of unaccompanied traditional song.

\$7.00 cover for the song leader. Participants may also lead songs. Bring snacks for the break.

Email for directions/details/reservations: svob@comcast.net

BFMS Board Meeting *

Tuesday, March 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).

BFMS & Member Sponsored Dances & More

Singing for Everyone‡

Sunday, March 1, 7 - 9 pm

12030 Tralee Rd, Unit 404, Lutherville-Timonium

Join us at the home of Linda Niederman for an evening of songs and company - all are welcome! Snacks are welcome. For more info or directions, please contact Susan Warner at scwarner@hotmail.com

Marjy Plant & Mark Brine House Concerts‡

Saturday, Mar 28, 7:30 pm; Sunday, Mar 29, 2 pm

Catonsville

Marjy Plant's voice is pure country with a style that ranges from sweet and poignant to downright sassy. Her compositions combine innovative lyrics with well-crafted tunes. Her influences include Willie Nelson and Brenda Lee. Emmylou Harris recorded her song, "Wheels of Love." www.marjyplant.com Mark Brine is known for his down-home brand of country, folk and blues. His creative compositions, amazing vocals and fine instrumentation have earned him two Grammy nominations and induction into the National Traditional Country Music Association Hall of Fame. www.markbrine.com. \$15 donation to the performers. For reservations & directions, call Lindsay 410-744-1288.

Spreading the word...

Let's start our own grassroots campaign. We have fresh new fliers that we need help distributing in the community to publicize the Wednesday night Lovely Lane Contradance. Pick some up at the next Wednesday night dance you attend. Haven't been in a while? Come out and warm yourself up on the dance floor! Need a few ideas on where to put the flyers? What about neighborhood bulletin boards in local restaurants, coffee shops, grocery stores, coops, vitamin shops or health food stores. Yes we can share our joys with others and make a difference in someone's life.

Aren't you glad that you started contradancing? What, you haven't tried contradancing yet? Come out and join us.

Rebecca Denison, Publicity Chair

Norwegian Dance & Potluck‡

Saturday, March 7, potluck 6:30 pm, dancing 8

6902 Sycamore 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. Hosts are Ted Hodapp and Lynn Baumeister, (301) 270-1875. 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 pkreiss@toadmail.net 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.

Dances of Universal Peace‡

Sunday, March 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

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

March 6

David Millstone calls to **Sugar Beat: Elke Baker** on fiddle, **Susan Brandt** on flute, and **Marc Glickman** on piano, guitar, and bodhran.

March 13

Laura Brown calls to the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**.

March 20

Jeff Petrovich calls to **Devine Comedy** with **John Devine** on guitar, **Marty Taylor** on flute, and **Steve Hickman** on fiddle.

March 27

TBA calls to **Mortal Wombat: Carl Friedman** on fiddle; **Robin Wilson** on flute and concertina; **Ralph Barthine** on guitar; and **Michael Friedman** on piano and French Canadian foot percussion.

Lancaster Contra Dance

Saturday, March 21, 8 to 11 pm

St. John's Episcopal, 321 W. Chestnut, Lancaster

Andrew Bishop calling to **Mortal Wombat**. Free waltz workshop 6:30 to 7:30 by **Karl Senseman**. Beginners' workshop at 7:15

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

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

March 13

David Giusti calling to **Herd O' Cats**.

March 27

Dan Black calling to **Black Bear Crossing**.

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

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

March 1

Anna Rain calls to **Giant Robot Dance: Andrew VanNordstrand** on fiddle, guitar; **Noah VanNordstrand** on fiddle, percussion; **Andrew Marcus** on accordion; **Aaron Marcus** on piano; **Michael Ferguson** on trombone, hammered dulcimer, digeridoo

March 8

David Millstone calls to **Rhythm Method String Band: Cathy Mason** on fiddle, **Dedo Norris** on bass, **Craig Edwards** on fiddle, and **Erica Weiss** on guitar.

March 15

Robbin Schaffer calls to the **Avant Gardeners**. Dance is free for FSGW members only, non-member prices for all others.

March 22

Jack Mitchell calls to **Mortal Wombat: Carl Friedman** on fiddle, **Michael Friedman** on piano, **Robin Wilson** on flute and concertina, **Ralph Barthine** on guitar.

March 29

Shawn Brenneman calls to **Notorious: Eden MacAdam-Somer** on fiddle and **Larry Unger** on guitar and banjo.

Frederick Contra Dance

Saturday, March 28, 8 pm (workshop 7 pm)

Trinity School, Frederick (by Harry Grove Stadium)

Michael Barraclough will call to the music of Baltimore's **Mortal Wombat** featuring **Carl Friedman**, fiddle; **Michael Friedman**, piano; **Ralph Barthine**, guitar; and **Robin Wilson**, flute. General-\$8; Students-\$5; 12 and under \$4. Info/directions: www.contradancers.com or call Boe Walker at 301-694-6794.

FSGW Family Dance

Sunday, March 8, 3 pm

Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St, Glen Echo

David Millstone calls dances for all ages to the music of **Rhythm Method String Band**. Admission \$5 for ages 4 and older. fsgw.org.

More Dances

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society Contra

Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m.; workshop 6:30

Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Road

Traditional American Contra and Square Dancing. Annapolis welcomes back **Devine Comedy** for another fun-filled evening. **DeLaura Padovan** will call dances to the music of **Devine Comedy** (**Steve Hickman**, fiddle; **John Devine**, guitar; **Marty Taylor**, concertina and whistles).

Admission \$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.

March 4

Dan Gillespie calls the dances while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina) and **Francine Krasowska** (piano) play the tunes

March 11

Michael Barraclough leads dancing to the music of **Becky Ross** and **Rhonda Hotop** (fiddles) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)

March 18

Anna Rain calls while **Colleen Reed** (flute), **Karin Loya** (cello) and **Julie Gorka** (piano) make the music

March 25

Diane Schmit calls to **Walter Robinson** (recorders), **Ralph Gordon** (cello) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)

Tea Dance

Sunday, March 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

March 1

Waltzing Stars

March 15

Avant Gardeners

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 www.WaltzTimeDances.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 (March 10 and 31), learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Some Hambo is done every time.

In the Advanced Class (March 3 and 17), learn dances from Boda, Orsa, Rättvick, Ragunda, and Föllinge, as well as Finnskogspols, Nigpolska, Gammalvånster, 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, lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org. Go to web site to get map for directions and parking! New entrance to NIH -- be sure to check web site for info!

Hot Squares Holiday Dance Party

Tuesday, March 17, 8:30 - 11 pm

Cherry Hill RV Park Conf Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd., College Park

Put on your shamrocks and other green apparel and join the Hot Square Babes for another rockin- holiday dance party! The **Hot Square Babes** will call squares to driving tunes played by **A. P. and the Banty Roosters**: **Andy Porter** on fiddle, **Joe Langley** on guitar, **Mark Lynch** on mandolin, and **Art Abrams** on bass.

Admission: \$8:00. Refreshments to share are welcome.

Info: 410-268-0231 or 301-947 2231 or <http://www.hotsquares.info/>

More Dances & Concerts

Zydeco Dance

Sunday, March 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 **Jesse Lege and Bayou Brew**. *March 28 dance info TBA - see website*. Admission is \$15. Info: Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or www.DancingbytheBayou.com.

Swing Dance

Friday, March 27, 9 - midnight (lesson at 8 pm)

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park

Hour lesson by Mike Marcotte and Donna Barker. Music by **Boilermaker Jazz Band**. Admission \$13, all net proceeds benefit Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture. For more information, call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to www.DanceDC.com.

Slow Blues & Swing Dance

Sunday, March 29, 8:30 - 11 pm (lesson 7 - 8:30)

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park

Dance Slow Blues to the fabulous music of **Big Boy Little**. \$17 for workshop and dance; \$12 for dance only. For more information, call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to www.DanceDC.com.

Greater Washington Ceili Club Monthly Ceili

Sunday, March 15, 4 - 9 pm

Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9700 Cherry Hill Road, College Park (Entrance Code: 76000)

Music by Bog Wanderers Ceili Band. 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>

Potluck and Dance 2Nite!

Saturday, March 28, 7 pm (potluck before)

Galesville Mem. Hall, 952 Galesville Rd, Galesville

Potluck Dinner 5:45 -7 pm. Dance 7-10 pm. Live music by **Leah Weiss, Gary Wright & Friends**. Squares, longways sets, and circle dances called by **Janine Smith**. No partner, experience, or lessons necessary. ALL AGES WELCOME. Adults:\$10, Ages 10-18 \$5, Under 10 FREE. Call (301) 926-9142 for more info/questions.

Shepherdstown Contra Dance

Saturday, March 7, 8 pm; workshop 7:30 pm

War Memorial Building, Shepherdstown WV

Michael Barraclough calls lively squares and contras to the **Rhythm Method String Band** with **Cathy Mason** on fiddle, **Craig Edwards** on fiddle, banjo, accordion and guitar and **Erica Weiss** on guitar. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes. Potluck snacks at the break. Admission is \$10 adults, \$7 members, \$4 dancing kids under 12. For more information, check the web page at www.smad.us or call Becky at (304) 876-2169. Located at corner of King & German Streets.

Concerts

Perry Hall Folk Music Night

Saturday, March 7, 7 - 10 pm

Perry Hall UMC, 9515 Belair Rd., Baltimore

Featured Performer: Uncle John Sawbriar <http://www.soundclick.com/unclejohnsawbriar> Admission free, donations welcome. This is an "open mike" event. For more information, see www.perryhallumc.org or contact ndzimmer@comcast.net or 410-529-7176.

Uptown Concerts at Cellar Stage

Fridays, 8 pm (doors open 7 pm)

Faith Community United Methodist Church of Hamilton, 5315 Harford Rd, Baltimore

March 6: John Gorka, Bob Zarella opens \$22.50

March 13: Bob Gibson Legacy Show with **The-Fare-Thee-Wells** \$17

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

Post-St Patty's Day Open Mic

Saturday, March 28, 7:30 pm (sign-up starts at 7)

UU Fallston, 1127 Old Fallston Rd, Fallston

Just because St. Patty's Day is over, the Celtic and Irish Music don't have to stop! Come enjoy Irish (and other) music with us at our 3rd Annual St. Patty's day themes open mic. John Seay to open with his Irish selections. uufallstonmusic@yahoo.com for questions.

Concerts, Workshops, Camps, & More

New Southern Cowtippers

Friday, March 27, 8 pm

Oakland Mansion, 5430 Vantage Point, Columbia

Sandy Hofferth, Howard Zane, and friends will entertain with an evening of old-time traditional songs and tunes on fiddle, banjo, and guitar. Free. Dessert and coffee served. 410-730-4744 or 410-730-1036; www.newsoutherncovertippers.com.

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.

Old World/New World Dulcimer Concert

Saturday, March 21, 8 pm

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, King & Washington Sts, Shepherdstown WV

Dulcemelos (from Querétaro, Mexico) travels back through time to its roots in the music of the Spanish aristocracy who brought the salterio (dulcimer) to Mexico in the 16th century and play traditional folk tunes, salon and chamber music and classical pieces from several centuries on salterio (plucked dulcimer) and piano. They are joined by the **Ensemble Tympanon**, featuring **Karen Ashbrook, Paul Oorts** and **Nick Blanton**, whose French repertoire ranges from lively peasant dances to courtly chamber pieces, from Provencal pipe tunes to Parisian café waltzes on a wide variety of instruments including hammered dulcimers, harp guitar, mandolin, bouzouki, bagpipes, musette accordion, flute, galoubet, tambour de Bearne and more. Admission is \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 SMD members, and \$8 for students. For more information call Joanie at (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net, on the web at www.smad.us.

Upper Potomac Spring Music Weekend

March 20 - 22

Shepherdstown, WV

Weekend music workshops for hammered dulcimer, fiddle and mixed instruments with **Dulcemelos** (from Querétaro, Mexico), **Ensemble Tympanon**, with **Karen Ashbrook, Paul Oorts** and **Nick Blanton**, plus **Christie Burns** and **Ken Kolodner**. All classes are held in Shepherd University campus center and surrounding historic buildings. Advance Registration is highly recommended. For more information see the webpage at www.dulcimerfest.org, call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net.

GWCC Spring Fling Weekend

March 27 - 29

Shepherdstown, WV

Friday, March 27 - Sunday, March 29, 2009

Friday and Saturday night ceilis (mostly Irish country sets) and workshops at the War Memorial Bldg. - German & King Sts. Band for Friday night is Custom House. Band for Saturday night is Dave Abe, Billy McComiskey, Zan McCloud, & Myron Bretholz. Pre-purchase event package is \$60/person (deadline is March 13). A la Carte prices available for individual events. Jim Keenan will teach the workshops. Group rate of \$89 + tax (GWCC Weekend) at the Clarion Hotel (304 876-7000). Contact Dixie Baker for additional information at 301 294-3568 or go to www.gwcc-online.org.

Camps & Weekend Events

Almost Heaven Dance Camp

Friday, May 22-Monday, May 25, 2008

Timber Ridge Camp, High View, WV

You're invited to another exciting weekend that is always enjoyable for families and adults. Almost Heaven Dance Camp, Memorial Day weekend, features Swallowtail, the Groovemongers and Fiddlestyx. Robert Cromartie, Gaye Fifer, and George Marshall will call contras and more. The dancing program will include contra, swing, tango, waltz, and other couples dances. The weekend also features children's and family activities, swimming in the Olympic-size pool, late-night parties. We are located at Timber Ridge Camp where the Cacapon River flows. Further information, including registration materials, can be found at www.contradancers.com. Contact Marti Schweitzer, registrar, at almostmarti@gmail.com or 703-437-0766 with questions.

CDSS Music and Dance Week

August 16 - 23

Timber Ridge, WV

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/timberidge.html>.

Baltimore Folk Music Society

Membership Application

Today's Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____
 E-mail: _____

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 Do not list my: Name Address Phone E-mail
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1 Singing/Everyone 4 FSGW Contra 5 Glen Echo Waltz 6	2 English Dance 2	3 Board Meeting 3 Scandinavian Dance 6	4 Contra Dance 2 FSGW English 6	5	6 Ballroom Dance 4 Glen Echo Contra 5 Cellar Stage 7	7 Norwegian Dance 4 Internat'l Dance 4 Shprdstwn Contra 7 Perry Hall Coffeehs 7
8 Open Band 3 Dance of Peace 4 FSGW Contra 5 FSGW FamDance 5 Zydeco Dance 7	9 English Dance 2	10 Scandinavian Dance 6	11 Contra Dance 2 FSGW English 6	12	13 Friendly Coffeehouse 3 Ballroom Dance 4 Glen Echo Contra 5 Locust Lane Contra 5 Cellar Stage 7	14 Annual Meeting 1 Family Dance 3 Contra Dance 1 Internat'l Dance 4
15 FSGW Contra 5 Glen Echo Waltz 6 GWCC Ceili 7	16 English Dance 2	17 Scandinavian Dance 6 Hot Squares 6	18 Contra Dance 2 FSGW English 6	19	20 Ballroom Dance 4 Glen Echo Contra 5 Upper Potomac Wknd 8	21 Internat'l Dance 4 Sea Chantey Sing 3 Lancaster Contra 5 ATDS Contra 6 Upper Potomac Wknd 8
22 4th at 4 Storyfolk 3 FSGW Contra 5 Tea Dance 6 Upper Potomac Wknd 8	23 English Dance 2	24	25 Contra Dance 2 FSGW English 6	26	27 Ballroom Dance 4 Glen Echo Contra 5 Locust Lane Contra 5 Swing Dance 7 New Cow Tipplers 8 GWCC Weekend 8	28 House Concert 4 Internat'l Dance 4 Frederick Contra 5 Dance 2Night 7 Fallston Open Mic 7 GWCC Weekend 8
29 House Concert 4 FSGW Contra 5 Swing & Blues 7 GWCC Weekend 8	30 English Dance 2	31 Scandinavian Dance 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>BFMS and member sponsored events are in boldface. See page numbers for details on events.</p> </div>			