



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

www.bfms.org

May 2011

Catoctin Mountain Music & Dance Weekend *

Friday June 17 - Sunday June 19

Camp Misty Mount, Thurmont, MD

See enclosed flier for pricing and details

Join us for the twenty-sixth annual Spring Catoctin Weekend! Music, dancing, workshops, hiking, swimming, great food, and more! Bring the whole family! It's a great way to celebrate the start of summer.



The best part off the Catoctin Weekend is the people who attend -- they bring so much energy and so many fun and exciting ideas each year. We'd love it if YOU were one of those people!

Please note that this is the only Catoctin Weekend this year, so register early! Contact the Catoctin Committee if you'd like to run a workshop!

BFMS Newsletter is going electronic!

<http://www.bfms.org/newsletter.php>

Time marches on.

After 35 years of continuous print publication, exciting changes are coming to your newsletter.

To provide better and timely information to our members, and to reduce costs, which have been running more than TEN thousand dollars per year to print and publish the newsletter, we have decided to move the newsletter online.

All of the content to which you have become familiar will be available: the calendar (printable, of course) and the upcoming events. You'll also gets pictures and links to local events of interest and expanded articles.

Please contact us through the BFMS hotline at 1-888-646-2367 or e-mail us at vicepres@bfms.org with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

If you haven't let us know your electronic contact information (or you are concerned our information might be outdated) , please send your current information to our membership chair at membership@bfms.org.

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 session begins promptly at 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: \$11/\$8 for BFMS members & affiliates. Info: engdance@bfms.org or www.bfms.org

May 2

Rich Galloway calls with music by **Dave Crandall** on flute and sax, **Paul Oorts** on strings and accordion, and **Liz Donaldson** on piano.

May 9

Tom Spilsbury calls with music by **Emily Aubrey** on violin, **Karin Loya** on cello, and **Judy Meyers** on piano.

May 16

Nikki Herbst calls with **Becky Ross** on violin, **Robin Wilson** on flute and concertina, and **Melissa Running** on piano.

May 23

Michael Barraclough calls with music by **Carl Friedman** on violin, **Marty Taylor** on recorders and concertina, and **Jonathan Jensen** on piano and more.

May 30

Diane Schmit calls with music by **Jeff Steinberg** on violin, **Marty Taylor** on recorders and concertina, and **Judy Meyers** on piano.



English Open Band Practice‡

Sunday, 4 - 6 pm, date TBA

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, 410-889-3252 or franch@verizon.net



BFMS Board Meeting *

Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 pm

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 9).

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. Dances taught and walked through. No partner necessary. New dancers always welcome. Admission: \$13/\$9 BFMS members/affiliates. Full-time students \$6/\$4. Snacks for the break are welcome.

May 4

Michael Barraclough calls to **Rocket Surgery: Carl Friedman** on fiddle; **Andrew Marcus** on accordion, and **Ralph Barthine** on guitar.

May 11

David Giusti calls to **Terpsichore: Elke Baker** on fiddle, **Ralph Gordon** on bass, and **Liz Donaldson** on piano.

May 18

Brian Hamshar calls to **Sugar Beat: Elke Baker** on fiddle, **Susan Brandt** on flute, and **Marc Glickman** on piano.

May 25

Kim Forry calls to **Ladies on the Parlor: Barb Schmid** on fiddle, **Suzanne Gates** on bass, **Freya Qualley** on guitar, and **Sharon Sacks** on banjo.

Directions to Lovely Lane

From the North: Take I-83 south to the 28th Street/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 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

Challenging Contras for Experienced Dancers*

Saturday May 21, 8 - 11 pm

Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St.

Join us for an evening of exciting dancing featuring the music of **SWALLOWTAIL!**

What does 'experienced' mean? It means:

- You know how to do a roll away, California twirl, pass through to a wave, contra corners, and the basic moves without being taught
- You know where to be at the start of each dance phrase and how to recover from a lapse
- You assist your partner and neighbor to the next move
- You execute flourishes safely and on time without disturbing others

Admission: \$12 BFMS Members, \$16 others.

For more information call Becca at 301-606-7115 or email Becca at nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com.

For out-of-towners who want to make a weekend of it and stay for FSGW's Contrastock the next day, housing with local dancers may be arranged. Contact Ed Vandenbosche at edvih@yahoo.com or 443-846-4748

BFMS Second Saturday Contra Dance *

Saturday, May 14, 8 - 11 pm;

New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm

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

Becca Denison calls to music by **Audio Snakes: Mike Rovine** on fiddle, **Paul Oorts** on mandolin, **Jill Smith** on piano, and **Celia Wyckoff** on bass.

Admission: \$9 BFMS members and 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 the BFMS hotline at 1-888-646-BFMS or email Becca Denison at nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com.

Sandy Spring Ballroom Dancing‡

Mondays, 7:30 - 10 pm

17801 Meetinghouse Rd, Sandy Spring

Free ballroom dancing and lessons. Beginners and advanced welcome. Contact Dave & Anne Greene: DGreene@All-Systems.com or 301-570-3283.

The Friendly Coffeehouse *

Friday, May 13, 8 - 11 pm

Calvary Baptist, 120 W Pennsylvania Ave., Towson

The Friendly Coffeehouse Open Mic takes place on Second Fridays each month at 8 pm. We offer a friendly, supportive atmosphere for acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and other folkies.

Please visit the Coffeehouse website at www.friendlycoffeehouse.org to stay up to date on all Friendly Coffeehouse news. If you are interested in being a featured act, please contact friendlycoffeehouse@gmail.com.

Fourth at Four Storyfolk *

Sunday, May 22, 4 pm

Towson Unitarian Universal Church, 1700 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson

Storytellers and story enthusiasts get together to swap stories and performance ideas each month. 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, contact Barbara Woodey at 410-252-1438 or bellwoodey@gmail.com; to RSVP, please contact Diane at 410-321-8419.

Baltimore Open Band Practice ‡

Sunday, May 8, 4 to 6 pm

This group is a community gem whose members usually meet on the second Sunday of each month in Catonsville - note change this month. All ages, instruments, and levels are truly welcome. For more info, contact McGregor Yatsevitch 443-840-9339.

Ballroom Dancing & Lessons‡

Fridays, 8 pm

JHU ROTC Building

Waltz, rumba, tango & more! Our 18th year; always free! From 39th St & University Pkwy go south onto San Martin Drive; take 3rd left into campus. Climb wooden stairs, far side of building. Don't pay to park. No partner needed. Plan to change partners often (not required). For info contact Dave/Anne Greene 410 599-3725.

BFMS & Member Sponsored Events

Singing for Everyone‡

Sunday, May 1, 7 - 9 pm

Homewood Friends Meetinghouse, 3107 N Charles

An evening of songs and company - all welcome! Snacks welcome but confined to the lunch room downstairs. Free on-street parking. For more info, contact Susan Warner at scwarner@hotmail.com

Sacred Harp Sing‡

Sunday, May 15, 4 pm

Sandy Spring, MD

Everyone is invited to sing Sacred Harp on the third Sunday of each month at the school building behind the Community House located at 17801 Meetinghouse Road. Pot luck supper follows. Contact Dave Greene: DGreene@All-Systems.com or 410-599-3725 or 301-570-3283.

The Third Annual Spring Story Thing‡

Thursday, May 12, 7 pm pm

Towson Library Wilson Room, 320 York Rd, Towson

"Between Workbench and Spotlight." Baltimore storytellers will be testing fresh material, works-in-progress and invite you to come, to watch, listen, and — if you're not too shy — speak up afterwards to offer helpful feedback. Audience members younger than 15 might not connect with the presentations. Your only cost will be parking. Any questions, please send to stories@stremba.us.

Is the Recession Cramping Your BFMS Participation?

Some BFMS members have reduced their attendance at BFMS events because the recession has reduced their income. Members who find themselves in this situation can come to our events at the student rate (e.g., the Wednesday contra dance would be \$4 rather than \$9). Contact Jan Caughlin, BFMS president, or Quintin Aspin, BFMS vice president if you are interested in these special rates. You can also get reduced admissions to the Wednesday contra dance as a gate volunteer. Contact Rich Pressman to volunteer for the Wednesday gate. Contact information for Jan, Quintin, and Rich is on the inside back cover of the newsletter.

International Folk Dancing‡

Saturdays, 7:30-10:30 pm

Homewood Friends Meetinghouse, 3107 N. Charles

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 the first hour. 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.

Other Local Dances

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society Contra

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

Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Road

Strings on Wings (Barb Schmidt, fiddle; Todd Clewell, guitar) will play driving tunes for dances called by the **Hometown Girls: Kappy Laning, Kim Forry and Ann Fallon**. Admission \$10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of ATDS. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. Snacks to share are welcome!

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

Locust Lane Contra Dance

2nd & 4th Friday, 8 - 11 pm, Free workshop at 7:30

Christ the Savior, 5501 Locust Lane, Harrisburg PA

May 13

Sargon deJesus and Streak o' Phat.

May 27

Karl Senseman with Strings on Wings.

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

Arden Contra Dance

Sunday, May 1, 2 - 5 pm; lesson at 1:30 pm

Arden Guild Hall, Arden, DE

Rick Moore calls with music by **The Gooseberries**. \$10. For info: (302) 478-7257 or <http://home.sprynet.com/~rbrat>

Other Dances

Friday Night Dancers

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

Weekly contra dances to live music in the Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom. Admission \$9. www.fridaynightdance.org

May 6

Woody Lane calls to **Magic Foot**.

May 13

Perry Shafran calls to the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**. Dancers 17 and under get in free.

May 20

George Marshall & Tim van Egmond call to **Swallowtail**.

May 27

Diane Silver calls to **Avant Gardeners**.

FSGW Sunday Night Squares & Contras

Sundays, 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Beginner Workshop 7 pm
Bumper Car Pavilion, 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

May 1

Frederick Park calls to **Terpsichore**.

May 8

Anna Rain calls with **Morning Star**.

May 15

Ridge Kennedy calls with **Rumpus**.

May 22

CONTRASTOCK! See separate listing.

May 29

Will Martin calls with **Floorplay**.

Contrastock

Sunday, May 22, 1 - 11 pm

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

Ten hours of dancing, three great bands! **Swallowtail**, **Giant Robot Dance**, **Perpetual e-Motion**. Callers **George Marshall**, **Tim van Egmond**, **Nils Fredland**, and **Will Mentor**. Evening features an all-band jam. Full schedule and ticket pre-order info at www.fsgw.org Tickets \$30 / \$20 age 17 and under.

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.

May 4

Melissa Running leads the dances while **Dan Gillespie**, **Jeff Steinberg**, and **Liz Donaldson** play the tunes.

May 11

Anna Rain calls to the music of **Becky Ross**, **Susan Brandt**, and **Melissa Running**.

May 18

Diane Schmit calls while **Barbara Heitz**, **Ralph Gordon**, and **Liz Donaldson** make the music.

May 25

Michael Barraclough calls to the playing of **David Knight**, **Colleen Reed**, and **Liz Donaldson**.

Washington Spring Ball

Saturday, May 14, reception 7, dancing 7:30 - 11:30
Cherry Hill RV Park Convention Center

Evening music by **Paul Friedman** on fiddle, **Jody Kruskal** on concertina, and **Liz Donaldson** on piano. Practice session 2 - 4 pm, same location. Registration and info at www.fsgw.org

Lancaster Contra Dance

Saturday, May 21, 7 - 10 pm, potluck 5:30 pm

Lancaster County Park, Pavilion 11, Lancaster PA

Sargon deJesus calls to music by **Contranella**: **Megan Beller** on fiddle, **Joe Wobus** on piano, and **Charley Beller** on percussion. Beginners workshop at 6:15 pm. \$8/\$5. For information call **Shane** at (717) 538-5833 or www.lancastercontra.org.

Slow Blues and Swing Dancing and Lesson

Thursdays, 9 - 11 pm; 8:30 lesson

“Back Room” at Glen Echo Park

Music by DJ Mike Marcotte & guests. Admission \$8 for lesson and dance. For more information, call **Donna Barker** at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.capitalblues.org.

More Dances

ContraSonic - Crossover Contra

Tuesday, May 17, 8 - 11, lesson at 7:30 pm
Artisphere, Arlington VA

Will Mentor calls, **dj improper** throws tracks. It's loud, it's fast, it's glowstick fueled! Dosido to Daft Punk, Allemande to Asterix, Gypsy to Lady Gaga, California Twirl to Ke\$ha, Swing your partner to Sean Kingston! \$6.00 for youth and students, \$8.00 for all others. fsgw.org

Scandinavian Dance Classes

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

Beginners (May 24 & 31) learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced Class (May 17, 24, & 31): learn Boda, Orsa, Föllinge, Gothenburg Mazurka, Finnskogspols, Nigpolska, Gammalvånster, Telespringar, and requests. Sometimes live 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!

The Great American Square Dance Revival

Saturday, May 7, 8:30 - 11:30 pm
St Stephen's, 1525 Newton St NW, Washington DC

Come on down and get your hoedown on! FSGW's new DC Square Dance Collective presents a traditional Appalachian square dance featuring great callers and rockin' live old-time music by some of the DC area's most talented musicians. **Michael Ismerio** from Bloomington, Indiana, calls the figures with a band lead by fiddler **Christina Wensel**. All are welcome -- young and old, brand new and experienced dancers. No partner, lessons, or costume needed. Near the Columbia Heights Metro. \$5 at the door. This event is funded in part by the Outreach Fund of the Country Dance and Song Society. More info: Visit our Facebook page **DC Square Dance Collective** or **Gabe Popkin: 859.619.4769, gpopkin@gmail.com**

FSGW Family Dance

Sunday, May 8, 3 pm - 5 pm
Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park, MD

Dances for children of all ages done with live music. **Anna Rain** calls with music by **Morning Star**. Admission \$5 for ages 4 and older. fsgw.org.

Shepherdstown Contra Dance

Saturday, May 7, 8 - 11 pm; workshop 7:30
War Memorial Building, Shepherdstown

Anna Rain with **Morning Star**. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Adults \$10, SMD members \$7, \$4 dancers under 12. www.smad.us See listing under festivals for info about daytime activities as well!

Glen Echo Afternoon Waltz

Sundays, 3 pm lesson, 3:30 - 6 dancing.
Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

May 15
Waverly Station

May 29
Taylor Among the Devils

Lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. No partner required. \$10. For info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org, info@WaltzTimeDances.org, or call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

Tea Dance Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, May 29, 3:30-6 pm, lesson 3 pm
Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MD

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/experience necessary. \$12 www.glenechopark.org or www.hotsociety.net

Sunday Blues in the Back Room

Sunday, May 29, 8:30 - 11 pm; lesson 7 - 8:30
Back Room, Glen Echo Park, MD

Dance slow blues and swing to music by **Jamie Lynch Band**. Cost: \$17 for the workshop and dance; or \$12 for the dance only.

For more information, call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DanceDC.net.

Concerts

Blues & Soul Fusion Dance Party

Friday, April 8, 9 - midnight; lesson 8 pm

Back Room, Glen Echo Park, MD

Dance to Blues, Soul, and R&B music for slow & fast Swing and Slow Blues, Bop, and 2-Step, music provided by DJ Mike Ken Roesel. Admission is \$10 before 9 pm and \$8 after. \$2 discount for F/T under-grad students with school ID. No partner required. For more information visit <http://www.dancebuddies.com/AllThingsBlues.htm> or contact Ken 703.282.4187 or at DanceBuddies@Starpower.net.

Cajun Dance

Sunday, May 8, 3:30 - 6 pm; lesson at 3

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park

Music by **Savoy Family Band**. Admission is \$20. No partner required. For more information call Michael Hart at 301.762.6730 or go to www.DancingbytheBayou.com.

Swing Dance

Friday, May 27, 9 - midnight; lesson 8 pm

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park, MD

Music by **Boilermaker Jazz Band**. Admission is \$15. 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.net.

Singers Wanted!!!

DO YOU SING Rhythm n Blues? Opera? Hiphop? Bebop? Gospel? Folk? Jazz? Reggae? Old time? Ska? Choral music? For your own pleasure?

Whatever your style, whatever your preference, you're welcome! We invite all singers in, around, and beyond Baltimore to join the **ONE VOICE COMMUNITY CHORUS**. Created as a musical celebration of community and a rousing finale to ROOTS Fest 2011, One Voice Community Chorus seeks to bring together singers from diverse styles, backgrounds, and abilities.

- **Kick-off Rehearsal/Workshop:** Friday, May 13 (Time/place TBA)
- **Festival Rehearsals:** June 23, 24, 25 (Time/place TBA)
- **Performance -** Sunday, June 26, 5 pm. Finale of ROOTS Fest 2011

For more info: Tony Winston (410) 963-5123 starchristmusic@yahoo.com; Elise Witt (404) 297-8398 emworld@mindspring.com

Perry Hall Folk Music Night

Saturday, May 14, 7 - 10 pm

Perry Hall UMC, 9515 Belair Rd., Baltimore

Featured performer **Terry Gourley & Tobias Hurwitz** <http://www.terrygourley.net/> 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 Baldwin's Station

Thursdays, 8 pm (dining room opens 6:30)

7618 Main Street, Sykesville

May 12: **Vance Gilbert**. \$20

May 19: **Woods Tea Company** \$17

May 26: **Ken & Brad Kolodner** \$20

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

Midway Fair

Saturday, May 21, 7 - 10 pm

Teavolve Cafe, 1401 Alice Anna St., Baltimore

Midway Fair, a folk rock band based in Baltimore that fuses British and American traditional styles with indie rock, will be joined by the Acacia Sears Band, Woody Lissauer, and other guests. All ages, no cover. For more information: www.MidwayFair.org or 443-854-6058.

Leon Morris & Orrin Star

Saturday May 14, 8 pm

Accotink UU, 10125 Lakehave Ct, Burke, VA

Doors open 7 pm. \$15. For advance tickets: administrator@accotinkuuc.org. For info: www.orrinstar.com

Workshops

Rhythm Mandolin Workshop with Orrin Star

Saturday May 7, Noon - 2:15 pm

Takoma Park, MD

Rhythm is a vital yet understudied aspect of mandolin playing. This workshop will take you on a rhythm tour—from bluegrass ‘chopping’ to accompanying a fiddler or singer with open chords, playing a reggae tune to doing a country shuffle. House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave., 301-270-9090 or lessons@hmtrad.com. \$50 fee, limited to 10 participants. More info at <http://orrinstar.com>

SummerTunes 2011

Saturday, July 23

Frederick, MD

Come to **SummerTunes 2011** for an all-day music workshop / rehearsal with fiddler **Alexander Mitchell** and pianist **Liz Donaldson** and play that evening for the Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council (MMFAC) contra dance in Frederick, Md., with caller **Ann Fallon**. Music is available in advance and all instruments are welcome. Information: <http://www.contradancers.com/mmfac/>, or contact Liz Donaldson - liz@us.net or (301) 986-1291 or Alex Mitchell - Fiddlemuse@yahoo.com or (240) 344-7806.

Weekends & Special Events

Almost Heaven Dance Weekend

May 27 - 30

Timber Ridge, WV

A Long Weekend of Contra, Swing, Waltz and More. Featuring **Swallowtail**, **The Syncopaths**, and **The Avant Gardners**. Callers: **Diane Silver**, **Seth Tepfer**, **George Marshall** and **Tim VanEgmond**. Dance workshops with **Ellen Engle**, **Marc Shepanek**, **Gaye Fifer**, and **Wayne Albright**.

Singles, Couples, and Families are all welcome. www.contradancers.com/heaven for details and registration.

Weekends & Special Events

Shepherdstown May Celebration

Saturday, May 7

Shepherdstown, WV

Shepherdstown Music and Dance and Shepherdstown Morris invite you to celebrate the magic of a traditional English May on Saturday, May 7. The day's big event starts with a processional parade down German Street with the Maypole by musicians, morris dancers, mythical figures, may dancers, costumed people, floats, wagons and other (non-motorized) celebratory vehicles to the Rumsey Monument Park. There, all will be invited to join in the revelry of country dancing, maypole dancing, and singing; as well as watching performances of morris dancing, mummers play, spring dances and other related revelry. For a full schedule, see www.smad.us/mayday or email updf@earthlink.net.

Alaskan Square and Contra Dance Cruise

September 11 - 18

Seattle, WA

Join us for a 7 day Alaskan Explorer square and contra dance cruise. Sails round-trip from Seattle, Washington on Holland America's ms Oosterdam. Ports include Glacier Bay, Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan and Victoria, B.C. Modern Western Squares called by **Deborah Carroll-Jones**, **Jon Jones** and **Jack Pladdys**. Contra dances called to traditional and alternative recorded music by **Eva Murray**. For more information call Eva Murray at 301-761-1011 or visit www.ReSashay.com/contradancecruise. To register call Malloy Brown at 877-314-8870. Space is limited.

Norwegian Spring Springar Spree

Friday April 29 - Sunday May 1

Fri & Sun: 6807 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park

Sat: Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St., NW, DC

Attend all or part and Share the Joy of Springar! Springars are Norwegian dances to addictive uneven-3-beat music played on the Hardanger fiddle, which has sympathetic strings--see www.hfaa.org. Dance classes & parties, Hardanger fiddle classes & jamming. Dance classes will be good for all levels. Featuring Telespringar dance class by Norwegian master teacher **Karin Brennesvik**. Valdrespringar dance review class by **Bruce Emery**. Plus a fun Setesdalgangar session (easy dance). All live music by foremost US fiddler **Loretta Kelley** and special guest fiddler. Beginners & part-timers welcome, no need to bring partner. Comfortable price. Details: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or Jenny Foster, pi@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

Baltimore Folk Music Society

Membership Application

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

New member Renewal Address change
 Do not list my: Name Address Phone E-mail
 I do NOT want to receive e-mail notices of BFMS events

Enclose check payable to BFMS and mail to:
 BFMS
 P.O. Box 7134 Waverly Station,
 Baltimore, MD 21218
 or register online at www.BFMS.org

Folkie Interests <input type="checkbox"/> Contra dancing <input type="checkbox"/> Cajun / zydeco <input type="checkbox"/> English dancing <input type="checkbox"/> Coffeehouse / concerts <input type="checkbox"/> Singing <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling <input type="checkbox"/> Family / kids events <input type="checkbox"/> Dance / camp weekends <input type="checkbox"/> Instruments / open band	Volunteer Interests <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting / ticket taking <input type="checkbox"/> Sound system <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic design—fliers, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting musicians / visitors <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND PRICES	
Student: 1 year (\$20) (no newsletter delivery)	\$ _____
Individual: 1 year (\$27) 2 years (\$50) 3 years (\$69)	\$ _____
Family: 1 year (\$37) 2 years (\$71) 3 years (\$93)	\$ _____
Newsletter only: 1 year (\$20)	\$ _____
Donation:	\$ _____
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP:	
___ Contributor (\$75) ___ Supporter (\$150) ___ Sustainer (\$250) ___ Patron (\$500)	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____

THE BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY is a nonprofit, 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, 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 888-646-BFMS (2367), or visit our web site: www.bfms.org.

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