



BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

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December 2005

Somebody Scream Productions ❁



Saturday, Dec. 3—Creole Cowboys

Dance lesson: 8 pm; Music: 9 pm–midnight

A hot, new band in southwest Louisiana's Zydeco scene, the Creole Cowboys features Jeffery Broussard from the legendary band, Zydeco Force, along with long-time contributor to Cajun and Creole music, fiddle and guitar player, D'Jalma Garnier, III. The band delivers great, pack-the-floor renditions of Creole classics as well as their own brand of contemporary Zydeco. Admission: \$15/\$12 BFMS members/\$7 CCBC/CC students with ID.



Thursday, Dec. 15—Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie

Dance lesson: 7 pm; Music: 8–11 pm

Geno's back! It's been too long. To this day, Geno still performs in many of the same dance halls and churches that he visited as a child in his father's group. Performing a rigorous one hundred fifty shows each year has left the band in a rigid state of exactness. He fuses his Creole roots and modern voice through his multi-accordion attack. Geno plays the single-row and triple-row diatonic button accordions for more traditional "French style" tunes and changes to piano accordion for pounding out contemporary Zydeco. Admission \$18/\$15/\$10.

The Barn Theater, Catonsville Community College, Catonsville

Sponsored by BFMS and CCBC/CC Office of Student Events. ✉ patyaffe@yahoo.com, 🌐 www.WhereWeGoToZydeco.com

📍 From I-95, take exit 47 (Rt. 195). Follow signs for Rt. 166. Turn right onto Rt. 166 North (Rolling Road) towards Catonsville. At the second traffic light (Valley Rd.), turn left into Catonsville Community College campus. Free, well-lit parking in parking lot A. The Barn Theater is the stone building on the hill beyond.

BFMS American Contra & Square Dance ❁

Wednesday evenings, 7:30–10:30 pm

New dancer orientation: 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month

Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., Baltimore

Music and dance styles include New England, Southern Appalachian, and Celtic. Dances are taught and walked through. No partner is necessary. New dancers are always invited.

Admission: \$10/\$7 for BFMS members and affiliates. Full-time students receive a \$2 discount. Snack contributions for the break are welcome. ✉ amdance@bfms.org 🌐 www.bfms.org

📍 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. and then left on 23rd St.

From the south: Get to Pratt St., either by taking I-95 to I-395, exiting for downtown Baltimore onto S. Howard and turning right on Pratt, or by taking I-295 (Baltimore Washington Parkway) straight onto Russell St. and right onto Pratt. Once on Pratt, turn left onto Charles and then right onto 23rd St. Use parking lots on either side of 23rd at St. Paul. The church is on your right.

Dec. 7

Devil Among the Taylors: Steve Hickman (fiddle), Marty Taylor (concertina, whistle), and Jonathan Jensen (bass, piano).



Dec. 14

Dave Colestock feeds the energy of **Government Contra Act: Michael Ferguson** (hammered dulcimer, trombone), **Andrew Marcus** (accordian, piano), and **Kendall Rogers** (piano).

Dec. 21

Mortal Wombat: Carl Friedman (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina), **Ralph Barthine** (guitar), and **Michael Friedman** (piano).

Dec. 28

Susan Taylor whoops it up with the **Baltimore Open Band**.

First Thursday Cajun Concert and Dance ☪

Thursday, December 1, 7:30–10 pm

Los Arrieros Restaurant and Night Club, 7926 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring

Listen and dance to Squeeze Bayou with Brian Simms play Cajun two-steps and waltzes, and Zydeco.

Enjoy Columbian, Dominican and Mexican cuisine. \$10. Info: ☎ 301-585-8813.

☪ Half block north of Eastern Ave. Ample neighborhood parking including Montgomery County lot on King St. and restaurant rear lot off Eastern Ave.

BFMS English Country Dance ☪

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

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

English Country Dancing: Jane Austen did it (and wrote about it). George Washington did it (but not with Jane Austen). You can do it, too! Each dance is taught and walked through. You don't have to bring a partner. Always live music, always friendly dancers to welcome new dancers.

Admission: \$10/\$7 for BFMS members and affiliates. ✉ engdance@bfms.org 🌐 www.bfms.org

☪ ½ mile inside the Beltway, Exit 20 South

Dec. 5

New dancer workshop. **Carl Friedman** with Renaissance band **Three Left Feet**.

Dec. 12

Diane Schmit calls with **Becky Ross** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (recorders, concertina, whistle), and **Julie Gorka** (piano).

Dec. 19

Susan Taylor with music by **Edie Stern** (violin), **Robin Wilson**

(flute), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, etc.).

Dec. 26

Caller: **Rich Galloway**. Music: **Jeff Steinberg** (violin) and **Judy Meyers** (piano).

Jan. 2

Caller: **Sharon McKinley**. Music: **Marty Taylor** (recorders, concertina, whistle), **Karin Loya** (cello), and **Julie Gorka** (piano).

BFMS Second Saturday Contra Dance ☪

Saturday, December 10, Dance: 8–11 pm;

Free dance lesson: 7:30

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

Anna Rain calls to **Some Assembly: Mary Corletta Flora** (flute, whistle, sax), **Joe Klausner** (fiddle), **Donna Boylan** (piano, accordion), and **Paul Miller** (guitar, bodhran).

We can't guarantee snow for the holidays, but we predict rain tonight—caller Anna Rain, that is. Ho, ho, ho. Tunes provided by Some Assembly (required; batteries not included). Ho, ho, ho. Speaking of which... hey kids! Don't miss this chance to meet the *real* Contra Claus. Snag a candy cane while supplies last (free to the first 750 dancers). *Sorry, no Family Dance or potluck this month. Oh, oh, oh.*

Admission: \$10/\$7 members. Students receive a \$2 discount.

✉ satdance@bfms.org 🌐 www.bfms.org

☪ ½ mile inside the Beltway, Exit 20 South.

Classified Ad

MATES WANTED First, Second and Third Mates to swab decks, hoist sails, and make themselves useful at the Mid-Winter Ball and Pirate Jamboree February 11, 2006. Discounted or free admission available in exchange for your services. Call 410-433-4419 or email midwinter@bfms.org.

BFMS accepts classified advertising from its members. Ads should be related to the purposes of BFMS, which are preserving and promoting folk music, dance, and tradition.

A noncommercial ad costs \$5 for each 25 words or fraction (50 words maximum). Business ads cost \$10 for each 25 words (maximum 75 words). Phone number and email address each count as one word.

Your ad copy and check (payable to BFMS) must be received by the Editor (see contact information on page 11) by the 8th of the month before publication.



BFMS Music and Performance



Singing for Everyone ☪

Sunday, December 4, 7 pm

Home of Anne & Dave Greene, 500 E. 42nd St., Baltimore

Choose from 1200 tunes you know; words are in the *Rise Up Singing* songbook (available to borrow or purchase). If I were a Rich Man, Teddy Bear's Picnic, Shenandoah are all here. Acoustic instruments welcome as are snacks to share. No experience necessary. Free. Dave & Anne ☎410-435-0967.

Change Ringing with Handbells ☪

Tuesday, December 6, 7 pm

Home of Jenny Foster, near Frederick, MD

What's change ringing? The English folk tradition of using tower bells to ring beautiful mathematical patterns (not melodies). It's surprisingly pleasing to the ear. Handbells are used for home/pub practice and for the fun challenge of keeping track of where two bells go in the pattern. RSVP by night before ☎301-371-4312 ✉pi@xecu.net.

Baltimore Open Band Practice ☪

Sunday, December 11, 4-6 pm, no potluck

At the home of Emily Aubrey.

The BOB plays for contra dances. No audition required; music is available and all are welcome. Info: Susan Taylor ☎301-982-1107 ✉susantaylor@greenbelt.com

Sacred Harp Singing ☪

Sunday, December 11, 4-6 pm

Pot luck and more singing follows

Stony Run Meetinghouse, 5116 N. Charles St., Baltimore

Join us as we sing early American hymns, anthems, and fugue tunes in four-part harmony. We use the *Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition, and have loaner books. No experience necessary. Free. Liz Cusick ☎410-235-6627, ✉liz.cusick@verizon.net or Sharon McKinley ☎410-740-3250 ✉smckinley@loc.gov

☞ South of Northern Parkway. Directions: ☹www.stonyrunfriends.org/Directions.html

English Open Band Practice ☪

December date TBA

The Geud Band of Baltimore is a rehearsed open band for English Country Dancing. To join, come to practices. Info: Eileen Franch ☎410-889-3252, ✉franch@juno.com

Fourth at Four Storyfolk ☪

No meeting this month. Happy holidays!

Info/newsletter: Barbara Woodey ☎410-252-1438 ✉bellwoodey@prodigy.net; RSVP: Diane ☎410-321-8419



Summary of BFMS Board Meeting November 1, 2005

Carl Friedman reported that Catocin was very well attended, and a great time was had by all.

Planning for the MidWinter ball is well underway. Tickets are available. Look for flyers.

Buffalo Jambalaya will move to Camp Ramblewood next summer.

There was discussion about the problem of the Wednesday night and Monday night dances losing money. Several fund raising ideas were discussed, among them, raising the rates or creating a sustaining membership level. A subcommittee was formed of Dan Katz, Carl Friedman, Jan Caughlan and Mike Baker to discuss these and other ideas.

Jessie Newburn addressed the board with a proposal for a short-term project to restructure the marketing of the dances. Her ideas were met with great enthusiasm. She will be conducting informational interviews in the near future.

Next Meeting: December 6

Newsletter Deadlines

Articles and classified ads are due by the 8th

Event listings must be received by the 10th

Other BFMS

BFMS Board Meeting

First Tuesday, 8 pm

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to all BFMS members, who are encouraged to attend. Ice cream social after the meeting. For directions, please contact the host. For agenda or other information, please contact the President (see page 11).

Dec. 6

We meet at the home of Julia Hammid.

Jan. 3

We meet at the home of Bob Hofkin.

Mid-Winter Ball

*Saturday, February 11, Reception 7 pm,
Parade of Rogues 7:45 pm*

Towson State University, Towson.

Ahoy! The BFMS Mid-Winter Ball and Pirate Jamboree features **Robert Cromartie** in a rare Baltimore appearance, calling to the music of the Vermont-based group **Atlantic Crossing: Viveka Fox** (fiddle, bodhran), **Peter McFarlane** (fiddle, vocals), **Brian Perkins** (bouzouki, mandolin, banjo, feet, vocals), and **Rick Klein** (guitar, vocals).

Tickets until January 15: \$20/\$16 members and affiliates (BFMS, FSGW, ATDS, CDSS)/\$10 Towson University students. See flyer this issue or www.bfms.org midwinter@bfms.org [410-433-4419](tel:410-433-4419). Co-sponsored by Towson University Dance Department.

Kate Charles 1950–2005

Kate Charles, a popular contra and square dance caller, former BFMS board member, and teacher at the Waldorf School of Baltimore, died November 6th after a long decline from early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Kate danced with Ring o' Bells in the late 70s before she moved to Baltimore in 1980.

Throughout her illness, she enjoyed the support of friends from BFMS, the Waldorf School, and the larger folk community. During the last few years, when she lived in assisted living, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer organized monthly music parties for her, enabling Kate to stay in touch with the music she so enjoyed and making it easier for friends to stay in touch with her. She last appeared in public on October 1 at the Kate Charles Tribute Concert. Friends are planning a fitting celebration of her life, with music and dance in January. Look for further details next month.



Special Events

Terpsichore's Holiday

December 27–January 1

Rocky Gap Resort and Lodge, near Cumberland MD

Dance in the New Year and enjoy the community spirit at this annual folk music and dance camp. All meals and accommodations are at Maryland's only 4-star resort hotel located in a state park. Activities for all ages include contras, squares, English country, waltz, Appalachian clogging, ballroom, rapper, longsword, arts and crafts, nature hikes, woodworking, drama, storytelling, drawing, dance band workshop, swimming, singing, and community dance. Info: Jeff Kenton [301-587-1525](tel:301-587-1525) jkenton@verizon.net www.dance-camp.net

Jonatha Brooke New Year's Eve Celebration

Saturday, December 31, 7:30 & 10:30 pm

World Cafe Live, 3025 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA

Jonatha Brooke is known for her intimate songs and energetic performances. The vivacious multi-instrumentalist has a supple, expressive voice and adventurous, insightful songwriting. Tickets \$39-\$78/ Includes champagne and party favors.

David Beale Memorial Fund

The David Beale Memorial Fund provides financial assistance to enable members and non-members to participate in BFMS events. To obtain assistance from the fund, please submit a written request to the Board President, Paul Ballard. Please include the following information in your request: (1) the

amount requested, (2) the event(s) for which you would like financial assistance, and (3) the reason that financial assistance is needed. All requests will remain confidential to the extent that it is feasible. Requests may be mailed to the Board President, BFMS, P.O. Box 7134 Waverly Station, Baltimore, MD 21218.



**Access questions?
Call Mike Franch at 410-889-3252**

BFMS-sponsored events (marked ♯) that are open to the public are handicapped-accessible. Member-hosted events (marked †) are held in members' homes, which may not be completely accessible. Please check with the host regarding access, smoking, animals, or any other concern you may have. Unmarked events are not affiliated with BFMS and are listed as a convenience for our members.

Classes & Workshops

Balkan Vocal Workshop

Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18, 4-6 pm

Bethesda.

Ongoing group lessons in Bulgarian and Eastern European vocal technique and traditional repertoire with Tatiana Sarbinska. Info: ☎ 202-707-4834.

Hammered Dulcimer Workshop

Jan. 9, 12, 19, 26, 7-8 pm

Levering Hall, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

Hands on workshop to introduce basic playing techniques. No music background needed. Info: ☎ 410-746-8387 ✉ kenkolodner@aol.com. \$50, instrument rental \$15 additional.



Appalachian Fiddle Workshop

Jan. 12, 19, 26, 5:30-6:30 pm

Levering Hall, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

Hands on workshop introduces basic bowing and left hand techniques. No music background needed. Info: ☎ 410-746-8387 ✉ kenkolodner@aol.com. \$50, instrument rental \$15 additional.

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat

Jan. 14-15

Hilltop House Hotel, Harpers Ferry, WV

Intensive weekend featuring short workshops in traditional fiddle styles. Teaching staff includes Elke Baker, Steve Hickman, Andrea Hoag, Joe Herrmann, Laura Light, Jim Eagan, Ellen Jacobs and Ken Kolodner. Info/registration: ☎ www.fiddleretreat.info ✉ updf@earthlink.net ☎ 304-253-2531.

Jams & Open Mikes

Friendly Coffeehouse

Friday, December 9, 8-11 pm;
Sign-up 7:30-8

Johns Hopkins Interfaith Center, 3509 Charles St., Baltimore

Acoustic performers, poets, storytellers and others invited for open mike slots (three songs or ten minutes). Friendly, supportive atmosphere; good listening audience; coffee and refreshments; piano on site. ☎ 410-889-7436 ✉ leahu@earthlink.net

◆ Charles St. & University Pkwy. Parking available behind the church, accessible from the alley. The entrance to the Center is on the right of the building.

Slaveya Auditions Bethesda.

Female singers are invited to audition for Slaveya, a Washington, D.C. women's Balkan singing group. ☎ 202-707-4834 ☎ www.slaveya.org.

Concerts & Performances

WestSide Cafe

*Wednesday–Saturday, 8 pm;
Sunday, 7:30 pm*

1A W. 2nd St., in Frederick's Old Town

No cover, except occasional special events. Enjoy dinner, desserts, coffee, beer and wine in a non-smoking listening room. Info & full schedule: F301-418-6886 Wwww.westside-caf.com. Booking: Steve Key Esteve@stevekey.com ☞ Take I-70 to SR 355 N (Market St.) Cafe is just off Market at 2nd. Park on the street, or nearby garages (which charge \$1 at night).

Dec. 1—Songwriters in the Round

Three acts share the stage in a round-robin song swap, Texas campfire-style. This week: Bob Sima, Karen Scuderi, and Brooks West.

Dec. 2—The Dreamsicles

Singer-songwriters Tom Prasada-Rao & Cary Cooper sold out their previous show at the WestSide, so buy tickets in advance (\$10).

Dec. 9—Kate McDonnell

\$10 cover—plays guitar like Bill Staines (upside down and backwards), sings like Joan Baez, winner of NewSong (WV) Festival songwriting contest.

Dec. 15—Songwriters in the Round

David LaFleur, Greg Trafidlo, and Christina Van Norman.

Dec. 22—Songwriters in the Round

Kathi Kowski, Thomas Roue, and Jeremiah Birnbaum.

Dec. 29—Songwriters in the Round

Katie Graybeal, Karen Collins, and Gina Holsopple.

Cellar Stage

*Some Fridays 8 pm—
Doors open 7 pm*

St. John's United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Road,

Baltimore

Dinner, dessert and soft drinks available or bring your own. ☎ 410-521-9099 ☞www.uptownconcerts.com ✉uptownconcerts@aol.com. Advance tickets: Uptown Concerts Inc., PO Box 1503, Randallstown, MD 21133.

Dec. 2—Al Petteway, Amy White, & Robin Bullock

\$18

Dec. 16—Maggie's Music Annual Celtic Christmas Celebration

with Lisa Moscatiello, Laura, Byrne, Rosie Shipley, Fred Lieder, Billy McComiskey and Irish step dancers. \$20.

Celtic Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 3, 7 pm

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville

Maggie Sansone & Friends \$20/\$18 advance. ☎ 301-530-1735 ext. 5 ✉events@saintmarkpresby.org

Walt Michael & Company

*Saturday, December 3, 8 pm;
Doors open 7:30*

Common Ground on the Hill
Carroll Arts Center Theater, 91 W. Main St., Westminster

Holiday concert featuring top-drawer traditional acoustic music.

Admission: \$17/\$15 seniors, children, students w/ID. Info/tickets: ☎ 410-857-2771 ✉cgground@qis.net ☞www.commongroundonthehill.org

Clarke Buehling

Saturday, December 3, 8 pm

FSGW House Concert

Home of Andy and Sondra Stigen Wallace, Largo

Buehling is internationally known for his

ability to play old-time banjo and string band music from jigs to rags. Much of Buehling's material is based on his collection of 19th century banjo, mandolin and violin sheet music, including some that belonged to Thomas Edison.

Info/reservations: ☎ 301-324-7311 ✉aandswallace@erols.com. Suggested minimum donation \$15.

Baldwin's Station

Music 8 pm

Dining room opens 6:30 pm

7618 Main St., Sykesville

Limited seating. Tickets/info ☎ 410-795-1041 ☞www.uptownconcerts.com

Sunday, Dec. 4, 7:30 pm—

Catie Curtis

\$20

Dec. 8—Mack Bailey

Holiday CD release concert \$15.

Dec. 22—Connemara

Celtic Christmas \$20.

Institute of Musical Traditions

Mondays, 7:30 pm

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville

\$15/\$12 advance unless noted. ☎ 301-754-3611 ☞www.imtfolk.org

Dec. 5—Coyote Run

Soaring tales of love, loss, laughter, and the joy of living, influenced by Celtic, warrior, and maritime traditions.

Dec. 12—Christmas with Al Petteway, Amy White & Robin Bullock

\$20/\$17.

Celtic New Year Celebration

Sunday, December 11, 3 pm

Prince Theatre, 210 High St.,

Chestertown, MD

Maggie Sansone with Lisa Moscatiello (vocals), Rosie Shipley (fiddle), and Laura Byrne (Irish flute). Tickets: \$12/\$10 seniors, students ☎410-810-2060 🌐www.princetheatre.org. Info: 🌐www.maggiesmusic.com.

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Kim and Reggie Harris

Sunday, December 11, 7 pm

Focus Inn Alexandria

Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA

\$15/\$12 members. ☎703-380-3151, ✉herbcl@earthlink.net 🌐www.focusmusic.org

Hot Soup!

Wednesday, December 14, 8 pm

Focus Presents Vic's Music Corner

O'Brien's Barbecue, 387 East Gude Drive, Rockville

with Joe Crookston. CD release concert. \$15/\$12 Focus members. ☎301-275-7459 ✉focusrockville@earthlink.net 🌐www.focusmusic.org

Christmas in Alexandria

Friday, December 16, 10 pm

Old Town Theater, Alexandria, VA

Jen & Scott Smith, Jon Carroll, Dede Wyland. \$15 ☎703-683-8888 🌐tickets.oldtowntheater.com.

Helicon

Saturday, December 17,

3:30 and 8 pm

Kraushaar Auditorium, Goucher

College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson.

Three internationally respected traditional musicians in a Winter Solstice Concert: Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer, fiddle), Chris Norman (wooden flutes, tin whistle, small pipes, piano), and Robin Bullock (guitar, cittern, fiddle, piano). \$25/\$22 advance; group rates. Tickets/info: 🌐www.kenkolodner.com ☎410-243-7254. Directions: 🌐www.goucher.edu/about

Friends of Munyaradzi

Sunday, January 22, 2 pm

First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

Featuring Ken Kolodner, Elke Baker, Jonathan Jensen, and Paul Oorts. Benefits scholarship fund of BFMS member Munyaradzi Masawi. Info: ☎410-321-8419.

American (Contra & Square) Dance

Friday Night Dancers

Fridays, 8:30-11:30 pm

Free new dancer class 7:30 pm

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MacArthur Blvd. & Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo

Contra dances, occasional squares and couple dances, to live music. Admission \$8. Info ✉info@fridaynightdance.org 🌐www.fridaynightdance.org. To play or call: ✉booking@fridaynightdance.org

Dec. 2

Steve Gester calls to **SKAM**: Steve Hickman (fiddle), Kendall Rogers (piano), and Marty Taylor (flute).

Dec. 9

Greg Frock calls to the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**.

Dec. 16

Robbin Schaffer calls to **Dr. Twamley's Audio Snakes**: Mike Rovine (fiddle), Jill

Smith (piano), and Celia Wyckoff (bass), a Pennsylvania favorite.

Dec. 23

Eva Murray calls to the **Avant Gardeners**: Laura Light, George Paul, and Scotty Williams.

Dec. 30

Janine Smith calls to **AP and the Banty Roosters**: Andy Porter, Joe Langley, Mark Lynch, and Artie Abrams.

Elverson Contra Dance

Saturday, December 3, 7:30-10:30 pm; Free intro workshop at 7 pm

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 61 Morningside Drive, Elverson, PA

Donna Hunt calls to the **Gooseberies**.

New England-style contra dances, traditional squares, waltzes and more. Admis-

sion: \$7/\$4 students (high school and younger) and seniors. New dancers always welcome. Nancy Keeler ☎610-777-7443, 🌐www.frysinger.com/dance/#elverson

FSGW Sunday Night Contra and Square Dance

Sundays, 7:30-10:30 pm

New dancer orientation 7 pm

Glen Echo Park, MacArthur Blvd. & Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo

Contras and squares to live music. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner needed. In the Spanish Ballroom. The hall is not thoroughly climate controlled, so please dress appropriately for the weather. New dancers please come early to get the inside scoop on all this stuff. Admission: \$10/\$8 members/\$4 age 17 and under. Info: David Shewmaker ✉dance@fsgw.org 🌐www.fsgw.org

American Dance *cont.*

Dec. 4

Evening Star: Steve Hickman (fiddle, harmonica), John Devine (guitar), David Crandall (saxophone, flute), Marc Glickman (piano), and Jim Bienemann (bass).

Dec. 11

Mortal Wombat: Carl Friedman (fiddle), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina), Ralph Barthine (guitar), and Michael Friedman (piano).

Dec. 18

Rip-Off Con-Artists: Lydia Martin (piano, banjo, guitar), Emily Martin (mandolin, banjo), Patrick Ruffner (bass, percussion), and Cleek Schrey (fiddle).

Dec. 25—No dance

Dec. 31

Special New Year's Eve dance with **Notorious** and **Bob Isaacs**. Tickets/details: www.fsgw.org.

Columbia Contra Dance

Thursday, December 8, 7–9:45 pm

Slayton House, Wilde Lake Village Center, Columbia.

Perry Shafran calls. Music by the **New Southern Cowtippers** and **Sandy River Belle**.

Spacious air-conditioned hall with wood floor. Good restaurants in the Village Center for dinner prior to the dance. Admission \$8. Info: Howard or Sandy ☎410-730-1036 ✉hzane1@comcast.net or Slayton House ☎410-730-3987.

Hot Squares in the Olde Towne Tonight

Tuesday, December 13, 8:30–11 pm

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

Laura Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith, and **Susan Taylor** call to the incredible music of **Steve Hickman** (fiddle) and **John Devine** (guitar).

All are invited to this party every 2nd and 5th Tuesday. Admission \$8. Refreshments to share are welcome. ☎410-268-0231 ☎301-762-2231 ✉square-dancers@comcast.net 🌐home.comcast.net/~SquareDancers

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society

Saturday, December 17, 8–11 pm
Free dance lesson at 7:30 pm

Holy Grounds Youth Center, 623 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd.,

Severna Park

Janine Smith calls to **SKAM:** Steve Hickman (fiddle), Kendall Rogers (piano), and Marty Taylor (pennywhistle, concertina).

Admission: \$10/\$7 members. No partner or experience required. Directions/info: ☎410-451-1791 ✉pshaf@yahoo.com 🌐contradancers.com/atds

Bluemont Oldtime Country Dance

Saturday, December 17, 8–11 pm
Free intro workshop at 7:30 pm

Purcellville Skating Rink, 250 S. Nursery Ave., Purcellville, VA

Our Midwinter Ball features the **Contra Rebels** and caller **Bill Wellington**.

The skating rink is an extraordinary historic landmark, 100 years old, with a wonderful wooden dance floor. Admission: \$8/\$6 Bluemont friends and students. Info/directions: ☎703-777-6306 🌐www.bluemont.org ✉info@bluemont.org

Lancaster Traditional Dance Society

Saturday, December 17, New dancer workshop 7 pm, Dance 8–11 pm

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

June Apple: Bob Garber (clarinet), Mike McGeary (banjo, mandolin), Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), and Alice Markham (piano). **Susan Taylor** calls.

Admission: \$7/\$4 students. ☎717-431-7417 ✉sam@mcc.org 🌐www.lancastercontra.org

MMFAC Frederick Contra

No dance this month. Happy holidays and see you in January! ☎301-694-6794 ✉BuffaloBoe@boestrings.com 🌐www.contradancers.com

Dear Crabby



Hey, I enjoy the BFMS newsletter when it comes. But lately, the issues have been really late. Can't you mail them earlier? I hate finding out that I missed a really great event.

—Member Without Direction

Dear Member,

BFMS wants every copy delivered on time. Our October issue was pretty typical. Although printed copies were labeled and mailed on September 21, it took at least two more weeks for many members to receive theirs. That's not supposed to happen. Complain to your Postmaster. Maybe they'll get they message and we'll get better service.

You can also subscribe to our free, weekly e-mail reminder service. It lists upcoming BFMS events and any changes that are too late for the newsletter. Contact publicity@bfms.org. Or check the BFMS web site, www.bfms.org.

Send your questions for Dear Crabby care of newsletter@bfms.org

International Folk Dance

International Folk Dancing

*Saturdays, 7:30–10:30 pm;
Lesson in first hour*

Homewood Friends Meeting
House, 3107 N. Charles St.,
Baltimore

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 Saunders ☎ 410-484-9392 (check answering machine message to confirm dancing is on) or Paul & Elise Kreiss ☎ 410-367-8194 (evenings & weekends) ✉ pkreiss@toadmail.toad.net

◇ Across Charles St. from Museum Drive (just east of Johns Hopkins). Enter down outside stairs from side porch. Call to arrange handicapped access.

No dancing on New Year's eve, December 31.

Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers

Date/Time TBA

Norwegian springars are quite different from the familiar Swedish hambo. Mesmerizing music on the unique Hardanger fiddle. House party 1st or 2nd Saturdays; location varies. Free; contributions welcome. Info: Jenny ✉ pi@xecu.net ☎ 301-371-4312.

Beginning Scandinavian Dancing

Dec. 6 & 20, 8–9:30 pm

NIH Bldg. T-39, Bethesda

Learn hambo, schottish, waltz, zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Some hambo is done every time. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Generally some live Swedish fiddle music by G an Ohlsson. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5. Info: Lisa Brooks ☎ 240-731-1935, 301-435-5544 ✉ lisa@HamboDC.org ☕ www.HamboDC.org

◇ Enter NIH at Wisconsin Ave. and South Dr. for vehicle inspection (have ID ready). Go to the south center of NIH; use permit parking area next to Building T-39. Or walk 8 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop (also need ID).



Other Dance

Free Ballroom Dancing

Fridays, 7:50 pm

ROTC building, Johns Hopkins
Homewood Campus, Baltimore

Waltz, rumba, tango, and more. 1st and 3rd Fridays are especially for beginners. Includes lessons and less programmed dance time. Call because location may change sometimes: Dave and Anne Greene ☎ 410-435-0967.

◇ From West University Pkwy. and 39th turn south onto San Martin Dr. Take third left (as though to enter the Hopkins playing fields) then an immediate right. Pass the large ROTC building on your left or park and walk. Enter up stairs on south side of building.

English Country Dance

FSGW English Country Dance

Wednesdays, 8–10:30 pm

Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106
Harvard Ave., Glen Echo

Open to dancers of all experience levels. \$8 / \$7 members. Norm Bernhardt ☎ 301-320-2469, Stephanie Smith ☎ 301-229-3577, ✉ english@fsgw.org

Dec. 7

Dan Gillespie calls to Bruce Edwards, Anna Rain, and Julie Gorka.

Dec. 14

Diane Schmit calls with Howard Markham (concertina), David Knight (fiddle), and Liz Donaldson (piano)

Dec. 21

Becky Ross (fiddle), Cathy Palmer (fiddle), and Liz Donaldson (piano) play while Martha Seigel calls.

Dec. 28

Bob Farrall calls to the music of Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Julie Gorka (piano), and Karin Loya (cello).



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Calendar of Events (Details Inside)

December 2005

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				First Thursday Cajun Concert and Dance ² <i>Songwriters in the Round</i> ⁷	<i>Al Petteway, Amy White, & Robin Bullock</i> ⁷ <i>The Dreamsicles</i> ⁷ <i>Steve Gester/SKAM</i> ⁸ <i>Free Ballroom Dancing</i> ¹⁰	Creole Cowboys ¹ <i>Clarke Buehling</i> ⁷ <i>Walt Michael</i> ⁷ <i>Donna Hunt/ Gooseberries</i> ⁸ <i>Int'l. Folk Dancing</i> ¹⁰
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Singing for Everyone</i> ³ <i>Balkan Vocal Workshop</i> ⁶ <i>Catie Curtis</i> ⁷ <i>Evening Star</i> ⁸	<i>Carl Friedman/ Three Left Feet</i> ² <i>Coyote Run</i> ⁷	Change Ringing with Handbells ³ BFMS Board Meeting ⁴ <i>Beginning Scandinavian Dancing</i> ¹⁰	<i>Devil Among the Taylors</i> ¹ <i>Dan Gillespie/Bruce Edwards, Anna Rain</i> ¹⁰	<i>Mack Bailey</i> ⁷ <i>Columbia Contra Dance</i> ⁹	<i>Friendly Coffeehouse</i> ⁶ <i>Kate McDonnell</i> ⁷ <i>Greg Frock/Glen Echo Open Band</i> ⁸ <i>Free Ballroom Dancing</i> ¹⁰	<i>Anna Rain/ Some Assembly</i> ² <i>Int'l. Folk Dancing</i> ¹⁰
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<i>Sacred Harp Sing</i> ³ <i>Open Band Practice</i> ³ <i>Balkan Workshop</i> ⁶ <i>Maggie Sansone</i> ⁸ <i>Celtic Christmas</i> ⁷ <i>Harris</i> ⁸ <i>Mortal Wombat</i> ⁸	<i>Diane Schmit/Becky Ross, Marty Taylor, Julie Gorka</i> ² <i>Christmas with Al Petteway, Amy White & Robin Bullock</i> ⁷	<i>Laura Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith, Susan Taylor/Steve Hickman, John Devine</i> ⁹	<i>Dave Colestock/ Government Contra Act</i> ¹ <i>Hot Soup!</i> ⁸ <i>Diane Schmit/Howard Markham, David Knight, Liz Donaldson</i> ¹⁰	<i>Geno Delafose & French Rockin' Boogie</i> ¹ <i>Songwriters in the Round</i> ⁷	<i>Celtic Christmas Celebration</i> ⁷ <i>Robbin Schaffer/ Dr. Twamley's Audio Snakes</i> ⁸ <i>Free Ballroom Dancing</i> ¹⁰	<i>Helicon</i> ⁸ <i>Bill Wellington/ Contra Rebels</i> ⁹ <i>Janine Smith/SKAM</i> ⁹ <i>Susan Taylor/ June Apple</i> ⁹ <i>Int'l. Folk Dancing</i> ¹⁰
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Balkan Vocal Workshop</i> ⁶ <i>Rip-Off Con-Artists</i> ⁸	<i>Susan Taylor/Edie Stern, Robin Wilson, Jonathan Jensen</i> ² <i>Delaware Colonial Dances</i>	<i>Beginning Scandinavian Dancing</i> ¹⁰	<i>Mortal Wombat</i> ¹ <i>Martha Seigel/Becky Ross, Cathy Palmer, Liz Donaldson</i> ¹⁰	<i>Songwriters in the Round</i> ⁷ <i>Connemara</i> ⁷	<i>Eva Murray/Avant Gardeners</i> ⁸ <i>Free Ballroom Dancing</i> ¹⁰	<i>Int'l. Folk Dancing</i> ¹⁰
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>Share your traditions with family or friends</i>	<i>Rich Galloway/ Jeff Steinberg, Judy Meyers</i> ²	<i>Terpsichore's Holiday</i> ⁴	<i>Susan Taylor/ Baltimore Open Band</i> ¹ <i>Bob Farrall/Jeff Steinberg, Julie Gorka, Karin Loya</i> ¹⁰	<i>Songwriters in the Round</i> ⁷	<i>Janine Smith/AP and the Banty Roosters</i> ⁸ <i>Free Ballroom Dancing</i> ¹⁰	<i>Jonatha Brooke New Year's Eve Celebration</i> ⁴ <i>Bob Isaacs/Notorious</i> ⁸