



# Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

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May 2009

## English Country Dance

*Pride and Prejudice. Emma. Sense and Sensibility.* All of these movies based on Jane Austen books - and they all have such high-energy dances! It's almost like contra dance, but not quite...What could it possibly be?

To many people's surprise, that's English Country Dance. English Dance isn't all the "slow and boring" dancing that so many dancers claim. Rather, there are many exciting and fast moving dances. And elegance... There's definitely a high level of elegance. Long graceful loops, weaving patterns, graceful turns and circles done to wonderful music.

Like to flirt? This is definitely the dance for you. With limited touching allowed -- very few dances have swings -- it's all in the eyes.

The dances are a mix of traditional dances written hundreds of years ago and more recent compositions, many by local callers and dancers. The music ranges from slow and stately to light and playful. Each dance has a specific tune associated with it, perfectly matched to the movements of the dance.

Dances are walked through and called. An assortment of local musicians treat our ears each week as well.

On May 4, **Tom Spilsbury** will be calling to music by **Carl Friedman** on fiddle, **Robin Wilson** on flute and concertina, and **Judy Meyers** on piano.



May 11, we're treated to a now-local-but-originally-from-England caller, **Michael Barraclough** (left). Michael often brings along some of his own reinterpretations of traditional Playford dances. He will be joined by musicians **Marty Taylor** on recorder and concertina, **Judy Meyers** on piano, and **Emily Aubrey** on fiddle.

May 18 will feature some fun and lively dances as **Christopher Field** calls to **The Geud Band of Baltimore**, our very own English Open Band (see page 3).

Then it'll be a memorable Memorial Day on May 25 as **Mike Franch** (below) finishes the month for us, calling to tunes by **Jeff Steinberg** on fiddle, **Karin Loya** on cello, and **Ben Hobbs** on piano.

Dances are held every Monday evening from 8 to 10:30 pm at St Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville.

New dancer workshops are held the first Monday of the month at 7:45 pm, but beginners are always welcome!

Admission: \$10/\$7 for BFMS members & affiliates. Info: [engdance@bfms.org](mailto:engdance@bfms.org) or [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org)



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## BFMS Sponsored Dances

### **BFMS Family Dance \***

*Saturday, May 9, 5 pm, potluck at 6:30*

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

Join us for a terrific family dance featuring **Andy Kane** from Gainesville, Florida. Andy has been a favorite family dance caller for many years. Last year he relocated to Florida. Come welcome Andy - he has promised to bring sunshine and fun from the Sunshine State when he honors us with his visit. We are equally delighted to welcome **Charley** and **Megan Beller**. These top notch musicians recently relocated to Baltimore from Rochester, NY. Megan play the fiddle, and Charley plays mandolin, banjo, clarinet and a variety of interesting percussion. The fun continues after the dance with a pot luck dinner from 6:30 - 7:30. For questions or to volunteer to help, please call Diane at 410-321-8419.

All ages are welcome! We love to see 3 generations having a terrific time together. Admission: \$5 members \$20 maximum member families, \$7 non-members \$28 maximum non-member families. Group discounts are available.

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



### **BFMS Second Saturday Contra Dance \***

*Saturday, May 9, 8 - 11 pm; new dancer orientation at 7:35 pm*

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

This month's Second Saturday Dance will feature **Andy Kane** calling squares and contras. Andy is honoring us with a visit from the Sunshine State. Professor Kane is a superb teacher and caller. Adding to the fun is **Perry Shafran** - our special guest caller. Perry is well known for his sunny disposition, and skillful calling. The music of **Coalhouse Klezmer** will certainly add excitement and energy to the evening. The band features **Megan Beller** on fiddle, **Charley Beller** on mandolin, banjo, clarinet, and percussion, **Andrew Marcus** on accordion, and **Michael Ferguson** on trombone. We encourage festive and floral attire for those who wish to get into the spirit of our annual May Flowers Ball. Add even more fun to the evening by joining us for the pot luck dinner at 6:30.

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 are welcome.

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

### **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](mailto:amdance@bfms.org) or [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org)

*May 6*

**Ann Fallon** calls to the **Contra Rebels**: **Todd Clewell** on fiddle, **Henry Koretzky** on guitar, and **Bruce Campbell** on bass.

*May 13*

Open Mic Night for Callers! Contact Carl Friedman if you'd like to call -- [amdance@bfms.org](mailto:amdance@bfms.org) or 410-321-8419 (evenings only). Music by the fabulous **MetroGnomes**: **Barb Schmid** on fiddle, **McGregor Yatsevitch** on fiddle and mandolin, **Mark Vidor** on piano, and **Bob Garber** on clarinet.

*May 20*

**Steve Gester** calls to **Looney Tunes** with **Ken Kolodner**: **Ken Kolodner** on fiddle and hammered dulcimer, **Lisa Roberts** on fiddle and banjo, **Tom Reedy** on guitar, and **Jim Bieneman** on bass.

*May 27*

Two local favorites for the price of one! **Greg Frock** calls to the music of **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. 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, 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.

## BFMS and Member Sponsored Dances & More

### **Catoctin Weekend Update! \***

Be sure to reserve June 19-21 and October 23-25 for our 24th Spring Weekend and our 19th Fall Weekend! These are fun-filled family weekends with music, singing, dancing, crafts, and great food, all at a bargain price, with scholarships available, too. How did we have successful camps? It's simple--everyone helps!

Join the fun now by helping the committee plan out these great weekends. We need to create flyers & advertising, take registrations, inventory equipment, organize volunteer teachers, plan the meals, create the workshop schedule, and generally figure out how to pack a whole weekend of fun into Matt's van and get it there on time!

For more info, contact the fabulous Catoctin Committee:

Matt Bieneman 410-799-9180 [catoctin@bfms.org](mailto:catoctin@bfms.org)  
Mike Franch 410-889-3252 [franch@juno.com](mailto:franch@juno.com)  
Susan Taylor 301-982-1107 [susan@susantaylor.info](mailto:susan@susantaylor.info)

The registration flier is in this newsletter -- send yours in now, before camp fills up!

### **The Friendly Coffeehouse \***

*Friday, May 8, 8-11 pm*

*Calvary Baptist, 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](mailto:leahu@earthlink.net); or check our website at [www.friendlycoffeehouse.org](http://www.friendlycoffeehouse.org) on the day of the event for any last minute changes.

### **Singing for Everyone ‡**

*Sunday, May 3, 7 - 9 pm*

Homewood Friends Meetinghouse, 3107 N Charles

Join us for an evening of songs and company - all are welcome! Snacks are welcome, but will be confined to the lunch room downstairs. Parking meters not in effect on Sundays. For more info or directions, please contact Susan Warner at [scwarner@hotmail.com](mailto:scwarner@hotmail.com)

### **English Open Band Practice ‡**

*Sunday, May 17, 4 - 6 pm*

The Geud Band of Baltimore, a rehearsed open band for English dancing, practices monthly and plays for Monday night dances every 2 or 3 months. Newcomers welcome. The next practice is Sunday, May 17, 4-6 p.m. in the Waverly neighborhood of Baltimore. For information, contact Eileen Franch, 410-889-3252 or [franch@verizon.net](mailto:franch@verizon.net).

### **Fourth at Four Storyfolk \***

*Sunday, May 24, 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 email list, contact Barbara Woodey at 410-252-1438 or [bellwoodey@prodigy.net](mailto:bellwoodey@prodigy.net); to RSVP, please contact Diane at 410-321-8419.

### **Baltimore Open Band Practice ‡**

*Sunday, May 10, 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](mailto:susantaylor@greenbelt.com)

### **BFMS Board Meeting \***

*Tuesday, May 5, 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 9).

## Norwegian Dance & Potluck‡

*Saturday May 30, potluck 6:30 pm, dancing 8 pm*

3812 Denfeld Ave, Kensington 20895

Strut the stuff you learned at the Spring Springar Spree (see page 8). Mesmerizing live music by our own world-class Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings--see hfaa.org). Norwegian springars are quite different from the Swedish Hambo. Beginners welcome--we'll show you the moves. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare. Host is Sonia White, (301) 503-7906. Info/dirs: Jenny, [pi@xecu.net](mailto:pi@xecu.net), (301) 371-4312.

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## 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 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.com](mailto: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.

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## 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.

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## Dances of Universal Peace‡

*Sunday, May 10, 3 - 5 pm, potluck after*

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 heartfelt and healing fellowship.

More information at [www.peacedances.org](http://www.peacedances.org) and directions to the location at [www.oella.org](http://www.oella.org). For questions, call Peggy at 410-465-1914.

## Other Local Dances

### Annapolis Traditional Dance Society Contra

*Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m.; workshop 6:30*

Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Road

**Furnace Mountain** brings us their Ethno-Appalachian roots music. **Ann Fallon** will call the dances to the playing of **Dave VanDeventer** (fiddle), **Morgan Morrison** (bouzouki), and **Aimee Curl** (bass).

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](mailto:janscope@hotmail.com); [www.contradancers.com/atds](http://www.contradancers.com/atds)

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### 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

*May 8*

**Greg Frock** calling to **All Hat, No Cattle**.

Pot Luck at 6:30, ELECTIONS of the board at the break.

*May 22*

**George Mercer** calling to **Ryck Kaiser** and **Jill Smith**.

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

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### Elverson Contra Dance

*Saturday, May 2, 7:30 - 10:30 pm*

St Mary's, 61 Morningside Dr, Elverson PA

Contras, Squares, Waltzes & more. **Bob Isaacs** calling to **The GnuTones**. 6 - 7 pm: Potluck; 7 pm: Workshop; 7:30 - 10:30 pm: regular 1st Saturday contra

\$8; \$5 students and seniors. Children must be chaperoned. Please wear soft-soled shoes to protect the wooden floor. Please bring a snack to share at break. Nancy Katzen at 610-780-5667 or visit [www.elversoncontra.org](http://www.elversoncontra.org).

## Other Dances

### Friday Night Dancers

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

The Friday Night Dancers (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) sponsor weekly contra dances to live music in the Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom. New dancer classes start at 7:30 pm. Dances start at 8:30. Admission price is \$9 for the lesson and dance. To play for or call a dance, send an email to [findgigs@petml.com](mailto:findgigs@petml.com). For general information, see our website at [www.fridaynightdance.org](http://www.fridaynightdance.org)

*May 1*

**Rick Mohr** calls to the **Figments**.

*May 8*

**Susan Taylor** calls to the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**. *This dance will be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion.*

*May 15*

**Anna Rain** calls to **Endangered Youth**.

*May 22*

**Adina Gordon** calls to **Magic Foot**.

*May 29*

**George Marshall** and **Tim van Egmond** call to and play with **Swallowtail**. *This dance will be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion.*

### Lancaster Contra Dance

*Saturday, May 16, 7 to 10 pm*

Lancaster County Park, Pavilion 11, Lancaster

**Run of the Mill String Band** with **Palmer Loux** on fiddle, **Greg Loux** on guitar, **Paul Sidlick** on banjo, and **Tom Schaffer** on bass. **Shane Knudsen** calling. Potluck supper 5:30. Beginners workshop 6:15. \$8 admission, \$5 members. For information call Shane at (717) 431-7417 or [www.lancastercontra.org](http://www.lancastercontra.org).

### Frederick Contra Dance

*Saturday, May 30, 8 pm (workshop 7 pm)*

Trinity School, Frederick (by Harry Grove Stadium)

**George Marshall & Tim Van Egmond** will call to the music of **Swallowtail** featuring **Ron Grosslein**, fiddle; **Timm Triplett**, piano; **Tim Van Egmond**, hammered dulcimer; **David Cantieni**, wind instruments; and **George Marshall**, concertina, bodhran. General-\$8; Students-\$5; 12 and under \$4. Info/directions: [www.contradancers.com](http://www.contradancers.com) or call Boe Walker at 301-694-6794.

### FSGW Sunday Night Squares & Contras

*Sundays, 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Beginner Workshop 7 pm*  
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](mailto:dance@fsgw.org) or [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org)

*May 3*

**Rick Mohr** calls to **The Figments**. *Bumper Car Pavilion*

*May 10*

**Ridge Kennedy** with **Gypsy Meltdown**. *Bumper Car Pavilion*

*May 17*

**Tom Hinds** and **Sugar Beat**. *Spanish Ballroom*

*May 24*

**Adina Gordon** calls to **Magic Foot**. *Bumper Car Pavilion*

*May 31*

**Swallowtail!** *Spanish Ballroom*

### FSGW Family Dance

*Sunday, May 10, 3 pm*

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo

**Ridge Kennedy** calls dances for all ages to the music of **Gypsy Meltdown**. Admission \$5 for ages 4 and older. [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org).

### Hot Squares Cinco de Mayo Dance Party

*Tuesday, May 5, 8:30 - 11 pm*

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

Hola, Amigos! Senor Steve Hickman (fiddle) and Senor John Devine (guitar) will play driving tunes for square dances called by the Hot Square Senoras. Don't forget to wear your sombreros! Admission: \$8:00. Refreshments to share are welcome.

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

## More Dances

### Potluck and Dance 2Nite!

*Saturday, May 2, 7 - 10 pm (potluck before)*

Galesville Mem. Hall, 952 Galesville Rd, Galesville

Potluck Dinner 5:45 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.

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### 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](mailto:English@fsgw.org). Live musicians each week, see website for details. Callers listed below.

*May 6*

**Michael Barraclough** calls to music by **David Knight, Karin Loya, and Liz Donaldson**.

*May 13*

**Tom Spilsbury** leads the dances while **Walter Robinson, Jeff Steinberg, and Melissa Running** play the tunes.

*May 20*

Guest caller **Tom Amesse** from NY. Music by **Becky Ross, Bruce Edwards, and Julie Gorka**.

*May 27*

**Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of **Rhonda Hotop, Anna Rain, and Liz Donaldson**.

*Washington Spring Ball: Saturday, May 16. See [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org) for details and registration.*

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### Glen Echo Afternoon Waltz

*1st & 3rd Sundays, 3 pm lesson, 3:30 - 6 dancing.*

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

*May 3*

**The Figments**

*May 17*

Tango Vals with **The Gigmeisters**. Special tango vals workshop 2 pm.

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](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org), e-mail [info@WaltzTimeDances.org](mailto: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 (May 26), learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Some Hambo is done every time.

In the Advanced Class (May 12 & 19), 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](mailto:lisa@HamboDC.org), or [www.HamboDC.org](http://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!

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### Slow Blues Dancing and Lesson

*May 7, 14, & 21, 8:30 - 11 pm*

“Back Room” at Glen Echo Park

Dance slow blues and swing to incredible blues music from 9 – 11 pm, with a beginner lesson at 8:30 pm. Music provided by DJ Mike Marcotte & guests. Admission is \$8 for lesson and dance. You'll love the sprung, solid maple floor, complete with heating and air-conditioning!

For more information, call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org). The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812.

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### 26th Annual Evening With Strauss Waltz Ball

*May 2, 9 - midnight (lesson 8 - 9)*

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

This special benefit dance for Glen Echo Park includes a Viennese Waltz lesson from 8 - 9 p.m., followed by a superbly prepared program of classical waltzes in the style of Old Vienna with musicians **Dave Wiesler, Alexander Mitchell, Ralph Gordon, Edith Coakley, and Barbara Heitz**. Dancers are encouraged to wear formal attire. In keeping with this 26-year tradition, the wonderfully restored Dentzel Carousel will be open for dancers to enjoy rides until 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$20.

For info: go to [www.WaltzTimeDances.org](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org), e-mail [info@WaltzTimeDances.org](mailto:info@WaltzTimeDances.org), or call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

## More Dances & Concerts

### Zydeco/Cajun Dance

*Sunday, May 10, 3:30 - 6 pm (lesson before)*

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

**LeRoy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners.** Join us at 3 pm for a 30-minute Zydeco dance lesson taught by Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro. Admission \$18. Info: Michael Hart, 301-762-6730 or [www.DancingbytheBayou.com](http://www.DancingbytheBayou.com).

### Swing Dance

*Friday, May 22, 9 - midnight (lesson at 8)*

Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park

**Boilermaker Jazz Band.** Hour lesson by Mike Marcotte and Donna Barker followed by dancing. \$14. 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](http://www.DanceDC.com).

### Slow Blues in the Ballroom

*2nd & 4th Sundays, 8:30 - 11 pm (lesson 7 - 8:30)*

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

*May 10*

**Acme Blues Company**

*May 24*

Band TBD

Workshop by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte. \$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](http://www.DanceDC.com).

## Concerts

### Uptown Concerts at Baldwin's Station

*8 pm unless noted (dining room opens 6:30)*

7618 Main Street, Sykesville

They're back!!!!

*May 7: Vance Gilbert \$20*

*May 21: Ellis Paul \$20*

Tickets: 410-795-1041 or [uptownconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:uptownconcerts@gmail.com)

## Concerts

### Perry Hall Folk Music Night

*Saturday, May 9, 7 - 10 pm*

Perry Hall UMC, 9515 Belair Rd., Baltimore

Featured Performer: Ella's Umbrella <http://www.myspace.com/ellasumbrellamusic> Admission free, donations welcome. This is an "open mike" event. For more information, see [www.perryhallumc.org](http://www.perryhallumc.org) or contact ndzimmer@comcast.net or 410-529-7176.

### Institute of Musical Traditions Concerts

*Mondays, 7:30 pm*

St Mark's, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville

*May 4: For Pete's Sake, Sing! Happy 90th Birthday Pete Seeger.* Various artists pay tribute to Pete Seeger (who will NOT be present). \$20 advance/\$25 at door.

*May 11: Tanglefoot.* Final tour! \$17 advance/\$22 at door.

*May 18: Téada.* \$15 advance/\$20 door

For further details, call 301-754-3611 or visit [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org)

### Uptown Concerts at Cellar Stage

*Fridays, 8 pm (doors open 7 pm)*

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

*May 1: Hot Soup! \$16*

*May 15: Paddy Keenan & John Walsh \$17*

*May 29: Gandalf Murphy & The Slambovian Circus of Dreams \$17*

Tickets: 410-795-1041 or [uptownconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:uptownconcerts@gmail.com)

## Weekly Blues Jams

Saturdays, 1 to 5 pm

4701 Queensbury Rd, Riverdale

The weekly Saturday blues jams of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation have resumed at the foundation's new Riverdale, MD home at 4701 Queensbury Rd. The jams are open to everyone interested in playing, learning to play, or listening to acoustic blues. The jams are free, but donations are welcome to help defray costs of the facility and to support the foundation's educational programs.

The weekly jams began more than 50 years ago by legendary bluesman Archie Edwards at his barbershop in northeast Washington and carried on by the foundation after he passed away in 1998. When the barbershop building was sold last year, the jams were suspended temporarily while the foundation sought a new home.

In addition to the weekly jams, the foundation will hold workshops and concerts at the Riverdale location. Del Ray will offer a two-session blues song-writing on April 1 and 2, and a blues ukulele workshop on April 2.

For more information go to: [www.acousticblues.com](http://www.acousticblues.com)



## Workshops

### Guitar Workshop with Orrin Star

May 9, 2 - 4:15 pm

HMT Studio, 7008 Westmoreland Av, Takoma Park

Intro to Norman Blake's Style Guitar Workshop. \$50, includes tab handout. Limited to 10 participants. [www.orrinstar.com](http://www.orrinstar.com)  
To register: contact HMT at 301-270-9090 or [lessons@hmtrad.com](mailto:lessons@hmtrad.com)

### SummerTunes 2009

Saturday, July 25

Frederick MD

Alexander Mitchell and Liz Donaldson lead an all day contra dance music workshop. Musicians invited to play for evening contra. [www.contradancers.com/mmfac/](http://www.contradancers.com/mmfac/) or contact Liz for details: [liz@us.net](mailto:liz@us.net) / 301-986-1291

## Camps & Special Events

### Spring Springar Spree

May 1 - 3

Fri & Sun: 6807 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park

Sat: Rendezvous, 11910 Parklawn Dr, Rockville

Share the Joy of Springar! Springars are Norwegian dances to addictive uneven-3-beat music played on the Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings--see [hfaa.org](http://hfaa.org)). Dance classes & parties, Hardanger fiddle class & jamming. Classes fast-paced yet teaching to all levels. Featuring Hallingspringar dance class by **Laine Harris & Jennifer Brosious**. Valdrespringar & Telespringar classes by **Bruce Emery**. Plus a lively Setesdalgangar session (easy dance). All live music by foremost US fiddler **Loretta Kelley** and guest **Karin Code**. Beginners & part-timers welcome, no need to bring partner. Comfortable price. Details: Jenny Foster, [pi@xecu.net](mailto:pi@xecu.net), 301-371-4312.

### Music in the Woods

Saturday, May 16, 10 am - 4 pm

Oregon Ridge Nature Center

Free event featuring traditional music, dance, face painting, workshops to build traditional instruments, an instrument swap, *Meet the Instrument* seminars, jamming sessions, amateur shows for adults and children (prizes for children), a raffle for a ukulele, food, and much more! The *Build a Dulcimer Workshop* costs \$40 (due in advance) and requires advance reservations (410-887-1815). For more details see <http://www.oregonridge.org/musicwoods.php>

### 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. Contra, swing, tango, waltz, and other couples dances. Children's and family activities, swimming in the Olympic-size pool, late-night parties. Further information, including registration materials, can be found at [www.contradancers.com](http://www.contradancers.com). Contact Marti Schweitzer, registrar, at [almostmarti@gmail.com](mailto:almostmarti@gmail.com) or 703-437-0766 with questions.



# Baltimore Folk Music Society

## Membership Application

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Do not list my:    Name    Address    Phone    E-mail  
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 P.O. Box 7134 Waverly Station,  
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<b>Folkie Interests</b> <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	<b>Volunteer Interests</b> <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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<b>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND PRICES</b>	
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:	\$ _____
<b>SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP:</b>	
___ Contributor (\$75) ___ Supporter (\$150) ___ Sustainer (\$250) ___ Patron (\$500)	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>	\$ _____

**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 410-366-0808, or visit our web site: [www.bfms.org](http://www.bfms.org).

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<b>3</b> <b>Singing/Everyone</b> 3 FSGW Contra 5 Glen Echo Waltz 6 Springar Spree 8	<b>4</b> <b>English Dance</b> 1 IMT Concert 7	<b>5</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 3 Hot Squares 5	<b>6</b> <b>Contra Dance</b> 2 FSGW English 6	<b>7</b> Slow Blues 6 Baldwin Station 7	<b>8</b> <b>Friendly Coffee</b> 3 <b>Ballroom Dance</b> 4 Glen Echo Contra 5 Locust Lane Contra 4	<b>9</b> <b>Family Dance</b> 2 <b>Contra Dance</b> 2 <b>Internat'l Dance</b> 4 Perry Hall Coffeehs 7 Blues Jam 8 Guitar workshop 8
<b>10</b> <b>Open Band</b> 3 <b>Dance of Peace</b> 4 FSGW Contra 5 FSGW FamDance 5 Zydeco Dance 7 Slow Blues 7	<b>11</b> <b>English Dance</b> 1 IMT Concert 7	<b>12</b> Scandinavian Dance 6	<b>13</b> <b>Contra Dance</b> 2 FSGW English 6	<b>14</b> Slow Blues 6	<b>15</b> <b>Ballroom Dance</b> 4 Glen Echo Contra 5 Cellar Stage 7	<b>16</b> <b>Internat'l Dance</b> 4 Lancaster Contra 5 ATDS Contra 4 Blues Jam 8 Music in the Woods 8
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