



BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

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January 2008



The 27th annual BFMS Mid-Winter Ball
Puttin' on the Ritz
Saturday, January 19, 2008
Reception 6:45 PM
Grand March 7:15 PM
Chesapeake Rooms, Towson University

It's coming THIS MONTH and it's more spectacular than ever. I'll level with you: we're pulling out all the stops for the ultimate contra dance event. Here are ten reasons you simply MUST attend the Mid-Winter Ball this year:

10. Due to the La Nina winds, there is minimal snow forecast for this winter.
9. You can play those crazy games and activities when you're taking a break from dancing.
8. It's a chance to demo the Charleston moves you learned at the Cabin Fever festival the week before.
7. If you like to dress up, you can pull out your glad rags!
6. We're folkies, after all, so it's a ball that you DON'T have to dress up for, if you're no flapper or sheik.
5. You can see some faraway friends who may even travel here from out of state for this event.
4. Seeing Lily Fountain and her overachieving team of decorators transform the Chesapeake Room into a Chicago speakeasy circa 1926.
3. Rick Mohr -- one swanky swell!
2. The Figments -- they are the cat's meow!
1. This is a community event and it will be more fun if YOU are there!



Don't be a wet blanket; get your ticket now! Tickets now on sale at most BFMS events: \$24 members and affiliates; \$ 12 Towson students; \$30 others. Also available online at www.bfms.org. Questions? Call 410-433-4419 or email midwinter@bfms.org

BFMS CABIN FEVER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, ST. MARK'S ON THE HILL, 1620 REISTERSTOWN RD, PIKESVILLE
5 PM FAMILY DANCE, 6:30 POTLUCK, 7:30 PM CHARLESTON WORKSHOP, 8 PM CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE,
CLOGGING WORKSHOP AT BREAK



Intergenerational Family dance called by **Susan Taylor**, music provided by the **Saddle Horn Stringband**, featuring West Virginia State fiddle champion **Chance McCoy**, **Ben Townsend** on the claw hammer banjo, and guitarist **Matt Metz**. \$5 members, \$7 non-members, children under 2 free, families \$20 mem/\$28/non-mem. Potluck at 6:30. Bring your favorite comfort food. **Renee Camus** presents a short workshop on the Charleston at 7:30, to prepare yourself for the Mid-Winter Ball.

At 8 pm, **Susan Taylor** is joined by **Ann Fallon**, **Janine Smith**, and **Laura Brown** and the **Saddle Horn Stringband**, for squares and contras! \$8 members, \$12 non-members, \$5 member students, \$6 non-member students.

Percussive step dancing at the break, led by **Step Jam**, featuring **Jan Scopel** and **Kim Forry**. Jan and Kim have been doing and teaching clogging for over a quarter century, and they are lots of fun! Wear a Hawaiian shirt or tropical attire, and enter our Cabin Fever Fashion Competition, judged by Mr. Hawaiian shirt himself, George Mercer. Join us for a great time! For more info, contact Diane at 410-321-8419.



BFMS and Member-Sponsored Events

Sacred Harp Singing †

Sunday, January 13, 4-6 pm

Location TBA

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, lizcusick@gmail.com or Sharon McKinley 410-740-3250, samckinley@gmail.com.

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

Baltimore Open Band Practice †

Sunday, January 13, 4-6 pm

Come toot, snap, fiddle, and plink with the ever-lovin' Baltimore Open Band. A community gem whose members meet to play for dancing. Meets 2nd Sunday of each month in Catonsville. All ages and instruments and levels are truly welcome. Info: Susan Taylor 301-982-1107 susantaylor@greenbelt.com

Friendly Coffeehouse Open Mic *

Friday, January 11, 8-11 pm; sign-up 7:30-8

Johns Hopkins Mattow Senter, Silk Road Café/Swirnow Theater Café, Corner of 33rd and Charles Sts.

Acoustic performers, poets, storytellers and others invited for open mikeslots (three songs or ten minutes). Friendly, supportive atmosphere; goodlistening audience; coffee and refreshments. Check www.friendlycoffeehouse.org on the day of the event, email leahu@earthlink.net or call 410-825-0948

English Open Band Practice †

Sunday, January 6, 3:30-6 pm

This is a rehearsed open band for English Country Dancing. The band practices once a month and plays for Monday night English Country Dancing once every 2 or 3 months. Newcomers welcome Info: Eileen Franch 410-889-3252, franch@juno.com

Norwegian Dancing House Party †

Saturday, January 5, 6:30 pm potluck, 8 pm dance

6807 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park

Norwegian springars are quite different from the familiar Swedish hambo. Mesmerizing live music by Grammy-nominated hostess Loretta Kelly on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/4-5 sympathetic strings located underneath the bowed strings--see hfaa.org). Beginners welcome--we'll show you the moves. Bring

clean shoes, food to share, and \$\$ to contribute. Hosts: 301) 270-4925. Info/dirs: Jenny, pi@xecu.net, (301) 371-4312.

Fourth at Four Storyfolk *

Sunday, January 27, 4 pm

Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson

Storytellers and story enthusiasts get together to swap stories and performance ideas. It is an ideal place to try out new stories in front of a supportive audience.

The Fourth at Four also plans and publicizes interesting performance opportunities in the greater Baltimore area. Please bring a beverage or snack to share at the break. Everyone is welcome to join us, but we do appreciate RSVPs so we don't inadvertently lock you out of the hall.

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

One mile north of Baltimore Beltway exit 27.

Contra Dance Slow Jam †

Thursday, January 10, 7:30-10pm

601 E. 31st St, Baltimore

Learn contra dance tunes at a slow tempo. Tunes will be taught by ear and music will be available. Music from a variety of traditions, including New England, Southern Appalachian, Irish, French Canadian, Scottish, English, and more. All level of players interested in learning or practicing contra dance tunes at a slow tempo. All instruments are welcome.

More info: Contact Ed VandenBosche, 443-846-4748, or ed.jacobsenv@comcast.net.

Special Cajun Concert and Dance †

Friday, January 11, 8:30-11:30 pm

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

L'Angelus, a Cajun band from Lafayette, LA. Enjoy Columbian, Dominican, and Mexican cuisines. \$15. Info: 301-585-8813. Half block north of Eastern Ave. Ample neighborhood

parking including Montgomery County lot on King St. and in the restaurant's rear lot off Eastern Ave.



BFMS Dance

BFMS English Country Dance *

Monday evenings, 8–10:30 pm; New dancer workshop: 7:45 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. Info: engdance@bfms.org www.bfms.org

1/2 mile inside the Beltway, Exit 20 South

January 7

Caller: **Mike Franch**. Music: **Geud Band of Baltimore**. New dancers' orientation promptly at 7:45.

January 14

Caller: **Diane Schmit**. Music: **Edie Stern** (fiddle), **Walt Robinson** (recorder), and **Julie Gorka** (piano).

January 21

Caller: **Christopher Field**. Music: **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Ralph Barthine** (guitar).

January 28

Caller: **Tom Spilsbury**. Music: **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, accordion), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, ocarina, whistles).

More Member-Sponsored Events

First Thursday Cajun Concert and Dance †

Thursday, January 3, 7:30-10:30pm

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

Squeeze Bayou. Enjoy Columbian, Dominican, and Mexican cuisines. \$10. Info: 301-585-8813. Half block north of Eastern Ave. Ample neighborhood parking including Montgomery County lot on King St. and in the restaurant's rear lot off Eastern Ave.

There is now a message forum on the BFMS website. Check it out at:

<http://www.bfms.org/phorum/index.php>. All BFMS members are invited to post messages of interest to the folk music and dance community.

BFMS American Contra & Square Dance *

Wednesday evenings, 8–10:30 pm

New dancer orientation: 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th

Wednesdays each month

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

Music and dance styles include New England, Southern Appalachian, and Celtic. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. Dances are taught and walked through. No partner is necessary. New dancers are always invited.

Admission: \$12/\$8 for BFMS members and affiliates. Full-time students with IDs and those under 21 years of age: \$5 members/\$6 non-members. Snack contributions for the break are welcome. Info: 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. 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.

January 2

Susan Taylor calls to **Evil Twins** (**David Knight**, fiddle, and **Laurie Fisher**, piano, fiddle, drums).

January 9

Melissa Chatham calls to the **Baltimore Open Band**. New dancer's orientation at 7:30 pm.

January 16

David Giusti calls to **Lightning Strikes** (**Corey Walters**, flute, mandolin, whistle, **Jonah Sidman**, fiddle, and **Chloe Maher**, piano).

January 23

Ted Hodapp calls to **Not Rocket Surgery** (**Carl Friedman**, fiddle, Irish flute, **Andrew Marcus**, accordion, and **Ralph Barthine**, guitar).

January 30

Susan Hankin calls to **Gypsy Meltdown** (**Colleen Reed**, flute, **Kathy Kerr**, fiddle, and **Keith Gillis**, guitar).

February 6

Perry Shafran calls to the **Contra Rebels** (**Todd Clewell**, fiddle, **Henry Koretzky**, guitar, and **Bruce Campbell**, bass)

Admissions do not cover the costs of BFMS events. Your contribution is welcome!

Somebody Scream Mardi Gras Dance

Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas *

Friday, January 25, Lesson 8 pm, dance 9-12 pm

The Barn Theater at CCBC-Catonsville: 800 S. Rolling Road, Catonsville

He's back to rock the Barn Theater! Nathan Williams plays zydeco, the fast and furious accordion-driven dance music of the Creole people of South Louisiana, a relatively modern style that emerged after the Second World War. With its trademark rub-board percussion, electric guitars and R&B influences, zydeco is distinct from the fiddle-driven music of neighboring Cajuns. Growing up in a Creole-speaking home in St. Martinville, Nathan eagerly sought out the music of zydeco originators such as Clifton Chenier. When he was too young to actually attend a Clifton Chenier dance at a St. Martinville club, he hovered by the window-sized fan at the back of the building to hear his idol. Nathan decided to dedicate himself to learning the accordion. That dedication blossomed into an illustrious career, encompassing seven albums and spanning close to two decades. The music of Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas is the expression of a remarkable South Louisiana family. In the world of contemporary African-American music, roots styles are easily categorized as old music—good for sampling, maybe, but not music that relates to the lives of mainstream American people. Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas might make us think twice about this assumption, for here is uplifting, new music that remains connected to its place in history. If you haven't heard what's happening in zydeco lately, here's your chance! In 2005 Nathan & The Zydeco Cha Chas was inducted in the "Louisiana Hall Of Fame"! In 2007 Nathan & The Zydeco Cha Chas was named Offbeat's "Best Zydeco Band" and "Best Zydeco Album"!



Somebody Scream Productions: Co-sponsored by BFMS and CCBC/CC Admission \$20, \$17 BFMS Members w/ID, \$12 CCBC/CC Students w/ID Dance Lesson with Ben and Debbie at 8, partners not necessary, Music 9-12 Please support the College Scholarship Fund by buying water & soda at the venue. Please note: beer will no longer be available. FFIC: patyaffe@yahoo.com : 410.653.2571 Directions: Take I-95 to Exit 47, Rte. 195 to Catonsville. Follow signs for Rte 166 Rolling Rd. Turn RIGHT onto Rolling Road. Turn LEFT at the 2nd light into the CCBC/CC Campus.

NOTE: BFMS MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2008

BFMS membership is a wonderful and affordable way to be a part of a vibrant community celebrating the folk arts in Baltimore. However, with the increasing costs of printing this newsletter, and other expenses the BFMS incurs, we are forced to raise our membership rates slightly. We have a new student membership at \$20, and our 1-year BFMS member rates for individuals is now \$27, and families just \$37. See the form on Page 9 of this newsletter for complete pricing. Also available are extra-special memberships if you wish to be a big-time contributor to BFMS. You can be a Contributor, Supporter, Sustainer, or Patron. Remember, your membership fees allow us to publish this newsletter to keep you informed of folk events all over the area, as well as put on great events by fabulous performers from right here in Baltimore and all over the country. We thank you for your continued support.

February Issue Deadlines

Jan. 8: Articles & classified ads

Jan. 10: event listings



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 member's noncommercial ad costs \$5 for each 25 words or fraction (50 words maximum). Business and nonmember ads cost \$10 for each 25 words (maximum 75 words). Lost and found is free (maximum 25 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 9) by the 8th of the month before publication.

BFMS Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 8 pm

We meet at the home of Dan Katz.

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 9).

BFMS-sponsored events (*) are open to the public and are handicapped accessible. Member-hosted events (†) are held in member's homes, which may not be completely accessible.

Please check with the host regarding access and other concerns. Unmarked events are not affiliated with BFMS. Access questions? Call Mike Franch at 410-889-3252.



Etc.

Concerts

Baldwin Station

Thursdays, 8 pm

7618 Main Street, Sykesville

Jan. 10 - Seamus Kennedy. \$15.

Jan. 17 - Mike Cross. \$20.

Jan. 24 - Richard Shindell. \$25.

More info: uptownconcerts@gmail.com,
www.uptownconcerts.com.

Cellar Stage

Fridays, 8 pm

Faith Community Methodist Church,
5315 Harford Rd, Baltimore

Jan. 11 - Bill Staines. \$15

Jan. 25 - Laura Byrne, Patrick Egan, &
Billy Comiskey. \$15

More info: uptownconcerts@gmail.com,
www.uptownconcerts.com.

Institute of Musical Traditions

Mondays, 7:30 pm

St. Mark Presbyterian, 10701 Old
Georgetown Road, Rockville, MD.

Jan. 7 - Jeffrey Gaines.

Jan. 21 - Mid-Atlantic Song Contest
Winners and Benefit for SAW

Jan. 28 - Old Blind Dogs.

Info: marysue@buildthemountain.com,
www.imtfolk.org, 301-754-3611

Common Ground on the Hill

Roots Music Series

Saturday, January 5, 8 pm

Carroll County Arts Council, 91 E.
Main St, Westminster

Sarah Lee Guthrie & Jeremy Irion

Tickets: Adults: \$17; Seniors 65+, Chil-
dren 12 and under, Student w/ID: \$15
Information and Tickets: 410-857-2771
cground@qis.net <http://www.commongroundonthehill.org>

Focus Rockville

Wednesdays, 8 pm

O'Brien's BBQ, 387 E. Gude

Drive, Rockville

Jan. 9 - Bill Staines w/special guest Sally
Spring.

Jan. 23 - Jim Photoglo and Tena Moyer.

\$15 general, \$12 members. Contact: David
at focusrockville@earthlink.net, 301-275-
7459 or log onto www.focusmusic.org.

Focus Alexandria

Sundays, 7 pm

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

Jan. 13 - Magpie.

\$15 general, \$12 members. Contact: David
at herb@focusmusic.org, 703-380-3151 or
log onto www.focusmusic.org.

Folk Music Night

Saturday, January 19, 7:30-10 pm

Perry Hall United Methodist
Church, 9515 Belair Rd., Baltimore

Free, donations welcome. Featured Per-
former: Bob Sima (www.bobsima.com).
This is an "open mike" event.
www.perryhallumc.org
ndzimmer@comcast.net, 410-529-7176.

Concert w/Orrin Starr

Saturday, January 12, 8 pm

Guitars of Pikesville, 806 Reisters-
town Road 2nd Floor S6 (above
Sunfresh Produce), Pikesville, MD

Solo concert. Donation: \$12-15. Info:
410-415-5400 or www.orrinstar.com

Mountain and Hammered Dulci- mer Concert

Sunday, January 20, 3 pm

The Stony Run Meeting House next
to Friends School, 5116 N. Charles
St., Baltimore, MD

Mountain and hammered dulcimer concert
with Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer
and fiddle) and from Tennessee, Dan
Landrum (a dazzling HD player who
toured with Yanni for several years), Butch
Ross (called the "Bela Fleck" of the
mountain dulcimer) and Christie Burns (a
wonderfully tasteful HD player).

Tickets \$17.50 in advance and \$20 at the
door; kids under 14, \$15. Phone: (443)
703-2590 Contact: kenkolodner@aol.com
or 410-746-8387

Workshops

Mandolin Workshop with Orrin Starr

Saturday, January 12, Noon-2 pm

6318 Jason St., Cheverly, MD

Round those infectious folk melodies that
magically harmonize when sung over
themselves at staggered intervals sound
great on the mandolin. And because of
their simplicity, they can be learned and
played almost immediately. So come join
us for an afternoon of harmonic conver-
gence as we make the rounds of several
rounds.

Limited to 12. \$40 fee. Includes written
hand-out., 301.773.6149. Info: <http://www.orrinstar.com/Pages/MandoShops.html>

Introduction to Playing Old Time Fiddle

Jan 7, 10, 14 and 17, 5:30-6:30 pm

Sherwood Room, Levering Union,
Johns Hopkins University Campus

No music background necessary. Hands on
workshop--take home an instrument with
you. FEE: \$60.00 if have an instrument;
\$75 if no instrument. Contact: Ken Kolod-
ner at 410-243-7254 kenkolodner@aol.com or call JHU at 410-516-7428
or 410-516-4842 or see <http://www.jhu.edu/intersession/enrich/>

Introduction to Playing the Ham- mered Dulcimer

Jan 7, 10, 14 and 17, 7-8 pm

Sherwood Room, Levering Union,
Johns Hopkins University Campus

No music background necessary. Hands on
workshop--take home an instrument with
you. FEE: \$60.00 if have an instrument;
\$75 if no instrument. Contact: Ken Kolod-
ner at 410-243-7254 kenkolodner@aol.com or call JHU at 410-516-7428
or 410-516-4842 or see <http://www.jhu.edu/intersession/enrich/>

Contra & Square Dances

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, with occasional squares
and couple dances, to live music. Admis-
sion \$9. Info: info@fridaynightdance.org,
www.fridaynightdance.org. To play or
call: fndgigs@petml.com

January 4

Steve Gester calls to the **Evil Twins**
(David Knight, fiddle, and Laurie Fisher,
fiddle, piano).

January 11

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

January 18

TBA calls to **Devine Comedy (Marty
Taylor, flute, John Devine, guitar, and
Steve Hickman, fiddle)**.

January 25

Robbin Schaffer calls to the **June Apple**
(Jeff Steinberg, fiddle, Mike McGeary,
guitar, Bob Garber, clarinet, and Alice
Markhan, piano).

FSGW Sunday Night Contra and Square Dance

Sundays 7:30-10:30 pm
New dancer orientation 7 pm

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

Contras and squares for experienced and
new dancers. No partner needed. New
dancers please come early. \$12/\$9 mem-
bers/\$4 age 17 and under. Info: Robert
Cox dance@fsgw.org, www.fsgw.org.

January 6

Dick Bearman calls to the **Gigmeisters**
(Paul Oorts, mandolin, Alexander
Mitchell, fiddle, Dave Wiesler, piano, and
Ralph Gordon, bass).

January 13

Ann Fallon calls to **Waverley Station**
(Liz Donaldson, piano, David Knight,
fiddle, and Ralph Gordon, bass).

January 20

Eva Murray calls to the **New Southern
Cowtippers (Sandy Hofferth, fiddle,**

Howard Zane, banjo, Jim Jones, guitar).

January 27

David Giusti calls to **Lightning Strikes**
(Corey Walters, flute, whistle, mandolin,
Jonah Sidman, fiddle, and Chloe Maher,
piano).

Shepherdstown Contra Dance

Saturday, January 5, 8 pm, workshop 7:30
pm

War Memorial Building, corner of
King and German St, Shepherds-
town, WV

David Giusti calls to **Lightning Strikes**,
featuring Corey Walters on flute, whistle,
mandolin, Jonah Sidman on fiddle,
Chloe Maher on piano, and Doug Schae-
fer on percussion and washboard.

\$6 members, \$8 non-members, \$4 children
under 12. More info: Becky at
blidgerd@frontiernet.net.

Elverson Contra Dance

Saturday, January 5, 7:30-10:30 pm.

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

Dave Colestock calls to the **PGW**. Admis-
sion \$8/\$5 students and seniors. For more
information, contact Nancy Katzen at 610-
780-5667 or visit Ted Crane's website at
<http://tedcrane.com/PA/ECD/>

Crab Contras

Saturday, January 5, 6 pm potluck dinner
7:30-10:30 pm; workshop 7 pm

Cambridge YMCA, 201 Talbot
Ave., Cambridge.

Dick Bearman w/
Marsh Rabbits.
Twelfth Night cele-
bration!

\$8 per person, free
snacks! Info/
directions: 410-
546-775 or 410-
901-9177

Arden Contra Dance

Arden Gild Hall, Arden, DE

Jan. 1 - 2 pm: International Folk Danc-
ing, 5 pm potluck, 7 pm, contra dance,

with Laurie Fisher calling to **Waverley
Station**. Each session \$11, all day \$21.

Jan. 20 - 2 pm: Contra dance w/**Susan
Taylor & Susan Hankin** calling to the
Mason-Dixon Dance Orchestra. 5 pm
potluck. \$10

Info/directions: [http://home.sprynet.com/
~rbrat.](http://home.sprynet.com/~rbrat.), 302-478-7257.

Hot Squares in the Olde Town Tonight

We are taking a vacation. We will not be
dancing at Cherry Hill until May. We may
visit the tropics for some R&R, or go to
other direction to see what it 's like to have
a real winter again!

In the meantime, we will pop back for spe-
cial events, such as BFMS' Cabin Fever
Festival (see Page 1) on Jan. 12, or at the
FSGW Minifest on Feb. 2. 410-268-0231,
301-762-2231
squaredancers@comcast.net,
www.hotsquares.info

Locust Lane Contra Dance

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

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church,
5501 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA.

Admission \$9/\$8 members. Info/
directions: Dave Colestock 717-7701477,
LocustLaneContra.freeservers.com.

January 11

Bob Isaacs calls to **Ryck Kaiser & Jill
Smith**.

January 25

David Giusti calls to **Light-
ning Strikes**.

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society

There will be no contra dance
at Annapolis this month.
Please go to BFMS' Mid-
Winter Ball (see Page 1 of this
issue), with Rick Mohr and the
Figments!

Directions/info: 301-717-6454,
pshaf@yahoo.com, [con-
tradancers.com/atds](http://con-
tradancers.com/atds).



More Contras & Squares

Lancaster Traditional Dance Society

Saturday, January 19, New dancer workshop 7:15 pm, Dance 8-11 pm.

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

Featuring **Lightning Strikes**, with **Jonah Sidman** (fiddle), **Corey Walters** (flute, whistle, mandolin), and **Chloe Maher** (piano). **David Giusti** calls.

Admission \$7/\$4 students. More info: 717-431-7417, sam@mcc.org, www.lancastercontra.org.

MMFAC Frederick Contra

Saturday, January 26, 8-11 pm, Beginner's workshop at 7 pm.

Trinity Episcopal School, Frederick. (Near Harry Grove Stadium)

David Giusti calls to **Lightning Strikes**, featuring **Jonah Sidman**, fiddle, **Corey Walters**, flute, mandolin, and whistle, and **Chloe Maher**, piano.

Beginners welcome, no partner necessary. Admission \$8/\$3 children under 16. More info: Boe Walker, 301-694-6794, BuffaloBoe@boestrings.com, www.contradancers.com.

FSGW English Country Dancing

Wednesdays 8-10:30 pm

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

\$9/\$7 FSGW members. More info: 301-320-2469, 301-229-3577, or English@fsgw.org.

January 2

Stephanie Smith and **Anna Rain** call to **Judy Kleppel** (oboe), **Walt Robinson** (recorders), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

January 9

Diane Schmit calls to **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon, concertina), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

January 16

Liz Donaldson calls to **Francine Krasowska** (piano), **Dan Gillespie** (recorder), and **Karin Loya** (cello).

www.bfms.org

410-366-0808

Other Dances

January 23

Bob Farrall calls to **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Harriet Kaplan** (cello), and **Julie Gorka** (piano).

January 30

Tom Spilsbury calls to **David Knight** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

International Folk Dancing †

Saturdays, 7:30-10:30 Lesson in first half hour (No dancing Jan. 5)

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.net

Free Ballroom Dancing and Lessons †

Fridays, 7:50 pm

ROTC Building, Johns Hopkins University Campus, Baltimore.

Waltz, rumba, tango and more. Our 17th year! Beginners & advanced welcome. Turn south from the intersection of 39th Street and West

University Parkway onto San Martin Drive. Take the 3rd left turn from San Martin Dr. Bring friends and party goodies. Anne and Dave Greene 410-435-0967

Scandinavian Dance Classes

Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 pm

Building T-39, NIH, Bethesda

Beginning Class: Jan. 8 and 22* 7:30 - 9:30 pm Advanced Class: Jan. 15 and 29 *

7:30 - 9:30 pm In the Beginning Class, learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. . Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. Air conditioned. \$5.

Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.

Sunday Afternoon Waltz

Sundays, 3:30 pm, lesson 3 pm

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MD

Jan. 6 - Gigmeisters.
Jan. 20 - Avant Gardeners.

Admission is \$8. For info: go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org, e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org, or call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222. For more information, call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DanceDC.com

FSGW Family Dance

Sunday, January 13, 3 pm

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

Ann Fallon calls to **Waverley Station**.

Admission \$5 for ages 4 and older. More info, contact Margie at 703-379-4777, or fsgw.org.

Slow Blues Lesson and Dancing

Sunday, Jan. 6 and 20, 8:30 pm, lesson 7 pm

Bumper Car Pavilion Glen Echo Park, MD

Sunday Blues dance featuring **DJ Mike Marcotte** and guests. Cost: \$14 for the workshop and dance; or \$7 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.com



More Fabulous Events!

Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend

Friday, January 11-Sunday, January 13

Harpers Ferry, WV

New Weekend workshop for bellows-blown bagpipes, fiddle, flute and mixed instruments with **Jerry O'Sullivan, Ian Lawther, Finn Moore, John Skelton, Wendy MacIsaac, David Cantieni, Bob Mitchell** and more. www.squeezethebag.info or call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net

FSGW Mini-Fest

Saturday, February 2, 12 pm to 10 pm

Takoma Park Middle School, Takoma Park

Featuring a 6-hour contra dance at 12 noon and a 3-hr contra dance at 7:30 pm, and waltzing in between. Plus other fabulous events. See www.fsgw.org for more information.

Susquehanna Folk Music Society Events

Jan 17 - Uncle Earl, old-time music.. 7:30 pm, Whitaker Center Stage, 2 Third and Market Streets, Harrisburg, PA. \$20, \$15 SFMS members, \$10 students.

Jan. 20 - Eric Bibb, blues folk music, workshop and concert. Workshop 5 pm, concert 7:30 pm. Whitaker Center Stage, 2 Third and Market Streets, Harrisburg, PA. Workshop: \$16, \$14 SFMS members, \$10 students. Concert: \$18, \$14 SFMS members, \$10 students.

Tix/more info: 717-214-2787 or www.sfmsfolk.org.

Chesapeake Dance Weekend

April 11-13, 2008

YMCA Camp Letts, Edgewater

Featuring **Tony Parkes** and **Airdance Trio (Rodney Miller, Elvie Miller, Gordon Peery)**, **Beth Molaro** and **The Ratchet Mountain Rock Farmers (Rachel Eddy, Jesse Milnes, Joe Newberry and Joe DeJarnette)**, and Quebecois music and dance with **Reveillons!** For more details and to register, visit www.fsgw.org or call (301) 270-4553.



Editor's Corner

Whew, is it 2008 already? Well, it's an Olympic year, it's a presidential election year, and it's a leap year. What better way to celebrate the new year with some great folkie events!

We have the Cabin Fever Festival, with a full day of a variety of events, slated for Jan. 12. Whether it's family dancing, contra/square dancing, the Charleston, clogging, or just gathering with friends over a meal, you'll find the Cabin Fever Festival perfect for you.

Of course our annual Mid-Winter Ball takes place on Jan. 19. Find a zoot suit or a flapper dress and take in a Roaring 20s event with Rick Mohr and the Figments. Of course in the 20s Prohibition is in effect, so no drinking please!

Mardi Gras comes early this year as we have a great party, Zydeco style, with Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas. If you can't get to New Orleans this Mardi Gras, let us bring the music and dance of the bayou to you!

Some news, though. First, last month we had stated that we were going to have a new web page set up, with special features. Unfortunately, we still have some glitches in the setting up the site, so we are not ready to go prime time just yet. Please be patient as we get all the features up and running.

Also, in order to keep up with the costs of printing the newsletter and putting forth great folk events, we are raising the prices for membership slightly. We have not had a price increase for several years, and we hope not to have another one for a few more years. But we do have to keep up with costs.

Finally, I wanted to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2008. Should be a good year for me - I'm getting married this year! Please come join us this year for friends and fun.

Sincerely,
Perry Shafran
BFMS Newsletter Editor

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- Contra dancing
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- English dancing
- Coffeehouse / concerts
- Singing
- Storytelling
- Family / kids events
- Dance / camp weekends
- Instruments / open band

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- Greeting / ticket taking
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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.

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Calendar of Events

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	6 English Open Band Practice 2 Dick Bearman/Gigmeisters 6 Gigmeisters 7 DJ Mike Marcotte 7	7 Mike Franch/Geud Band of Baltimore 3 Jeffrey Gaines 5 Intro to Old Time Fiddle 5 Intro to Hammered Dulcimer 5	8 BFMS Board Meeting 4 Scandinavian Dance Class 7	9 Melissa Chatham/Baltimore Open Band 3 Bil Staines, Sally Spring 5 Diane Schmit/Bruce Edwards, Jeff Steinberg, Liz Donaldson 7	10 Contra Dance Slow Jam 2 Seamus Kennedy 5	11 Friendly Coffeehouse 2 L'Angelus 2 Bill Staines 5 Greg Frock/Glen Echo Open Band 6 Bob Isaacs/Ryck Kaiser, Jill Smith 6 Free Ballroom Dancing 7 Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend 8
13 Sacred Harp Singing 2 Baltimore Open Band Practice 2 Magpie 5 Ann Fallon/Waverly Station 6 Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend 8	14 Diane Schmit/Edie Stern, Walt Robinson, Julie Gorka 3 Intro to Old Time Fiddle 5 Intro to Hammered Dulcimer 5	15 Scandinavian Dance Class 7	16 David Giusti/Lightning Strikes 3 Liz Donaldson/Francine Kraskowsa, Dan Gillespie, Karin Loya 7	17 Mike Cross 5 Uncle Earl 8	18 Devine Comedy 6 Free Ballroom Dancing 7	19 BFMS Mid-Winter Ball 1 Folk Music Night 5 David Giusti/Lightning Strikes 7 International Folk Dancing 7
20 Mountain Hammered Dulcimer concert w/Ken Kolodner 5 Eva Murray/New Southern Cowtippers 6 Susan Taylor,Susan Hankin/Mason-Dixon Contra Dance Orchestra 6 Avant Gardeners 7 DJ Mike Marcotte 7 Eric Bibb 8	21 Christopher Field/Robin Wilson, Liz Donaldson, Ralph Barthine 3 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest 5 Winners/SAW Benefit 5 Intro to Old Time Fiddle 5 Intro to Hammered Dulcimer 5	22 Scandinavian Dance Class 7	23 Ted Hodapp/Not Rocket Surgery 3 Jim Photoglo, Tena Moyer 5 Bob Farrall/Becky Ross, Harriet Kaplan, Julie Gorka 7	24 Richard Shindell 5	25 Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas 4 Laura Byrne, Patrick Egan, Billy Comiskey 5 Robbin Schaffer/June Apple 6 David Giusti/Lightning Strikes 6 Free Ballroom Dancing 7	26 David Giusti/Lightning Strikes 7 International Folk Dancing 7
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