Still the Best Bargain... but...

After 5 years of being the best bargain in entertainment in New Jersey at $7.00, starting January 1, the Minstrel will still be the best bargain in New Jersey, except a little more expensive. Two rent increases over the seven years we’ve been at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship have made in necessary to bump the admission to $8.00. We kept the bump as low as we could so as to have minimal effect on the Creel. Hope you'll still make it a Friday night habit. January's schedule is well worth it, including an Agranoff Imperative show with RUNA on the 25th.

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Folk Project 2012 General Membership Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 4
Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 8pm

All Folk Project members are invited to attend and participate in our upcoming Annual Meeting on Tues., Dec. 4, 2012 at the Chimney Rock Inn, 342 Valley Rd., Gillette. Everybody is invited to share dinner prior to the meeting at 6:30pm, at a fixed price of $15 per person (not including alcoholic beverages). There is no charge to attend the annual meeting, which starts at 8pm. If you plan to come for dinner, please RSVP ASAP to Eddie Roffman, president@folkproject.org.

At the meeting, the Board of Trustees and board positions for the coming year will be elected The official Nominations Committee slate is on page 6, but we also accept nominations from the floor. In fact, we'd be ever so delighted to entertain nominations for the editorial portion of the Newsletter committee.

HELP WANTED: The Folk Project needs a Secretary for 2013! This volunteer will take minutes at our monthly board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Check out the detailed job description at: https://sites.google.com/site/folkprojectbackoffice/work-in-progress/job-descriptions/secretary.

December Xkwanzamas Party

Sat., 12/8, 8pm • The Schafferosa

The evening o’ music takes on holiday cheer at this, our gayest party of the year! Festivities will take place at Mark and Robin Schaffer’s, 196 Mount Pleasant Ave., Rockaway. (973) 989-4429 or fid1dler@optonline.net. Come one, come all! ****In case of inclement weather, please check the Folk Project web site or call Mark at (201) 207-8696 to confirm that the party is still on.*****

Directions: Route 80 to exit 35A (Dover and Shopping Mall). Go 1/2 mile to the Exxon and make a left onto Mt. Pleasant Ave. Ignore street signs for one mile. At one mile, the road starts downhill and there is a metal guardrail on the right. The mailbox has 196 and three reflectors. The driveway is a hairpin turn on the right 10 feet past the 25MPH sign. Yes, there IS parking on the street even though it’s scary.

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The Minstrel Acoustic Concert Series December 2012 presented by The Folk Project
STARTING JAN. 1, 2013 ADMISSION PRICE WILL BE $8.00

Fri., 12/7: Chorus Song Night
Our annual opportunity for you, the audience to sing. Four experienced songleaders will present songs with choruses, either familiar or easily picked up on the fly for an evening of community singing. Songs will be led by Stuart Markus (of Gathering Time), Big Jeff DeSmedt, Katie Weiss and Mike Agranoff.

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All Venues That’s Fit To Print

Albert Hall/Sounds of the NJ Pines: Country/bluegrass/folk every Saturday. 125 Wells Mills Rd. (Route 532), Waretown. (609) 971-1593 or www.alberthall.com;

Acoustic Café: Our Lady of Mercy Church, 2 Fremont Ave, Park Ridge, NJ, 8pm, (201) 573-0718, www.cafeacoustic.org; Sun., 12/2: The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Arts off Main Open Mike: every third Thursday, The Lab, 128 Willow Grove St., Hackettstown. thelab_openmic@yahoo.com; www.artsoffmain.com; (908) 684-4728

Bluegrass & Old Time Music Assoc. (BOTMA): Every 3rd Sun. from Sept. thru May, Embury United Methodist Church Hall, 49 Church St., Little Silver, NJ. 1-5pm. $4 for BOTMA members $5 non-members. Info: www.newjerseybluegrass.org

Borderline Folk Music Club: usually at New City Ambulance Corps Bldg, 200 Congers Rd., New City, NY. 2pm, Info: (845) 354-4586 http://borderlinefolkmusicclub.org; Sun., 2/2: Roger Sprung & Friends

Café Zed: Open mic 7:30pm, sign-up 7pm, feature 9pm. Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center, 4 Boland Dr. (Prospect Ave. bet. Eagle Rock & Mt. Pleasant) West Orange (848) 219-1868 or tom@tompicard.com. Sat., 12/15: Tom Picard note: for the winter, Café Zed will happen in front of the fireplace at 40 Fairway Drive, West Orange. This information supercedes info in the Print Newsletter!

Celebration House Concert & Workshop Series: In Clifton; address given with reservation, (973) 879-8568 or celebrationhouseconcerts@yahoo.com. Workshops usually 3:30–5:30pm; concert usually 6:30pm. Concert only $15; workshop only $20; concert and workshop combo $30;

Coffee With Conscience: 1st United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St. 8pm info 908-412-9105, Concerts4Causes@aol.com; www.coffeewithconscience.org; coming Jan. 12: GrooveLily

Community Theater at Mayo Center for Performing Arts: 100 South St., Morristown, NJ, for tickets/info call 973-539-8008, www.mayorarts.org, shows at 8pm

Crossroads Coffeehouse: 8pm, Crossroads Community Church, 104 Bartley Rd., Flanders. (973) 786-7940 or (908) 879-7739;

Dublin House: Irish Session, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 6-9pm, Monmouth St., Red Bank

Folk Arts Fridays at Ethical Culture: 516 Prospect St., Maplewood. 2nd Friday (except June-Aug.). Bring instruments and voices for singing, playing, quilting, crafts. run by Lisa Novemsky and Anja Moen. www.ethicsextreme.org or (973) 763-8293.


Good Coffeehouse: 53 Prospect Park W. at 2nd St., Park Slope, Brooklyn, doors open at 7:30, music at 8pm, (718) 768-2972 or www.gscsec.org;

The Hillside Cafe Coffee House: 45 Hillside Cres., Nutley. Doors open 7:30, show at 8pm, (973) 667-7055 or info@hillsidedcafe.com, www.hillsidecafe.com; Sun., 12/23: Annual Christmas Show with doorjam check web site for time

Hurdy Gurdy Folk Music Club: Fair Lawn Community Center, 10-10 20th St., Fair Lawn 8pm. (201) 384-1325. www.hurdygurdyfolk.org; Sat., 12/1: Joni Mitchell Blue: A 40th Anniversary Tribute

McLynn’s Restaurant: Open mic Wed., 9pm. 250 Morris Ave, Springfield. (973)258-1600

Morris County Center for the Arts: Darress Theatre, 615 Main St, Boonton. (973) 334-9292, www.darressstheater.com. Wed., 12/19

Music at the Mission: West Milford Presbyterian Church, 1452 Union Valley Rd., West Milford, (973) 728-3081, www.musicatthemission.org; Sat., 12/15: Jay Unger & Molly Mason: A Fiddler’s Holiday

Music on Main: 7:30pm, Woodbridge. http://www.woodbridgeartsnj.org, (732) 634-4500 x6497

NJ Clearwater Circle of Song: Turnstile Coffee Bar, 1607 Route 71, Belmar (2 blocks from Rte. 35, 7 from Belmar Train Station), 6:30pm; Sun., 12/2: 1:30pm, Leader-Performer Carl Croce

Outpost In The Burbs: at the Unitarian Church of Montclair, 67 Church St., Montclair (973) 744-6560. Doors open 7:30pm, concert at 8pm. www.outpostintheburbs.org; Fri., 12/7: Mike & Ruthy, The Sea, The Sea


The Place: House Concerts, 3pm pot luck, 4pm concert in Livingston; RSVP to jamask8@comcast.net or (973) 992-7491;

Princeton Folk Music Society: Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton, 8pm, (609) 799-0944 $15/Members $10/3 kids under 12. www.PrincetonFolk.org; Fri., 12/14: Work o’ the Weavers

Sacred Harp Singings: Much info at http://www.fasola.org/; 2nd Sun.: 2pm, St. Paul’s Church, 199 Carroll St, Brooklyn. (718) 293-2848; 2pm, Montclair Friends Mtg, Park & Gordonhurst. (973) 509-2165; Midweek singing Wednesdays, 7-9:30pm, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 346 W. 20th St. http://nyncsacredharp.org/localsingings.html

Sanctuary Concerts: The Presbyterian Church, 240 Southern Boulevard, Chatham. Most concerts 8pm, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org; No concerts in December

Skylands Native American Flute Circle meets at a home in Panther Valley. Info: Allan Johnson 908-850-5772 or afljyfcasting@optonline.net

Stony Brook Friends of Old Time Music Jam: Mannion’s Pub & Restaurant, 140 West Main Street, Somerville. Starting around 7:30pm. (609) 924-5353 or visit www.diamondcut.com/oldtime/; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month

The Uptown Coffeehouse: www.uptowncoffeehouse.org New Location: City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham S. lower level, City Island, NY. 5pm,$15, under 12, $5; Sun., 12/2: The Kennedys

Trout Fishing in America
Ezra Idlet and Keith Grimwood
~ Music for people who take their fun seriously ~

Friday, December 28, 8:00pm
Morristown Unitarian Fellowship
21 Normandy Heights Road
Morristown, NJ

Tickets: $17.00 in advance
$20.00 at the door

Trout Fishing in America is known for folk/pop music that’s sophisticated and original… but not inappropriate for children. In other words, fun for all ages!

“One plays guitar, the other plays bass, and most of their repertoire is comic and original. Think of Trout Fishing in America… as The Smothers Brothers for the new millennium”
Parents Magazine

“Infectious indie folk-rock with a strong sense of humor”
St. Petersburg Times

“Somewhere between Raffi and the Spice Girls… there exists a sliver of time when parents and children can love the same music. We call it “The Trout Years.”

More information: www.folkproject.org or 732-841-1348

Tickets available in advance via paypal on www.folkproject.org or at the Minstrel Acoustic Music Series every Friday night.

Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

9th Annual Holiday Fair - Gifts of Conscience

***Friday 12/7 6:30pm – 9:30pm***
Saturday 12/8 8:30am – 4:00pm
Sunday 12/9 8:30am – 1:00pm

Make it a 2 for 1 on Friday, December 7:
Chorus Song Night and Holiday Shopping

Jewelry, pottery, carvings, native instruments, handbags, scarves

One of a kind handcrafted pieces, extraordinary and unique items

Offerings from Ten Thousand Villages, local community & international groups, including Grupo Cajola, Peaceworks, Neighborhood House, Heifer Project, Family Promise.

An opportunity to gift and give back!

You know the place!
21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown
Home of the Minstrel concert series
See you there!
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Hurdy Gurdy: Joni Mitchell Blue: a 40th Anniversary Tribute, 8pm, Fair Lawn. www.hurdygurdyfolk.org  
People’s Voice Cafe: Charlie King, Rick Burkhartd, NYC. www.peoplesvoicecafe.org/  |
| 2/Sun. | EVERY Sun.: Music You Can’t Hear On The Radio, 7pm, WPRB 103.3FM; www.wprb.com  
EVERY first & third Sunday: Open Irish session, 6pm, Dublin House, Red Bank.  
EVERY Sunday: Tom Picard and Carl Croce, Tapasstry Restaurant, Montclair  
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| 3/Mon. | EVERY Monday: Maplewood International Dancers, 7:30pm, Maplewood. (973) 376-7568  |
| 4/Tues. | FP Board meeting ANNUAL MEETING.  
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| 5/Wed. | EVERY Wednesday, Straight Morning Drive, featuring Straight Drive 15 minutes after the 7:30am station break. 6–9am, WDVR-FM and www.wdvrfm.org  
EVERY Wed.: Morristown Int'l Dancers, 7:30pm, Mountain Lakes Community Church. (973) 539-7020, njfolkdance.tripod.com/firstnightmorristown.html  
EVERY Wednesday: “Down Jersey” with Jim Albertson, 7:30pm, WSNJ am1240, am1440 and www.wsnjam.com; http://members.aol.com/downjerseyjim/  
EVERY 1st Wednesday: Folk Open Sing; 7pm, Ethical Culture Society, 53 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. (212) 636-6341 or (718) 788-7563  |
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| 13/Thurs. | NJ Songwriters Circle 7pm, Dave Kleiner's, 32 Williamsson Ave., Bloomfield. (973) 429-0288  |
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Newsletter Deadline Send stuff to newsletter@folkproject.org  
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| 21/Fri. | Minstrel: CLOSED  |
| 22/Sat. | Bonus EoM at the Roffmans’ 8pm, 11 Butternut Rd., Randolph. (973) 328-7742  |
Hillside Cafe: Annual Christmas Concert with dooja, check web site for time, Nutley. www.hillsidecafe.com, (973) 667-7055  |
| 28/Fri. | Minstrel: A Folk Project Special Concert — Trout Fishing in America  |
| 31/Tue. | Terr New Year’s Eve Dance: Brooklyn Swing Ensemble  
Join the Folk Project

Cut out this handy dandy membership form and mail it, with your membership fee, to Scott Ross, 36 Hilltop Circle, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Info: membership@folkproject.org

Choose at least one: ___ New ___ Renew ___ Skip to my Lou

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________

Home Tel. __________________________ Work Tel. ________________________

E mail 1: __________________________ E mail 2: _________________________

Do you play or sing music:

[ ] For fun  [ ] Occasionally perform in public  [ ] Professionally or semi-professionally

___ Basic Individual membership @ $20/year ____________________________________________
(You’ll receive this personal monthly newsletter.)

___ Supporting membership @ $25/year _____________________________________________
(Personal monthly newsletter PLUS our eternal gratitude)

___ Family membership* ______________________________________________________
(Additional family members @ $3 each per year)

___ Multiple Year Membership ________________________________________________
(number of banjo-tossing years _______ X type of membership. You do the math.)

DONATION to Folk Project ____________________________________________
(Tax deductible! We are also eligible for Corporate Matching Donations and banjos.)

Total amount enclosed: $ __________________________

NEW! Please check one:  
[ ] I’d like to receive a print newsletter
[ ] I’d like to save trees and receive an Enewsletter

Make your check payable to: The Folk Project

*Family membership is one basic or supporting membership plus $3 for each additional family member/banjo.

Please list the names of additional family members:

Pot Luck Supper 7 pm Dance 8pm-1am First Presbyterian Church in East Hanover, NJ

$20 if purchased by 12/24, 25 after 12/24; [Students: 12 advance 15 door] Tickets & Info: (973) 295-6864

Bring an entire or side dish for eight to the pot luck supper at 7pm, or bring a dessert for later. To be assured admission, mail your ticket request by 12/24 or pay on line at swingintern.org before 12/30. Soft soled shoes only and no alcohol please. We’ll be at our usual dance site (see website).

Please hold [ ] tickets for a total of [$ ] ($20 each if requested by 12/24, $25 each after 12/24 and at the door)

ALL TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR. Make check payable TO THE FOLK PROJECT and mail by 12/26 to Swingin’ Tern Dances, 566 Fairmount Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928 or pay on line at swingintern.org or pay at door.

Name ____________________________________________________________

Phone (_________ ) __________________________

Email Address ________________________________

Are you on our email list?______Would you like to be?______

Sam Zygmuntowicz – fiddle, mandolin; Danny Elias – clarinet, drum; Bill Peek – piano; Marco DeBra – banjo; Joe DePaolo – percussion

Janine shares her humorous (perhaps goofy) and infectious passion for music and dance for some seriously FUN contra and squares

JANINE SMITH

Contra music stirred up in the melting pot of Brooklyn, mixing spicy Contra, Klezmer and Swing into a savory and satisfying goulash.

BROOKLYN SWING ENSEMBLE

BONUS Evening o’ Music!

Sat., 12/22 8pm • the Roffmans’

Every month, our 4th Saturday Bonus Evening o’ Music takes place at Eddie and Robin’s place, 11 Butternut Rd., Randolph. (973) 328-7742. Bring song, voice, insruments and food/bev to share. Note: Eddie and Robin keep Kosher. Non-kosher items can be shared on the kitchen table; bring serving utensils.

Directions: >From I-287 Southbound: exit 36, Ridgedale Ave. Keep right at fork, follow signs for and turn right at Ridgedale Ave., go 0.7 mi. Follow directions from Ridgedale-Hanover intersection below. >From I-287 Northbound: exit 36B, W Lafayette Ave. Right at light onto Ridgedale Ave., go 0.9 mi. >From Ridgedale-Hanover Intersection: Left onto E Hanover (westbound), go 4.6 mi. Turn right at Black Birch Dr. (just past traffic light at Shangum Rd.) go 0.8 mi. Turn right at Butternut Rd., second driveway on the right.

Host Your Very Own Evening o’ Music!

Have we grown too big for our britches? It’s been getting harder to find members’ homes large enough to host our monthly music parties. If your house fits the bill — you’ll need an area large enough for a circle of up to 20-odd people (yup), a separate space for people to kibbitz, and room enough for “Splinter circles.” Not to mention, friendly parking. Interested “parties” should contact Jean at jean.scully@verizon.net
Folk Project Board Meeting • November 2012
Board Meeting: The Summary

The monthly meeting of the Folk Project Board was called to order at 8:04 pm on November 13, 2012 at the home of Pam Robinson and Bob Safranek in New Providence. Everyone was affected by Hurricane Sandy, although several members never lost power.

Present were Pat Brangs, Lois DeRitter, Allan Kugel, Elizabeth Lachowicz, Eddie Roffman, Bobbie Rosengarten, and Bob Safranek (Trustees); Mike Agranoff, Lori Falco, Gloria Friedman, Joe Graziano, Nancy Kelner, Lindsey Meyer, Pam Robinson, Kevin Redden, Sandie Reilly, Mark Schaffer, Jean Scully, Rachel Streich, Leigh Walker (Other Board Members); Joanne Cronin and Grover Kemble (Guests). Absent were Carl Croce, Jim Gartner, Howie Goldman, Bob McNally, Scott Ross, and Robin Schaffer.

The October minutes were accepted as written and the Treasurer assured us of our continued financial solvency.

Pam Robinson presented the slate of candidates recommended by the ad hoc Nominations Committee in preparation for next month’s election. (See slate on page 10.) Most Board members have agreed to continue and will be joined by several capable replacements. To much applause, Lori commended the Committee for an excellent job.

In committee reports:

• The MinstrelGram is finally moving to Constant Contact after many months of work, for which Lori shared credit with Mike Agranoff, Liz Pagan, John Lamb, and Allan Kugel. She also reported that, after conferring with attorney and FP member Tom Taylor, she will rewrite the proposed privacy policy so it’s shorter and easier to read.

• Mike announced that in order to cover increased rent, the Minstrel door price will rise to $8 as of January 1. The Unitarian Fellowship is planning to upgrade the existing meeting hall so we will discuss with them the possibility of installing a permanent sound system. October was a disappointing month financially, with an average audience of only 68 for the 2 regular shows.

• Sandie recently attended NERFA, where she picked up several artists to record next year for the Folk Project, along with many other non-profits, is examining whether our traditional approach needs to be updated as changes in the electronic landscape continue to reframe our lives.

The topic of Membership and Dues revisions has engendered so much discussion that President Eddie tabled it till next month and suggested that an ad hoc committee might be in order. The Folk Project, along with many other non-profits, is examining whether our traditional approach needs to be updated as changes in the electronic landscape continue to reframe our lives.

• The FP website stayed afloat during the hurricane due to our servers being on the West Coast and the distributed design allowed emergency messages to be posted without webmaster John Lamb, whose internet was down.

• Kevin reported that the soundboard died during Finest Kind’s Minstrel concert but they carried on without it. Despite the hurricane cancellations and closures, he hopes the board will be out of the shop and back on line in time for the next concert.

• The FP website stayed afloat during the hurricane due to our servers being on the West Coast and the distributed design allowed emergency messages to be posted without webmaster John Lamb, whose internet was down.

• The show DID go on: Leigh reported that the Harvest Hoot was held in spite of the hurricane aftermath, as intrepid dancers and musicians scrambled for gasoline, then danced and played their hearts out.

ADJOURNMENT Next month is the Annual General Membership Meeting at the Chimney Rock Inn, in Gillette. All members are encouraged to attend, and you can find the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Good o’ the Order/Community News

This is a place to share news about memorable events and challenges you have faced in the past month with your Folk Project Community. Please send items to Presideddie Roffman, eroffman@optonline.net.

Please say, “Comhghairdeas!” (congratulations!) to Paul Ferris on receiving his MA in Irish and Irish American Studies from NYU. While working on his degree, he taught Irish language at NYU and also at Drew University’s Caspersen School of Graduate Studies. Paul presented his research at the American Conference for Irish Studies international meeting in New Orleans.

Mike Mitsch’s father passed away on November 10th. Be among his many FP members and friends to share your condolences with Mike. His father’s obituary is available online: http://obit.krowickigorny.com/obitdisplay.html?id=1131662&listing=Current

Many of our FP members have stories to share and tales to tell of their difficulties with downed trees, loss of power, cold houses and other problems due to Hurricane Sandy. Many of our members, when they got power back, were quick to host, guest, feed, warm, provide showers and hugs to others without. We are a true community; our sharing and caring for each other and for others was remarkable throughout these difficult times.

Lindsey Meyer (and Barry) missed the storm. They were on vacation in Florida for two weeks arriving home as power was being restored. They got to fly in an open cockpit biplane, go scuba diving, and enjoy live music on Duval Street in Key West.

Joe Graziano says, “Don’t underestimate the power of Halloween candy.” He used leftover ‘treats’ to help motivate PSE&G workers to more quickly end the ‘trick’ that was blocking power to his house.

Gloria Friedman went on a bike ride at the shore on the day before Hurricane Sandy, riding through towns that would be destroyed the next day. She says that the Jersey shore was really beautiful before the storm came.

Jean Scully’s car was totaled on the day before our recent FP festival. Jean is okay, and she has gotten a new Saturn to replace it. Daughter Siobhan just turned twenty and had a zombie themed bowling party!

Mark Schaffer is happy that the ‘most interesting gadget’ he designed has been recognized to have 20 claims of patent designation accepted by the international Patent Cooperation Treaty organization. Mark says, “I’m really excited that what has been a very expensive hobby is closer to a business reality!”

Thomas Lachowicz has been playing with electronic music. His mom, Elizabeth said, “It sounds great!”, after finding and hearing it on Thomas’ Facebook page.

Lois DeRitter had a wonderful time at her Upsala College Sorority reunion. She won a neat door prize. Lois also reports that she’s been ‘fooling around’ with an Ipad, and now that she finally has it set up she’s enjoying it.
Feets Don’t Fail Me Now!

Blue Ribbon Cloggers: Meets in Pluckemin, Tuesdays, 7pm. Call Paula Fromen (908) 735-9133 or Heidi Rusch (908) 453-2750 for info.

Center Contra: Gender-role free contra dance in NYC. LGBT Community Center, 208 West 13th St., Room 301, 7:30pm. Usually 2nd Fri. Open to all. (971) 991-0597, (347) 275-7983, or www.lcfq.org/nyc or email AmericanFolkDanceNYC@yahoo.com

Country Dance*New York: Contra every Sat. at Chinatown Y, Houston Street Center, 273 Bowery (bet. East Houston and Stanton); English Country every Tues. at Church of the Village, 201 West 13th St. (NW corner of 7th Ave.). cdny.org or (212) 459-4080

Lambertville Country Dancers: Soft soled shoes only! Contra/English country. Info: (609) 882-7733 or www.lambertvillecountrydancers.org


Morristown International Dancers: Wednesdays, Mountain Lakes Community Church, 48 Briarcliff Rd, 8:30pm; 7:30pm beginners. $4 member/$5 non-member (973) 539-7020 or (973) 228-5966, http://njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd_morristown.html

North Jersey English Country Dancers: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 2–5 pm, Unitarian Society, 113 Cottage Pl, Ridgewood. $8 members, $10 non. (201) 445-4497 or (201) 447-1136. www.maxellute.net/njecd.html; Sun., 12/9: Orly Krasner; 12/12: Judy Rivkin

Palisades Folk Dancers: Twice a month on Sundays, 3pm, Church of the Atonement, Engle St. & Highland Ave., Tenafly. GinnyandHallB@cs.com.

Philly Family Folk Dances: Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, 3820 The Oak Rd, East Falls, PA. 2nd Sundays, 2–4:30pm (215) 844-2474

Princeton Folk Dance Group: 7:30pm, Riverside School, Riverside Drive, Princeton. Tuesdays (except school closings) www.princetonfolkdance.org (609) 924-6930;

Princeton Folk Dancers: 8pm Fridays, Susan Patterson Center, Stockton St.; Monument Dr. (behind Borough Hall), Princeton, www.princetonfolkdance.org

Princeton Country Dancers: Suzanne Patterson Center, Borough Hall, Princeton, Wed. (and some Saturdays) 8pm, beginners 7:40. Pickup band musicians welcome. Usually $6. (609) 683-7956 or (609) 924-8813, email pcdfinfo@aol.com.

PCD English Country Dance series: Second Saturday of the month, 8pm; intro/basics at 7:30. $10 ($5 seniors & students). Info: (908) 359-2762


Swingin’ Tern: Sat., 12/1: Laura Winslow, Derek Page, Corachree; 12/15: Donna Hunt, Last Exit; Mon., 12/31: New Year’s Eve Dance: Brooklyn Swing Ensemble

Valley Contra Dance Society: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, UU Church of The Lehigh Valley, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA. $9/$5 students. www.valleycontradance.org, (610) 868-7432;

More on dancing at the Country Dance and Song Society • www.cdss.org

Sat., 12/1: Laura Winslow, Derek Page & Corachree
Jane Rothfield – fiddle; Allan Carr – bass; Bill Quern – mandolin; Sarah Gowan – guitar; Joe DePaolo – drums

Winslow will cause an inflow of primo tempo to do-si-do your shadow. Page is all the rage as he hits the stage to engage a contra rampage. The more you see Corachree for a fee you’ll roar with glee lest you tore a knee. As a Corachree attendee and devotee you’ll turn from manatee to honeybee in jubilee. Only the wannabe and bourgeoisie will disagree.

Sat., 12/15: Donna Hunt, Last Exit
Chris Jacoby – guitar, mandolin, accordion; Ross Harris – alto/soprano sax, guitar; Laurie Tupper – flute; Doug Healy – bass, guitar, djembe Contras

After Dance Holiday Party at Doug & Brian’s—directions will be at the dance.

There’s no need to sit in long gas lines; you’ll have all the fuel you need with Donna providing the energy. Just set the GPS for East Hanover and take the Turnpike to the Last Exit. If you feel like you’re not running on all four cylinders, remember you could have had a V8. So hop in your Becket seat and rev your engine with some full throttle contra by Donna and leave it to Last Exit to fine tune your car.

Sat. 12/31: New Year’s Eve — Janine Smith, Brooklyn Swing Ensemble
Sam Zygmuntowicz – fiddle, mandolin; Danny Elias – clarinet, dumbek; Bill Peek – piano; Marco Brehm – bass; Joe DePaolo – percussion

Pot Luck 7pm Dance 8pm-1am $20 advance; $25 at door Contras, Squares & Couple Dances. See page 10 for more information.

Non-dancing children must be supervised at all times.

Contra and Square Dancing to Live Music. All dances taught. No partner necessary. Beginners’ workshop, 7:30pm; dance at 8pm. $10, $5 with student I.D. Soft soles only.

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From I-287 northbound or southbound: Exit 59, travel East on Route 10 for approx. 1.5 miles. Exit by the Ford dealership (“To River Road/Okner Parkway”) onto Mount Pleasant Ave. Right at the second light onto Hanover Rd. then immediately left into the parking lot of the Parish House. From I-78: Exit 46 (Route 24 West) to Exit 38, Route 510 East/Pluckemin Rd. Go 1.5 miles and turn left onto Hanover Rd. Turn right into the parking lot of the Parish House just before the road ends at Mount Pleasant Ave. Additional directions are on our website.

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