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From Our President

Greetings to all as we move along into the second quarter of our SMTMD year. All is well, as we had a very successful open mic in January and a really great concert in February with The Cousins. The hospitality table for this concert was laden with all sorts of goodies and thanks to Terri Nevins for her work there. Suzie Gunsalus has our financial house in good order, and we have been in the black on all of our events so far.

We have had good attendance at our contra dances and word is spreading about them. Elgin Perry has worked with some other organizations who have requested information or asked for callers and/or open band to augment their events. This is a boon for SMTMD both financially and otherwise. Thanks to Elgin for the time and effort he puts into this. We have had to re-schedule a couple of times from Saturday nights to Friday nights due to scheduling conflicts at Christ Church Parish Hall. So far this has not had too much of an impact.

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Alexander Mitchell in Concert at SMTMD April 25th

Alexander Mitchell, Berklee College of Music graduate, is an acoustic multi-instrumentalist who plays fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and has an amazing singing voice! Alexander started playing fiddle in 1978 after hearing bluegrass music. Since then he has been cultivating such diverse styles as Appalachian, bluegrass, Celtic, Klezmer, traditional roots dance music, ballroom, sizzling hot swing and jazz. With him will be an old friend, John Devine, who played for us with Steve Hickman.

Just a few of his noteworthy career highlights are: a national tour of Woodie Guthrie's American Song with the Missouri Repertory Theatre, played for and appeared in Ted Turner's movie, "Gettysburg," The Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, Lisner Auditorium for the "Revels," the Birchmere, Weinberg Center, and the Strathmore. In addition to these, he has played with numerous extremely talented folks all along the east coast at hundreds of venues.



**Alexander
Mitchell**

Old Time Music Resources

Interested in Old-Time Music? Here are a couple of web resources that you may find interesting.

<http://www.oldtimemusic.com/otresources.html> A listing of old time music resources not found on the web.

<http://www.brandywinefriends.org>

The Brandywine Friends of Old Time Music ("BFOTM") was founded in 1972 with the goal of helping to preserve traditional American music by presenting live performances of Bluegrass and old time music in Northern Delaware and the surrounding areas of Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and encouraging local traditional musicians. From the outset, it has been an all volunteer, nonprofit organization

<http://www.smtmd.com>

Don't forget about our own local jam sessions, hosted twice a month in Bushwood by Brenda Elwood and Lucy Peterkin on the 2nd Friday and final Sunday of the month. Call Lucy for more information and for the address. (301)769-4762.



**Suzie Gonsalus
Welcomes Us!**

2014 Calendar

January

Jams: 3, 26
Dance: 11 Sargon DeJesus
Concert: 24 Open Mic

February

Jams: 7, 23¹
Dance: 7 (Friday) Ann Fallon
Concert: Mac Walters and John Cronin

March

Jams: 7, 23
Dance: 8 Greg Frock
Concert: TBD

April

Jams: 4, 27
Dance: 12 Elgin Perry
Concert: Alexander Mitchell

May

Jams: 2, 25
Dance: 10
Concert: TBD

June

Jams: 6, 29
Dance: 14
Concert: TBD

September

Jams: 5, 28
Dance: 13
Concert: TBD

October

Jams: 3, 26
Dance: 11
Concert: TBD

November

Jams: 7, 30
Dance: 8
Concert: TBD
Annual Membership Meeting 7:30 PM

December

Jams: 5, 28
Dance: 13
Concert: Holiday Open Mic

INFORMATION & CONTACTS

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ADMISSION FEES

Concerts: \$10 members, \$15
non-members

Contra Dance: \$6 Members
\$10 non-members

Open Mic: \$7 members & non-
members

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