

May 2017

NEWSLETTER

Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance



Well, Friends, nobody offered artsy photos or suggestions for the webpage design committee. Hmm. If you still have the one wonderful photo that describes the whole SMTMD experience, that you forgot to give me, it's not too late. Any professional photographers out there?

The Stephen Bennett concert was great. Stephen expertly plays guitar and rings notes on the attached harp. His fingers run so quickly over the strings, that he can be in two places at one time, and he demonstrated it.

Thank you, Barbour family, for outstanding Hospitality, Robb Gibbs and helper Barb Loftus on the door, and Bob Augustine for lining up the talent and setting up and running the concert.

An intrepid group of SMTMD Open Band musicians and dancers, led by Elgin Perry and Phil Camero, braved the heat at the Celtic festival. Thank you, Elaine Szymkowiak, caller, for getting us and a bunch of beginners off on the right foot (literally), and everyone for putting your best effort out there to support our SMTMD mission, which is: "...to preserve and promote the appreciation and performance of traditional and contemporary folk music and dance in American culture...."

We are considering hosting a Caller's Workshop during the June/July break. Any interested parties? Contact me for more information. (Are you listening, Elgin?)

Do you realize that we are nearly half way through 2017? That can mean only one thing. Well, it probably can mean many things, but—it's time to think about what role you would like to play in the club's activities for 2018. That's right. Start thinking about who you would like to see on the board, nominate them, or,—could it be you? Elections are held during the annual meeting in November. Call me to chat.

Don't miss the May Contra on the 13th, Sargon deJesus is calling, or the HomeSpun Coffee House Open Mic Night, May 26th.

See you at the next event,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Stephenson".



PS—The 2017 Calendar follows



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Calendar of Events 2017

January 14, Contra Dance/Greg Frock calling

January 27, HomeSpun Coffee House/Loftus, Stephenson co-Hospitality and Door.

February 11, Contra Dance/ Susan Taylor calling/Szymkowiak at the door, Stephenson Hospitality

*February 24, **LYNN HOLLYFIELD IN CONCERT**/Stephenson Hospitality*

March 10 (Friday), Contra Dance, Ann Fallon Calling/Smith Hospitality

March 24, HomeSpun Coffee House/Camero on Door/Board on Hospitality

April 8, Contra Dance/ Kim Forry Calling/McCauley Hospitality

*April 28, **STEPHEN BENNETT IN CONCERT**/Gibbs on Door/Barbour Family Hospitality*

May 13, Contra Dance/Sargon deJesus Calling/Ice Cream Social! (Bring your water.)

May 26, HomeSpun Coffee House Open Mic

June 9, Chaptico Contra Dance/Elgin Perry Calling/Ice Cream

Social!

June 10, Calvert Contra/Greg Frock Calling, at beautiful Annmarie Sculpture Garden. Find more info at their website. <http://www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/content/southern-maryland-acoustic-music-assembly>.

*June 23, **19TH STREET BAND IN CONCERT**/Hospitality Needed!*

July/August, SUMMER BREAK and Webpage Update

September 9, Contra Dance/Susan Taylor Calling/Ice Cream Social!

September 22, HomeSpun Coffee House/Hospitality Needed!

October 14, Contra Dance/Ice Cream Social!

October 27, HomeSpun Coffee House/Hospitality Needed!

November 11, Contra/Elgin Perry Calling/Annual Meeting/All Board Members Hospitality

December 9, Contra Dance/TBD Calling/Ice Cream Social!

December 22, Christmas Open Mic.