

Shepherdstown Music & Dance

Newsletter / Fall 2010

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Calendar at a Glance

All programs start at 8:00 PM

(unless noted otherwise!)

September 4: Contra Dance

Carol Ormand calls to energetic music of *Latter Day Lizards* with Dave Langford (fiddle, guitar), Peter Barnes (piano, flute, harmonica, guitar), and Bill Tomczak (clarinet, sax and drums).

September 10: Mountain Music Project: A Musical Odyssey from Appalachia to Himalaya

(see concert brochure)

Film Premiere, Concert and discussion with Appalachian and Nepalese guest musicians.

At the Shepherd University's Reynolds Hall.

September 25: PourParler Community Dance

SMaD hosts an annual gathering of dance callers and teachers who will offer an evening dance for our community featuring some of this country's finest callers. (See article inside) (FREE but donations gratefully accepted!)

October 2: Contra Dance

Janine Smith calls to the old-time magic of *Old Sledge* with Sabra Guzman on guitar, Anna Roberts-Gevalt on fiddle and banjo and our own WV fiddle champ, Chance McCoy on fiddle, banjo and guitar. Don't miss em!

October 15: Concert: Aoife Clancy

(see concert brochure) One of Ireland's finest singers. Shepherd University's Reynolds Hall. 8PM.

October 30: Special Contra Dance

Susan Petrick calls to energetic music of the *OpporTunists* from San Francisco with Eric Hoffman (guitar, fiddle), Alan Snyder (fiddle, piano) and Topher Gayle (mando, bass).

November 6: NO Contra Dance

Dance cancelled for Conservation Film Festival.

November 19: Fiddle Summit

Annual showcase concert at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church (see concert brochure).

November 20: Contra Dance

Anna Rain calls to open bands led by fiddle retreat staff...

December 4: Holiday Contra Dance

Ann Fallon calls to the lively music of *Sugar Beat* with Elke Baker (fiddle), Marc Glickman (piano) and Susan Brant (flute).

Annual Holiday Potluck before dance at 6:00PM



The *Latter Day Lizards* (above) return for a fun evening of dance to the expert calling of Carol Ormond on September 4.



Old Sledge, featuring WV fiddle champion Chance McCoy from Harpers Ferry, will enchant us with lively old-time tunes while Janine Smith calls on October 2.



The Mountain Music Project premieres an award-winning film documenting a musical journey of two local musicians, Danny Knicely and Tara Linhardt to Nepal, where they spent months filming and documenting the music of the Gandharba culture whose music shows great similarity to the music of Appalachia. The film will be followed by a concert with Danny, Tara, Prem Raja Mahat and other Nepalese musicians for an amazing cultural exchange!

Special Event Dance News

Pour Parler: the Free Dance!

SMaD is the co-host for a national dance teachers conference in September and they are sharing their expertise in a FREE Community Dance. This program is geared for all ages and experience levels, with something new for everyone!

It happens on **Saturday, September 25**, so mark your calendars as it will be a good time to invite friends and family to try contra dance (and other fun dances too) to a great live band.

Halloween Special Dance

A special dance on **Saturday, October 30th** takes the place of our regular November dance.

We were asked to move our dance date to accommodate the Conservation Film Festival this season. We felt that this was a good chance to have a festive Halloween dance with costumes, seasonal treats and a lively program to celebrate the day.

We hope you will come out and enjoy **Susan Petrick** and the *OpporTunists* from San Francisco on this very special evening!

Fiddle Summit:

It's not Just for Fiddlers!

Come out and enjoy a spectacular concert with many different styles of dance fiddle, from New England, to Appalachia, from Scotland, to Scandinavia... and most points in between.

All instruments are welcome at the workshops that are part of the fiddle summit weekend. Guitar, banjo, hammered dulcimer, and bass players will even find teachers who specialize in their instrument! Check out the website to see if there is something that entices you in the over 30 classes offered!

The evening dance is also a treat, with different flavors throughout the evening and a huge open band with a lot of energy. *Anna Rain* will take us through an evening where we'll have Contra, Squares, English, Scottish, Scandinavian waltzes and more. Don't miss this rare and enchanted evening!

We are looking for **Shepherdstown-based** hosts for our teachers and some scholarship students; if you can offer some housing, let us know!

Holiday Potluck before the Dance

on Saturday December 4

Don't miss out on the Holiday potluck this year, as our dance committee is famous for wildly good eats and building a festive atmosphere as we all get to know the folks we dance with a little better.

The potluck starts at 6PM, so bring your favorite dish to share with others as we



head into a wonderful and memorable holiday season!



Do you enjoy those special treats during the break?

They are provided by your fellow dancers who share the honor of The Golden Spoon. The task is easy and rewarding and best when shared by all members of the community.

The holder of the Golden Spoon gets FREE ADMISSION to the dance! The GS is responsible (for that evening only), for the refreshments at the dance... (You can ask all of your friends to bring something to make a really luscious spread.)

The raves of all of the thirsty and hungry dancers will make you a real HERO; so volunteer for the Golden Spoon at some dance soon!

Complete instructions come with the spoon.

Coming January 14-16, 2011!

All Along Appalachia...

Music & Dance Weekend

with *Crowfoot* and *Hammer & String*!

Big plans are underway for the weekend of January 14-16 for a special program that will include music and dance classes with these two wonderful bands.

Crowfoot are no strangers to Shepherdstown, having played

our December dance the last few years. The band features the fine and dextrous fiddle and cello playing of **Jaige Trudel**, **Nicholas Williams** on flute and accordion, and **Adam Broome** on guitar. They have been building a fantastic reputation as one of this country's finest dance bands.

Hammer & String has recently emerged as one of the leading lights in the old-time music scene. It showcases the fantastic old-time fiddle of **Rhys Jones**, a WV old-time fiddle champion, **Joel Wennerstrom** on banjo, and **Cleek Schrey** on fiddle and piano.

The weekend will start with a showcase concert on Friday evening at the Shepherd University Frank Center. Saturday and Sunday during the day there will be workshops in fiddle, contra dance, guitar, banjo, mixed-instrument repertoire, English song and more.

Saturday night's activity is a contra dance with a huge open band, led by the weekend's instructors and fortified with our best students to provide a "wall of sound" that is sure to be a highlight of the weekend.

It will be open to the public (if there is space), but preference will be given to our weekend participants.

Sign up early and make this a particularly fine winter weekend!



Web Opportunities

If you haven't been up on our website recently at smad.us; you should make a visit... there's a lot of good information up there about events and the organization as a whole.

Elaine Keagle has given the page a great professional look and updates it often with what's coming up and provides links for video and sound clips of upcoming events as well as videos of past concerts. It's a great way to see and share what's up and share it with others.

EMAIL LIST... If you didn't get your newsletter online, please help us update our records on our web page with your email address. It's the best way for us to get SMA D News to you, and to update you about changes in program as they occur.

Our **E-minder** list is free to both members and non-members and we send out about 10 notices/yr about upcoming events. You can add yourself to the list easily on the webpage! And, if you don't want to get them, it's easy to unsubscribe on the same page!

Printing is passé! Web is in! We are trying to keep the costs of running our programs as low as possible as well as keep from using up precious resources... so view this information on line... and if you need a something for your refrigerator or bulletin board, it's usually also available as a printer-friendly PDF!

This may be one of our last **mailed** newsletters, so update your email today!

SMA D is expanding our reach, see us also on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), and share our events with your friends!



SMAD Board of Directors

Our current Board of Directors includes:

Diane Walker (*president*)

Jane Wagner (*vice-president*)

Becky Lidgerding (*dance chair*)

Jeanne Marie McClure (*hospitality*)

Tony Guiffre (*treasurer*)

Joanie Blanton (*concerts & special events*)

Elaine Keagle (*secretary, webmaster*)

Nick Blanton (*sound*)

Members at large: Angelina Beltrami, Joel DeShong, and LeClair Windle

We are currently looking for one more member to fill out our board of directors. We meet about 4 times/year followed by a fabulous potluck dinner. Board members advise on the operations of our organization, plan and manage events, help with publicity and work together to keep the organization vibrant.

If you would like to become more involved in our dance & music organization, [please let us know!](#) Talk to us at the entrance table at your next SMaD event!

Adopt a Bulletin Board!!

Shepherdstown Music and Dance is looking for a few folks to Adopt a Bulletin Board, to help us get the word out about our events.

How: We would send you a PDF of a concert flyer or an upcoming special event that you would print out on your computer and post it on a few bulletin boards in your area.

Where: Libraries, music stores, cafes, banks, dances, health food stores are great places. Maybe even your bulletin board at work. Email updf@earthlink.net if you would be willing to help us out with this. *Thank you!*

Membership

Now is the time to *check your mailing label* or the list at the door. **Please renew your membership!**

If you come to many events, it helps reduce the price a little, but it also shows that you support our efforts as we seek grant funding to support our programs and outreach into the community.

Membership is only \$15/single, or \$25/family or household.

Take ownership in Shepherdstown Music & Dance, and if you can afford it, consider becoming a Folk Hero member at \$50 per year or by making a larger **tax-deductible contribution.**



Join the Morris Team?

The morris team welcomes new members; practice is every Tuesday night at the Shepherdstown Train Station. Border Morris (pictured above) practices from 6:30-8:00PM, followed by dinner and revelry at the Blue Moon. Dance, drink beer, sing and travel to exotic places!

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