



# Capital Blues Messenger

Celebrating the Blues in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia

May 2016

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## Hot Blues + Hot Summer Weather

In addition to the DCBS 1st Sunday Jams and the 4th Friday Happy Hours, which are held each month at the Silver Spring American Legion, DCBS also currently has these events scheduled for the coming months:



### Saturday, July 9 12th Annual Hotter-Than-July Fish Fry and Blues

Silver Spring American Legion  
See page 8 for more information.

Bands: Volunteer to perform! Contact

[jams@dcblues.org](mailto:jams@dcblues.org) or talk to Sam'i at a DC Blues Society Jam. Hurry, deadline to sign up is May 18.

### Saturday, Sept. 3 28th Annual DC Blues Festival

Carter Barron Amphitheatre  
See lineup and info on page 5.

### Friday, Sept. 23 Annual Solo/Duo Competition

Silver Spring American Legion  
The September 4th Friday Happy Hour will be the venue for the Competition to determine which solo/duo act represents

DCBS in the Solo/Duo Category at the 2017 International Blues Challenge (IBC) in Memphis. Interested in entering? Visit [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org)

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## 30th Annual Wammies



*Winners of the 2016 Washington Area Music Awards were announced and honored at an April 10 ceremony at The State Theatre in Falls Church, VA. Congratulations to several DCBS favorites who are among the honorees!*

### Blues/Traditional R&B:

Female Vocalist: Mary Shaver  
Male Vocalist: Tommy Lepson  
Duo/Group: Daryl Davis Band  
Instrumentalist: Daryl Davis  
Recording: *Back Porch Party*  
The Nighthawks

### Roots Rock:

Female Vocalist: Patty Reese  
Male Vocalist: David Kitchen  
Duo/Group: The Grandsons  
Instrumentalist: Andy Hamberger  
Recording: *Dave Chappell & Friends*  
Dave Chappell

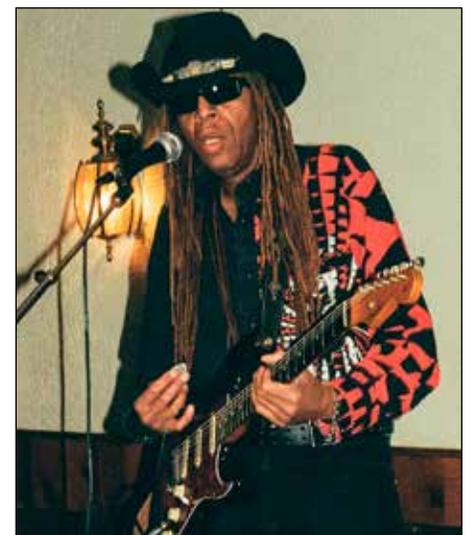
## May 7 Fundraiser Benefits FREE 2016 DC Blues Festival

The Silver Spring American Legion is **THE PLACE TO BE** for a DC Blues Festival fundraiser featuring the "boogie woogie rhythm and rockin' blues" of the Reggie Wayne Morris Band. Help DCBS keep the annual DC Blues Festival a venue for some of the best talent in the region and country at no cost to the public by supporting this event.

DCBS hosts the fundraiser from 7:30 pm to 12 am, Saturday, May 7, with proceeds earmarked to help defray expenses of the free 28th Annual DC Blues Festival. It's the only major Blues festival presented in Washington, DC. Funds raised help the DC Blues Festival to remain a free event. This year's festival is Saturday, Sept. 3 at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre, Washington, DC. The grant from the District of Columbia government that has provided past financial support for the festival is no longer available.

The Silver Spring American Legion is located at 905 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, convenient to Metro. Ample parking is available in an adjacent county lot.

Fundraiser tickets are on sale now. Advance tickets are \$15 members, \$20 non-members and \$20 members, \$25 non-members at the door. Call 301-322-4808 or visit [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org)



*Guitarist/Singer/Songwriter Reggie Wayne Morris brings his infectious passion for the blues, his charm, his humor and his cowboy boots to the stage in a performance that puts the "show" in "show business."*

The DC Blues Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to keeping the Blues alive through outreach and education. The DC Blues Society is a proud affiliate of the Blues Foundation.



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and members are encouraged to submit articles, photos, and ideas for articles, reviews, cartoons and photography. Please submit material via email to [newsletter@dcblues.org](mailto:newsletter@dcblues.org)

Blues listings for bands should be sent to [calendar@dcblues.org](mailto:calendar@dcblues.org)

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**Secretary**

**Acoustic Jam Coordinator**

**Blues in the Schools Coordinator**

**Grants Manager**

If you can step up to help promote the Blues and keep the organization running smoothly, email [president@dcblues.org](mailto:president@dcblues.org)



# President's DRUM

by Felix McClairen

## May 7 Festival Fundraiser

This is your big chance to support the free DCBS 28th Annual DC Blues Festival in advance of coming out on Sept. 3 and enjoying the superb lineup we've planned. I've mentioned a number of times before that DCBS needs your support to keep the Festival free of charge. Donations are welcome, but your admission fee to the fundraiser is a way to help DCBS and help yourself to a rollicking good time with The Reggie Wayne Morris Band. Details are on page 7. If you're not familiar with Reggie and his band, visit [www.rwmband.com/](http://www.rwmband.com/)

Typically, we have more or equal numbers of non-members versus members attending

fundraisers and other events. I hope to see more members on May 7. Members are our shareholders. While the affordable annual member fees (\$35 new individual rate) help pay expenses for printing and other ongoing expenses, we need a little more member investment. Member returns include this publication, discounts to events as well as our many free events — like the Annual DC Blues Festival. Show your love investment for DCBS and the Blues on May 7.

## You Said: Free!

This is just a quick reminder to not miss the free open mic Jam on the 1st Sunday of each month and the free Happy Hour on the 4th Fridays. Both events are at the Silver Spring American Legion. This month's Happy Hour (May 27), with music starting at 6 pm, features another crowd pleaser, The Ron Hicks Project. Holler at me, [president@dcb Blues.org](mailto:president@dcb Blues.org), if you're interested in playing a future Happy Hour. Besides bands receiving substantial tips, several bands have earned paid gigs directly related to their

performance at a Happy Hour. Remember, often what you give comes back to you in other forms. Some call it karma.

## Shout Out

The DMV's popular juking guitarist and vocalist, Clarence "The Bluesman" Turner, got a big nod from the notable Living Blues #242. The piece is written mostly in Clarence's voice as he talks about his evolution and challenges becoming The Bluesman. Congratulations for the rich exposure, Clarence!

Check out the article at <http://digital.livingblues.com/1/> Click on Clarence's name in subject list to jump to the piece. You might learn a new thing or two about him. I particularly like his telling about his early guitar muse, hard drinking and fighting fiend, Biggie Hughes, with whom he had a love/hate relationship that helped shape his Blues future.

Blues Always,  
Felix

# SAVE These Dates!

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## Saturday, Oct. 1

### Annual Battle of the Bands

Silver Spring American Legion Bands will compete to determine which entrant will represent DCBS in the Band Category at the 2017 IBC in Memphis. Interested in entering? Visit [www.dcb Blues.org](http://www.dcb Blues.org)

## Saturday, Nov. 5

### 9th Annual College Park Blues Festival

Ritchie Coliseum, University of MD

Lineup includes Andy T.-Nick Nixon Band, Mike Westcott & Tommy Lepson, Battle of the Bands Winner and Solo/Duo Winner



Volunteers are needed for all of the above events and at other events/festivals where there will be a DCBS booth. Contact Margo at [volunteer@dcb Blues.org](mailto:volunteer@dcb Blues.org) to volunteer!

Silver Spring Town Center, Inc. presents  
**The 8th Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival**  
 Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 10am-9pm  
 in downtown Silver Spring

Silver Spring Blues Week • Saturday, June 11 - Saturday, June 18

Silver Spring Blues Festival	Silver Spring Blues Week
Saturday, June 18 • 10AM-9PM	Saturday June 11 - Saturday, June 18
Acoustic Blues on the Library Stage	Saturday, June 11 • 7-11p Blues Week Kick-Off at El Golfo with Conjure Woman and Tooky & Tony Grasso & Friends
10am Lil Bit A Blues featuring Warner Williams	Sunday, June 12 • 12 Noon-7pm Silver Spring Blues Day at Fenwick Beer & Wine 10% of all proceeds benefit the Festival.
11am Eleanor Ellis	Blues Week Performances on Veterans Plaza • 7-9pm
12pm Chris Yakopcic	Monday, June 13 • Electric Train Set Blues Happy Hour at Atega • 5-7p
1pm Conjure Woman	Tuesday, June 14 • The Charles Bliss Blues Band
2pm Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Ensemble	Wednesday, June 15 • Colours Today featuring youth performing the Blues!
Electric Blues on the Fountain Stage (Ellsworth Drive)	Thursday, June 16 • Cookin' with Gas
3pm School of Rock Doin' the Blues	Special Blues Talk at the Silver Spring Library
4pm Built for Comfort Band	Tuesday, June 14 • 7:30-9p The Blues and Black History: A Music and Why it Matters with UMD musicologist Patrick Warfield in collaboration with Friends of the Library
5pm Full Power Blues	Friday, June 17 • 5-7p Blues Happy Hour at EggSpectation featuring Snakehead Run; then join us outside for Bad Influence on the Fountain Stage 6:30-8:30pm
6pm Shirleta Settles	
7pm The Mike Westcott Band featuring Tommy Lepson	
8pm Silver Spring Blues All-Stars Band featuring Daryl Davis, Deletta Gillespie, Patty Reese, Andy Poxon, Johnny Castle, Mark Stutso, and Chris Watling	

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# Bidding farewell to Lou Hankins, former WPFW manager

## Returned blues, jazz to prominence at station

### Louis E. Hankins

Oct. 20, 1947 – Mar. 20, 2016

Long time DC-area radio listeners will undoubtedly remember the voice of broadcaster, Lou Hankins. What they may not know is the impact he had on the numerous stations where he worked and the number of broadcasters he mentored or influenced.

After his discharge from the Marine Corps, Lou pursued a career in communications. He knew music — gospel, jazz, soul, blues — and he knew how to engage audiences. He hosted shows at WOL, WYCB, WAYE, WUST and WDCU and in 1991, he joined WPFW (89.3 FM) as program director. From 1994–2002, he was the general manager.

It was under Lou's management that WPFW returned to its musical mission with a renewed focus on jazz and blues. One of his format changes included the addition of southern soul and adult contemporary blues with Rick "Da Gator" Bolling on the Saturday schedule. He brought in other voices that were familiar to radio listeners like Bobby Bennett and "Uptown" Janice Brown. Lou added a daily show called "Blues Plate Special" hosted by Bill Wax and a zydeco show hosted by Texas Fred, The Zydeco Cowboy.



their thanks to Lou for his advice and encouragement. April Watts (Radio One) who was mentored by Lou said, "We encounter countless people as we journey along this life; most of them having little or no affect. Then there are those rare, beautiful individuals that you meet and your life is forever changed. I am positive that my life would've been

very different had I not met Lou Hankins. He was my best friend and I learned so much from him. The greatest lesson: You don't have to be blood to be family..."

Many with careers in broadcasting express

**Rest in Peace, Lou. Your legacy lives on.**

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May 27, 2016**

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**Mac Arnold & Plate Full O' Blues**

**"GIVE IT AWAY"**

The members of Mac Arnold & Plate Full O' Blues have known each other for over twenty years. Mac Arnold, Austin Brashier and Max Hightower have played together for more than thirteen years and produced four albums together. "Give It Away" is their best work so far. This album captures what they are capable of, what inspires them, what they believe in and who they are. Each band member has a say on the album-writing, singing and playing. It took all of them to create this album, with the help of Scotty Hawkins on drums. Scotty's raw passion and craftsmanship is felt in every beat of this recording.

Mac's brother Leroy Arnold's influence is felt throughout this album. Leroy built the original gas can guitar for Mac back in 1946 and makes a cameo appearance in "Uncle Dewitt's Cafe." Leroy's irrepressible joy and love was an inspiration to everyone lucky enough to have known him. Leroy passed away in 2015 and is greatly missed.

As a way of giving back, Mac Arnold, Austin Brashier and Max Hightower are giving this new CD away, starting April 1, 2016 for a limited time. Download the CD for FREE at [www.macarnold.com](http://www.macarnold.com) or [cdbaby.com](http://cdbaby.com).

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**Friday, June 10 • State Theatre**

Doors: 7:00 PM Show: 8:00 PM\*

*Leading Ladies of the Blues*

220 N. Washington Street ♦ Falls Church, VA 22046  
Tickets: [www.thestatetheatre.com](http://www.thestatetheatre.com)

**Saturday, June 11 • Cherry Hill Park**

Gate open: Noon Show: 1:00 PM\*

*Victor Wainwright & The WildRoots*

*Mac Arnold & Plate Full O' Blues*

*The Andy Poxon Band*

*Charlie Sayles & The Blues Disciples*

*featuring Tony Fazio*

*Carly Harvey with Kiss & Ride*

*Mike Terpak Blues Explosion*

223 Little Falls Street ♦ Falls Church, VA 22046

Tickets: <https://2016-tinner-hill-blues-festival.eventbrite.com>

**Sunday, June 12 • Tinner Hill Historic Site**

2:00 - 5:00 PM\* Rain or Shine

*Old-Fashioned Blues & Gospel Concert*

108 Tinner Hill Street ♦ Falls Church, VA 22046

**FREE Admission ♦ BYO picnic lunch & blanket**

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Saturday, May 7, 2016  
7:30 PM - 12 Midnight  
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Reggie Wayne Morris Blues Band**



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**28th Annual DC Blues Festival**  
**Saturday, September 3, 2016**

**Carter Barron Amphitheatre**  
**16th St. & Colorado Ave. NW**

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featuring

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**Jackie Scott & The Housewreckers**

**Lauren Mitchell**

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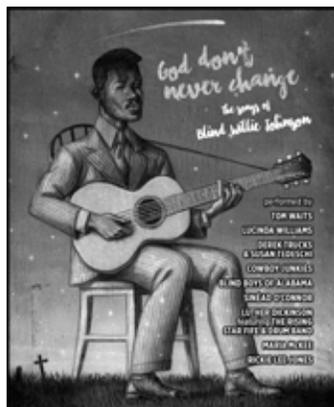
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## God Don't Never Change — The Songs of Blind Willie Johnson

performed by various artists

reviewed by Nick Dale

Blind Willie Johnson is generally classified among the most significant Texas country bluesmen, although he never sang about the usual subjects like women and whiskey. However, it appears he was married to two or more women simultaneously. He restricted himself to religious music, both on record and in performance in churches and street corners. Born in approximately 1902, he was blinded at the age of seven by his stepmother throwing lye in his face to retaliate against his father's infidelity. Like many of his contemporaries, he was forced to seek a living in music. He was a superb and haunting slide guitarist, often letting the guitar finish the verses wordlessly. He was also an excellent picker and sang anywhere from mid-range to a deep growl. He was discovered singing in the streets and began recording in 1927. His initial recordings outsold Bessie Smith,



but after the Great Depression hit, he never recorded after 1930. He died in obscurity in 1948 after no local hospital would treat him for pneumonia, brought on by a flood. His body of work is a unique, stark and unforgiving picture of the “old time religion.”

Given this formidable challenge,

Alligator Records has assembled a diverse group of artists, mostly from rock, to rework his songs. Some try to approximate the sound, others use them more as a starting point. On the whole, they succeed. Some songs are relatively well-known, often from the work of other artists, but some are only known from Johnson. The artists provide a good introduction to a man, whose music speaks through time and space, and might encourage some listeners to get the originals.

Tom Waits growls and uses percussion to recreate the feel of “The Soul of a Man,” a meditative piece and “John the Revelator,” a call and response, “Who’s that writing? John the Revelator. Wrote the book of the



seven seals.”

Alt-country queen, Lucinda Williams, whose songs often tear into herself, is a great choice for “Nobody’s Fault But Mine” and “God Don’t Never Change,” who she sometimes converts into a female. The only gospel artists, The Blind Boys of Alabama, cover the well-known “Mother’s (Motherless) Children Have a Hard Time,” with their typical call and harmonies.

Derek Trucks and Susan Tedeschi perform an acoustic version, with slide, of “Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning.” Sinéad O’Connor is an inspired choice for “Trouble Will Soon Be Over.” The Cowboy Junkies, not known for any allegiance to blues, do a nice job with “Jesus Is Coming Soon.” Luther Dickinson of the North Mississippi Allstars is joined by the Mississippi Hill Country Rising Star Fife and Drum Corps for a rousing version of “Jesus Is Coming Soon.”

Maria McKee, another country-influenced singer, tries a bit too hard on “Let Your Light Shine On Me.” Finally, Rickie Lee Jones applies her distinctive voice to an old spiritual and sings “Dark Was the Night – Cold Was the Ground.” She sings, while the Willie Johnson version mostly had his slide guitar sing the lyrics to a haunting effect, rather than his voice.

### Win Tickets!

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Priority for ticket giveaways goes to DCBS members, be sure to keep your membership current. Please open and read those Eblasts so you don't miss any great opportunities.

**DCBS 12th Annual  
Hotter-than-July  
Fish Fry & Show**

**Saturday, July 9, 2016**  
**Music: 4:00 - 11:00 PM • Fish Fry: 4:30 - 9:00 PM**  
**Cissel-Saxon American Legion Post 41**  
905 Sligo Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Entrance on Fenton Street by public parking lot

**ADMISSION \$20**  
(includes fish sandwich & a side)  
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- ▲ Monthly editions of THE CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER sent by email
- ▲ Priority notices of the latest scheduled area Blues concerts, events and news sent by email
- ▲ Chances to win free tickets to area Blues concerts and performances
- ▲ Discounts from area clubs and merchants when you present your DCBS membership card; see the list of participating businesses on page 11
- ▲ Opportunities to "get close to the action and the music" by volunteering at DCBS events
- ▲ Taking a supporting role in DCBS's Blues in the Community program, an outreach effort to educate and encourage the rich heritage of Blues music

Becoming a DCBS member is quick and easy:

- ▲ Use the mail-in application on this page
- ▲ Apply online at [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org)
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- Update Website
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# MAY 2016 BLUES

- 1 **DCBS 1st Sunday Blues Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Bill Pappas, Wolf Crescenze & Along for the Ride @ 219 ▲ Justin Pietrowski, Linwood Taylor @ JVs ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ
- 2 Electrified Blues Band with Charlie Sayles @ Westminster Church
- 3 **Janiva Magness, Mark Wenner's Blues Warriors** @ Hamilton **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY VISIT OR VOLUNTEER @ DCBS BOOTH**
- 5 Built 4 Comfort @ El Golfo ▲ Clarence "The Bluesman" Turner @ Glen Echo ▲ Honey Island Swamp Band @ Gypsy Sally's ▲ Johnny Rawls @ JVs
- 6 Crimestoppers @ Villain & Saint ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Lost Rhino ▲ Patrick Alban @ Madam's Organ ▲ Don't Tell Susie @ The Music Café
- 7 **DCBS Festival Fundraiser featuring Reggie Wayne Morris** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Bad Influence @ Gaithersburg Dogfish Head ▲ Nighthawks @ AMCA Bull Roast ▲ Derby Q BBQ, Blues, Bourbon & Brews Festival featuring Clarence "The Bluesman" Turner ▲ Moonshine Society @ Old Town Square, Fairfax ▲ M.S.G. CD Release Party @ The Old Parish House ▲ Johnny Artis @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY**
- 8 Bill Pappas, Wolf Crescenze & Along for the Ride @ 219
- 9 Memphis Gold Blues @ Westminster Church
- 10 Mark Wenner's Blues Warriors @ JVs
- 11 **Albert Cummings** @ Hamilton **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY VISIT OR VOLUNTEER @ DCBS BOOTH**
- 12 **Nighthawks, Bob Margolin CD Release** @ Gypsy Sally's
- 13 Bad Influence @ Villain & Saint ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Smokin' Hot Bar & Grille ▲ Billy Price @ JVs ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY** ▲ Dave Chappell and Friends @ The Music Café
- 14 **1st Annual Westminster Blues Festival featuring Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark, Clarence "The Bluesman" Turner, Danny Blew & the Blues Crew, David Cole & the Main Street Blues, Full Power Blues, Tom Newman Blues Band** @ Westminster Church ▲ Joy Bodycomb @ Winery at Olney ▲ Bushmaster featuring Gary Brown @ Mad Fox ▲ Clusterfunk @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY**
- 16 Shirleta Settles & Friends @ Westminster Church
- 17 Jimmy D. Lane, Hambone Wilson @ JVs
- 19 Deanna Bogart @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz
- 20 **Lex Gray & Urban Pioneers** @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY** ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Second Chance Saloon ▲ Bill Pappas, Wolf Crescenze, & Along for the Ride @ 219 ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Hershey's ▲ Moonshine Society @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Bad Influence @ New Deal Cafe ▲ Deanna Bogart @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲ The DCeivers @ The Music Café
- 21 **Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival featuring Robert Cray Band, John Mayall, Danielle Nicole, others** @ Sandy Point State Park **VISIT OR VOLUNTEER @ DCBS BOOTH** ▲ Crimestoppers @ Boulevard Tavern ▲ Clarence "The Bluesman" Turner @ Lexington Market ▲ Lady Rose Blues Band @ New Deal Cafe ▲ Delbert McClinton @ Birchmere ▲ Jonny Lang @ Maryland Hall for Creative Arts ▲ Neil Harpe Guitar Workshop @ Archie's Barbershop ▲ **Lex Gray & Urban Pioneers @ Madam's Organ DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY**
- 22 **Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival featuring Ronnie Baker Brooks, Dana Fuchs, Tab Benoit, Joe Bonamassa, others** @ Sandy Point State Park **VISIT OR VOLUNTEER @ DCBS BOOTH** ▲ Bill Pappas, Wolf Crescenze, & Along for the Ride @ 219 ▲ Neil Harpe @ Archie's Barbershop
- 23 Dr. S.O. Feelgood @ Westminster Church
- 26 Reggie Wayne Morris @ Carroll Creek Amphitheatre
- 27 **DCBS 4th Friday Happy Hour with Ron Hicks Project** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ New Deal Cafe ▲ Wolf's Still Standing with Robert Frahm @ Ruddy Duck ▲ Reggie Wayne Morris @ Buckets Sports Bar ▲ Bushmaster featuring Gary Brown @ Capital Ballroom ▲ Rusty Wright Band @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY**
- 28 Ursula Ricks @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY** ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Asian House of Poolesville ▲ Reggie Wayne Morris @ Old Glory Harley Davidson
- 29 Bill Pappas, Wolf Crescenze, & Along for the Ride @ 219 ▲ Nighthawks, Kelly Bell Band, others @ Rockville Hometown Holidays
- 30 Queen Aisha @ Westminster Church
- 31 Baby Jake Band featuring Big Boy Little @ JVs

## EARLY JUNE 2016

- 3 Moonshine Society @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Music Cafe ▲ **Western MD Blues Fest feat. Albert Castiglia, others** @ Downtown Hagerstown
- 4 Marcia Ball @ Hamilton **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY VISIT OR VOLUNTEER @ DCBS BOOTH** ▲ Vintage #18 @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Hard Times Cafe Frederick ▲ **Western MD Blues Fest featuring Selwyn Birchwood, Ana Popovic, others** @ Downtown Hagerstown
- 5 **DCBS 1st Sunday Blues Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ **Western MD Blues Fest featuring Jeff Fetterman Band, Hamilton Loomis, others** @ Downtown Hagerstown ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ
- 6 Ursula Ricks @ Westminster Church

DCBS salutes its member-musicians who keep their memberships current and support the organization in other ways. This month,

DCBS salutes member-musicians  
**Dick and Holly Culp.**

**Bolded items** on calendars of upcoming events are picks by calendar editor, Mike Wolk, and include DCBS, BBS, and other events.

Musicians, promoters, and venues:

Send calendar listings to [calendar@dcblues.org](mailto:calendar@dcblues.org) by the deadline, the 15th of the month prior to publication. Events listed are based on the best information possible.

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Visit [www.dcblues.org](http://www.dcblues.org) for additional music links and information.

# BLUES ALL WEEK

## Regular Blues Events

The Regular Blues Calendar, below, is included in the Capital Blues Messenger each month to provide information on recurring blues jams/performances/dances. See also the May Blues Calendar on page 10.

<b>SU</b>	1st Sunday DCBS Blues Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ 4th Sunday DCBS Acoustic Jam @ Mansion on O St. <b>(CANCELLED — Seeking New Jam Leader)</b> ▲ Sunday Afternoon Jam @ Old Firestation #3, Fairfax ▲ Blues Jam @ Battlefield Brew Works, Gettysburg, every other Sunday
<b>M</b>	Blue Mondays @ Westminster Presbyterian Church ▲ Wolf's Blues Jam @ JV's ▲ Capital Blues Ensemble @ 219 Basin St. Lounge
<b>TU</b>	CrawStickers @ 219 Basin St. Lounge ▲ Johnny Artis Band @ Madam's Organ ▲ Swampcandy @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲ Hell's Bottom Blues Jam @ Takoma Park VFW Post 350 ▲ Moonshine Society Blues Jam @ Villain & Saint, 2nd Tuesday
<b>W</b>	Wolf's Blues Jam @ Blair's Londontowne Pub ▲ Jesse Shifflet Open Mic @ Pickled Herring Pub, Northeast, MD ▲ Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille
<b>TH</b>	Patrick Alban & Noche Latina @ Madam's Organ ▲ Slow Blues & Swing Dance @ Glen Echo ▲ Open Mic @ El Gavilan, last Thursday of month ▲ Big Boy Little's Open Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille, 1st & 3rd Thursdays
<b>F</b>	4th Friday Happy Hour @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Glen Moomau & Juke Drivers @ Bertha's ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe
<b>SA</b>	Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

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Show your current DCBS membership card to obtain discounts from our supportive vendors, and show the vendor this newsletter to confirm the discount. Restrictions may apply, and discounts may be withdrawn at any time.

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