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Smokin' Hot Nick Moss Band Headlines Blues Festival Fundraiser

The temperature at the Silver Spring American Legion may explode from the heat of the Nick Moss Band, headliners at the DCBS Blues Festival Fundraiser on Saturday, April 18. Enjoying the spotlight generated by his recent and widely acclaimed CD, *Time Ain't Free*, Moss weaves R&B, soul, traditional blues, funk and world music into his own signature style guaranteed to rock the house.

GUITAR WORLD named *Time Ain't Free* as one of the **50 Best Albums of 2014**. Grateful Web says, "Nick Moss' guitar work speaks in volumes; from soft and moving to scorching and ferocious, he runs the absolute gamut of a blues legend in complete control of his style, form and virtuosity. As relevant as any other master of his craft, Moss proves to be an exceptional force...."

The brand new *Time Ain't Free* "reaches deeper into soul, funk, and rock 'n' roll," according to Billboard.com, with shades of P-Funk, Little Feat, Faces, and world music, all filtered through Moss's deep blues lens, sparking exciting new directions.

For a full rundown on the Nick Moss Band, visit www.nickmoss.com.

The evening starts with the music of The Reggie Wayne Morris Band, introducing the new CD, *Don't Bring Me Daylight*. Raised on Gospel and Blues, Morris is a Baltimore-based artist who rocks the Blues with a soulful core.

This evening of blues is a fundraiser to help finance the DCBS 2015 Blues Festival, scheduled for Sept. 5 at Carter Barron Amphitheatre. The DC Blues Festival has been free, and we want to maintain it as

a no-cost event. DCBS did not receive a grant from the DC government to produce the 2015 festival, as it has in prior years. The budget for the festival is tight, and the Moss/Morris show is our first fundraiser to benefit the Festival.

Advance tickets are \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members. Tickets at the door are \$18 for everyone, no member discount. Buy your tickets early at www.dcblues.org or call 301-322-4808.

Doors open at 6pm, the music goes from 7pm to 12midnight. American Legion Post 41 is located at 905 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. Wear your tank tops and shorts, it's gonna be a hot night!



photo by Mariusz Skiba

DCBS welcomes the world class blues of the Nick Moss Band, featuring the explosive guitar style of frontman Nick Moss to its April 18 fundraiser to support the DC Blues Festival.

2015 Wammies for Blues/Traditional R&B

Familiar names are among winners of 2015 Wammies in the Blues/Traditional R&B categories. The Washington Area Music Assn. presented its awards for outstanding musical performances and recordings on March 15. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for helping to keep the Blues alive!

Blues/Traditional R&B Vocalist:

Mary Ann Redmond, singer songwriter

"If Aretha is the Queen of Soul, Redmond must be considered an official Lady in Waiting," says the WASHINGTON CITY PAPER. Her latest CD, *Compared to What*, was released in 2013.

Blues/Traditional R&B Instrumentalist and Blues/Traditional R&B Duo/Group

Daryl Davis, musician, author, lecturer, actor and race relations expert

"Whether a searing Blues or a pounding Boogie Woogie, Daryl Davis practices what he preaches, to make his audience happy. His CD, American Roots, signals the arrival of a major Blues voice," says BLUES REVUE MAGAZINE.

Blues/Traditional R&B Recording

444/The Nighthawks

"444 is more of a roots recording with country and rock influences mixed with the band's blues foundation. Solidly played and performed," says Ron Weinstock, CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER, September 2014.

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.

The **CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER** is published monthly (unless otherwise noted) and sent by email or US mail to members. Past newsletters are available at www.dcblues.org.



The **CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER** is your publication 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.

Blues listings for bands should be sent to calendar@dcblues.org

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CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER

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President's DRUM

DCBS Presents The Nick Moss Band and The Reggie Wayne Morris Band



Our typical DC region Spring is upon us. 'Tis the season when temperatures vacillate between cold and warm. But DCBS is not so wishy-washy. We deliver decidedly hot entertainment year round. We kick off spring on Saturday, April 18 at the Silver Spring American Legion with an unquestionably hot show starring Nick Moss, basking in his recent and widely hailed CD, *Time Ain't Free*.

Opening the show for Moss is a regional standout, the Reggie Wayne Morris Band. Reggie will be introducing his new CD release, *Don't Bring Me Daylight*. Reggie is a Baltimore-based artist who was raised on Gospel and Blues, learning to play guitar from family members. He can rock the Blues, but always with a soulful core.

You know how we do at the Society. So, don't miss this Moss & Morris blowout. Two great talents for the price of one. Get tickets early. We're not offering a member discount at the door because we're counting on all receipts to help defray the expense of our annual free DC Blues Festival at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre on Sept. 5. Without our usual grant from the DC government,

our Festival budget is pressed. Members should buy tickets to the Moss/Morris show in advance to take advantage of the low admission. Complete info is on page 5.

Show Your Support for the Annual Festival on August 1

Speaking of pressed budgets, we're doing another Festival fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 1. We will be asking some of our friends to perform without compensation so that all funds will benefit the free Festival. For over 25 years DCBS has presented the Annual Festival absolutely free to the public. I hope many of you will attend this fundraiser to show your support and help us keep the Festival free. The event is a long way off, but put it on your Blues schedule. The lineup will be announced as soon as it's finalized. More details will be forthcoming in the next few months.

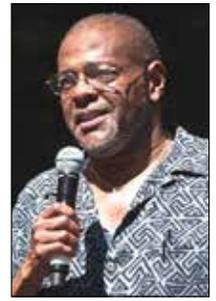
Blues and Fish Fry and More!

Our annual Hotter-Than-July Fish Fry, on Saturday, July 11, will have a new twist this year. We're adding a Veterans & Families Appreciation celebration. There will be the usual fried fish and assortment of other delicious food. But we'll honor our veterans and possibly have even more bands for your entertainment.

Both the Festival fundraiser and the Fish Fry will be at the Silver Spring American Legion, which is co-sponsoring the Fish Fry. We'll tell more about this fish tale later. Trust me, it will be a whopper. Make plans now to be there.

Plan Your Summer Festival Calendar

'Tis also the season for festivals throughout the region. See our guide on page 6. Our volunteers will be on many of the scenes with a booth serving up your favorite branded shirts, caps and trinkets. Even if you're not in the buying mood, stop by and say hello. If you've forgotten to renew your membership, our booth is a good place to remedy that oversight. We can always use your help staffing booths and shows. If interested, write to Margo Hope, our Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@dcblues.org.



4th Friday Happy Hour

Since I'm talking about Margo, I want you to know and see another side of her. While you may know her as the cheerful face with hands deep in many DCBS activities, Margo has also been a working singer—accustomed to getting paid for gigs—in venues countrywide. She now fronts the newly formed band, Adelphi Bluz. Margo and Adelphi Bluz will play our 4th Friday

Happy Hour, on April 24, from 5:30pm to 9:30pm at the Silver Spring American Legion. Band members include Bill Bates on guitar and vocals; Mike Elam on drums and



vocals; Larry Spiwak on harp, keyboards and guitar; Kenny Johnson on bass; and Margo Hope on vocals and percussion. I got a preview of the band at the Takoma Park VFW Tuesday Jam. The band is tight and Margo is electric, with her vocal acrobatics and energetic stage presence. Don't take my word for it. Happy Hour is free. Come see for yourself.

Blues Always,

Felix

Join DCBS for FREE 4th Friday Happy Hours

Meet your fellow blues lovers at DCBS 4th Friday Happy Hours. Admission is free, affordable cash bar and food are available. Doors open at 5pm, music is on stage from 5:30 to 9 pm.

Location is American Legion Post 41, 905 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring 20910. Entrance is on Fenton Street adjacent to the public parking lot. Parking in the public lot is free after 7 pm.

April 24: Margo & Adelphi Bluz

May 22: Shakedown

June 26: The Mojo Priests

July 24: Etuf'e

Aug. 28: Ron Hicks Project

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NICK MOSS BAND

Guitar World says
NMB's CD
Time Ain't Free! is
"One of the 50 Best
Albums of 2014"



Photo ©Grant Kessler

Saturday, April 18, 2015
Doors: 6 PM ♦ Show: 7 PM - Midnight

♦ **JUST ANNOUNCED** ♦

Reggie Wayne Morris
will open the show
and introduce his new CD
Don't Bring Me Daylight



Photo: Wolgemuth Photography

American Legion Post 41

905 Sligo Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Entrance on Fenton Street by public parking lot

Don't miss this show! Buy tickets early!

Advance: \$12 member / \$15 non-member

Door: \$18 (no member discount)

TICKETS: WWW.DCBLUES.ORG

Tel: 301-322-4808



Mark Your Calendars for Warm Weather, Hot Music

Guide to 2015 Local & Nearby Blues Festivals

From late Spring through early Fall, there are many blues and other music festivals in the DC area and surrounding states. This guide is intended to help DC-area blues fans plan their weekends and trips to include festivals that support the Blues. Several are also fundraisers for charities.

DCBS is again a sponsor of the **7th Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival**, a free event in downtown Silver Spring on Saturday, June 20, Father's Day weekend. The DCBS-sponsored **27th Annual DC Blues Festival**, at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre, is set for Sept. 5, the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend. Watch for details soon about the outstanding musicians who will entertain at these two festivals.

Mark your calendars now for some of these great festivals! Visit the individual festival websites to learn more about the featured

performers. Some festivals are free; others have admission fees and offer early bird and advance ticket sales. If we've missed listing a festival, please let us know so we can share this with DCBS members. Send information to: newsletter@dcblues.org.

The DCBS booth will be set up at several of these events (e.g., Western Maryland, Tinner Hill, Silver Spring, and of course, the Carter Barron) selling branded merchandise, answering questions, recruiting members and accepting renewals. Watch your DCBS emails for volunteer needs and for ticket giveaways/discounts.

If you want to volunteer to provide a written review of a festival or photos for the DCBS newsletter, please send an e-mail to newsletter@dcblues.org. Please feel free to share this festival listing with others. Help keep the Blues alive!

MAY 2015

▲ Saturday, May 2 Derby-Q BBQ, Blues, Bourbon & Brews Festival

Old Town Square, Fairfax, VA
www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-
Tix: \$10 general admission, tasting tickets \$25 or \$65

▲ Saturday–Sunday, May 2–3 Naptown barBAYq Contest & Music Festival

Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds
Crownsville, MD 21032
www.barbayq.com
Tix: \$10 before April 25, \$15 after

▲ Saturday, May 9 Park Fest Blues Festival

Pocahontas Stage Park Amphitheatre
10301 State Park Rd., Chesterfield, VA 23832
www.parkfestblues.com
Tix: \$10 discount tickets until April 15

▲ Saturday–Sunday, May 16–17 Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival

Sandy Point State Park
Annapolis, MD
www.bayblues.org
See ad on page 9
Tix: Advance \$65 one-day, \$115 two-day, on sale until May 15

Visit or volunteer for the DCBS table!



▲ Friday–Sunday, May 28–31 20th Annual Western Maryland Blues Fest

Downtown Hagerstown, Central & City Park,
Hagerstown, MD 21741
www.blues-fest.org or 301-739-8577 ext. 116
See ad on page 4
Tix: info not available
Visit or volunteer for the DCBS table!

▲ Saturday–Sunday, May 30–31 35th Annual Washington Folk Festival *

Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD 20812
www.fsgw.org **FREE!**

JUNE 2015

▲ Friday–Sunday, June 5–7 23rd Annual Capital Jazz Fest

Merriweather Post Pavilion
10475 Little Patuxent Pkwy.
Columbia, MD 21044
www.capitaljazz.com Cool jazz & soul
Early bird tickets available through May 1
Ticket prices vary by seating

▲ Saturday, June 6 Strasburg Blues Festival (formerly the Colonial Beach Blues Festival)

Strasburg Moose Lodge, 572 Red Bird Rd.,
Strasburg, VA 22657
strasburgbluessociety@gmail.com
or 804-214-0312
Tix: \$15 advance, \$20 gate.

▲ Friday–Saturday, June 6–7 4th Annual St. Georges Blues Festival

Commodore Center, 1701 S. DuPont Hwy.
St. Georges, DE 19733
www.diamondstateblues.com
or 302-836-8202
Tix: \$25 advance.

▲ Sunday, June 7 Wolf Trap's 26th Annual Louisiana Swamp Romp

1645 Trap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182
www.wolftrap.org or 1-877-WOLFTRAP
Tix: \$30–\$35

▲ Friday–Sunday, June 12–14 22nd Tinner Hill Blues Festival—A Tribute to John Jackson

Cherry Hill Park and Other Venues
Falls Church, VA 22046
www.tinnerhill.org
See ad on page 12
Tix: info pending.
Visit or volunteer for the DCBS table!

▲ Saturday, June 20 7th Annual Silver Spring Blues Festival

Fenton Street Market/
Downtown Silver Spring
Silver Spring, MD 20910
www.silverspringblues.com
FREE! Visit or volunteer for the DCBS table!



2015 Local & Nearby Blues Festivals

▲ **Sunday, June 20**

26th Annual Billtown Blues Festival

Lycoming County Fairgrounds
Hughesville, PA 17737
www.billtownblues.org or 570-584-4480
See ad on page 8. Tix: Early bird \$20 available until April 30, \$25 advance, \$30 at gate

▲ **Saturday, June 20**

Steppingstone Summertime Blues Festival

461 Quaker Bottom Rd.
Havre De Grace, MD 21078
www.steppingstonemuseum.org or 410-939-2299
Tix: info not available

▲ **Saturday, June 20**

Columbia Pike Blues Festival

Walter Reed Drive at Columbia Pike
Arlington, VA
www.columbia-pike.org
Tix: info not available

▲ **Saturday-Sunday, June 27-28** 🎵
23rd Annual Safeway BBQ Battle

2011 Pennsylvania Ave, between 9th and 14th Streets, Washington, DC 20004
www.bbqdc.com
Tix: \$12 advance, \$15 at event or \$20 for advance 2-day ticket

JULY 2015

▲ **Friday-Saturday, July 10-11**

18th Annual Briggs Farm Blues Festival

Briggs Farm, Nescopeck, PA 18635
www.briggsfarm.com or 570-379-2003
Tix: early bird available until May 10, \$23 for 1-day, \$40 for 2-day; \$30 and \$50 at gate, plus camping fee

▲ **Saturday, July 11**
DCBS Fish Fry and Veterans Appreciation

Silver Spring American Legion
Bands sign up now!
See www.dcbblues.org

▲ **Saturday, July 18**
16th Annual Winchester Blues House Festival

Winchester Eagles Club Airie 824
Winchester, VA 22601
www.winchesterblueshouse.com or 540-662-7066
Tix: \$15 advance, \$20 at gate

▲ **Friday-Sunday, July 24-26**

Pittsburgh Blues Festival

Hartwood Acres, 2914 Middle Rd.
Allison Park, PA 15101
www.pghblues.com or 412-460-BLUE
Tix: Friday free w/bag of groceries donation, Saturday and Sunday \$30 advance, \$35 at gate, \$50 for 2-day pass

▲ **Friday-Sunday, July 24-26**
Pennsylvania Blues Festival, Celebrating 24 Years of Blues in the Poconos

Split Rock Resort
Lake Harmony, PA 18624
www.pennsylvaniabluesfestival.com
Tix: early bird until June 8, \$30 for 1-day, \$50 for 2-day; advance June 8-July 23, \$35 and \$60; \$40 and \$70 at gate

▲ **Friday-Sunday, July 31-Aug. 2**
Riverfront Blues Fest

Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, S. French and Water Streets, Wilmington, DE 19801
www.riverfrontbluesfest.com
Tix: info pending

▲ **Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1**
12th Annual Snowshoe Mountain Brews, Blues & BBQ Festival

10 Snowshoe Dr., Snowshoe, WV 26209
www.snowshoemtn.com or 877-441-4386
Tix: info pending.

AUGUST 2015

▲ **Friday-Sunday, Aug. 7-9**
Heritage Music BluesFest 2015

Heritage Port, Wheeling, WV 26003
www.heritagemusicfest.com or 304-238-6064
Tix: advance \$75 for 3-day, \$115 VIP

▲ **Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015** 🎵
Hot August Music Festival

Oregon Ridge State Park
Cockeysville, MD 21030
www.hotaugustmusicfestival.com or 877-321-3378
Tix: info pending

🎵 Events with this designation include blues and other music genres.

SEPTEMBER 2015

▲ **Saturday, Sept. 5**
DC Blues Society 27th Annual DC Blues Festival

Carter Barron Amphitheatre
Washington, DC 20011
www.dcbblues.org **FREE!**

Visit or volunteer for the DCBS table!



▲ **Sunday, Sept. 6**
Baltimore Blues Society Alonzo's Memorial Picnic

Rosedale American Legion Hall
1311 Seling Ave., Rosedale, MD 21237
www.moworkin.com or 410-744-2291
Tix: info pending

▲ **Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12**
22nd Annual Blues at the Beach

17th Street Stage, 100 17th St.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
www.natchelblues.org or 757-588-8689
Tix: info pending

▲ **Sunday, Sept. 20** 🎵
38th Takoma Park Folk Festival

Takoma Park Middle School
Takoma Park, MD 20910
www.tppf.org or 301-589-0202 **FREE!**

▲ **Date To Be Announced**
23rd Annual BlueBird Blues Festival

Prince Georges Community College
301 Largo Rd., Largo, MD 20774
www.pgcc.edu **FREE!**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2015

▲ **Sunday, Oct. 4** 🎵
34th Annual Takoma Park Street Festival

Takoma Park, MD 20912
www.takomaparkfestival.com or 240-535-0187
FREE!

▲ **Saturday, Nov. 14**
8th Annual College Park Blues Festival

Ritchie Coliseum, University of MD
College Park, MD 20740
www.dcbblues.org **FREE!**

Call for Volunteer Help!

Every little bit of help goes a long way toward supporting DCBS and its mission to keep the Blues alive. Upcoming events provide many different opportunities for volunteers. You may even be rewarded with free entrance to the events. Here's how you can help:

April 18 at the Nick Moss Band fundraiser at the Silver Spring American Legion, DCBS needs volunteers to staff the membership and merchandise booth and for raffle sales.

May 28–May 31 at the Western Maryland Blues Festival, Hagerstown, MD, DCBS needs volunteers to staff the membership and merchandise booth.

July 11 at the DCBS Fish Fry and Veterans Appreciation at the Silver Spring American Legion, DCBS needs cooks, food service, set-up and break-down help, kitchen clean up crew, raffle sales, membership and merchandise booth and a Volunteer Assistant Coordinator.

Aug. 1 at the DC Blues Festival Fundraiser at the Silver Spring American Legion, DCBS needs volunteers to greet attendees and to staff the merchandise and membership table.

Volunteering lets you get acquainted with your fellow Blues lovers while enjoying great music. For more info, contact Margo Hope at volunteer@dcb Blues.org.



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**SATURDAY
JUNE 20**

26th Annual
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Acoustic tent featuring
Dave Brumbaugh's Boogie Chillen's Guitar Workshop,
Tom Rosencrans, Acoustic Audition Winner, Mr. Sipp ~ Blues is Fun!

Lycoming County Fairgrounds
East Lycoming Street, Hughesville, PA
Noon–10:00 pm ~ Rain or Shine
Gates open at 11:00
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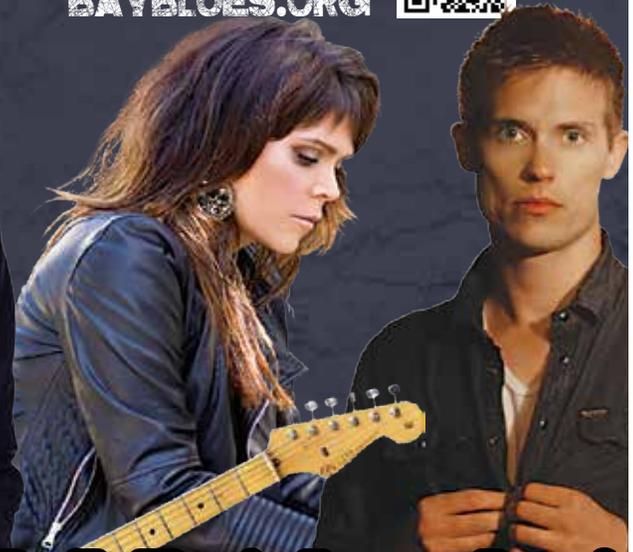


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Beth Hart **Jonny Lang**

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APRIL 2015 BLUES

- 1 **Erin Harpe & Delta Swingers** @ Metropolitan Kitchen, Annapolis
- 2 **Erin Harpe & Delta Swingers** @ Hill Country BBQ ▲ Dana Fuchs @ Rams Head On Stage
- 3 **Biscuit Miller & Mix** @ Madam's Organ **DCBS Ticket Giveaways to Madam's Organ's Friday + Saturday Blues Shows continue — read your DCBS emails!** ▲ Still Standing @ Zoo Bar ▲ Vintage #18 @ Clydes Chevy Chase
- 4 **Muddy Waters' 100th Birthday Celebration featuring Commander Cody, Bob Margolin, Nighthawks** @ Hamilton ▲ Moonshine Society @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar ▲ Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark @ Davies Unitarian Church ▲ Reggie Wayne Morris @ Brickhouse ▲ Biscuit Miller & Mix @ Madam's Organ ▲ Skip Castro Band @ Gypsy Sally's
- 5 **DCBS 1st Sunday Blues Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ
- 6 Queen Aisha Blues! @ Westminster Presbyterian ▲ **Dean Rosenthal 40th Anniversary** @ Rams Head On Stage
- 9 **Fabulous Thunderbirds, Cathy Ponton King** @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club
- 10 Bad Influence @ Winery at Bull Run ▲ Biscuit Miller & Mix @ Madam's Organ
- 11 Joy Bodycomb Band @ Second Chance Saloon ▲ National Black Memorabilia Fine Arts & Crafts Show @ Montgomery County Fairgrounds; ▲ Moonshine Society @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Moondog Medicine Show @ Madam's Organ ▲ Crowdaddies, Tom Principato @ AMP by Strathmore ▲ **Muddy Waters' 100th Birthday Celebration featuring Nighthawks, Bob Margolin, Daryl Davis** @ Rams Head On Stage
- 12 National Black Memorabilia Fine Arts & Crafts Show @ Montgomery County Fairgrounds ▲ Bill Pappas & Along for the Ride @ 219 ▲ Big Boy Little Band Blues Brunch @ Acadiana ▲ BT Richardson @ Madam's Organ ▲ Andy Poxon w/ Dave Chappell @ JVs ▲ Nighthawks @ Kensington Car Show
- 13 Electrofied Blues Band w/ Charlie Sayles @ Westminster Presbyterian
- 16 Del Ray House Concert @ see acousticblues.com
- 17 Eleanor Ellis & Andy Cohen @ Archie Edwards' Barbershop ▲ Just Two @ Pinky & Pepe's Grape Escape ▲ Little Red & Renegades @ Haydee's ▲ Wolf's Still Standing Blues Night @ Cryer's Back Road Inn ▲ Mississippi Heat @ Madam's Organ
- 18 **DCBS Presents Nick Moss Band and Reggie Wayne Morris** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Maloo's Pub and Grill ▲ Joy Bodycomb Band @ The Winery at Olney ▲ Soul Crackers w/ Tommy Lepson @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club ▲ JP Soars & Redhots @ Madam's Organ
- 19 Good Thing @ Madam's Organ ▲ Nighthawks Acoustic Show @ Music Cafe
- 20 Jacques & Margie Live! @ Westminster Presbyterian
- 22 Nighthawks @ Ruddy Duck
- 24 **DCBS 4th Friday Happy Hour with Margo & Adelphi Bluz** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Joy Bodycomb Band @ Potomac Grill ▲ Ursula Ricks @ Madam's Organ ▲ Ian B. Walters & Friends @ Montpelier Arts Center
- 25 **Baltimore Blues Society presents Bob Margolin, Lydia Warren Band with Matt Kelley** @ Rosedale American Legion ▲ Catfish Hodge @ JVs ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Frederick Hard Times ▲ Bad Influence @ Gaithersburg Dogfish Head ▲ Cathy Ponton King @ Old Bowie Town Grille
- 26 **DCBS 4th Sunday Acoustic Jam** @ Mansion on O St. ▲ **Tinner Hill Blues Festival Fundraiser with Vintage #18, Daryl Davis** @ Chandler's Place, Clarendon ▲ **Taj Mahal Trio @ Rams Head On Stage** ▲ Bill Pappas & Along for the Ride @ 219 ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ ▲ Nighthawks @ Kensington Day of the Book
- 27 Nighthawks @ Westminster Presbyterian
- 28 Baby Jake & Big Boy Little @ JVs

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- 1 Still Standing @ Zoo Bar ▲ Bad Influence @ 219 ▲ Nighthawks @ Friday Night Live, Rockville Town Center
- 2 Moonshine Society, Clarence "The Bluesman" Turner @ **Derby-Q BBQ, Blues, Bourbon & Brews Festival**, Old Town Square, Fairfax ▲ Built 4 Comfort, Vintage #18, Crimestoppers, Swampcandy, and others @ **Napton BarBAYq BBQ Contest & Music Festival**, Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds ▲ Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band @ Hamilton ▲ Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar ▲ Andy Poxon @ Bare Bones
- 3 **DCBS 1st Sunday Blues Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion;
- 4 Memphis Gold @ Westminster Presbyterian
- 5 Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band @ Ram's Head On Stage
- 6 Nighthawks Swing Dance @ Nick's Nightclub

DCBS appreciates those musicians who routinely submit their gigs for posting in the Blues Calendar and who also keep their DCBS memberships current. This month, DCBS salutes member/musician **Cathy Ponton King**.

See her perform on April 9 with the Fabulous Thunderbirds at the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club and on April 25 at the Old Bowie Town Grille.

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 by the deadline, the 15th of the month prior to publication. Events listed are based on the best information possible.

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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 April Blues Calendar on page 10.

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1st Sunday DCBS Blues Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ **4th Sunday DCBS Acoustic Jam @ Mansion on O St.** ▲ Sunday Afternoon Jam @ Old Firestation #3, Fairfax ▲ Blues Jam @ Battlefield Brew Works, Gettysburg, every other Sunday

Blue Mondays @ Westminster Presbyterian Church ▲ Wolf's Blues Jam @ JV's ▲ Capital Blues Ensemble @ 219 Basin St. Lounge ▲ Blues Monday @ Republic

CrawStickers @ 219 Basin St. Lounge ▲ Johnny Artis Band @ Madam's Organ ▲ Open Mic @ Woodstock Inn, Woodstock, MD ▲ Swampcandy @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲ Hell's Bottom Blues Jam @ Takoma Park VFW Post 350

Wolf's Blues Jam @ Blair's Londontowne Pub ▲ Scott Wells Jam @ Pickled Herring Pub, Northeast, MD, except 1st week ▲ Classic Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille ▲ Jonny Grave @ Madam's Organ

Patrick Alban & Noche Latina @ Madam's Organ ▲ Big Boy Little Band Blues Jam @ Zoo Bar ▲ Slow Blues & Swing Dance @ Glen Echo ▲ Open Mic @ El Gavilan ▲ Blues Jame w/ Fast Eddie Galvin, Dave Saunders @ Bentz St. Raw Bar ▲ Open Mic with The Mojo Priests @ Sapphire, 2nd Thursday

4th Friday Happy Hour @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Glen Moomau & Juke Drivers @ Bertha's ▲ Over the Limit @ Zoo Bar, 1st Friday ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop ▲ Davies Fish Fry & Open Mic, 1st Saturday @ Davies Memorial Unitarian Church, Temple Hills, MD ▲ Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar, 1st Saturday ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

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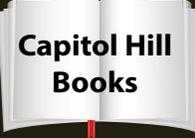
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