



Footnotes



Portland Country Dance Community • November-December 2017

Fall/Winter Contra Awesomeness on the Way

By Brian Woodward

The November/December period is perhaps the favorite time of the year for PCDC members. The number of special events provided for your dancing pleasure is awesome. As in the past few years PCDC has procured Norse Hall for two separate weeknights in November and is bringing in two of the finest bands with one of the premier callers in the country for both events.



Monday, November 13th at Norse Hall

Leading off on Monday, 11/13 we continue our tradition of bringing you the finest of New England's contra performers for your dancing pleasure: the fabulous double hit of **Wild Asparagus** (David Cantieni, Ann Percival, Becky Tracy, Mark Murphy and Mark Hellenberg) and caller **George Marshall**. They will be fresh from their gig as the house band at the Danceable Feast dance camp near Eugene. This will be a fine way to usher in the early winter with a foot-stomping, endorphin-inducing dance experience. Wild Asparagus is so popular they have been attracting hard-core contra dancers to Danceable Feast for over 25 years. Don't miss this!

Tuesday, November 21nd at Norse Hall

And the following week, this time on Tuesday, 11/21, we will be bringing you another of the finest bands in the country, also from New England, **Pete's Posse** (Pete Sutherland, Oliver Scanlon and Tristan Henderson). We are so lucky to snag these guys on their West Coast tour. A power trio with roots going back to the legendary Clayfoot Strutters, they have been playing at



dance weekends, special events and festivals for years. "If you've ever wondered what happiness sounds like, you should come listen to Pete's Posse play a contra dance, or better yet, DANCE to them." – Mary Wesley, dance caller, Burlington, VT. Now that is what you call a testimonial! With the expert calling of **George Marshall** this will be a Must-Be-There!

So November is shaping up to be a contra dancer's delight. Both events will be at Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave, Portland from 7:30 to 11 pm, no lesson. Admission is \$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$10 students and seniors. However we are not done, cuz in December...

Rushfest Comes to Portland!

By Brian Woodward

Saturday, December 9th at Fulton

This is the regularly scheduled PCDC 2nd Saturday contra dance but we will be doing something special, bringing in Emily Rush from North Carolina who will be providing her own type of contra dance called a 'Rushfest'. In her own words, "Rushfest takes your favorite songs from the radio, from Ella Fitzgerald to Journey to Katy Perry, and adds contra dances to make a high-energy dance party for every generation."



As if that didn't sound like enough fun, PCDC will be stringing massive amounts of UV black lights so we can all glow in the dark to our heart's content. Kind of a techno atmosphere but with a somewhat lighter mix of sound is how one can envision it. It will be a wonderful experience and one heck of a regularly scheduled PCDC dance! This event will be at Fulton (68 SW Miles) from 8 to 11 pm, with a lesson at 7:30. Admission is \$11 general, \$9 PCDC members, \$8 students and seniors.

Videos of Rushfest and more information can be found at: www.rushfestcontra.com.

[Brian is a member of PCDC's Contra Committee.]

New Year's Redux: The Big Do (Over)

By Brian Woodward

On **Saturday, December 30th**, dancers will be taking over all three floors of Norse Hall for an awesome New Year's celebration. Remember how much fun this was last year? No? Ha, I'm playing a joke on you. Because Mother Nature played a joke on us. Last winter this event was cancelled, to our tremendous disappointment, as the snow was falling thick and fast and we all had to stay home. This winter, plucky, never-say-die PCDC will try again! Our New Year's celebration WILL (if Mother Nature has laughed herself out) take place this year.

To recap....For those who love the elegance of the waltz, PCDC's good friend dance organization, Portland Dance Eclectic, will be commandeering the top floor of Norse Hall for waltz, swing and all the other wonderful couple dances they do. The flip side of the waltz is the trendy and steamier blues dancing. Go down to the basement and you'll find the lights on low and the blues on high!



But of course, the main floor is reserved for the foot-stomping, sweat-inducing joy that is contra dance. We have a wonderful combination of the ever-popular **Syncopaths** a top-notch contra band that has been touring the U.S. for more than a decade (Ryan McKasson, Ashley Broder, Jeff Spero and Christa Burch) and two fabulous callers: SoCal/New Englander **Jeremy Korr** and PCDC's own caller extraordinaire **William Watson**. The building will be rocking!



Admission at the door covers all three floors of dancing. Take a break sometime during the evening from your favorite dance style and take a spin on one of the other floors. You will have a blast! Five hours of dancing at Norse Hall from 8 pm to 1 am; contra or blues lesson at 7:30. Admission is \$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$10 students and seniors.

Whew! What a special time coming up. Enjoy!

DANCE ECLECTIC NEWS

The Thursday night waltz which has for many years been held at the Fulton Community Center, has moved to Rose City Studios, located at 1420 NW 17th Ave. DJ Dennis Myers and Hostess Colleen Suzanne offer "all styles of waltz plus an eclectic mix of other [recorded] dance music. All ages, all levels. Everyone welcome." Cost is \$8 and the event is from 7:30-10:30 pm. Rhonda's Waltz Practicum, which is held from 5:30-7 pm will continue at Fulton. Rhonda's session offers, "...a place to develop skill, build confidence and connect with other dancers of all levels. The cross step mixer is our template for learning many variations that are then transitioned to the social dance floor." Sweet and savory snacks provided. Cost is \$5.

Upcoming Sunday waltz brunches on: 10/29, 11/26 and 12/17 at Norse Hall. On Sunday, 11/19, enjoy live music with Seattle's KGB at Norse Hall from noon to 3 pm; lesson with Uwe from 10:30-11:30.

More information about Dance Eclectic's events can be found at: www.portlanddanceeclectic.com. – Editor

PCDC Family Dance

Children and adults of all ages are welcome.

November 11, 4:30-6:30 pm at Fulton

Cost: \$5 (kids); \$6 (adults); \$20 max.

Learn Tunes and Play for a Dance!

By Etienne Scott

The long-running PCDC Contra Dance Tune Sessions continue on second Thursdays (11/9 & 12/14). George Penk (of Joyride) and Dan Compton (of Jigsaw) lead the class alternate months, teaching dance tunes by ear—and teaching how to learn by ear in the process.

And rather than just sending you home with ever more tunes to play, we're going to work together over the coming months to assemble sets of tunes to play for an actual dance. The class will be the core of the band for the PCDC fifth Saturday open band dances. (The open band is, of course, open to anyone else who wants to play.)

All are welcome to take one or more classes, no matter what your instrument or musical preference: melody, back-up, percussion, you name it.

The session will meet at the home of Delona Lang in SE Portland, from 7 to 9 pm on the second Thursday of each month. (For the address contact Etienne at: climb2ski@gmail.com.) The cost of the two-hour class is \$15 for non-members, \$10 for PCDC members and \$8 for students. You can join PCDC at the class if you're not already a member.

The sessions continue through June of 2018, with fifth Saturday open band dances in March and June.



PCDC Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Mike Voss

September 30, 2017. Present: Christine Appleberry, Ric Goldman, Rich Goss, Noah Grunzweig, Jaydra Perfetti, Mike Voss.

[This was a brief meeting which took place just prior to the annual board retreat at McMenamins Kennedy School on Saturday 9/30.]

Meetings. The board is currently meeting once every six weeks but because this schedule is not in sync with other committees' meeting schedules, it was decided to switch to a once per month meeting schedule and to alternate between discussing organizational topics and policy topics from month to month. Board meetings will now take place on the second Tuesday of the month. [Secretary's Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, this was subsequently changed to third Tuesdays starting in December.] Board meetings are open to all PCDC members. For location and agenda, please contact the Board Chair.

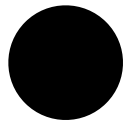
Website. Ric will add office-specific email address to the website, which should allow the public to email any board member directly from the website.

NWP Issue: Correspondence was received from a dancer which violated PCDC's Safe Dancing Policy. The board sent a letter to the person in question explaining the consequences of any further similar correspondence or behavior.

Treasurer. Financials will be discussed in depth during the retreat.

Other business. Jack Newlevant and Rhonda McFaddin dropped by the meeting to let the board know that the long-time Thursday night Dance Eclectic event at Fulton would be moving to another venue. However since Rhonda's Waltz Practicum will still be held at Fulton from 5:30 to 7 pm, they suggested that PCDC might be interested in sponsoring a regular event in the later (7:30-10:30) time slot. More discussion on this next time.

[Next PCDC Board meeting: 11/14 at Ric Goldman's house.]



2018 Corvallis Contra Weekend

Feb. 16-18, 2018

Two great bands!

The Free Raisins
Uncle Farmer

Two great callers!

Will Mentor
Susan Petrick

Registration opens 11/15/17
For more information go to:
www.corvallisfolklore.org/ccw/

PCDC Board Retreat 2017

Submitted by Mike Voss

The PCDC Board holds an annual retreat for current board members, committee representatives and various other community members whose input is invaluable for planning and organizing our dance activities. This year's retreat was held at McMenamins Kennedy School, in the library. Attending were Christine Appleberry, Kim Appleberry, Carmen Doerge, Ric Goldman, Rich Goss, Noah Grunzweig, Dave Hamlin, Rick Kimball, David Macemon, Jon Neff, Jaydra Perfetti, Rick Piel, Sue Songer, Mike Voss and William Watson. The group discussed the past eight years of income/expense trends as well as profit and loss. Some goals are: need to develop and codify policies, generate budgets and increase outreach. In addition, more volunteers are needed to help build community and keep the organization healthy and growing.

Upcoming Out-of-Town Events

Nov. 10-13 Dare to be Square West is in NE Portland for 2017. Register at www.daretobesquarewest.org.

Dec. 29-Jan. 1 Bash on Vashon (Island), WA: DIY camp with varied activities organized by participants. Lantern-making! Balkan singing! And a bonfire! Cost: \$140-245

Jan. 12-14 Contra Carnivale in San Luis Obispo, CA. Urban camp with contra, waltz and concerts. Talent: Jigjazz, Maivish, Riptide; Cis Hinkle, Frannie Marr, Jeremy Korr. Cost: \$150

Jan. 26-28 Evergreen Contra Dance Weekend in Bozeman, MT. Urban camp with a wide variety of music and dance workshops. Talent: Great Bear Trio, Swiftcurrent; Sarah VanNorstrand. Cost: \$110-135

Feb. 16-18 Corvallis Contra Weekend in Corvallis, OR. Urban contra dance camp with workshops and waltzing. Talent: Free Raisins, Uncle Farmer; Will Mentor, Susan Petrick. Cost: \$90

Feb. 23-25 Fiddling Frog Dance Festival in Pasadena, CA. An urban weekend of contras with Groovemongers, The Gaslight Tinkers, Steve Zakon-Anderson, Dana Parkinson and 'Rushfest.' Cost: \$175

Pizza Jam

(no pizza, no jam)

But you can play contra dance tunes from "The Portland Collection" in a group.

All are welcome.

First and third Mondays, 7:30-9:30 pm.

Contact Sally at sjoughin@earthlink.net for more information.



House Concerts

Talented musicians from near and far play music for you in a living room in SE Portland. To see the schedule, go to www.froggie.com



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Note: Unless otherwise noted all contra dances begin at 7:30 pm with a 30 minute teaching session, and end at 11. All English country dances begin at 7:30 pm and end at 10:30. All dances feature live music **except** for the 12/9 contra dance.

November

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
1st Wed.	First Wednesday Contra at PH, 7:30-10 pm	Frannie Marr	Joyride
3rd Fri.	PCDC English Country Pre-Ball Dance at FCC, all welcome	Cynthia Stenger	Heather Pinney, George Penk, Laura Kuhlman
4th Sat.	PCDC English Country Ball, 7-11 pm; <i>pre-registration required!</i>	Mary Devlin	Fine Companions
4th Sat.	First Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Woody Lane	Full Moon (Gordy, Dave H, Fran S, Janet Goulston)
10th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Erik Weberg	Richard Scher, Lori Shaffer, Sean Nolan
10th Fri.	Contra in the 'Couve at HDG, 8-10:30 pm	Tarka Ayres	Stepwise Trio (Keith Moe, Fran Tewksbury, Carl Thor)
11th Sat.	PCDC Family Dance at FCC, 4:30-6:30 pm	Sue Baker	Pear Pickers
11th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Sue Baker	InTent City (from Seattle)
12th Sun.	PCDC Advanced ECD at RS, 3-5 pm	Ric Goldman	Betsy Branch, Erik Weberg, Lisa Scott
13th Mon.	Special PCDC Contra at NH, 7:30-11 pm	George Marshall	Wild Asparagus
17th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Mary Devlin	Carl Thor, Leslie Hirsch, Laura Kuhlman, Alan Rutherford
17th Fri.	Hillsboro Contra Dance at TLC	Ric Goldman	Stringride
18th Sat.	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Woody Lane	The BFD (Betsy Branch, Fran Slefer, Dan Compton)
21st Tues.	Special PCDC Contra at NH, 7:30-11 pm	George Marshall	Pete's Posse
24th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Erik Weberg	Fine Companions
25th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Noah Grunzweig	Campaign for Reel Time (Betsy Branch, Mark Douglass, Bill Tomczak)

December

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
1st Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Cynthia Stenger	Rich Scher, Leslie Hirsch, Jon Neff, Alan Rutherford)
2nd Sat.	First Saturday Contra at FCC	Rich Goss	The Stage Crew
6th Wed.	First Wednesday Contra at PH, 7:30-10 pm	Deb Comly	Joyride
8th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Laura Hatch	Sue Songer, Kathleen Towers, Laura Kuhlman
8th Fri.	Contra in the 'Couve at HDG, 8-10:30 pm	David Kaynor	The Euphemists (Alan Snyder, Dave Goldman, Jerry Nelson, Paula Hamlin, Kaye Blesener)
8th Fri.	Hillsboro Contra Dance at TLC	William Watson	Cary Novotny, Johnny Connolly
9th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Emily Rush	<i>Recorded Music</i>
10th Sun.	PCDC Advanced ECD at RS, 3-5 pm	Erik Weberg	George Penk, Heather Pinney, Bill Tomczak
15th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Ric Goldman	Damsel (Sue Songer, Lori Shaffer, Sarah Goss)
16th Sat.	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Lindsey Dono	George Penk, Heather Pinney, Erik W, Steve Skolnik
22nd Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Erik Weberg	Lisa Scott, George Penk, Laura Kuhlman
23rd Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Laura Mé Smith	Lori Shaffer, Lori Prime, Gordy Euler
29th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Ric Goldman	Carl Thor, Sean Nolan, TBA
30th Sat.	PCDC Special New Year's Contra (and more!) Dance at NH, 8 pm-1 am	Jeremy Korr William Watson	Syncopaths (Ryan McKasson, Ashley Broder, Jeff Spero, Christa Burch)

Venues

BWT	Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall, 8936 SW 17th Ave, Portland • <i>No street shoes permitted on the dance floor.</i>
FCC	Fulton Community Center, 68 SW Miles St. (off Barbur Blvd.), Portland • <i>Dance shoes recommended.</i>
HDG	Hazel Dell Grange, 7509 NE Hazel Dell Ave, Vancouver, WA
NH	Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave, Portland
PH	Polish Hall, 3832 N. Interstate Ave, Portland
RCS	Rose City Studios, 1420 NW 17th Ave (corner of 17th & Pettygrove)
RS	A Renaissance School, 0234 SW Bancroft St. (off SW Corbett Ave), Portland • <i>No street shoes permitted inside the building.</i>
St.B	St. Barnabus Episcopal Church, 2201 SW Vermont St., Portland
TLC	Trinity Lutheran Church, 2194 SE Minter Bridge Rd., Hillsboro, OR
VB	Village Ballroom, 700 NE Dekum St., Portland
WHC	Waverly Heights Congregational Church, 3300 SE Woodward St., Portland

Regular Portland Dances

Unless otherwise stated, all dances are open to everyone—experienced or not, with or without a partner—and feature live music. All dances are taught. PCDC encourages sit-in musicians (unmiked) at regular PCDC dances at the discretion of the hired band and caller. *Please do not wear scented products to a dance.*

Regular PCDC dances cost \$9 for non-members, \$7 for members and \$6 for seniors & students.

PCDC Friday English Country Dance. This traditional form of dance has been around since the 1600's and it is still thriving! The tunes are hauntingly beautiful and the dances are graceful, elegant, and best of all, fun and easy to learn! Tea and cookies at the break. BWT, 7:30-10:30 pm.

First Saturday Contra Dance. The *UnLeashed!* and *Stage Crew* bands alternate months at FCC, 8-11 pm with a beginners' lesson at 7:30. Cost: \$8/\$6 students; \$1 off coupon for a future First Saturday dance if you arrive prior to 7:30.

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance. Fun dancing for kids and families, October-April at FCC, 4:30-6:30 pm. Cost: \$6/adults; \$5/kids; \$20/family max. For more information contact wahedim at gmail dot com.

PCDC Second Saturday Contra Dance. The longest continuously running contra dance in the state. FCC, 8-11 pm, beginners' lesson at 7:30. \$1 off if you arrive before 7:30.

Third Saturday Contra Dance. The bands *Jigsaw* and *The BFD* alternate months. FCC, 8-11 pm; lesson at 7:30. \$8/\$6 students.



PCDC Fourth Saturday Contra Dance. FCC, 8-11 pm, beginners' lesson at 7:30. \$1 off before 7:30.

PCDC Fifth Saturday Contra Dance. An open-mike session for callers and musicians. FCC, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:30 pm. \$1 off before 7:30.

PCDC Second Sunday Advanced ECD. More challenging dances, with focus on style & technique for experienced dancers. Sept-June at RS, 3-5 pm. Cost: \$10.

Joyride First Wednesday Contra Dance is organized by the band *Joyride* with guest callers. Sept.-June at PH, 7:30-10 pm. \$7/\$6 students w/ ID.

Norske Runddansere Scandinavian folk dancing (including the Hambo) every Monday at Nordia House, 7-10 pm, lesson 7:30- 8:30. All welcome. Cost: \$5.

Monday Waltz at Waverly Heights: waltz and other couples' dancing to recorded music, 8:30-10:30 pm, lesson at 8. Cost: \$8. Info: eric at smoothwaltz dot com.

Every Wednesday Square Dance Sept.-March, 7-9 pm at the VB. Not your grandparents' square dance! Jam precedes dance at 6:15. Cost: \$7.

Portland Dance Eclectic. Waltz and other partner dances to recorded music, Thurs. at RCS 7:30-10:30 pm. Cost: \$8. Also: "Waltz Brunch," on some Sundays at NH. Lesson 10:30-11:30 am, open dancing until 2:30 pm. Cost: \$12, \$14 with lesson.

Portland Céilí Third Friday Dance. Traditional Irish dancing w/ live music Oct.-May at St.B, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:45. Cost: \$12/\$8 students & members.

Out of Town Dances

Ashland 3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Sept.-May at The Grove in Ashland. Info at: www.socontra.org

Bend 2nd Saturday Contra Dance: October-April at Boys & Girls Club of Central Oregon. Info at: www.bendcontradance.org

Coos Bay 1st & 5th Sat. Contra: Oct-June at Bay Area Senior Center, 7 pm. Info at: www.southcoastfolk.society.com

Corvallis 1st & 3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Sept.-June at Gatton Hall, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:30. Info at: www.corvallisfolklore.org

Eugene 2nd & 4th Saturday Contra Dance: Sept.-June at Dunn School, 7:30-10:30 pm, lesson at 7. Info at: www.eugenefolklore.org

Hood River 2nd Saturday Dance: Oct.-June at Rockford Grange, 7 pm; family friendly. For more info: www.communitygorge.net

Olympia 1st, 2nd, 4th Saturday Contra: 7:30-10:30 pm, at the South Bay Grange in Lacey, WA. Info at: www.olympiadance.org

Seattle: English country, contra and other folk dancing. Info at: www.seattledance.org

Tacoma 3rd Saturday Contra: 8-11 pm, at Wells Hall. Info at: www.tacomacontradance.org

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Portland Country Dance Community is a consortium of dancers, musicians and callers promoting country dance and music traditions through regular dances, workshops and other events. Everyone is welcome. Our interests include American, English,

Celtic, Scandinavian, and related traditions, expressed through live performance and participation. With this newsletter we hope to exchange information and share concerns about traditional music and dance.

Footnotes is distributed to members of PCDC and to other folk organizations. Membership is \$15 per year for individuals, \$12 for students and seniors (65+), \$25 for households, and \$20 for senior households. Membership provides a \$2 discount at all regular PCDC dances, and a subscription to the newsletter. Donations in excess of membership fees are tax deductible. Correspondence may be sent to PCDC, PO Box 2189, Portland, OR 97208-2189. PCDC is an educational non-profit corporation and an affiliate of the Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS), a national organization whose address is 132 Main St., PO Box 338, Haydenville, MA 01039-0338.

The PCDC Board is an elected body of volunteers from the community. Board meetings are held approximately every six weeks. Community members are welcome to attend. Help, ideas and feedback from the community, in whatever form, is necessary to make PCDC events happen. Your contributions of time and support are appreciated. Contact any board member for further information.

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