



Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community -- November-December 2012



Portland Raindance 2013

By Kim Appleberry

For the first time in six years, Raindance will have a repeat. Every year we've gotten evaluations saying, "Bring these guys back next year." We always knew that when we did push Replay, it would be with the Great Bear Trio.

The brothers VanNorstrand have continued to develop their music since we last saw them. Hard to imagine, but they have brought even more energy into the arrangements, while maintaining the solid dance structure. When they're not playing, they're on the floor dancing – and it shows in the music. Mama Bear Kim Yerton on piano, is also swinging even more into the groove that is the Great Bear Trio. But wait, there's more. Just because it's Raindance, they will be bringing their favorite drummer, Dana Billings. You may need to wear personal protective gear.



Also returning to Raindance, because we love her in Portland, is Beth Molaro, the consummate caller from Asheville, NC. Beth has the skill of an auctioneer: her rapid fire calls and patter come together like a song. The excitement that she instills is a perfect match for the Great Bears.

As always, Raindance will be at everybody's favorite place for a party, Norse Hall. Is it feeling like home yet?

We've arranged to have Alan Roberts back doing sound. Alan has been perfecting the sound at Norse Hall for four years. His attention to detail and always-on-duty performance give us the best of the music and clarity for the callers.

Raindance 2013 will take place April 26 to 28. Registration, which is online only, opens on January 1st – perfect timing for a New Year's resolution to add even more fun into your life.

The website, www.PortlandRaindance.org, is currently under renovation but will be up and running shortly. There will be a lottery for all applications submitted by midnight, February 28th. The weekend will be gender balanced. Any questions

about the weekend, contact Kim at raindance.pdx@gmail.com or call 503-319-1717.

[Next issue: Tidal Wave and Sarah VanNorstrand.]

There's a New Caller in Town

By Sue Songer

Tarka Ayres, who now calls Hillsboro home, has lived in many places and enjoys a diverse spectrum of dancing, from ballet to zydeco. She started contra dancing regularly in 2004 and owes her sanity through medical school to the New Haven Contra Dancers. She was moved to start calling as a way to be a more active participant in the music and dance community. Her proficiency, clear instruction and ability to connect with dancers has become evident over the course of her calling slots at the Fifth Saturday open mike dances. Having also called dances in Coos Bay, Eugene and Vancouver, Tarka is now looking forward to her Portland debut, and Calico band members welcome the opportunity to host her at their dance on Nov. 3rd at Fulton Park Hall.

Corvallis Contra Weekend

Submitted by Frank Griswold

Dancers are invited to sign up for the 9th annual Corvallis Contra Weekend, Feb. 15-17, 2013. Music this year will be provided by: Elixir, a nationally known, high energy band that blends driving fiddle & guitar playing with the rich texture and rhythmic excitement of a full horn section; and, The Retrospectacles, a group of young contra dance musicians from Olympia whose natural enthusiasm and powerful playing have torn up dance floors all over the Northwest. The well-loved Nils Fredland and Portland's own (and equally well-loved!) Susie Kendig will be calling. Alan Roberts will again be running the sound board. Registration opens Nov. 1st and we encourage applicants to sign up as soon as possible – last year the weekend filled early. For more information go to: www.corvallisfolklore.org/ccw



Special Tuesday Dances in November at Norse Hall!

11/13 • Wild Asparagus

11/20 • Perpetual e-Motion

Both dances called by George Marshall

Contra dancing from 7:30 to 11 pm (no lesson)

\$15 general, \$12 PCDC, \$10 students & seniors

New Year's Eve, Eve, Eve at Norse Hall

By Kim Appleberry

This year, New Year's Eve comes on a Monday. But you're going to have the opportunity to get a jump on everybody else by celebrating on the previous Saturday night, December 29th. It will be like being first in line at the Apple Store. Once again this year we are combining our efforts with Dance Eclectic to fill Norse Hall from top to bottom with dancing. Contra will be in the main ballroom, waltz and other ballroom dancing upstairs and blues dancing will be downstairs. One admission at the door gets you into everything. This event has been a huge success in past years with lots of dancers mixing it up.



This year promises the same, with a band the Irish Herald called "a Celtic Supergroup," the **Syncopaths**, coming up from L.A. to play for the evening. "At the heart of the band's sound are the twin engines of Ryan McKasson's Scottish-based fiddling and the understated-but-monster picking of mandolinist Ashley Broder. Jeff Spero provides wonderfully inventive and surprising piano accompaniment, anchored by the driving power of Christa Burch's non-traditional bodhrán." For more on the band: www.syncopaths.com

Coming from Vermont to call our Eve, Eve, Eve dance is **Adina Gordon**. Joyful and energetic, Adina is like strawberries or apple pie – everybody loves her. The mayor wanted to give her the key to the city but she doesn't have time because she will be jetting off to call the other New Year's Eve dance in Washington, DC.

The tradition of the New Year's Eve dessert potluck continues. Bring some hummingbird food to help keep the golden geezers spinning. For those who like to dress up for a special occasion, this is a fine time to let it roll.



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The Rain is Here: Let's Dance!

By Erik Weberg

Joyride welcomes the onset of rainy winter with some fantastic dancing on first Wednesdays. On November 7th our dance will be led by the delightful George Marshall from Belchertown, MA. George has been dancing, playing and calling for dances since the 70's, most notably with the band Wild Asparagus. He has a precise and polished presentation which will make dancers (and musicians) very happy. This is George's first trip to the Joyride stage, so please help us give him a big, friendly Portland welcome.

On December 5th we can anticipate the annual return of our good friend David Kaynor, quintessential New England contra dance leader from Montague, MA. We never know exactly what to expect from David, but it is always fun, fun and more fun. He plays his fiddle and calls outrageously appropriate dances, all stored away in the vast catacombs of his mind. It's always a party with David on stage.

Dances are held at the Polish Hall (3832 N. Interstate Ave.) from 7:30 to 10 pm. This is a fragrance-free event, so please, no perfumes, colognes, etc. For more information go to www.kluberg.com/Joyride.html or call 503-246-2219.

PCDC Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2012. Present: D. Cottle, C. Doerge, M. Devlin, S. Goss, J. Neff, M. Voss.

Carmen initiated a discussion about the role of the board and its committees. The Contra Committee has a charter but the others – English Country Dance, Northwest Passage and Family Dance – do not. The board agreed that it would be helpful for all committees to have a charter and is asking for draft charters by March 1, 2013.

Sarah reviewed the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet. It was agreed to move \$4K from 'membership benefits' to 'retained earnings'. The P & L and the balance sheet will be posted on the PCDC website.

The new open/close procedures for Fulton are working nicely. Rent for Fulton is now \$330 a night. We are again able to use the side room which makes it easier to have refreshments for special dances.

Rather than set up a new rainbow dance, the Contra Committee prefers to make all the contra dances more inclusive.

Raindance will have a \$5 admission increase in 2013. The committee would rather implement occasional small increases rather than a large increase down the line.

The Northwest Passage Committee has some new members and changed responsibilities. Rich Goss is now the chairperson, Karsten Kelly is treasurer and Carmen Doerge, Dave Hamlin, Bonnie Voss and Mary Devlin are members. The focus for the 2013 weekend will be contra dance.

There were no new scholarship requests for review. APPLY!

PCDC is reapplying for workers comp. insurance because our coverage was cancelled during a mail snafu. We expect to have coverage reinstated soon.

Next board meeting: December 10th, 6:30 pm.

PCDC New Year's Eve³ Dance

**Sat. Dec. 29th @ Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th & Couch
8 PM to 12:30 am (lesson at 7:30)
\$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$9 students/seniors**

PCDC's Second Saturday Family Dance

All Ages – Live Music



**Saturdays 4:30 – 6:30 pm at
Fulton Park Hall**



2012-2013 Schedule:

- Nov. 10th** - Caller Sherry Nevins w/ Betsy Branch & Jeff Kersson-Griep
- Jan. 12th** - Caller Caroline Oakley & friends
- Feb. 9th** - Caller Heidi Vorst & Sussefusse
- Mar. 9th** - Caller Maggie Lind & friends
- Apr. 13th** - Caller Janet Trygstad w/ Five Euro Tip

Cost: adults \$6, walking kids \$5, max per family \$20. Questions? Call 503-244-1666

Extra-Curricular Activities

- *Second Thursday Tune Sessions*

Learn tunes by ear with alternating teachers Dan Compton & George Penk. All melody instruments welcome; some experience learning tunes by ear is helpful. Cost is \$7 for PCDC members. For more information contact climb2ski at gmail.

- *Pizza Jam*

Play contra-type music with a group on 1st & 3rd Mondays from 8-10 pm. All levels of players are welcome. Free! For more information contact sydneywell at mac dot com.

- *Guided Waltz Practicum*

Frame and connection waltz basics with an emphasis on rotary and cross step. A part of every session is devoted to the cross step waltz mixer and its variations. Thursdays at Fulton, 6-7 pm; \$5. For more information please contact rhondamcfaddin at yahoo dot com.

- *House Concerts*

Experience the intimacy of live music at one of Abbie's house concerts – usually preceded by a potluck dinner – in SE Portland. Local and travelling talent. For the full schedule contact: abbiew @ froggie dot 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 pm. All English country dances begin at 7:30 and end at 10:30 pm.

Nov.

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
2nd Fri	PCDC English Country Pre-Ball Dance at FCC	Nan Evans	George Penk, Fred Nussbaum, Lisa Scott
3rd Sat	PCDC English Country Ball at OP, 7-11 pm; <i>pre-registration required!</i>	Bruce Hamilton	Anita Anderson, Shira Kammen, Erik Weberg
3rd Sat.	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	Tarka Ayres	Callico
7th Wed	Joyride 1st Wednesday Contra at PH, 7:30-10 pm, no lesson	George Marshall	Joyride
9th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Mary Devlin	Marjorie Millner, Sean Nolan, Leslie Hirsch
9th Fri	Vancouver Contra Dance at HDG	Elinor Preston	Tunestruck
10th Sat	PCDC Family Dance at FCC, 4:30-6:30	Sherry Nevins	Betsy Branch & Jeff Kersson-Griep
10th Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Sherry Nevins	Betsy Branch, Mark Douglass, Jeff Kersson-Griep
13th Tues	Special PCDC Contra Dance at NH, 7:30-11 pm, no lesson	George Marshall	Wild Asparagus
16th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Erik Weberg	George Penk, Leslie Hirsch, Sue Songer
17th Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Sue Baker	The BFD (Betsy, Fran & Dan)
20th Tues	Special PCDC Contra Dance at NH, 7:30-11 pm, no lesson	George Marshall	Perpetual e-Motion
23rd Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at FCC	Bob Dalsemer	Erik Weberg, Lanny Martin, Carl Thor
24th Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Bob Dalsemer	George Wilson & Sue Songer
30th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Nan Evans	Erik Weberg, Fred Nussbaum, Sue Gray, Sue Songer

Dec.

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
1st Sat	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	David Kaynor	UnLeashed!
5th Wed	Joyride First Wed. Contra Dance at PH, 7:30 - 10 pm	David Kaynor	Joyride
7th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Elinor Preston	Open band w/ Lori Shaffer & Marjorie Millner
8th Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Carol Piecing	David Kaynor, Sue Songer & George Penk
14th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Brooke Friendly	Jon Neff, Sarah Goss, Syd Newell, Sue Songer
14th Fri	Vancouver Contra Dance at HDG	David Kaynor	Creekside (from Seattle)
15th Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Woody Lane	Jigsaw (George P., Dan Compton, Heather Pinney)
21st Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Laura Me Smith	Laurel Koran, Erik Weberg, Lisa Scott
22nd Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Laura Me Smith	Tunestruck (Lori Shaffer, Gordy Euler, Jim Bell)
28th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Adina Gordon	George Penk, Erik Weberg, Heather Pinney
29th Sat	Special PCDC New Year's Eve Contra Dance at NH, 8 pm to 12:30 am	Adina Gordon	The Syncopaths

More Regular Portland Dances

Mondays	Norske Runddansere: Scandinavian Dancing to CD music at PH, 7-10 PM, lesson at 7:30, \$4
Mondays	Random Waltz: couples dancing to CD music at LB, 8:30-11 PM, open band last Monday of the month, \$5
Tuesdays	Tuesday Blues: blues dancing to CD music at LB, 8 PM to 1 AM, lessons at 7:30 & 8:30, \$6
Wednesdays	Zydeco dancing to CD music at PPAA, lesson at 7:15, dance 8 to 10 PM, \$5
Thursdays	Portland Waltz Eclectic: couples dancing to CD music at FCC, 7:30-10:30 PM, \$7
Sundays	Square Dance at the Village Ballroom, 700 NE Dekum, 7-9 pm, \$7
3rd Sundays	Portland Waltz Eclectic Brunch: couples dancing to CD music at NH, 11:30-2:30 PM, lesson at 10:30, \$10 for dance, \$12 for dance & lesson; snacks included.

Dance Locations

BWT	Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall , 8936 SW 17th Ave (between Spring Garden and Taylor's Ferry Roads) <i>No street shoes permitted on the dance floor.</i>
FCC	Fulton Park Hall , 68 SW Miles (off Barbur, traffic light just east of Terwilliger) <i>Please wear dance shoes!</i>
HDG	Hazel Dell Grange , 7509 NE Hazel Dell Ave, Vancouver, WA
LB	Lenora's Ballroom , 615 SE Alder (across from PPAA), Portland
MCC	Milwaukie Community Club , 10666 SE 42nd Ave, Milwaukie, OR
NH	Norse Hall , 111 NE 11th Ave (corner of Couch St.), Portland
OP	Oaks Park Pavilion , 400 SE Spokane Street (in Sellwood), Portland
PH	Polish Hall , 3832 N. Interstate Ave, Portland
PPAA	Portland Police Athletic Association , 618 SE Alder St, Portland
PSU	Smith Memorial Ballroom @ PSU , 1825 SW Broadway, Portland

Regular Portland Dances

Unless otherwise stated, all dances are open to everyone — lesson at 7:30.

experienced or not, with or without partners— 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.

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

PCDC Friday English Country Dance Series. Every Friday at BWT, 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Tea and cookies at the break. Open band on first Fridays (bring a folding chair and a music stand). Contact Sean.Nolan.public.@comcast.net for more information.

Cats & Dogs First Saturday Contra Dance. The UnLeashed! and Calico bands alternate months with guest callers. FCC, 8-11 pm, beginners' workshop at 7:30. \$8/\$6 students & seniors.

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance (Oct-Apr). Fun dancing for kids and families. FCC, 4:30-6:30 pm. \$6/adults; \$5/kids; \$20/family max.

PCDC Second Saturday Contra Dance. The longest continuously running contra dance in the state. FCC, 8-11 pm, beginners'



Portland Ceili Society Third Friday Dance (Sept.-May). Traditional Irish music, dance and drink. PPAA, 9 pm-12:30, lesson at 8. Cost \$10/\$8 students & seniors.

Third Saturday Contra Dance. Organized by the band Jigsaw. FCC, 8 pm, beginners' lesson at 7:30. \$8/\$6 students.

Portland Waltz Eclectic. Waltz Brunch, 3rd Sunday of the month, Norse Hall. Lesson 10:30 - 11:30 AM, open dancing until 2:30 PM. **Also:** Weekly waltz, swing, latin, and other partner dance practice, Thursdays, 7:30-10 pm, Fulton Community Center, 68 SW Miles.

PCDC Fourth Saturday Contra Dance. FCC, 8-11 pm, beginners' lesson at 7:30.

PCDC Fifth Saturday Contra Dance is an open-mike session for callers and musicians. FCC, 8-11 pm, beginners' lesson at 7:30.

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

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Norske Runddansere Monday Scandinavian Dance. Polish Hall, 7-10 pm, lesson at 7:30, \$4. Website: www.norskerunddansere.org

Out of Town Dances

Astoria 3rd Sat. Country Dance: Sept., Nov., Mar.-May at the Netel Grange, 8 pm. For more info contact Craig at 503-325-8207 or craig.holt@oregonstate.edu.

Bend 2nd Saturday Contra Dance: October through May at Bend Boys & Girls Club, 7:30 pm. Note: there will be a 4th Saturday dance from Jan-Apr. Contact: webmaster@bendcontrdance.org

Corvallis 1st & 3rd Saturday Dances: Sept.-June at FirstCC, 8 pm. (*Bring non-street shoes.*) For more information, contact William at williamcallscontras@gmail.com.

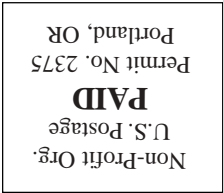
Eugene 2nd & 4th Saturday Dances: Sept.-June at Dunn, 8 pm. For more information contact dancecoord@eugenefolklore.org

Hood River 2nd Saturday Dance: October-June at Rockford Grange, 7:30 pm. For more info contact Callie at 541-296-1550.

Scandia of Salem's 4th Friday Dance: KOC, 8 PM. Contact Sharon at 503-364-6713 or sharonmooree@comcast.net.

Vancouver 2nd Friday Contra Dance: Hazel Dell Grange, 8-11 pm w/ lesson at 7:30. Info: www.contra-van-wa.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. We publish the newsletter every other month and distribute it to members of PCDC and to other folk organizations. Membership is \$15 a 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. We are an educational nonprofit corporation and also an affiliate of the Country Dance and Song Society, 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. 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. Call any board member for further info.

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