



FOOTNOTES

PORTLAND COUNTRY DANCE COMMUNITY

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Special events

PCDC Halloween Costume Dance. After tricking or treating all the little hobgoblins that wander past your door, or escorting your own spawn through their all souls sweets stalk, bring your suitably disguised self to the MAC for further frolic. Be there! Be a square! (or any other shape you desire)

Wannadance Uptown celebrates its second year in Seattle over the weekend of Oct 30th. John Krumm, Tony Parkes, Critton Hollow String Band and Ruthie Dornfeld will join local callers and musicians for a weekend of workshops and evening dances. For info, write Wannadance, 7211 1st Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117, or call 206-784-3477 or 206-634-2770.

PCDC's annual fall **Dusk to Dawn Dance** will be in town for the first time this year, on Nov 14th. Fulton Park will be the site of this enduring tradition. Luther Black will come down to share the mike with several local callers, including Paul McCullough and Bob Nisbet. Come share the thrill of waltzing by the dawn's early light. Get your admission badges early and have them personalized with your very own name as part of the design, on sale for \$7 at local dances in October and November, or send a check to PCDC, 3510 NE Schuyler, Portland, OR 97212.

Eugene Harvest Ball. English and Scottish dance aficionados won't want to miss the annual ball, this year at the Waltherville Community Hall, 12 miles east of Springfield on highway 126 (turn left at the Waltherville General store). Music will be provided by Alasdair Fraser and Paul Machlis. A 1:30 to 4 pm workshop will review the dances, which will be done with minimal walk-throughs at the 8 pm ball. \$10 covers the workshop and the dance.

Alasdair Fraser and Paul Machlis will also provide the music for the November Third Saturday dance in Portland. Alasdair has earned national recognition for his

fiddle playing, including gigs with Jean Redpath on A Prairie Home Companion. It will be an exciting musical evening.

Christmas Dance and Winter Solstice. Evergreen Folkways continues their tradition of Christmas dance parties over at the Marshall center in Vancouver. This annual event includes dancing, singing, wassail, a dessert potluck and lots more. Bring an ornament to add to the tree. Kris Kringle invites musicians to join his Reindeerphonic Orchestra in their Wednesday evening rehearsals for this event. Call 206-574-7445 or 206-695-4361.

Boxing Day Dance. Got a case of the day-after-Christmas doldrums? Shake 'em out at the Fourth Saturday dance. Traditionally, Boxing day is when British employers would hand out gift boxes to their staff, the first night of Twelfth-night. So shake free of the family, or bring them along, and share your Christmas spirit with the whole community.

Cascade Mountain Year End Dance Camp. The Lloyd Shaw Foundation has organized dance schools across the country, including the Rocky Mountain Dance Roundup in Colorado and the Blue Ridge Mountain Dance Week in Georgia. Their first west coast school will run from Dec 26th through the 1st, offering classes in squares, contra, folk and round dancing. St. Mary's Center, near Toledo, Washington offers private and family accommodation. For further info, contact Glen Nickerson, 606 Woodland Way, Kent, WA 98031.

PCDC New Year's Dance Party. Bring your feet, your fiddles, your feathers and flash, and your favorite desserts to the New Year's bash. Proceeds of our second annual dance party go to a musician's benefit fund, established this year by PCDC to help when catastrophe strikes musical members of our community.

Synopsis of regular dances

Unless stated, all dances are open to everyone—experienced or not, with or without partners, and feature live music. All dances are taught and children are admitted without charge. At any PCDC dance where sit-in musicians are encouraged to play, they will be admitted free.

PCDC First Friday Dance. This contra dance at MAC showcases local and regional callers and dance bands. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors and PCDC members, others \$4.50. If you'd like to call or book a band for this dance, please contact PCDC. Musicians are encouraged to sit in with the hired band, but will not be miked. A beginners workshop is held at 7:30.

PCDC First Saturday English Country Dance. English Country dance is a source of modern square and contra dance style. This dance is held at Fulton Community Center, and starts at 7:30pm. For more information, contact Kate, 255-2226. Cost is \$2.50.

Stumptown Cloggers' Barn Dance

swings on the second Friday of the month at Oaks Park. Mostly squares and a few contras, it is in a large room with a good floor, and usually features a Stumptown performance at the intermission. Cost \$3.50.

Second Saturday Contra Dance is the longest continuously running contra dance in the state. This dance is similar to the first Friday dance, maintaining this tradition's ongoingness. A beginners workshop is held at 7:30. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors and PCDC members, others \$4.50.

Third Tuesday English Dance Workshop is a chance to experiment with unfamiliar or challenging English dances, as well as improve your style. It runs from 7:30 to 9:30 at Friends Meeting House, and will rely on taped music.

Portland Ceili Society Dance is "a gathering of friends" with lively Irish music, frequently played by world famous musicians. Very aerobic dancing and a full bar are only a few of the notable features of this Third Friday

of the month dance, held at VFW Lodge 907. It starts at 8pm and goes on until 1am. Cost is \$3.50 for Portland Ceili Society members, others \$4.50. You must be over 21 to enter.

Third Saturday Contra Dance is a dance series organized by Paul McCullough at Fulton Community Center, which is just off Barbur Blvd. The dances tend towards the challenging side, and a workshop is available at 7:15 for beginners. Cost is \$4.

Third Saturday Celtic, American and Scandinavian Dance is organized by Evergreen Folkways in Vancouver at the Marshall Recreation Center. The series concentrates on dances of an American or Celtic tradition (including Irish and Welsh). Sit-in musicians are encouraged. Cost is \$3.

Fourth Saturday Contra Dance is another independent dance series, organized by Moggy Vanderkin. It is held at Fulton Park starting at 8pm, and has a workshop for beginners starting at 7:15pm. Cost is \$4.

October

- 30-nov 1st (Fr-Su) Wannadance Uptown in Seattle. John Krumm, Tony Parkes, Sandy Silva, Sherry Nevins, Critton Hollow String Band, Ruthie Dornfeld, Carol and Morton Hamm, Kevin Wimmer, Liza Constable, Molly Tennenbaum, Nancy Katz, Laurie Andres.
- 31st (Sa) PCDC Halloween Costume Ball. 8 pm at MAC. Calling by Bob Nisbet. Music by Fiddlehead Rock. Come in costume! Win valuable prizes!

November

- 6th (Fr) PCDC First Friday Dance. 8 pm at MAC. Calling by Suzanne Girardot. Music by Armin Barnett, Laurie Andres, Bill Meyer.
- 7th (Sa) PCDC English Country Dance. 7:30 pm at FCC.
- 8th (Su) PCDC board meeting. 5 pm at Deborah Holland's (1327 SW Cedar St., Lake Oswego)
- 13th (Fr) Stumptown Cloggers Barn Dance. 7:30-11 pm at OAKS. Calling by Ron Mickleberry. Music by the Rustic Brothers.
- 14th (Sa) Sandy Silva Stepdance Classes at Vicki Mills Dance Studio, SE 48th and Hawthorne. 10:30 - noon: Intermediate Clogging. 1 - 2:30 pm Beginning Cape Breton. Music by Dale Russ. \$8 for one class, \$12 for both. For info, call 236-5369.
- 14th (Sa) PCDC Fall Dusk to Dawn Dance. 8 pm - 7 am at FCC. Calling by Paul McCullough, Bob Nisbet, Luther Black. Music by Fiddlehead Rock, Whammadiddle Dingbats, John Culhane and Edith Farrar. \$8 at the door.
- 14th (Sa) Eugene Harvest Ball. English and Scottish dancing at WALTERVILLE Community Hall (off Hwy 126, 12 miles east of Springfield). Music by Alasdair Fraser and Paul Machlis.
- 17th (Tu) Third Tuesday English Dance. 7:30 pm at FMH.
- 20th (Fr) Portland Ceili Society Dance. 8 pm at VFW 907.
- 21st (Sa) Third Saturday Contra Dance. 8pm at FCC. Calling by Paul McCullough. Music by Alasdair Fraser and Paul Machlis.
- 21st (Sa) Celtic, American and Scandinavian Dance. 8 pm at MRC. Calling by Danny Hathaway. Music by Swimming Upstream.
- 28th (Sa) Fourth Saturday Contra Dance. 8 pm at FCC. Calling by Jim Borzým. Music by Lawrence Huntley, Kevin Shay Johnson, Jean Otto.

December

- 4th (Fr) PCDC First Friday Contra Dance. 8 pm at MAC. Calling by Warren Argo. Music by Andrea Hoag, Julie King.
- 5th (Sa) PCDC English Country Dance. 7:30 pm at FCC.
- 6th (Su) PCDC board meeting. 5 pm at Moggy Vanderkin's (2510 NE Schuyler)
- 11th (Fr) Stumptown Cloggers Barn Dance. 7:30-11 pm at OAKS. Music by Appalachian Downshift.
- 12th (Sa) PCDC Second Saturday Contra and Scholarship Dance. 8 pm at MAC. Calling by Joanna Karl. Music by Al Garen, Ron Nagy, Clyde Curly.
- 15th (Tu) Third Tuesday English Dance. 7:30 pm at FMH.
- 18th (Fr) Portland Ceili Society Dance. 8 pm at VFW 907.
- 19th (Sa) Third Saturday Contra Dance. 8 pm at FCC. Calling by Paul McCullough. Music by Fiddlehead Rock.
- 19th (Sa) Evergreen Folkways annual Christmas dance and Winter Solstice Celebration. 7:30 pm at MRC. Calling by Kris Kringle. Music by his Reindeerphonic Country Dance Orchestra. Bring potluck dessert and christmas tree ornaments.
- 26th (Sa) Fourth Saturday (boxing day) Contra Dance. 8 pm at FCC. Calling by Moggy Vanderkin. Music by the Rustic Brothers.
- 26th-Jan 1st (Sa-Fr) Cascade Mountain Year End Dance Camp at St. Mary's Center, Toledo, Washington. Contact Glen Nickerson, 606 Woodland Way, Kent, WA 98031.
- 31st (Sa) PCDC 2nd Annual New Year's Dance Party. 8:30 pm - 2 am at MAC. Dessert potluck. Musicians and callers potpourri.

Portland country dance locations

The acronyms used for representing dance locations listed in the calendar are explained below.

EAT	East Avenue Tavern	727 E. Burnside
FAS	French American School	1849 SW 58th
FCC	Fulton Community Center	68 SW Miles (off Barbur, Traffic light just east of Terwilliger)
FMH	Friends Meeting House	4312 SE Stark
MAC	Multnomah Art Center	7688 SW Capitol Hwy (corner of 31st)
MRC	Marshall Recreation Center	1009 E. McLoughlin, Vancouver, WA.
OAKS	Oaks Park	Near the west end of SE Spokane
PMU	Professional Musicians Union	325 NE 20th
VFW 907	VFW Hall	1733 SE 9th (3 blocks south of Hawthorne)

Weekly Events

- Mondays* **Folk Song Circle.** 8:30-11pm at The Horse Brass Pub, 4534 SE Belmont. If you like to sing in harmony or want to share an old chestnut you've learned, come join the fun. The usual crowd brings a varied mix of English, Irish and American folk songs, with the occasional Spanish or African song thrown in. No cover charge. For more information, contact Moggy
- Mondays* **Scottish Country Dance.** 7:30 pm at FAS. Basic and intermediate classes. Contact 645-2116.
- Tuesdays* **Scottish Country Dance.** 7:30 pm at PMU. Basic Scottish classes starting Sept. 29. Contact 289-1751.
- Wednesdays* **Morris Dance Practise.** Learn Morris dancing! This performance tradition originates in England, but has gained a uniquely American character. If you enjoy meeting people and dancing in public, this may be your ticket. We only require a sense of rhythm, a sense of humor, and some physical stamina. Weekly practice is from 7-9pm. For info and location: call Dick, 282-6004
- Wednesdays* **Scottish Country Dance** at MRC. 7:30 pm for basic instruction. 8:30 for intermediate.
- Sundays* **Old Time Music and Clogging.** 8-12 at East Avenue Tavern. A "sit-in" music session with dancing. This is a good place to hone your skills at playing or calling, or pick up a few new dance steps.

Willamette Valley Dance Schedules

Here's a glance at some of the regular dances that happen elsewhere in the Willamette Valley.

- Corvallis:** 1st Saturdays of the month, 8:00 pm at Benton Center, 630 NW Seventh St., contact: Deborah Lindsay, 753-1278.
- Salem:** 3rd Saturdays every other month (September, November etc.), 8:00 pm, above the Shoe Box Shoe Store on Liberty St. in downtown Salem, contact: Jana Rygas, 371-4160.
- Eugene:** 2nd Saturdays of the month, 8:00 pm at Colin Kelly Middle School, 850 Howard Avenue, contact: Marti Berger, 683-5522.

Volunteers

PCDC is a volunteer organization, and we are always looking for people to help in any way they can. The ultimate commitment is joining the board, but coming early to set up the hall, or staying late to clean up is always appreciated. Some members of the community put out a tremendous amount of energy to provide the dances and other events that we all love. It is in our best interests to help them all we can, reducing their workload so they don't burn out.

Two events in particular are in need of volunteers. The dusk-to-dawn dance and the New Year's party both

need help, for setup, for cleanup, and for handling the door. If you're willing to donate some time for either of these, please call Moggy (281-8155).

As a special incentive for volunteers, we will be offering discount coupons. If you arrange with a dance coordinator or door person to come early or stay late at a PCDC dance, you will receive a coupon worth a dollar off any future dance. If your budget keeps you from attending as many dances as you'd like, a small amount of work would be a big help to us and maybe to you, too.

PCDC Becomes Tax-Exempt

After a couple of years of work which included changes to our bylaws and financial reporting, we have been included in the umbrella of 501(c)3 tax exempt status provided by CDSS. This means that donations to PCDC in excess of

the \$8 membership fee are tax deductible. We are a community deserving your support. Your donations are one more way in which you can help us continue this wholesome, healthy and joyful tradition.

PLEASE let us know immediately if your address changes. We get charged a quarter for each newsletter that is returned. And worse yet, you won't get your newsletter. Give your old and new address. Contact Bob Nisbet, 2337 NW Overton, Portland, OR 97210, 274-1086.

This newsletter, *Footnotes*, is published every other month. If you have a dance announcement for the newsletter, please contact the newsletter committee, or send it to PCDC, PO Box 14636, Portland, 97214. Give a concise description of your event, including featured band and callers, date, time, place, cost, and phone number for further info. The information provided here is as accurate as we can make it, and changes or cancellations may not be reflected in this calendar. We encourage submission of letters and articles of interest to the community. Letters and articles become the property of *Footnotes* on publication and may be edited. The DEADLINE for the January-February calendar is December 11th.

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 other folk organizations in the Pacific Northwest. Membership is \$8.00 a year, which provides a \$1.00 discount at our regular dances and subscription to the newsletter. Subscription alone is \$4.00 a year. Donations in excess of \$8 per year are tax deductible. Correspondence may be sent to PCDC, PO Box 14636, Portland, OR 97214. We are an educational non-profit corporation and also a center of the Country Dance and Song Society, a national organization whose address is 17 New South Street, Northampton, MA 01060.

The PCDC board is an elected body of volunteers from the community. Meetings are held once a month, and community members are always

welcome. 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. The PCDC board comprises:

Emily Cohen	246-5518
Deborah Holland	636-7303
Molly Libby	281-7936
Paul McCullough	244-9066
Robert Reed	(work) 629-1354
Betty Stewart	771-8670
Moggy Vanderkin	281-8155
Terri Walker	235-3153
Jeff Weber	232-2341

Chair: Molly

Secretary: Jeff

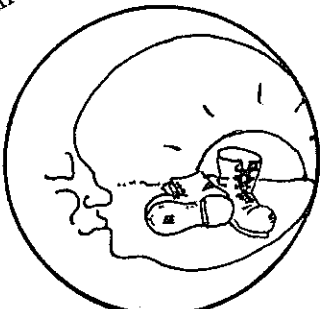
Treasurer: Emily

Newsletter: Robert, Terri, Moggy

September Board Meeting. Molly will prepare a new description of PCDC activities for national CDSS directory of member dance organizations. Dance coordinators were reminded that they are responsible to arrange lodging, if necessary, for out-of-town callers and musicians. Suttle Lake, the scholarship dance and the dawn dance planning are mostly complete. PCDC now has 501(c)3 federal tax exempt status as a CDSS member organization. Contributions in excess of the \$8.00 membership fee are tax deductible. Coverage of dances in the media has been spotty, despite current efforts. Suggestions for improving publicity included a business card sized generic schedule, and adding radio and TV stations to the mailing list. It was decided that those seeking signatures for petitions may NOT place them on the front table at dances without prior board approval. Deborah will work on a welcome letter for new members. \$80 scholarships were given to Lefty, Dennis and Louise to help them attend the Acadian Festival in Louisiana.

October Board Meeting. The City of McMinnville's request for folkdance instructors for their Parks and Recreation program will be pursued by Moggy, though PCDC will not respond to the request. A moderate loss (under \$200) was reported for the Suttle Lake weekend. The First Friday dance lost some money, probably due to the combination of Silver Falls weekend and no notice of it in the newsletter. The board discussed ways to improve the attendance of English dances, through flyers, articles, and special talent. On admission fees, the board decided: no special spectators admission will be provided, disabled persons will be included in the seniors' discount, discount coupons will be provided in exchange for volunteer service at dances. Deborah will design the coupon. Eric Griswold resigned from the board due to time commitments elsewhere. It was noted in discussing publicity that newspapers generally require separate notification for dance events, rather than just sending them a newsletter. PCDC will sponsor another sea chantey concert Jan 30th.

It'll be a hot night in the old Fulton Hall
Don't miss your chance!



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