



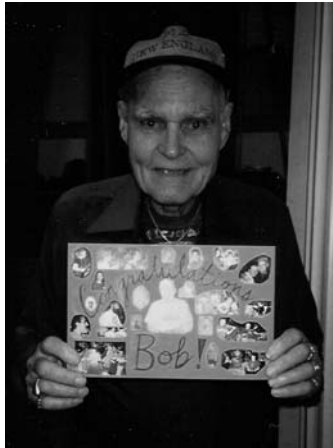
Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community · November / December 2002

Welcome the New Year with Dancing!

Bob McQuillan

Many Portland dancers and musicians know Bob McQuillan, contra dance piano player from Peterborough, New Hampshire, and frequent visitor to the Northwest, particularly the Folklife Festival. Any contra dancer has certainly danced to his music since he has composed more than 1,100 tunes, and many of them are widely played at contra dances across the United States. Bob has been involved in contra dancing and the music for more than 50 years and is one of the few remaining direct links to the New England musicians and callers of the '50s and '60s who revived and created contra dance as we know it today.



Bob has just been awarded an NEA National Heritage Award for his music, the greatest recognition that a folk artist can receive. During his portion of the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. there was a contra dance performed on stage (probably a first at that event). In September, his local dance community sponsored a dance to further celebrate this honor. The picture shows Bob holding a congratulatory card signed by about 60 Portland dancers and musicians, delivered by Sue Songer and Lanny Martin, who were able to attend this dance. Bob was thrilled to get the card, making a speech about it and showing it off.

Look for Bob at the piano in the Roadhouse at Folklife next May. He will be getting ready for another celebration—his 80th birthday!

Hambo Lessons

Fulton Park is again sponsoring Hambo lessons, running from October to November. John Campbell is teaching these again, and hopes to cover some beyond-the-basics moves in this fall's class. Contact Fulton at 503-823-3180.



Wild Asparagus Invades Portland

Don't forget the special Wild Asparagus dance on November 11 (Monday night) at St. Andrew's Church, SW Dosch Rd. at Sunset Blvd (lesson at 7:00 P.M., dance at 7:30). For other Northwest dances featuring the Asparagites, check out their website at: www.wildasparagus.com

New Year's Eve Is Coming!

This year's New Year's Eve dance will once again be held at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. The festivities will begin at 7:30, and continue past midnight, giving you the chance to dance in the New Year with all your favorite dancing buddies. Formal wear is optional. The dance will begin with the music of George Penk and Friends, calling supplied by the New Year Babes (Betty Woerner, Jan Hemelstrand, and Kaye Blesener). After the break, we'll be dancing to the care-free tunes of Dragonfly and the carressing calls of Old Man Time (aka Dave Smith). Pick a special partner for the midnight waltz. And don't forget to bring goodies for the dessert potluck!

Cats & Dogs To Show Video!

The Cats (Calico) would like to invite all contra dancers to a pre-dance potluck and video at Fulton Park, Saturday November 2. The potluck will start at 6:15 P.M. *Together in Time*, an entertaining and informative documentary about the history of contra dancing and contra dance music, will be shown from 6:45 - 7:15. The teaching session with Dave Smith will begin shortly after that.

Dance Locations

BC	Benton Center , 630 NW 7th, Corvallis
BWT	Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall , SW 17th and Marigold (between Spring Garden and Taylor's Ferry Roads)— <i>no street shoes permitted on the dance floor</i>
FCC	Fulton Community Center , 68 SW Miles (off Barbur, traffic light just east of Terwilliger)
GP	Guthrie Park , 3 miles south of Dallas
KMS	Kelly Middle School , North Park & Howard, Eugene
KOC	Knights of Columbus Hall , 725 Shipping NE, Salem
LH	Liberty Hall , 311 N. Ivy, Portland
MAC	Multnomah Art Center , 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. (at 31st)
MKS	McMenamins Kennedy School , 5736 NE 33rd, Portland
NG	Netel Grange , Lewis & Clark Road, Astoria, 3.9 miles south of Miles Crossing at "Logan Road Chapel" sign. Call 503-325-7279 if lost.
PPAA	Portland Police Athletic Assoc. , 618 SE Alder, Portland
RG	Rockford Grange , 4250 Barrett Drive, Hood River
SAC	Saint Andrew's Church , SW Dosch Road at Sunset Boulevard (near Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy)
SBEC	Saint Barnabus Episcopal Church , 2201 SW Vermont (about 3 blocks west of Bertha)
SCC	Sunlight Community Club , 6404 SW Barnes Road, Portland.
VB	Viscount Ballroom , 722 E. Burnside, Portland

Regular Portland Dances

Unless otherwise stated, all dances are open to everyone — 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 are \$7/\$6/\$5 for non-members/members/seniors & students.

PCDC Friday English Country Dance Series. English Country dance is a source of modern square and contra dance styles. We dance every Friday at BWT, 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. The dance begins with a teaching session. Tea and cookies at the break! Bring clean dance shoes for this wonderful wooden floor.

The first Friday of each month is an open mic dance for callers and open band for those who would like to play (bring a folding chair and music stand). Contact Cynthia Stenger, 503-722-4555, for more information.

First Saturday Cats & Dogs Contra Dance. UnLeashed! and

various Cat bands alternate months with guest callers. FCC, 8 P.M., beginners' workshop 7:30. \$7.

PCDC Second Saturday Contra Dance, the longest continuously running contra dance in the state. FCC, 8 P.M., beginners' workshop 7:30.

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 Portland Police Athletic Association. Cost \$6.

Third Saturday Contra Dance is organized by Jigsaw. FCC, 8 P.M., beginners' workshop 7:30 P.M. \$7.

PCDC Fourth Saturday Contra Dance. FCC, 8 P.M., beginners' workshop 7:30 P.M.

PCDC Fifth Saturday Contra Dance is an open mic session for callers and musicians. FCC, 8 P.M., beginners' workshop 7:30.

Out of Town Dances

Fourth Friday Scandinavian Dance, KOC, Salem. 8 P.M. Call 503-364-6713 to confirm.

First & Third Saturday Dances. BC, Corvallis. 8 P.M. (*Bring non-street shoes.*) Call 541-754-1839.

Second & Fourth Saturday Dances, KMS, Eugene, 8 P.M. Beginners' instruction at 7:30. For info or places to stay, call Ellen at 541-686-2053.)

Astoria Old-Time Country Dance, NG, Astoria. Call 503-325-1082.

Hood River First Saturday Dances, RG, 8 P.M. Call 541-386-6471 for details.

Bend Community Third Saturday Contra Dance, October thru May at Highland School Kenwood Gym. Call Kate Beardsley, 541-330-8943, katebeardsley@hotmail.com

Get weekly updates about dances in the Portland area by e-mail.
Just e-mail Erik Weberg at kluberg@kluberg.com, and ask to be put on the list.

Cascade Contras on the Horizon

The 2003 Cascade Contras Camp (April 11-13) will feature the bands Nightingale (Becky Tracy on fiddle, Jeremiah McLane on keyboards, Keith Murphy on mandolin/guitar) and Bag O' Tricks (Anita Anderson on piano, Dave Bartley on mandolin, Sandy Gillette on fiddle), with calling provided by Steve Zakon-Anderson (of Hancock, New Hampshire) and Marlin Prowell (of Bellingham, WA). Best of all, Annie Johnston will be supplying the campers with more of her fabulous food-stuffs! Look for applications in December or January, or check out the Eugene Folklore Society webpage: www.efn.org/~efs/

Need More Waltzing?

Did you know that the Cascade Zydeco organization is sponsoring regular waltz/brunches? These dances are generally held monthly on Sundays at the Viscount Ballroom, 8th and NE Burnside. Upcoming dates to keep in mind are: November 17 and December 08. There is a waltz lesson at 10:30 A.M., then dancing to recorded music until 2:00. Cost: \$6 for lesson and dance only, or \$15 to include the catered brunch. Reservations are required if you intend to come for brunch. Please contact: Nancy Matela 503-281-0336 (nmatela@pacifier.com) or Dennis Myers 503-246-3038 (dmyersdesign@attbi.com) to pre-register or for more information. Also check out the webpage: www.lifespacedesign.com/waltz.html. Printed playlists (or dance cards if you are so inclined) are provided. The organizers are also looking into hiring musicians to provide live music for some or all of these dances, so stay in touch!

PCDC Membership Is A Bargain!

As of January 1st, admission to PCDC dances will rise to \$8 general, \$6 PCDC members, \$5 students and seniors. As you can see, membership in PCDC is more of a bargain than ever. Your membership entitles you to \$2 off admission to the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturday contra dances, the 2nd Saturday Family dances, all English dances, and special dances that are held throughout the year. You could save \$50/year on the contra dances, and more than \$100 on English Country dances! Plus you get this newsletter and our great dance calendar. Early arrivals who help with the dance lesson still get an additional \$1 off. All of this for just \$15 annual for an individual membership.

Mark Your Calendars

Don't forget to make time for Saturday November 23, when we'll be dancing to the tunes of KGB and the witful calls of Laura Mé Smith. KGB is well known for their great tunes and playing style. You might even want to check out their week-long dance camp in Hawaii this coming winter! Laura Mé has been delighting dancers with her lightning quick teaching, rapier wit, and bad jokes for over twenty

years. She has a reputation for choosing dances which send the room into dance ecstasy and leave everyone feeling just a little bit better about everything. Come on out and see if that reputation is deserved.



A Website For PCDC?

PCDC is in the process of setting up a website, and we'd like to know what kind of information you, the members, would like to have on the site. We'll definitely have some schedule information, links to other dance (and music) sites, info about MegaBand, and any other stuff that we can think of. Send your suggestions to Ken (yates_bird@yahoo.com).

Thanks To...

Paul Ciri for providing the fans at Fulton Park (and at Suttle Lake Dance Camp). We're all grateful for this welcome respite from the heat.

Also to the Suttle Lake Dance Camp Committee for another great dance camp this year! If you would like to volunteer to work with the committee for next year's camp, please contact Cynthia Stenger at 503-722-4555.

There's a New Editor in Town...

And his name is Ken Yates: board member, dance enthusiast, chocolate lover. But before we move on to the new, we need to give an enthusiastic round of applause to Mike Teegarden for the work he's done these past few years on our newsletter.

The Prez Says:

As the days get shorter and the nights cooler, you can be assured that the dance hall has plenty of light and some hot bands and callers. Stay tuned for the special NYE dance, with two bands and several callers, and lot of great food!

Betty Woerner

Special thought of the day:

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

CALENDAR • NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2002

PCDC Dance Hotline 503-972-0619 • www.kluberg.com/folknews.html

Note: All contra and English country dances begin at 7:30 p.m. with a 30-minute teaching session, unless otherwise noted.

November

- 1st (Fr) PCDC Pre-Ball English Country Dance** at FCC, 7:30–10:30. Callers: Dave Macemon, Nan Evans and Cynthia Stenger. Music: Dave Goldman, Betsy Branch and Denis Wilkinson.
- 2nd (Sa) PCDC English Country Ball**, PSU Smith Memorial Hall, 7:30 - 11:30. Caller: Nan Evans. Music: Julie King, Fred Nussbaum, Jim Oakden and Kathleen Towers. Note: Preregistration Required!
- 2nd (Sa) Cats & Dogs Contra** at FCC. Caller: Dave Smith. Music: Calico.
- 2nd (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance** at BC. Caller: Suzanne Girardot. Music: Bruce Reid and Co.
- 6th (We) First Wednesday Beginner Music Teaching Session.** Call Charlie at 503-231-0205 for details.
- 7th (Th) Special Eugene dance** at KMS, 7 to 10:30. Caller: George Marshall. Music: Wild Asparagus.
- 7th (Th) Southern Square dance (FREE!)** at MKS, 7. Caller: Bill Martin. Music: Foghorn Leghorn.
- 8th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Dave Macemon. Music: Carl Thor, Laura Bissonette, Beverly Stafford. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 9th (Sa) PCDC Family Dance** at FCC. Easy dances by Rick Meyers and His Band. Dance from 5-7 with potluck following. For more info contact Judith at 503-281-2888.
- 9th (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: William Watson. Music: Sue Songer, Alan Roberts.
- 9th (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance** at KMS. Cancelled.
- 9th (Sa) Hood River Contra/square dance** at RG, 7. Caller: Bill Martin. Music: Mill Creek String Band.
- 11th (Mo) PCDC sponsors Wild Asparagus**, with George Marshall calling at Saint Andrews Church. Teaching at 7, dance at 7:30. \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members.
- 15th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Odette Foster. Music: Doghouse Four. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 15th (Fr) Portland Ceili Society Dance** at PPAA. Lesson at 8, dance at 9.
- 15th (Fr) Southern Square dance** at LH, 8:00. Caller: Bill Martin. Music: Government Issue Orchestra.
- 16th (Sa) Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: Jigsaw.
- 16th (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance** at BC. Caller: Todd Silverstein. Music: The Flying O'Carolan Brothers.
- 17th (Su) Brunch/Waltz** at VB, 10:30 lesson, dance 11 to 2:30. \$6 for lesson and dance, or \$15 to include brunch. Recorded music.
- 22nd (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Cynthia Stenger. Music: Carl Thor, Laura Bissonette, Erik Weberg. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 22nd (Fr) Salem Scandinavian Dance** at KOC, 8:00. Music by Fladdermaus.
- 23rd (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Laura Mae Smith. Music: KGB.
- 23rd (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance** at KMS. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: Kay Attwood, John Culhane and Sue Songer.
- 29th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Nan Evans. Music: Sue Songer, Kathleen Towers, Paula Hamlin. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 30th (Sa) PCDC Open Mic Contra Dance** at FCC. Lead Caller: Elinor Preston. Lead Musicians: Sue Songer, Gordy Euler, Lanny Martin.

December

- 8pm. Caller: Bill Martin. Music: Government Issue Orchestra.**
- 8th (Su) Brunch/Waltz** at VB, 10:30 lesson, dance 11 to 2:30. \$6 for lesson and dance, or \$15 to include brunch. Recorded music.
- 13th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Mary Devlin. Music: Denis Wilkinson, Carl Thor, Gordy Euler. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 14th (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Gordy Euler. Music: Sue Songer, Clyde Curley, George Penk.
- 14th (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance** at KMS. Caller: Ruth Lowengart. Music: Fred Nussbaum, Deb Kirkland, Larry Unger.
- 14th (Sa) Hood River Contra/square dance** at RG, 7. Caller: Bill Martin. Music: Mill Creek String Band.
- 20th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Odette Foster. Music: Kathleen Towers, Dave Goldman, Paula Hamlin. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 20th (Fr) Portland Ceili Society Dance** at PPAA. lesson at 8, dance at 9.
- 20th (Fr) Square dance** at LH, 8:00. Caller: Bill Martin. Music: Government Issue Orchestra.
- 21st (Sa) Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Warren Argo. Music: Pied-A-Terre.
- 21st (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance.** Caller: Gordy Euler. Music: UnLeashed! Note: Call Marfa (541-754-1839) for location.
- 27th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Nan Evans. Music: Doghouse Four. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 28th (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Carol Piening. Music: Dan Compton, Fran Slefer, Eric Schlorff.
- 31st (Tu) PCDC New Years Eve Contra Dance** at MAC. New Year Babes (Betty Woerner, Jan Hemelstrand, Kaye Blesener) calling to music of George Penk et al, followed by Old Man Time (Dave Smith) calling to music of Dragonfly.
- 3rd (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Open Band, Open Mic. Lead Caller: TBA. Lead Musician: TBA. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 4th (Sa) Cats and Dogs Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Woody Lane. Music: Calico.



Portland Country Dance Community

presents:



Family Dance and Potluck

We always have live music and all dances are taught

Second Saturdays – 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. with a potluck afterwards

Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles

October 12 Easy contra dances with Bill & Nancy Martin

November 9 Easy dances by Rick Meyers and his band

January 11 Heidi Vorst teaches fun international dances

February 8 Merilee Karr teaches easy contra dances

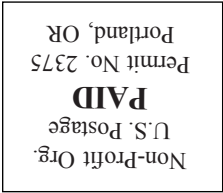
March 8 A wee bit o' Irish dancing with Maldon Meehan
Come celebrate St. Pat's Day early!

April 12 Easy contra dances with Bill & Nancy Martin

Adults \$6, Children \$5 (PCDC members \$5/\$4), babes-in-arms free, max \$20/family
(\$15 for PCDC members).

Group rates available for 20 or more.

For information contact Susan at 503-231-0504 or Judith at 503-281-2888.



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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, 97293. 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, but 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 Jan/Feb calendar is Dec 1st.

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 \$15 a year (\$12 for seniors 65 years and older) and \$25 for single household families. This provides a \$1 discount at our regular dances and subscription to the newsletter. Donations in excess of membership fees are tax deductible. Correspondence may be sent to PCDC, PO Box 14636, Portland, OR 97293. We are an educational nonprofit corporation and also a center 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 every six weeks, and community members are always welcome. Help, ideas and feedback from the community, in whatever form, is necessary to make PCDC events happen. Ooee Gooee was a worm, a little worm was he; He crawled upon a railroad track, the train he did not see. Your contributions of time and support are appreciated. Call any board member for further info.

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PCDC Board Meeting, September 10, 2002. Board members present: Kaye Blesener, Janene Benfield, Mary Olsen, Dave Macemon, Eliza Romick, Betty Woerner, Cindy Workman, and Ken Yates. **Next Meeting:** October 22, 2002. **Topics:** Discussed renting the PCDC owned sound system to members. Ken was strung up by his thumbs until he agreed to handle editing the newsletter. Set up new subcommittees to investigate alternate dance venues and to look into special dances (e.g. DuskTilDawn, dance weekends, camps). Voted on and passed increase to regular admission starting 01/01/03. Discussed possibility of improving air circulation at FCC. Discussed challenge contras. Discussed occasional teaching of novelty dances during break at regular contra dances.