



Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community -- September-October 2013



Coming Soon: The Portland English Country Ball!

By Bruce Goldman

It's time to sign up for the annual Portland English Country Ball to be held on Saturday, November 2nd, at the Oaks Park Dance Pavilion in Portland.

This will be the twenty-first Portland ball and this year we take great pleasure in welcoming as our dance leader, the Pacific Northwest's own beloved caller Nan Evans. Nan is well



known throughout the Northwest and beyond for her clear teaching and her warm and welcoming style. Relaxed and confident onstage, she is at home whether calling for English country or contra dances.

Our musicians for this year's ball will be Betsy Branch, Bill Tomczak, Fred Nussbaum and Lisa Scott. Our sound man will be John Oorthuys.

English country dance originated in Renaissance England and is the precursor to both contra and square dancing. Portland is fortunate to have weekly English dances. These are held each Friday at 7:30 at the Burlingame Water Tower. Please feel free to join us and familiarize yourself with this elegant dance style.

In addition, three Saturday pre-ball workshops will be held to teach dances from the ball dance list. These will be held on 9/21, 10/5, and 10/19 from 2-4 pm and will be led by Mary Devlin, Dave Macemon and Nan Evans, in turn. All workshops feature great live music and will be held at Christ Church Parish, 1060 Chandler Road, in Lake Oswego.

Please consider attending this year's ball no matter your level of expertise. There is a beauty and grace to these occasions that can be enjoyed by anyone. We encourage festive dress but it's not required.

Regarding this year's ball, dance leader Nan Evans says, "I invite all dancers to come for the joy of dancing fun dances to wonderful musicians, for the pleasure of sharing that joy with other dancers, and for the satisfaction of creating an environment where others can find joy as well."

Pre-registration is required for the ball; the cost is \$35 per person. For more information on the Portland English Country Ball, visit our website at: www.portlandcountrydance.org/ball/home.htm or contact [cynthiastenger at gmail dot com](mailto:cynthiastenger@gmail.com).

Spooky Stuff

By Kim Appleberry

Halloween comes but once a year – unless you're in San Francisco, in which case it's available year-round. Here in slightly more traditional Portland, we indulge our fantasies on October 31st. For contra dancers, Halloween falls this year on Saturday, October 26th when Fulton will be set upon by strangely attired, formerly normal people. The revelry will be encouraged with decorations to set the scene and prizes to reward the most extravagant, challenging, humorous, creative or current events-related costumes. Show off for us; we'll give you candy. Lady Macbeth's frog punch will also be served.

Music and calling will be provided by Seattle's KGB and Suzanne Girardot.



Julie King, Claude Ginsburg and Dave Bartley of Seattle's KGB have wowed dancers all over the country with their virtuoso musicianship – playing with passion, energy and a whimsical spirit all their own. They will jazz it up, riff it down, Balkanize it and drive it home. Don't miss their trip to Portland! – Ed.

PCDC Family Dance

Saturday, October 12, 4:30-6:30 pm



Sherry Nevins

Full Moon

Got kids? Grandkids? Nieces & nephews?

Bring 'em on over!

Fulton Park Hall, 68 SW Miles

Cost: adults \$6, walking kids \$5, family max \$20

Questions? Call 503-659-0281

November Migrations

By Kim Appleberry

The annual asparagus migration from their summer nesting grounds in the East to their winter refuge will begin in early November. Wild Asparagus will be landing in Portland on Tuesday, November 12th, at Norse Hall. Get your asparagus traps ready.



Additionally, you should block off Tuesday, November 19th. The starship Perpetual e-Motion will be passing through this galaxy and will be visible on that one evening only.

Both events will be presided over by Captain George Marshall at Norse Hall from 7:30 to 11 pm (no lesson). Cost: \$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$10 seniors, students.

Join the Flash Dance!

By Carl Thor

Dancers are needed to join a flash mob contra dance demo on Saturday, Sept. 7th. This is an organizer-approved part of the 10th annual Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair (www.vancouverpeaceandjusticefair.org), which runs from 9 am to 4 pm at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver. Your friends in Vancouver are organizing this event to help publicize contra dancing in general and Contra in the Couve's 2nd Friday dance series (see article at right) in particular. Talisman will provide the music shortly after the start of their 3 pm set, with Noah Grunzweig calling the dance. For maximum impact, there will be no walk-through. If you would like to be one of the folks who will materialize out of the crowd and start dancing, please get in touch with Sue Gray (suegray@pacifier.com, 360-750-0113) so we can keep you informed as plans develop. Participants will be sent a preview of the dance(s) and there may also be a short (but secret!) practice earlier in the day.

Mathematical biologist Dr. Iain Couzin studies "swarm intelligence" in remote areas of Mauritania. Will he make a surprise appearance at Esther Short Park? Be there to find out.

Joyride is Back with 2 Carols...

By Erik Weberg

The Joyride First Wednesdays contra dance will begin its eighth (!) season on September 4th. We'll be led by the delightful calling of our friend Carol Ormand from Madison, Wisconsin. Carol is visiting the Northwest as a performer at Portland's Northwest Passage Dance Weekend and we're thrilled that she agreed to stay a few extra days to call with us. Carol has vast experience on many stages calling contra and red-hot square dances. She's a Morris dancer and plays the fiddle. Best of all, she's a structural geologist, which is like, the best thing ever. So join us in welcoming Carol to the Joyride stage to kick off the new season of first Wednesday dances.

We'll continue the fun on October 2nd with another Carol, this time Carol Piening from Olympia, Washington. This Carol is another caller that we love to work with! She calls regularly in Portland and the surrounding region, so many folks are familiar with her from other venues as well as past Joyride dances. Carol makes everyone feel like a friend on the dance floor, and that's just the way we like it.

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.

...While Contra in the 'Couve Offers Up 4 Horns & 18 strings

Contra in the Couve's 2nd Friday dance on September 13th will feature tunes by The Euphemists (Alan Snyder on fiddle; Dave Goldman on keyboard; Jerry Nelson on guitar, sax, & clarinet; Paula Hamlin on sax, flute, & whistle; and Kaye Blesener on trombone). Calling will be Mike Schuh of Seattle who has been calling contra dances for almost 20 years and who hopes someday to help build The Internet Toaster.

On October 11th, the debonair Marlin Prowell of Bellingham, WA will call with music by The Steeltones featuring the 18 strings of Keith Moe (fiddle), Dave Hamlin (mandolin) and Jon Neff (guitar).

Admission is only \$7 and the dance is only 10 miles from downtown Portland! Go to www.contra-van-wa.org/ for more info, and easy-as-pie directions to the Hazel Dell Grange.

2nd Thursday Tune Session

Learn new tunes by ear!

Teacher: Dan Compton or George Penk

Next class: Oct. 10

Time: 7-9 pm

Place: Chez Etienne

Cost: \$7/PCDC members

Info: climb2ski@hotmail.com



PCDC Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2013. Present: Dan Cottle, Mary Devlin, Carmen Doerge, Sarah Goss, Jon Neff, Lou Payne, Mike Voss.

Treasurer Sarah Goss reported that she is working on the books for the fiscal year that ended in May.

The English country dance music workshop to be taught by Liz Donaldson from Bethesda, MD, will be September 9th.

Sue Songer resigned as interim chair of the English Country Dance Committee and Debbie Dombey-Hood was elected the new chair. Debbie was confirmed as a member of the ECD Committee.

Mary reviewed two documents approved at the most recent ECD Committee meeting: one describing the way musicians can join the paid roster and the other describing how the small ensembles work. Both documents will be posted on the PCDC website as we continue to accustom ourselves to this new system.

Dan reported that so far Raindance has hired Elixir and Nils Fredland for 2014.

The last techno contra did pretty well and only lost \$414. Kim [Appleberry of the Contra Committee] sees techno contra as an investment targeted at young people, and he hopes that attendees will become involved in other contras throughout the year.

Registrations are coming in for Northwest Passage, but not enough as yet to break even. There was discussion about possible reasons why a dance camp with great staff would have low registration. Some possible explanations: people delay signing up, the economy is still struggling, there may be a trend away from residential camps.

Only about 120 people came to the Dusk Till Done dance, not as many as expected, and the dance sustained a small loss. There were many other events going on the same evening, including the World Naked Bike Ride that passed by the hall. This proved to be quite a distraction and some dancers never returned to the dance.

Paper applications for financial support to attend camps and other learning opportunities will be available at PCDC dances as well as on the website. All PCDC members are encouraged to apply for this support. We discussed possible reasons for the small number of scholarship applications we receive. One reason may be that the word "scholarship" connotes need and so may be sending an incorrect message. Need does not come into it. Board members will be looking for other wording.

Membership numbers are up a bit since last quarter.

The ECD Committee Charter was approved. Dan will take the Contra Committee Charter back for some revision. The English Ball Committee will be asked to draft their charter.

Dan drafted a letter to send to contra dance callers asking them to use inclusive language when calling in Portland. Board members liked the letter with the exception of the suggestion that callers use the terms "lead" and "follow" which were felt not to pertain to contra dancing. Dan will revise the letter.

The ECD Committee proposed that there be a written understanding with the board regarding levels of spending that the committee could engage in without having to get approval from the board. The board approved the proposal, amending the amount the committee could spend without review, from \$300 to \$500.

Carmen said that three members of the six-member Northwest Passage Committee are long-term members. The board agreed with her request that their leaving the committee be phased over three years with one person a year rotating off.

Mike said he'd been reading about dance safety and behavior issues in several online forums. He suggested PCDC have a policy on dance safety and behavior and everyone agreed. The policy, once developed, will be posted on the website and on bulletin boards at dance venues. Mike is sending the board the BACDS policy as a sample.

The next PCDC Board meeting will be September 16th at 6:30 pm at Carmen's house.

Upcoming Regional Events

9/6-8 Simcoe Mountain Music & Dance Weekend in Goldendale, WA. Participant run camp with jamming, workshops, and whatever! Cabins & tent sites; gourmet meals lovingly provided. Cost is \$70 for adults, \$40 for kids. More info at: <http://community.gorge.net/mcfs/simcoe2013.htm>

9/20-22 Chehalis Contra Dance Camp in Agassiz, BC. Friendly contra dance camp in Canada's beautiful Pacific Southwest, 55 miles north of Bellingham. Camp is situated in a scenic, wooded area alongside the Chehalis River. Music: The Latter Day Lizards & The Nettles. Callers: Lisa Greenleaf & Will Mentor. Also: workshops, jams, clothing exchange. Cost: \$270 for adults, \$150 for kids. Space is still available! For more information go to www.vcn.bc.ca/vcountry/chehalis/

11/1-2 Fall Has Sprung in Grass Valley, CA. On Friday, dance to the music of The Stringrays (four of the best contra musicians in the country) with caller Erik Weberg in Sacramento. On Saturday, it's the 16th annual (and LAST one ever!) Fall Has Sprung – 12 hours of non-stop contra dancing from noon to midnight in Grass Valley. There will be four bands (Hot Cider, Star Thistle, Joyride and The Stringrays) and four callers (Bob O'Brien, Joyce Miller, Susan Petrick and Erik Weberg) to keep you frolicking furiously for hours and hours. Cost: \$12 on Friday and \$40 for Saturday. More information at: www.foothilldancers.org/fhs.html

11/8-10 Danceable Feast at Sky Camp, OR, near Eugene. Wild Asparagus! George Marshall! Feasting! Swing dancing! Spaces still available for single men!! Go to: www.danceablefeast.org

Pizza Jam

Play contra tunes with a group on 1st & 3rd Mondays. All levels welcome. Free!

Contact sydneywell at mac dot com

CALENDAR • September - October 2013

www.PortlandCountryDance.org www.kluberg.com/folknews.html

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.

Sept

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
4th Wed	Joyride First Wednesday Contra Dance at PH, 7:30-10 pm	Carol Ormand	Joyride
6th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Elinor Preston	Open band w/ Sarah Goss and Marjorie Millner
7th Sat	First Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Laurel Thomas	UnLeashed!
13th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Mary Devlin	Jon Neff, Sarah Goss, Tim Galloway, Lanny Martin
13th Fri	Vancouver Contra Dance at HDG	Mike Schuh	The Euphemists
14th Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	William Watson	Riffraff
20th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Dave Macemon	George Penk, Tim Galloway, Heather Pinney
21st Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Noah Grunzweig	The BFD
27th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Cynthia Stenger	Lori Shaffer, Sean Nolan, Carl Thor
28th Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Laurel Thomas	Out of the Wood

Oct

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
2nd Wed	Joyride First Wednesday Contra Dance at PH, 7:30-10 pm	Carol Piening	Joyride
4th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Elinor Preston	Small ensemble w/ Lori Shaffer, Fred Nussbaum and Heather Pinney
5th Sat	First Sat. Contra Dance at FCC	Woody Lane	Calico
11th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Cynthia Stenger	Sue Gray, Sarah Goss, Sue Songer
11th Fri	Vancouver Contra Dance at HDG	Marlin Prowell	The Steeltones
12th Sat	PCDC Family Dance at FCC 4:30-6:30	Sherry Nevins	Full Moon
12th Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Sherry Nevins	Full Moon
18th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Nan Evans	Ball Band (Betsy Branch, Fred Nussbaum, Bill Tomczak, Lisa Scott)
19th Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Lynn Ackerson	Jigsaw
25th Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Mary Devlin	George Penk, Seth Goldman, Heather Pinney
26th Sat	PCDC Halloween Contra Dance at FCC	Suzanne Girardot	KGB

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 the Conga Club, lesson at 7:30, dance 8 to 10 pm, \$6
Thursdays	Portland Waltz Eclectic: couples dancing to CD music at FCC, 7:30-10:30 pm; Rhonda's practicum 5-7:30, \$5
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.



Check out the online version of Footnotes: extra pages, updates, color photos, typos corrected!

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>
CCP	Christ Church Parish , 1060 Chandler Rd, Lake Oswego
EL	Eagle Lodge , 4904 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland
FCC	Fulton Community Center , 68 SW Miles (off Barbur, one traffic light east of Terwilliger) <i>Please wear dance shoes!</i>
GH	Gatton Hall , First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Rd, Corvallis, OR
HDG	Hazel Dell Grange , 7509 NE Hazel Dell Ave, Vancouver, WA
LB	Lenora's Ballroom , 615 SE Alder, Portland (waltzing 8:30 -11 pm on Mondays; www.randomwaltz.org)
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

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

PCDC Friday English Country Dance Fridays at BWT, 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Beginning in March 2013, first Fridays alternate between open band and small ensembles. For tune lists, current requirements for open band, and information about small ensembles, musicians should contact Sean.Nolan.public@comcast.net

First Saturday Contra Dance The UnLeashed! and Calico bands alternate months. FCC, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:30. \$8/\$6 students; arrive prior to 7:30 and get \$1 off coupon for a future 1st Sat. dance.

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance Fun dancing for kids and families, Oct.-Apr. 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' lesson at 7:30. \$1 off before 7:30.

Portland Céilí Society Third Friday Dance (Sept.-May). Traditional Irish music, dance and drink at EL, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:15. 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. \$1 off before 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. \$1 off before 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.

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 (4th Saturdays Oct. & Jan-Apr.) at Bend Boys & Girls Club, 7:30 pm., lesson at 7. For more info contact: webmaster@bendcontrdance.org

Corvallis 1st & 3rd Saturday Dances: Sept.-June at GH, 8 pm. For more information, contact 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. Contact any board member for further info.

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