



Footnotes



Portland Country Dance Community • Nov-Dec 2014

Ring Balance in the New Year Dance

By Noah Grunzweig

Five years running, PCDC, along with Dance Eclectic, will be taking over the entire Norse Hall for an extremely varied and affordable New Year's celebration. PCDC will have contra dancing in the main ballroom while Dance Eclectic will be playing a mix of waltz, swing, two-step and Latin in the upstairs ballroom and a special mix of blues in the basement. This year, our New Year's celebration will be on Saturday, January 3rd. Admission at the door covers all three floors of dancing.

Bands. Portland's very own institution, Joyride, souped up and ready for maximum smiles per hour, will start off



the evening. Propulsive George Penk's soaring fiddle joins lyrical Erik Weberg's flute, harmonica and bombarde, orchestrated (dare we say joyfully?) with the heartbeat of Sue Songer's piano (and fiddle!) and the masterful guitar and percussion sounds of Jeff Kerksen-Griep. These folks are a well-tuned musical joy ride who will have you stomping for more.

The exciting band Contra Sutra, featuring members of KGB, the Syncopaths, and Lift Ticket will be our second band for this celebration. Dave Bartley jams out on the



Fretted Things (guitar, mandolin, cittern); Ryan McKasson sings and soars on fiddle & viola; Marni Rachmiel pulls your heart and body strings with many Windy Things (flute, sax, piccolo); and completing the set is Russell Smith on all the Percussions.

Callers. Calling will be one of our favorites, Marlin Prowell from Bellingham, WA who will guide your feet and



hands-four fellowship for half of the evening. Also calling will be the eminent Lynn Ackerson from CA, a caller, organizer, and all around joy at the helm.

The tradition of the New Year's Eve dessert potluck continues. Please bring something tasty and tempting. If you enjoy flaunting the fancy togs from

time to time, this is the perfect occasion.

Saturday, January 3rd, 7:30 pm (contra lesson), dance from 8 to 1 am at Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th St., Portland.

Admission: \$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$9 students & seniors. One ticket allows you to move freely between 3 floors of dancing (contra, waltz, and blues!!!)



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

Special Tuesday Dances in November at Norse Hall

11/11 • Wild Asparagus

11/18 • The Great Bear Trio



Caller: George Marshall

Contra dancing from 7:30-11 pm (no lesson)
\$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$10 students & seniors

Want to Learn Tunes and Play for a Contra Dance?

By George Penk & Dan Compton

The long-running PCDC Dance Tunes Class has resumed this fall and will continue on every second Thursday evening of the month until summer comes once again. George Penk & Dan Compton (from the equally long-running band Jigsaw) lead the class alternate months, teaching dance tunes by ear – and teaching how to learn by ear in the process.

This year however, there is a big change. Rather than just sending you home with ever more tunes to play, we're going to work together over the months to assemble sets of tunes to play for an actual dance together. The class will be the core of the band for the PCDC Fifth Saturday Open Band Dance on January 31, 2015. (The open band is, of course, open to anyone else who wants to play.)

In the five classes from September through January, not only will we learn a set of tunes each night, we'll work on playing them together as a band. That means we want anyone who'd like to play for a dance – no matter what the instrument – to be part of the class: melody players, backup players, percussion, you name it. Even if you already play in a band, join us...we're going to have fun.

The class meets at the home of Etienne Scott in SE Portland, from 7 to 9 pm on the second Thursday of each month. For directions, email him at climb2ski@gmail.com. The two-hour class costs \$8 for students, \$10 for PCDC members, and \$15 for non-members. And, for your ultimate convenience, you can join PCDC at the class if you're not already a member!

Hope to see you in November!

Cheers,

Dan & George.

Note from Etienne: We've learned 5 tunes so far (The Cliffs of Moher, Flowers of Autumn, The Walk Home, Willafjord and The Munster Hop) and will be adding a few every month for our chance to be on stage at Fulton. It's not too late to catch up! Most of the tunes are in the Portland Collection and practice recordings are available to help you learn them by ear.



The Cliffs of Moher, County Clare, Ireland.

CDSS Passport to Joy

By Mary Devlin

One way to celebrate the CDSS Centennial is to participate in the Passport to Joy. To do so, first become a member of CDSS (if you're not already). In January members will get their very own Passport to Joy. To join, go to <http://www.cdss.org/membership.html>

Take your passport booklet with you when you dance, sing or play music. Participating series and events will have a Passport to Joy sticker for you! At the end of 2015, you'll have a record of all the amazing things you did and a really cool keepsake of this once in a lifetime celebration.

Send in your passport for verification to qualify for awesome awards for 10, 25, 50, and 100 stickers collected, to be presented in Spring 2016.

PCDC events will be Passport to Joy destinations.

Happy Birthday to WHO?

The Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS), which will be celebrating its 100th birthday next year, promotes traditional participatory dance, music and song that have roots in English and North American culture. Serving to educate, support and connect participants in these living traditions, it offers organizational & creative resources, a wide variety of books and publications, an extensive program of week-long summer camps and nationwide public advocacy for the vitality and sustainability of these art forms into the future.

Check out the CDSS website! Where else can you buy, among other things: Morris bells, a Farewell to the Taliban ringtone and a how-to book on clogging for beginners! [Ed.]

Upcoming Regional Events

11/7-9 Danceable Feast at Sky Camp near Eugene, OR. Contra and swing dancing; feasting. Cost: \$225 if space.

12/31-1/3/15 Bash on Vashon on Vashon Island, WA. Camper-led activities include: hiking, dancing, singing, storytelling, crafting. Family friendly. Cost: \$60-195

1/14-18 Oldtime Music Gathering in Portland, OR. Volunteer-run event celebrating traditional old-time Appalachian style stringband music. Square dances, jams, performances and lots o'banjos! Free to \$25.

2/13-15 Corvallis Contra Weekend in Corvallis, OR. Urban dance camp featuring bands The Latter Day Lizards and Joyride, and callers Susan Michaels and Steve Zakon-Anderson. Workshops, waltzing, potlucks. Cost: \$75

Abbie's House Concerts

Acoustic musicians from all over the world gather in a living room in SE Portland to play just for you (and a few friends). From Brazilian choros to Irish jigs, from Finnish folk to American bluegrass, there's something for everyone. Concerts begin at 7:30 and are preceded by a potluck at 6:30. Cost from \$10-\$20. For more information: abbiew@froggie.com

PCDC Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Mary Devlin

September 15, 2014. Present: Mary Devlin, Carmen Doerge, Rich Goss, Sarah Goss, Jon Neff, Tina Tau.

Sarah reported that PCDC financials are due to the IRS and CDSS on 10/15/14.

Dave Macemon needs to be reinstated as a signer on the money market account. He was removed from that in error when we made corrections. Dave, Mary (as secretary) and either Carmen or Sarah will go to a Chase Bank to make the correction.

Rick Piel, incoming treasurer for the Northwest Passage Committee, will be added to the account as a signatory; Norman Hale's name will be removed. Norman, Rick and Mary will go to a Chase Bank to make the change.

The English Country Dance Committee discussed the idea of a caller survey and recommended against it unless the board had specific information it wanted. The idea was dropped. Susan Gere is contacting the Water Tower Hall owners to see if it's ok with them for the committee to add a second hand rail for the stairs. If it is, Norman Hale volunteered to find a carpenter to do the work.

Bette Laucks was approved as a new Contra Committee member. The committee has been discussing how much travel money to pay performers who stop in Portland as part of a tour. If there are no advance arrangements made, the default amount is \$25/person. There was a general discussion about travel money.

The New Year's dance will be at Norse Hall on Saturday, January 3rd. The hall was unavailable to us on New Year's Eve. Joyride and Contra Sutra are the bands; callers are Lynn Ackerson and Marlin Prowell.

A techno contra is planned for March 7, 2015. Will Mentor will call the dances; Julie Vallimont and Noah Van Norstrand are the musicians.

Tina announced several special dances for 2015: Wild Asparagus on November 11th and Great Bear Trio on November 18th.

Raindance will again be held at Norse Hall. Callers are to be Seth Tepfer and Diane Silver and the bands will be Lift Ticket and an as yet unnamed band. *[Editor's Note: Kim Appleberry has announced that the 2nd band will be The JEMS.]*

The family dance needs a charter. Rich will draft one and send it to the organizers for their review.

Northwest Passage was great fun and it made money. There is significant committee turnover coming up. Rick Piel will replace Norman Hale as treasurer. Erik Weberg and Sue Songer will replace Mary Devlin as the staff person after the 2015 camp. Rick, Erik and Sue were unanimously approved as new committee members.

So far \$2375 has been given in grants this year.

Membership is at 283 this month after a high of the year, 292, in August.

The PCDC website was hacked. Shannon has fixed it.

PCDC's new behavior and safety policy will be on the

website as well as in paper form at dances.

Etienne Scott reported that the September 11th contra tune session had 16 in attendance, including George Penk (instructor) and Etienne (host). Those attending who were not PCDC members opted to join. Board members were delighted with the increased attendance. There was an article about the session in the last *Footnotes* and that likely gave a boost to the numbers.

There was a discussion about having a board retreat, probably in the spring after Megaband (April or May). Former presidents and board members will likely be invited.

CDSS will promote its Passport to Joy program starting in January as part of their Centennial celebration. Jon will give Mary our "logo" and Mary will send it to CDSS and sign us up. Mary will find out what is included besides regular dances and what the optimal size for the logo is.

Next meeting: December 15th at 6:30 pm

Joyride First Wednesday Dances

By Erik Weberg

The Joyride First Wednesday dance series continues on November 5th with world-famous caller and musician George Marshall. George has called with us before while he's out west touring with Wild Asparagus and it's always been great fun having him. George teaches dances in a wonderfully kind and friendly way: you don't even know you're being taught, and suddenly you're dancing. Come experience some of the best of New England when George Marshall hits the Joyride stage.

On December 3rd the party will be led by Seattle caller Lindsey Dono. Lindsey is a Massachusetts transplant and spent some time in Portland as a regular at our dances. She has taken up calling and has gained momentum fast. Lindsey cites her meticulous programming, attention to detail and a desire to share the fun. She's ready to lead the party in December and we're sure our dancers will give Lindsey a big welcome back to Portland.

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.klueberg.com/Joyride.html

IT'S PARTY TIME IN THE 'COUVE!!

Come celebrate
the 4th anniversary of
Contra in the 'Couve on December 12th
at the Hazel Dell Grange in Vancouver, WA.
Dessert potluck, prize drawings, and
more fun stuff! Veteran Massachusetts caller
David Kaynor will be on hand to lead the
dances, with the extraordinary Lisa Ornstein
and the multi-talented Carl Thor
providing the music.
Dancing from 8 to 11,
lesson at 7:30.

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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 pm and end at 10:30 pm.

November

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
1st Sat.	Portland English Country Ball	David Macemon	The Tricky Brits
1st Sat.	First Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	William Watson	Calico
5th Wed.	Joyride Contra Dance at PH	George Marshall	Joyride
7th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Erik Weberg	Sean Nolan, Seth Goldman, Heather Pinney
8th Sat.	PCDC Family Dance at FCC, 4:30-6:30 pm	Sherry Nevins	Betsy Branch & Mark Douglass
8th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Sherry Nevins	Tunestruck
11th Tues.	Special PCDC Contra at NH	George Marshall	Wild Asparagus
14th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Cynthia Stenger	George Penk, Erik Weberg, Marjorie Millner
14th Fri.	Contra in the 'Couve at HDG	Christa Torrens	Red Crow
15th Sat.	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Carol Piening	The BFD (Betsy Branch, Fran Slefer & Dan Compton)
18th Tues.	Special PCDC Contra at NH	George Marshall	Great Bear Trio
21st Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	David Macemon	Leslie Hirsch, Ellen Hansen, Lisa Scott
22nd Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Eric Curl	The Fixations
28th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Elinor Preston	Sean N., Seth Goldman, Alan Rutherford, Sue Songer
29th Sat.	PCDC 5th Sat. Open Mike Contra at FCC	Gordy Euler et al.	Open band w/ George, Heather, Steve Scolnick

December

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
3rd Wed.	Joyride Contra Dance at PH	Lindsey Dono	Joyride
5th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Mary Devlin	Leslie Hirsch, Erik Weberg, Lisa Scott
6th Sat.	First Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Erik Weberg	UnLeashed!
12th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Nan Evans	Kirsten Sandberg, Sarah Goss, Marjorie Millner, Fred Nussbaum
12th Fri.	Contra in the 'Couve at HDG	David Kaynor	Lisa Ornstein, Carl Thor
13th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Nan Evans	The Nettles
19th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Erik Weberg	Bernice Rust, Sarah Goss, Jon Neff, Carl Thor
20th Sat.	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Mary Devlin	Jigsaw
26th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Elinor Preston	Lori Shaffer, Laura Kuhlman, Seth Goldman, Sue Songer
27th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Elinor Preston	Eva Dorrrough, Clea Taylor, Jeff Kersson-Griep, Betsy B.

Pizza Jam

First Mondays, 8-10 pm in SE Portland at Sally's house (2715 SE 34th): 11/3, 12/1

Third Mondays, 8-10 pm in NE Portland at Velo Cult (1969 NE 42nd): 11/17, 12/15

We play contra tunes & waltzes; free.

Dance Tunes Class

Second Thursdays from 7-9 pm chez Etienne (1014 SE 50th Ave): 11/13, 12/11

Instructors: George Penk in November; Dan Compton in December

Cost: \$10/PCDC members; \$15/non-members

Dance Locations

- BWT** Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall, 8936 SW 17th Ave (between Spring Garden and Taylor's Ferry Roads)
No street shoes permitted on the dance floor.
- Dunn** Dunn School, 3411 Willamette St., Eugene
- FCC** Fulton Community Center, 68 SW Miles (off Barbur, one traffic light east of Terwilliger). *Dance shoes recommended.*
- 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 (*Couples dancing Monday nights 8-10:30 pm*)
- NH** Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave (corner of Couch St.), Portland
- PH** Polish Hall, 3832 N. Interstate Ave, Portland
- VB** Village Ballroom, 700 NE Dekum 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.

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

PCDC Friday English Country Dance at BWT,

7:30-10:30 pm. All dances are taught. Guest musicians with ECD experience are invited to sit in with a "small ensemble" on first Fridays. Contact Sean.Nolan.public at comcast dot net to arrange your guest appearance and for information about the twice yearly "open band."

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

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance. Fun dancing for kids and families, Oct.-Apr. at FCC, 4:30-6:30 pm. Cost: \$6/adults; \$5/kids; \$20/family max. For more information contact wadew at ocp dot org.

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.

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 is an open-mike session for callers and musicians. FCC, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:30 pm. \$1 off before 7:30.

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.

Portland Waltz Eclectic. Waltzing and other partner dances to recorded music, Thursdays at FCC, 7:30-10:30 pm. All ages, all levels, everyone welcome. Cost: \$7. Also: "Waltz Brunch," every third Sunday at NH. Lesson 10:30-11:30 am, open dancing until 2:30 pm. Cost: \$10, \$12 with lesson.

Waltz Practicum. Develop skills, build confidence, connect with other dancers. Thursdays 5:30-7 pm at FCC. Cost: \$5. For more information contact rhondamcfaddin at yahoo dot com.

Portland Céilí Society Third Friday Dance. Traditional Irish dancing with live music Sept.-May at NH, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:30. Cost: \$10/\$8 students & seniors.

Every Sunday Square Dance Sept.-June, 7-9 pm at the VB. Not your grandparents' square dance! Gender neutral calling on the last Sunday of the month. Cost: \$7

Norske Runddansere Scandinavian folk dancing (including the Hambo) every Monday at Polish Hall, 7-10 pm, lesson 7:30-8:30. All welcome. Cost: \$4.

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 2nd Saturday Contra: Sept.-May at Greenacres Grange. www.southcoastfolksociety.wordpress.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: www.eugenefolklore.org

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

Olympia 1st, 2nd, 4th Saturday Contra: 8-11 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. We are 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 info.

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