



Footnotes



Portland Country Dance Community • November-December 2015

The New Year's Launch Party

By Kim Appleberry

Once again we will help 2016 reach escape velocity with a lift-off at Norse Hall on Saturday January 2, 2016. Let the amateurs light the fuse; we will be there when the countdown is over and all engines are at peak. Norse Hall fully engaged—450 dancers on three levels. Dance Eclectic will bring a mix of waltz and ballroom to the upstairs dance floor and blues dancing to the basement lair. PCDC will serve up contra dancing in the main ballroom. A glorious jumble of all things dancing...a gallimaufry of gamboling. You've probably attended in past years and know to steel yourself, but if not...make no plans for Sunday.

Playing for us contra dancers will be the perfect band for the event, Gallimaufry. A group of hot young musicians that started in college five years ago—they have now graduated to playing dance weekends and special events around the country. If you were at Folklife last May you might have danced to Countercurrent, which is Alex Sturbaum on guitar and Brian Lindsay on fiddle. They zinged the whole hall—putting out far more horsepower than two cylinders should. For Gallimaufry they add Ness Smith-Savedoff on drums, Donal Sheets on cello and Arthur Davis on piano. A full crew of energy and talent. Get your space-suits ready.

Captaining this rocket will be local stars, Erik Weberg and Noah Grunzweig, calling the dances that you've wanted to do your whole life. You'll be in good hands.

The Oslo Lounge will be open and we will have the usual expansive dessert potluck—bring something to share! One admission allows you to move freely between dances. For those who like to dress up for a special occasion, this is a fine time to be extravagant.

It's a good thing you're still young.

Saturday, January 2nd, 2016
8 pm to 1 am (contra lesson at 7:30)

Norse Hall: 111 NE 11th Ave

\$15 general admission; \$12 PCDC members;
\$9 students & seniors



Ahhh...Wild Asparagus!

By Brian Woodward

Fresh off attracting 120+ hardcore contra dancers from all over the U.S. to the Danceable Feast weekend near Eugene, they will be here in Portland at Norse Hall on Tuesday, November 17th blessing us with their talents.



As most of you know by now, when the Portland Country Dance Community puts on a big event, it is a BIG EVENT and well worth being there. As we have been for the past several years, we are thrilled to have nationally renowned contra dance band Wild Asparagus from Massachusetts to play some of the best contra tunes you will ever get a chance to dance to. They will, to coin a phrase or two, Crank Up Their Instruments, Kick Some Contra Keister, and Take Names Later. And with band member and caller extraordinaire George Marshall handling the calling, we will be in good hands indeed!

And one more thing about these BIG EVENTS, they are open to all, from newbies to old salts, yet one of the nicest things about these dances is that, for dancers who go back a ways, so many of their favorite dance partners from the past show up!

So come see what all the fuss is about. Join us for a fabulous evening of great dancing, great music and making or meeting great friends. Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave., Portland, 7:30-11 pm (no lesson). Admission \$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$10 seniors & students.

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

Whoa! The Syncopaths!

By Brian Woodward

November is a fabulous month for contra dance in Portland! On Tuesday November 24th at 7:30 pm the delightful foursome known as the Syncopaths make it into Norse Hall to team with master caller (if there is such a thing, he's it) **George Marshall**. The Syncopaths are a nationally touring band consisting of Ryan McKasson on fiddle, Ashley Broder on mandolin, Jeff Spero on piano and Christa Burch on vocals and bodhrán.

Their bio nails it: "From dance floors to concert halls, the Syncopaths bring a fresh, contemporary spin to music and songs rooted in the Scottish, Irish, and American folk traditions. Evolving beyond their contra dance origins, they have created a 'chamber folk' sound characterized by the compelling rhythmic interplay of fiddle and mandolin, rich vocals, and unexpected colors and rhythms from the piano and bodhrán. The exuberant joy they derive from the music and each other is palpable and contagious."

Yes, yes and yes. This event is not to be missed. Join us for a fabulous evening of great dancing, great music and feeling the vibe of a great band and caller rocking the hall. Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave., Portland, 7:30-11 pm (no lesson). Admission \$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$10 seniors and students.

Danceable Feast, November 13-15, still has openings for—you guessed it—single men! Go to www.danceablefeast.org. Go now!

House Concerts

Talented musicians from near and far play music for you in a living room in SE Portland. To see the schedule, go to www.froggie.com

2016 Corvallis Contra Weekend

Submitted by Diane Rainsford

This year's Corvallis Contra Weekend features music by two high-energy bands: The Great Bear Trio from New York and Contra Sutra from Seattle. Calling for this fantastic weekend of dance are the versatile Bob Isaacs, based in New Jersey, and the delightful Frannie Marr of Southern California. This urban dance camp takes place February 12-14, 2016 in Corvallis, Oregon and includes two evening dances plus dance, music, and calling workshops during the day. All this for only \$90 per person! Registration is open from Nov. 15 to Dec. 7. We expect this weekend to sell out, so be sure to register early. To register, or for more information, go to our website: <http://corvallisfolklore.org/ccw>.

TRIPLE PLAY ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT

By Brian Woodward

On Saturday Oct. 31st—Halloween night itself!— you can take a double dose of joy: costumes and contra dancing. And, it's one of those especially fun evenings with an open band and an open mike for calling, so make that a triple! Michael Karcher from Seattle will be the lead caller, and Carl Thor and Lori Prime will lead our volunteer band of musicians for an evening of frightfully wonderful dances.

What spooky, corny or just plain crazy costumes will you and your fellow dancers come up with this year?



Heck, maybe it's the one you wear every year. Sounds great to us. There will be prizes for best such-and-such. And the nature of open band/open mike night brings its own set of mysteries. Which musicians will honor us with their talents? Which new or experienced callers will try their hand at calling a dance?

You can only find out by showing up! Fulton Community Center, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:30. Standard admission.

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



Learn Contra Tunes by Ear

Nov. 12: George Penk
Dec. 10: Dan Compton

7-9 pm, 1014 SE 50th

Info: climb 2 ski at gmail dot com
Cost: \$10 PCDC members/\$15 not



CONTRA IN THE 'COUVE

2ND FRIDAYS

8-11 PM

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Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Mike Voss

September 17, 2015 *Present: Christine Appleberry, Carmen Doerge, Susan Gere, Rich Goss, Noah Grunzweig, Jon Neff, Mike Voss.*

Officer's report: Noah was welcomed as a new board member and representative to the Contra Committee.

Treasurer's report: Sarah will file a request for a three-month extension for taxes. Establishment of Raindance account is pending.

English country dance: Two more renters have begun using the Water Tower, a Scottish dance group and another group.

ECD Ball Committee: 105 registrations for the English Country Ball have been received as of this meeting. The limit is 140. Many are from Canada. Susan Gere and Ric Goldman are investigating opening a PayPal account for registrations. This would help Canadian registrants with exchange issues. Discussion of cost of PayPal versus losses to exchange rates. More at next meeting.

Contra Committee: There has been continuing good attendance through the summer. A letter to callers was circulated earlier and has generated good feedback. The purpose of the letter is to encourage a safe, welcoming dance community where anyone may dance with anyone. A Meetup group is being established to attract new dancers. Megan Emerson has been doing additional publicity and outreach. Discussion of volunteer opportunities at contra dances to secure free admission in return. A more specific list of possible jobs will be forthcoming. Contra Committee documents are now being shared via Dropbox.

NW Passage: This year's event ended comfortably in the black for the second straight year. Rich Goss, Carmen Doerge, and Anne Heimlich have rotated off the NWP Committee. Current members of the committee are Rich Scher, Ethel Gullette, Marsha White, Rick Piel, Erik Weberg and Sue Songer. Erik and Sue are the talent coordinators for 2016, which will be all English. Staff will be Joanna Reiner, Bruce Hamilton, Tricky Brits, and Earl Gaddis & Friends.

Grants: Many grants have been distributed, many for NWP.

Membership: PCDC membership is up, with a current total of 303.

Family dance: Revised charter approved.

Website: Discussion of best way to handle inquiries through the website, including email address on the site. Google Drive acquisition still pending. Notation to be added indicating that the calendar is a "Community Calendar" maintained by PCDC and other dance organizers. Clarification of which dances are actually PCDC events will be added.

CDSS centennial celebration: Benefit dance on October 10. All proceeds go to CDSS.

Outreach: Photos of local dancers at Fulton are being sought for use on publicity materials.

New business: Christine reported that a number of newsletters are going to distant dance organizations and

are likely not being read. The list was reviewed and a number were deleted. The number of hard-copy newsletters being mailed has fallen below the economical limit for using bulk mail. With the board's approval, newsletters will now receive postage stamps instead of using the USPS permit. Mike will request a refund from USPS for the recently paid fee.

The button machine now lives at the Appleberry residence. The possibility of a sign-up sheet was discussed to keep track of the machine's location as it is used by various committees. Use by non-PCDC groups was not approved. There is another, smaller machine that was donated to PCDC a while ago. Christine will evaluate its condition and report back.

[Next meeting: November 16, 2015, 6:30 pm.]

Maivish Returns to Portland

By Erik Weberg

Maivish (Adam Broome and Jaige Trudel) were here in January and provided the music for a delightful contra dance experience at the Polish Hall. They are returning to Portland and will once again be playing at a special mid-week contra dance, with calling again by Erik Weberg.

The date is Thursday, November 19, from 7:30-10 pm. Admission is \$8 general, \$7 students.

Jaige and Adam come to us from near Montreal, Quebec where they are also two-thirds of the popular contra dance band Crowfoot. They play both traditional tunes and many of their own amazing compositions. They are wonderfully experienced dance musicians, keenly attentive to supporting dancers as we go through our figures on the floor.

This dance is produced by the band Joyride, and they don't produce anything unless it's pretty darned good! So mark your calendars, look for flyers at dances, and join us at this Fall's Maivish dance. See you all there...

[Erik Weberg is a member of the band Joyride.]



Joyride 1st Wednesday Contra Dance

William Watson • 11/4

Laura Mé Smith • 12/2

7:30-10 pm

Polish Hall (3832 N. Interstate)

This is a fragrance-free event.

www.kluberg.com/Joyride.html




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www.PortlandCountryDance.org

Note: Unless otherwise noted all contra dances begin at 7:30 pm with a 30 minute teaching session, and end at 11. All English country dances begin at 7:30 pm and end at 10:30.

November

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
4th Wed.	First Wed. Contra Dance at PH, 7:30-10 pm	William Watson	Joyride
6th Fri.	PCDC English Country pre-Ball Dance at FCC	Cynthia Stenger	George Penk, Maia Hoffman, Seth Goldman, Heather Pinney
7th Sat.	First Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Woody Lane	UnLeashed!
7th Sat.	Portland English Country Ball	Erik Weberg	Betsy Branch, Bill Tomczak, Lisa Scott
13th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	David Macemon	Sarah Gaskins, Sean Nolan, Jon Neff, Sue Songer
13th Fri.	Contra in the 'Couve at HDG	Gordy Euler	The Euphemists 
14th Sat.	PCDC Family Dance at FCC, 4:30-6:30 pm	Caroline Oakley	Old Time Highway
14th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Gordy Euler	Tapsalteerie (from Seattle)
17th Tue.	Special PCDC Contra Dance at NH	George Marshall	Wild Asparagus
18th Wed.	Newberg Contra Dance at CCC	Tarka Ayres	Victor Fiore, Jon Neff
19th Thur.	Special Contra Dance at PH, 7:30-10 pm	Erik Weberg	Maivish (<i>see page three</i>)
20th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Ric Goldman	Laura Kuhlman, Seth Goldman, Rich Scher
21st Sat.	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Lindsey Dono	The BFD (Betsy Branch, Fran Slefer, Dan Compton)
24th Tue.	Special PCDC Contra Dance at NH	George Marshall	The Syncopaths
27th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Mary Devlin	Maivish (Adam Broome, Jaige Trudel)
28th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Eric Curl	Gordy Euler, Lanny Martin, Jon Neff

December

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
2nd Wed.	First Wednesday Contra Dance at PH	Laura Mé Smith	Joyride
4th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Nan Evans	Laura Kuhlman, Fred Nussbaum, Marjorie Millner
5th Sat.	First Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Rich Goss	The Stage Crew (Sue Songer, Lori Shaffer, Lanny Martin, Jim Bell)
11th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	David Macemon	Sean Nolan, Fred Nussbaum, Rich Scher
11th Fri.	Contra in the 'Couve at HDG	David Kaynor	Lightning (Laura Light, Anita Anderson)
12th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Woody Lane	The Frequent Flyers (from Seattle)
16th Wed.	Newberg Contra Dance at CCC	TBA	TBA
18th Fri.	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Elinor Preston	Esther Saulle-Simek, Seth Goldman, Jon Neff, Sue Songer
19th Sat.	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Michael Karcher	Jigsaw 
25th Fri.	<i>No PCDC English Country Dance</i>		
26th Sat.	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Susan Petrick	The Euphemists (Alan Snyder, Dave Goldman, Paula Hamlin, Jerry Nelson, Kaye Blesener)
2nd Sat.	PCDC Special New Year's Contra Dance at NH, 8 pm to 1 am, lesson at 7:30	Erik Weberg & Noah Grunzweig	Gallimaufry (<i>see page one</i>)

Wanted: Professional looking photo of contra dancing at Fulton for new "event card." Pic should be sharp and show lots of happy dancers of all ages. Please contact the Footnotes editor if you have one to share.

Do you play well with others?
Find out at the next "Pizza Jam!"
We play contra tunes in a group on 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7:30-9:30 pm. All welcome. Free!
Contact: SydNewell @ mac dot com

Dance Locations

BWT	Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall, 8936 SW 17th Ave. <i>No street shoes permitted on the dance floor.</i>
CCC	Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 East Sheridan, Newberg (45 min. SW of Portland)
Dunn	Dunn School, 3411 Willamette St., Eugene
FCC	Fulton Community Center, 68 SW Miles St. (off Barbur Blvd.) <i>Dance shoes recommended.</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
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 1st 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 prior to 7:30 and get \$1 off coupon for a future First Saturday dance.

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance. Fun dancing for kids and families, October-April 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,” 3rd Sundays 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 w/ 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 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.socntra.org

Bend 2nd Saturday Contra Dance: October-April at Boys & Girls Club of Central Oregon. Info at: www.bendcontradance.org

Coos Bay 1st & 3rd Saturday Contra: Sept.-May at Greenacres Grange. Info: www.southcoastfolk.society.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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This newsletter, *Footnotes*, is published every other month. If you have a dance announcement for the newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor, or send it to: PCDC, PO Box 2189, Portland, 97208-2189. Give a concise description of your event, including featured band and caller, date, time, place, cost, and phone number for further info. The information provided here is as accurate as we can make it, but late changes and/or cancellations may not be reflected. We encourage the submission of letters and articles that might be of interest to the community. All such letters and articles become the property of *Footnotes* upon publication and may be edited. The **DEADLINE** for submissions for the next issue is the 10th of the previous month.

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. PCDC is 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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