



Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community · September/October 2004

Music, Dance, and More Music!

PCDC Family Dance Returns!

Yes! The monthly Second Saturday Family Dance starts up again in October. The first dance (**October 8**) will feature **Rick Meyers and his musical saw** (a BIG hit last year), followed in November by **Bill Martin and Friends**. Stay tuned for the rest of the 2004/2005 schedule. For more information you can contact Judith Swinney at: 503-281-2888 or Swicor@aol.com.

Feast Reminder...

Annie Johnston, Wild Asparagus, George Marshall, Burke and Amy, Paul Anastasio and Ray Woods: they all come together for the **Danceable Feast Dance Camp** the weekend of **November 12-14**.

Remember that the registrations must be postmarked no earlier than **September 13, 2004**. You can find a complete application on flyers at local dances this summer or on www.DanceableFeast.com

Along with the dance camp, Asparagus will be playing for dances in Portland (Wednesday November 10), Corvallis (Thursday November 11), Eugene (Monday November 15), and again in Portland (Tuesday November 16). Check the next issue of Footnotes for times and locations.

New Dance Camp!

Announcing the first ever "**Corvallis Contra Dance Weekend**", scheduled for **February 18-20, 2005**. Two contra bands and two contra callers for a weekend with a "contra focus". This will be a "no frills" camp, with no food or lodging provided.

The bands for the weekend event will be **Abracadabra** (consisting of **Dave Bartley, Anita Anderson, Deb Kirkland**) and **The Nettles** (consisting of **Kevin Johnsrude, Laura Brophy, Todd Silverstein, Deborah**

Lindsey). The callers for the weekend will be **Erik Weberg** (of Portland, OR) and **Susan Petrick** (of Santa Cruz, CA).

There will be contra dances from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, with workshops Saturday morning and afternoon.

Friday and Saturday the dancing will be held at First United Congregational Church, the same site as the regular CFS contra dances. Sunday dancing will be held in the Oregon State University Women's building.

The cost will be \$60 for the general public, \$55 for members of the Corvallis Folklore Society.

Limited "home hospitality" on first-come, first served basis. **NO FOOD PROVIDED!** Bring your own snacks, beverages, and drinking cup!

A lottery will be held (if necessary) for registration forms postmarked no later than December 10th. Gender balancing will be attempted.

For more information, check out the website at www.quiteapair.us/cfs/weekend or contact the organizers at cfs_dance_weekend@yahoo.com

Gardeners On the Loose

[Coming to a dance hall near you (Fulton Park, that is) on **Saturday September 25**.]

On a West Coast tour, after playing at the Bear Hug Dance Camp and a couple of nights of dancing in Seattle, we are happy to present to you the **Avant Gardeners** accompanied by caller **Nils Fredland**.

The **Avant Gardeners** are fiddler **Laura Light, George Paul** on piano and accordion with **Dave Wiesler** on guitar. The full, no holds barred band for festivals and dance weekends includes African drums and bass. The

tunes are eclectic, original and rootsy American hybrid variety.

As a contra dance band, they can't be categorized in any other way but very, very fun. They have wowed dancers at the Glen Echo Gala, Blue Moon dance weekend, the Bogue Banks Boogie, the Dance Vortex, and countless dances and concerts from coast to coast. As a concert group, their range of performing styles and facility on fiddle, piano, guitar, mandolin, harmonica, penny whistle, banjo (and did we mention lap dulcimer?) will leave you wanting more. You can get legally high off this brand of homegrown...

Original Gardeners, Laura, Dave, and Dan Sebring (available for local venues only) with bassist Ralph Gordon, percussionist Paddy League, and vocalist Jo Taylor, released *STRONGER THAN DIRT*, a brand new hoppin' CD of all original songs, hot swing, and jigs and reels. Featuring the writing of all three Gardeners, connoisseurs of homegrown hybrid folk music will definitely want to check out this fresh batch of songs and tunes. This group is a nonstandard variety, mixing years of misspent youth rock and rolling with endless jams at fiddle festivals, swinging jazz with tinges of klezmer and Irish reels, classical strains amongst folk melodies.

Nils Fredland: teacher and caller of contra dances, traditional squares, and community family dances. You might also see him appear as a musician -- trombonist, vocalist, or bass player. He's based in Pennsylvania and Maryland, but various professional endeavors take him on the road nearly as much as he's at home. As his freelance career unfolds, he has come to recognize a theme that seems to carry from one activity to the next...in a word, that theme is COMMUNITY. No matter where he is, or in what capacity he's working, Nils always hopes to help people feel that wonderful sense of 'I belong'.

For more information about these talented folks, check out their websites at <www.lauralight.com> and <www.nilsfredland.com>.

Thanks for the Volunteerin'

As was reported in the last edition of Footnotes, Kim Appleberry is PCDC's new volunteer coordinator, taking over from Cindy Workman in July. However, as she was on her way out the door Cindy wanted to make sure to thank **all** the volunteers (you know who you are) who have pitched in to make the dances a success, and she especially wanted to recognize a few key folks.

Working behind the scenes to make sure your

Footnotes arrives on time, **Gerriann Fox** bravely faces the scrutiny of the US Postal Service Bulk Mailing Department. Doing more than their share of door duty of late, **Steven Staloff** and **Bernie Payne** take your money with a smile. **Cindy Kimball** is the queen-bee of special events who busily buzzes around to make sure the New Years Eve dance is festive and fun, with the able assistance of her multi-talented husband **Rick Kimball**, who has recently joined the PCDC board as Treasurer after doing a stint keeping the books as a special volunteer. And last, but not least, **Erik Weberg** is the mastermind who, for many years, has choreographed cars at the Dusk til Done dance as skillfully as he does dancers when he calls. These are just a few of the fine volunteers in the PCDC community -- thanks to all of you! For those of you who've been wondering how you can make a contribution, Kim Appleberry would love to hear from you.

The Nettles: The Return

On Saturday **October 9th** The Nettles will play for a PCDC contra dance, accompanied by caller **Erik Weberg**.

The Nettles ignite audiences with fiery music that blends traditional Irish and American music with the spices of rock, jazz, and blues. **Laura Brophy's** powerful fiddling melds with **Todd Silverstein's** saxophone and Irish whistle to form strong yet lyrical melodies punctuated by wild improvisation. The Nettles are propelled by the mighty rhythm engine of **Kevin Johnsrude** on guitar and bass and **Deborah Lindsay** on drums.

The Nettles gain enthusiastic audiences as they play at festivals, dances, bars, and weddings all over the West Coast. They play traditional music from Ireland and around the world that sounds fresh today. Their music retains the driving energy of its roots, yet The Nettles's unique interpretations add new excitement to the tradition with every performance.

Events on the Horizon

September 24-26 Chehalis Contra Dance Camp (near Vancouver, B.C.) You can find more information on their website: <www.vcn.bc.ca/vcountry/chehalis>

Wannadance Uptown (in Seattle) is scheduled for **October 22 through 24**, but the talent is as yet undisclosed! Check out their website at: <www.WannaDance.org>

Portland English Country Ball, November 13. Contact Paula Hamlin for more information: 503-691-1758 phamlin@easystreet.com

Corvallis Contra Dance Weekend, February 18-20, 2005. <www.quiteapair.us/cfs/weekend>

Dancing Fool Dance Weekend (Seattle, WA), February 4-6, 2005. <www.dancingfool.net>

Dance Locations

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)— <i>must wear shoes in this venue</i>
FirstCC	First Congregational Church , 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis
KMS	Kelly Middle School , 650 Howard Ave. (North Park & Howard), Eugene
KOC	Knights of Columbus Hall , 725 Shipping NE, Salem
LH	Liberty Hall , 311 N. Ivy, Portland
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
NH	Norse Hall , 1111 NE Couch, Portland (one block off of Burnside)
NSB	North Star Ballroom , 635 North Killingsworth Ct., Portland (near PCC Cascade campus)
PPAA	Portland Police Athletic Association , 618 SE Alder, Portland
RG	Rockford Grange , 4250 Barrett Drive, Hood River
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 cost \$8/\$6/\$5 for nonmembers/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. Tea and cookies at the break! Bring clean dance shoes for this wonderful wooden floor.

The first Friday of each month is an open-mike dance for callers and open-band for those who would like to play (bring a folding chair and a music stand). Contact Paula Hamlin, 503-691-1758, for more information.

First Saturday Cats & Dogs Contra Dance. The UnLeashed! and Calico bands alternate months with guest callers. FCC, 8 P.M., beginners' workshop at 7:30. \$7.

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance (Oct, Nov, Jan-Apr) fun



dancing for kids and families. FCC, 5 to 7 P.M., with potluck following.

PCDC Second Saturday Contra Dance, the longest continuously running contra dance in the state. FCC, 8 P.M., beginners' workshop at 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 PPAA. Cost \$10.

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

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

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

Norske Runddansere Monday Scandinavian Dance 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 at North Star Ballroom, 635 North Killingsworth Ct.

Out of Town Dances

Astoria Old-Time Country Dance, First Saturdays at NG, 8 P.M. Contact Dave (503-325-1082, ambrose@seasurf.net) for more info.

Bend Community Third Saturday Contra Dance, October thru May at Highland School Kenwood Gym. Contact Kate Beardsley (katebeardsley@hotmail.com, 541-330-8943) for more info.

Corvallis First & Third Saturday Dances. FirstCC, 8 P.M. (*Bring non-street shoes.*) Contact Marfa (541-754-1839, zebra@peak.org) for more info.

Eugene Second & Fourth Saturday Dances, KMS, 8 P.M. Beginners' instruction at 7:30. Contact Jacque (541-302-2628, jaklas@efn.org) for more info.

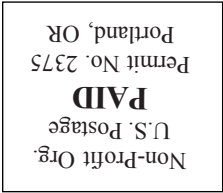
Hood River Second Saturday Dances, RG, 8 P.M. Contact Keith Harding (541-352-7550) for more info.

Scandia of Salem's Fourth Friday Dance, KOC, 8 P.M. Contact Sharon (503-364-6713, sharonmooree@attbi.com) for more info.

Get weekly updates about dances in the Portland area by e-mail.

Just e-mail Erik Weberg <kluberg@kluberg.com> and ask to be put on the list.

And check out PCDC's website: www.PortlandCountryDance.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 callers, 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 submission of letters and articles that might be of interest to the community. Letters and articles become the property of *Footnotes* on publication and may be edited. The **DEADLINE** for submissions for the next issue is the 1st 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. We publish the newsletter every other month and distribute it to members of PCDC and other folk organizations. Membership is \$15 a year for individuals, \$12 for students and seniors (65+), or \$25 for 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 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 approximately every six weeks. 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 members are:

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PCDC Board Meeting: June 16, 2004. Board members absent: None. **Topics:** Investigation continuing into getting further insurance coverage. Initial discussion about possibility of spinning of a contra dance committee that would (similarly to the English Country Dance committee) handle to regular tasks pertaining to contra dances. A tally of admission types will be taken at the next few contra dances. Further recruitment for the board has been put on hold.

PCDC Board Meeting: July 28, 2004. Board members absent: Mary Devlin, Hank Laramee, Jerry Nelson. **Topics:** Last of the financial data received for FY2004. Further discussion about fans for use at Fulton. Mary Olsen reported on community building lecture she attended at Lady of the Lake dance camp. Possible venues for Wild Asparagus dances were discussed.

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

Note: *Unless otherwise noted all contra dances begin at 7:30 P.M. with a 30-minute teaching session and all English Country dances begin at 7:30 P.M.*

September

- 3rd (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Canceled: see you at NW Passage Camp!
- 4th (Sa) Portland Cats & Dogs Contra** at FCC. Canceled: see you at NW Passage Camp!
- 10th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Molly Libby. Music: Kathleen Towers, Paula Hamlin, Dave Goldman. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 10th (Fr) Hayloft Music Series, 8:00.** Sam Bernardi (accordion, vocals), Walter Cryderman (guitar) Kristen Grainger, Dan Wetzel (guitar, vocals). 5304 Center St, Salem. Contact Sharon for more info: <sharonmooree@comcast.net>, 503-364-6713.
- 11th (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: John Gallagher. Music: Full Circle.
- 11th (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance** at KMS. Caller: Sue Baker. Music: Pied-A-Terre.
- 17th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Elinor Preston. Music: Sue Songer, Erik Weberg & Lori Shaffer. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 18th (Sa) Portland Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: TBA. Music: Jigsaw.
- 18th (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance** at FirstCC. Caller: Nils Fredland. Music: The Avant Gardeners.
- 19th (Su) Waltz at NH, 10:30 - 2:00.** Recorded music. Contact Nancy Matela: nmatela@pacifier.com 503-281-0336.
- 24th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Nan Evans & Mary Stevens. Music: Hapsala. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 24th (Fr) Salem Scandinavian Dance** at KOC.
- 25th (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Nils Fredland. Music: The Avant Gardeners.
- 25th (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance** at KMS. Caller: Woody Lane. Music: Amazon Creek.

26th (Su) Waltz at NH, 1:30 - 4:30. Music by the Laura Light (of the Avant Gardeners) Band. Contact Nancy Matela: nmatela@pacifier.com 503-281-0336.

October

- 1st (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Open Band, Open Mic. Lead Caller(s): Nan Evans. Lead Musician(s): Paula Hamlin & Dave Goldman. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 2nd (Sa) Portland Cats & Dogs Contra** at FCC. Caller: Merilee Karr. Music: Betsy Branch, Marni Rachmiel & Dave Goldman.
- 6th (We) First Wednesday Beginner Music Teaching Session.** Call Flavia at 503-244-7307 for details.
- 8th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Mary Devlin & Mike Lassner. Music: Dave Goldman, Marni Rachmiel & Friends. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 9th (Sa) PCDC Family Dance** at FCC, 5:00 with potluck at 7:00. Come see Rick Meyers and his musical saw.
- 9th (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: The Nettles.
- 9th (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance** at KMS. Caller: Mary Devlin. Music: Betsy Branch, Dave Goldman, Marni Rachmiel.
- 9th (Sa) Hood River Contra Dance** at RG. Caller: TBA. Music: Hands4.
- 10th (Su) Waltz at NH, 10:30 - 2:00.** Recorded music. Contact Nancy Matela: nmatela@pacifier.com 503-281-0336.
- 15th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Nan Evans. Music: TBA. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 16th (Sa) Portland Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: TBA. Music: Pied-A-Terre.
- 16th (Sa) Hood River Contra Dance** at RG. Caller: TBA. Music: TBA.
- 16th (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance** at FirstCC. Caller: Woody Lane. Music: George Wilson and Company.
- 17th (Su) Waltz at NH, 10:30 - 2:00.** Recorded music. Contact Nancy Matela:

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- 22nd (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: Dave Goldman, Kathleen Towers & Paula Hamlin. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 23rd (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: TBA. Music: George Wilson and Friends.
- 23rd (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance** at KMS. Caller: Nan Evans. Music: Full Circle.
- 29th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Mary Devlin. Music: TBA. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 29th (Fr) Salem Scandinavian Dance** at KOC.
- 30th (Sa) PCDC Open-Mic Contra Dance** at FCC. Lead Caller: Elinor Preston. Lead Musicians: Lori Shaffer, Dave Goldman.
- 30th (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance** at FirstCC. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: The Nettles.

November

- 5th (Fr) PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Open Band, Open Mic. Lead Caller(s): Molly Libby. Lead Musician(s): TBA. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 6th (Sa) Portland Cats & Dogs Contra** at FCC. Caller: TBA. Music: TBA.
- 13th (Sa) PCDC Family Dance** at FCC, 5:00 with potluck at 7:00. Bill Martin and Friends will provide music and teaching.
- 13th (Sa) PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: William Watson. Music: Jon Singleton and Friends.
- 13th (Sa) Portland English Ball** at the Tiffany Center. Caller: Mary Devlin. Music: Tricky Brits.