



Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community · November/December 2004

Music, Dance, and More Music!

An Elegant Ball

It's time to exchange your contra dance sweat bands and funky clothes for ball gowns and gentlemen's finery for the **12th annual Portland English Country Ball on November 13**. Arrive early enough for a full half hour of waltzing with your favorite partner at 7 PM.

Unlike contra dances, each English dance has its own beautiful music, mainly written by well-known composers of the 17th through the 20th centuries.

Mary Devlin will officiate as dance master and caller, while Seattle band **Tricky Brits** provides the music. Musicians will include Dave Bartley on mandolin and guitar, Anita Anderson on piano, flutist Betsy Cooper, and Sande Gillette on fiddle.

The popular Portland Ball is the highlight of a whole weekend of activities. We will dance to our old favorites and greet our out-of-town guests at the Friday night dance. Saturday night, we will dance in our finery at the Ball. Sunday morning brings a hearty brunch and more music and dancing.

The weekend begins November 12 with the Friday night dance at the Fulton Community Center. Continuing on Saturday November 13 (preregistration required for this day's events) will be an afternoon workshop from 12:30 until 3:00 at the Tiffany Center Emerald Ballroom (1410 SW Morrison), followed that evening at 7:00 by the Ball, again at the Tiffany Center Emerald Ballroom. On Sunday November 14 at 10:30 there will be a potluck brunch and dance at the Sunlight Community Center.

This weekend is "fragrance free," so please review this topic on the English Country Ball web site at PortlandECD.home.att.net.

You can learn some of the Ball dances by attending the weekly Friday night English Country dances at the Burlingame Water Tower. If you are curious, but not ready to dance at the Ball, your volunteer help can be used to help make the ball another success. Contact Diana O'Farrell at mpenk@teleport.com or at 503-228-0522.

Cost for the Saturday workshop and Ball is \$33 per person. Preregistration is required. Pick up registration forms at the weekly contra or English dances, or e-mail Paula Hamlin at phamlin@easystreet.com.

PCDC Family Dance Is Back

The October Family Dance was a great success, and the schedule for the rest of the season has been confirmed. Look for a flyer for the PCDC Family Dances elsewhere in this newsletter. (Hint: it's in plain sight.) For more information you can contact Judith Swinney at: 503-281-2888 or Swicor@aol.com.

Asparagus Descends on Portland

Once again it's time to prepare for the annual Wild Asparagus dance in Portland. Actually, double your pleasure with not one, but **TWO Wild Asparagus dances** in Portland!

Yes! PCDC is sponsoring dances by those maniacal vegetables (with **George Marshall** calling, of course) this year, the first on **Wednesday, November 10**, and the second on **Tuesday, November 16**. Being week-nights, we'll start the dances a half hour earlier than usual, with a lesson at 7:00 and dancing from 7:30 until 10:30. We are also pleased to announce that we will be dancing at the **Oaks Park Dance Pavilion**, where we last held an Asparagus dance in 1997. This location has a beautiful LARGE wood dance floor, and lots and lots of convenient parking. [At the East end of the Sellwood Bridge turn North and follow the signs to Oaks Amusement Park. If you want an approximate location, the entrance to Oaks Park is at about 400 SE Spokane Street in Portland.]

What? Not convinced! Then you'll miss the snacks being prepared by Annie Johnston, Oregon's own dance camp chef extraordinaire. All of this for the price of \$10 for PCDC members (\$9 for students and seniors, \$12 for general public).

If these two dances aren't enough for you, Corvallis will be hosting the Asparagoids on Thursday, November 11, and then Eugene will host them on Monday, November 15.

Corvallis Dance Camp: Reminder

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 **Abraca-**

dabra (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).

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

First Wednesday Workshops

Many of you already know about the musicians' workshops that **Dan Compton** and **George Penk** teach on the first Wednesday of each month. If you haven't heard about them yet, then you budding (and already budded) musicians have a treat in store.

This year Dan and George will be teaching these classes, featuring their own selections of "tunes of the month." This class is for musicians of all levels, and they are encouraged to bring recording devices so that they can take the tunes home with them.

Additional info can be had from Flavia Moshofsky (503-244-7307,) who generously hosts these workshops each month.

Some Contra Bands to Note

November 13: Tapsalteerie. Means "topsy turvy" in Scots English. Jon Singleton, Marni Rachmiel, Nick Leininger, Joanne Lauterjung-Kelly.

November 27: Mud Bay Bottom Feeders. Does it sound fishy to you? Clyde Curley, Matt Hummel, Andrea Cooper, Dave Marshall.

December 11: KGB. To hear them is to love them. Julie King, Claude Ginsburg, Dave Bartley.

New Years Eve... Already!?!

It's time to start making plans for ringing in the new year, and how better than to dance the night away!

This year our music will be provided by the astounding duo of **Jamie Laval** on fiddle with **Sue Songer** on piano. And just to keep us organized on the dance floor, we'll have a couple of callers: **Gordy Euler** and **Erik Weberg**.

This year we are back at our old faithful dance hall at the **Multnomah Arts Center**. Bring a snack or dessert to share with the rest of the festive crowd. And get that partner lined up early for the midnight waltz! Lesson at 7:30, dancing from 8:00 until past midnight. Admission will be \$10, \$8 for PCDC members, \$7 for students/seniors.

NW Passage Camp

For the second year in a row Camp Namanu, near the town of Sandy just east of Portland, was a great location for the PCDC dance camp. The word from the campers is that this was one of the best camps ever put on by PCDC

We need to recognize and thank this past year's camp committee for the outstanding job that they did in making this camp happen: **Dave Hamlin**, **Elinor Preston**, **Dave Goldman**, **Erik Weberg**, **Tom Zell**, **Karsten Kelly** and **Janet Bessmer**. And the committee wants to say an extra thanks to the work scholarship crew (you know who you are) who helped so much in keeping things working "behind the scenes."

Take That Music Home with You!

We've got a lot of talented musicians playing for us at our dances in Portland (as you should already know), but did you know that you can take them home with you?!? Uh, well, at least you can take their music home with you... Here is a list of CDs produced by some of our local (and near-local) musicians and links to where you might purchase them:

The Nettles: www.peak.org/~brophy/nettles

Betsy Branch & Mark Douglass: www.mosnbets.com

Dan Compton, et al (one CD by Jigsaw, one CD by Dan and Fran Slefer, and a few others): www.glencottagemusic.com

Gordy Euler (half of the duo "Shanghaied on the Willamette"): www.shanghaied.biz

Megaband & Portland Selection (and also The Portland Collection, a book of 300+ tunes): www.portcoll.com

Talisman (Celtic band, includes Carl Thor and Jeff Kerssen-Griep): www.talismanmusic.com

KGB (new CD out any day now!): www.kgbmole.com

Jamie Laval Workshop

Not sponsored by PCDC, but of interest to all you musicians out there, Jamie Laval will be teaching two workshops at Artichoke Music on **Sunday, November 7**. The first for beginner to intermediate, the second for intermediate to advanced. For more info or to register contact Sue Songer: 503-293-1446.

Cascade Contras Coming Up

Running out of room this issue, but here's the basics. The dates are **April 1-3, 2005**. The bands will be **The Latter Day Lizards** and the **Jamie Laval Trio**. The callers will be **Sue Rosen** (of Boston) and **Ed Hall** (of Denver). Warren Argo on sound and Annie Johnston on food. Application forms should be available soon. A lottery will be held for applications postmarked by January 14 if demand exceeds availability. For more information (if you can't wait) you can contact Lia Davis at 541-344-7764.

Events on the Horizon

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

Raincoast Ruckus Dance Weekend (Vancouver, BC), February 18-20, 2005. www.vcn.bc.ca/vcountry/ruckus

Cascade Contras Dance Camp, April 1-3, 2005. www.efn.org/~efs/camp.html

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 , 850 Howard Ave. (North Park & Howard), Eugene
KOC	Knights of Columbus Hall , 725 Shipping NE, Salem
MAC	Multnomah Arts Center , 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, 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-Mar) 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, "Occasionally" at NG, 8 P.M. Contact Dave (503-325-3602, ambrose@seasurf.com) for more info.

Bend Community Second Saturday Contra Dance, October thru May at Highland School Kenwood Gym. Contact Kate Beardsdley (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.

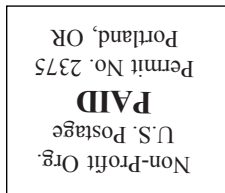
Just e-mail Erik Weberg <kluberg@kluberg.com> and ask to be put on the list.

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. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? 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+), 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.

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PCDC Board Meeting: September 8, 2004. **Board members absent:** Hank Laramee, Mary Devlin. **Topics:** Making plans for supporting two Wild Asparagus dances in November. A website redesign is in the works. Continued discussion of proposal to create a sub-committee to handle contra dances, similar to the committees that handle English, Family, and the dance camp. A one-day "retreat" is planned for October 30, in order to cover items that have been on meeting agendas for too long or are too complex to cover in a regular board meeting; a few past board members have been invited to participate for part of the day.

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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.*

November

- 3rd (We) First Wednesday Beginner Music Teaching Session. Call Flavia at 503-244-7307 for details.
- 5th (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Open Band, Open Mic. Lead Caller(s): Molly Libby. Lead Musician(s): Full Circle. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 6th (Sa) Portland Cats & Dogs Contra at FCC. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: Calico.
- 6th (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC. Caller: Gordy Euler. Music: UnLeashed!
- 10th (We) **Special PCDC Contra Dance** at Oaks Park Dance Pavilion. Wild Asparagus with George Marshall calling. Lesson at 7:00, dance 7:30 - 10:30.
- 11th (Th) Special Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC. Wild Asparagus with George Marshall calling.
- 12th (Fr) **PCDC Pre-Ball English Country Dance** at FCC. Caller: Erik Weberg. Musician(s): Betsy Branch, Sue Songer, Fred Nussbaum.
- 13th (Sa) **PCDC Family Dance** at FCC, 5:00 with potluck at 7:00. Bill Martin and Friends will provide music and teaching of contra dances.
- 13th (Sa) **PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: William Watson. Music: Tapsalteerie.
- 13th (Sa) **Portland English Ball** at the Tiffany Center. Caller: Mary Devlin. Music: Tricky Brits. Preregistration required: contact Paula Hamlin 503-691-1758 or <phamlin@easystreet.com>
- 13th (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance at KMS. Dance cancelled.
- 13th (Sa) Hood River Contra Dance at RG. Caller: TBA. Music: Mill Creek String Band.
- 15th (Mo) Special Eugene Contra Dance at KMS. Wild Asparagus with George Marshall calling. Lesson at 7:00, dance 7:30-10:30.
- 16th (Tu) **Special PCDC Contra Dance** at Oaks Park Dance Pavilion. Wild Asparagus with George Marshall calling. Lesson at 7:00, dance 7:30 - 10:30.
- 19th (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: Dave Goldman, Kathleen Towers, Denis Wilkinson. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 20th (Sa) Portland Contra Dance at FCC. Caller: Mary Devlin. Music: Jigsaw.
- 20th (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC. Caller: Kris Jensen. Music: Amazon Creek.
- 21st (Su) Waltz at NH, 1:00 - 4:30. Music by Rouge. Contact Nancy Matela: nmatela@pacifier.com 503-281-0336.
- 26th (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Mary Devlin. Music: Dave Goldman, Lori Shaffer, Paula Hamlin. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 27th (Sa) **PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Todd Silverstein. Music: Mud Bay Bottom Feeders (Clyde Curley, Matt Hummel, Andrea Cooper, Dave Marshall).
- 27th (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance at KMS. Caller: William Watson. Music: Calico.
- 27th (Sa) Astoria Contra Dance at NG. Caller: Dave Ambrose. Music: Bruce Reid, Bonnie Zahnaw.
- 30th (Tu) Portland 5th Saturday Contra Dance at NSB. Caller: Moggy Vanderkin. Music: Night Owl (Betsy Branch, George Penk, Mark Douglass). Lesson at 7:00, dance 7:30 - 10:30
- BWT. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: MI-5 (a.k.a. KGB). *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 11th (Sa) **PCDC Family Dance** at FCC, 5:00 with potluck at 7:00. Heidi Vorst will teach international folkdances, assisted by the dance troop Sussefusse.
- 11th (Sa) **PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: Mary Devlin. Music: KGB.
- 11th (Sa) Eugene Contra Dance at KMS. Caller: Woody Lane. Music: George Penk and Creighton Lindsey.
- 11th (Sa) Hood River Contra Dance at RG. Caller: TBA. Music: Mill Creek String Band.
- 12th (Su) Waltz at NH, 10:30 - 2:00. Recorded music. Contact Nancy Matela: nmatela@pacifier.com 503-281-0336.
- 17th (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Caller: Nan Evans & Mary Stevens. Music: Lanny Martin, Sarah Shuh, Paula Hamlin. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 18th (Sa) Portland Contra Dance at FCC. Caller: Erik Weberg. Music: Pied-A-Terre.
- 18th (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC. Caller: Sue Baker. Music: The Nettles.
- 24th (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Cancelled.
- 25th (Sa) **Merry Christmas!!! No contra dance tonight.**
- 31st (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Cancelled.
- 31st (Fr) **PCDC New Years Eve Contra Dance** at MAC. Music by Jamie Laval and Sue Songer, with calling by Gordy Euler and Erik Weberg.

December

- 1st (We) First Wednesday Beginner Music Teaching Session. Call Flavia at 503-244-7307 for details.
- 3rd (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Open Band, Open Mic. Lead Caller(s): Mary Devlin. Lead Musician(s): Hapsala. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 4th (Sa) Portland Cats & Dogs Contra at FCC. Caller: TBA. Music: UnLeashed!
- 4th (Sa) Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC. Caller: William Watson. Music: Full Moon.
- 10th (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at

January

- 1st (Sa) Portland Cats & Dogs Contra at FCC. Caller: Elinor Preston. Music: Calico.
- 7th (Fr) **PCDC English Country Dance** at BWT. Open Band, Open Mic. Lead Caller(s): TBA. Lead Musician(s): Marjorie Milner, Paula Hamlin. *Bring dance shoes for this ball.*
- 8th (Sa) **PCDC Family Dance** at FCC, 5:00 with potluck at 7:00. Merilee Karr will teach easy contra dances.
- 8th (Sa) **PCDC Contra Dance** at FCC. Caller: TBA. Music: Night Owl.



Portland Country Dance Community
presents:
**Family Dance
& Potluck**



Second Saturdays in 2004/2005 – 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles

We always have live music, and all dances are taught

Potluck following the dance - bring a dish to share!

- October 9 Easy dances by Rick Meyers and his band
- November 13 Easy contra dances with Bill Martin & Friends
- December 11 Heidi Vorst teaches fun international dances. Her international dance troupe, Sussefusse, will perform!
- January 8 Merilee Karr teaches easy contra dances
- February 12 Sherry Nevins (all the way from Seattle!) & Friends
- March 12 A wee bit o' Irish dancing with Phil Meehan
Come celebrate St. Pat's Day early!

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.
