



# Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community · November/December 2005

## Let's Go Dancin'

### Harvest of Fun!

by *Jerry Nelson, Chair*

Some years, the rain and early darkness draw us down into them. They seduce us into lethargy and evenings of bad TV. In order to keep our strength and sanity, we need to find reasons to celebrate. So, how about this? You muster up the energy to get to Oaks Park Dance Hall on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, and we'll provide you with music that heart and feet will find achingly irresistible. Once again, the flickering candles will light our way as we dance to the dangerous rhythms of Wild Asparagus.

The heartbeat of Wild Asparagus is **Ann Percival** on piano, guitar, and vocals. Ann's playing is highly inventive while still maintaining an irresistible rhythm. **David Cantieni**, a woodwind wizard, pours forth lively melodies and liquid harmonies on his flutes, tin-whistle, oboe, saxophone and bombard.

**George Marshall** is an accomplished English concertina player and also provides driving rhythms on bodhran and bones. **Stuart**

**Kenney** on bass is a dynamo of musical energy. **Becky Tracy's** masterful fiddling is that rare combination of energy and beauty. "All that for just \$15 general admission, \$12 PCDC members and \$10 for students and seniors!?!?" you say? But wait, there's more!



This year, the band will be joined by a special guest. **Mark Hellenberg** has been playing traditional music for over forty years, beginning as a drummer in his father's bagpipe band in the early sixties. Since then, Hellenberg has been featured as a percussionist on over a dozen recordings including two by the Celtic ensemble, The House Band. This past year, he appeared on NPR's All Things Considered with his band, The Sevens. He is currently also a member of The Sevens and the Ohio based Hotpoint String Band.

So what will it be? Toe-tappin' terpsichore with Mark and green stalks, or "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart". What would your mom think of you hanging out with an ex-con?

### Portland Dance Honors Contra Dance Legend

by *Melanie Wilson, Board member*

We are in for a special treat November 19<sup>th</sup> as callers, musicians, and dancers come together to honor the legacy of **Ted Sannella**. Dan Compton and Fran Slefer will host this special event in place of the usual third Saturday event. The dancing will start as usual at 8 pm. at the Fulton Center, with teaching at 7:30 pm.

Sannella died ten years ago this month, and the idea for a special dance honoring his significant contribution to American dance came from local caller and Country Dance and Song Society president **Mary Devlin**. "Ted not only wrote a ton of really good contras, squares, and triplets that are still being danced, says Mary, "but he was also a mentor to a great many callers". **Paul McCullough**, who will lead dances that evening along with Mary, also credits Sannella with fostering his work as a caller. Sannella, a native of Massachusetts, wrote three books on folk dancing and called dances in five countries, but he also had Portland connections. He was a guest caller at the Suttle Lake dance camp where music was provided by none other than Jigsaw, the band that will play for us on November 19<sup>th</sup>. And yes, according to Mary, the evening will include some of Ted's famous numbered triplets! (Newbies, tradition dictates that you whoop and holler when the caller announces a triplet number, for example, "Ted's Triplet #22", no matter what the number is.)

Join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday contra dance crew on November 19<sup>th</sup> for a fun and enlightening evening honoring a contra dance legend.



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# Welcome Your New PCDC

## Contra Committee

by Peggy Day

The PCDC board has authorized a new group to take over management of the PCDC Contra dances. Following are the new members of this committee and their assignments:

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| • Kim Appleberry | Chairperson           |
| • Patrick Sousa  | Secretary             |
| • Peggy Day      | Newsletter            |
| • Sylvan Lovejoy | Special Events        |
| • Rich Goss      | Publicity Manager     |
| • Greg Jackson   | Volunteer Coordinator |

You may have noticed some of us in training at the door. We are targeting Jan. 1, 2006 to be fully responsible for the regular and special PCDC Contra dances. We hope to have badges on soon so you can spot us in a crowd. What would make the dances better for you.? Please don't hesitate to give us your feedback when you see one of us at the dances. We don't plan any drastic changes just some small improvements to make everyone feel welcome and adept at the dances.

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## Upcoming Events

**December 3, 2005** [No Snow Ball](#) Location: Oakland, California Caller(s): Santa Claus & TBA; Band(s)/Musician(s): TBA (<http://www.bacds.org/>)

**December 26, 2005-January 1, 2006** [Christmas Country Dance School](#) Location: Berea, Kentucky Caller(s): Brad Foster, Chris Kermiet, Susan Kevra, Glen Morningstar, Brad Sayler, Joe Tarter; Band(s)/Musician(s): Numerous (<http://www.berea.edu/peh/dance/ccds/default.asp>)

**December 29, 2005-January 1, 2006** [Northwest New Year's Camp](#) Location: Vashon Island, Washington Caller(s): Volunteers; Band(s)/Musician(s): Volunteers (<http://www.seattledance.org/camp/nwnyc/>)

**January 13-15, 2006** [Bayou Bedlam](#) Location: Houston, Texas Caller(s): Nils Fredland; Band(s)/Musician(s): Footloose (<http://www.hatds.org/>)

## Dancing in the New Year

by Jerry Nelson, Chair

It's time once again to welcome the new year. And what better way than dancing with friends and loved ones at the annual PCDC New Year's Eve Dance? The festivities will be held at the Multnomah Arts Center starting with a lesson at 7:30 and dancing at 8:00. As in years past, the calling and playing duties will be split. Mary Devlin will start out the evening, calling to the music of Dave Goldman, Kathleen Powers and Paula Hamlin. And midnight will be ushered in by the sounds of Thrillville and Merilee Karr.

There are, of course, some among us who believe that the New Year's Eve Dance is merely the setting for the Great Dessert Potluck. So be assured that a place of honor will be saved for your favorite tasty treat.

Admission to this special event will be \$10 General Admission, \$8 PCDC Members and \$7 for Students/Seniors.



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**January 13-15, 2006** [Contra Carnivale](#) Location: San Luis Obispo, California Caller(s): George Marshall, Susan Michaels & Warren Blier; Band(s)/Musician(s): Nightingale, Hillbillies From Mars, The Syncopaths & Crabapples (<http://www.cccds.org/carnivale.htm>)

**February 3-5, 2006** [Dancing Fool Contradance Weekend](#) Location: Seattle, Washington Caller(s): Seth Tepfer and Cis Hinkle; Band(s)/Musician(s): Hotpoint String Band & Reckless Ramblers (<http://www.dancingfool.net/>)

**February 17-19, 2006** [Corvallis Contra Dance Weekend](#) Location: Corvallis, Oregon Caller(s): Becky Hilll and Woody Lane; Band(s)/Musician(s): Lift Ticket and The Jigsaw Trio (<http://cfs.peak.org/>)

**February 24-26, 2006** [Raincoat Ruckus](#) Location: Burnaby, British Columbia Caller(s): TBA; Band(s)/Musician(s): TBA (<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/vcountry/ruckus/>)



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## Dance Locations

<b>ASP</b>	<b>Alberta Street Pub</b> , 1036 NE Alberta Street, Portland
<b>BWT</b>	<b>Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall</b> , SW 17th and Marigold (between Spring Garden and Taylor's Ferry Roads)— <i>no street shoes permitted on the dance floor</i>
<b>FCC</b>	<b>Fulton Park Community Center</b> , 68 SW Miles (off Barbur, traffic light just east of Terwilliger)— <i>must wear shoes in this venue</i>
<b>FirstCC</b>	<b>First Congregational Church</b> , 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis
<b>KMS</b>	<b>Kelly Middle School</b> , 850 Howard Ave. (North Park & Howard), Eugene
<b>KOC</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus Hall</b> , 725 Shipping NE, Salem
<b>MAC</b>	<b>Multnomah Arts Center</b> , 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland
<b>NH</b>	<b>Norse Hall</b> , 1111 NE Couch, Portland (one block off of Burnside)
<b>NSB</b>	<b>North Star Ballroom</b> , 635 North Killingsworth Ct., Portland (near PCC Cascade campus)
<b>PPAA</b>	<b>Portland Police Athletic Association</b> , 618 SE Alder, 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.** Every Friday at BWT, 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. Tea and cookies at the break!

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.

**Cats & Dogs First Saturday 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-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 Third Friday 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 dance, held at PPAA. Cost

\$10.

**Portland Waltz Eclectic** -- Waltz Brunch, 3rd Sunday of the month. Lesson 10:30 - 11:15 am, open dancing until 2:30 pm. Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave. **Also:** Weekly waltz, swing, latin, and other partner dance practice, Thursdays, 7:30 - 10 pm, Sellwood Community Center, 1436 SE Spokane. Both dance locations in Portland.

**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.

**Cascade Zydeco Wednesday Dance** 7:15 P.M. lesson, 8 P.M. dancing at ASP to recorded music.

**Elinor Preston's Fourth Sunday Zesty Contra Dance** 7 to 10 P.M. at NSB.

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](http://www.PortlandCountryDance.org)

**Norske Runddansere Monday Scandinavian Dance** 7:30 P.M. to 10 P.M. at NSB to recorded music.

### Out of Town Dances

**Astoria Old-Time Country Dance**, at NG, 8 P.M. For more info contact Dave (503-325-3602, ambrose@seasurf.com) for more info.

**Bend 2nd Saturday Contra Dance**, October through May at Highland School Kenwood Gym. For more info contact Kate (katebeardsley@hotmail.com, 541-330-8943).

**Corvallis 1st & 3rd Saturday Dances.** FirstCC, 8 P.M. (*Bring non-street shoes.*) For more info contact Marfa (541-754-1839, zebra@peak.org).

**Eugene 2nd & 4th Saturday Dances**, KMS, 8 P.M. Beginners' instruction at 7:30. For more info contact Jacque (541-302-2628, jaklas@efn.org).

**Hood River 2nd Saturday Dances**, RG, 8 P.M. For more info contact Keith (541-352-7550).

**Scandia of Salem's 4th Friday Dance**, KOC, 8 P.M. For more info contact Sharon (503-364-6713, sharonmoore@attbi.com).

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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 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 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. Call any board member for further info.

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**PCDC Board meeting: October 26, 2005.** Members all present and accounted for, except Rick Kimball.. A progress report was given on the Contra Committee, which will take over door duty starting with the New Year's Eve Dance. The method of assigning articles for Footnotes was changed to a board meeting agenda item. A review of NW Passage results was provided, along with an introduction to the concept of contributing money and work to improving the facilities used at Camp Namanu.



# CALENDAR • November/December 2005

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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

4th	(Fr)	PCDC English Country Dance at FCC	Caller: Cynthia Stenger	Music: Dave Goldman, Kathleen Towers, Paula Hamlin and Ellen Hansen
5th	(Sa)	PCDC English Ball AT Smith Hall, PSU	Caller: Nan Evans	Music: Charlie Hancock, Shira Kammen, Fred Nussbaum, and Jim Oakden
		Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: Sue Baker	Music: The Nettles
		Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Merilee Karr	Music: Unleashed!
11th	(Fr)	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: Scot Free
12th	(Sa)	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC.	Caller: Sherry Nevins	Music: Amazon Creek
		PCDC Family Dance at FCC	Sherry Nevins & Friends	From 5-7pm with a potluck afterwards.
		Eugene Contra Dance at KMS	Caller: Sue Baker	Music: Joyride
16th	(We)	PCDC hosts Wild Asparagus at Oaks Park!	Caller: George Marshall	<i>See article in this issue for details.</i>
17th	(Th)	Eugene hosts Wild Asparagus at KMS	Caller: George Marshall	
18th	(Fr)	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Nan Evans	Music: Fred Nussbaum, Carl Thor and Denis Wilkenson
19th	(Sa)	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: William Watson	Music: Fred Nussbaum, Sue Songer and Betsy Branch
		Portland Third Saturday Contra at FCC	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: Jigsaw
21st	(Mo)	Corvallis Hosts Wild Asparagus at FirstCC	Caller: George Marshall	
25th	(Fr)	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: Dave Goldman, Kathleen Towers and Erik Weberg
26th	(Sa)	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC.	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: Full Moon
		Eugene Contra Dance at KMS	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: Hands 4
27th	(Su)	Zesty Contra Dance at NSB	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: Dave Goldman, Kathleen Towers, and David Kaynor

## December

2nd	(Fr)	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: Open Band, lead Musicians: Denis Wilkenson, Carl Thor
3rd	(Sa)	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: David Kaynor	Music: Calico
		Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: Todd Silverstein	Music: The Flying O'Carolan Brothers
9th	(Fr)	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: Dave Goldman, Lori Schaffer, Jon Neff
10th	(Sa)	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC.	Caller: John Gallagher	Music: Hands 4
		Eugene Contra Dance at KMS	Caller: Woody Lane	Music: Rad Francine
16th	(Fr)	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: Carl Thor, Denis Wilkenson, Lori Schaffer
17th	(Sa)	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: Lynn Ackerson	Music: The Nettles
		Portland Third Saturday Contra at FCC	Caller: Gordy Euler	Music: Pied-A-Terre
24th	(Sa)	<i>Christmas Eve: All Dances Cancelled!</i>		
30th	(Fr)	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: Dave Goldman, Kathleen Towers, and Paula Hamlin
31st	(Sa)	PCDC New Year's Eve Contra Dance at MAC	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: George Penk, Heather Penney, Mick Doherty
		<u>PLUS</u>	Caller: Merilee Karr	Music: Thrillville





Portland Country Dance Community  
Presents

## **Family Dance and Potluck**

Second Saturdays, 5pm to 7pm

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!

- November 12    Sherry Nevins (all the way from Seattle!) and Amazon Creek
- December 10    Bill Martin and friends teach easy contradances.
- January 14      Easy contradances with Merilee Karr & Doherty, Penk & Pinney
- February 11    Heidi Vorst teaches fun international dances and Sussefusse, her international dance troupe will perform!
- March 11        A wee bit o' Irish dancing with Phil Meehan. Come celebrate St. Pat's early!

Adults \$6, Children \$5 (PCDC Members \$5/\$4). Babes-in-arms free  
\$20 Family Cap (\$15 for PCDC Members) Group Rates available for 20 or more  
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