

Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community · November-December 2008

Raindance Returns in '09

By Kim Appleberry

The Portland Country Dance Community is pleased to present the second annual Portland Raindance the last weekend in April, 2009 – Friday, April 24th through Sunday April 26th at beautiful Norse Hall. In this issue we will tell you about just one of the bands and callers. The other talent will be revealed in the next issue of *Footnotes*. (Hint: it's the Clayfoot Strutters and Steve Zakon-Anderson.)

The **Great Bear Trio** (www.vfiddle.com) played the Corvallis Contra Weekend last year where their rowdy, semi-tamed

music caused structural damage to the hall. The brothers VanNorstrand throw themselves at the instruments like Buddy Holly playing contra music. Rave On. Along with Andrewand Noah, mama bear Kim VanNorstrand pounds out a powerful bass rhythm on the



piano – like Beethoven playing back-up for the Four Tops. When the Bears hit the stage there are two invisible musicians with them. You can't see them but you know that much music can't come from just three people. These brothers have so much energy in them they probably have to gnaw on something hard every day just to keep their front teeth from overgrowing. Mama bear keeping that steady beat going, brothers on fiddles, mandolin, bouzouki, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, banjo and amazing feet. Along with the power, there is still a complexity and depth of musical understanding in Great Bear's material, the majority of which is composed and arranged by Andrew and Noah. Brace yourself.

Cary Ravitz comes to us from Lexington, Kentucky. You probably haven't seen him out here. You might not have even



heard of him but you surely have danced one of his dances. Many callers pick a Cary Ravitz dance when it's time to throw out a complex, spicy challenge to the dancers. (Remember something about a "rabbits dance"?) Who better to call them than the head rabbit.

Cary has put a lot of thought into contra dances and has many pages of

notes on calling on his website (www.ravitz.us) but they are primarily based on his experience as a dancer. You will feel well taken care of because it's all about you.

Our doctor of sound, John Oorthuys, will have his hand on the throttle keeping us just below the speed where we'd jump the tracks. Another star of the show is the beautiful old Norse Hall with its brand new dance floor. Yes, it's not just refinished, but a complete new maple floor. After some echo reduction measures requested by last years dancers, Norse Hall will be ready with all flags flying.

This is an urban dance weekend so you provide your own pillow and peanut butter sandwiches, we provide the thrills. Make sure you empty out your kicks warehouse before you come because you're going to need the room.

Last year we had dancers come from as far away as Vermont. With word of mouth and this year's hot line-up, we expect to draw from even farther. (Are there contra dancers in Latvia?) If you'd like to offer a spare bed to a Raindancer coming from out of town, this may be an opportunity for a cross-cultural experience.

All this for only \$110, or \$80 for students. These rates are for registrations postmarked by February 27th. After that the cost increases by \$20. Registration will open on January 1st, 2009. There will be a lottery for registrations postmarked by February 27th and the weekend will be gender balanced.

Finally, a sufficient reason to get back on that exercise program. You're gonna need to be in shape just to keep up with the pack. If you have any further questions, contact Kim Appleberry at raindanceinfo@portlandcountrydance.org or call him at 503-319-1717

Eat Your Vegetables... Then Dance With Them

Wild Asparagus returns to Portland on Tues., Nov. 11, and you are invited to join in on the fun! This nationally known contra dance band from Massachusetts blends together the musical styles of New England, the British Isles and Canada, with a dash of classical music as well. Their creative and high energy music has delighted dancers across the country. Ann Percival is the heartbeat of Wild Asparagus on piano, guitar, and haunting vocals. David Cantieni provides lively melodies and harmonies on flute, saxophone, and bombard; Becky Tracy offers masterful, energetic fiddling; Corey DiMario plays bass and Mark Hellenberg is on percussion. The inimitable George Marshall teaches and calls clearly and concisely, while doubling as a musician on concertina, bodhran, and bones. Don't miss this exceptional evening of wild fun!

Date: Tuesday, November 11 **Time**: 7:30-11 PM; no lesson

Place: Oaks Park Pavilion, 400 SE Spokane St.

Cost: \$17; \$14/PCDC members; \$10/students & seniors [Editor's Note: Wild Asparagus groupies can follow their favorite band to Eugene on 11/6 and Corvallis on 11/10.]

November's Fifth Saturday:

Open Mike ...

By Laurel Thomas

Though not quite as rare as a blue moon, the fifth Saturday of the month is nevertheless a special occasion for Portland's contra dance community. PCDC's Fifth Saturday Contra Dance is traditionally an open-mike night for both musicians and callers. Dancers love the electrifying energy generated by the "mini-megaband" up on stage and for a few brave souls, this is an opportunity to try their hand at calling a dance. Are you a brave soul? Looking for a new challenge? You can call a contra dance on November 29th!

The first step is to find a dance that you would like to call. You can look for a dance on-line (try www.rickmohr.net or www.quiteapair.us/calling/compositions.html) or ask one of our local callers if you can use one of their dances. It's best to start out with a simple dance (save the Rory O'Moore-type moves for another time) and it's a good idea to practice calling the dance a few times at home before the big night. Most basic contra dances are divided into four parts as follows: A-1, A-2, B-1 and B-2; stick with this straightforward configuration for now, and to avoid confusion, look for a dance with moves in 4, 8 or 16 counts. Then, imagine a bunch of dancers in your living room, put on your favorite contra dance band CD, grab a banana (that's your faux microphone), and give it a try. On the night of the dance, the lead caller (Susie Kendig, in this case) will have a sign-up sheet for callers up on stage. If you're nervous when it's your turn, just pretend that all the dancers are -er, never mind...

...And Post Holiday Potluck

By Susie Kendig

Do you find that your energy starts flagging around break time at contra dances? Does your refrigerator get filled beyond capacity after Thanksgiving? If so, don't miss November's Fifth Saturday open band/open mike dance on 11/29. PCDC is hosting a potluck at the break, and you are invited to offload



those tasty tidbits from your fridge! Note that this is two days after Thanksgiving, so feel free to bring your leftover turkey, stuffing, or pumpkin pie. PCDC plans to set up tables in the side room and to provide plates, napkins,

forks, and cups. Please bring something that will be easy to clean up. We won't have access to a kitchen either, so please bring an item that doesn't require on site preparation.

New Year's Eve 2009: Go Team!

By Susie Kendig

Please join PCDC for our annual New Year's Eve Contra Dance at the Multnomah Arts Center. Two fabulous callers and two hot bands will take us through the evening. Erik Weberg and Mary Devlin will grace us with their easy, clear, and always fun calling. Music will be provided by Red Crow from Seattle featuring the spirited and passionate fiddling of Susan Burke who has been immersed in the music of Cape Breton, Scotland & Ireland for almost 30 years. Wayne Clark

on guitar, banjo, mandolin and percussion will keep your feet tapping; Joe Michaels provides solid, driving back-up on guitar and bass; and Chuck Pliske will keep you dancing all night with his energetic piano and concertina playing. Our other band for the evening will be George Penk on fiddle, Heather Pinney on fiddle and piano, Creighton Lindsay on guitar and bass, and Deborah Lindsay on percussion. These four musicians from Portland and Corvallis are well known to contra dancers all over the Pacifc Northwest for their energetic, inventive and all-around superb playing. To experience all four creating magic together is a treat you won't want to miss.

The theme for the evening is "Team Contra." As in sports. That means you get to dress up as a player, fan, cheerleader, coach, referee or...whatever. And we're talking sports of any kind, from billiards to bobsledding, from figure skating to fencing. As always we'll be decorating the hall to the hilt and encouraging everyone to bring their favorite dessert for the potluck. If you are interested in helping out with this event, contact Greg Jackson at volunteer @portlandcountrydance.org

Date: Wednesday, December 31

Time: 8 PM to after midnight; lesson at 7:30

Place: M.A.C., 7688 SW Capitol Highway **Cost**: \$12 general; \$10/ PCDC members;

\$8/students & seniors



'Senior Prom Night' at Fulton

By Laurel Thomas

Longtime Portland dancer, musician, sound man and allaround party animal Lanny Martin, is turning 65 and you are invited to help celebrate the occasion. Lanny and friends are planning to turn the November 22nd contra dance into a swell



evening of fun centering around the theme of "Senior Prom Night." The Nettles will be playing, Laura Me Smith will be calling, there will be decorations, BYO refreshments and only Lanny knows what else. Dress up! Wear your prom dress, a corsage, a tuxedo, whatever reminds you of that long ago magical

night. (Don't ask *me* for advice though; *I've* never been to a prom. Some sort of oversight no doubt...) Dance starts at 8 PM. Don't forget to reserve the limo.

PCDC Family Dance & Potluck

By Laurie Hoefer

PCDC's November family dance will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 5 to 7 PM at the Fulton Community Center. Sherry Nevins will come down from Seattle to call contra dances for the evening. Sherry is an experienced caller of contras, squares, reels and circles and enjoys working with both beginners and experienced dancers. Our family dances are great fun for kids of all ages and their grown-ups. Following the dance, everyone is welcome to join us for a potluck dinner which goes to 8 PM. Please bring your own plates, cups & utensils. Cost: \$6/adult, \$5/child, babes-in-arms free, \$20/family max. For more information, please call Laurie Hoefer (503) 981-2179.

Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Diane Hunt

September 15, 2008. Present: K. Appleberry, G. Tim Gojio, D. Hunt, J. Wiser.

The contra committee reported that plans for the 2009 Raindance are proceeding on schedule. Two great bands are on board to join us next April: The Clayfoot Strutters & The Great Bear Trio. The committee is working to secure Norse Hall as the venue for Raindance and is also working on ensuring that PCDC has adequate insurance coverage for the event. The contra committee announced the upcoming Halloween costume dance and a special "Prom Night" dance on 11/22 in honor of Lanny Martin's birthday. The band for the evening will be The Nettles.

The board discussed long term planning and outreach, acknowledging that many new faces show up each week to English country and contra dances but that more could be done to keep these new folks engaged and welcomed.

Finally, two scholarships were approved for PCDC members to attend two events (Weekend Whirligig and Northwest Passage).

Next board meeting: Monday, November 10.

Joyride Dances in Nov. & Dec.

By Erik Weberg

The '08-'09 Joyride season got off to a great start in October and is planning to continue that trend in the coming months. On November 5th Susan Petrick will be returning from the Bay Area to call our dance. Susan is a pro; she'll create a wonderful evening of dances that will amaze you with their smooth, flowing moves. Then on December 3rd, David Kaynor will be in town to join us on his fiddle. Kathleen Towers and David Kaynor on twin fiddles; wow, what a treat! Erik Weberg will call that dance.

For those of you who would like an extra reminder of the Joyride First Wednesday dance, there is a weekly emailing which details the upcoming week's contra and English dances. If you would like to be added to that distribution list, contact Erik at kluberg@kluberg.com. In addition, we're going to send out a once-a-month, Joyride-specific reminder during the week before each First Wednesday dance. To get on that list, write to Sue at songer@portcoll.com. We'll have a sign-up sheet at our dance and you're welcome to join either distribution list or both if you'd like.

Dances are held on first Wednesdays at the Polish Library Association Hall at 3832 N. Interstate Ave. in Portland, from 7:30 to 10 PM. This is a fragrance-free event, so please, no perfumes, colognes etc. For more information go to http://www.kluberg.com/Joyride.html or call 503-246-2219.

Corvallis Contra Weekend

Submitted by Frank Griswold

The fifth annual Corvallis Contra Weekend will take place February 13-15, 2009. Two great bands (The Groovemongers Trio & Southwest Passage) and two great callers (Lisa Greenleaf & Erik Weberg) are on tap for the weekend which starts on Friday evening and goes all the way through to Sunday at 5 PM. Friday and Saturday evenings feature our bands and callers with a selection of great contras, a waltz or two and maybe a hambo. During the day on Saturday and Sunday, workshops will be offered on contra dancing with tips and pointers, and dancers will have the opportunity to try some higher difficulty dances. Other workshops will be available as well for callers, musicians and singers. On Sunday evening (if you are still standing) there will be a community dance featuring both bands and both callers.

The Groovemongers Trio with C.W. Abbott on mandolin and guitar, Jane Knoeck on piano and accordion and Rebecca McCallum on fiddle plays supremely danceable contra music with driving rhythm. A band with multi-cultural influences and a love of improvisation, here's where contra meets world beat with energy and flair.

Southwest Passage (the band formerly known as C.R.A.G.) is Eric Anderson on piano, Sande Gillette and Alan Roberts on fiddle and Betsy Cooper on flute. One of the hottest groups in the Pacific Northwest, their music is smooth and perfect. The fiddlers' groove keeps the dancers' feet moving, and the piano keeps the excitement building, propelling the dancers inexorably into the Zone.

Lisa Greenleaf is a contra dance caller from the Boston area known for her high-energy calling and articulate teaching. Lisa has been treating dancers across the country to her concise and witty calling for many years. Her rich repertoire, succinct teaching, and commitment to community building make her a dance camp favorite.

Erik Weberg lives in Portland and has become a popular caller all over the Pacific Northwest, from Fairbanks to Monterey and everywhere in between. He is the official caller of the Portland Megaband and an accomplished musician in his own right. Erik chooses dances that feel good and are fun. His teaching style is clear and efficient, and he has the ability to create that sublime connection between the dancers and the music.

Cost for the weekend is \$65 per person. Since this an urban dance camp, accommodations and meals are not provided, however home-stays with local dancers may be arranged on a first-come first-served basis. Registration opens November 1st. To register, go to: www.cfs.peak.org/ccw. For more information, contact cfs.dance.weekend@gmail.com or call Frank or Karen at 541-745-1002.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 31-Jan. 3 NW New Year's Camp Bash on Vashon on Vashon Island, WA. Music, dancing, workshops, crafts, nature, games: camper-led fun for all ages. Heated cabins, meals. Info www.seattledance.org/camp/nwnyc

Feb. 6-8 <u>Dancing Fool Contra Dance Weekend</u> in Seattle, WA. All thrills, no frills (no meals, no beds, no beginners, no workshops and NO English!) contra dance weekend. Notorious, Contrazz, Hinkle, Tepfer. Info www.dancingfool.net.

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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 5th 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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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 and end at 10:30 PM.

Nov	7					
1st	Sat	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Woody Lane	Music: Calico		
1st	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at BGC	Caller: Susan Petrick	Music: The OpporTunists		
1st	Sat	PCDC English Country Ball at OP (must be pre-registered)	Caller: Dave Macemon	Music: Betsy Branch, Fred Nussbaum, George Penk and Heather Pinney		
2nd	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Blues Fusion Dance at NH; 7-10 PM; DJ Dennis Myers; \$5				
3rd	Mon	Norske Runddansere: Scandinavian dancing to CD music every Monday 7-10 PM at FML; lesson 7:30-8:30; \$3				
5th	Wed	Joyride's First Wed. Contra at PH	Caller: Susan Petrick	Music: Joyride		
5th	Wed	Zydeco Dancing to CD music every Wednesday 8-10 PM at PPAA; lesson 7:15; \$5				
6th	Thu	Waltz Eclectic: waltzing to CD music every Thurs. at FCC 7:30-10 PM; \$4				
6th	Thu	Special Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: George Marshall	Music: Wild Asparagus		
7th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Open mike w/ Cynthia Stenger	Music: Open band w/ Lanny Martin & Carl Thor		
8th	Sat	PCDC Family Dance & Potluck at FCC	Caller: Sherry Nevins	Music: TBA		
8th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Sherry Nevins	Music: Hands 4		
10th	Mon	Special Corvallis Contra at FirstCC	Caller: George Marshall	Music: Wild Asparagus		
11th	Tues	Special PCDC Wild Asparagus Contra Dance at OP; 7:30-10:30 (lesson prior)	Caller: George Marshall	Music: Wild Asparagus		
14th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: Jon Neff, Fred Nussbaum and Rick Piel		
15th	Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Woody Lane	Music: Jigsaw		
15th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: Eric Curl	Music: The Nettles		
16th	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Brunch at NH w/ DJ Dennis Myers; lesson 10:30-11:30; dance till 2:30; \$7 (\$12 w/ lesson); snacks incl.				
21st	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Laura Me Smith	Music: Skay Lessley, Sean, Fred Nussbaum and Sue Songer		
22nd	Sat	PCDC Contra 'Prom' Dance at FCC	Caller: Laura Me Smith	Music: The Nettles		
22nd	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: Cascade Crossing		
28th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Nan Evans	Music: Erik Weberg, Lori Shaffer, Maralyn Belgique and Dave Goldman		
29th	Sat	PCDC Fifth Sat. Contra Dance	Caller: Open mike w/ Susie Kendig	Music: Open band w/ David Kaynor, Sue Songer and Lanny Martin		

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3rd	Wed	Joyride First Wed. Contra Dance at PH	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: Joyride w/ David Kaynor	
5th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Open mike w/ Elinor Preston	Music: Open band w/ Lori Shaffer and Rick Piel	
6th	Sat	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: UnLeashed!	
6th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: William Watson	Music: Laurel Valley Ramblers	
7th	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Blues Fusion Dance at NH w/ DJ Dennis Myers; 7-10 PM; \$5			
12th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: Fred Nussbaum, Lisa Scott, Linda Danielson	
13th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Rich Goss	Music: Amazon Creek	
13th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: Gordy Euler	Music: George Penk & friends	
19th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: Sarah Goss, Skay Lessley, Fred Nussbaum and Carl Thor	
20th	Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: Django Amerson, Dan Compton, Fran Slefer	
20th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: TBA	Music: Tunestruck	
21st	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Brunch at NH w/ DJ Dennis Myers; lesson 10:30-11:30; dance till 2:30; \$7 (\$12 w/ lesson); snacks incl.			
26th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Nan Evans	Music: Jon Neff, Lanny Martin and Dave Goldman	
27th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Gordy Euler	Music: Joyride	
31st	Wed	Special PCDC New Year's Eve Contra Dance at MAC; 8 PM to Midnight +	Callers: Erik Weberg & Mary Devlin	Music: Red Crow; George Penk, Heather Pinney, Creighton & Deborah Lindsay	

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Dance Locations

BWT Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall, SW 17th and Marigold (between Spring Garden and Taylor's Ferry Roads)—no

street shoes permitted on the dance floor

BGC Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis, 1112 NW Circle Blvd., Corvalis, OR

CCS Cesar Chavez School, W. 14th Ave & Chambers St., Eugene **FML** Friendship Masonic Lodge, 5626 NE Alameda St, Portland

FCC Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles (off Barbur, traffic light just east of Terwilliger)—must wear shoes in this venue

FirstCC First Congregational Church (Gatton Hall), 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis

KOC Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 Shipping NE, Salem

MAC Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Highway, Portland

NH **Norse Hall,** 111 NE 11th & Couch, Portland (1 block north of Burnside)

OP Oaks Park Pavilion, 400 SE Spokane St., (in Sellwood) Portland

PH Polish Hall, 3832 N. Interstate Ave, Portland

PPAA Portland Police Athletic Association, 618 SE Alder St.

PSU Smith Ballroom at Portland State University, 1825 SW Broadway, Portland

Regular Portland Dances

Unless otherwise stated, all dances are open to everyone — experienced or not, with or without partnersand 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/ \$7/\$6 for non-members/members/seniors & students.

PCDC Friday English Country Dance Series. Every Friday at BWT, 7:30 to 10:30 PM. 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, 8-11 PM, beginners' workshop at 7:30. \$8/ \$6 students & seniors.

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance (Oct-Apr) fun dancing for kids and families. FCC, 5 to 7 PM, with potluck following.

PCDC Second Saturday Contra Dance, the longest continuously running contra dance in the state. FCC, 8-11 PM, beginners' lesson 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, Norse Hall. Lesson 10:30 -11:15 AM, open dancing until 2 PM. Also: Weekly waltz, swing, latin, and other partner dance practice, Thursdays, 7:30-10 PM, Fulton Community Center, 68 SW Miles. Both dance locations in Portland.

Third Saturday Contra Dance is organized by Jigsaw. FCC, 8 PM, beginners' lesson at 7:30. \$8/\$6 students.

PCDC Fourth Saturday Contra Dance. FCC, 8-11 PM, beginners' lesson at 7:30.

PCDC Fifth Saturday Contra Dance is an open-mike session for callers and musicians. FCC, 8-11 PM, beginners' lesson at 7:30.

Joyride First Wednesday Contra Dance is organized by the band Joyride with guest callers. October-June at Polish Hall, 7:30-10 PM. \$7/\$6 students w/ ID.

Cascade Zydeco Wednesday Dance. PPAA, 8-10 PM dancing to recorded music, lesson at 7:15. \$3.

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

Norske Runddansere Monday **Scandinavian Dance.** Friendship Masonic Lodge, 7-10 PM, ongoing lesson 7:30-8:30 PM, \$3. Website: www.norskerunddansere.org

Out of Town Dances

Astoria 1st Sat. Country **Dance:** Sept. through June at the Netel Grange, 8 PM. For more info contact Craig at 503-325-8207or craig.holt@oregonstate.edu.

Bend 2nd Saturday Contra **Dance:** October through May at Highland School Kenwood Gym, 7:30 PM. For more information contact Kate at 541-330-8943 or katebeardsley@hotmail.com.

Corvallis 1st & 3rd Saturday **Dances:** Sept.-June at FirstCC, 8 PM. (Bring non-street shoes.) For more information, contact William at williamcallscontras@gmail.com.

Eugene 2nd & 4th Saturday **Dances:** Sept.-June at CCS, 8 PM. For more info contact Christie or Eric at enthurston@hotmail.com.

Hood River 2nd Saturday **Dance:** October-June at Rockford Grange, 7:30 PM. For more info contact Keith at 541-352-7550.

Scandia of Salem's 4th Friday **Dance:** KOC, 8 PM. For more info contact Sharon at 503-364-6713 or sharonmooree@comcast.net.

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

Check out PCDC's website: www.PortlandCountryDance.org