



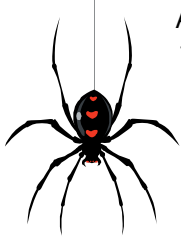
Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community · September-October 2009

Face Your Fears... ...at the Halloween Dance

By Erin Neff

What's the scariest thing you can think of? Health-care reform? Fat-bellied spiders with long hairy legs? Reality TV? Asking someone new to dance? Whatever they are, I'd like to invite you to hide from your darkest fears, if only for one night. Or perhaps you'd like to mock those fears or even celebrate them to defuse their power over you. Whatever your approach, on October 31st, you will have your chance.



On this one night out of the year, you have free reign to masquerade as any character you choose and forget your fears for a while. After all, this is what the ancient Celts used to do. They dressed up in costumes and masks to appease the evil spirits that they believed came out on Halloween. This was the night when the line between the living and the dead was blurred. Now, *that's* a scary thought!

What about calling a dance for the first time? Does the idea make your knees wobble and your palms sweat? Not only is the Halloween dance a night to put on that clever costume you've been dreaming up all year, it's also the fifth Saturday of the month. That means open mike night for those of you daring enough to get up on stage. This may be the best time of all to conquer that fear. In your costume, you will not only be unrecognizable to the evil spirits but also to the large crowd all waiting expectantly for you to call out the next move. So pick out a dance, put on that mask and let's see what you can do!

In the event you can't muster up the courage to participate in open mike night, not to worry. We are lucky enough to have the dynamic Adam Carlson, from Seattle, as our caller with Lori Prime and Carl Thor providing haunting tunes and spooky melodies to carry us through the night.

Notwithstanding Celtic Halloween tradition, we will *not* be carving turnip heads to assuage our superstitious fears. However, we *will* be awarding prizes for the most unique and clever costumes and there will be a dessert potluck for all to enjoy. Hope to see all you Evil Spirits on the dance floor.



[Erin Neff is a member of the Contra Committee.]

Wild Asparagus in Portland
Psst... Tuesday, November 17th
Save the date!

A Magical Time – PCDC's English Country Ball

By Peggy Hansen

It's time to get out your dancing shoes for the Portland English Country Ball. Someone once said that it's nice to be as old as seventeen, and yet as young as seventeen. This year is the ball's seventeenth birthday, and we will celebrate that perfect age with an enchanted evening. Let's have this year's caller, Cynthia Stenger, tell us what she envisions: "When I first started English country dancing over 27 years ago, I was immediately attracted by the lovely tunes, variety of dance formations, and the way each dance fits its unique tune. I have chosen the program to reflect the richness of the ECD repertoire, including old favorites and modern compositions. Selections range from the lively, fun and flirtatious, to the lush, flowing and elegant. Some of the duple minor longways involve interactions outside of the minor set, where everyone is moving simultaneously. This can be challenging, but also very rewarding. I think these dances reinforce the notion that one does not just dance with one's partner, or one's neighbors, but with the entire room of dancers. I know that our wonderful musicians (Betsy Branch, Betsy Cooper, Fred Nussbaum and Lisa Scott) will both support and transport the dancers. I hope that everyone has a fun, relaxed and magical time!"



Join us on October 24th at 7 PM at the Oaks Park Dance Pavilion and be part of the magic! The band will play waltzes until the ball begins at 7:30. And don't forget that the ball is only one event in a very busy weekend. The Friday night English country dance at Fulton on October 23rd gives everyone a chance to meet, reconnect, and enjoy some English dances with caller Nan Evans. On Saturday, there will be a 2 ½ hour pre-ball workshop, starting at noon, then a break before the main event. On Sunday morning, we'll postpone the post-ball let-down by enjoying our annual potluck brunch and dance party, starting at 10:30 AM.

To familiarize dancers with this year's selections, three pre-ball styling workshops will be held on the following Sunday afternoons: 9/20, 10/4, and 10/11. The workshops will run from 2-4:30 PM at Christ Church, 1060 Chandler Road, Lake Oswego. There will be a donation for the band. To register for the ball (only \$35 till October 2nd, \$45 if postmarked after October 2nd), go to our website at portlandcountrydance.org to download the flyer. For more information on the weekend, call Chris Mullooly at 503-774-6531. Hope to see you there!

Outstanding October

By Erin Neff

This October we are fortunate to have three exciting weekends of dance for all to enjoy. To start off the month, PCDC welcomes caller Diane Silver and The OpporTunists on October 10th. From Asheville, NC, Diane is known for her modern contras, efficient teaching of complex dances, and the ability to work with dancers of all skill levels. With her high energy, positive attitude and penchant for calling diverse dances and moves, this promises to be an evening you won't want to miss. And let's not forget one of the most important ingredients for a successful evening... the band!



Hailing from the Bay Area, The OpporTunists are a group of talented multi-instrumentalists who play tunes ranging from Celtic to old time on a variety of instruments for your dancing pleasure. On fiddle and guitar is Alan Snyder, whose musical background has been shaped by Cape Breton, Scottish, and Irish traditions, along with a variety of other influences. Joining Alan is Erik Hoffman, well known as a contra dance caller and choreographer, playing guitar, fiddle, percussion, Jew's harp, and maybe even banjo and mandolin. Rounding out the group is the versatile Topher Gayle, whose musical interests range anywhere from bluegrass to swing to folk. Topher plays bass, percussion, guitar, mandolin, mandola, ukelele, and pretty much anything else he can get his hands on, even if he has to make it himself. With such a variety of instruments and wealth of musical talent, you won't stand still for long.



The second PCDC dance of the month is on October 24th when we will be graced with the presence of Carol Ormand as caller and a local favorite, Joyride. Carol Ormand comes to us from Madison, WI. She has been calling traditional contras and squares for almost a decade, all over the U.S. and is known for composing her own dances. Carol follows this guiding principle: "The dancers, musicians and I are all there to have fun." And Carol does everything possible to facilitate that! This means incorporating smooth-flowing dances and variety while keeping in mind the dancers' fortitude as the night goes on. She will keep you engaged and energized. She also values working closely with the band to get a good fit between the dance and the music. With the solid skills and experience of Joyride, she certainly can't go wrong. As many of you know, Joyride is a local Portland band comprised of Kathleen Towers (fiddle), Erik Weberg (flute, harmonica & bombarde), Sue Songer (piano, fiddle) and Jeff Kerssen-Griep (guitar, djembe). The combination of these talents guarantees a night of superior dancing.

Last, but not least, there's PCDC's Halloween bash to finish off the month. [See article on page one.] Don't miss this outstanding month of dance!

First Wednesdays, Fourth Season: JOYRIDE!

By Eric Weberg

Joyride will start its fourth season of first Wednesday contra dances on October 7th. Our caller will be the dynamic Susan Petrick who has been a source of joy in the ride each year we've been doing this dance. She's friendly, funny, totally in control and has collected great dances from coast to coast. Come help us start off our new season and welcome Susan Petrick back to Portland.

And here's a sneak preview of what's to come later in the fall: Kathy Anderson will call the November Joyride dance and Erik Weberg will call in December with David Kaynor joining the band on fiddle. Good times are on the way!

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

Upcoming Events

Compiled by the Editor

Sept. 18-20 Chehalis Contra Dance Camp in Gibsons, BC, Canada. Callers Nils Fredland and Jeremy Korr w/ music from The Great Bear Trio and Red Crow. Workshops, dancing, jamming. Stay at Camp Elphinstone in heated cabins; meals included. Info: www.vcn.bc.ca/vcountry/chehalis/

Oct. 2-4 Silver Falls Musical Gathering at Silver Falls State Park, OR. Song circles, workshops, jamming, dancing, drumming, trees, waterfalls, great food. 'Primitive accommodations'. Cost: \$77/adult; \$35/child. Sponsored by the Corvallis Folklore Society. Info: www.cfs.peak.org/silverfalls/

Oct. 2-4 Lady of the Lake Fall Music & Dance Weekend in Coeur D'Alene, ID. Contra dancing, music & dance workshops, great food. Erik Weberg calling w/ Jigsaw. Accommodations in cabins or tents. Meals included. Cost: \$160. Info: www.ladyofthelake.org.

Oct. 30-Nov. 1 Camp Wannadance Uptown in Seattle, WA. Urban dance camp (no food or lodging) featuring dances and workshops. Carol Ormand & Kathy Anderson will call; music by Rodney Miller & friends and the Queen City Bulldogs. Info: www.wannadance.org

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Fall Folk Festival in Spokane, WA. Free festival featuring 8 stages of traditional & ethnic music & dance. Also: crafts for sale, children's activities, workshops, evening contra dances. Info: www.spokanefolklore.org

Free Hambo Workshop

Sat. Sept. 19th, 1-4:30 PM

at the

Friendship Masonic Center

(NE 57th & Sandy)

Info: allen_paulson@yahoo.com

PCDC's 2009-10 Family Dances



Come have fun!

Great music & dancing for kids of all ages and their grownups!

Saturday, Oct. 10th:

Maggie Lind

(Country calling at its best and a favorite with the younger ones.)

Saturday, Nov. 14th:

Sherry Nevins

(Coming to us from Seattle with new dances every year, this is a special treat for all ages.)

Saturday, Feb. 13th:

Heidi Vorst and Sussefusse

(Wonderful dances from around the globe and a young dance troupe are sure to entertain you.)

Saturday, March 13th:

Phil Meehan

(Irish dancing to tickle your toes and get you in the mood for St. Patrick's Day.)

Dance from 5-7 PM then join us for a potluck until 8 PM.

Location: Fulton Community Center, 68 SW Miles St.

Cost: \$6/adult; \$5/child; babies free; \$20 family maximum

Info: 503-981-2179

CALENDAR • September-October 2009

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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.

Sept.

2nd	Wed	Zydeco Dancing to CD music every Wednesday 8-10 PM at PPAA; lesson 7:15; \$5		
3rd	Thu	Waltz Eclectic: waltzing to CD music every Thurs. at FCC 7:30-10 PM; \$5		
4th/5th	Sat/Sun	No English or contra dancing in Portland for Labor Day Weekend (Northwest Passage!)		
6th	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Blues Fusion Dance at NH w/ DJ; 7-10 PM: blues, swing & more; \$5		
9th	Wed	Square Dance at PFC, 7-9 PM every 2nd & 4th Wed.; free		
11th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Dave Macemon	Music: George Penk, Maralyn Belgique, Heather Pinney
12th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Tim Gojio	Music: The Steeltones (Keith Moe, Jon Neff, Dave Hamlin)
12th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: Stacy Rose	Music: Three Fingered Jack
14th	Mon	Norske Runddansere Scandinavian Dance at FML, 7-10 PM; recorded music; beginner lesson at 7:30; \$5		
18th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: Erik Weberg, Fred Nussbaum, Marjorie Millner
19th	Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: Jigsaw
19th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: Sue Baker	Music: Three Fingered Jack
20th	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.		
25th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Nan Evans	Music: Jon Neff, Skay Lessley, Dave Goldman
26th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Suzanne Girardot	Music: Betsy Branch, Mark Douglass
26th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: Woody Lane	Music: Abby Young, Dave Young, Bo Leyden

Oct.

2nd	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Dave Macemon	Music: Open band w/ Lanny Martin & Carl Thor
3rd	Sat	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Sue Baker	Music: Calico
3rd	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: William Watson	Music: Bloom's Revenge
4th	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Blues Fusion Dance at NH; 7-10 PM; DJ Dennis Myers; \$5		
7th	Wed	Joyride's First Wed. Contra at PH, 7:30	Caller: Susan Petrick	Music: Joyride
9th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Cynthia Stenger	Music: Ball Band (Betsy Branch, Betsy Cooper, Fred Nussbaum, Lisa Scott)
10th	Sat	PCDC Family Dance & Potluck at FCC	Caller: Maggie Lind	Music: TBA
10th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Diane Silver	Music: The OpporTunists
10th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: Joyce Miller	Music: Joyride
16th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: Syd Newell, Fred Nussbaum, Sue Songer
17th	Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Eric Curl	Music: Mick Doherty, Dan Compton, Fran Slefer
17th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: Keith Tuxhorn	Music: Hands4
18th	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.		
23rd	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at FCC	Caller: Nan Evans	Music: George Penk, Maralyn Belgique, Heather Pinney
24th	Sat	English Country Ball at OP, 7-11 PM	Caller: Cynthia Stenger	Music: Ball Band
24th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Carol Ormand	Music: Joyride
24th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: Lynn Ackerson	Music: The Nettles
30th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: Lanny Martin, Skay Lessley, Dave Goldman
31st	Sat	PCDC Fifth Sat. Halloween Ball Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Open mike w/ Adam Carlson	Music: Open band w/ Lori Prime & Carl Thor

Dance Locations

BWT	Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall , 8936 SW 17th Ave (between Spring Garden and Taylor's Ferry Roads)— <i>no street shoes permitted on the dance floor</i>
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)— <i>must wear shoes in this venue</i>
FirstCC	First Congregational Church (Gatton Hall) , 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis
KG	Kinton Grange Hall , 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Beaverton, OR
KOC	Knights of Columbus Hall , 725 Shipping NE, Salem
NH	Norse Hall , 111 NE 11th & Couch, Portland (1 block north of Burnside)
OP	Oaks Park Pavilion , 400 SE Spokane St. (in Sellwood), Portland
PFC	People's Food Coop , 3021 SE 21st & Division, 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 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 \$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.

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

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

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



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.

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 503-325-8207 or craig.holt@oregonstate.edu.

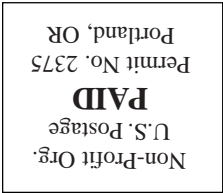
Bend 2nd Saturday Contra Dance: October through May at Highland School Kenwood Gym, 7:30 PM. For more information contact Kate at 541-330-8943 or katebeardsley@hotmail.com.

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 sharonmoore@comcast.net.



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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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