



Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community · September-October 2010

English Country Ball Turns 18!

By Peggy Hansen

Get ready for PCDC's English Country Ball coming up on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Portland's own (and internationally renowned) Mary Devlin is the caller, and she has chosen a delightful mixture of old and new dances for our pleasure. Betsy Branch, Fred Nussbaum, Lisa Scott and Erik Weberg will supply the music. Festive clothing is encouraged – historical costumes, ball gowns, dinner jackets – whatever you like. There is always a fun blend of everything from the Renaissance look up through the Georgian and Regency Eras to very modern clothes. You can even choose not to dress up – but it's a golden opportunity if you want to.

The Portland ball is not just a dance, it's traditionally a weekend of fun. The festivities will start on Friday night, November 5th, with a special English country dance at Fulton, separate admission \$8. Erik Weberg is the caller for this evening. Not a ball practice, this is a chance to do some fun dances of Erik's choosing, enjoy great music and meet up with friends from out of town. The next day, November 6th, there will be a workshop for ball registrants from 12 to 2:30 PM at Oaks Park Dance Pavilion especially to practice the ball dances, with Mary as caller. Time off for rest, getting ready, and a meal, and then at 7:30 the ball begins. (Come at 7 PM if you like to waltz – there will be a half hour of waltzes before Mary starts calling the country dances at 7:30.) Then, until 11 PM, THE BALL! There will be a break midway through for refreshments and photo ops. When the evening ends, don't worry – your fun isn't over yet. On Sunday morning beginning at 10:30, be sure to come and enjoy the potluck brunch and dance party at the Sunlight Community Building, 6402 SW Barnes Road.

As a new dancer or a contra dancer who doesn't do much English, how should you prepare for the ball? Every Friday night there is an English country dance at the Burlingame Water Tower from 7:30 to 10:30. New dancers are most welcome. Weekly callers make it a practice to include some ball dances in the line-up, and there is no better way to learn than by doing. In addition, Mary will be conducting three styling workshops (for those who know English dance but would like to practice the ball dances) on 9/25, 10/9, and 10/23, all held at Christ Church Episcopal on 1060 Chandler Road in Lake Oswego. Doors open at 1:40, and the workshops will begin promptly at 2 and end at 4. \$5 donation for the band.

Ball registration is \$35 per person (\$45 if postmarked after 10/8) Space is limited, so please sign up early! To register, pick up a flyer at one of the Friday dances or find one at www.portlandcountrydance.org.



Frightfully Wonderful All Hallow's Eve

By Erin Neff

The nights are getting cooler, the sun is setting earlier and harvest season is just around the corner. It's not every year that both Halloween and open mike night fall on the same weekend so if these are two of your favorite events, mark your calendar now.



On Saturday October 30th (which is the night before Halloween so you needn't worry about missing all the little ghosties ringing your doorbell) we will be celebrating the season with costumes and contra dancing. There will be a lead caller for the evening and Carl Thor and Lori Prime will lead our volunteer band of musicians, resulting in an evening of frightfully wonderful dances and songs.

There are a lot of unexpected joys that lie ahead on this kind of night. What crazy, clever or freaky costumes will your fellow dancers pull out of their closets this year? What mix of musicians will honor us with their talents? How many new folks will feel encouraged to try their hand at calling a dance? Will someone bring that steaming bowl of green ghoulish punch? You can only find out by showing up. Prizes will be given for best costumes and we encourage you to bring your favorite autumn snack to revive hungry souls. Lesson at 7:30, dance starts at 8 PM; Fulton Community Center.

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

Big Thanks!

The PCDC Board would like to thank **Kim Appleberry** for his extraordinary 6 years of service on the PCDC Board. His intense desire to promote and dedication to serving the dance community have been instrumental in developing the current vibrancy of our community. Though no longer on the board, Kim will continue to serve as Chair of the Contra Committee.



Joyride's Fifth Season

By Erik Weberg

On October 6th we invite you to bear witness to two beginnings:

On that date, Joyride will open its fifth season of first Wednesday contra dances. We are thrilled to have enjoyed the growing support of so many wonderful dancers in our community and we're ready to rock the hall again for another year. A good friend and fantastic caller has become a dependable autumn fixture in the Joyride series: Susan Petrick will be here to call the dances and kick off the 2010-11 season. From Reno, NV and the Bay Area of California, Susan is a deeply experienced and sought-after caller who makes learning a dance feel like a conversation with an old friend. We're so very happy she'll be here to bring smiles to Portland dancers.

October 6th is also the debut of the new Joyride. As many of you know, Kathleen Towers, who had played with us from the beginning, retired from the fiddle chair last June. We are excited to welcome George Penk who will be taking over the fiddle chair and we're looking forward to a new future for Joyride in this new configuration. George has played for many years with the bands Jigsaw and Portland Connection. He has recorded with Jigsaw, and with Sue Songer, Clyde Curley and Betsy Branch on CDs from the Portland Collection of tune books. George plays with an accuracy and rhythm that drives dancers wild with joy, which, of course, is the primary goal of this band. We've spent the summer refining our new sound and we'll be ready on October 6th to present that sound to our Portland dancing friends.

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.

Special AmeriCorps Dance

By Jon Neff

On Tues. October 5th, PCDC will host a contra dance to celebrate the new crop of AmeriCorps volunteers. The dance will be held at PSU's Smith Ballroom from 7-9 PM, with a lesson at 6:30; Rich Goss calling. It's free and all are welcome.

Also: a few couples are needed to help demonstrate contra dancing to a Portland singles group on 10/31. Contact Jon Neff if interested.

Free Hambo Workshop

Sat., September 25, 1-5 PM

*Friendship Masonic Lodge
5626 NE Alameda in Portland*

This free workshop for beginners, taught by Joan Bennett and John Scott of Salem, is sponsored by Norske Runddansere of Portland. If you can't make the workshop, the Hambo will also be taught on Oct. 11th at NR's regular Mon. night dance at FML.

Board Meeting Minutes

The PCDC Board met in June. The contra committee reported that the callers and bands for the 2011 Rairdance have been chosen and booked. Also, a contra dance is to be held for a group of AmeriCorps volunteers. Approximately 100 people attended the memorial in honor of longtime dancer Betty Stewart. In other news, the board will hold an open meeting at the Burlingame Water Tower in September, preceding one of the regular Friday night English country dances. Finally, the first Thursday musicians' workshops organized by Etienne Scott was given some funding.

...A Message from the Board...

All PCDC Board meetings are open to members and are generally held in board members' homes. Our September meeting will be held in a public place, the basement of the Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall on Friday 9/24 from 6-7 PM. All members are welcome. Please contact Chris Mullooly if you'd like to add an item to the agenda.

Danceable Feast Seeks Balance

If you love contra and swing dancing with some of the nation's most talented musicians – Wild Asparagus, the Canote Brothers and David Cahn...

If you love delicious, delectable meals by Chef Annie Johnston...

If you are a *male* dancer and would like to spend a beautiful fall weekend of superb dancing and dining at Sky Camp near Eugene Oregon...

Join us at Danceable Feast, November 12-14, 2010. For more information and to register go to www.danceablefeast.org

(Please note that registration is currently full for couples and single women.)

Fiddle Tunes Classes

If you play a melody instrument and can learn to play a tune by ear, please join us every first Thursday as we learn 2 or 3 new tunes from the contra genre. George Penk & Dan Compton alternate as teachers; classes are from 7-9 PM at the home of Etienne Scott in SE Portland. Cost is \$7 per person for PCDC members and \$10 for non-members. If you have questions, or to get on the reminder list, email climb2ski@gmail.com.

Upcoming Weekend Events

Compiled by the Editor

10/1-3 Lady of the Lake Fall Dance & Music Weekend in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Contra dancing with KGB and caller Laura Me Smith. Cost: \$165. Info: www.ladyofthelake.org

10/29-31 Wannadance Uptown in Seattle, WA. Urban dance camp featuring contras, squares, jamming, workshops, etc. Info for 2010 will hopefully be found at www.wannadance.org.

11/20-21 Fall Folk Festival in Spokane, WA. Free event featuring 8 stages of traditional and ethnic dance and music along with workshops, crafts for children and jamming. Info at www.spokanefolklore.org

PCDC's Family Dances: 2010-11

ALL ages

Oct. 9 Maggie Lind
Nov. 13 Sherry Nevins
Jan. 8 Caroline Oakley
Feb. 12 Heidi Vorst w/ Sussefusse
Mar. 12 Paul Silveria aka Professor Banjo

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2nd SATURDAYS
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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	Thu	Waltz Eclectic: waltzing to CD music every Thursday at FCC, 7:30-10 PM; \$5
3rd	Fri	No PCDC English Country Dance due to Northwest Passage Dance Camp
4th	Sat	No Cats & Dogs Contra Dance due to Northwest Passage Dance Camp
6th	Mon	Random Waltz: couples dancing to CD music every Monday at Lenora's Ballroom, 8:30-11 PM; \$5; live music last Mon.
8th	Wed	Square Dance at PFC, every 2nd & 4th Wed.; live music & caller; free
10th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT Caller: Cynthia Stenger Music: Sean Nolan, Laurel Koran, Jon Neff, Marjorie Millner
11th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC Caller: Cindy Rakowski Music: The Steeltones
11th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS Caller: Sherry Nevins Music: Blue Moose & the Unbuttoned Zippers
13th	Mon	Norske Runddansere: Scandinavian Dancing to CD music every Mon. at FML, 7-10 PM; lesson at 7:30; \$3
17th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT Caller: Sam Rotenberg Music: Erik Weberg, Lanny Martin, Sue Songer
18th	Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC Caller: Susie Kendig Music: Mick Doherty, Dan Compton & Fran Slefier
18th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC Caller: Erik Weberg Music: Wild Hair Trio
19th	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Brunch at NH w/ DJ Dennis Myers; lesson 10:30-11:30; dance till 2:30; \$8 (\$12 w/ lesson); snacks incl.
24th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT Caller: Erik Weberg Music: Cascade Crossing
25th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC Caller: John Gallagher Music: Three-Fingered Jack
25th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS Caller: Woody Lane Music: Lisa Ornstein

Oct

1st	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT Caller: Mary Stevens Music: Open band w/ Fred Nussbaum & Sue Songer
2nd	Sat	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC Caller: Susan Petrick Music: UnLeashed!
2nd	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC Caller: William Watson Music: The Nettles
6th	Wed	Joyride First Wednesday Contra at PH, 7:30-10 PM, no lesson Caller: Susan Petrick Music: Joyride
8th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT Caller: Nan Evans Music: Erik Weberg, Skay Lessley, Hal Day, Marjorie Millner
9th	Sat	PCDC Family Dance at FCC, 5-7 PM Caller: Maggie Lind Music: Live
9th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC Caller: Suzanne Girardot Music: Rhythm Rollers (Cathie Whitesides, Laurie Andres, Bruce Reid)
9th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS Caller: Joyce Miller Music: UnLeashed!
15th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT Caller: Dave Macemon Music: Cascade Crossing
16th	Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC Caller: Erik Weberg Music: George Penk, Heather Pinney & friends
16th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC Caller: TBA Music: Cascade Crossing
17th	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Brunch at NH w/ DJ Dennis Myers; lesson 10:30-11:30, dance till 2:30; \$8, \$12 w/ lesson; snacks incl.
22nd	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT Caller: Elinor Preston Music: Lori Shaffer, Jon Neff, Dave Goldman
23rd	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC Caller: Gordy Euler Music: Tapsalteerie
23rd	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS Caller: Sue Baker Music: Wild Hair
29th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT Caller: Mary Stevens Music: Ball band (Betsy Branch, Fred Nussbaum, Erik Weberg, Lisa Scott)
30th	Sat	PCDC Fifth Sat. Contra at FCC Caller: Open mike Music: Open band w/ Carl Thor & Lori Prime



9/25, 10/9, 10/23
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Style workshops: 2-4 PM, Christ Church in Lake Oswego
Pre-ball dance: 7:30-10:30 PM, Fulton
Ball workshop: 12-2:30 PM, Oaks Park Pavilion
The Ball: 7-11 PM, Oaks Park Pavilion
Potluck brunch: 10:30 AM, Sunlight Community Bldg (6402 SW Barnes Rd.)

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, OR
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, OR
FML	Friendship Masonic Lodge , 5626 NE Alameda, Portland
LB	Lenora's Ballroom , 615 SE Alder (across from PPAA), Portland
NH	Norse Hall , 111 NE 11th & Couch, Portland (1 block north of Burnside)
NHS	Newport High School , 322 NE Eads St., Newport, OR
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., Portland
PSU	Smith Memorial Ballroom , 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.



Portland Ceili Society Third Friday Dance (Sept.-May). Traditional Irish music, dance and drink. PPAA, 9 PM-12:30, lesson at 8. Cost \$10/\$8 students & seniors.

Portland Waltz Eclectic. Waltz Brunch, 3rd Sunday of the month, Norse Hall. Lesson 10:30 - 11:30 AM, open dancing until 2:30 PM. **Also:** Weekly waltz, swing, latin, and other partner dance practice, Thursdays, 7:30-10 PM, Fulton Community Center, 68 SW Miles.

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.

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

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 3rd Sat. Country Dance: Oct.-Nov., Mar.-May 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.

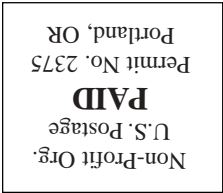
Corvallis 1st & 3rd Saturday Dances: Sept.-June at FirstCC, 8 PM. (*Bring non-street shoes.*) For more information, contact William at williamcallscontras@gmail.com.

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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