



Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community -- November-December 2013



Honk If You Love Raindance

By Kim Appleberry

Horns. It's the horns that really set **Elixir** apart. We don't get a lot of horns in contra bands. So when they kick in, it's like a double espresso that you thought was a decaf. Surprise surprise. Yet even if the horn section slept through the alarm, you'd have a solid, hot band. Ethan Hazzard-Watkins on fiddle, Owen Morrison on guitar and feet, Anna Patton on clarinet; Jesse Readlynn and Nils Fredland are the horns – trumpet and trombone. All the power and glory of a full big band, but in the compact, fun size. By Sunday you'll be singing *76 Trombones*.



Nils Fredland is not just a pretty face...and trombone player. He's also one of contra's most beloved callers. His accuracy and precision, his clever selection of great dances – that just gets him a seat on the plane. It's the hometown friendliness that upgrades him to first class.

As always, Raindance will be at everybody's favorite, Norse Hall. Alan Roberts will be back doing sound. Some fancy-pants new equipment has been purchased just for Raindance. We want you to get all the power and clarity that the music and caller are putting out.

Raindance 2014 will be April 25th-27th. Registration is all online and opens on January 1st. And you won't have to wait

hours in line at the Apple store to get yours.

For more information and to register, please go to: www.PortlandRaindance.org

There will be a lottery of those registrations postmarked by February 28th and the weekend will be gender balanced. Questions? Please contact Kim at: raindance.pdx@gmail.com or 503-319-1717.

[Next issue: *Perpetual e-Motion* and *Maggie Jo Saylor*.]

Special Tuesday Dances in November at Norse Hall

11/12 • Wild Asparagus

11/19 • Perpetual e-Motion

Both dances called by *George Marshall!*

Contra dancing from 7:30 to 11 pm (no lesson)

\$15 general, \$12 PCDC members, \$10 students, seniors

PCDC Family Dance

Saturday 11/9, 4:30-6:30 pm

Janet Trygstad with Tunestruck



Fulton Park Hall, 68 SW Miles

Cost: adults \$6, walking kids \$5, family max \$20

Questions? Call 503-659-0281

Sad Dance Community News

The Portland dance community suffered a loss this past September with the sudden and unexpected death of long-time dancer Rick Anderson. Rick loved contra dancing and could be found almost every Saturday night at Fulton. He was also active in the zydeco, tango and waltz communities. Certain that he wouldn't want to 'rest in peace,' his family, along with his many dancing friends held a wake in October to celebrate his life and say goodbye with dancing, card playing, laughter and chocolate chip cookies. His playful spirit, shy smile and awesome dancing skills will be missed...

New Year's Eve All-Inclusive Dance

By Kim Appleberry

For the fourth year in a row, PCDC is partnering with Dance Eclectic to fill Norse Hall from top to bottom with dancing. But this year we're doing it on the real, certified and bonded Eve – December 31st. Contra will be in the main ballroom, waltz and other ballroom dancing will be upstairs and blues dancing downstairs. One admission at the door gets you into everything. This event has been a huge success in past years with lots of dancers indulging all their inclinations.

Wild Hair, our most excellent local band, now with 15% more wildness and 10% less hair will be leading off the



evening. Bouncy Betsy Branch on fiddle and smiles, Mark Douglass on pick-me-up piano, Jeff Kerssen-Griep with steam-drill guitar and high-stepping feet and versatile Todd Silverstein playing pennywhistle, sax and bouzouki – will drive dancers off their meds.

The second band will be the Carr Family Band from Southern Oregon. Kevin Carr (formerly a Hillbilly from Mars and member of Wake the Dead) plays fiddle and Irish and Galician bagpipes; Josie Mendelsohn (founding member of the Good Ol' Persons) plays perky piano, banjo and sassy spoons; and Daniel Carr wields the mandolin and a powerfully percussive guitar.

Calling will be our eminent William Watson who will aim you in the right direction and propel you into the arms of the one who's coming atcha. Also calling will be Lindsey Dono from Seattle, a young caller who is spinning heads and whirling dancers as she comes rocketing out of the callers' incubator.

The tradition of the New Year's Eve dessert potluck continues. Please bring something tasty and tempting. For those who like to dress up for a special occasion, this is a fine time to splurge.

Tuesday, December 31st, 7:30 pm to 12:30 am at Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th St., Portland.

Admission: \$12 general, \$10 PCDC members, \$8 students & seniors. One ticket allows you to move freely between 3 floors of dancing.

[Kim Appleberry is a member of the Contra Committee.]

2nd Thursday Tune Sessions

Submitted By Etienne Scott

Abandon the dots and learn contra dance tunes by ear from two masters of the genre: Dan Compton and George Penk. Portland Country Dance Community (PCDC) sponsors this series of teaching sessions on second Thursdays to bring new musicians and musicianship to the contra dance community in Portland.

Music for contra dance includes a variety of jigs and reels from Celtic, Old-time, Americana, Quebecois and other folk traditions.

All acoustic instruments are welcome such as fiddle (violin), mandolin, banjo, concertina, cello, guitar, etc. Intermediate skills on your instrument and the ability to learn a tune by ear at a rapid pace is recommended as we usually cover two or three tunes in a typical two-hour session. Note that instruction on musical backup or chords is not part of this class – the focus is on melody.

The cost is just \$7 for PCDC members and \$10 otherwise. Sessions are held at Etienne's house in SE Portland from 7-9 pm. Please arrive a few minutes early so as to be ready to start promptly at 7. For more information contact climb2ski at hotmail dot com.

The dates for the 2013-14 season are listed below:

October 10

November 14

December 12

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12



Big Birthday Bash
David Kaynor & Hands4
Dessert & Snack Potluck!
Contra in the 'Couve
Friday, Dec. 13, 7:30-11 pm at the Hazel Dell Grange in Vancouver, WA

Yes, Halloween is on Thursday the 31st and yes, PCDC's Halloween Dance is on Saturday the 26th. And sure maybe in other cities, dancers won't dress up for their Saturday 10/26 contra dance, but this is PORTLAND. Help keep it weird! Dress up for the dance!



PCDC Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2013. Present: Mary Devlin, Carmen Doerge, Sarah Goss, Jon Neff, Mike Voss.

Carmen announced that Doug Plummer's calendars will arrive soon and will be sent to the Contra Committee.

The next ECD Committee meeting will be October 25th before the dance. Ball plans are going nicely and the ball is almost full. There are three special ball workshops scheduled for Sept. 21, Oct. 5 and Oct. 19, all from 2-4 pm.

Jon had a suggestion for the ECD Committee regarding how often small ensembles (mix of paid and unpaid musicians) might play for dances. Mary will take it to the committee.

The New Year's Eve dance will be on Dec. 31st at Norse Hall.

Northwest Passage was a great success (even though not enough people came to break even). Everyone had a wonderful time and the staff members loved the camp.

PCDC will not apply to be a location for the CDSS Centennial traveling special events because those are intended for smaller communities. We will develop local celebrations.

Mike is developing a draft safety and behavior policy for PCDC that the board will consider at its next meeting.

The board agreed that treasurer positions on committees are exempt from committee turnover requirements. It's important to have these key positions filled with people who are comfortable and competent with the job requirements. It's also useful to minimize the number of changes that have to be made with the bank.

The next PCDC Board meeting will be November 11th at 6:30 pm at Mary's house.

House Concert Season in Full Swing

Submitted by Abbie Weisenbloom

November and December are big months for house concerts as musicians from near and far converge on a living room in SE Portland to play traditional acoustic folk music, just for you and a few friends. Upcoming concerts feature music, stories and singing from Ireland, the Balkans, Japan, Scotland, Denmark and America. Some of your favorite Northwest dance musicians will be strutting their stuff in concert as will many other musicians from further afield. Concerts start at 7:30 pm and are preceded by a potluck dinner at 6:30. Suggested donation: \$15/\$10 for students. A sample concert is highlighted below; for the full schedule, contact abbiew@froggie.com

Monday 12/30: Eva Reich & Scotty Leach of the Retrospectacles team up with Jeff Kersson-Griep, of Wild Hair & Joyride fame, for a concert which combines Scotty & Eva's original fiddle tunes (and their stories) with sweetly exuberant tunes from the Quebecois, Appalachian, Celtic and Cape Breton traditions, and a shifting mix of instruments (Eva on fiddle; Scotty on piano, fiddle & foot percussion; and Jeff on guitar). Expect a high-spirited evening of spontaneous, joyful music served up with a hearty sense of humor!

End-of-Year Joyride

By Erik Weberg

The Joyride First Wednesday Contra Dance Series will close out the year with two fantastic callers. On November 6, George Marshall will stop by to call with us. George is traveling with Wild Asparagus on their annual visit to the Northwest; he called with us last fall and we're very fortunate to get to work with him again.



On December 4 our good friend Susan Petrick will be here. Susan has been a fall tradition for Joyride since we started the dance series eight years ago. She brings great joy to the dance floor when she calls and we're very happy to have her back again. You'll be happy too!

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.

Message from the Mother Ship...

Dear Dancers,

Because we love inclusive, safe, and respectful dancing, your Contra Committee has recently put together a list of suggestions to help encourage good dance communication. To help keep our community awesome, please consider doing the following:

- 1. Ask your partner about their preferences before the dance begins. Newer dancers, people with injuries, and those who get dizzy easily may prefer to keep it smooth and simple.*
- 2. Ask if others would like help before giving advice. That person who looks new might have been dancing for years, or they might already be overloaded with information.*
- 3. Be aware of non-verbal communication. If your partner or neighbor keeps their arm down during a turn, they don't want to twirl. If they don't make eye contact during a gypsy or swing, they may be feeling shy or simply uninterested in flirting. When in doubt, let them set the pace.*
- 4. Be aware that you will meet: women dancing as leads, men dancing as follows and same gender people dancing together. If you find it confusing, just remember— dance with the one coming at you.*

Sincerely,

Your Contra Committee

[This article was submitted by Megan Emerson on behalf of the Contra Committee.]

CALENDAR • November-December 2013

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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.

November

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
1st, Fri	PCDC English Country Pre-Ball Dance at FCC	Dave Macemon	George Penk, Seth Goldman, Heather Pinney
2nd, Sat	First Sat. Contra Dance at FCC	Rich Goss	UnLeashed!
2nd, Sat	English Country Ball at OP (<i>must pre-register!</i>)	Nan Evans	Betsy B., Bill Tomczak, F. Nussbaum, Lisa Scott
6th, Wed	First Wed. Contra at PH, 7:30-10 pm	George Marshall	Joyride
8th, Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Elinor Preston	Sean Nolan, Seth Goldman, Lisa Scott
8th, Fri	Contra in the 'Couve at HDG	Martha Wild	Lanny Martin Revue
9th, Sat	PCDC Family Dance at FCC, 4:30-6:30 pm	Janet Trygstad	Tunestruck
9th, Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Adam Carlson	Tunestruck
12th, Tue	Special PCDC Contra at NH, 7:30-11 pm	George Marshall	Wild Asparagus
15th, Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Dave Macemon	Lori Shaffer, Tim Galloway, Sue Songer
16th, Sat	Third Sat. Contra Dance at FCC	Eric Curl	The BFD
19th, Tue	Special PCDC Contra at NH, 7:30-11 pm	George Marshall	Perpetual e-Motion
22nd, Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Erik Weberg	S. Gray, S. Goss, M. Belgique, L. Martin
23rd, Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Laura Me Smith	The Nettles
29th, Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Mary Devlin	Sean Nolan, Seth Goldman, Sue Songer
30th, Sat	PCDC Open Mike Contra at FCC	Gordy Euler et al.	Open band w/ George Penk & Heather Pinney

December

Date	Dance	Caller	Music
4th, Wed	First Wed. Contra at PH, 7:30-10 pm	Susan Petrick	Joyride
6th, Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Nan Evans	Erik Weberg, Fred Nussbaum, Carl Thor et al.
7th, Sat	First Sat. Contra Dance at FCC	William Watson	Calico
13th, Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Erik Weberg	Bernice Rust, Sarah Goss, Marjorie Millner
13th, Fri	Contra in the 'Couve at HDG	David Kaynor	Hands4
14th, Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Woody Lane	Lisa Ornstein, Dan Compton, Johnny Connolly
20th, Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Elinor Preston	Seth Goldman, Alan Rutherford, Jon Neff, Carl Thor
21st, Sat	Third Saturday Contra at FCC	TBA	Jigsaw
27th, Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Mary Stevens, Peter Zarich	Sue Gray, Tim Galloway, Jon Neff, Marjorie Millner
28th, Sat	•••••NO PCDC Contra Dance•••••		
31st, Tues	Special PCDC New Year's Eve Contra Dance at NH, 7:30 pm to 12:30 am	William Watson, Lindsey Dono	Wild Hair, Carr Family Band

Want to play tunes in a group? Join us every 1st & 3rd Monday from 8-10 pm for the **Pizza Jam** - the only 100% pizza-free pizzajam in America. (We do have beer though. And bicycles.) On 1st Mondays the group meets at a home in SE Portland, and on 3rd Mondays at Velo Cult, a bike shop/community center in NE Portland. Most tunes we play are out of The Portland Collection and The Waltz Book, though you are welcome to bring a tune that is not in the books (please bring at least 10 copies to share). All are welcome. For more information contact sydneywell@mac dot com.



Help! At a crucial stage of production, the official Footnotes computer (an ancient PC) crashed and died, taking with it all of the Footnotes archives, as well as the software used to publish the newsletter (Adobe PageMaker and Adobe Table). The editorial staff struggled heroically to finish the newsletter using a 30-day trial version of Pagemaker but is unable to locate the disk so as to be able to permanently reload the software. Although the PC is now functioning, many files and apps are still missing. Do you have a copy of PageMaker? Are you adept at recovering lost files from a decrepit PC? If you can assist our staff during these difficult times, please contact the editor. Thank you!

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>
CCP	Christ Church Parish , 1060 Chandler Rd, Lake Oswego
FCC	Fulton Community Center , 68 SW Miles (off Barbur, one traffic light east of Terwilliger) <i>Please wear dance shoes!</i>
GH	Gatton Hall , First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Rd, Corvallis, OR
HDG	Hazel Dell Grange , 7509 NE Hazel Dell Ave, Vancouver, WA
LB	Lenora's Ballroom , 615 SE Alder, Portland (waltzing 8:30 -11 pm on Mondays; www.randomwaltz.org)
NH	Norse Hall , 111 NE 11th Ave (corner of Couch St.), Portland
OP	Oaks Park Pavilion , 400 SE Spokane Street (in Sellwood), Portland
PH	Polish Hall , 3832 N. Interstate Ave, Portland

Regular Portland Dances

Unless otherwise stated, all dances are open to everyone – experienced or not, with or without a partner – 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 for non-members, \$7 for members and \$6 for seniors & students.

PCDC Friday English Country Dance. Fridays at BWT, 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Beginning in March 2013, first Fridays alternate between open band and small ensembles. For tune lists, current open band requirements, and information about small ensembles, musicians should contact Sean.Nolan.public at comcast dot net

First Saturday Contra Dance. The UnLeashed! and Calico bands alternate months. FCC, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:30. \$8/\$6 students; arrive prior to 7:30 and get \$1 off coupon for a future First Saturday dance.

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance. Fun dancing for kids and families, Oct.-Apr. at FCC, 4:30-6:30 pm. Cost: \$6/adults; \$5/kids; \$20/family max. For more information contact wadew at ocp dot org.

PCDC Second Saturday Contra Dance. The longest continuously running contra dance in the state. FCC, 8-11 pm, beginners' lesson at 7:30. \$1 off before 7:30.

Third Saturday Contra Dance. The bands Jigsaw and The BFD alternate months. FCC, 8-11 pm; beginners' lesson at 7:30. \$8/\$6 students.

PCDC Fourth Saturday Contra Dance. FCC, 8-11 pm, beginners' lesson at 7:30. \$1 off before 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. \$1 off before 7:30.

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



Portland Waltz Eclectic. Waltzing and other partner dances to recorded music, Thursdays at FCC, 7:30-10:30 pm. All ages, all levels, everyone welcome. Cost: \$7. **Also:** "Waltz Brunch," every 3rd Sunday at NH. Lesson 10:30-11:30 am, open dancing until 2:30 pm. Cost: \$10, \$12 with lesson.

Waltz Practica. Develop skills, build confidence, connect with other dancers. Thursdays 5:30-7 pm at FCC. Cost: \$5. For more information contact rhondamcfaddin at yahoo dot com.

Portland Céilí Society Third Friday Dance. Traditional Irish dancing w/ live music Sept.-May at NH, 8-11 pm, lesson at 7:30. Cost: \$10/\$8 students & seniors.

Random Waltz. Waltz, swing, zydeco, blues and other partner dancing to recorded music, Mondays 8:30-10:30 pm at LB. Open waltz jam band on last Mondays. Cost: \$5

Norske Runddansere Monday Scandinavian Dance. Scandinavian folk dancing (including the Hambo) at Polish Hall, 7-10 pm, lesson 7:30-8:30. Cost: \$4.

Out of Town Dances

Astoria 3rd Sat. Country Dance: Sept., 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 (4th Saturdays Oct. & Jan-Apr.) at Bend Boys & Girls Club, 7:30 pm., lesson at 7. For more info contact: webmaster@bendcontrdance.org

Corvallis 1st & 3rd Saturday Dances: Sept.-June at GH, 8 pm. For more information, contact williamcallscontras@gmail.com.

Eugene 2nd & 4th Saturday Dances: Sept.-June at Dunn, 8 pm. For more information contact dancecoord@eugenefolklore.org

Hood River 2nd Saturday Dance: October-June at Rockford Grange, 7:30 pm. For more info contact Callie at 541-296-1550.

Scandia of Salem's 4th Friday Dance: KOC, 8 PM. Contact Sharon at 503-364-6713 or sharonmoore@comcast.net.

Vancouver 2nd Friday Contra Dance: Hazel Dell Grange, 8-11 pm w/ lesson at 7:30. Info: www.contra-van-wa.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 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+), \$25 for households, and \$20 for senior 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 an affiliate 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. Contact any board member for further info.

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