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# PCDC Footnotes

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## From the Editor

This month, we continue our web-based format. We are still in the development stages, but as a refresher, here are a few usage tips:

- You can read announcements and access all newsletter articles using the links in the document you're reading now. We're calling this the *Footnotes Front Page*.
- If jumping between a PDF and online articles is not for you, you can use the [online Front Page](#) version instead.
- You can navigate directly to articles from the [PCDC website](#) **Newsletter** tab using these menu options:

[May-June 2024 Front Page](#): Takes you to the online version of this document, with news and announcements, plus descriptions and links for all articles in the current issue.

[Articles in current issue](#): Shows you all articles in this issue.

**Articles by department**: Displays both current and past articles organized by categories (such as "[President's Corner](#)," "[News and Events](#)," and "[On the Dance Floor](#)").

[Back issues](#): Contains newsletters dating back to 2002.

More navigational aids (buttons for **Print**, **Prev Article**, and **Next Article**, for example) are in development. Please excuse our dust, and feel free to send any feedback to [newsletter@portlandcountrydance.org](mailto:newsletter@portlandcountrydance.org). And a big thank you to webmaster Ric Goldman for his continued support!

Happy dancing, listening, and playing!

Lori Shaffer, PCDC Newsletter Editor



## PCDC Event Calendar

For upcoming dances and events, go to the [PCDC calendar](#), plug in the month you want to see, and click **Go**. You can customize your view by choosing the category of events you want to display.



PCDC's Annual Member Appreciation Picnic is coming your way on June 29, 2024—save the date!

## In this issue...

- **Save the date for the PCDC Member Appreciation Picnic!** The annual PCDC member appreciation picnic is coming up on Saturday, June 29th—click [here](#) for more details and to see photos from last year's picnic. It's an event not to be missed!
- **Meet the candidates running for the PCDC board.** PCDC Board elections are coming up in June. Meet the candidates in "[Candidates for the June 2024 PCDC Board Election](#)."

Interested in joining the Board? It's not too late! Read Kathy Story's article, "[An Invitation to Join the PCDC Board this June](#)."

- **Registration is open for a magical Northwest Passage dance weekend!** In "[Northwest Passage Brings the Strongest Form of Magic to Mount Hood](#)," Sharon Gavin describes the music and dance magic you can experience during Labor Day weekend 2024. Read the article [here](#)—or just trust Sharon, and [sign up](#). (But don't skip reading Sharon's article, because how often do you get to read about Plato, Taylor Swift, and Marilyn Manson in the same article?)

- **She’s been dancing 40 years, playing violin for 85, and you can’t keep up with her on the hiking trail.** Kathy Story interviews **Syd Newell**, a longtime dancer, fiddler, and nature-lover, in “[Spotlight on Syd Newell](#).”
- **On the dance floor:** Don’t miss Bryce Holt’s article, “[Inclusion and Caring on the Dance Floor](#)”! In his article, Bryce talks about how we can grow our contra dances by increasing inclusivity and helping newer dancers.
- **In the President’s Corner**, Kathy Story [introduces PCDC’s new code of conduct and community standards](#). You can download the Code of Conduct [here](#) and the Community Standards [here](#).
- **The Portland Megaband Dance has come and gone, but** we have our sweet memories—and we are grateful for the 140-plus volunteers who made the dance possible! See “[Portland Megaband a Success](#)” for details and photos. For videos of all the dances performed that night, visit the [Portland Megaband channel](#) on YouTube.
- **Play an instrument? Join the 2nd Thursday Tune Sessions**  
 May 9th, 7–9 pm: Jam session at Betsy Branch’s in SE Portland  
 June 13th, 7–9 pm: Teaching session at George Penk’s in SW Portland  
  
 For more information, including recordings and lists of tunes taught over the years, visit the [PCDC Dance Tune Session website](#). For exact addresses and to receive monthly announcements, email [sharonjeanallen\(at\)yahoo\(dot\)com](mailto:sharonjeanallen(at)yahoo(dot)com).
- **In “Chips from the Woodshed,”** Stewart Hall reports back from the first two sessions of the Woodshed series. What are the Woodshed sessions? Read [Stewart’s report](#) and see two of the new dances presented in the first Woodshed session.



## Additional resources

### For info on the PCDC board and committees:

For a peek into the goings-on of the PCDC Board, see the [PCDC board meeting summaries](#).

For a list of board and committee members, see [portlandcountrydance.org/board-members/](http://portlandcountrydance.org/board-members/).