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The club celebrates its 25th anniversary in June. See cover story on page 4.

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Club Directory

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DESERT INTERNATIONAL DANCERS	Mon 7:45-9:45 Call to confirm	(760) 327-8684 Dwight Fine (760) 342-1297 Helen Smith	PALM SPRINGS, Step By Step Dance Studio, 312 N Palm Canyon Dr.
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ISRAELI DANCE WITH NATALIE STERN	Mon 10-11:30am Wed 7:30-10:00 Thu 10:30-noon Tue 7:30-9:30	(818) 343-8009 Natalie Stern	L.A., Univ of Judaism 5600 Mulholland (M,W) VAN NUYS, Valley JCC 13164 Burbank (Th), VALLEY VILLAGE, Shaarei Zedek, 12800 Chandler (Tu)
OJAI FOLK DANCERS	Wed 7:30-9:30	(805) 646-0865 Carol Smith	OJAI Art Center 113 S. Montgomery
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BALLROOM DANCE CLUB	Mon 7:00-9:00	James Zimmer	



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Editor's Corner

The *Last Dance* section in this issue has obituaries for Ray Augustine, Ed Feldman and Vilma Lenshaw Matchette. I did not personally know Vilma, but I have known Ray and Ed (and Ed's wife Perle, who passed away last month) for over 25 years, since I first attended the San Diego State Folk Dance Conference in the mid-1970's. Ed and Perle had not danced for the past several years, but I last saw Ray dancing at John Filcich's party at Veselo Selo. And there he was, leading a line of Balkan dancers, just as he always did. I will miss him, and Ed and Perle.

The passing of the dance baton to the next generation is exemplified by the activities of the Narodni International Folkdancers, this month's Cover Story. As difficult as it was to edit the *Last Dance* pages, it was a pleasure to edit the Cover Story. You can read about Narodni starting on pg 4.

This issue also has information about the Out of California Statewide in Las Vegas, NV. and the Statewide Program. The Ethnic Music section features the Romanian music group Taraf de Haïdouks, who performed recently in Southern Calif.

— *Steve Davis, Editor*

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Federation Corner



Hi! I'm Karen Wilson-Bell. I was recently appointed as Scholarship Chairman for the Folk Dance Federation. I am happy to serve in this capacity because several years ago I received a scholarship that paid for part of my costs to attend Stockton Folk Dance Camp.

I started folk dancing as a teenager in the State of Washington

and have been dancing ever since. I attended my first weekend dance camp at Reed College in Portland, Oregon, in 1960. For many years I have learned new dances and appropriate styling by attending camps.

If you are planning to apply for a Federation Scholarship to a Folk Dance Camp, you will need to get your application to me by April 1. Someone asked me what was the absolute deadline for submitting applications. You can hand it to me in person at the Federation Council meeting before the Westwood Co-Op Dance Festival.

Scholarships may be awarded to week-long camps or to weekend teaching camps, like the Federation's "Camps Review" weekend at Camp Hess Kramer. Any member of a Federation Club may apply. In addition, any Federation officer may sponsor an individual dancer. The number and amount of scholarships available will be decided by the Federation Council, and the applications will be evaluated by a committee.

The winners will receive scholarship checks after they have attended the camp, and may be invited to teach one of the dances they learned at their own clubs or at Federation events.

Share the joy of dancing with others! Meet new friends, learn new dances, learn teaching techniques and styling by attending a dance camp. You'll be glad you did!

— *Karen Wilson-Bell*

Narodni Dancers

This month's cover story is the continuation of a series of articles about Federation Clubs and their activities. Thanks to John Matthews, Chuck Galt and Narodni for contributing the article and the pictures.

– Steve Davis



NARODNI DANCERS TO MARK 25TH YEAR IN JUNE

When people see me dance, they often ask where I learned all of the dances I know. It's my pleasure to tell you about the group in Long Beach that I have danced with for almost 20 years. I started dancing on a Thursday night in June of 1981. I had recently graduated from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, and I was enrolled to start in the USC graduate school in the Chemical Engineering Department in August. That evening, the Narodni Dancers were at their summer location, and **Sue Griffiths** was teaching beginners. Narodni has always had several good teachers, and Sue is one of several that I have learned from over the years. That summer, **Donna Tripp and Ted Martin** came to teach the Hambo and the Schottische.

Much of my learning occurred during the dancing, not just in the evening teaching. There were several of us dancing behind the lines following the dances we did not know. Dances like Arkan, Floricica Olteneasca, Shopsko Horo, Vulpita and other energetic dances were done often. Narodni had a large record collection and a lot of capable dancers when I started dancing.



Sally Hoyt teaching Narodni Dancers

Let me tell you about the recent history of Narodni as we prepare to celebrate our 25th year.

The Narodni Dancers of Long Beach was formed in 1976 when the California State Long Beach Folkdance Group merged with the Long Beach International Folkdance Cooperative. The Cal State group was formed by **Chuck Galt** in 1974. The Co-op had been formed in the 1950's. The blend of the experienced Co-op dancers and the energy and enthusiasm of the new Cal State dancers flourished under Chuck's leadership.

Chuck started folk dancing in Seattle in 1971, and joined the CSULB faculty in August of 1973. Sue Griffiths introduced Chuck to some of the local groups like Donna Tripp's class at the Long Beach Jewish Community Center. During the '75-76 school year, Chuck started the Cal State group. The group started under the auspices of the university's student activities office, meeting in a room in the gym, with just a few records. In June of 1976, Narodni was created by the merger of the Co-op and the Cal State group.

The Narodni name was selected in a contest.

Myeung "Mike" Ko won the contest. He told me that he took the name off of an album jacket with a Bulgarian man playing the gajda on the cover. Mike and the late **Ralph Surlage** were always encouraging new people to join the line of dancers. I wish I had a dollar for every time Mike said, "Come on, you can do it."

The group started dancing at Millikan High School in Long Beach. In the late 70's, the average weekly attendance ranged from 50 to over 80 people a night. Many of the dancers also danced at Veselo Selo, and elsewhere in Orange County. Some dancers danced and played music with Borino Kolo, the group started by **Bora Gajicki**. Special events with live music would occur 2 to 3 times a year.



Narodni at Statewide in 1997
The late Ralph Surlage is on the left in the top row.

Club Directory

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CABRILLO INT'L FOLK DANCERS	Tue 7:00-10:00 Thu, 7:30-10:00	(858) 459-1336 Georgina (619) 972-0883 Amanda	SAN DIEGO, Balboa Park, Balboa Park Club
CONEJO VALLEY FOLK DANCERS	Mon 7:30-9:30	(805) 497-1957 Jill Lundgren	THOUSAND OAKS, Conejo Elem School, 280 Conejo School Rd
CULVER CITY HOLLYWOOD PEASANTS	Wed 7:30-10:00	(310) 398-8187 Al Drutz	CULVER CITY, Culver West Park, 4162 Wade St. (park on Moore St.)
ETHNIC EXPRESS INT'L FOLK DANCERS	Wed 6:30	(702) 732-4871 Richard Killian	LAS VEGAS, Charleston Heights Art Center, 800 S. Brush St.
HAVERIM INT'L FOLK DANCERS	Sun 7-9	(805) 643-2886 Ann Zacher	VENTURA, Temple Beth Torah 7620 Foothill Rd (corner Kimball)
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LEISURE WORLD FOLK DANCERS	Tue 8:30am Sat 9:00am	(949) 707-0605 Miki Revenaugh	LAGUNA WOODS, Club House 1, Leisure World
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SAN DIEGO INT'L FOLK DANCE CLUB	Wed 7:00-9:30	(619) 422-5540 Alice Stirling	SAN DIEGO, Balboa Park Club, 2150 Panamerican Rd. Balboa Park
SAN DIEGO VINTAGE DANCERS	Thu 8:00 - 10:00	(858) 622-9924 Marry Jennings	SAN DIEGO, Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th St
SAN PEDRO KOLO DANCERS	Mon 7:30-9:30	(562) 924-4922 Dorothy Daw	SAN PEDRO, Dalmatian-American Club, 1639 S Palos Verdes St.
SANTA BARBARA COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY	Sun 6:30-10:00 Tue 7:00-9:00	(805) 682-1877 Elliott Karpeles (805) 682-5523 Gary Shapiro Call to confirm	SANTA BARBARA Carrillo Rec Center 100 E. Carrillo St.(Sun) Westside Cmnty Ctr, 423 W Victoria or Oak Park, 300 W Alamar (Tue)
SANTA MARIA FOLK DANCERS	Mon 7:00-9:00	(805) 925-3981 Audrey Silva	SANTA MARIA, Veterans Memorial Ctr, Pine & Tunnell Sts
SKANDIA DANCE CLASSES	Mon 7:00-10:00 Wed 7:30-10:00 Call for others	(714) 533-8667 Ted Martin (714) 533-3886 Donna Tripp (310) 322-5249 Diane Gould	ANAHEIM, Downtown Community Center, 250 E Center CULVER CITY, Lindberg Park, 5401 Rhoda Way
SOLVANG VILLAGE FOLK DANCERS	Sat 7:00-10:00	(805) 688-2382 Jean Menzies	SOLVANG, Santa Ynez School 3325 Pine St
SOUTH BAY FOLK DANCERS	2nd Fri 7:45-9:45	(310) 372-8040 Beth Steckler	TORRANCE, Torrance Cultural Ctr, 3330 Civic Center Dr.
TUESDAY GYPSIES	Tue 7:30-10:30	(310) 390-1069 Millicent Stein	CULVER CITY, Masonic Lodge 9635 Venice Blvd.

Folk Dance Scene Questionnaire

We have been producing Scene for two years now, and we would like to know how well you like what we are doing. Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback. As a thank you for your time, we will extend your subscription for *one month* for completing the questionnaire. Results will be published in a future issue of Scene.

– Folk Dance Scene Committee

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Narodni Dancers

At the end of 1979, after 4 to 5 years of leadership, Chuck left the group to pursue other interests. He is still very active today as a contra dance caller and participant, but has only made rare appearances at Narodni in recent years.

When I started dancing at Narodni, they had a summer home at the Long Beach Unitarian Church, and they danced at Hill Jr. High School during the school year. **Stefanie Holzman and Larry Tendis** did most of the teaching at Hill in the early eighties. **JoAnn Koppany, Laura (Sauter) Bremmer, Gene Lerner and Helen Pasley** also taught intermediate dances. In the mid-eighties, they and **Julith (Plonas) Neff** were also dancing with the Queensway Morris Dancers.

In the early 80's, Narodni was hosting an annual weekend at the Sierra Club's Harwood Lodge. We would have a special guest teacher like **Dick Oakes**, and the food committee worked for months planning their culinary delights. There was always a waiting list due to the Lodge's 50 person capacity.



Henrietta Bemis, Gene Schacter, Carol Wall

When not travelling the world, **Henrietta Bemis** would teach beginner's dances and provide leadership. Many Scene readers know Henrietta. Those who do not recognize her name can easily recognize her as the ageless lady who is always the life of the party.

After the passage of Proposition 13, the Long Beach School District drastically increased the fees for using school properties, and we abandoned Hill Jr. High School. The Long Beach Unitarian Church became our year round location. Without the connection to the University, our numbers continued to decline.

I have been President of the Narodni Dancers for about half of the time that I have been dancing with them. I have had the good fortune of being surrounded by people who are quick to help and slow to criticize. Other presidents during my time have included Henrietta Bemis, **Bob Altman, Carl Pilsecker** and a few others that will soon remind me. None of us could have done the job without substantial help from many dedicated members. The spirit of the Cooperative lives on in the Narodni Dancers.



Ian Matthews & Sue Beem, Halloween
www.narodni.org last year.

Like many groups, we struggle over a format to attract beginners and retain experienced dancers. We no longer have a formal beginning teaching, but we do have inexperienced dancers, we walk through the dances early in the evening. Teaching is usually limited to half an hour, and the remainder of the time is dedicated to requests. Although all of our records are in storage, we have almost 800 individual dances on tapes. Unless your taste is esoteric, there is a good chance that we have a tape of your favorite dance.

I would like to have a beginner's class on a separate night. Carl Pilsecker has taught a class through the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Dept. a couple of times. Some of our members did find us through Carl's class. A few years ago, we had a well-planned and organized beginner's festival, that had announcements in the newspapers and elsewhere. The one thing that was missing at the festival was the beginners.

In recent years, Narodni members have held several leadership positions in the Folkdance Federation. Julith Neff has been President, Secretary, Historian, and Insurance Chair. **Carol Wall** has been Director of Membership, and **Gordon Wall** is the current Treasurer. Carl Pilsecker has been Historian and Secretary. **Mary Pilsecker** has been Insurance Chair. I will be relieving Carol as Director of Membership in June.

I would like to thank Chuck Galt, Henrietta Bemis and Carl Pilsecker for helping with this article. I am in the process of adding historical information to our website. If you would like to contribute an article or reminiscence, please contact me.

– John Matthews, Narodni President

Calendar

Note: Federation Events are in Bold.

CALL TO CONFIRM ALL EVENTS.

APRIL

1 Westwood Co-op's Spring Festival. 1:30-5:30 at Culver City Memorial Auditorium. Free. Dedicated to the memory of Ed and Perle Feldman. Council mtg. at 10:30 a.m. Info: Sandy (310) 391-7382.

1 *Ethnic and American Dance Masterpieces* performed at 2:00, City Hall, Ventura. Info: (805) 497-5800.

2 *Finnish & Appalachian Music* - SDSU Smith Recital Hall 6:00 and 7:30. Info:(619) 440-7046.

3,10,17,24 *Dennis Boxell teaching Balkan Dances* at Cal Tech, Pasadena. Info: Nancy (626) 797-5157.

6 *Vida*, women's singing group performs music from Bulgaria, South Africa, etc. 8:00 at UCLA Royce Hall. Info: (310) 825-2101, www.tickets.ucla.edu.

6 *Battlefield Band*, Scottish music, 8:00 and 10:00 at McCabe's Guitar Shop, 3101 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Info: (310) 828-4403.

6,7 *Alasdair Fraser & Tony McManus*, Scottish fiddler and guitarist. Friday at San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, Saturday 8:00 at Perf. Arts Ctr., CSU Northridge. Info: (818) 677-2488.

7 *Blackwaterside with Susan Craig Winsberg*. Celtic Music, San Juan Capistrano. Info: www.musicatthelibrary.com.

7 *Walden Dahl*, concert of cowboy and western music. 8:00 at CTMS Folk Music Center, 16953 Ventura Blvd., Encino. Info: (818) 700-8288.

8 *Pysanka Festival and Open House*, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 at the Ukrainian Art Center, 4315 Melrose Ave. L.A. See OTS for details. Info: (323) 668-0172.

14 *The Toids - Floor Warming Party* - 8:00 at Folk Dance Center. San Diego. Munchies and great dancing to live music! Info: ymaheu@bigfoot.com, (619) 229-0500.

16 *Music & Dance Of So. India* - 6:00 and 7:30 at SDSU Smith Recital Hall. Info: (619) 440-7046.

20 *Paco de Lucia and Septet* play flamenco puro music - a blend of Gypsy (Rom), Muslim and Jewish cultures. 8:00 at UCLA Royce Hall. Info: (310) 825-2101, www.tickets.ucla.edu.

20-22 Westwood Co-op's Camp Hess Kramer Weekend. See ad for details. Info: (310) 391-7382.

21 *Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham*, Celtic music. 8:00 at Encino Comm. Ctr. 4935 Balboa Blvd. Info: (626) 791-0411, r.stockfleth@gte.net.

21 Celebrating Ray Augustine's Life , dancing and live music at Veselo. See page 10 for details.

21 *Cailin Rua Celtic Concert*, San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. Info: (619) 283-8550, <http://www.windbourne.com/sdfh/>.

22 West Valley FD Outing 10:00 a.m. at Sepulveda Dam. See OTS for details. Info: Mike Faben, (818) 887-9613.

23 Zeljko Jergan teaching Croatian dances at San Pedro Kolo Dancers. 7:30 at Dalmatian-American Club. Info: Dorothy (562) 924-4922 or Zaga (310) 832-4317.

25 *Workshop with Alexandru David* 7:30 at Cafe Danssa, 11533 W. Pico Blvd, West LA. Included will be popular Romanian and Russian dances. Info: (626) 293-852, worldance1@aol.com.

26 *Axiom of Choice*, Persian and Western music. 8:00 at Skirball Center, L.A. Info: (310) 440-4500.

27 *Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company*, performs 8:00 at El Camino College, Torrance. Info: (310) 660-3029, artstickets@elcamino.cc.ca.us.

27 *Sharon Shannon*, Irish music. 8:00 at CSU Northridge Perf. Arts Ctr. Info: (626) 791-0411.

28 *Ballet Folklorico Los Lupenos*. At Cal Tech, Pasadena. Info: (888) 222-5832.

28 *Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company*. 8:00 at Perf. Arts Ctr., CSU Northridge. Info: (818) 677-2488.

28 *Irish Dance Competition*, Buena Park. Info: danceinfo@celticgold.com.

29 *Jewish Festival*. At Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Free. Music, dance, food, crafts. Info: (805) 564-5419, lcruz@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us.

29 *Tom Sauber, Richard Greene and Peter Feldmann*, concert of folk music. 7:00 at CTMS Folk Music Center, 16953 Ventura Blvd. Encino. Info: (818) 785-3839, www.FolkWorks.org.

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Thank you again for your help.

Give us your name if you would like credit with an extra month. _____

Please give your completed questionnaire to any member of the Scene committee, or fold and mail it :

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MAY

3 **May Celebration, Narodni** invites you to celebrate May Day with us. 7:30 - 10:30 at United Methodist Church, 3759 Orange Ave. Long Beach. All-request program, pot-luck snacks. Info: John (562) 424-6377, John@Narodni.com.

5 **Croatian Concert** at St. Anthony's Croatian Church, 714 No. Grand Ave. L.A. Several groups will perform, including "Croatia" under the direction of Zeljko Jergan. Info: Heidi Granic (818) 761-7706, HrvatskaBecarusa@gateway.net.

5 **Cinco de Mayo Festival**, 7:00 at Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. Info: (818) 347-9938.

5 **Natalie MacMaster**, Nova Scotia fiddler and dancer performs 8:00 at UCLA Royce Hall. Info: (310) 825-2101, www.tickets.ucla.edu.

6 **Costume Workshop with Zeljko Jergan** at St. Anthony's Croatian Church, 714 N. Grand Ave., L.A. 12:00 light lunch, 1:00 Croatian folk costumes and customs lecture. Info: Anna Gajicki (562) 349-7380, anchinbuco@aol.com.

11 **Athan Karras teaching Greek dances**, 7:30 at West Valley Folk Dancers, 7326 Jordan, Canoga Park. Info: Leah (818) 702-0431.

16 **John Filcich Workshop** at Ethnic Express regular club night, Las Vegas (see club directory listing for address and contact).

17 **Duquesne Tamburitians** perform 7:00 at Sun City Starlight Theater, Las Vegas.

18-20 **Out Of California Statewide - 2001**. Las Vegas, Nevada. See ad and OTS for details. Contact Dick or Donna Killian at (702) 732-4871.

19 **UCSB Middle East Ensemble of Musicians and Dancers**. At Lotte Lehman Hall, Music Bldg., UCSB Campus, 8:00, featuring guest artist Carolyn Krueger (former director of Avaz Dance Ensemble). Tickets or info: (805) 893-3535, www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu.

20 **Topanga Banjo & Fiddle Contest**. Paramount Ranch, Agoura. Info: (818) 382-4819, info@topangabanjofiddle.org.

JUNE

3,4 **Irish Festival**. At Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Free. Music, dance, food, crafts. Info: (805) 564-5419, lcruz@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us.

15-17 **Huck Finn Jubilee**. Bluegrass and country music, dance, performances, food. Mojave Narrows Park, Victorville. Info: (909) 780-8810.

22,23,24 **Summer Solstice Folk Music, Dance and Storytelling Festival**. Sponsored by California Traditional Music Society, (CTMS). Classes, performances, participation. Soka University, Calabasas. Info: (818) 817-7756, ctms@lafn.org.

23 **Peruvian Ensemble** performs 8:00 at West Valley Playhouse, 7242 Owensmouth, Canoga Park. Info: (818) 884-1907.

27-30 **50th Nat'l Square Dance Convention**. Anaheim. Info: home.earthlink.net/~zebrow/NSDC_50th.

30 **Chinese Festival**. At Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Free. Music, dance, food, crafts. Info: (805) 564-5419, lcruz@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us.

30 **Karpatok Hungarian Folk Troupe** performs 8:00 at West Valley Playhouse, 7242 Owensmouth, Canoga Park. Info: (818) 884-1907.

JULY

7 **Peter Feldmann & The Very Lonesome Boys** perform traditional bluegrass and Appalachian music. 8:00 at West Valley Playhouse, 7242 Owensmouth, Canoga Park. Info: (818) 884-1907.

8 **San Diego Julyfest Festival, hosted by San Diego Int'l Folk Dance Club**. Balboa Park. Exhibitions, crafts, dancing. 12:30 non-partner dances, 1:30-5:00 international dancing. Council mtg at 10:30 a.m. Info: (619) 222-7645.

14 **Hollywood Klezmer** perform traditional, jazz and classical music. 8:00 at West Valley Playhouse, 7242 Owensmouth, Canoga Park. Info: (818) 884-1907.

14, 15 **French Festival**. At Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Free. Music, dance, food, crafts. Info: (805) 564-5419, lcruz@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us.

28, 29 **Greek Festival**. At Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Free. Music, dance, food, crafts. Info: (805) 564-5419, lcruz@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us.

AUGUST

25, 26 **Italian Festival**. At Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Free. Music, dance, food, crafts. Info: (805) 564-5419, lcruz@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us.

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OCTOBER

12-14 **Federation Institute at Camp Hess Kramer, Malibu. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166.**

13, 14 *African Festival.* At Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Free. Music, dance, food, crafts. Info: (805) 564-5419, lcruz@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

4/1 *Cherry Blossom Festival.* Veterans Building, 126 I St. West, Sonoma. Contact Frank & Elsa Bacher at (707) 546-8877.

4/6-7 *Square Dance Jamboree,* Redding. Info: (530) 243-2986.

4/6-8 *Arcata Folk Dance Festival.* Dance workshops with John Filcich, others; singing and instrument workshops, concert, parties. Bayside Grange. Info: (707) 822-8045.

4/18 *Santa Rosa FD Party,* Veterans Memorial Bldg. 1315 Maple Ave. Info: Elsa at (707) 546-8877.

4/20 *Changs 'April Showers' Party* 8:00-11:00 at Presbyterian Church, 1329 7th Ave., SF. Info: Sidney Messer, (415) 332-1020.

4/21 *Ivan Dimitrov Bulgarian Dance Ensembe,* 8:30 at Slavonic Cultural Center, 60 Onondaga Ave., SF. Info: (510) 649-0941, www.SlavonicWeb.org.

4/28, 29 *Home Season Concerts And Dance Parties.* Performance by Kitka with special guests Vassil and Maria Bebelev and friends. Saturday at 8:00, Sunday 7:00. Lake Merritt Church, 1330 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland. Tickets and Info: (510) 444-0323.

4/29 *Blossom Festival* 1:00-5:00 at City College of San Francisco. Info: Joel (650) 359-9609.

5/6 *San Francisco Mandolin Festival.* 2:30 at Slavonic Cultural Center, 60 Onondaga Ave., SF. Info: (510) 649-0941, www.SlavonicWeb.org.

5/18-20, Out Of California Statewide - 2001. Las Vegas, Nevada. See ad. Contact Dick or Donna Killian at (702) 732-4871.

5/20 *Rose Festival.* Veterans Building, 1315 Maple St., Santa Rosa. Contact Elsa, (707) 546-8877.

6/1-3 *Razzmatazz Camp.* Mendocino Woodlands. Info: marilyn@sonic.net or (707) 526-7552. Or call Stefanie at (707) 579-2535.

6/15-22 *Scandia Camp.* Mendocino Woodlands. Music and dance from Telemark, Norway. Info: Kay (510) 841-7428, kayloughman@attglobal.net.

6/17 *Grace Cathedral Concerts by Kitka.* 5:30 at 1100 California Street, San Francisco. Tickets and Info: (415) 478-2277.

6/23-30 *Mendocino Folklore Camp.* Teachers: Benjamin Hernandez (Folklorico), Robert McOwen (Scottish), Johnny Pappas (Greek), Erik Hoffman (Instruments), Nancy Lawson (singing). Info: Phyris (707) 795-6926, phyris@akamail.com.

6/30-7/8 *Balkan Music and Dance Camp,* Mendocino Woodlands. Info: (510) 549-2124.

7/22-28, 7/29-8/4 *Stockton Folkdance Camp.* Two identical weeks. Teachers: Iliana Bozhanova, Richard Powers, Radek Rejssek & Eva Rejskova, Jerry Helt, Suzanne Rocca-Butler, Athan Karras, Ahmet Luleci. Info: Bruce (510) 888-6586, dancebruce@aol.com.

8/19 *Little Festival in the Redwoods.* Guerneville. Contact Frank & Elsa Bacher at 707-546-8877.

9/9 *Fiesta de Sonoma.* Veterans Bldg., 126 I St. West, Sonoma. Contact Frank & Elsa Bacher at (707) 546-8877.

10/20, 21 *Harvest Festival,* CSU Fresno. Info: Mike Norris, (559) 291-4958.

12/2 *Treasurer's Ball.* At Veterans Bldg. 126 I St. West, Sonoma. Contact Page, (707) 833-4181.

OUT OF STATE

ALASKA

7/17-31 *Dance on the Water* cruise with Jimmy Drury. Info: Mel (510) 526-4033, meldancing@aol.com.

IDAHO

7/25-8/6 *Idaho International Folk Dance Festival Tour* with Beverly & Irwin Barr. Info: (310) 202-6166.

ILLINOIS

4/20 *Concert by Kitka.* At Elgin Community College. 1700 Spartan Dr. Tickets and Info: (847) 622-0300.

Statewide Dance Program

Friday Evening May 18, 2001

Idam Ne Idam	L	Bulgaria
Tino Mori	L	Macedonia
La Bastringue	CmFr	Canada
Contra	S	USA
Olahos	I	Hungary
Boh. Nat'l Polka	C	Czech
Sulam Yaakov	Ci	Israel
Ikarotikos	L	Greece
Ada's Kujawiak #3	C	Poland
Ajnzerica	Ci	Croatia
Liliano Mome	L	Bulgaria
Mairi's Wedding	S	Scotland
Dedo Mili Dedo	L	Macedonia
Walpole Cottage	T	England
Imate Li Vino	L	Macedonia
Tex-Mex Mixer	Cm	U.S.A
Scot. D'auvergne	C	Fr. Canada
Vrapcheto	L	Bulgaria
Baztan Dantza	I	Spain
Picking Up Sticks	S	England
Hasapiko	L	Greece
Svekrvino Oro	L	Macedonia
Castle Schottische	C	U.S.A
Eshebo	L	Israel
Eleno Mome	L	Bulgaria
T'Filati	L	Israel
Haroa Haktana	I	Israel
Im Rotsim	L	Israel
Dado La Dado	L	Romania
Postie's Jig	S	Scotland
Rodopsko Horo	L	Bulgaria
Syrto	L	Greece
Erev Ba	Ci	Israel
Cetvorno Horo	L	Bulgaria
Maitele Schottische	C	Fr. Canada
An Dro Retourne	L	France
Vranjanka	L	Macedonia
Maple Leaf Rag	C	U.S.A
Opsa	L	Serbo/Croat
Garoon	L	Armenia
Bjelolitsa Kruglolitsa	Ci	Russia
Tropanka	L	Bulgaria
Bal In De Straat	Cm	Belgium
Rumelaj	L	Macedonia

Saturday Evening May 19, 2001

Hora De Mina		Romania
Kirco Na Cardak		Bulgaria
Djurdjevka Kolo		Serbia
Nebesko Kolo		Serbia
Divcibarsko Kolo		Serbia
Rustemul		Romania
Vlashko		Bulgaria
Rokoko Kolo		Serbia
Prekid Kolo		Serbia
Rumunjsko Kolo		Romania
Sukacko Kolo		Croatia
Ally Ally		Serbia
Karagouna		Greece

Sirto	C	Bulgaria
Joc De Fete	L	
Debka Oud	L	Israel
Hambo	C	Sweden
Dospatsko Horo	L	Bulgaria
Contra	S	U. S. A.
Ali Pasa	L	Turkey
Cimpoi	L	Romania
Oslo Waltz	Cm	Englandt
Guhneega	L	Armenia
Karamfil	L	Bulgaria
Ges Woda	C	Poland
Hora Din Campi	Ci	Romania
Dhivaratikos	L	Greece
Inherredspols	C	Norway
Alskovski Opas	L	Bulgaria
Kostursko Oro	L	Macedonia
Road To The Isles	C	Scotland
Pravo Rodopsk H.	L	Bulgaria
Trip To Bavaria	S	Scotland
Keshenavo	L	Israel
Komletro	Cm	Norway
Joc Batrinesc	Ci	Romania
Caballito Blanco	C	Mexico
Jove Malaj Mome	L	Bulgaria
Setnja	L	Serbia
Polharrow Burn	S	Scotland
Go Pratile Dedo	L	Macedonia
Corrido	C	Mexico
Alunelul	Ci	Romania
EIEIohei Shamayim	L	Israel
Jap. Soft Shoe	C	USA

Sunday Afternoon May 20, 2001

Kolo Hour		
Hora De Mina		Romania
Kirco Na Cardak		Bulgaria
Djurdjevka Kolo		Serbia
Nebesko Kolo		Serbia
Divcibarsko Kolo		Serbia
Rustemul		Romania
Vlashko		Bulgaria
Rokoko Kolo		Serbia
Prekid Kolo		Serbia
Rumunjsko Kolo		Romania
Sukacko Kolo		Croatia
Ally Ally		Serbia
Karagouna		Greece

Mogilce		Macedonia
Seljancica Kolo		Serbia
Orijent		Serbia
Sunday Afternoon May 20, 2001		
'Out of Orbit Dance'		
Ini Vitui	L	Romania
Belasicko Oro	L	Macedonia
Humppa Promen.	Cm	
Cacak	L	Serbia
Salty Dog Rag	C	U.S.A
Lesnoto Horo	L	Macedonia
La Salamandre	Cm	France
Contra	S	U. S. A.
Tzadik Katamar	Ci	Israel
Ej Bubi, Moja Bubi	L	Serbia
Shiftn'bobbins	S	Scotland
Tora	L	Romania
Arap	L	Macedonia
Zillertaler Landler	C	Austria
Dodi Li	C	Israel
Sitna Zborenka	L	Bulgaria
Bufcansko	L	Macedonia
St. John River	S	Scotland
Sham Hareh Golan	Ci	Israel
Somogyi Karikazo	Ci	Hungary
Zweifacher (2-4-6)	C	Bavaria
Ajsino Oro	L	Macedonia
Pravo	L	Bulgaria
Stabberinglender	C	Norway
Stara Vlajnja	L	Serbia
Vidinsko Horo	L	Bulgaria
Rorospols	C	Norway
Shoofni	L	Israel
Kacerac	L	Serbia
S. Gilgen Figurentanz	Cm	
Joshua		Israel
Strumicka Petorka	L	Macedonia
Sonderhoning	C	Sweden
Ivanice	L	Macedonia
Itele	L	Romania
Swedish-Finn Mixer	Cm	Sweden
Mechol Hashabat		Israel
Tfilah	L	Israel
Tango Poquito	Cm	Mexico
Lo Ahavti Dai	L	Israel
Waltz	C	

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Saturday, May 19
Experience Multi Ethnic food, crafts, music & exhibition dances at the Government Center from 11 am to 7 pm

Enjoy the Tamburitzans in Concert in Summerland, May 17th, N. Las Vegas, May 19th

See the Wild Boys Celtic Dancing at the Government Center Friday evening

Saturday night partake in Salza Dancing at the Gov. Center

Sunday evening the Back to Earth Dance

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MASSACHUSETTS

4/20-22 *New England Folk Festival Association*. At Natick. English, Scandinavian, clogging, squares, international, etc. Performances, crafts, food, singing. Info: (781) 662-6710, www.neffa.org/~neffa.

6/8-12 *Early Dance Symposium*. Hosted by Society for Creative Anachronism. Classes in dance and music. At Boston University. Info: (617) 964-7684.

Pinewoods Camp, Plymouth.

6/15-17 *First Weekend*. Info: (781) 862-6681.

6/28-7/2 *July 4th Weekend*. English, contras, Morris, Scottish dancing. Info: Andra (802) 254-2651.

7/2-6 *English-Scottish Week*, Info: Jamie (978) 779-6860.

NEVADA

Basque Workshops in language, dance, cuisine, culture. Various dates throughout the year. At University of Nevada, Reno. Info: (775) 784-6569, usac@unr.edu.

NEW MEXICO

4/28,29 *International Workshop*: presented by Albuquerque International Folk Dancers. Teacher: Beverly Barr, Sat. 9:00-12:00 am and 1:00-4:00, Sun. 10:00-1:00; evening dance parties. At Lloyd Shaw Dance Center, 5506 Coal Pl. SE, Albuquerque. Info: Gary or Jane (505) 293-5343, jngdiggs@aol.com.

8/9-13 *August Folk Dance Camp* at Rancho de Chaparral Camp in northern NM. Balkan and Asian dances with Wim Bekooy, and Norwegian dances with Ingvar Sodol. Info: Gary, Jane (505) 293-5343, jngdiggs@aol.com.

OHIO

6/24-30 *Flights of Fancy, 1801-2001*. Vintage Dance week with Richard Powers, others. Oxford. Info: Ruth (513) 731-2268, www.vintagedance.net.

WASHINGTON

5/5 *Balkanarama*. High energy party. 8:00 at 1117 12th St., Bellingham. Info: (360) 733-2044.

6/15-16 *Washington State Square and Folk Dance Festival*. Ocean Shores. Info: Al (360) 459-8709, albur@worldnet.att.net.

WEST VIRGINIA

7/7-14 *Country Dance & Song Society's Dance Week*. Capon Bridge, Buffalo Gap. Info: Steve (413) 268-7426, camp@cdss.org.

FOREIGN

BALTIC

7/5-15 *Cruise to Scandinavia, Russia and the Baltic* with Yves and France Moreau. Info: (450) 659-9271, ymoreau@microtec.net.

CANADA

8/5-11 *Montreal Perseids Dance Camp*. Concordia University. Info: Jocelyne, (514) 323-7166, jocelynev@videotron.ca.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Workshops presented by DVORANA. Info: Spanielova 38/1275, 163 00 Praha 6, Czech Republic, dvorana@mbox.vol.cz.

8/1-5 *Slovakian Folk Dance Week*, by Ervin Varga, in Piest'any, Slovakia.

8/5-12 *Czech and Moravian Dance Week*, Nachod.

8/19-26 *Vintage Dance Week*, Prague. Teachers: Richard Powers, Philippe Coulavin, Radek & Eva Rejsek, Jan Pumpr, Jilka Bonusova.

GREECE

6/29-7/6 *Dance on the Water* cruise to Greek Isles with Lee Otterholt. Info: Mel (510) 526-4033, meldancing@aol.com.

7/16-29 *MAZOXI 2001, Greek Folk Dance Conference*. On the island of Roustika. Info: Athan Karras, (818) 609-1386, Xasapiko@aol.com.

IRELAND

4/28-5/12 *Contra Dance Expedition to Celtic West Ireland*. With Ken McFarland. Info: (800) 822-3435, farlands@ptialaska.net.

TUNISIA

4/25-5/6 *Jim Gold Tour*. Info: (201) 836-0362.

TURKEY

8/27-31 *Vintage Dance Week*, Istanbul. Teachers: Richard Powers, Philippe Coulavin, Radek & Eva Rejsek, Jan Pumpr, Jilka Bonusova.

The Last Dance



RAY AUGUSTINE

For everybody there is a time, and sadly the time has come to say good bye to Ray Augustine. One of California's most active and respected dancers and teachers has lost a long battle to multiple myeloma.

Ray started folk dancing in 1969 at Idyllwild Camp, and dancing soon became his passion. He studied and taught dancing throughout the state, and in 1980 spent three weeks in Taiwan, where he helped his friend, Ching Shan, instruct Taiwanese dance teachers on how to teach international dances.

He and his wife of nearly 48 years, Char, attended many folk dance camps---sometimes as many as four in a year---because he was so intent on getting the dances from the master teachers. He maintained lasting friendships with many of them. Longtime folk dancers will remember seeing their children, Bill and Ruth, learning to dance at very young ages. Both have continued dancing in the places where they currently live. Since his retirement from public school teaching, where he included folk dancing in his curriculum, Ray spent at least an hour every day working on the styling of dances---his zealous concern.

One of his most recent accomplishments was the choreographing of two dances---Ali Givah II, performed to Israeli music, and Svetinja, set to Serbian music. He was thrilled to learn that they would be taught in Sweden and Turkey this year.

Ray was also active in the Federation and was the Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and a member of the Scholarship committee for a number of years. He was the President of the Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op several times and was a regular dancer at Veselo Selo.

There are so many things that we have learned from Ray that he will be with us in spirit for as long as we dance.

– Lynn Bingle

Char Augustine is hosting a party in celebration of Ray Augustine's life at Veselo Selo, on Saturday, April 21st, 8:00 to midnight. The UCLA Balkan Band directed by Vasil Bebelevkov will be playing and people are encouraged to bring their favorite dish for Veselo's popular pot luck.



ED FELDMAN (with PERLE)

A beloved folk dancer, Ed Feldman, is no longer with us. He passed away on Sunday, Feb. 25, of congestive heart failure, exactly four weeks after the death of Perle, his wife. He would have been 97 on March 21.

Born in Detroit, he came to California in his middle twenties and worked at various jobs until becoming established as an electrical contractor. His progeny includes daughter, Artheen, 2 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

After his divorce in 1951, he began square dancing but soon gravitated to his true love - international folk dancing - where he met Perle (then Bleadon), his long-time companion and for 17 years his wife. Ed loved Greek and Scottish dancing above all others. (He was buried in his Scottish outfit.)

For Folk Dance Federation South, he served as Treasurer and twice as President. He had been an active member and president of Westwood Co-op. Years ago when Al Pill moved to Mexico, Ed took over the teaching of Al's dance class at Poinsettia Playground.

Although, due to health problems, he was recently unable to dance, he is still thought of by many as "Mr. Folk Dance." Ed's contributions to the world of folk dance were numerous and important. He will be sorely missed.

– Laurette Carlson

The Westwood Co-op Festival on April 1st will be dedicated to the memory of Ed and Perle Feldman.



Out of California Statewide Schedule of Events

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT *CHARLESTON HEIGHTS ART CENTER unless otherwise specified.

Friday, May 18

2:30 - 4:30 pm	Workshop with Klinton Daniel Morse, an Ethnic Express Event	\$4.00 @ door
7:00 - 7:30 pm	Registration	
7:30 - 11:30 pm	Into Orbit Dance featuring a workshop with Dimitar Manov, of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans, teaching.	\$6.00

Saturday, May 19

9:30 am - 10 am	Registration	
10 am - 12 pm	Workshop with Ed Austin, Artistic Director of the B. Y. U. Folk Dance Ensemble	\$8.00
12:30 - 2 pm	**Installation Luncheon, Armenian Cuisine will be served at *CHAC	\$15.00
2 - 3 pm	North/South Meeting, immediately after the Installation Lunch.	
7 - 10 pm	Orbiting Dance	\$8.00

Saturday evening from 10:30 - 12 pm all are invited to the Biggest After Party ever at The Fremont Street Experience, free. Transportation arrangements made with Hotels & buses.

Sunday, May 20

9:30 am - 10 am	Registration	
10 am - 12 pm	Workshop with Ed Austin	\$8.00
12 - 1 pm	Kolo Hour	
1 - 2 pm	Lunch (on your own)	
2 - 5 pm	Out of Orbit Dance	\$6.00
7:30 - 10 pm	Back to Earth Dance, an Ethnic Express Event	\$4.00 @ door
	Total Federation package	\$36.00
	Syllabus	\$3.00

These prices are valid to May 1. After May 1 add \$2.00 to each Federation event.

**Add installation lunch if you plan to attend.

Accommodations arranged at ARIZONA CHARLIES, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., a block and a half from Charleston Heights Art Center.

Call 1-800-342-2695 & mention the Ethnic Express to get special rates.

Rates are available from Monday, May 14 to Thursday, May 24.

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Out of California Statewide Registration Form

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Friday, May 18

		By May 1	After May 1	
7:30 - 11:30 pm	Into Orbit Dance	\$6.00	\$8.00	_____

Saturday, May 19

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	Syllabus	\$3.00		_____

Your Total

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The Last Dance



VILMA LENSCHAW MATCHETTE

Vilma's family (the Lenshaw family) were pioneers of folk dancing as we know it today, starting in 1939 in San Francisco after the World's Fair. John Filcich met her in 1948; and she, along with her husband, George, became part of John's group - Yugoslav Folk Dancers - performing at various places for ethnic groups.

Vilma was well-versed in international folk dancing and was primarily interested in Balkan and Greek dancing. She and her mother were on the committee for the first Kolo festival in San Francisco. Vilma quickly became an expert on Balkan costumes and had collections of costumes, dolls, and records from all over the world.

In 1968 she moved to Los Angeles and became even more involved in costumes. She was the dress-maker for Aman, Avaz, and several Greek dance groups, and worked with various museums on authenticating costumes. A few years ago she moved to Seattle and used her years of work and research in writing a book on dolls around the world. Vilma passed away in November, 2000.

— John Filcich

Contributions to support the Greek Orthodox Youth Festival for which Vilma was a judge, may be sent "in memory of Vilma Matchette" to the FDF Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 2669, La Mesa, CA 91943.

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Taraf de Haidouks: Living Lautari Legends

The fingers of the flute player, the hammers in the hands of the cimbalom player, the violinist's bow - all moving faster than the eye can follow, and the clear precise notes come tripping out at the speed limit of the ear. Faster and faster - putting our Isaac Stern and Jean Pierre Rampal to the test - played the Romani artists to a standing-room-only audience at UCSB's Campbell Hall on Tuesday night, March 6.



Taraf de Haidouks means Band of Brigands, from taraf, the Turkish word for a group of musicians, and Haidouk, the legendary hero of Romanian folk lore, akin to the English Robin Hood.

The eldest and founding member,

Nicolae Neacșu (shown above, seated in the center), somewhere near 80 years old, still teaches the children of Clejani to play the violin, and tours with the group. When, several times during the concert, he put aside his violin, pulled back his jacket and hiked up his trousers and danced, the audience went wild.

The history of how this group of lautari (clan of professional Gypsy musicians) of Clejani became top recording artists of Europe is no less amazing than their music. Shortly before the revolution in Romania, Stephan Karo, a Hungarian musician living in Belgium, and Michael Winter, an Israeli of Hungarian origin also living in Belgium, went to Romania in search of authentic Gypsy music. In spite of the harsh political climate of the time, they found their way to the mountain village of Clejani (near Bucharest) where they met Neacșu, who was about to retire. They made a crude recording of his music, and returned in the summer of 1990. So taken with their music, Karo and Winter organized the first European tour for a group of 11 of the 200 musicians of the village. Ranging from age 13 to 77, the group signed a contract with Crammed Disks, a Belgian recording company. Their first album, *Musique de Tziganes de Roumanie*, released in 1991, climbed to the top of the European world music charts. They now have two CDs published and a documentary in progress.

Due to rampant racism against the Romani people, most of their children do not go to school. After the adults left the village for seven months straight on their first tour, the children were left to run wild. Karo and Winter felt bad about this, so they told the rest of the village that if they taught the children to play, they would organize a tour for them also. After a year of constant practice, they formed a children's group and had an amazingly successful European tour.



As affluent folk dance aficionados of Southern California (affluent by world standards, at least), we love the music brought back from Europe by our popular

teachers, and the Gypsy music of Romania, Hungary, and other countries is always a hit among our dance circles. It is grounding, however, to stop and reflect upon the suffering that often accompanies such beautiful music, without which we who are more fortunate might not have that music to enjoy.

The Romanies originally came from the Punjab region of North India. Darker skinned than their fair European counterparts, they have lived as outsiders and have been the target of racism as fierce and as harsh as any we have seen in this country. According to Zakir Hussein, the famed Indian tabla player, himself of Romani descent, the Romanies have been pivotal in the spread and development of world music. Many of the similarities in the instruments and techniques we find between Eastern, Middle Eastern, and European music are due to the influence of the Romanies.

Watching this amazing group of talented and joyful performers, it is difficult to imagine that these same people were also targets of Hitler's exterminations not too long ago.

If you wish to read more about the Taraf de Haidouks, you can find information about them at: respect.inway.cz/1998/Kapely98/e-taraf.html. To follow their current world tour, go to www.imnworld.com/bin/events_lister.cgi?Artist=Taraf+de+Haidouks. To read more about the history and persecution of the Romani people, go to <http://www.romani.org>.

— *Jatila van der Veen*

ILIANA AND LYUBEN COMING TO CALIFORNIA



I'm happy to announce that Iliana Bozhanova and Lyuben Dossev will be here in June after the Razzmatazz weekend in Mendocino. That will be roughly June 4 to 17, if all works out. If you or your group is interested in having a Bulgarian dance, singing, or music workshop, please let me know ASAP.

Everyone knows Iliana well by now, but you may not remember the incomparable Lyuben who is the finest

musician and teacher of kaval. He arranges all the music for her dances, as well as much more. He will accompany all of her dance and singing workshops. Info: vmaheu@bigfoot.com.

— *Vicki Maheu*

IDAHO FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL TOUR

This year's tour will be from July 25 to August 6. It includes all of the Festival performances plus your participation in all of the workshops, parties, dances, picnic, a rodeo, dinner show, Elderhostel culture sessions at the college, etc. It also includes sight-seeing with professional guides in Salt Lake City and Idaho, including Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, Jenny Lake, Grand Tetons, Craters of the Moon, and more. Lodgings, 3 meals per day and transportation are also included. Our lodgings in Salt Lake City and in Rexburg are in 3 star hotels.

This is one of the largest International Folk Dance Festivals in the United States, bringing in dancers and musicians from about 12 countries. You not only watch their spectacular performances, but you attend their cultural sessions, take classes with them, party and picnic with them and talk with them about their countries, their life, etc. Most of the activities are in very intimate settings, except the evening concerts.

Space is limited, so don't wait and miss out. See our ad in this issue. Info: call Beverly (310) 202-6166.

— *Beverly and Irwin Barr*

NEW THEATRE IN CANOGA PARK

Jay and I went to see a great play in The West Valley Playhouse, a new theatre on Owensmouth Ave. in Canoga Park. The play was very well done, and I can't say enough about the place itself. The theatre is small, about 160 very comfortable plush seats stacked so there is no bad seat.

Some of the up-coming events are: Peruvian Ensemble on June 23rd, Karpatok Hungarian Folk Troupe on June 30, The Very Lonesome Boys Appalachian Country Music on July 7th, and Hollywood Klezmer on July 14th. There are also classical and other kinds of music. Info: (818) 884-1907.

— *Jill Michtom*

OUT-OF-CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE IN LAS VEGAS

The Statewide Festival will be held this year in Las Vegas, making it an *Out of Statewide* event. The teachers are confirmed and all events are in place for a successful festival. Usually the Federation holds its annual Statewide Festival on Memorial Day weekend, but this year it will be held on May 18, 19, and 20. We are making the Festival very inexpensive so that participants can take advantage of ethnic events that will be available to them in Las Vegas and enjoy the ambiance of that sparkley city.

Our center of operations and official place to stay is: Arizona Charlie's Hotel, at 740 So. Decatur Bl., Las Vegas, Nevada 89107. For reservations call 1 (800) 342-2695. Rooms are \$40 for single and double; \$8 more for triple and \$16 more for quadruple. When you call, mention you are a folkdancer and Ethnic Express is the hosting club. Reservations can be made now for May 14 through May 24. There are no Saturday-only reservations. The hotel is a block and a half away from the Charleston Heights Art Center, 800 South Brush Street, which will be the center of Folkdance activities.

Those who wish to arrive early can come to the Ethnic Express at Charleston Heights on Wednesday evening May 16 and learn dances from John Filcich. Thursday evening, May 17, join the folks at the Fremont Street Experience for a Pre-Publicity Dance and Parade, or see the Tamburitians in Concert in Summerland that evening. Celtic Dancing will be available at the Government Center on Friday evening featuring 'The Wild Boys'. Between the Federation events on Saturday you can experience Multi-Ethnic

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food, crafts, music and exhibition dancing at the Government Center from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00. At the Center that evening Salza enthusiasts can enjoy music and dance. Sunday, May 20th, stay late and join the Ethnic Express at the Charleston Heights Art Center for a 'Back to Earth' Dance, \$4.00 at the door.

All these events are available to the ethnically inclined. Please see the complete program for the Festival. And here is more:

Hoover Dam Tours, 9 am - 4 pm in Boulder City (fee); Ethel M's Chocolate Factory Tour and Cactus Garden, 8:30 am - 7 pm, free, (702) 435-2641; Kiddos Marshmallow Factory, 9 am - 4:30 pm, free, (702) 564-5400; Cranberry World West, 9 am - 5 pm, free, (702) 566-7160; Bonnie Springs Ranch, Wild West Show, etc., (702) 875-4400; Lied Children's Museum with more than 100 hands-on exhibits, fee, (702) 382-3445; Lake Mead Recreation Area; Mt. Charleston, Red Rock Canyon, Valley of Fire State Park.

Please join us. Call (626) 300-8138 if you would be interested in finding a bus to get to Las Vegas.

– *Sylvia Stachura*

2001 OAK PARK FESTIVAL DATES

At various times during the summer there are ethnic festivals in Oak Park in Santa Barbara. They really are ethnic - food, dancing, concerts, crafts and much fun. And they are free! This year's dates are:

Jewish	April 29	Greek	July 28th & 29th
Irish	June 3&4	Italian	Aug. 25th & 26th
Chinese	June 30	African	Oct. 13th & 14th
French	July 14th & 15th		

In Santa Barbara, take the Mission exit from 101 North a few blocks to the park. Info: (805) 564-5419, lcruz@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us.

– *Jill Michtom*

HAPPENINGS AT VESELO SELO

Friday evenings: Int./Adv. Sandy Wodicka will be helping us with some of the more difficult Laguna Festival dances.

Saturday evenings:

7th: ENJOY LEE OTTERHOLT'S TEACHINGS from last month mixed with an all-request evening

14th: EASTER PARTY: Wear your prettiest Easter Bonnet or your funniest hat for the Easter Parade

Lesnoto. Bring finger foods to share. If you have Pysanki eggs, bring some to share as decoration.

21st: CELEBRATING RAY AUGUSTINE'S LIFE Hosted by Char Augustine with UCLA Balkan Band and Vasil Bebelev. Pot luck.

28th: NOSTALGIA NIGHT: A program of dances that were taught to us over 10 years ago, for the first half of the evening, followed by dances we all love.

NEED MORE DETAILS? LORRAINE 714-680-4356, elrothman@earthlink.net.

– *Lorraine Rothman*

WEST L.A. FD (MONDAYS & FRIDAYS)

The West L.A. Folk Dancers meet on Monday and Friday evenings in W. L. A. The group does a wide variety of International Folk Dances each week, with reviews and new teaching of old and new dances.

We will be open every Monday evening and the first two Friday evenings in April. We will be closed on the last two Friday evenings, April 20 & 27.

On Friday, April 6 & 13, during the early teaching at 7:45, Beverly will teach Bonnie Stronshiray, Scottish Set Dance. Following the early teaching is a mixture of International dances, both teaching and dancing.

We look forward to seeing you at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost, W.L.A., (between Barrington and Bundy, 1 1/2 blocks north of Santa Monica Blvd.)

For information call (310) 202-6166.

– *Beverly & Irwin Barr*

WEST VALLEY FOLK DANCERS

We will have a Spring Outing on April 22nd. Meet at 10:00 am at the amphitheater at Sepulveda Dam Rec. Area. (N. on Woodley, 1/2 mile above Burbank, right turn onto side road, 3/4 miles to site). We will have a docent tour of the Wildlife area (bring binoculars) then a picnic lunch and dancing.

On May 11th Athan Karras is coming to teach Greek dances, and we welcome all who want to join us.

We dance on Fridays from 7:30 to 10:15 on a lovely wooden floor at the Canoga Park Senior Center; 7326 Jordan Ave in Canoga Park. There are two teachings an evening, usually one new and one review dance. For more information, call Joan Waller at (818) 346-5152 or the Michtoms at (818) 368-1957.

– *Jill Michtom*

On the Scene

WORKSHOP WITH ALEXANDRU DAVID

Back by popular demand, Alexandru will teach more Romanian and Russian dances on April 25 at 7:30 at Cafe Danssa, 11533 W. Pico Blvd, West LA. This will be a great opportunity to relearn "Trei Pazește" and other popular dances. Info: Sherry (626) 293-8523, worldance1@aol.com, or Gerda (310) 474-1232, benzeev@ucla.edu.

– *Gerda Ben-Zeev*

BENEFIT DANCE CONCERT FOR SALLY CADWELL

Wings of the Violin, concert and dance, Saturday, March 31 from 6:00 - 12:00 at the Latvian Community Center, 1955 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles.

Program: Vintage, Skandia, and Katirilli dancers; Gammaldans band; Scottish and Skandia fiddlers; Milla and Petri.

Dancing for all under the leadership of each dance teacher; Raffle and Bake Sale; Coffee and Snacks.

Info: (310) 827-3618 or fsotcher@aol.com.

– *'Sparky' Sotcher*

19TH ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE



The California Traditional Music Society (CTMS) is presenting their folk music, dance, storytelling and more festival on Friday June 22th thru Sunday 24th. It will be held on the campus of Soka University, 26800 West Mulholland Hwy in Calabasas. Soka is a gorgeous site, with green

lawns sloping to a lake complete with swans.

The core of the Festival are the performances, instrument, singing, and dance classes, and informal jam sessions going on all day! In case you should get hungry, or want to shop, there are food vendors and craft vendors, even a place to buy or sell instruments.

For ticket information call CTMS Folk Music Center at (818) 817-7756. Ask how you can volunteer a few hours of your time and save a bit of money! Or call us at (818) 368-1957 - we have discount tickets to sell.

– *Jill Michtom*

STOCKTON IN EXILE

Stockton Folk Dance Camp is remembered all year, courtesy of the group of dancers that form the "Stockton in Exile" club. Meeting every other Sunday at West Valley College in Saratoga, dances learned at Stockton are reviewed, retaught, and discussed. The brainchild of Arun Swami, a dedicated folkdancer, Stockton in Exile has been meeting for about three years. Info: Arun arun@stanfordalumni.org, Marion MarionKEarl@yahoo.com, or Bill fleenor@jps.net

– *Gerda Ben-Zeev*

PYSANKA FESTIVAL & EASTER OPEN HOUSE



On Sunday, April 8, 2001, the Ukrainian Art Center, located at 4315 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, will present this year's Pysanka Festival and Open House.

There will be a Pysanka workshop (Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating), and lots to see, eat, and buy. Ukrainian dance performances are at 12:00 and 2:30. Admission \$5.00, children under 5, free. Info: (323) 668-0172.

– *Jill Michtom*

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