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# **Editors' Corner**

This month we look at the rich heritage of dance and music from our 50th state, Hawaii. Thanks to Asako Oshiro for her contributions. Poetry Corner returns, and you can discover what *tantsipidu* means.

We learned of the death of Dennis Boxell too late for inclusion in this issue of Scene. The November issue will be a tribute to his memory. If you have stories to share, please send them by October 10th to Jay Michtom, editor@FolkDanceScene.org

Pat Cross and Don Krotser

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# **Teachers' Corner**

This month's issue features Hawaiian dance, so here are some local teachers.

Hilde Otterholt is a teacher, dancer and performer of Hawaiian dance, living in Orange County. She runs a Hula halau ("Hula School") named: "Halau Hula O Lei Mohala", which has performed at the Laguna Folkdancers Festival. Hilde has taught at a number of folk dance camps - some of them more than once - Stockton Folk Dance Camp, the Salt Spring Island Festival and Mainewoods Dance Camp, among others. She teaches and performs both ancient Kahiko and the modern Auana styles. One of the dances she has been teaching- "E huli makaou"- has become especially popular in the international folk dance community

Merilyn Gentry is a dance teacher educated at U.C.L.A. Owner of the Hi-Desert Dance Center in Ridgecrest, CA, she has taught Polynesian (Hawaii, New Zealand, Samoa, Tahiti) and Spanish dance for over 20 years. She teaches both the ancient Kahiko style and the modern 'Auana' style of Hawaiian dance. Merilyn studied in Hawaii with master teachers and continues her training at special workshops and classes. This training includes use of various percussion instruments. Merilyn directs and performs with Melelina's Polynesian Dancers (formerly Kalena's Polynesian Dancers).

Merilyn has taught Polynesian dance at Stockton Folk Dance Camp numerous times and held a Poi ball workshop in 2010. She has performed at the China Lake Naval Weapons Center Multi-cultural Days and at Cerro Coso Junior College. In addition to luaus and parties, Merilyn and her dance troupe have performed at fundraising events for the Big Pine School District.

Merilyn has spent 100's of hours making "pseudo" percussion instruments (uli uli, ipu). She has also made kala'au sticks and poi balls so that everyone in class could use these traditional instruments in dances. She always strives to impart a love of the dances and the cultures of Polynesia.

**Nora Nuckles** partners with Merilyn for her teaching and performing appearances. Nora assists Merilyn in preparing dance notes and making instruments and costumes. She has studied Polynesian dance for over 20 years both with Merilyn and at special workshops and classes. She has studied the use of the various percussion instruments and performs with Melelina's Polynesian Dancers.

Some Stockton goers sometimes think of Nora as Merilyn's sidekick. That is certainly true, but she is also a very capable, accomplished dancer. Nora has been involved in folk dancing since 1980.

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# **Hawaiian Dance**

### **HULA IN HAWAII**

"Hula is the heartbeat of the Hawaiian people." -

King David Kalakaua

The following information was written by Susan Breslow Sardone, About.com Guide, and was excerpted from the web-site http://honeymoons.about.com/od/hawaii/a/hula\_hawaii.htm.

Hula, which began in Hawaii as a sacred ritual, has over time flourished into an art form. Originally a type of worship in religious ceremonies, hula was performed to give thanks to Hawaii's ancient gods and honor its chieftains. Later hula dances, chants, and songs moved from the temples into the secular world, their incantatory beauty entertaining and enlightening.

Accompanied only by voice or percussion instruments, male - and subsequently, female - hula dancers used their bodies to express the wondrous legends of the Hawaiian islands.

Every hula movement has a specific meaning. Different gestures symbolize flowers, animals, even conflict and war. With expressive hands and undulating hips, a hula dancer can evoke a palm frond in the breeze or the menace of a shark.

Traditional hula narratives tell a story. One recounts the islands' emergence from the sea and the saga of the goddess Pele, who restlessly searched each of the Hawaiian islands for a home until finally finding one within a Big Island volcano.

### **Westerners Encounter Hula in Hawaii**

The first Westerners in Hawaii, Captain Cook and corps arrived in 1778. Expedition members noted a hula performed for them on Kauai - and it seemed the gentle art would continue to hold observers in its thrall.

It was not to be. Around 1820, missionaries sailed from New England to "save" Hawaii. Shocked and appalled by the dance they deemed "heathenish," these zealots dedicated themselves to eradicating the hula. Manipulating sympathizers among Christianized royalty, the missionaries succeeded in making the dance illegal.

Yet hula's endurance was as tenacious as its rhythms. During this bleak period, which lasted more than fifty years, hula went underground. And far away from the Hawaiian islands' missions, dancers continued to surreptitiously perform the sensual dances.

### The Hula Ruler

If hula has a royal patron, it is King David Kalakaua (1874-91). Well-traveled and well-connected (President Grant entertained him in Washington), Kalakaua never forgot his Hawaii roots. Known as the Merrie Monarch for his love of song and dance, Kalakaua formed a palace hula troupe. His appreciation of the authentic art returned hula to its rightful place as a national treasure.

Kalakaua's support also helped hula evolve. Western forms of music were later integrated into some hulas. The steel guitar and the ukulele, a Portuguese import, were added to hula's instrumental repertoire.

### **Hula Performances and Festivals**

Since the 1970s interest in hula has been strong. Pageants, competitions, and foundations in Hawaii preserve this indigenous art form and nurture public appreciation with skilled performances.

Hula even has its own superstar: Maui's Keali'i Reichel, a Hawaiian scholar, composer, and dynamic hula chanter appears throughout the U.S. and has opened concerts for Sting, Celine Dion, Bonnie Raitt, and others.

Visitors who attend the daily luau at Oahu's Polynesian Cultural Center, a Mormon-sponsored amusement park, can see both hula kahiko (ancient) and hula auana (modern) hula dances during the all-you-can-eat Hawaiian buffet.

To watch Hawaii's best hula performers, attend the Big Island's Merrie Monarch Festival in Hilo. Known as the Olympics of Hula, the cultural festival honors the memory of Kalakaua and showcases both traditional and modern hula.

# Learn to Speak Hula

Ten hula terms to learn:

halau hula - hula school

hula aiha'a - bent-kneed, vigorous hula evoking the goddess Pele

hula auana - modern hula accompanied by lyrical singing, ukuleles, steel guitars, and other instruments hula haole - hula dances influenced by Western music hula noho - hula performed while seated

hula kahiko - ancient, traditional hula dancing

kumu hula - hula teacher

*kupea* - anklets worn by male hula dancers *mele* - song accompanying hula

oli - chant accompanying hula

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# INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING IN HAWAII (IFDH)

I was born and raised in Hawaii but did not start folk dancing until I moved to Los Angeles and discovered it in college. Years after moving to the mainland, I learned that there is a dedicated group of international folkdancers in Honolulu. I return home for the New Year and make a point to join their group to enjoy their aloha as we share dancing - Balkan and International dances (sorry, no hula as far as I know). The atmosphere is fun and relaxed - they teach two dances an evening and then, it's a request program. And, yes, it is a wood floor. I highly encourage any folk dancer who vacations on O'ahu to get their Balkan dance fix satisfied with them!

It is difficult to have master teachers in the Islands but they have had fairly recent workshops with **Sonia Dion** and **Cristian Florescu** (2008), **Joe Graziosi**, (2005), **Theodor** and **Lia Vasilescu** (2004), **Ahmet Luleci** (2004), **Fusae Senzaki** (2004), and **Nikolay Alichev** (2003). The teachers either combine a Hawaiian vacation or layover from teaching trips to Japan with one or two workshops. Needless to say, the workshops are enjoyed immensely by the dancers and teachers.

They have also had special workshops offered by their own members with **Joyce Baker**, **Marcia Kemble**, **Vicki Kulifay**, **Denise Lucero** and **Janet Moelzer**.

The IFDH may also have live music for special occasions with the Partners In Time who play music from the Balkans and the Near East. You can hear them playing Bulgarian, Macedonian, Greek, Armenian, Turkish and Middle Eastern music at local coffee shops, and they occasionally play at local festivals. The musicians are **Kip McAtee** (guitar, tambura), **Marcia Kemble** (dumbek, tupan), **Ernie Provencher** (bass) and **Anita Trubitt** (accordion). For several months of the year, they are joined by **Souran Baronian** (clarinet, tambourine).

If you are lucky enough to move to O'ahu, you'll find that they have other events including international folk singing, hikes, and many parties and potluck gatherings throughout the year. They are a social group and friendships formed there are strong and long-lasting.

The group is officially known as the International Folk Dancers of Hawaii (IFDH) and publish a newsletter (Foot \*Notes) which includes articles submitted by their members and listings of ethnic dance events occurring in Honolulu.

They meet on Sundays between 7 - 9 p.m. at the Mo'ili'ili Community Center, 2535 S. King St. which is not too far from Waikiki. For more information, please visit their website: http://sites.google.com/site/ifdhawaii/

Asako Oshiro



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# **Hawaiian Music**

The following was excerpted from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Traditional Hawaiian folk music is a major part of the state's musical heritage. The Hawaiian people have inhabited the islands for centuries and have retained much of their traditional musical knowledge. Their music is largely religious in nature, and includes chanting and dance music. Hawaiian music has had an enormous impact on the music of other Polynesian islands; indeed, music author Peter Manuel called the influence of Hawaiian music a "unifying factor in the development of modern Pacific musics".

# Folk music

Hawaiian folk music includes several varieties of chanting (*mele*) and music meant for highly-ritualized dance (*hula*). Traditional Hawaiian music and dance was functional, used to express praise, communicate genealogy and mythology and accompany games, festivals and other secular events. The Hawaiian language has no word that translates precisely as music, but a diverse vocabulary exists to describe rhythms, instruments, styles and elements of voice production. Hawaiian folk music is simple in melody and rhythm, but is "complex and rich" in the "poetry, accompanying mimetic dance (*hula*), and subtleties of vocal styles... even in the attenuated forms in which they survive today".



The chant (*mele*) is typically accompanied by an *ipu heke* (a double gourd) and/or *pahu* (sharkskin covered drum). Some dances require dancers to utilize hula implements such as an *ipu* (single gourd, 'ili'ili (waterworn lava stone castanets), ' uli'uli (feathered gourd rattles), *pu* '/i (split

bamboo sticks) or *kala'au* (rhythm sticks). The older, formal kind of hula is called *kahiko*, while the modern version is *'auana*. There are also religious chants called *'oli* when accompanied by dancing and drums, it is called *mele hula pahu*.

In the pre-contact Hawaiian language, the word *mele* referred to any kind of poetic expression, though it now translates as song. The two kinds of Hawaiian chanting were *mele oli* and *mele hula*. The first were a cappella individual songs, while the latter were accompanied dance music performed by a group. The chanters were known as haku mele and were highly trained composers and performers. Some kinds of chants express emotions like angst and affection, or request a favor from another person. Other chants are for specific purposes like naming, (mele inoa), prayer (mele pule), surfing (mele he'e nalu) and genealogical recitations (mele koihonua). Mele chants were governed by strict rules, and were performed in a number of styles include the rapid kepakepa and the enunciate koihonua.

# **Music history**

Historical documentation of Hawaiian music does not extend prior to the late 18th century, when non-Hawaiians (haoles) arrived on the island. From 1778 onward, Hawaii began a period of acculturation with the introduction of numerous styles of European music, including the hymns (himen) introduced by Protestant missionary choirs. Spanish-speaking Mexican cowboys (paniolos), were particularly influential immigrants in the field of music, introducing string instruments such as the guitar and possibly also the technique of falsetto singing, while Portuguese immigrants brought the ukulele-like braquinha.

Elizabeth Tatar divided Hawaiian music history into seven periods, beginning with the initial arrival of Europeans and their musical cultures, spanning approximately from 1820 to 1872. The subsequent period lasted to the beginning of the 20th century, and was marked by the creation of an acculturated yet characteristically Hawaiian modern style, while European instruments spread across the islands. Tatar's third period, from 1900 to about 1915, saw the integration of Hawaiian music into the broader field of American popular music, with the invention of *hapa* haole songs, which use the English language and only superficial elements of Hawaiian music; the beginning of the Hawaiian recording industry was in 1906, when the Victor Talking Machine Company made the first 53 recordings in the state. By 1912, recorded Hawaiian music had found an audience on the American mainland.

# **Kolo Festival**

HOY-TUR, long considered one of Turkey's leading folk dance associations. In 1988, Ahmet became director of the Boston based Kemençe Dance Ensemble. In 2001, as the Artistic Director of Collage International Dance Ensemble (formerly Kemençe), Ahmet received the Dance Umbrella Boston Moves 2001 Award, a commission to create a world-premiere work for Boston audiences.

Ahmet has also choreographed for the Brigham Young University International Folk Dance Ensemble , AMAN Folk Ensemble of Los Angeles, Mandala of Boston, Les Sortileges of Montreal, Vinok of Edmonton, Gehem of Ankara, Butfod of Bursa, and Folktur of Istanbul. Ahmet has taught in major folk dance camps in the United States and Canada and continues to teach workshops throughout the United States from his home base in Boston, Massachusetts. Ahmet is cofounder and co-director of the annual World Music & Dance Camp at Cape Cod, Massachussetts.



John Filcich has been researching and teaching Croatian dance since the early 1950s. He organized the first Kolo Festival in 1952, and teaches kolos at the festival every year. In 2005, John received the National Folk Organization's "Preserving Our Legacy Award."

Make your plans now. A pre-registration form and event schedule will soon be found on the website, http://balkantunes.org/kolofestival. For volunteer/work exchange inquiries, contact Jan Rains, sherpajmr@yahoo.com, (925) 682-3727; Band/kafana information, contact Bill Cope, bill@thecopes.com; and for other information, contact Jerry Duke, Festival Chair, jcduke@sfsu.edu, or (415) 759-5136. Pre-registration director is Marion Earl, marionkearl@yahoo.com. The Croatian-American Center is at 60 Onondaga Ave., San Francisco, 94112, corner of Alemany and Onondaga, three blocks from the Balboa Park Bart station.

# Tantsupidu 2009, Estonia

Are you asking, what's a tantsupidu and where is Estonia? Well, "tantsupidu" means "dance festival". Estonia is a beautiful Baltic country south of Finland, north of Latvia and west of Russia. That's Baltic, not Balkan! Their dance forms are similar to Scandinavian dancing.

Every five years they have this festival in conjunction with a *Laulupidu* (OK, that's the Song Festival). Estonian dance groups from all over their country and elsewhere in the world perform in a massive show designed around a theme. The Gypsy Folk Ensemble was the only non-Estonian dance group to be invited from the USA to participate in Tantsupidu 2009 in Tallinn, Estonia.

The theme was "the Sea", and all the segments of the show portrayed the ocean, sailing and fishing. We were in a portion that portrayed the fish! Audience members in the nosebleed seats had the best view. Try to imagine several thousand dancers forming a fish skeleton while doing a series of dances on the field of a stadium! (So don't imagine it, look it up on YouTube)

I'm not kidding about the numbers - in the opening and closing segments there were eight thousand dancers on the field! It's not a folkdance, it's a feat of engineering! Rehearsals were up to 12 hours long in

the blazing sun. Blazing sun? Yes, being good citizens of Southern California, we took our weather with us, to the delight of the Estonians! (They got so sunburned.)

# A little about Estonia

The Estonians speak a Finno-Ugric language, closely related to Finnish, more distantly to Hungarian. A third of their population are ethnic Russians. Many people speak English quite well. They have castles and forests and meadows, but the place I found most ethereally beautiful was a bog! I was thinking "yuck, ticks and mud" before seeing it, but it was wonderful!

Preston Ashbourne



Members of Gypsy Folk Ensemble, honored guests for July 4th parade in Estonia

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# **Kolo Festival**

For a very exciting weekend of Balkan and Greek dance, music, culture and food, come to the 58th annual Kolo Festival, Nov. 26 and 27. It will be held at the Croatian-American Center, 60 Onondaga Ave., San Francisco, with dance and music classes, review sessions, live music, culture corners, and specialty food. Dance classes will begin at 9:20 Friday (doors open at 9:00); singing classes begin at 11. Teaching dance will be Ahmet Luleci, Turkish; Yuli Yordanov, Bulgarian; John Filcich, (Kolo Festival founder), kolos; Singing classes will be taught by Eva Primack. Party bands include: Trio Zulum-Bulgarian, Bill Cope and friends, Balkan; Agapi Mou-Greek: and others.





**Yuliyan Yordanov**, a native of Dojrenci, a village in the Lovec region of north central Bulgaria, was raised by his grandparents and learned dancing at a young age. A graduate of the acclaimed Academy of Music and Dance Art in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, he worked professionally

as a dance director, choreographer, and Bulgarian folk dance instructor beginning in 1993. He and his students participated in many concerts, celebrations, and international festivals throughout Bulgaria and the rest of Europe. In May 1995, they were selected to appear on Channel One of Bulgarian National Television. In 1997, Yuli was honored with an invitation to attend the traditional annual party for teachers of folklore and culture hosted by the president of Bulgaria. Since moving to the U.S., Yuli has taught Bulgarian dancing, primarily in the Midwest, including the Door County Folk Festival in Wisconsin. the Autumn Leaves Festival in Nashville, Tennessee, the Appleton IFD Dance Weekend in Wisconsin, and the Balkanske Igre Spring Festival in Chicago, Illinois. In

Chicago, he leads the dance groups Nashencheta and Mitronija of Sveta Sophia Bulgarian Orthodox Church. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he is a choreographer for the *Na Lesa* Bulgarian Folk Dance Ensemble.



Ahmet Lüleci, a native of Turkey, is an accomplished folkdance teacher, performer, choreographer, and musician, as well as a researcher of Anatolian folk culture. Since his arrival in North America in 1985, he has been promoting Turkish folklore all over the world, to amateur and professional groups. Ahmet has

been performing Turkish folk dancing and music since the age of eight. At the age of 15, he became a dance instructor. He taught several ensembles in Ankara, Istanbul, Eskisehir, and Bursa. Later, he participated in international dance festivals and competitions throughout western and eastern Europe and has taught ensembles that appeared in more than 60 programs broadcast nationally in Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Turkey. Ahmet also served as Director of Dances for

# **Hawaiian Music**

From 1915 to 1930, mainstream audiences outside of Hawaii became increasingly enamored of Hawaiian music, though by this time the songs marketed as Hawaiian had only peripheral aspects of actual Hawaiian music. Tahitian and Samoan music had an influence on Hawaiian music during this period, especially in their swifter and more intricate rhythms. The following era, from about 1930 to 1960, has been called the "Golden Age of Hawaiian Music", when popular styles were adapted for orchestras and big bands, and Hawaiian performers like Lani McIntire, John Kameaaloha Almeida and Sol Hoopii became mainstream stars. In the 1960s, Hawaiian-style music declined in popularity amid an influx of rock, soul and pop acts from the American mainland. This trend reversed itself in the final period of Hawaiian music history, the modern period beginning with the Hawaiian Renaissance in the 1970s and continuing with the foundation of a variety of modern music scenes in fields like indie rock, Hawaiian hip-hop and Jawaiian.i



Queen Lili'uokalani

# Queen Lili'uokalani and Henry Berger

Queen Lili'uokalani was the last Queen of Hawaii before the Hawaiian monarchy was overthrown. She was also a musician and prolific composer who wrote many musical works. She was best known for *Aloha 'Oe.* A compilation of her works, titled "The Queen's Songbook", was published in 1999 by The Queen Lili'uokalani Trust.

Lili'uokalani was one of many members of the Hawaiian royal family with musical inclinations. They studied under a Prussian military bandleader, Henry Berger, who was sent by the Kaiser at the request of Kamehameha V. Berger became fascinated by Hawaiian folk music, and wrote much documentation on it. However, he also brought his own musical background in German music, and heavily guided the Hawaiian musicians and composers he worked with.

In the 1880s and 90s, King David Kalakaua promoted Hawaiian culture and also encouraged the addition of new instruments, such as the ukulele and possibly the steel guitar; Kalakaua died in 1891, and so it is highly unlikely he would have heard it. Kalakaua's successor, his sister Lili'uokalani, was also a prolific composer and wrote several songs, like "Aloha 'Oe", which remain popular.

# Ukulele



The ukulele was introduced to Hawaii by the Portuguese immigrants near the close of the 19th century. The Portuguese brought small guitar-like instruments with them. These small guitars are called the *cavaquinho*. The

instrument became a very popular one in Hawaiian culture, and a majority of Hawaiian songs involve the ukulele. In Hawaiian, ukulele literally means "flea (*uku*) jumping (*lele*)." It was named as such because when plucked, the high pitch of the strings brings to mind the image of a jumping flea. There are currently four sizes of ukulele; soprano, concert, tenor and baritone.

The ukulele can be played with simple strums to elaborate strums and what is called "picking," which is the act of picking the strings to make single sounds.

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# Calendar

# Note: Federation Dance Events are in Bold. CALL TO CONFIRM ALL EVENTS OCTOBER

- 2 Playford-to-the-Present Ball in Pasadena. Registration form and additional info: www.caldancecoop.org/playford
- 2 Scandinavian Dance Class, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 2-5:00 at Briggs Elementary School, 14438 W. Telegraph, Santa Paula. Info: Madeleine Waddell (805) 604-9608 or madejounge@aol.com
- 2-3 *Greek Festival,* Dancing, Music, Food, Crafts. St. Nicholas, 42030 Avenida Alvarado, Ste. A, Temecula. Info: (951) 296-6207
- Cafe Aman, The Petrojvich Brothers Blasting Company, 7:30-11:30, at Pacific Arts Center, 10469 Santa Monica Blvd., West L.A. Info: Ian (818) 753-0740 or ianpricebey@hotmail.com
- 5 Easy Dance Class. A new dance class of easy dances is starting. It will run from 3:00 -4:00 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5450 Atherton, Long Beach. Info: suegriffiths@gmail.com.
- 10 Culver City Country Dance, 4:00-7:00, Sunday, at Lindberg Stone House, Lindberg Park, 5041 Rhoda Way, Culver City. Caller Annie Laskey with music by David James and Linda Kodaira. Info: Annie Laskey (310) 837-3427 or caldancecoop.org
- 12 Zeljko Jergan at Tuesday Gypsies, Tues. 7:30-10:30, Masonic Lodge, 9635 Venice Blvd., Culver City. Info: Millicent (310) 390-1069
- 12 Kabile Bulgarian Band at Cal Tech Folkdancers. 7:30 at Throop Church, 300 S Los Robles, Pasadena. Info: Nancy, (626) 797-5157
- 15-17 Camp Hess Kramer Camps Review Workshop Weekend in Malibu, Info: Beverly or Irwin (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com See ad.
- 16 Nevenka and the Varimezovs at the Getty.

  Nevenka East European Folk Ensemble will perform along with Tzvetanka Varimezova and Ivan Varimezov, 7:00 at Getty Center. See OTS.
- 21 Narodni Special Guest Teacher, Andre Montsion - Teaching French Canadian dances, Thurs. 7:30, at Woman's Club of Bellflower,

- 9402 Oak St., Bellflower. Info: (714) 932-2513 or www.narodni.org
- 22 Andre Montsion, guest teacher, at West L.A. Folk Dancers, Friday, 7:30 -? with potluck table, at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost Ave., West L.A. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166, (310) 478-4659, or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com
- 23 Intersection Reunion & Tribute to Athan Karras! Sat. 6 p.m. to midnight at Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center, 27040 Malibu Hills Rd., Calabasas. Sponsored by Cafe Asteria, L.I.F.E. & Gypsy Folk Ensemble. Info & ticket purchase: theintersectionreunion.com
- 24 Zhena Folk Chorus with Zedashe Ensemble from Caucasus Mountains, 3:00, Sunday, at Croatian Cultural Center, 510 W. 7th St., San Pedro. Info & tickets (310) 971-3593.
- 26 Halloween Party at Cal Tech Folkdancers. 7:30 at Throop Church, 300 S Los Robles, Pasadena. Live music with Ty Rust and Rakia. Costumes encouraged. Info: Nancy (626) 797-5157.
- 28 Halloween Party, Narodni, Thurs. 7:30 at Woman's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower. Info: (714) 932-2513 or www.narodni.org
- 29 Halloween Party, West L.A. Folk Dancers, Fri. 7:30, Brockton School, 1309 Armacost Ave. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166, (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com
- 29 Halloween Party, Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op, Friday 7:45-11:00 at Throop Hall, Del Mar & Los Robles, Pasadena. Costumes welcome! Free! Live music - Fifth Friday Info: Sylvia (626) 300-8138 or sstach236@earthlink.net
- 30 *Halloween Party,* Veselo, live music by Kabile. See OTS.
- 31 Halloween Party, Laguna Woods
  Folkdancers & Laguna Folkdancers with live
  music by Kabile Bulgarian Band. Potluck,
  concert, dancing 5:30 9:45 at Clubhouse 5,
  24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Wood. Costumes
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As in one's hand a lighted match blinds you before it comes aflame and sends out brilliant flickering tongues to every side -- so, within the ring of the spectators, her dance begins in hasty, heated rhythms and spreads itself darting flames around. And suddenly the dance is altogether flame! With a fierce glance she sets her hair alight. Unexpectedly she turns with daring artfulness the swirling flounces of her dress within this conflagration, out of which her upheld naked arms, clapping the castanets, appear like serpents striking. And then, afraid her fire were diminishing, she gathers it all up and flings it down with an imperious haughty gesture, and watches as it lies there writhing on the ground, unyielding and unwilling to concede the dance has ended. Yet she shows victory in her sweet swift smile as she lifts up her face, while with her small firm feet she stamps out the last of the dying embers.

- Rainer Maria Rilke Source - FamousPoetsandPoems.com

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- Scholarship Ball, Saturday 1:30-5:30 at Throop Hall, Del Mar & Los Robles, Pasadena. For the benefit of folk dancers in So. CA community. Info: Sylvia (626) 300-8138 or sstach236@earthlink.net See ad.
- Annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Party, West L.A. Folk Dancers, Fri. 7:30, Brockton School, 1309 Armacost Ave. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166, (310) 478-4659, or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

# **DECEMBER**

31 New Year's Eve Party, 8:00 to? at Pasadena Scottish Rite Center, 150 N. Madison Ave. Close to corner of Walnut & Madison. Info: Sylvia (626) 300-8138 or sstach236@earthlink.net

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### **JANUARY**

Winter Festival, hosted by Pasadena Coop. 1:30-5:30 at Scottish Rite Center, 150 North Madison, Pasadena. Council meeting at 10:30. Info: Sylvia (626) 300-8138 or sstach236@earthlink.net

### **FEBRUARY**

4-6 Laguna Festival, hosted by Laguna Folkdancers. At Ensign Intermediate School, 2000 Cliff Drive, Newport Beach.

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

- Fiesta de Sonoma Folkdance. Sunday, Veterans Memorial Bldg., 126 First St. West, 1:30-4:30. Info: (707) 546-8877 or (415) 925-9786
- 10/8 Razzmatazz presents Marilyn Smith celebrating 40 years of teaching folk dance party, Fri. 8:00-11:00, at Santa Rosa Vets Memorial Building.

# Croatian Days Of Autumn

- 10/10 Croatian Autumn Festival at St. Mary's Assumption in San Jose. Koraci Croatian Folklore Ensemble Annual Picnic, Dancing, Music, Performances, etc. Zeljko Jergan leads kolos.
- San Francisco Croatian Festival Sinovi 10/17 from Seattle with John Morovich. Zeljko Jergan leads

kolos. At Croatian American Cultural Center in San Francisco.

Info: Croatian American Cultural Center. www.croatianamericanweb.org

11/26-27 Annual Kolo Festival - Balkan & Greek dance, music, culture & food, at Croatian-American Center, 60 Onondaga Ave., San Francisco. Info: Jerry Duke (415) 759-5136 or jcduke@stu.edu

# **OUT OF STATE**

### **NEW YORK**

10/9-12 Int'l Folkdance Camp Columbus Day 2010 Weekend, at Circle Lodge, Hopewell Junction. Teachers: Moshe Eskayo, Sonia & Cristian, Susan & Steve Kotansky & David Vinski, Magali Boivin. Info: Moshe (212) 942-4143 or skayokeff@gmail.com

### **TEXAS**

Calendar

11/25-28 63rd Annual Texas Folk Dance Camp at Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX (just south of Waco). Teachers: Jaap Leegwater - Balkan; Celest diPietropaolo & Marie diCocco - Italian. Info: Texas Int'l Folk Dancers, PO Box 4516, Austin, Tx 78765, www.tifd.org or campchairs10@tifd.org

# **FOREIGN**

# **EGYPT**

1/12-26/2011 Cairo & Nile River Cruise & Classic Egypt Tour. Dancing led by Lee Otterholt. Info: Mel Mann(510) 526-4033, meldancing@aol.com, www.folkdanceonthewater.org

### **PANAMA CANAL**

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# On the Scene

# **INTERSECTION REUNION - TRIBUTE TO ATHAN KARRAS**

Please join us in a tribute to Athan Karras, at the Intersection Reunion on Saturday, October 23, at Agoura Hills / Calabasas Community Center, 27040 Malibu Hills Rd., Calabasas, CA 91301.

Tickets are moving quickly! There is limited space, and we need to order the correct number of Mediterranean dinners. No tickets sold at the door!.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person, purchased at Brown Paper Tickets through October 9, www.brownpapertickets.com/event/122371.

Committee. (madelyntaylor@hotmail.com)

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But when? On Halloween of course. That's Sunday, October 31, starting at 5:30 (potluck dinner, music, and dance if you wish). Then at 6:30 the concert and dancing starts. Unfortunately, at 9:45 we all turn into pumpkins and vanish into the night.

But who? All this is sponsored by the Laguna Woods Folkdancers, aided and abetted by the Laguna Folkdancers. All of you make it a really fun evening.

But how much? Bring ghoulish worms and eye of newt if you must, but a \$5 bill or reasonable substitution lets you in.

But how to get there? A pumpkin carriage works well, witch's broom perhaps, or just about any kind of car will do. Directions are: From El Toro Rd. near the 405 (southwest on El Toro from the freeway) enter at Gate 9 on Calle Corta. Tell the gatekeeper that you are

going folk dancing at Clubhouse 5. Once through the gate follow the signs to Clubhouse 5 - turn right onto Avenida Sosiega, then turn left onto Monte Hermoso. The clubhouse is on the corner of Monte Hermoso and Punta Alta, but you must turn right onto Punta Alta to reach the parking lot.

For more information see our website at www.LagunaFolkdancers.org or contact us at (714) 893-8888 or info@LagunaFolkdancers.org.

# **WORKSHOPS WITH CRISTIAN AND SONIA**

Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion will be teaching Romanian dances at the upcoming Laguna Festival, - Mady Taylor, for the Intersection Reunion. Feb. 4-6, 2011. Following the festival, Cristian and Sonia will remain in the Southern California area for a few days and will be available for workshops. For those who have not yet met them, we should mention that an evening with Cristian and Sonia is synonymous with an evening of fun, laughter and wonderful dancing. Those who have met them can testify this to be the case.

> If your club would like to schedule a workshop with Cristian and Sonia, please contact Gerda at (310) 399-2321 or by e-mail (gbenzeev@verizon.net).

# **GUEST TEACHER ANDRE MONTSION**

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**Thursday, Oct. 21:** Narodni - 7:30-10:30, Women's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower

Friday, Oct. 22: West L. A. Folk Dancers - 7:30-10:30. On Armacost Ave. between Santa Monica and Wilshire Blvds., on the west side of the street, in West L. A. (near the 405 freeway). For info: Contact Beverly Barr, (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659, or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

Sunday, Oct. 24: Laguna Folkdancers - 7:00-10:00, Community Center, 380 3rd St. Laguna Beach

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Another memorable weekend camp experience is planned

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vitality to our federation clubs by taking an active part in contributing new skills learned at these camps, promoting folk dance, helping with the running of the club and/or teaching dances to their groups.

As many of our clubs are experiencing shrinking numbers these days, this seems to me an especially significant time to encourage and reward leadership.

In my stint as Scholarship Chairperson, I was thrilled to have my committee award scholarships to dancers like Diane Baker, John Chittum, Gabrielle, Steve, John and Toti! I won't name them all, but I've witnessed that each one of them has made significant contributions to their own clubs, and many of them have extended their reach by teaching for other groups, performing in folk dance companies and/or folk dance bands.

The plan for this "Scholarship Ball" is, obviously, to generate funds to continue supporting the gift of the scholarships, but also hopefully bring attention to these issues:

- 1) We need these campers to enliven our clubs
- Our Federation monies in the bank are no longer making sufficient interest returns to finance scholarships the way they used to
- 3) Camp fees increase significantly at the same time that many of our treasured dance club members struggle in these economically depressed times
- 4) We want to dance and have fun!

Please mark your calendars, today! The scholarship ball will be held Saturday afternoon, November 6th at Throop Church from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. We will dance to live music provided by "Fifth Friday," and to your requests as well as the programmed dances. Bring your brother, mother, sister, spouse and everyone else who lives within a three mile radius of you! We can't know who the next folk dance enthusiast might be, or where they might come from.

Spread the word!

Valerie Daley

# **CAMP HESS KRAMER WORKSHOP WEEKEND**

The Camp Hess Kramer "Camp's Review" Workshop Weekend is almost here. Don't miss it - October 15,16,17, 2010. For the last several months we have written about how we love the Camp Hess Kramer Workshop Weekend in October, how much we love the camp, the teachers who come to teach us new dances,

the food and the camp staff. We can hardly wait to see our camp friends and dance and dance and dance. Our excitement has been growing each year for 26 years of this very enjoyable weekend.

See information on the teachers and the camp in the last several issues of Folk Dance Scene and Let's Dance Magazine.

This is a very special camp with its own personality. If you have not registered, do so now. If you have never attended, give yourself a treat and join us this year. There is a special feeling that exists that makes the camp and the people an unforgettable part of your life. We all go home talking about the great food, new friendships, and of course the new dances we learn.

Prices include accommodations, dance workshops, 6 outstanding meals, snacks, happy hour, parties, a silent auction and dancing.

For information, call Irwin or Beverly at (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com or see ad on page 18 for registration form.

### **VESELO OCTOBER SCHEDULE**

Oct. 2 All request

Oct. 9 Nostalgia Night

Oct. 16 Tribute to Dennis Boxell

Oct. 23 Sandy Wodicka reviews favorites of Dennis Boxell

Oct. 30 Halloween party with live music by the Bulgarian band **Kabile**. This special event is \$10.

Lu Perry

# **NEW GROUP FORMING FOR SET DANCES**

This newly forming group is for dancers who would like to have a regular time and place to dance and learn Scottish, English country, Irish, contras, mixers, and more. These dances are so much fun, but we have so little opportunity to enjoy dancing and learning this type of dance. These are dances that are done by both men and women, and you do not need a partner. In most dances the men's and women's steps are the same or similar.

The group will meet on Friday nights in West L. A. (near the 405 and the 10 freeways). Those who respond and are interested in being in the group will be notified when the group is formed and ready to start meeting to dance.

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If you are interested in having some fun doing these dances, or if you have any questions, please contact Beverly Barr: (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

# **MEMORIAL FOR BOB MORIARTY**

Hope all is well with you. In case you have not heard, I have to tell you that Bob passed away on May 15th. Cancer finally won out. It has been very difficult for me. But I am planning a memorial for him on October 10th. It will be in the rec room of my building, in the afternoon.

I've just started planning this, more details later. Thanks,

Isabelle Perch

# TZVETANKA VARIMEZOVA, IVAN VARIMEZOV, AND NEVENKA AT THE GETTY CENTER

Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 7 p.m. Harold M. Williams Auditorium, Getty Center, 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles.

Vocalist Tzvetanka Varimezova and gaida player Ivan Varimezov are among America's most celebrated proponents of Bulgarian music. The two Durfee Master Musician Fellows join forces with Nevenka East European Folk Ensemble for a special presentation that takes us from the lowlands of the Danube to the heart of Los Angeles.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. Reserve early!

For tickets visit http://www.getty.edu/visit/calendar/ days/10162010.html.

For more information visit http://nevenka.org/ shows.html

### **WEST L. A. FOLK DANCERS**

Special Guest Teacher, Andre Montsion will be with us on Friday, Oct. 22, after his weekend teaching at Camp Hess Kramer. Andre is from Canada and we are very pleased to have him teach us some dances.

Halloween is coming. Let's think ahead. Friday, Oct. 29 will be the West L.A. Folk Dancers' Halloween Party. Costumes recommended and all types accepted, but not required. The only requirement is to enjoy a great evening.

Day After Thanksgiving Party on Friday, Nov. 26 an annual event. This is a festive time of the year and we enjoy parties, therefore it is a great time to celebrate and enjoy an evening of request dancing, eating and - Beverly & Irwin Barr schmoozing with very nice and friendly people.

> Bring snacks or desserts for the pot-luck table. On party nights we begin at 7:30 p.m. and end when you get too tired to dance.

> We all look forward to party nights, seeing old and new friends and dancing together. We dance on a beautiful wooden floor at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost, W.L.A. (Between Barrington & Bundy, 1 ½ blocks north of Santa Monica Blvd.).

We hope to see you on Mondays and Fridays. We will meet on all Mondays in Oct. and be dark on Friday, Oct. 15. Uncertain about Oct. 1 and 8 (please call for

If you are new to our class or have not been there for a while, please call us to make sure that we are meeting that evening or if we have scheduled an extra party night.

For information call (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com.

- Beverly & Irwin Barr

# FREE HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE PASADENA COOP!

The night of October 29th is very special because it is free for everyone, people are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes, and it will have all the other fun attributes of a fifth Friday: no teaching, all request (except for the dozen or so dances by the band), and live music by the Fifth Friday Band.

In addition, each attendee will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing to be held that evening. Some winners will receive free admission to the Winter Festival and others will receive another free night of dancing at the Co-op.

Come in costume or not, but come to have fun folk dancing!

Marc Rayman (mostly)

# **NEW DAYTIME INTERNATIONAL FOLK & LINE** DANCE CLASSES ROXBURY RECREATION **CENTER IN BEVERLY HILLS:**

We meet every Tuesday - 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fall series of classes began Sept. 28. This is an

# **Dancers Speak**

# **DANCING WITH TWO LEFT FEET. (58)**



Our perception of a country, if we have never visited it, is shaped by the impressions we get from the media, music, pictures, and stories of travels by our friends. Our folk dance community loves to travel to countries that are familiar to us through the dances we do.

We visit the countries at times of festivals, or prearranged events that emphasize the culture we all love. Cities like Melnik, Kyustendil, Sandanski, and others evoke dances we all know and do.

The reality is that these locations have grown with the time and are quite different than what we imagined. The progress enveloping our whole planet has sadly reached these beautiful remote locations and transformed them to the ubiquitous big cities, resplendent with traffic, noise, pollution, and the proliferation of fast food and one stop shopping centers.

The other observation while visiting Bulgaria, is not very visual and is more difficult to notice. It is the general mood and feelings of the population. It is so different from the happiness of their songs and dances, which we have experienced through the various teachers and Bulgarian people that have shared their culture with us. I found the general population we came in contact with sad, melancholy, almost as if a cloud were hovering over them. I am not sure if these moods are vestiges of long Communist rule, or just the results of the poor economic worries many people have. I hope that with time this mood will fade and let the true and happy spirit of Bulgaria show.

To find the folk gems and the happy people we all love, you have to dig deep into the countryside, where you might still find the small villages keeping the torch of tradition still burning. They are places populated with older people, the young having left, mesmerized by the glitter of opportunity in the bigger cities, or having left the country to pursue their luck in foreign countries.

We discovered, during our recent trip, one such gem tucked close to the border between Macedonia and

Greece in Southwest Bulgaria. We left Bansko, a former small mountain village transformed into a bustling ski resort, to arrive to the village of Dobarsko, perched in a forested spur of the Rila Mountains.



The Dobarsko Grannies emerged in their full regalia to serenade us with their open throat multiple harmony songs. They changed our tourist look, by dressing us in their native costumes of a bride and groom as we joined them in dance and performed a mock village wedding.



How appropriate! It was our fiftieth wedding anniversary this year.

I told them that we were so happy that they kept the tradition going, and when I told them that we as well keep their tradition in the States by dancing and singing their songs, they hugged us and asked me to convey their thanks to our group.

So all you folk dancers, consider yourselves hugged by the "Grannies of Dobarsko"

Lou Pechi

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# **Dancers Speak**

# **Quote of the Month**

There are short-cuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them.

- Vicki Baum

Born in 1888 in Austria, Vicki Baum was a popular novelist. Her careers, however, included being a nurse during WWI, a harpist with an orchestra in Germany, as well as a music teacher, an editor for a publishing company, and eventually, a writer. Later, when her family came to the United States, she became a screenwriter in Hollywood. Among her most famous movies was *Grand Hotel*, in which her line for Greta Garbo, "I want to be alone... I think I have never been so tired in my life."

It seems like I often come back to dancing as a path to immediate gratification. Here is a woman, independent and versatile before women in general were so, who considered dance to be that path to instant happiness. So I'm in good company!

I have run out of appropriate questions! So I guess I will just bring you quotes for the time being. Anyone out there have a question for our readers?

- Sandy Helperin

Send questions to: ds@FolkDanceScene.org

### **FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP**

I arrived at Pinewoods for the Folk Arts Center camp weekend session, July 24 through July 27, leaving Monday, July 28. Pinewoods is a traditional dance and music camp located on 25 hilly acres in a pine forest between Long Pond and Round Pond in Plymouth, Massachusetts - and what a wonder it is!

Our cabin was definitely rustic, screened and cozy, nestled among tall pines overlooking Long Pond. Classes were taught in open-sided dance pavilions each morning and afternoon by two guest instructors. The material presented was geared for both beginners and experienced dancers. The instructors were excellent, informative, very experienced in teaching and a pleasure to learn from. One was from the Czech Republic, **Jan Pumpr**, and the other, **Jaap Leegwater**, was from Holland, specializing in Bulgarian dance. It was just what I was looking for.

Each night after dinner, we danced until 10:00 p.m. or later at the international folk dance parties. All dancing was to live music by the outstanding Pinewoods Band. The party programs included dances we had learned as well as requests. After 11:00 p.m. dancing and music continued into the wee hours.

Our meals were healthy, nutritious and tasty, served family style (lunch and dinner) or "cafeteria" style (breakfast). They also accommodated vegetarian diets. To help the camp sessions go smoothly, all campers were assigned small chores. My husband and I bussed the lunch tables twice and swept around the main offices. One evening, I helped with a late night theme party.

After Pinewoods, we have been vacationing in Concord, New Hampshire. I have discovered a local folk dance group here and have been able to share some of the dances I learned while at Pinewoods. We will be returning home in late October to Morro Bay, California where I will happily and enthusiastically continue to share dances I learned while attending the unforgettable Pinewoods dance camp.

Thank you for awarding me the scholarship!

- Bonnie von Rauner

### A TRIBUTE TO SHERRY COCHRAN

Sherry Cochran has been teaching Balkan dance for more than three decades, sharing thousands of dances in her generous, dedicated and rigorous way.

She began at the old Intersection Café in 1976, and went on to teach at Café Danssa until it closed two years ago. She continues to teach at the Dance Center on Friday nights. In all those years, Sherry has quietly given her time unstintingly, without asking for a dime.

She has a loyal following that admires and depends on her. The people in her teaching group appreciate her dedication. She is never late and has never missed a session. She always comes prepared with two or three dances for us. She devotes time to both the rhythms and the stylings of the dances. Her clear-cut instruction is enhanced by her singing.

Sherry enjoys the challenge of teaching difficult dances with many variations, but she also regularly introduces lovely slow, simple dances. Over the years she has helped us master several thousand dances and I'm sure she can recall any of them in a moment from her prodigious memory.

Sherry is a quiet, unassuming and devoted person. Not enough recognition has been given to her talent. She is a superstar who, these many years, has given the wealth of her knowledge to the folk dance community.

Thanks Sherry!

- Sophie Poster, et al.

# On the Scene

intermediate class doing international folk and line dances. The group is very warm and friendly and will welcome you to the circle.

We meet in the auditorium, 471 So. Roxbury Dr. in Beverly Hills, about one half block south of Olympic Blvd.

If you are coming for the first time, or for any information, call Beverly at (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or e-mail at dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

### **VICTORIAN TEA & DANCE SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Victorian Tea & Dance Society will be on Sunday, October 3, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 570 E. Orange Grove, Pasadena. Teachers will lead the class through various popular Victorian set dance figures and discuss Victorian ballroom etiquette. After a break for Victorian refreshments and tea, the class resumes with open couple dancing with private instruction from the teachers. Admission is \$12 and RSVP is requested to ensure the proper amount of refreshments: victorianteaanddance@gmail.com

- Rich Duree

# ON GOING WEEKLY DAYTIME CLASS AT THE CULVER CITY VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM ON WEDNESDAYS

Class is held in the Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Taught by Beverly Barr.

If you are coming to the class for the first time, or for any information, call Beverly at (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or e-mail at dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

### PANAMA CANAL CRUISE - PRICE REDUCTION

The beautiful Norwegian Star is having a temporary sale and we are receiving a very sizeable reduction on the price of our upcoming cruise. Please see the ad in this issue of Scene.

It is by popular request that we are taking the Panama Canal Cruise. Get ready to take a luxurious cruise for a very non-luxurious price through the Panama Canal, starting in Miami and ending in Los Angeles. We will take a one way flight to Miami on Dec. 4, 2010 where we spend one night in a Miami hotel and have a folk dance party. We board the Norwegian Star Cruise Ship the following day, Dec. 5th, for a 13 night cruise, ending in Los Angeles on Dec.18, 2010.

The ports that we will visit are: Miami; Cartagena, Columbia in South America; a daylight transit of the Panama Canal; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Huatulco, Acapulco & Cabo San Lucas; ending in L.A.

We look forward to a great time, folk dancing on board, visiting these interesting ports. and making wonderful new friends. We do a lot of dancing on board the ship and have our own room for folk dancing. Remember, cruising includes all your meals, plus food and fun available day and night.

Cruises are very popular and in great demand and are selling out fast. First come first served. Don't miss this super value on a great cruise vacation.

See ad for details in this issue of Scene. For more information or to reserve a cabin, please call quickly (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

Beverly & Irwin Barr

# **SUNDAY EVENING DANCING IN LAGUNA BEACH**

Susi Q center, 380 Third St., Laguna Beach, CA 92651 7:00 - 9:45 p.m.

# **October Teaching Schedule**

10-3 **Carol Martin** teaches *Bicak*, classic Bulgarian dance introduced by **Yves Moreau** 

10-10 all request

10-17 **Bob Altman** teaches *Sandansko Oro,* classic Bulgarian dance introduced by **Yves Moreau** 

10-24 **Andre Montsion** from Montreal teaches French Canadian dances. The evening includes up to an hour of instruction.

10-31 Halloween Bash with **Kabile**, playing traditional music from Thrace for party hosted by the Laguna Woods folk dancers. Clubhouse 5 (24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, CA 92637) See flyer in Scene.

Info: (714) 893-8888, www.LagunaFolkdancers.org

# **NEW DAYTIME CLASS IN LONG BEACH**

Starting Tuesday, October 5, 2010, and continuing every Tuesday afternoon there will be a new folk dance class. It will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5450 Atherton St., Long Beach. The class will feature easy dances, partners not needed, and it will be free. For more information contact the teacher: Sue Griffiths at suegriffiths68@gmail.com.

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# **Hawaiian Food**

### **CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD**

Ingredients

Won ton chips

1 medium head romaine or Manoa lettuce

1 small head iceberg lettuce

1 T sesame seeds, lightly toasted

1/2 cup green onion, chopped

1 cucumber, sliced

Cooked chicken, shredded

Other vegetables can be added as desired, such as: Chinese parsley, chopped water chestnuts, sliced tomatoes, etc.

# Sesame Dressing - (yield - 1/2 cup)

6 T sesame oil

2 T vinegar

1 tsp. salt

2 tsp. sugar

Wash vegetables and drain thoroughly. Tear greens into bite-sized pieces. Add the rest of the vegetables.

Chill well. Before serving, add sesame seeds, wonton chips and chicken. Toss lightly with the sesame dressing.

- From Joyce Terashima Baker

Note from Asako:

This and the teriyaki recipe (see below) are popular at Island parties and I submit them because they are foods that locals typically enjoy. The International Folk Dancers of Hawaii Cookbook has recipes that range from Indonesian, Yugoslavian, Ethiopian, Armenian, Latvian, Mexican, Hungarian, Czechoslovakian, German, French, Scottish, Polish, Greek, Jewish and more, so their palates are truly international in food.

Asako Oshiro

### **TERIYAKI MARINADE SAUCE**

A teriyaki entree is standard at pot luck parties, picnics and restaurants and I find it comfort food because it's something I grew up with. This sauce is used to marinate chicken, fish, pork, or beef. For quick cooking, slice meat to thin, small pieces.

Ingredients

1 cup soy sauce (shoyu)

1 cup sugar (white or brown) soy sauce and sugar are generally 1:1 but can be altered to taste.

Ginger, 1 nub, grated, to taste

Garlic 1 - 2 cloves, grated, or finely chopped, to taste

1 tsp. sesame oil

1 tsp. sake (optional)

Green onions (1 - 3 stalks, to taste) - chopped to small pieces

Mix all ingredients and soak meat in the sauce. Heat a little oil in a pan and sauté the meat until done; turn once.

This is also good for outdoor grilling.

- Asako Oshiro



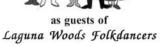
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