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On the cover: Bailinho da Madeira - Ilustração de Mário Costa (1902-1975)



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Editors' Corner

Bem vindo a Portugal, with dances and costumes pictured and discussed on the cover and in the lead articles; and Ethnic Food, too. I remember buying the sweet bread for lunch in summers at Woods Hole, Massachusetts

The Corner is populated with Federation topics, including the departure of Bob and Gerri Alexander.

International Poetry Day is today, the 21st of March—as we assemble this issue, so don't neglect the Poetry Corner.

Find your activities in Calendar and On the Scene. Club Directory at the end.

Be of good cheer!

Pat Cross and Don Krotser

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The Corner

A REPORT ON CONVERTING TAPE VIDEOS TO ELECTRONIC FORM

A couple of years ago, Dick Oakes and I undertook the project of putting copies of the more than 15 thousand dance syllabi that have been accumulated in the Federation's archive files. These contain nearly all of Statewide, Hess Kramer, Santa Barbara, San Diego and Idyllwild camps. Also, many individual events such as institutes and kolo festivals have been added. These are located on the Federation's website SoCalFolkDance.org under the tab Syllabi for the camps and under Dances for individual dances. Dick has also been adding dances from his vast collection of write-ups.

We have now undertaken another project to make information stored by the Federation more accessible to you, the folk dancers. For many years the Federation has maintained a large collection of videotapes and DVDs that were stored so that area teachers could come and review a master teacher presenting the dance. These are primarily stored by the event at which they were taught. However, most people now turn to YouTube to view examples of the dance, whether they resemble the master teacher's version or not. That, coupled with the disappearance of VCRs to view these tapes, has convinced the Federation to undertake the conversion of our past libraries to electronic form. We are cognizant of creative rights issues and we are filtering our postings to honor any request to not post an item. We are not posting videos from Stockton since they have their own project in that direction. We have just started (around 100 videos so far) and the process is slow and creates a tremendous amount of data, but the next time that you need a video, try the Federation website.

Marshall Cates-Federation Archivist

MORE GOOD INFORMATION IN THE FEDERATION WEBSITE

Today, when looking at the Federation South website for meeting minutes, I discovered a wealth of articles (under 'Articles'). Several of

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PORTUGUESE DANCES

Most of the following article was taken from: https://theculturetrip.com/europe/portugal/articles/an-introduction-to-ranchos-traditional-portuguese-folk-dance/

FADO

When we think of Portuguese music and dance, 'Fado' is the first thing that comes to mind. The word "fado" comes from the Latin word fatum, from which the English word "fate" also originates. The word is also linked to the music genre itself. Many songs play on the double meaning, such as the Amália Rodrigues song "Com que voz," which includes the lyric "Com que voz chorarei meu triste fado" ("With what voice should I lament my sad fate/sing my sad fado?"). Although the origins are difficult to trace, today fado is commonly regarded as simply a form of song which can be about anything but must follow a certain traditional structure. In popular belief, fado is a form of music characterized by mournful tunes and lyrics, often about the sea or the life of the poor, and infused with a sentiment of resignation, fatefulness and melancholia. This is loosely captured by the Portuguese word saudade, or "longing," symbolizing a feeling of loss (a permanent, irreparable loss and its consequent lifelong damage). This is similar to the character of several musical genres in Portuguese ex -colonies such as morna from Cape Verde, which may be historically linked to fado in its earlier form but has retained its rhythmic heritage. This connection to the music of a historic Portuguese urban and maritime proletariat (sailors, dock workers, port traders and other working-class people in general) can also be found in Brazilian modinha and Indonesian kroncong, although all these music genres subsequently developed their own independent traditions.

Fado performers in the middle of the 19th century were mainly from urban working-class, namely sailors, bohemians, courtesans, who not only sang but also danced and beat the *fado*. During the second half of the 19th century, the dance rhythms would eventually fade away, and the performers became merely singers (*fadistas*).

A particular stylistic trait of *fado* is the use of rubato, where the music pauses at the end of a phrase and the singer holds the note for dramatic

effect. The music uses double time rhythm and triple time (waltz style).

[As an aside, at the 2017 Statewide Festival, Loui Tucker taught a dance called Fado (by an unknown choreographer), which has become very popular. As Loui carefully pointed out during her teaching, the music for this dance is about someone who likes fado music – but it itself is not fado. The lively happy song for this dance is clearly a completely different style from that described above].

OTHER DANCES



Music and arts play a prominent role in Portuguese culture, and traditional folk dances called Ranchos Folclóricos stem from the country's rural areas and farming communities. Jubilant and energetic, Ranchos Folclóricos sound very different from fado, and these partner dances are either performed in couples or as groups and are still practiced today. Usually, they are observed in public during holidays and special events. The prominent characteristics include colorful costumes worn by men and women, guitar, accordion and bagpipe instrumentals, finger snapping and circular movements. The different dances and costumes represent different regions in Portugal. Normally, the women's costume is long and colorful, composed of either a dress or a skirt and a top, and complete with matching shoes and a hair scarf or handkerchief. Men, on the other hand, wear rather plain costumes made up of trousers and a long-sleeved top which is sometimes covered with a vest. It is also common for men to wear hats. Traditionally, the styles of the

costumes worn by dancers were influenced by the region and social system that the dancers belong to. Each "dance" has a different technique, whether made up of two or three steps, and is danced in long lines or small circles. A few of the more popular techniques include the *vira*, *fandango*, and *corridinho*. The most traditional folk dances stem from the north of the country, but some, like the *corridinho*, are also part of the south's history, and will even be observed in the Algarve during festivals. *Malhão*, from northwestern Portugal, danced by couples in long lines, has changed little in more than a century and is popular now in some Federation groups.



The *vira* – which means "turn" – comes from the Minho region in the north, and its style has been compared to the waltz. During this dance, men and women form a circle, which they revolve around with their hands in the air, and partners – which continuously change – circle each other as well. Like the *vira* are the *chula* and the *fandango*, which differ by being a little more energetic and accompanying different instrumental styles and melodies.



In general, all of the dances include circular movements and elaborate footwork, but the *corridinho* is a little different. During this dance, partners stick together and take turns in the center of the spotlight where a major part of their routines includes spins that may make the non-dancer dizzy to watch.

A couple of the most famous folk dances are *Tamar* from beachside Nazaré and the *Pauliteiros* from Miranda in the Douro region. The *Pauliteiros* is unique as it's a style of warrior dance, which is not common in most Portuguese folk routines. During this style, men dance together, incorporating the use of wooden sticks that they hit together to the music's rhythm and synchronize with their footwork. *Pauliteiros* comes from the word *paulito* which means "small stick," and neighboring Spain has a similar style called *danza de palos*.



PORTUGUESE COSTUMES

Many decades ago when I was a teenager, a friend of my family learned that I liked to folkdance and offered to give me a Portuguese costume she had bought on the island of Madeira in the 1930s (*Photo 1*). It fit me beautifully, and I wore my Madeira costume proudly to the folk festival then given each year at the Glendale Civic Auditorium, until I packed everything away to go off to college. A few years ago, needing to downsize, I got it out again and sold it to a grateful Portuguese dance group in Hawaii. The research I did, however, gave me a surprise: the costume is indeed Portuguese, but most of it is *not* that of Madeira!

In fact, the dress is the most famous and colorful of Portuguese mainland costumes, the so-called *Lavradeira* costume from the northern province of Minho (pronounced roughly *meenyo*, since Portuguese spells as \underline{nh} what Spanish spells as $\underline{\tilde{n}}$). Worn especially around the coastal city of Viano do Castelo, it comes in a red version (like this one), used particularly by younger women for festivals, and in a more subdued blue or green version, worn in mourning and by older women (who usually already have someone to mourn), and also in a much simpler version (called *domingar*) for Sundays and for going to market.

The outfit has several layers. First you put on the

white linen chemise (camisa), smocked at the shoulders and lightly embroidered several places in pink and blue. It is long enough to serve as petticoat too. Next comes the rather heavy woolen skirt (saia), the top section of which is woven in bright-colored, narrow vertical stripes and gathered onto a waistband. This is finished off with a wide red woolen strip around the bottom brightly embroidered with a pattern of garlands. (In other examples, one sees that this strip is often black.)

Over the skirt goes a wide gathered apron (avental), also striped, but with thick decorative patches that were woven in by using bright-colored woolen threads that stick up in loops (as on a chenille bedspread) to make the patterns. On mine, these "chenille" rectangles are in green, yellow, and hot-pink—a color we ourselves tend not to mix with the red that dominates this costume, but which I have seen mixed that way in many a Balkan costume as well.

The sleeveless bodice, or *colete*, consists of an upper part, which is red on my costume, and a lower part that is always black and heavily embroidered. The final touch is a densely ornamented and oddly shaped bag, the *algibeira* (originally an Arabic name). Mine was decorated with a colorful combination of appliqué and embroidery, and was

Photo 1: Portuguese Lavradeira dress, with Madeira boots and cap.



tied on around the waist with a long piece of red cotton tape (seen separate here).



Photo 2. Details of the costume: apron, bag, cap

In Minho this costume is usually worn with little backless slippers (or no shoes at all), but mine came to me with a handsome pair of white leather boots sporting wide turned-down tops edged with dark red leather. These turned out to be precisely the fashion on the island of Madeira. So part of my outfit really did belong to that island!

The dress worn by Madeiran women (below) is actually rather different from mine: a skirt with broad, brightly colored stripes, and a short cape of the same striped material or plain red. The blouse seems to be similar to the mainland ones.

Now, ladies from Minho seem to have worn nothing more remarkable than a scarf on their heads, but the most famous part of a Madeira outfit is the absolutely unique hat, which came as part of my costume and which I loved. Worn by both men and women, it consists of a small skull-cap covered with black woolen cloth that comes to a tall, skinny point held up by a metal pin inside. Sometimes, to go by the pictures, this pin is straight, but mine—and I saw photos of these too—was made quite crooked, so it looked like nothing so much as the tail of a pig, sticking straight up from my head!

Elizabeth Wayland Barber



Photo 3: Madeira Islanders dancing the jota. Both the black and white men's costumes are typical of Portugal.

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Contact: Ian Price - ianpricebey@hotmail.com

ETHNIC FOOD

Portuguese Chicken with Crispy Potatoes

From: feastathome.com

1 Whole Chicken (3-4 lbs)

1 1/2 lbs potatoes (yukon or reds), thinly sliced

Marinade:

2 Dried Ancho Chilies - rehydrated

2 tablespoons smoked paprika

6 cloves garlic

1 tablespoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon coriander

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon olive oil

1/2 teaspoon pepper

Cilantro Sauce:

1 cup plain yogurt

1 bunch cilantro - finely chopped

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon coriander

Cracked pepper

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 tablespoon olive oil

Preheat oven to 425°F

Rehydrate dried chilies in small pot of boiling water on the stove for 20 minutes.

Butterfly chicken: Rinse inside and out, removing innards. Pat dry. Place on a cutting board, breast down. Using sharp kitchen scissors, cut along both sides of the spine, remove and discard. Turn the chicken over, and placing the palm of your hand on the breast bone, press down hard to flatten.

Make the marinade by blending the marinade ingredients into a paste with a blender or food processor.

Brush a layer of marinade on the bottom of your baking pan. Place the thinly sliced potatoes on top of the marinade and sprinkle with a generous pinch of kosher salt.

Brush all sides and crevasses of the chicken with the marinade, coating fairly heavily. (You will add more marinade during cooking, so be sure to save the remaining.)

Place chicken, skin side down on the potatoes and place in the oven.

Turn chicken over after 15 minutes, and place back in the oven. After 10-15 minutes, brush more marinade all over the chicken on the skin side, really lathering it up. Return to the oven and bake until cooked through another 15-20 minutes, or until leg/thigh reaches internal temperature of 180°F. To crisp the skin and get it



deeply brown, broil for a few minutes. A little char is good here. Remove chicken when done and let rest 5-10 minutes before serving.

While chicken is roasting, combine cilantro sauce ingredients, either in a bowl, mixing by hand, or in a food processor.

Serve cilantro sauce on the side.

Cut chicken into pieces

Portuguese Muffins

From: kingarthurflour.com

A Portuguese muffin looks like a very large English muffin, without the cornmeal on the bottom or the craggy holes within. About 4" in diameter, and a good 1" thick, this soft, almost doughy bun is delicious toasted and slathered with butter and jam, à la English muffin; and it's equally good as the basis for a sandwich. Many Cape Cod restaurants serve their signature sandwiches on Portuguese muffins. The potato and soy flour, though optional, both contribute to the muffin's soft, tender texture.

10 large muffins

1 cup milk

1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) soft butter

3 1/2 cups flour

1/4 cup potato flour, optional (See "tip", below.)

1/4 cup soy flour, optional (See "tip", below.)

1/4 cup sugar

2 1/2 teaspoons instant yeast

1 1/2 teaspoon salt

2 eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1/8 teaspoon lemon oil or 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel or 1 teaspoon Sweet Dough Flavor

<u>To make by hand or with an electric mixer</u>: Scald the milk (heat it just until small bubbles form), then pour it over the butter. Set the mixture aside to cool to lukewarm.

In a large bowl, or in the bowl of an electric mixer, combine all of the dry ingredients, whisking thoroughly. (This prevents the potato flour from lumping). Add the remaining ingredients, mixing to form a workable dough. Knead the dough until it is smooth; this should be a soft (though not sticky) dough.

Place the dough in a lightly greased bowl, cover the bowl with plastic wrap, and allow the dough to rise for about 90 minutes; it'll become quite puffy.

<u>To make with a bread machine</u>: Place all of the ingredients into the pan of your bread machine, program the machine for manual or dough, and press Start. About 10 minutes before the end of the final kneading cycle, examine the dough, and adjust its texture as necessary with additional flour or water. The dough should have formed a smooth, cohesive ball. Allow the machine to finish its cycle.

Transfer the dough to a lightly oiled work surface, and divide it into 10 pieces, each about 3 1/4 ounces in weight. Form the dough into tight balls, and let them rest, covered, for about 30 minutes. Flatten the balls into circles 4" to 5" in diameter and about 1/2" thick.



Place the muffins on a lightly greased or parchment-lined baking sheet, leaving about 1 1/2" between them. Place a piece of parchment paper atop the muffins, or lightly grease the bottom of the second baking sheet. Place it atop the muffins, and let them rise for 45 minutes, or until they're about 3/4" thick.

Bake the muffins in a preheated 400°F oven for 18 to 22 minutes, leaving the second baking sheet in place; this will help keep the muffins flat.

Remove the top baking sheet, and test to make sure the muffins are done; they'll be golden brown on the top and bottom, with paler sides. Remove them from the oven, and cool on wire racks.

Store, well-wrapped, for 3 days on the counter, or freeze for up to a month.

Tip: If you choose not to use the potato flour and/or soy flour, reduce the milk by 1 tablespoon.

Portuguese Sweet Bread

From: marialanguages.com

3 lbs. all-purpose flour

1 cube of butter (melted)

1 cup of sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

4 eggs

1 teaspoon lemon zest (grated lemon peel)

1 pkg Rapid Rise Yeast

Milk

Mix the eggs and sugar. Add the flour, lemon, yeast, and salt. Knead the mixture, adding milk as necessary.

When the dough seems ready, add the melted butter a little at a time as you continue to knead the dough. Set aside and let it rise for about 4 to 5 hours.

When it is ready, divide the dough into small breads, let it rest for an hour.

Bake at 350°F for 25 to 30 minutes, depending on the size of the loaves. When it is done, rub some butter over the browned surface to make it shine.



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them focused on keeping beginning dancers happy and returning.

The Folk Dance Scene and the NW Folkdancer magazine could further help their readers by mentioning that the articles exist. I did not collect their names, but it would be helpful to provide a list of the articles. One article's title included the catchy phrase "The Care and Feeding of Newbies."

I had no idea that the information was there. I hope those with more years of folk dancing have been reading them.

Thank you, Dick Oakes, for posting the information and maintaining the website!

Mindy Belli

FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Nominate a club member to receive a Folk Dance Federation, South, scholarship to attend camp in 2018. Please print the rules and application form, then announce the availability of scholarships at club gatherings. Both documents are available on the Federation website, socalfolkdance.org

Please note that applications must be received by April 20, 2018.

So many camps.... so little time...

Scandia Camp, Mendocino Folklore, Balkan Camp, Stockton, Mainewoods, International Folkdance Camp...

Diane Baker

VMT HAS STARTED

Last month we announced a new Federation program (Visiting Master Teachers) in which clubs who have master teachers give a workshop at their location would receive from the Federation a substantial portion of the teacher's fee. I am pleased to inform you that the first of these took place in March in which Sani Rifati, the Rom teacher, gave three workshops in

Southern California. The short lead time, plus the fact that the week Sani was available coincided with St. Patrick's Day, and many clubs had already set up a party schedule, accounted for the relatively small number of workshops. But it was a start!

Steve Kotansky has been contacted, and while he (and we!) are anxious to have him here, his current schedule does not permit that. But stay tuned, because we will have him at some future date. In the meantime, if you know of any master teacher who will be in the area, let me know and we will pursue it. 818.368.1957, jaymichtom@yahoo.com

Jay Michtom

GERRI AND BOB ALEXANDER HAVE LEFT FOR OREGON

After a number of delays, departure dates that were moved forward and back, etc., Gerri and Bob Alexander have finally left California for Oregon, as of March 14. Their new address is:

17320 Holy Names Drive Lake Oswego, OR, 97034 (503) 342-6544

Email stays the same at: bobgeral@cs.com We wish them well in their new adventure, but their departure leaves a gaping hole. They have been very active in folk dance: dancing at Westwood, Beverly Barr's classes, and earlier at West Valley, working on Hess Kramer committee and Scene, enjoying costumes, helping out everywhere in the Federation. But mostly their warm, outgoing, friendly manner makes them easy to like. Their lives here have been full; in addition to dancing, they are bridge players, campers, active in their church, and volunteers at many cultural activities.



2018 Statewide Folk Dance Festival

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Register online at http://statewide2018.bpt.me

folkdance.com

CALENDAR

Note: Federation events are in bold.

CALL TO CONFIRM ALL EVENTS

APRIL

- 15 A Spring Festival, by Westwood Co-op. 1:15-4:45 at a new location: Roxbury Park, 471 S. Roxbury, Beverly Hills. Wood floor, refreshments. See OTS and ad. Info: 310.657.6877, rwsklkar@yahoo.com.
- 18 Celebrating Earth Day at Narodni. See OTS.
- 20-21 Aman Alumni Reunion at the Ojai Art Center in Ojai, Los Altos & Belmont. Workshop with Susy and Steve Kotansky, live music, singing. Info: heritagefolkdance@gmail.com.

MAY

- 19 Duquesne Tamburitzans, perform 7:30 at Garfield Theater, La Jolla. See ad. Info: sdjc.org/ Garfield/boxoffice.aspx, 858.362.1348
- 20 Topanga Banjo-Fiddle contest. 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. at Paramount Ranch, Agoura Hills. Performances, singing, crafts, food, jam sessions. See OTS. Info: (818) 382-4819, info@topangabanjofiddle.org
- 23 Duquesne Tamburitzans, perform 7:30 at Valley PAC, Cal. State Univ. at Northridge. Info: TBD
- 24 Duquesne Tamburitzans, perform 7:30 at Golden West College Theater, Huntington Beach. Info: tickets@gwctheater.org

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

- 5/18-20 *Statewide Festival*, Sacramento. Teachers: Steve Kotansky, Bruce Hamilton. See ad.
- 6/9-16 Scandia Camp Mendocino, Mendocino Woodlands. Info: scandiacampmendocino.org.

- 6/16-23 Mendocino Folklore Camp, Mendocino Woodlands. Dance classes, singing classes, music classes, live music, excellent food, great parties, redwoods location. See ad. Info: mendocinofolklorecamp.org
- 6/23-30 Balkan Music and Dance Camp, Mendocino Woodlands. Info: eefc.org. See OTS.
- 7/15-22, 7/22-29 Stockton Folk Dance Camp. Two identical weeks. At UOP, Stockton. See ad.

OUT OF STATE

MAINE

8/12-18, 8/19-25 Mainewoods Dance Camp,
Fryeburg. Teachers: Week One: Roberto
Bagnoli, Steve Kotansky, Richard Schmidt;
Week Two: Wim Bekooy, France BourqueMoreau, Yves Moreau. Woodsy setting along
river, good food, parties, live music. Info:
www.mainewoodsdancecamp.org.

NEW JERSEY

4/26-28 National Folk Organization Annual Conference. Tenafly. Info: nfo-usa.org. See OTS.

NEW YORK

- 5/11-13 International Folkdance Camp with Sonia and Cristian, Maurits van Geel, Moshe Eskayo and Joan Hantman. At Circle Lodge, Hopewell Junction. For more information, please contact Joan Hantman, jehdance@gmail.com.
- 8/4-11 *Balkan Music and Dance Camp.* Iroquois Springs. Info: eefc.org. See OTS.

WASHINGTON

5/25-28 *Northwest Folklife Festival*, Seattle. Info: nwfolklife.org/festival.

FOREIGN

BALKAN

7/29-8/12 Balkan Adventure Led by Jim Gold and Lee Otterholt: Macedonia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Albania, Greece. Includes local Koprivshtitsa folk festival. See ad. Info: Jim Gold jimgold@jimgold.com or www.jimgold.com.

CANADA

4/20-22 Lyrids FD Festival, Vancouver. Teachers: Sonia and Cristian, live music with Miamon Miller, Michael Lawson. Info: lyridsfolkdancefestival.org.

NORWAY/DENMARK/SWEDEN

6/12-25 *Tour*, led by Lee Otterholt: Oslo, Gothenburg, Helsingborg (Elsinore), Copenhagen. See ad. Info: Jim Gold jimgold@jimgold.com or www.jimgold.com.

POLAND

6/11-25 *Tour*, led by Richard Schmidt: Kraków, Rzeszów, Zakopane, Częstochowa, Gdańsk, Olsztyn, Żelazowa Wola, Warszawa. See ad. Info: Jim Gold jimgold@jimgold.com or www.jimgold.com.

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ROMANIA

7/1-12 Tour, led by Lee Otterholt: Bucharest, Sibiu, Cluj, Sighetu Marmatiei, Piatra Neamt, Brasov. See ad. Info: Jim Gold jimgold@jimgold.com or www.jimgold.com.

SCOTLAND

9/9-22 *Tour*, led by Richard Schmidt: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling, Loch Lomond, Loch Ness, Fort William, Mallaig, Isle of Skye, Inverness, Aberdeen, Perth. See ad. Info: Jim Gold jimgold@jimgold.com or www.jimgold.com.

SPAIN

10/12-22 *Tour,* led by Jim Gold and Lee Friedman: Malaga, Cadiz, Seville, Cordoba, Jaen, Granada. See ad. Info: Jim Gold jimgold@jimgold.com or www.jimgold.com.



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POETRY CORNER

KIERKEGAARD WALKS

What could they have thought of him this prosperous Dane promenading the cobbled streets of Copenhagen from Our Lady's Church to the Royal Theatre?

Umbrellaed in rain,
a dapper cane in sun and snow,
he stops them
the busy shopkeepers, husmødre,
common folk
to chat about their lives.

Some grumble beneath their smiles as he natters on about perception and leaps of faith there is work to do the days too short the chores too long

Some cross the boulevard,
walk extra steps to duck
the questions and the greetings,
and some look and smile his way

Each, through the lens of their experience, perceive him as they will.

A testament to his philosophy.

Pat Cross

WHY POETRY?

Because the yearning heart cannot express the longing
And the beseeching eyes cannot contain the anguish
And the aching arms cannot hold you
And the feet can only dance

Camille Dull

LIMERICK

Ron is known as the club scalawag.

He's the butt of many a gag.

Yet every lady in the hall

Will answer "Yes" to his call,

If he says to her: "Maple Leaf Rag?"

Carl Pilsecker



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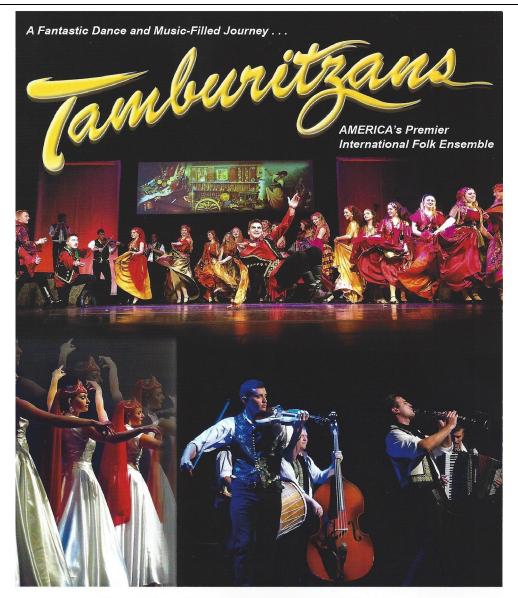
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- *POLAND: June 11-25, 2018. Led by Richard Schmidt
- *NORWAY, Denmark, Sweden: June 12-25, 2018. Led by Lee Otterholt
- *ROMANIA: July 1-12, 2018. Led by Lee Otterholt
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On the Scene

WESTWOOD CO-OP TEACHING FOR APRIL

Beverly Barr will teach *Shui Shui Zimmer* from Israel.

Gerda Ben-Zeev and Sandy Helperin will teach the English country dance *Love and a Bottle*.

Gerda will review *Lo Gava Libi* from Israel and Harry Evans will review the Armenian dance *Garoon*.

Sandy Helperin

WESTWOOD CO-OP FESTIVAL

Our Spring Festival is on Sunday, April 15 at a new location at the Roxbury Park Community Center in Beverly Hills. The address is 471 S Roxbury Drive, south of Olympic Blvd. Our room is large with lots of space for dancing and has a wood floor, air conditioning and a view of the park. We are planning an international dance program and welcome potluck snacks. On Sundays, parking meters are free. See our flyer in this month's *Scene*.

Rita Sklar

and great grandchildren. She also left a legacy of kindness, caring, and compassion that all who knew her will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to:

My Gym Challenged America 15300 Ventura Blvd, #523 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

https://www.challengedamerica.com/product/how-you-can-help/

Margie Rosenblum (Thelma's daughter)

PASADENA FOLK DANCE CO-OP

We dance every Friday night from 7:30 to 10:30, at the Throop Unitarian Church at 300 S. Los Robles in Pasadena. In April, starting at 7:30, we will be teaching the Macedonian line dance *Svekrvino* and the Swiss couple dance *La Faira da Strada*. Check PasadenaFolkDanceCoop.org for our weekly dance program, teaching schedule, and more.

Marshall Cates

THELMA ROSENBLUM

Thelma Rosenblum, 100.8 years young, died peacefully on March 7, 2018 with family by her side. Thelma exuded a special enthusiasm and gratitude for life. Last year, she celebrated her 100th birthday in Laguna Woods where she resided for about 26 years. Eva Darai and her band performed at the centennial while many of us danced.

For more than 16 years, Thelma was an active participant of Leisure World Folk Dancers, dancing two or three times a week and going to Camp Hess Kramer every year for the weekend retreat. Her daughter, Margie, went with her to Camp Hess Kramer in 2001 and had trouble keeping up with her 84 year old mother. Dancing is one of the legacies that Thelma has left for her children, grandchildren

CAFÉ AMAN

Café AMAN meets every 2nd Saturday of the month from 7:00 -11:00 at DanceFit Studio, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd., West L. A. Teaching is from 7:45 to 8:45, and there is usually live music and refreshments.

Upcoming:

April 14th - Chris Bajmakovic accordion. Cane Carovski teaching.

May 12th - Veselba - Bulgarian and Macedonian. Sevi Bayraktar teaching Turkish dances.

June 9th - Miamon Miller's Garlic Band celebrating Sophie Poster's 95+(?) birthday. John Filcich teaching kolos.

Info: madelyntaylor@hotmail.com

NARODNI

On Thursday, April 18, we will be celebrating Earth Day at Narodni. Wear earth tones, bring non-GMO snacks, and nothing in a package that you cannot recycle. Bring your own water bottle. Participate in our "Free-for-all" table: give a little, take a little. This is your chance to pass on something you no longer need to someone else who can enjoy it ,or find that little something you just can't live without! An all-request night. At 10:30 we all make like a tree and leave.

Julith Neff

WANT A MIDWEEK AFTERNOON BOOST?

Come dance with the Mountain Dancers on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. New dances are taught and some familiar dances are reviewed every session.

You'll find us at the South Pasadena Woman's Club, 1424 Fremont Ave. It's \$5.00 for the session, from 1:30 to 3:00, followed by free refreshments.

For more information, call Roz Witt, at 626.797.4453

NATIONAL FOLK ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held Thursday – Sunday, April 26-29, 2018 in Tenafly, NJ.

Info: www.nfo-usa.org. Questions: cricketdances@gmail.com

VESELO SELO

April 7 John Filcich teaching

April 14 Henrietta Bemis teaching *De secerat* and an Albanian dance

April 21 Julith Neff teaching

April 28 Julith Neff reviews

Lu Perry

BALKAN MUSIC & DANCE WORKSHOPS

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TOPANGA BANJO-FIDDLE

The 58th Annual Topanga Banjo-Fiddle Contest is less than two short months away (May 20), and it is time to gather up this year's crop of wonderful volunteers! Our volunteers not only gain free admission, they are the foundation for a smooth, successful event year after year.

This year, I'd like to highlight a new feature that we are very excited to introduce at our festival – the Instrument Petting Zoo. Our hope is to provide potential musicians with an opportunity for a handson musical experience. If you play an instrument and would like to share it directly with kids and adult novices, please consider volunteering in this capacity. If you'd like to help, the volunteer form can also be accessed on the TBFC webpage at http://www.topangabanjofiddle.org/volunteer, where you will find all of our contact information.

Kayli Blundell



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CLUB DIRECTORY

Most groups welcome beginning dancers. The groups with an * below have sessions specifically for beginners.

Federation Clubs

Bay Osos Folk Dancers: Tue 11:00-3:00. South Bay Community Center, 2180 Palisades Ave, **Los Osos.** (805) 534-1501 Anne Tiber.

*Cabrillo Folk Dancers: Tue 7:00-9:30 (Beg 7-8). Balboa Park. Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American, SAN DIEGO. (858) 459-1336 gbsham@gmail.com Georgina.

Cafe Asteria: 4th Sat 7:30-11:30. LA DanceFit Studio, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd, West LA. jsavin@ctcg.com (310) 229-8947 Jerald Savin

Cerritos Folk Dancers: Tue 6:00-8:45. Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South St, CERRITOS. (562) 338-2298 chiangwenli@yahoo.com Wen Chiang

Conejo Valley Folk Dancers: Wed 7:30-9:30.

Conejo Rec Center, 403 W Hillcrest Dr, THOUSAND
OAKS. (206) 849-1190 dancermm@gmail.com
Marie Montes

Ethnic Express: Wed 6:30 except holidays. Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 So. Brush St, Las Vegas. (702) 732-4871 rpkillian@gmail.com Richard Killian

Fantasy Folk Dance Club: Sun 4:00 - 7:00. St Thomas Aquinas Church, 1501 S Atlantic Blvd, MONTEREY PARK. tiggerbyc@yahoo.com (626) 458-8851 Sophie Chen. Fri 8:15-10:45. El Monte Chamber of Commerce, 10505 Valley Blvd EL MONTE. (626) 429-9008

Vincentyhcheng@gmail.com Vincent Cheng

Int'l Folk Dance Club - Laguna Woods: Tue 9:00am-11:00. Clubhouse 1, 24232 Calle Aragon, LAGUNA WOODS. (949) 454-0837 friedagorelick@hotmail.com Frieda Gorelick

Kypseli Greek Folk Dancing: Fri 8:30-11:30. The Tango Room, 4346 Woodman Ave, SHERMAN OAKS. www.kypseli.org (310) 508-9676 Anne Sirota xorepse@gmail.com

Laguna Int'l Dancers: Wed 6:00-9:00, Sun 6:00-9:00. Clubhouse 2, 24112 Moulton Pkwy, LAGUNA WOODS. (949) 770-7026 7kahnmiriam@gmail.com Miriam Kahn

Mountain Dancers: 1st & 3rd Tue 1:30-3:30. Woman's Club, 1424 Fremont Ave, S. PASADENA (626) 355-9220 johnmeursinge@gmail.com John Meursinge

Narodni Int'l Folkdancers: Thu 7:30-10:30. Woman's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St, **Bellflower**. (562) 881-9504 julithilona@yahoo.com Julith Neff

*Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op: Fri 7:30-10:30 (Beg 7:30-8). Throop Unitarian Church, 300 S. Los Robles, Pasadena. (626) 914-4006 ricklynnbingle@gmail.com Lynn Bingle

Prescott Int'l Folkdancers: Sun 3:00-5:00. First Congregational Church, 216 E. Gurley St, Prescott, AZ. (928) 925-8995 raweston@earthlink.net Dick Weston

Rainbow Senior Club: Sun 3:00-6:00. Joslyn Senior Center 210 N. Chapel Ave, ALHAMBRA. (626) 456-1900 ksun310@yahoo.com Kevin Sun

San Diego Vintage Dancers: Dance Place, 2650 Truxton Rd, SAN DIEGO. (858) 622-9924 drjenma@pacbell.net Mary Jennings

Skandia South Dance Club: Mon 6:45-9:45.

Downtown Community Center, 250 E Center,

Anaheim. (714) 893-8888 tedmart@juno.com Ted

Martin. Sat(usually first) 3:30-10:00. Lindberg

Park, 5041 Rhoda Way, Culver City. (562) 732-4990 cameronflanders@gmail.com Cameron

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Solvang Village Folk Dancers: Sat 6:30-8:30 (except 3rd Sat). Bethania Lutheran, 603 Atterdag Rd, SOLVANG. 3rd Sat 1:00-3. Corner Alisal & Copenhagen, Solvang (805) 688-3397 dlh4362@gmail.com David Heald

Tuesday Gypsies: Tue 7:45-10:30. Masonic Lodge, 9635 Venice Blvd, **Culver City**. (310) 391-7382 sandyhelperin@icloud.com Sandy Helperin

Veselo Selo Folkdancers: Sat 7:30-10:30. Unitarian Church, 511 S. Harbor, Anaheim. (714) 828-2581 Lu Perry

Vintage Israeli Dancing: One Sat per month 8:16-12:00. Anisa's School of Dance, 14252 Ventura Blvd, SHERMAN OAKS. (818) 881-7494 (after noon) Louis, dovbyrd@aol.com

*West Los Angeles Folk Dancers: Mon 7:30-10:00 (Beg 7:30-8). Brockton School, 1309 Armacost Ave, West LA. (310) 202-6166 dancingbarrs@yahoo.com Beverly Barr

West Valley Folk Dancers: Fri 7:15-10:00. Senior Center, 7326 Jordan Ave, CANOGA PARK. (818) 348-6133 lila@aurich.com Lila Aurich

Westchester Lariats: Mon 4:00-9:00. Westchester Methodist Church, 8065 Emerson, Los Angeles. (310) 689-9176 veniceii@yahoo.com Ina Hall

Westwood Co-op: Thu 7:30-9:45. Felicia Mahood Senior Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd, West LA. (310) 657-6877 rwsklar@yahoo.com Rita Sklar

Exhibition Groups

Karpatok Hungarian Folk Ensemble: Wed 8:00. United Hungarian House, 1975 Washington, Los ANGELES. (310) 350-1135 Livia Schachinger

Krakusy Polish Folk Dance Ensemble: Tue 7:00 -9:30 Sat 2:15-4:15. Polish Parish Hall, 3424 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles. (626) 827-7338 elistarrr@yahoo.com Ela Romuzga

Scandia Dancers: Tue 7:00-10:00. Woman's Club, Bellflower. (714) 356-7745 sholzman1@verizon.net Stefanie Holzman

UCSB Middle Eastern Ensemble: Tue 7:00-10:00. Gehringer Music Bldg, UCSB Campus, SANTA BARBARA. (805) 729-6453 scottmarcu@aol.com Scott Marcus

Non-Federation Clubs

Beverly Barr Daytime Classes: Mon 1:30-3:00 Senior Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd, SHERMAN OAKS. Tue 10:45am-12:30. Roxbury Park Rec. Center, 471 So. Roxbury, Beverly Hills. Wed 12:30-2:00. Culver City Senior Center, northwest corner Culver & Overland, Culver City. (310) 202-6166

Cafe Aman: 2nd Sat 7:00-11:00. Teach 7:45-8:45 LA DanceFit Studio, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd, WEST LA, madelyntaylor@hotmail.com ianprice@hotmail.com

Cal Tech Folkdancers: Tue 7:30. Cal Tech Campus, Dabney Hall, **PASADENA**, parking off Del Mar. (626) 797-5157 Nancy Milligan

Claremont Israeli Dancers: Mon 7:00-10:00 Masonic Lodge, 272 W. 8th St, CLAREMONT. (909) 921-7115 Yael

Desert Dancers: Thu 7:00-9:00 Nov-April. Hi Desert Dance Center, 725 S. Gateway St, **RIDGECREST**. (760) 371-5669 Nora Nuckles

Desert Int'l Folk Dancers: Thu 7:00-9:00 Nov-Apr. Leisure Center Dance Studio, 401 S. Pavilion Way, **PALM SPRINGS**. (760) 342-1297 Helen Smith

Folk Dance Center: Every Evening. 4569 30th St, SAN DIEGO. (619) 466-4043, www.folkdancecenter.org

*Foothill Folk Dancers: Thu 7:30-9:30. Community Center, 4469 Chevy Chase Dr., La Cañada (818)790-8523 JanRayman@charter.net

Friday Night L.I.F.E.: Fri 8:00-11:00. LA DanceFit Studio, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd West L.A www.lifebalkandancers.com worldance1@gmail.com Sherry

Israeli Dancing-James Zimmer: Tue 8:00-12:00. Westside JCC, 5870 W Olympic, L.A. (310) 284-3638 James Zimmer Israelidance@yahoo.com

*Israeli Dancing-Natalie Stern: Mon 10:00am-11:45 & noon-1:00(Beg); Tue 10:30am-noon; Wed 7:00-9:30; Thu 10:15am-12:00, 12:05-1:05(Beg). American Jewish Univ Dance Studio, 15600 Mulholland, L.A (818) 343-8009 Natalie Stern

Israeli Dancing-Yoni Carr: Mon 7:00-11:30 Beginners at 7:00. Infinity Sport Dance Center, 4428 Convoy St, **SAN DIEGO**. (619) 227-0110 Yoni

Kayso Folk Dancers: Fri 9:30am-12:00. Balboa Park, Casa del Prado room 206, **SAN DIEGO** (619) 463-7529 Joe Sigona San Diego Folk Dancers: Mon 7:30-9:00. Balboa Park Club, Balboa Park, SAN DIEGO (858) 278-4619 Jeanne Cate

Santa Barbara Balkan Folk Dancers: Wed 8:00-10:30. Oak Park Stage, corner Junipero and Calle Real, Santa Barbara. (805) 682-4511 Luis Goena

Santa Monica College Int'l Dance Club: Tue, Thu 11:15am-12:35. Santa Monica College Clock Tower or LS Bldg, 1900 Pico Blvd, SANTA MONICA. (310) 284-3638 James Zimmer

Topanga Canyon Int'l FD: Fri 9:30am-11:00am. Froggy's Restaurant, 1105 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd, **Topanga**. (310) 455-1051 Melanie Kareem

UCLA Ballroom Club & UCLA Int'l
Folkdancers: Mon 7:00-9:00(ballroom), 9:0011:00 (folk). UCLA Kerckhoff Hall, Westwood.
(310) 284-3636 UniversityDanceClubs@yahoo.com
James Zimmer

Ventura Folk Dancers: Tue 1:15-2:30, Thu 1:45-3:00. YMCA, 3760 Telegraph Rd, Ventura. (805)-746-0884 Valerie Dalev.



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