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On the cover: Lee Oterholt leads a dance at Cerritos festival. Photo by Mari Werner.



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Editors' Corner

Coming home from our family trips, we find mostly event reporting this month—past and future—plus a report of the latest Federation meeting.

Diane Baker writes about having a community to interact with, and how to find dance communities wherever you travel. She also provides her enthusiasm for our southern California fall events.

Recent Events, Calendar, and On the Scene provide where-and-when information about past, present and future folk dance events.

Find contact information and times in Club Directory.

Be of good cheer!

Pat Cross and Don Krotser

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The Corner

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Where are your 3rd places(s), aka homes, away from home?

An article in the May '24 NEA retired newsletter discussed the importance of retirees having a "3rd place" -- a place where you can relax, connect, complain, converse, giggle, gossip, maybe even dance or watch your dog play. Everyone knows your name and you are concerned about the well being of others in the room. You look forward to interacting with them. You can ask for & give advice and support. A dog park, local pub or café, church, senior center, gym, book or gardening club might be the place where you experience mutual smiles & genuine caring. Or perhaps your 3rd place is a folk dance group. It's pleasurable to walk into your familiar local dance club. It's extraordinary that you can attend a dance club across the country and feel at home the minute you enter the hall. Take a look at the "where to dance link" on the NFO website, <https://info-usa.com/where-to-dance/> before you depart on a trip. You may discover many "3rd places" along your route where you will feel welcome and take delight in the folks you encounter.

The Ojai Art Center will be all our "3rd place" when we meet up for a Day of Dance September 28. The theme of instruction for the morning workshop is "Celebrate our shared passion for international dance." Teachers Valerie Daley, Paula Davis and Marc Rayman are deciding which dances to present. Is there a dance you are eager to have carefully taught? If so, send the name of the dance to info@socalfolkdance.org. Send requests for the afternoon dance party to program planner Marshall Cates, marshallcates@gmail.com.

I've registered for Fall Camp! Have you? The AJU Camp in Simi Valley will be our snug (or breezy) home November 22-24. I'm eager to escape cooking, cleaning & telephone solicitors for a weekend of quality time with local & visiting dancers. If you need data to convince another family member

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RECENT EVENTS

Ed's Note: The following article and picture were in the July 2024 issue of Let's Dance, and are re-printed here with permission.

STATEWIDE

This was the very first Statewide Folk Dance Festival for me. I read the articles in *Let's Dance!* leading up to this amazing event and would now like to share my impressions.

Teachers:

Cesar Garfiaz and his wife made Salsa Rueda come alive for me. Each night I could hear the calls in my mind as I drifted off to sleep – “Dame una! Echeverria! Un fly! Dile que no!”

As we circled like a wheel, I looked forward to each new partner and the personality they'd bring to the Salsa, before the next “Dame una!” was called.

Yannis Konstantinou was joined by his daughter Xenia and their vibrant personalities filled the hall. I saw the uniqueness of men's and women's footwork as they expressively placed each foot. I enjoyed viewing the large map of Greece as Yannis described the story behind the footwork and arm movements of each new dance.

Kurt Gollhardt's calling got me moving and interacting with the folks in my square dance set.

I observed the intricate weaves of the experienced 100+ dancers and appreciated the genuine warmth as they shared with me the joy of the dance.

Performances:

The energy of the performers (*Grupo Folklórico Los Quetzales, Grupo Santa Paula, Los Panaderos*) dancing the dances of Jalisco and Sonora, Mexico was captivating, with beautiful skirts twirling and feet stomp-ing. Seeing young people with such passion for dance is energizing and refreshing. We also saw three beautiful dresses with intricate details including Xenia's dress from her village of Florina.

Evening Parties:

Orkestar Unbound made music for the evening parties lively. I enjoyed looking up at the stage to see each unique instrument. My favorite moment was hearing the lyrics of *Ma Navu* sung. If I didn't recognize a song, friendly folk would whisk me up and give me clues to include me.

Meals:

Mealtime allowed me to relax and put names to faces I've seen while dancing and hear each person's story. I appreciated the variety of food served, especially the dim sum lunch, as I had not experienced this Cantonese tradition before.

Thank you to all who put months of planning into creating such a memorable festival.

Christine Jensvold



Diane Baker and Sherry Cochran at Statewide

CERRITOS FESTIVAL

Cerritos Folk Dancers (CFD) hosted its 15th anniversary festival on June 8, 2024. A total of 86 people attended the event. More than a half of them are CFD members and other Asian dancers.

CFD hosts two festivals each year. One festival is held in February to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Master teachers are invited to teach dances. The second festival is in May or June to celebrate CFD's anniversary. These events are sponsored by the Folk Dance Federation of California, South.

Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers. Without them, our festival wouldn't have been possible. We also want to express our appreciation to all the dancers who came and shared our happy time together. Many of them wore ethnic costumes, making the party colorful and cheerful. Concert performers and dance leaders attracted the attention of everyone in the room. They were simply amazing. Each of the first seventy-five attendees received a personalized 16-oz vacuum insulated water bottle donated by Sue and Wen.

We would appreciate having your feedback to improve our future events. Please don't hesitate to give us suggestions. Our email address is CerritosFolkDancers@gmail.com.

The date for our Lunar New Year Festival next year will be on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The teachers are to be arranged later. The date for our next anniversary festival has been set to Sunday, May 18, 2025. There will be no teaching in that anniversary festival. We will have fun dancing together. Both festivals will be held at the Cerritos Senior Center, from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. A lion dance will start at 12:55 p.m. on February 15 to celebrate the Year of the Snake. If you are interested in being one of the lions, please let us know.

Happy Dancing!



Sue Chen and Wen-Li Chiang dance the Tarantella.

Wen-Li Chiang



CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 4 *Historical Tea and Dance Society Labyrinth Masquerade Ball prep class* (maybe at The Woman's Club of South Pasadena, 1424 Fremont Ave), Info and registration <https://historicalteaanddance.org/>
- 16 *Antony Ivancich* will teach at LIFE Balkan Dancers hybrid - in person at LaDanceFit, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd, LA CA 90025 (enter through the back.) E-mail worldance1@gmail.com for the Zoom link or info.
- 30 - Sept 1 *Orange Street Fair* multiethnic food and music www.orangestreetfair.org/
- 31 - Sept 2 *Long Beach Greek Festival*, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 5761 E Colorado St, Long Beach, CA 90814, off site parking at VA Hospital off N Bellflower and Anaheim Blvd. Live music with the Olympians and friends. \$5 admission <https://www.lbgreekfest.org>

SEPTEMBER

- 7-8 *Cardiff Greek Festival* Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church. 3459 Manchester Ave. Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA 92007. Info will be updated at <https://www.cardiffgreekfestival.com>
- 15 *Historical Tea and Dance Society Fantasy-themed "Middle Earth" Moonlight Summer Ball* info and registration <https://historicalteaanddance.org/>
- 20 *Tom Bozigian and Sheree King* will teach at LIFE Balkan Dancers hybrid - in person at LaDanceFit, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd, LA CA 90025 (enter through the back.) E-mail worldance1@gmail.com for the Zoom link or info.
- 20-22 *LA Ukulele Festival* in Torrance <https://losangelesukulelefestival.com/home>
- 20-22 *Pasadena Greek Festival* www.pasadenagreekfest.com/
- 21 *73rd Annual St Anthony Croatian Festival* at the Compton Hunting & Fishing Club. BBQ'd Lamb and Piglets, *Cevapcici* and other Croatian delicacies. Dance the *kolo*, enjoy a cultural program by the *kolo* ensemble and other Croatian artists. \$10 admission <https://www.simpletix.com/e/73rd-annual-croatian-festival-picnic-tickets-167754>
- 28 *Ojai Day of Dance*, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Ojai Art Center, 113 Montgomery St., Ojai, CA 93023 https://socalfolkdance.org/calendarimages/flyer_ojai_240928.pdf See ad.

28-29 *San Juan Capistrano Greek Fest.*
www.sjcgreekfest.com/

OCTOBER

- 4-6 *Temecula Greek Festival* live music with Synthesi. New location: Temecula Promenade Mall, 40820 Winchester Rd, Temecula
www.temeculagreekfest.com
- 5-6 *LA Greek Fest* at St. Sophia Cathedral <https://lagreekfest.com/>
- 10-15 *Many Winters Gathering of Elders Gabrielino/Tongva Territory* c/o Angels Gate Cultural Center, 3601 S. Gaffey St, San Pedro, California 90731
- 13 *Macedonian Festival* St. Mary's Macedonian Orthodox Church, Whittier
- 17-20 *Far-West 2024 Conference*, Warner Center Marriott, Woodland Hills, CA. <https://far-west.org/conference>
- 20 *Historical Tea and Dance Society Tea & Dance P2P weekend* workshop info and registration <https://historicalteaanddance.org/>

NOVEMBER

- 2 *Los Angeles Powwow* - a one-day event marking the start of Native American Heritage Month, across the street from LA City Hall <https://www.facebook.com/events/982716553334589/>
- 3 *Historical Tea and Dance Society Colonial Tea Social* info and registration <https://historicalteaanddance.org/>
- 22-24 *Fall Camp* at Brandeis-Bardin Institute with Genci Kastrati (Albanian dance) and Ira Weisburd (Int) Keep checking for updates at <https://fallcamp.org> See ad.

MAY 2025

- 2-4, *2025 Statewide 2025* will take place at the Portuguese Hall in Arroyo Grande – master teachers Zelko Jergan and Billy Burke, music by Chubritza <https://socalfolkdance.org/statewide.htm>

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

AUGUST

- 9-11 *John Filcich Festival* in Arcata, CA The John Filcich Folk Dance Festival, a celebration of old time kolos and classic folk dances in honor of John Filcich's 100th Birthday this year. Chubritza, John Morovich, Billy Burke, and Jeff O'Connor are confirmed, and more musicians and dance teachers will be announced. Information and registration are live now <https://www.filcichfestival.com/>

ON THE SCENE

PASADENA FOLK DANCE CO-OP

We dance in person every Friday from 7:30 till 9:30 PM at Altadena Community Church Heicher Hall, 943 E Altadena Drive, Altadena, CA 91001. Join us for our traditional **Fifth Friday party night on August 30th**. We'll have live music by the Fifth Friday band plus all-request recorded dance music.

In the teaching sessions on the other four Fridays, Toti O'Brien will be teaching *Xhamadani*, a line dance originating from the traditions of ethnic Albanian communities living in Southern Italy. On the second Friday of the month, you can come at 6:30 PM for set dance review led by Marshall Cates. And coming up in September, we're starting a Beginners' Hour from 6:30 till 7:30 every 1st and 3rd Friday.

See the [This Month](#) page on our website, www.pasadenafolkdancecoop.org, for full programs for each Friday.

Mari Werner

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SEPTEMBER

12-15 *Nirkoda Ba'Kerem 2024*, Israeli Dance and Wine Tasting with Aaron Alpert at Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento. Teachers Yaron Carmel and Ilai Szpiezak, <https://nirkoda.com/bakerem>

27-29 *Paradosi Greek Dance Symposium Belmont*
Instructors Achilleas Tsiaras, George Liaros, Mixalis Tsaknakis, Guest speaker Joseph Kaloyanides Graziosi www.paradosibelmont.org/

OCTOBER

25-27 *North/South Folkdance Teachers Seminar*, 220 Cloister Lane, Aptos, CA 95003. Master Teachers: France Baroque-Moreau and Michael Ginsburg. <https://www.folkdance.com/event/ns-seminar-2024/>

NOVEMBER

29-30 *Kolo Festival* <https://kolofestival.org/>

OUT OF STATE

Aug 10–17 *East Coast Balkan Music & Dance Workshop*, Iroquois Springs, Rock Hill, NY <https://eefc.org/balkan-camp/east-coast-balkan-music-dance-workshop/>

Aug 17-24, 25-31 *Mainewoods Dance Camp*. Two sessions. <http://www.mainewoodsdancecamp.org>

Aug 30-Sept 2 *Balkanalia* at Camp Angelos 32149 SE Stevens Rd, Corbett, OR Dance classes by Tanya Dimitrov and Michael Ginsburg, Dance parties with music by the Varimezovi Family, Staro Selo, and more, Ensemble classes in Bulgarian, Macedonian, and Romani music, Music classes in singing, tambura, tupan, and more <https://balkanalia.org/> Work exchange available for discounted tuition

Sept 19-22 *Tamburitza Extravaganza* at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Seven Springs PA <https://www.tamburitza.org/>

Oct 4-6 *Omaha Dancers Pink Party* "delighted/excited to host Barbara Bleisch at Pink Party 2024 - celebrating 38 years of survivorship. Plus, she's bringing Marvin Moehle" <https://nfo-usa.com/major-events/tag/omaha-intl-folk-dancers/>

Apr 2-6, 2025 - *NFO Conference* in Portland Oregon <https://nfo-usa.com/annual-nfo-conference-2025/>

Jim Gold International Folk Tours 2024

Our trips are for folk dancers, non-dancers
and anyone with a love of travel, culture, and adventure

GREECE: October 18-30, 2024

Athens, Nauplia, Sparta, Olympia, Delphi,
Meteora, Thessalonika

SPAIN: September 12-25

Malaga, Cadiz, Seville, Cordoba, Granada

ROMANIA: September 29-Oct 13

Bucharest, Brasov. Sibiu, Cluj, Sighet Marmatiei

BRAZIL: October 21-November 1, 2024

Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, Iguassu Falls

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NOVEMBER 22-24, 2024

FALL CAMP

Ira Weisburd
International Dance

Genci Kastrati
Albanian Dance



REDUCED RATES! REGISTER NOW!
Brandeis-Bardin Institute

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parties, and more!

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Brandeis, CA 93064
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Motel-style rooms, 6 great meals

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Fall Camp

November 22-24, 2024


Featuring Master Teachers Genci Kastrati & Ira Weisburd

The weekend includes two nights in motel-style rooms (with heating and air conditioning, private bath, bedding, and towels), 6 meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch), snacks, teaching sessions, review sessions, evening dance parties, and other activities. Dance in a beautiful climate controlled room. **Visit FallCamp.org for details. Space is limited. Register soon!**

Fall Camp is at the Brandeis-Bardin Campus of the American Jewish University, 1101 Peppertree Lane, Brandeis, CA 93064. (It is near Simi Valley in Southern California, just south of the 118 Freeway.)

Although the facility has raised its rates again, prices are lower thanks to support from the Folk Dance Federation of California, South. Note there is no discount for sharing rooms.

Please circle your choice

Single room		
Double room		\$495 per person \$ _____
Triple room		
Commuter (No room, 6 meals)		\$365 per person \$ _____

Please consider an entirely optional donation: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



Refund policy: You may cancel anytime until Nov. 4 for a full refund. We cannot guarantee full refunds after that date.  

First name (for your badge) _____ Last name _____

Email _____

Address _____






Phone(s) _____ Name(s) of roommate(s) _____

We will try to accommodate special dietary requirements _____ 

Emergency contact (name & phone) _____

 **The Federation requires campers to sign two waivers of liability, and Brandeis-Bardin requires another. You can find all three using the menu on the upper right at FallCamp.org, or ask Kelley to send them to you. You need to sign the Federation waivers only once, so if you have already signed them for another Federation event, check this box. ☐**

Please complete a separate registration and waivers for each camper, make your check payable to **Folk Dance Federation of California, South, Inc.**, and mail them to:

    
Kelley O'Neill
21181 Serra Vista
Lake Forest, CA 92630

For questions, contact Kelley at DanceFallCamp@gmail.com.



Ojai Day of Dance



Saturday, September 28, 2024
10 am til 5 pm
at The Ojai Art Center
113 Montgomery St. Ojai, CA 93023



\$20 full day
Drinks and light refreshments available all day
Air conditioning
Beautiful wood floor



Schedule:

10-11.30 am teaching and review of dances taught at summer camps
11:30-1 Lunch (on your own—picnic lunches recommended) and dance requests
1-5 Dance program. Please send requests for your favorite dances to Marshall Cates, marshallcates@gmail.com, Ph 626 792 9118.

Contact for more information: Carol Smith 805 794-5512, csmit2u@yahoo.com

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POETRY CORNER

SUMMERTIME

Flee fly! Why you botherin' me
Sittin' here in the warm sun
With my chicken pot pie
My frosty-sweet lemonade
And you dancin' and whooshin'
And landin' right on my food!!!
And dashing off again, laughin'
And flitterin' about 'n teasing me
Into interfering with your very life
Your Very Life!
Flee, fly... quit baitin'
My itchin' hand.



--- Camille Dull

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to host the Thanksgiving feast, tell them you have registered for Fall Camp, which takes place the weekend before the holiday, and thus absolutely will not have time to stuff turkeys nor bake pies!

Thanks to all the leaders and organizers who made summer a dancing vacation—Statewide in Northern California, Cerritos Anniversary Party, Laguna International & SansFrontières for Dance Under the Stars, Friday Night LIFE summer birthday party, Stockton, EEC, John Filcich birthday fest & other Camps, and tours to Albania, Armenia, Bali and beyond! If it were up to me, we'd enjoy endless summers and watermelon every day!

Finally, the free summer session folk dance class organized through OLLI at CSULB continues through Wednesday August 28. All are welcome to drop in and bring folks who are new to recreational folk dance.

Diane Baker

FEDERATION MINUTES

Minutes of Folkdance Federation of California, South, Council Meeting on May 5, 2024

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President Diane Baker

As appended with the following additions:

Pauline and Ed Klak will be in Southern California from May 12th to the 19th. They will be at the Bellflower Women's Club on May 15th if anyone wants to dance with them.

At the Spring Fest in Somis on April 20th there were lots of people and it was so much fun. Everyone there was having a ball. Diane thanked Terry for playing the music and for all the volunteers.

News from Northern California Federation:
Regarding the Northern California Blossom Festival, it was held the same day as our Spring Fest. They had in excess of 100 people and they were thrilled with the attendance and it was a good time. The early session dances for all ages were well attended. Diane suggested we might consider adding "early session for all ages" dance sessions to our events.

Regarding scholarships, nine of \$500 each were awarded in 2023.

Dick Oakes has requested that everyone read a new post on the Federation website: "[Decline and Resurrection of Recreational International Folk Dance](#)" under the Resources-Revitalization category.

Vice President Greg Solloway

Upcoming Federation-sponsored events:

Statewide May 17-19, 2024 Newark, Northern California. (approval by FDFS N/A)

Cerritos 15th Anniversary Party, June 8, 2024, from 1 – 5:30 p.m. (previously approved)

Ojai Day of Dance, September 28, 2024, Ojai, Cal. (A question arose as to whether or not the Ojai Day of Dance required approval. The consensus was

that the event has become a tradition, and as such it doesn't require approval.)

New Year's Festival, February 15, 2025 (approval pending)

Laguna Fest, February 28 to March 2, 2025 (approval pending)

Cerritos 16th Anniversary Party, May 18, 2025 (approved)

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Fall Camp November 22-24, 2024

As appended with the following additions:

From Lee Otterholt: Regarding the executive committee, Lee is still the chairman. The committee has two new members, Martha Awdziejewicz and Joan Hantman. Previous executive committee members will remain involved: Kelly O'Neill will continue as registrar and will manage the bank account, Jan Rayman will continue doing all the assignments she did before. Lee has contacted all past volunteers and reported that everyone is still interested in participating in the same roles as last year. Terry Gucwa will be doing sound at Camp.

Regarding master teachers, Steve Kotansky (who had to cancel last year) can't make it this year due to health issues. Fall Camp has contracted with Genci Kastrati from Albania teaching Albanian dance, and Ira Weisburd from Florida teaching International. About expenses of teachers and travel, Marc and Jan Rayman have subsidized travel from the beginning of Fall Camp and they are willing to do so for one more year. Lee noted that this is a tremendous help and he thanked Marc and Jan. Regarding pricing, Lee noted that this year the price will be higher: Brandeis will be 30 dollars more per person, teachers will be 20 higher, so \$585 will be the new price. Lee asked if the Federation wants the executive committee to set prices to break even, or, to keep prices lower and make camp more accessible, set prices at a loss and have the Federation subsidize the lower price.

Diane noted that the Finance chairperson was not in attendance. She asked Lynn Bingle who is on the finance committee if she would be spokesperson for Finance in this meeting. Lynn agreed. Lee suggested the Federation subsidize \$3,000 and that would allow for pricing to be the same as last year. He suggested we could have dedicated scholarships for Fall Camp. Mindy Belli noted that she has been talking with Marshall about using the Federation reserves to subsidize events; it's being considered and it's on the table. Diane said that the easiest solution would be to allocate a \$4,000 subsidy for Fall Camp, as changing the scholarship process would be harder. She noted that this amount would allow a reduction in tuition from last year. Jay Michtom noted that \$4,000 didn't allow for a significant reduction in costs and suggested that we subsidize at \$6,000.

Terry Gucwa motioned to subsidize Fall Camp 2024 for \$6,000. Sandy Helperin seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

Scene, Jay Michtom

Scene does not have any problems. They are still losing about \$100 per month. The current balance is \$3126 so they have a few more years to go due to the \$4,000 subsidy that the Federation gave to *Scene* last year. He is hoping to increase membership and advertising.

Visiting Master Teacher, Jay Michtom

Jaap Leegwater presented many workshops in Southern California. Four of them were for Federation clubs (Cerritos Folk Dancers, Laguna International Dancers, West Valley Folk Dancers, and Conejo Valley Folk Dancers.) and received the \$200 reimbursement. Everyone was thrilled with their sessions. Jay noted it was a good way for the Federation to have spent these funds.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statewide 2025, May 2nd to 4th

From Margaret Lange: She and Billy Burke had their first meeting during which they reviewed the Federation's checklist and manual for hosting

Statewide. They will develop a list of committees for the host club, Bay Osos Dancers, to join. For some tasks, they hope to use the existing infrastructure from previous Statewide festivals. She will soon be approaching hotels to secure a group rate. A Save the Date flyer was produced for distribution at the 2024 Statewide Festival and has been added to the Federation website.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Officers.

Diane asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were given. She stated that the bylaws say that the secretary can cast a white ballot for the slate of officers. That slate was as follows: president, Diane Baker; vice president, Greg Solloway; secretary, Margaret Lange; and treasurer, Mindy Belli. She asked if anyone was opposed to that slate of officers. No one opposed it. **The white ballot was cast.** Diane noted that Federation South is still looking for a membership director.

Outreach Committee

As appended with the following additions:

From Diane Baker: Three initiatives were delivered to the Finance Committee.

Initiative No. 1. Performing in outside festivals. Toti O'Brien is chairperson for Initiative 1. The first festival will be the Pasadena Art Walk on October 4th. She has formed a committee and we have asked Pasadena Co-op to be a co-sponsor so that our event has a local presence. That will give us a hometown advantage to receive a mini-grant, to subsidize transportation for people who will perform.

Initiative No. 2. Training for Beginner-Level Teachers. The Federation will host one-day workshops for dancers to learn better skills for teaching beginners. The goal is for those who are current folk dancers to become more skillful at teaching recreational folk dance in their groups or to new groups of beginners, such as through Parks and Recreation departments. Billy Burke has agreed to teach the workshops.

Initiative No. 3. Dance demonstrations at health

fairs. Greg Solloway has agreed to compile information on health fairs for dance demonstrations. Diane asked everyone on the council to look into health fairs in their communities, determine the dates and the sponsors, and send that information to Greg.

Instagram page. Diane asked for a volunteer to establish and maintain an Instagram page.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Diane discussed the beginning folk dance class she teaches through OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. She said it is an excellent way to advertise folk dancing in the community of people who maybe did it in college or who don't even know it exists. She recommended that if anyone wants to start a beginner class, they check out Lifelong Learning Institutes at nearby universities.

Laguna Fest 2024 Report.

From Lee Otterholt. The festival was very successful. More passports were sold than expected. The quality of teaching was good with Gergana Panova and Roberto Bagnoli. The Laguna Club has retained a lot of their dances. Marshall Cates received the Southern California Lifetime Achievement Award

for dedicated service to folk dancing over the years.

The next Laguna Festival will be from February 28 to March 2, 2025. The master teachers will be the van Geels. Tineka will teach mostly Armenian dances and Maurits will teach International. Lee noted he is very happy to have them. Diane noted that Maurits knows many of Theodor Vasilescu's dances as Theodor taught in Amsterdam for years. And she requested that Maurits bring back at least one of Theodor's dances for the festival.

NEW BUSINESS

Publicity. Send photos of club events to Dick Oakes for the Federation website and to Amy Dale for the Facebook page, and also send them to *Scene*.

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Diane announced Billy Burke's new teaching guide, *A Celebration of Diversity: Multicultural Experience through the Art of Dance*. It is now for sale on Amazon, or at culturaldance.net.



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CLUB DIRECTORY

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

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Federation Clubs

Bay Osos Folk Dancers: Tue 11:00-3:00. South Bay Community Center, 2180 Palisades Ave, **Los Osos**. 818-203-5812 wburke.dance@gmail.com Billy Burke, BayOsosFolkDancers.org.

***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, 858-722-0489 yueugenia@yahoo.com Chin Yu, sites.google.com/site/cabrilloodancers

Cerritos Folk Dancers: 1st-4th Tue 5:00-7:45 Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South St, **CERRITOS**. (626) 500-5035

chiangwenli@yahoo.com Wen Chiang

Conejo Valley Folk Dancers: Wed 7:30-9:30. Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 W Hillcrest Dr, **THOUSAND OAKS**. paula.davis@bucknell.edu, Paula, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/265181362778249>

Fantasy Folk Dance Club: Sun 3:00 - 7:00. St Thomas Aquinas Church, 1501 S Atlantic Blvd, **MONTEREY PARK**. vincentyhcheng@gmail.com 626-429-9008 Vincent Cheng. Sat 10-noon. Langley Senior Center, 400 W Emerson Ave., **Monterey Park**. (626) 673-2184 Peter Lin

Folk Dance Center: Wed 9:30-11:30am, Sat 7-10. Oasis Wellness Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Dr, **La Mesa**. jcknappster@gmail.com John, www.folkdancecenter.org

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 Cochran

Int'l Folk Dance Club - Laguna Woods: Tue 10:00am-12:00. Clubhouse 1, 24232 Calle Aragon, **LAGUNA WOODS**. (949) 939-0604 Marilyn Michael Yurk. First-time dancers call Marilyn for gate clearance. www.lagunawoodsvillage.com/amenities/clubs/dance-club-international-folk

Kypseli Greek Folk Dancing: Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 310-508-9676 Anne Sirota. www.kypseli.org

Laguna Int'l Dancers: Wed 6:00-8:30 at Clubhouse 2, 24112 Moulton Pkwy, **LAGUNA WOODS**. Fri 1:30-4:00 at Clubhouse 7 24111 Moulton Pkwy, **Laguna Woods**. Sun 6:00-8:00 on Zoom. leeotterholt@yahoo.com Lee. www.lagunainternationaldancers.com

Narodni Int'l Folkdancers: Thu 8:00-10:00. Woman's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St, **BELLFLOWER**. (562) 881-9504 julithilona@gmail.com Julith Neff www.narodni.org

Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op: Fri 7:30-9:30. Altadena Community Church, 943 E Altadena Dr, **Altadena**. info@pasadenafolkdancecoop.org 626-808-0361 Mari Werner www.pasadenafolkdancecoop.org

Prescott Int'l Folkdancers: Sun 2:00-4:00. Prescott Boys & Girls Club, 335 East Aubrey St, **PRESCOTT, AZ**. Wed 6:00-8:00 (June -Aug)(Call to confirm). Ken Lindley Park gazebo, 702 E. Gurley St, **Prescott, AZ** (928) 925-8995 Dick.Weston.Prescott.intl.folkdancers@earthlink.net. www.prescottinternationalfolkdancers.org/

Rainbow Senior Club: Sun 2:00-5:00. Joslyn Senior Center 210 N. Chapel Ave, **ALHAMBRA**. (626) 456-1900 ksun310@yahoo.com Kevin Sun.

Solvang Village Folk Dancers: Sat 6:00-8:00 (except 3rd Sat). Buellton Recreation Center, 301 2nd St, **Buellton**. 3rd Sat 1:30-3:30. Corner Alisal & Copenhagen, **Solvang** (805) 688-3397 dlh4362@gmail.com David Heald www.svfolkdance.com

Ventura Int'l Folkdancers: Tue&Thu 1:30-3:00. 2nd Sun 1:30-3:30 (may change due to conflicts - check with Valerie). Ventura YMCA, 3760 Telegraph Rd, **Ventura**. Non-members check with Valerie first. (805) 746-0884 danc-ing.valerie@gmail.com Valerie Daley. www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067987230157

Vintage Israeli Dancing: One Sat per month 8:15-12:00. DanzmunDo World Dance & Fitness Studio (DWDFS), 16733 Ventura Blvd., #13, **ENCINO**. jrbythec@aol.com Jim Rothman. www.vintageisraelidancing.org

West Valley Folk Dancers: Wed 2:30-4:30 One-Generation, 18255 Victory Blvd. **Reseda**. Fri 3:00-4:00. Canoga Park Sr. Ctr. 7326 Jordan Ave. **Canoga Park**. (818) 368-1957. jaymich-tom@yahoo.com. Jay Michtom, psw20@icloud.com Paul Waller, West-ValleyFolkDancers.org

Westside Folkdancers: Tue 7:30-9:30. Culver City Foshay Lodge, 9635 Venice Blvd, **CULVER CITY**. (310) 391-7382 sandyhelperin@icloud.com Sandy Helperin

Exhibition Groups

Karpatok Hungarian Folk Ensemble: United Hungarian House, 1975 Washington, **LOS ANGELES**. (805) 341-9640 sissykf@earthlink.net Sissy Keresztes-Fischer. Www.KarpatokFolkEnsemble.com

Krakusy Polish Folk Dance Ensemble: Wed 8:00-10:00, Fri 7:00 - 9:00, Sat 2:30-4:00. Our Lady of the Bright Mount , 3424 W Adams Blvd, **LOS ANGELES**. (626) 827-7338 elistarr@yahoo.com Elizabeth Romuzga. Www.krakusy.com

Scandia Dancers: Thu 7:30-9:30. (714) 356-7745 sholzman1@verizon.net Stefanie Holzman

Westchester Lariats: Mon 4:00-9:00. Westchester Townhouse, 8501 Emerson Ave, **LOS ANGELES**. 310-480-4343 dseruto@gmail.com Danielle Gula-lo. Www.WestchesterLariats.org

Non-Federation Clubs

Caltech Folkdancers: Tue 7:30. Caltech Campus, Dabney Hall, parking on California Blvd. or Throop Church, 300 Los Robles, **Pasadena**. (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, **RIDGE-CREST**. (760) 371-5669 Nora Nuckles

Desert Int'l Folk Dancers: Thu 3:00-5:00 Nov-Apr. Community Room, Mizell Center, 480 South Sunrise Way, **PALM SPRINGS**. (760) 342-1297 Helen Smith

***Foothill Folk Dancers:** Thu 8:00-10:00. St. George's Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd., **LA CAÑADA** (818) 790-8523 JanRay-man@charter.net www.Foothill.Dance

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 @ AJU-Natalie & Pat:** Mon 10:30am-1:00, noon-1:00(Beg); Thu 10:30am-11:30. American Jewish Univ Dance Studio, 15600 Mulholland, **L.A** 818-642-3585 Pat Jordan

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

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 8:00-10:00PM (In-person/safety precautions). Oak Park Stage, corner Junipero and Calle Real, **SANTA BARBARA**. soriasusan@gmail.com Susan Soria, or michalcathy@cox.net (805.895.4885) Michal Lynch

Santa Barbara Int'l Folk Dancers: In-person but schedule is in flux. Contact Michal Lynch for info michalcathy@cox.net, 805-895-4885.

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

Southern Nevada Int'l FD: Thu 4:00-6:00. Ballroom Addiction, 2301 Renaissance Dr., **Las Vegas, NV**. hugagiraffe@cox.net Eileen Hug

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: Cultural, Historical & Ballroom: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat. St. Albans Social Hall, 580 Hilgard Ave, **WESTWOOD**. (310) 284-3636 James Zimmer. See website for details: ballroom2.wixsite.com/westwoodballroom

***Westside Daytime Folkdancers:** Wed 12:30-2. Culver City Senior Center 4095 Overland Blvd, **Culver City**. sandysmail1000@gmail.com, (310) 391-7382 Sandy Helperin



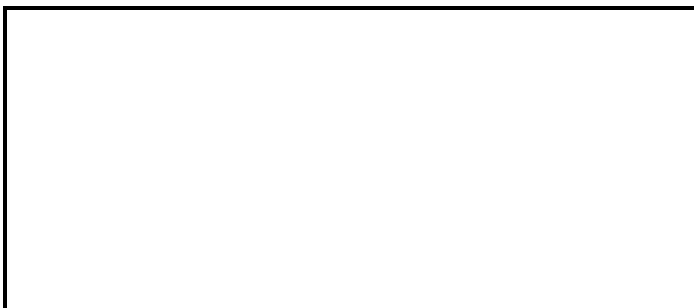
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