



FLORIDA FOLKDANCER

SEPTEMBER 1997

Florida Folk Dancers Travel Terry Back From Carmiel

I'm back from Israel!!! How to make a concise report ~ me the continuous mouth...? I went with Ruthy Slann and Dany BenShalom (Blue Star) who created a perfect dance situation for about 30 dancers and/or spouses. We left at midnight on Sunday, July 5th from NY for Tel Aviv. We spent the first night at a tiny kibbutz, and the next day left for the Carmiel festival, which was the reason for the trip in the first place. Carmiel is a small village in North Israel, known only for this festival. There was a solid three days of "stuff" ~ grand opening and closing at an amphitheater with thousands of people watching performances by groups from around the world as well as too many Israeli dance groups, mayors, popular singers and major fireworks. Those two nights were worth it alone. During the normal day there were many choices ~ either to watch performances or to attend some special dance something ~ old dances, line dances, choreographer's dances, new dances, a Yemenite party, international dancing, whatever...if you didn't want to do those things, you could eat, shop in the open market, attend the Arab dance and eat area, watch special shows created just for this 10th anniversary of Carmiel, wait for the evening dancing. All night dancing began at midnight and continued to 6:00am and took place on the tennis courts. Hundreds of people danced ~ I saw many people I knew from the states, as well as a few that had moved to Israel. Choreographers were DJ'ing or just walking around ~ we all gawked and had our pictures taken with them. We danced til we dropped.

Our group was given very special privileges. Since Dany has been an important part of Carmiel, we were housed in the high school (right in the middle of the whole shebang) in two classrooms on very thin mats with all the other performers. The bathrooms were few, dirty, clogged, lacking in toilet paper, the classrooms just that. But we had been told to bring sheets and a towel, we hoarded our own TP, walked the block to the showers, which were also clogged, and bonded with each other and had a ball dancing ourselves silly. (Hard to believe the housing was a privilege!)

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Dany Benshalom in Florida

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Canada

Marion Paronto Visits Folkmoot



Serbia (What else)



Poland

Miami

September 3rd
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North Miami Beach
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Orlando News (OIFDC)

This month's news is a travelogue of the members, since we are still on summer hiatus. A group of eleven of us traveled to Melbourne on August 15th since we were suffering withdrawal symptoms of international dance. The Melbourne group furnished refreshments for the evening and we appreciate their thoughtfulness. Some individual travel included: Frank and Mickey Cross and Ann Robinson were in North Carolina and attended Folkmoot. Annette Brand returned for a visit and she toured Eastern Europe on a folk dance package. Ellie Hall retreated to Michigan to a cabin she previously rented. Annette joined her there. Juanita Schockey visited Nashville and then family in West Virginia. I attended a professional conference in San Francisco and went to one of the Israeli groups while I was there. I was thrilled that I knew about 80% of the dances and I did not make requests. We hope to be dancing at the college again but we are waiting to see if classes scheduled in the dance studio will make. Stay tuned for further announcements.

Pat Henderson

South Brevard

So far we've had a great summer with lots of good dancing. Some evenings have been a little thin as members traveled to vacations, camps, and other events. Other nights we've had 15 to 20 people. All in all we've felt fortunate to be able to continue dancing all summer. Catie Geist has been showing us a handful of English country dances which all have enjoyed.

The highlight of our summer, at least the one that stands out right now, is the visit by the Orlando contingent. A small group had come over a few weeks earlier, I guess to see if we were really here. The eleven showed up. Fortunately we were prepared with drinks and munchies and we all had a great time. How neat to be able to dance Arnold's Circle on a regular dance night.

Our next big event will be Fall Fling, hosted in Deland with the help of Joan and Wally Washington and the Deland group.

John Daly

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We are happy to list upcoming events for our members. However, if you are not a member and wish to have a full page flyer placed in the newsletter, there will be a separate charge to do so. This is to cover our production and mailing costs. We are going to determine a price for this in the near future. Below are advertising options per issue for everyone.

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1997 Calendar

Submit calendar entries to:

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FFDC Events

November 22: **Fall Fling** Sponsored by South Brevard, held at the Women's Club in Deland.

Based on fliers received, contact John Daly for more info (if available).

Sept 2nd Dany Benshalom in Tamps

Sept 3rd Dany Benshalom in Miami

Oct 3 to Nov 2 Aman Ensemble ~ David Skidmore
See Flyer

Other Sponsors

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**Terry Back From Carmiel**

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We were asked to walk in the beginning parade, representing the US, (which was cool), we performed too horrid American dances at something (which was an embarrassment) and we were fed three very nice meals a day on a lovely patio by a restaurant that was connected to the huge swimming pool/club (which was delicious), also in the middle of the festival. Our pink tag got us into the pool, the showers and special shows, all of which helped us feel special and have more fun than if we were simply spectators at the festival.

From Carmiel we started our tour of Israel. Our guide was Ronit, Ruthy's sister, and couldn't have been better. She is a former 20 year army person ~ Lieutenant Captain or some such thing, knew everyone who was anyone, has a PhD in history, has passed the stringent guide test, and continues to add to her knowledge every day. Add that to the perfect "guide look" ~ straight out of Central Casting, an adorable Hebrew accent, and the most charming personality imaginable, and you can see how good the trip was. She concentrated on history ~ we saw at least 3 levels of history a day, be it Roman, Herodian, Christian, Crusader, Biblical ~ whatever. We often read a passage from the bible, (old and new) and then saw that we were at the exact spot! Learning the bible through our feet was the way she described it. We saw deserts, oasis, forests, floated and mud bathed in the Dead Sea, and many old parts of cities with ruins with cisterns! We were in Tiberius, Qmram, Ein Gedi, Jerusalem (3 days, where we stayed at Bait Vegan ~ a youth hostel), Haderah, Netanya...(I have to look at my map ~ I'm already forgetting). We spent a lot of political time as well ~ in the Golan Heights, at various borders, bunkers, and through a Palestinian village. Big emphasis was put on the need for peace, and the Israeli attempt at same. Of course we did some of the usual ~ The Wall, the tunnel, Yad Vashem, the shouks (markets) where we shopped our little hearts out, although our time was limited.

The final 5 days of our stay was spent on a Kibbutz where we had a dance workshop every morning with Dany. In the afternoon we had a couple of days off wherein we swam either in the Kibbutz pool (a very rich kibbutz) or the Mediterranean, which was gorgeous. We also took side trips to Tel Aviv (walked the boardwalk ~ the place to be on a weekend night), Cesearia and Natanya. Every night of the tour and of the workshop we were bussed to some group to dance with the Israelis. We were received pleasantly by them all. We had a special day with a Yemenite choreographer, an afternoon at the Yemenite museum in Natanya, and the evening found us on the rooftop of a Yemenite home, overlooking Hadera, eating Yemenite food, watching a full dress performance by a major Yemenite dance troupe (featured in the El Al monthly magazine on our plane) and dancing with them, both Yemenite and jitterbug, trading T-shirts and having a marvelous time.

We ate tomatoes and cucumbers for EVERY meal, green peppers, yogurt, chumus, garlicky stuff, veggies ~ one would think we lost weight, but I had no such luck. The Kibbutzim (im is plural) all put out good spreads, as tourists are their bread and butter these days. The weather was too hot (summer in Israel) for many of the tour, but great for me and my two great new girl buddies, and we proceeded to get great tans since we knew we weren't losing weight. Our other goal was to have more fun than anyone else on the trip, and I'm sure we succeeded, possibly to everyone else's dismay. We really reverted to teen~hood! We ended the trip with a party the last night, I was asked to do a skit, and managed with my Sherutim Sisters (sherutim means toilet) to do a couple of songs that tickled the crowd. Back to sister in NY, then to Philly with Mom, and home again home again, much to my dismay.

Terry Abrahams

**Orlando International Dance &
Valencia Cultural Dance Club**

Plan to Resume Dancing.
Watch this space for details.

Dear Folk Dancers,

Just a quick hello to all of you. We are dancing our buns off everyday. The performance went well. We have had the great fortune of dancing to live music (for fun) in two different clubs. Can't believe I have two more weeks to go. Got to go, the music's starting.

Love,

Karen Sun Ray



Hogtown Hyperbolas (Gainesville)

There is a backlog of news from Gainesville as my last three endeavors to get e-mail through have not worked. In order to reconstruct things I shall start with May. On May 16th, John Semmelow, a friend of Jack Seltzer's and his first folk dance teacher, came to Gainesville to visit. He taught two dances, Daichovo Horo (Bulgaria) and High Life (African). Jack had requested that John teach the latter as he had always like the dance. It is an exuberant dance which everyone liked and so far we have retained it. John must have done a fine job of teaching Daichovo Horo as when we did it during request time, I noticed that almost everyone was dancing and doing the steps well. It was a treat having John Semmelow there to teach. He has danced and taught for many years and still retains his love of dance and his enthusiasm.

On Sunday, June 29th, Diane and Max Forkel hosted a potluck party for Kinsey and Tom McDonnell and their two children. Kinsey and Tom had moved to New York state after they left Gainesville. It was great to see them and to catch up on all their news and to share ours. We ate some delicious food and then danced outside on the patio. Kinsey and Tom have not been able to dance as there is not a group near where they live, so they especially enjoyed the opportunity to dance.

Nancy and Manuel Pontes are the proud new parents of Andreas Manuel, who was born on March 18th, and weighed 8 lbs. He is very cute, of course.

At the end of June, I went to Montreal. While there I saw a folk dance group called L'Ensemble Les Sortileges. They were from Montreal and performed French Canadian dances complete with very precise tap steps. They also did dances from Greece, Italy, Hungary, and the United States and were properly attired for each set. During the four costume changes an excellent musician kept the audience entertained with a violin, two recorders (he played both at the same time), a guitar, and his fine baritone voice. The performance was held outside on a raised stage. In the background was the beautiful landscaped grounds of Stewart Hall and beyond that the St. Lawrence River. There were sixteen dancers, eight women and eight men, all young and very talented. It was a memorable evening.

The Seltzers (Linda, Jack, and Simon) had a pool and potluck dinner party on July 26th. They have a pool party once a year (it has almost become an annual tradition) and it was a lot of fun with lots of water volleyball, good food, and much dancing. Everyone had a wonderful time.

If we get ourselves organized we may try to meet a second day each week to dance. Although a few folks in the group are very enthusiastic about performing most people are more interested in working on dances which we have not done in a long while and which we are in danger of losing. I had run the performing group for a year after Karen moved to St. Pete. It was a challenge and I enjoyed it. But interest had already dwindled and some of our dancers had moved away. Presently we shall probably try to add to our repertoire and at the same time make some of the difficult dances more available to some of our less experienced dancers. Because of the time pressure involved when preparing for a performance it is often impossible to teach dances from scratch. Hopefully a non performance venue will allow for more dances to be incorporated into the group memory.

I sincerely hope this news makes it through cyberspace and eventually into the newsletter.

Joyce Dewsbury



President

I'm back in the US of beautiful A. What a great 4th of July, just relaxing at Ursula's. No traveling for me this month, I'm traveled out. I did want to go to the Mountain Playshop in N. Carolina but had to work. Please write in your experience there if anyone made it. The only traveling I'm doing this month is on the Internet. I've all but officially confirmed two great, highly recommended instructors for camp; Jeljko for Croatian and Kete for Macedonian. Arrangements for Live Music are all but finalized so start saving your money now. Details and registration forms will be sent out in October.

Jenneine Lambert

Sarasota Grapeviners

Marie Millett went on a folk dance cruise to Alaska with Mariann Taylor. She left us in good hands (and feet) ~ those of Eva Stunkel. Eva has a wealth of new dances under her (folkdancing) belt, including a hasaposerviko, Ikariotikos from the island of Ikara. This is a definite repeat on the request list. Eva has had many requests (all from me) to teach Briul de la Fagaras, first introduced in the States by Sunni Bloland. Ike recalls visiting Fagaras in Rumania on a folk tour with Karl Finger. He said it has a marvelous market place and the people are friendly and wonderful. He has many photos to attest to this. Briul is a lively dance and the music is great, but it leans heavily on the left leg and leaves one hobbling off the dance floor.

Edna Schneider also went on the Folk cruise to Alaska. She describes Mariann Taylor as very enthusiastic and graceful. Out of the 483 passengers on the ship, 71 were with the folk group. To Edna the ship was a floating hotel with spectacular scenery on both sides. There were lectures on Indian Art, glaciers, geology, history of Alaska, etc. Woodwind quartets and hammer dulcimer filled the air. Art workshops were also available.

It's time to make our Yemenite steps more graceful and flowing. Marie Millett is planning to have some of us give a demonstration at the Israeli Heritage Festival. It will be in Venice at the Arts Center on September 4th.

Ann Paige

Deland International Folk Dancers on Summer Vacation

Wally and I returned in early August from an extended vacation to the western United States and a two week Alaskan cruise with the World Explorer cruise line. We took about two weeks to drive across country before the cruise began. We stopped at the Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Oregon Trail Ruts State Historic Site, Register Cliff, Grand Teton National Park, Devil's Tower, Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone and spent two days in Vancouver staying at Simon Fraser University. In Alaska we visited Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Hubbard Glacier, Valdez, Seward, Sitka, and Wrangell. We took a whale watching trip, saw lots of totem poles, saw native dancers and took a ride on the White Pass and Yukon Railroad. Our last port before returning to Vancouver (and reality) was Victoria and the Butchart Gardens. Then on the way home we visited Mount St. Helens and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

In addition to the beautiful sights, we got in a lot of folk dancing. We were pleased to discover Karl Finger's Folk Group on our ship and we joined them on deck for folk dancing and singing. We also enjoyed an evening dancing with the Juneau, Alaska folk dance group. One of our tablemates was a woman who now lives in Denmark and who is a contra dance caller so we did a few contra dances, too. What a wonderful vacation!

We look forward to seeing you all soon. Remember the Fall Fling is at the Woman's Club in Deland on Saturday, November 22nd.

Joan Washington



Culture Corner

Scottish Shortbread

4 oz. butter
 2 oz. castor sugar
 4 oz. plain sieved flour
 2 oz. rice flour

Combine flours and sugar in a mixing bowl. Work butter until dough is the consistency of shortcrust. Sprinkle board with rice flour. Turn dough on to board and knead until smooth. Cut into portions and shape into 4 small rounds.

Place on greaseproof paper in baking tin.

Poke with fork, put in oven at 350 degrees for 20 ~ 30 minutes or when cakes begin to pull from the sides of the pan. Allow to cool in tin.

Ann Daughtery

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**Oktoberfest is coming up.  
 If anyone has neat recipes to share  
 send them to the editorial office.**

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### Folkmoot

Marion Paronto traveled to Folkmoot in Waynesville, NC. Performing groups from many countries came to share their cultures. There wasn't a lot of chance for audience participation, but on Wednesday there was a opportunity to join in with dancers from Poland, Canada, and Slovenia. See the scenes from the parade of nations on the front page.



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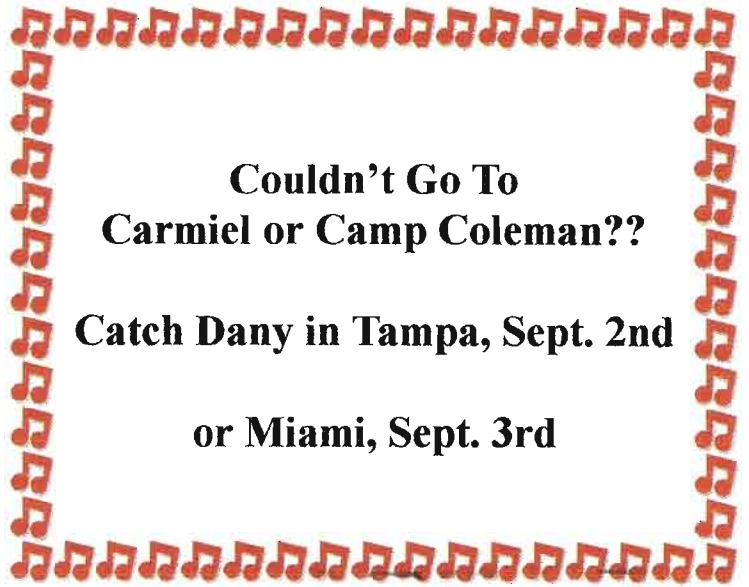
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Carmiel or Camp Coleman??**

**Catch Dany in Tampa, Sept. 2nd**

**or Miami, Sept. 3rd**



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