

# Florida FolkDancer

November, 2001

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By: Pat Henderson

By the time that you receive this newsletter, it will almost be time for the Fall Fling. I encourage everyone to attend for a whole day of request dancing. It is a tradition of FFDC along with John Daly, Joan and Wally Washington, and Julius Horvath to sponsor and produce the Fall Fling and the Spring Fling. Along with our camp, these are three times a year to share our love for dancing. The food is always great! For Fall Fling, we usually dance about an hour and then we have lunch. We dance the afternoon and then have dinner and then dance some more. There is another reason to attend Fall Fling--the instructors for camp next year will be announced! Here is a riddle for you. I am working on a plan to have some couple dancing but not an instructor who teaches only couple dances. Come to Fall Fling to get the answer!

## OIFDC NEWS

By Pat Henderson

We are now in our second month of dancing after our summer hiatus and it is great to see and dance with everyone again. Joan and Wally Washington have returned for the winter and it is great to have them back. Ann Robinson went to Hawaii with her husband and other square dancers for a three-week trip. Some of our members performed for a senior's group at St. James Catholic Church on October 8 and we did an Oktoberfest for a rehabilitation facility on October 17. We had our annual Oktoberfest on October 17 and we will have our Halloween Party on Halloween. Come join us! (Call for directions: 407-275-6247)

**From Kelly Fagan:** Hi! My big news just arrived this morning. I've been cast as Maria in the Sound of Music for The Bay Street Players production in Eustis FL. We open Dec. 7th for two weekends! And I already have the costume from folk dancing!

## VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CULTURAL DANCE SOCIETY

By: Pat Henderson

I am still the faculty advisor for the Cultural Dance Society at Valencia Community College. This year the students are enjoying the dancing so much that we added a second weekly meeting! We have two performances coming up in November and we also will have guest instructors for swing dancing next month. Those of you with Internet access can see our homepage at [bose.valencia.cc.fl.us/cds/index.html](http://bose.valencia.cc.fl.us/cds/index.html). It is so exciting to me to see the students so enthusiastic over dancing.

## TERRY'S TRIVIA/TAMPA

By Terry Abrahams

Tampa's times have changed. We are now meeting from 7:30 to 9:30, and if we don't get larger, we'll have to change again. But for now - the center doesn't want to stay open until 10 for 4-6 people - and we are SMALL! Because of that, and also for good reasons, we are looking forward to Fall Fling, where we can dance our hearts out and commiserate about the state of the world.

Update: Hmmmm - NOT! Even I, the great gabber have nothing much to say. The contra dancers are having a double Thanksgiving dance - Fri and Sat and my new playing group - the Leather Soles are the lead-ins for Merriweather. Gettin' up there!

I'm quittin' while the quittin's good!

New email address:

[terry.abrahams@verizon.net](mailto:terry.abrahams@verizon.net)

(Editor's note: My apologies to Terry for misspelling her name in the last issue!)

## SARASOTA GRAPEVINERS

By Thekla Kahn

Our own Nancy Wilusz left us for the summer, but continued to dance. She is sharing her summer memories with us!

### A Minnesota Connection:

Hibbing, MN, is the childhood home to which I return each summer for cool weather and Northwoods activities. One of these annual activities includes a mid-August Slavic Festival at a local historical museum called Ironworld Discovery Center. The festival includes ethnic foods, music and dancing. The featured performers are the Duquesne University Tamburitzens!

Another remarkable event was the Romanian workshop I attended at the Tapestry Folkdance Center of Minneapolis. The instructors, Theodor and Lia Vasilescu of Romania, were excellent and enthusiastic teachers - a worthy choice for any workshop.

If you visit Minneapolis, give the Tapestry Center a call. I'm sure you would find a dance class that would pique your interest. Happy Dancing - Nancy Wilusz, Sarasota

### *From Karen Boon von Ochsee-Coletti:*

As a past newsletter editor for the FFDC, I would like to commend your getting it going electronically and for doing a great job. I have not been very participatory for a while now, due to getting married, performances, etc.

But I do have some news that may be of interest to our readers. I am going to be a mom in April. ... I will make it back to some of these events one of these days. ...

My name is Karen Boon von Ochsee-Coletti and my husband is Jack Coletti. (I am putting my maiden name before my married name so people will know who I am)

Take care and keep up the good work.

### *From the Senyks:*

The Sharpes Assembly Contra Club in Florida held its 4<sup>th</sup> annual English Country Dance and Contra Festival early in October at the venerable (Circa 1915) Kennilworth Lodge in Sebring, FL. The hotel has two wooden floored ballrooms as well as modernized accommodations. The event, under the direction of George and Onie Senyk attracted 93 registrations, including 16 teachers

and contra callers, all of whom were on the program. Special guest caller Rusty Wright of New Mexico was back for the 4<sup>th</sup> year and participants came from Kentucky, West Virginia, Georgia, and Washington, D.C., as well as many Floridians.

The program consisted of open dancing in both halls on Friday evening and Sunday morning, workshops at several levels on Saturday, including basic and experienced contra and English Country Dancing, international folk and square dancing. Dress up balls were held in both halls on Saturday evening with music supplied by the Tunbridge Trio, a delightful innovation this year plans have been made for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual festival to be held at the same place the first weekend in October, 2002.

## *MENENDEZ BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL IN FEBRUARY*

Nella Holton wrote:

**HERITAGE DANCING INSTRUCTION FOR  
MENENDEZ BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL,  
NOVEMBER 16, 2001, 7 PM GOVERNMENT  
HOUSE, St. Augustine. CALL 904-825-5088 FOR  
RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION**

Revelers at the Menéndez Birthday Festival will have an opportunity to join in period dancing at the evening "Noche de Gala". Classes are being held in preparation for the Festival on February 23, 2002. Dancing at the "Noche de Gala" will include period dancing led by Rick Haven throughout the evening. Later in the evening after dinner and the program, dancing by His Majesty's Royal Orchestra (They played for the King and Queen when they were here.) in addition to select period dancing led by Rick Haven.

Rick Haven, formally of the "Williamsburg Heritage Dancers" will conduct period dance classes for adults in period dancing. Dancing and its nuances were an integral part of early adult life in the Spanish held territory of Florida. Music will be provided by John and Mia Gerber, musicians from Bunnell, Florida. No previous dancing experience is necessary, as classes will be for beginners to intermediate skills. Friday, November 16, 2001, 7pm - \$10 - Government House, Includes Refreshments.

We need all to join in the period dancing in the Plaza de la Constitución and our Living History Pavilion on Saturday during the festival.

We started this pavilion last year under the tent in the plaza and encourage all to bring their wares and display their talents (if it represents life in the 16th Century). We hope to have a couple of artisans from Avilés there also. Their Chamber of Commerce may send at least a potter and may be others. Please call me if you are interested. They have been making a beautiful green and white ceramic for centuries and other crafts.

This year at the Gala we want everyone to dance. We are still on the Royal Calendar in Spain. We invited the Prince last year. We hope all will quiet down internationally by February 2002 and he can attend. We have also been approached for the President and First Lady of Uruguay to attend our festival since they had to cancel their trip this year because of the world affairs. They have asked to come to St. Augustine.

So we are planning a big year. We hope that Gypsy Cab will be catering for the reenactors this year. As you know, we have not have the best results so far. Gypsy is excited and say they make a wonderful paella. I will send a complete schedule soon. New this year, we will feature the bayfront. Avilés and St. Augustine are both coastal towns and what better way to represent Menéndez. 2002 will include Friday evening, February 22, on the bayfront with a Parade of Sails. And Saturday, February 23, Menéndez will disembark from a chosen ship in the harbor at Noon when the Cathedral bells ring by longboat to open the festival. More details later. Help me think of a name for the harbor project on Friday evening (a totally nautical name). "Nautical" is the same word in many languages and we are considering using something like "Nautical Noche". That isn't quite right. Help! We will be sending invitations to tall ships and other vessels to attend. All the invitations for that evening will include the name and a beautiful drawing by Joy MacMillan, artist. It depicts a 16th Century galleon and will include the name of the evening. Any ideas? Each boat will be equipped with a homeward bound flag" to fly - the long, long skinny kind of flag to fly during the parade of vessels. Who knows the name of that kind of flag? We hope for cannon and gunfire and torches to light up the evening on the bay front. We need all your help and support. More details and schedule will come later.

Just get those dates on all calendars.

Please join in on the dancing. As I recently experienced in Spain, it is in the true nature of the Spanish people to dance and sing at all

celebrations or at the drop of a hat. Nella

## *PALM COAST*

By Jan Lathi

The Grand Haven Dance Club has changed its meeting day from Wednesday to Tuesday. The time will remain the same, 4 pm to 5:30 pm.

Susan Horvath just returned from a two week vacation trip to Hawaii.

The Palm Coast International Dancers enjoyed a visit from Betty Nehamias' friend Naomi who dances in Washington, D.C. Naomi was here in Florida to attend the Sharpes Assembly with Betty.

### **(Answers to last month's Trivia Pop Quiz)**

1. Machar, Pant Corlan, Troika
2. Belasicko Oro
3. Couple mixer
4. Ghillies
5. Zwiefache
6. Eng. Country
7. Tanko Bushi
8. Tom Bozigian
9. Israel
10. W
11. Terry Abrahams
12. and the next! Melbourne
13. Jacob's Ladder
14. Poland
15. Somogi Karikaso, Moya Diridika
16. Snoopy
17. Csardas
18. Scotland
19. left
20. Gainesville

So, how did you do? Please send in some questions which we'll use for a future Quiz.

**A very Happy Thanksgiving to all our readers. Count your blessings and eat a lot but not too much. Unfortunately, no recipes were sent so we have none to share with you. Maybe next year!**

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Check the following website for further information on folk dancing in Florida: [www.folkdance.org](http://www.folkdance.org)

## Mark Your Calendar:

**International Folk Dancers of Collier County**, Nov. 1 & 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m., East Naples Community Park, 3500 Thomasson Dr., Naples, FL. Info: Helen Marks, 941-793-1236

**Fall Fling**, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, Melbourne. Don't miss it. Contact John Daly, [jdaly@palmnet.net](mailto:jdaly@palmnet.net) or 321-951-9623.

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Folk Dance Camp**, November 22-25, Black Mountain, NC. Contact: P.O. Box 399, 161 Virginia Rd., Montreal, NC 28757; Phone 828-669-7323 or [glenn.evelyn@att.net](mailto:glenn.evelyn@att.net) or [www.bannermanfamily.com](http://www.bannermanfamily.com).

**Texas Camp**, November 22-25, Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX. Contact: Madeline Brock, email [mbrock@greenbuilder.com](mailto:mbrock@greenbuilder.com) or Kathleen Yoder, email [foorabunga@pdq.net](mailto:foorabunga@pdq.net) or [www.vastreb.com/tifd/Camp01Main.html](http://www.vastreb.com/tifd/Camp01Main.html).

**Machol Miami 2001**, December 21-24, Sheraton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel.  
[www.israelidance.com/macholmiami](http://www.israelidance.com/macholmiami).

**Terpsichore's Holiday 2001**, an intergenerational dance event, December 27. All ages. Information: Bob Mathis, 2705 Spencer Rd., Chevy Chase, MD 20815-3822 or [talibob@starpower.net](mailto:talibob@starpower.net).

**Camp Weekend**, February 22-25, 2002. Okala, FL. Save this date!

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Israeli Dance Workshop**, sponsored by the JCC of Greater Orlando will be on April 27 and 28, 2002. Teacher to be announced.

**Dance on the Water**, 18<sup>th</sup> annual folk dance cruises. June 10-24, 2002 – Galapagos/Ecuador, July 23-Aug 6, 2002 – Alaska Inside Passage. Contact Mel Mann, 510-526-4033 or [meldancing@aol.com](mailto:meldancing@aol.com) or [www.FolkDanceOnTheWater.org](http://www.FolkDanceOnTheWater.org).

Send your items for ethnic and dance happenings by emailing or mailing to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month deadline for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

# Fall Fling 2001

November 10

11 a.m. til whenever

Pot Luck

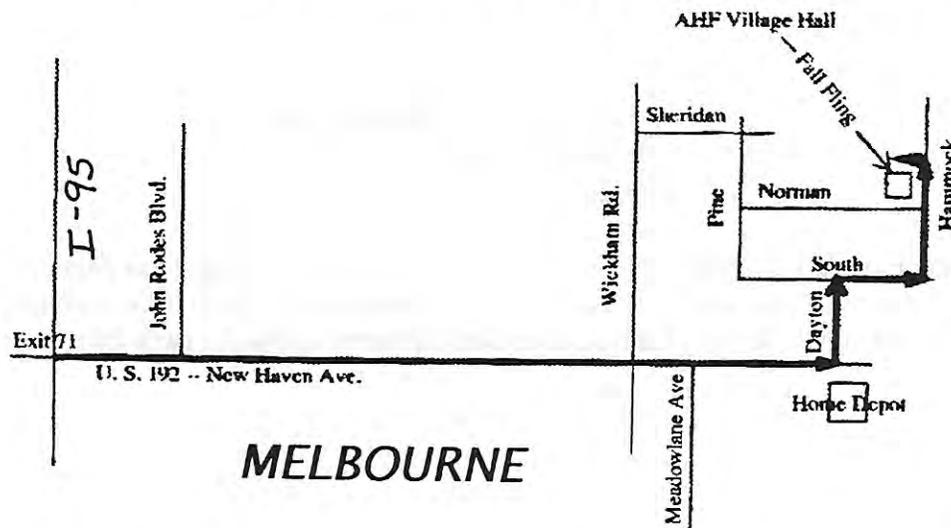
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# Couples Fling 2001

November 11

9 a.m. til 1 p.m.

*A Whole Lot of Dancing!*



Information: John Daly 321-951-9623

And if all is well on the web -- [www.folkdance.org](http://www.folkdance.org)

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