

Florida Folk Dancer

June, 2002

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Pat Henderson

I am writing this on the eve of leaving for the Florida Folk Festival. I am looking forward to seeing those dancers who are coming from Florida and Georgia. We will probably take a lot of pictures so look for these later on our web page (www.folkdance.org).

I will be contacting instructors for next year's camp soon. I received several suggestions already, which I truly appreciate. If you have not suggested a country or specific teacher yet, it is not too late. Let me know either by mail, email or phone. See my directory information in the newsletter. I wish that my choices for next year would be as enjoyable as our teachers were this year!

As many of us travel this summer, I wish everyone a great trip and a safe return!

ORLANDO IFDC

By: Pat Henderson

Some of our members traveled recently. Joy Herndon visited family in Sacramento and saw points of interest in San Francisco such as Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge. She also went to Lake Tahoe. Juanita Schockey was visiting relatives in Arizona at the same time that Joy was in California. Emilie Brozek welcomed her 7th grandchild into the world. Lucy Birkemeier attended her 50th nursing school reunion in Alexandria, Virginia. Carol McGinn and Sheila Balsdon visited again to refresh our memory with the Rang Tang dances. It is hard when there is not a video! On May 23, we welcomed Ralph Iverson from Boston who is a member of the Pinewoods Band and also Flying Tomatoes. He played his Gadulka for us, which was a real treat. We will send a picture to the web page later. Bobby and I along with Manuel and Palmira Mora-Valls attended the Florida Folk Festival in White Springs.

MELBOURNE

By John Daly

You are invited to participate in the all English Midsummer Night's Dinner and Ball at Melbourne Village, Florida, on June 22nd organized by the South Brevard Dancers. The Ball will begin at 8:00 pm with live music by Jubilee. There will be minimal briefing

of the dances during the Ball, but we will spend the afternoon from 1:00 to 4:30 reviewing the dances that are on the Ball program. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and will be home-cooked by the talented members of the South Brevard Dancers headed by our very talented Donna McFarland. Your reporter has heard them talking about it and it will be good, very good. For those who are really into English Country Dance, period costumes are encouraged, and we have left time on the program to change after the afternoon workshop. Places to change may be in short supply, but we're trying to arrange dressing areas for men and women close by.

So plan to come at 1:00 pm and enjoy an afternoon of English Country Dancing, followed by Dinner, and an evening of more Dancing.

For those who want to stay over, we'll have Sunday breakfast at the Hall, a few more dances, and then say farewell till next time.

Cost to participate will be \$5.00 for the Ball and Workshop, and \$5.00 for the dinner. If you plan to come for the Dance, please try to join us for dinner as well, I think it will be nice but it's certainly optional.

PLEASE NOTE: we have to buy the makings for the dinner in advance, so if you plan to participate in the dinner we need your reservation and money by the Saturday before (June 15th), earlier if possible. We'll plan on a few extra servings that will be available, but please don't count on them.

I haven't made up a reservation form, just send name, address and payment to:

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The location will be the same as our usual Fall Fling. Melbourne Village Hall, 525 Hammock Rd, Melbourne Village, Florida. From exit 71 on I-95, go east on 192 (New Haven Ave.) about 2.4 miles. Look for the Home Depot store on the Right. At the traffic (Continued on page 3)

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light at Home Depot, turn north (left) onto Dayton Blvd. Go to the end of Dayton (about 0.5 mi). Turn Right onto South Dr. which soon makes a sharp left turn and becomes Hammock. Continue on Hammock

about 0.1 mi. You will pass a pine tree in the middle of the road (yes), then Norman Dr. and then the next driveway will go into the parking lot for the Village Hall. Just find a place to park and come on in.

We're looking forward to seeing our friends for a summer event. This may not be an International party in the sense of doing dances from a variety of countries, but if you enjoy the English Country dances I think it will be a lot of fun.

JACKSONVILLE

By Pearl F. G. Roth

We are still planning on putting together a program for the US Naval Depot, for August 29th, 2002 and for the Arts/Crafts Festival at Riverside also coming up this fall.

If you are interested in contributing a special dance or practicing with us, here is our schedule of dance practice dates for June: June 2nd, 5th, 9th, 12th, 19th, 23rd, 26th and 30th at my house 7:30 to 9 pm. We will teach Russian dances etc. at Beth Jacob on June 13th, 20th and 27th during their practice time sometime between 5:30 and 7 pm as time permits.

We will review and practice as many dances from different countries as we can before making a final decision on which countries will be in each program.

Welcome to our world:

Karen Coletti has some news for you... "Jack and I had a baby girl on Saturday, April 20, 2002 at 7:04 pm. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. We had a water birth in the hospital; Jack was in the tub coaching me and he caught her. It was done completely naturally. It was a breeze. Her name is Eilia Marianne Coletti. For photos go to: <http://eilia.baylife2000.com> If you have trouble with the flash intro presentation, just click on "skip intro". Hope to see everyone one of these days."

Love, hugs, and shimmies,
karen sun ray (Karen Coletti)

Mainwoods Camp Schedule: (for more info: www.mainwoodsdancecamp.org)

Session 1: August 3 - August 9

Tom Bozigian - Armenian; Shawn Donaldson -

Balkan; Joe Wallin - Scottish; Teme Kernerman - Teaching Techniques

Session 2: August 10 - August 16

Iliana Bozhanova - Bulgarian; Lyuben Dossev - Kaval Master; Natty Kamikura - Japanese; Jacek Marek - Polish

Session 3: August 17 - August 23

Iliana Bozhanova - Bulgarian; Lyuben Dossev - Kaval Master; TBA - Israeli; Grant Logan - Squares & Contrás

Session 4: August 24 - August 30

Miroslav Bata Marcetic - Serbian; Ingvar Sodal - Scandinavian; Sandy Starkman - International

Labor Day Session: August 30 - September 2

Mihai David - Romanian; John Lulias - Greek
Jean Noble - Scottish;

STAFF TEACHERS

George Fogg - English
Roy Hilburn - Contrás/Squares
Sandy Starkman - International

SARASOTA GRAPEVINERS

From Thekla Kahn

The Israeli Workshop was held in Sarasota in April and the Grapeviners would like to thank all who attended and helped to make it a success! Don Schillinger is a talented teacher, who brought about 14 dances, which were new to us, and which he taught with grace and patience! Andi Kapplin knew all the dances and joined Don inside the circle. This was a great help! Our venue was a Town Park building, which suited our purpose except for the very noisy AC unit! Don was able to overcome this with his fabulous equipment! Saturday night dinner, supplied by the local dancers, was served in the adjacent room. Jacksonville, Tampa, and St. Pete dancers joined us and we think a good time was had by all. ...

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Check the following website for further information on folk dancing in Florida: www.folkdance.org

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

Mark Your Calendar:

Midsummer Nights Ball, June 22, Melbourne Village Hall. English Country Dance (see Melbourne's article elsewhere in this issue).

Nordic Fiddles and Feet, week of Norwegian and Swedish Music and Dance. June 29 – July 6, Buffalo Gap Camp. Info: fiddlesandfeet@aol.com, web site: nordicfiddlesandfeet.org; 4401 Alta Vista Way, Knoxville, TN 37919, 865-522-0515.

OIFD July 4th dinner and dance. A pot luck dinner will be at 6pm on July 3 with dancing following. There will be some bed space, sleeping bag space, or you can pitch a tent if you wish to stay overnight. We will have a cook out and more dancing on the 4th. Location is at the home of Bobby and Pat at 9859 Berry Dease Road in Orlando. Call 407-275-6247 or email to henderp@bellsouth.net.

Israeli Folk Dance Weekend, camp Coleman, Cleveland, GA. Aug. 30-Sept. 2nd, 2002. Info: Ruthy, 864-654-3511, email: kibbutz@slann.com

Sharpes Assembly, Oct. 4-6, 5th annual contra and English Country Dance Festival, Sebring, FL. Info: George Senyk, 321-636-2209.

Autumn Leaves XIX Folk Dance Workshop, Oct. 25-27. Yves Moreau, Bulgarian. Email Tim Murphy, timkmurp@earthlink.net or Janet Epstein, Depst98336@aol.com for info.

From the mail bag. . .

Dear friends:

I have received an e-mail from Tineke van Geel, Armenian dance teacher based in the Netherlands who is planning a USA teaching tour Sept. 28 - Oct. 28, 2002. She is currently booking weekend and evening workshops.

Tineke is a fine teacher with excellent music CDs and dance notes. Feel free to contact her directly for additional information at:

vangeel@xs4all.nl

Thanks, Yves Moreau

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First Class

**MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S DINNER
AND BALL (see inside)**

June 22, 2002
Melbourne Village Hall