

Florida FolkDancer

NOVEMBER, 2002

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Pat Henderson

As promised, the registration form is included with this newsletter. If you receive your newsletter by email, please click on the link to the web page and print it out from there. The price for camp increased slightly due to increased food cost and a decrease in the membership discount. The meals will be catered by Carmichael's Restaurant so we will have fresh squeezed orange juice, a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables, and generally more variety than we have had in the past. I urge every member to sign up for camp as soon as possible. We will see a number of new faces as English and contra dancers attend. I will report on the progress of the registration process next month.

If you attended camp this year, you will remember a discussion in our annual meeting regarding a portable wooden floor that is kept in Atlanta by Seth Tepher. I happened to meet him at a Cocoa Beach contra dance and he told me that the floor was not coming to Florida this winter. We were thinking that we could piggyback on this opportunity to use the floor while it was here. We would also need a work crew to put it together and take it down. If there is great interest in still pursuing this idea, I need a volunteer to work on it!

Please try to attend the Fall Fling in Melbourne on November 23 and 24.

We always have a great time dancing and sharing great food!

ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLUB

By: Pat Henderson

On September 25, a small group of us performed two dances as part of a local awards program to recognize local agencies who worked for the welfare of children. I joined Ann Robinson, Palmira Mora, and Kelley Fagan in the

performance.

We started out the month of October celebrating the birthday of our fearless leader, Bobby! Amar and Jan Lathi drove from Palm Coast to surprise him. Then two weeks later, we had our annual Oktoberfest complete with Oktoberfest beer. We welcomed Emilie Brozek back from her travels to Wisconsin and Michigan and other points up north. Bobby and I attended one night of the Sharpes Assembly which had one room of contra dancing and one room of English Country Dancing occurring at the same time. On October 26, several members enjoyed the Greek Festival in Lecanto (a town between Inverness and Crystal River). The band was from New York and the performers were from Tarpon Springs and New Port Richey. All of these groups made this our favorite Greek Festival this year.

SHARPES ASSEMBLY DANCE WEEKEND

From the Senyks

The 5th annual Sharpes Assembly Contra and English Country Dance Festival was held during the first weekend in October. The venue was the venerable (1915) Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring, Florida, with two wooden ballroom floors for both genres. The directors and hosts were George and Onie Senyk of Sharpes, Florida. The dance was attended by seventy-seven dancers from age twelve up to whatever. The program consisted of daytime Saturday workshops for three levels of expertise, open dancing on Friday evening and Sunday morning, and a dressy ball in both ballrooms on Saturday evening with music by the Tunbridge Trio. The staff included Rusty Wright of New Mexico, Stew Shacklette of Kentucky, John Daly of Melbourne, Florida, Ed Swan of Titusville, Florida, Pam Russo of Jacksonville, Florida, Fred Minster of Ocala, Florida, Bob

Parkhurst of Canaveral Groves, Florida, and George and Onie Senyk.

A special surprise was the musicianship of John Daly, Rachael Conrad and Val Vonheeder who played for some of the English Country dances on Friday evening and Sunday morning.

A number of members of the FFDC attended including our president and vice-president Pat and Bobby.

PALM COAST

By Jan Lathi

The Palm Coast International Dancers will host a holiday party on December 13th (Friday) at the Ocean Marina Recreational Hall in Flagler Beach. The Grand Haven Dance Club will be invited to join and we would welcome other Florida folk dancers to come join us as well. We will all bring finger food and do request dancing mostly. Call or email Jan Lathi for directions or other information.

PORT ORANGE

From Julius Horvath

The Port Orange International Folk Dance Club holds their dances at 7:30 pm the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Port Orange adult Activities Center, 4790 Ridgewood Ave (US1). No charge! Additional information please call 386-252-5738.

Camp Registration Information

Camp registrations are included in this newsletter. I anticipate a "sellout", so please register as soon as possible. Remember that you get a **\$10 discount** if you register for the full camp by January 15. You also get another **\$5 discount** if you are a current member. After you register, you should get a confirmation packet with camp information either by email or regular mail. Please read the general information about camp since we are not printing it in the newsletter. If you registered and you have not received a confirmation, contact Terry at 813-234-1231 or email her at terry.abrahams@verizon.net. A list of motels will be included in the confirmation for those registering as OFF campus. The newly remodeled cabins are as

nice as a room at the Day's Inn so please consider staying in the cabins next year. Many dancers who stayed in motels this year said that they would stay in cabins for the next year.

For the first time, you have a choice of colors for the **t-shirt**. Please mark the registration form for the size and color of your choice.

We are offering a new option to **stay one night but dance and eat for two days**. This is the one night, five meals option. Please sign up for the option which is the closest to your stay at the camp. We can make meal adjustments at the camp with refunds or charges. At this year's camp, we paid the camp more than \$100 in no-shows for Friday night dinner. Please mark the exact meals that you will be eating. The meals for the 2003 camp will be catered by Carmichael's, an Ocala restaurant. We will have fresh squeezed orange juice and lots of fruit and vegetables along with more menu choices.

We need volunteers to help with camp. If you would like to help with registration, decorate or be the group to sponsor Saturday or Sunday night snack, please let Pat know at 407-275-6247 or henderp@bellsouth.net. Also, group leaders please send nominations for the **Olga Princi Scholarship** to Pat Henderson (email and phone above). Also, if you would like to apply for a **work stipend**, contact Pat. Deadline to apply for either of these is January 1, 2003.

Instructions for dancers getting this newsletter by email. The form should print on one page. If yours did not print correctly, go the FFDC web site at: www.folkdance.org. Print out the form from this site.

Directions to Fall Fling, Melbourne:

From I-95 take Exit 71 (U.S. 192 – New Haven Avenue). Go East on New Haven. Pass John Rodes Blvd, Wickham Rd., Meadowlane Ave. You will see Home Depot on the right – turn left just opposite the store onto Dayton. At the end of Dayton, turn right onto South which runs into Hammock (a left turn) The AHF Village Hall is on the left side of the road just past Norman Rd. Map is included in snail mail recipients.

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

Mark Your Calendar:

Fall Fling, Nov. 23-24, 2002, Melbourne. (See elsewhere for directions).

Florida Folk Dance Camp, Feb, 21-24, 2003.

March 8, Tammies, Crescent City, George C. Miller Middle School Auditorium, 7 pm.
Contact Jean Labonte, Crescent City YMCA.
386-698-2342

Spring Fling 2003, March 22, 2003, Port Orange Adult Activities Center, 4790 South Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange.

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.

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First Class

*FALL FLING: NOV.
23-24, 2002
MELBOURNE*

Have a Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving!

**Florida Folk Dance Council, Inc. Presents:
Florida Folk Dance Camp with George Fogg and Lee Otterholt
February 21-24, 2003**

REGISTRATION FORM (One per person please)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

email: _____ Phone: _____

Do you want to receive your newsletter by email? Yes _____ No _____

Camp Fees:

Full Time

___ On campus (Three nights, nine meals) \$200.00 = _____

___ Off campus (Three nights, nine meals) \$150.00 = _____

Part Time

___ Two nights, six meals, ON campus \$140.00 = _____

___ One night, five meals, ON campus \$110.00 = _____

___ One night, three meals, ON campus \$70.00 = _____

___ Two nights, six meals, OFF campus \$110.00 = _____

___ One night, five meals, OFF campus \$95.00 = _____

___ One night, three meals, OFF campus \$55.00 = _____

RV's = OFF campus fee + \$20.00 per vehicle | **Tents** = OFF campus fee = _____

FFDC Membership (one per household) \$15.00 = _____

Check the size and color to order the camp t-shirt. \$10.00 = _____

S	M	L	XL	Royal Blue		Royal Purple		Olive

(T-shirt design is in the FFDC newsletter or at www.folkdance.org)

Camp Video 15.00 = _____

Contributions to Olga Princi Scholarship are appreciated (but not required) = _____

If you are a **current** member, take a **\$5.00** discount (one per household). = (- _____)

If postmarked by January 15, 2002, take a **\$10.00** discount (**Full time only**) = (- _____)

Student discount of \$10 per day = (- _____)

TOTAL PAYMENT = \$ _____

Night parties are on a walk-in basis: \$10 (\$5 students) per night

NOTE: First meal is dinner on Friday; last meal is lunch on Monday

Check the following meals you will be eating (B=Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner)

Fri D	Sat B	Sat L	Sat D	Sun B	Sun L	Sun D	Mon B	Mon L

Please check the following nights you will be sleeping at camp:

Friday	Sat	Sun

Special Diet Preference: Vegetarian ___ Lactose Intolerant ___ Other _____

Expect to share a cabin with other dancers. Cabin maximum is 8 people.

Please Note: Remember that dancing, like any physical activity, carries the risk of injury. We dance on a concrete floor covered with linoleum tiles. The Camp environment is rural with limited lighting and rough walkways. Neither Florida Folk Dance Council, Inc., nor its members, officers, nor directors have the resources to cover the costs of injuries or illness. While we don't want to discourage anyone from coming to Camp, your attendance is your representation that you have adequate insurance or other resources to cover your medical costs, lost wages, and pain and suffering without recourse to the Florida Folk Dance Council, Inc. or its officers, directors or members should you suffer any injury.

Make check payable to "FFDC"

Send To:
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701 W Idlewild Ave.
Tampa, FL 33604

Any questions about registration?

Call: Terry at 813-234-1231 or
email to: terry.abrahams@verizon.net
Web page: www.folkdance.org

Fall Fling 2002

Saturday Nov 23

11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday Nov 24

9:00 a.m. to noon

Join the South Brevard International Dancers

For an all day request dance party

Potluck at noon. Bring a dish to share.

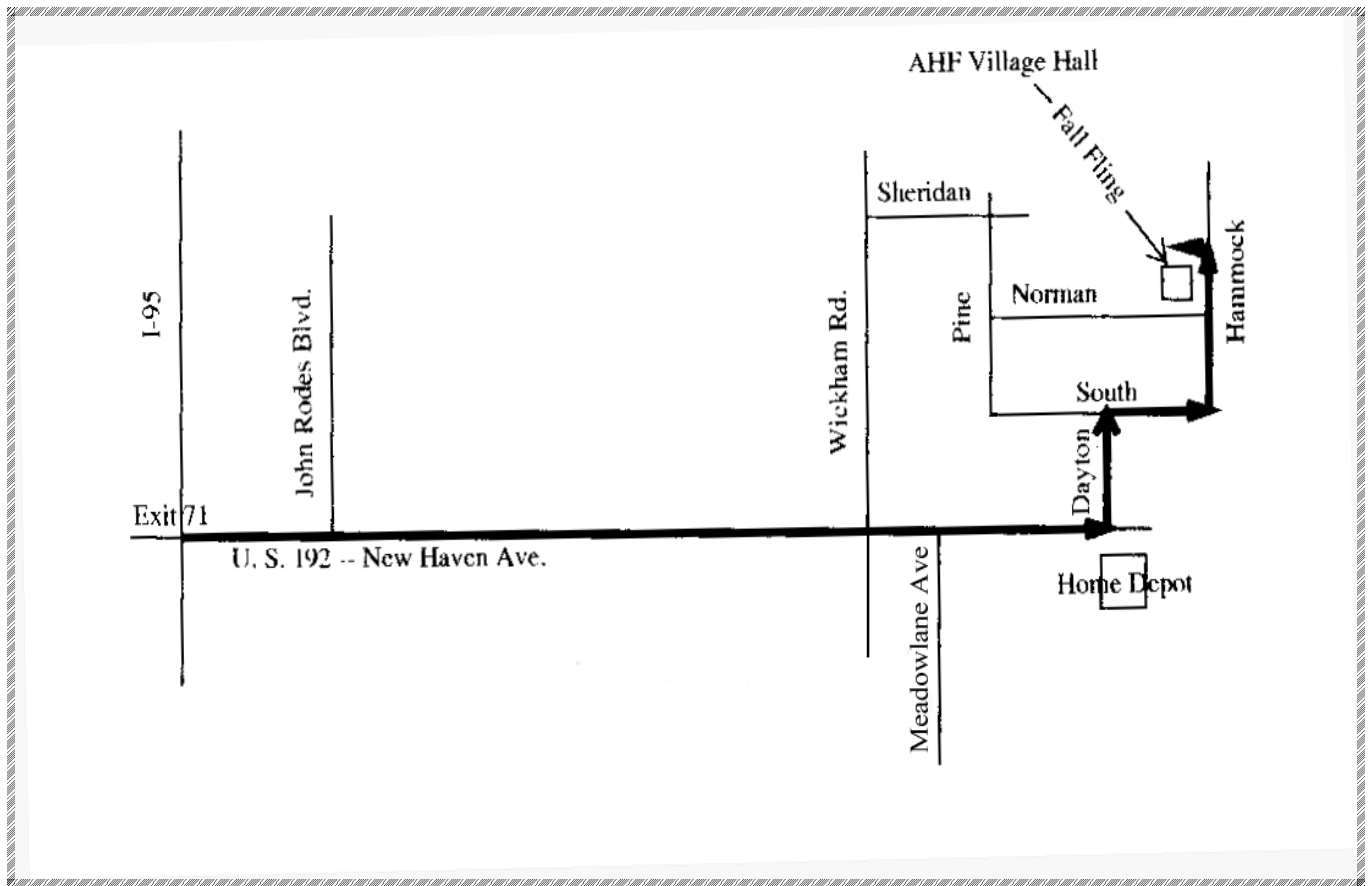
Carry-in (plus leftovers) at supper

Toss in \$4.00 for Hall rent Saturday

AHF Village Hall

Melbourne Village, Florida

John or Barbara Daly 321-951-9623



Fall Fling is a full day of request dancing. The dancers mostly set the program themselves by placing cards on the request board in the order in which they will be danced. On occasion the masters (and mistresses) of ceremonies may intervene to prevent too long a run of dances which are too hard, too easy, or too much of one nationality. But over the years the self-programming has worked well and everybody has been mindful of the needs and interests of others. Dancers at all levels are welcome. To be sure the program will be geared to the more experienced dancer, but many, many dances will be accessible to relatively new dancers. There will be little teaching, although we will briefly walk through dances that require interaction among all the dancers so that everyone can enjoy the dance together.

The format on Saturday will be similar to previous years. We'll set up and start dancing by 11 in the morning. Around noon, we'll set up tables and have a potluck lunch. Then, back to dancing. We'll break again at suppertime. A smoked turkey, roast pork, or something similar may appear courtesy of John and Barbara to help supplement the leftovers from lunch. And we can bring in more food if we need it. Following supper, we'll dance again until everybody is worn out or 11:00 pm, whichever comes first.

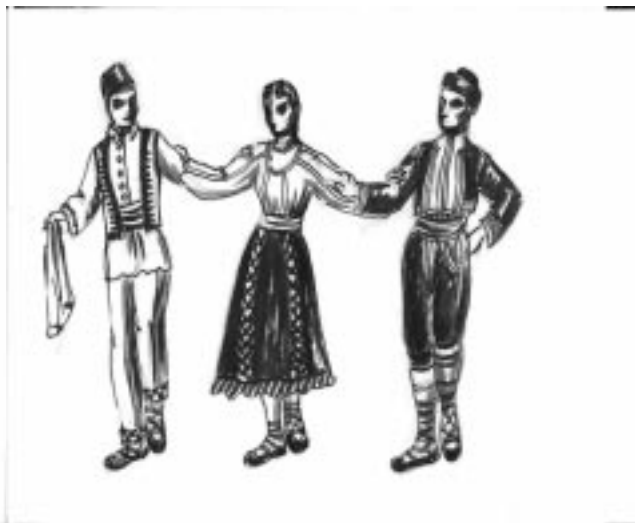
We do have to pay for use of the hall, so there will be an offering basket. If everyone puts in \$4.00 we should come out about right. We've also rented the Hall for Sunday and plan an informal morning for those who may not have gotten enough on Saturday. Sunday may tend to be more couple dances. We can adjust plans to suit people's interest but the present plan is to start at 9:00 and break up around lunchtime.

Our Flings are always sort of impromptu happenings. Come and help us work it all out.

FLORIDA FOLK DANCE CAMP 2003

FEATURING:

LEE OTTERHOLT FROM NORWAY
TEACHING DANCES OF EUROPEAN
ETHNIC MINORITIES



GEORGE FOGG FROM BOSTON
TEACHING ENGLISH COUNTRY
DANCES

LIVE ENGLISH MUSIC

FEBRUARY 21-24, 2003

CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONFERENCE CENTER

SILVER SPRINGS, FLORIDA

INFO: www.folkdance.org