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Tampa Trivia

LOST AND FOUND

Has anybody seen my two Israeli dancing CD's? I may have taken them to a workshop and forgotten them. One is hits of 199?, yellow with designs all over it, the other bright blue. If so, let me know - I miss them. Terry Abrahams (tja2090@aol.com) Thanks.

OTHER NEWS

None. Even I can't think of anything to say - but anxious to see everyone at the Fall Fling!
Terry Abrahams

New e-mail for Joy

Dear Friends,
Please make note my e-mail: joy077@webtv.net.
I'm looking for cute gif. if any one has them. I did lose all information I saved.
:-/ JOY

Greek Workshop Delayed by Irene

The Greek workshop which had been scheduled in Gainesville had to be cancelled in the face of hurricane Irene. It was rescheduled at the last minute for October 30. Unfortunately too late to get notice out in print.

Machol Miami 99

I would like to invite you to come and join us this year for Machol Miami '99, an Israeli Dance Resort Vacation like no other, which takes place in Miami for 4 days, December 23-26. This is the sixth year of Machol Miami, and the event is becoming more exciting every year. It is preceded and followed by nightly dance parties on December 22 and 27, so you have an opportunity to dance continuously for five nights and four days. What a perfect way to celebrate the end of the millennium (and the beginning of the new one) in the tropical ambiance of Miami!!

The cost of a Miami vacation combined with participation in Machol Miami is surprisingly low. Even though the accommodation is in the luxurious Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport hotel, a room may be shared by up to 4 people, with a nightly cost of less than \$23/per person per night (not including taxes). If you would like to, we will help match you with other people who might be interested in sharing a room with you

The end of summer is the best time to make flight reservations to come down to Florida, since many airlines offer special deals. For example, some flights from the Northeast to Florida are now offered for a price of around \$200. December is high season in Miami, because the weather is absolutely beautiful. If you don't make your flight reservations now you might be hit with high prices later.

For more information or to register online, see our web page at www.israelidance.com/macholmiami. If you would like a hard copy of the brochure mailed to you please e-mail me at dancemiami@sprintmail.com. I hope that you join us in December!

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**NFO Conference to Meet in San
Antonio,
March 2-5, 2000**

The National Folk Organization of the U.S.A. will hold its annual conference in conjunction with the 41st Nelda Drury/San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival. The conference meets March 2-5 (Thursday afternoon through Sunday Morning) and the Festival runs March 3-5 (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon) so participants have time to attend conference sessions and festival workshops.

The NFO Conference begins Thursday afternoon with registration and a board meetin, followed by an evening of special activities. On Friday, the conference sessions will focus on (1) official business; (2) presentations and discussions relative to recreational, educational, and performing folk dancing, music, folk traditions, and folk festivals (CIOFF and IOV); (3) an evening folk dance concert; (4) and folk dancing after the concert. Also look forward to a keynote address by the renowned teacher and guru, Dick Crum.

On Saturday, NFO participants will join the dance workshops organized by the host Festival and attend the ever-popular evening folk dance concert. Yves Moreau (Bulgarian), Zeljko Jergen (Croatian), and Joe Wallin (Scottish) have been confirmed as workshop teachers.

On Sunday, the NFO Conference concludes with an early-morning general membership meeting. The Drury/SAC Festival continues through Sunday afternoon with workshop review, an afternoon tea, and final dinner.

Sandwiched between all these activities will be the usual networking and camaraderie. Because San Antonio is such a unique city, people are encouraged to arrive early or stay over a day or two to enjoy all the attractions.

For further information and/or registration, contact Vonnie Brown, NFO Vice President and Conference Chair, 1717 Applewood Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-5912. Tel-Fax: 225/766-8750; e-mail: DUWARD2prodigy.net

**Fall Fling 99
Saturday Nov 13 --
Sunday Nov 14**

Saturday will be the same format as in previous years. We'll set up and start dancing in the morning. Around noon, we'll set up tables and have a pot-luck lunch. Then, back to dancing. There will be little or no teaching, although we will briefly walk through dances that require interaction among all the dancers so that everyone can enjoy the dance together.

We'll break again at supper time. Barbara and I may have a smoked turkey or something else 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 p.m., whichever comes first.

Sunday will be devoted primarily to couple dances of various forms. Yes, we'll do the usual couple dances on Saturday. And we'll surely do some favorite line and circle dances on Sunday. But for those who would like to do more without imposing on those who don't enjoy partner dances, Sunday will be our day. Several people have volunteered to review some couple dances we might not have done in a while.

Our Flings are always sort of impromptu happenings, so we'll just have to see how it all comes out. Plan to stay over if you can and enjoy a second day of dancing.

John and Barbara

Sarasota Grapeviners

Yes, we did have a good summer season down here. Lots of happy dancers and quite a few happy feet who are just beginning to learn under the good tutelage of Marie Millett and Eva Stunkel.

Our regulars also traveled a bit to check out dancing in other areas. Marie Millett visited Sydell Springer in New York and danced 'out on the Island' while there. Sidney and Edith Iwens moved their feet dancing while in Philadelphia. Thekla watched the fantastic Russian dancers in Sitka, AK - an all women's dance group!

We have some new blood in our group. The Slavic Singers from New College have come to our Wednesday night sessions a few times to learn some Balkan dances. These students have a very good vocal group and would like to incorporate some dances in their repertoire.

Eva Stunkel is starting her Israeli Dance sessions at the Sarasota JCC. They meet on Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. The first session begins on 10/21.

Thekla Kahn

Orlando International Folk Dance Club

We missed a couple of dance nights due to hurricanes and wet conditions on our property. However, we did enjoy an Oktoberfest on September 29, complete with Oktoberfest beer! On October 13, Joan and Wally Washington returned from Michigan, their summer home.

Travels this month included: Ellie Hall to Western Canada with a train ride through the Rockies, Ann Robinson with husband and other square dancers to Branson, Missouri, and Joe and Lucy Birkemeier to Buffalo to visit relatives.

We performed for a public library branch on September 11. Then, on October 6, rain poured at the time we were scheduled to do a Mexican performance at the University of Central Florida. At least we had a chance to perfect some Mexican dances and put together some beautiful Mexican costumes!

If you want to dance with us on a Wednesday, call ahead at 407-275-6247 to get directions. The club will dance on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 24

Pat Henderson

Edwina Comes Back to the States

Dear John,

We are back from the blue Pacific! Three years passed quickly. I am enjoying the newsletters you send. Please update your mailing list with our new address: 3500 Tangle Brush Drive #53 The Woodlands, Tx 77381-2938.

Hal Jung took the long route home to the mainland (he island-hopped) while I flew straight home with our two cats. Hal stopped in Chuck, Phonpei, Kwajulein (sp?), and Hawaii, taking three weeks to get home.

Hal is tutoring at Montgomery College. It is the same college I am attending. I needed one more course to complete my AA in Elementary Education. I am also working five hours a day at a Montessori preschool. I hope all is well with you and all the folks in Florida. Give my love and best wishes to your group.

Edwina Scinta

Second Annual Sharpes Assembly English Country & Contra Festival

The Sharpes Assembly of Florida held its second annual English Country Dance and Contra Festival the first weekend in October at the venerable Kenilworth Lodge, circa 1915, in Sebring, FL. Two ballrooms were in constant use for an opening Friday night dance. Dance workshops were all day Saturday followed by the annual balls in the evening, with a wrap up Sunday morning before we broke up at noon, report George & Onie Senyk, the organizers and main dudes of the event.

The attendance was 85 people, including 16 callers and dance teachers, all of whom were on the program in one area or another. After all, the festival was for them as well as for the dancers. Attendees came from as far away as Connecticut, New York, West Virginia and Georgia as well as special caller Rusty Wright of Deming, New Mexico and his wife Lovetta.

Workshops were offered at the basic level as well as experienced, including an odd ball experimental session of new more difficult dances in the contra hall.

Plans are being finalized for the year 2000. Same place during the first weekend in October, 6th, 7th and 8th with the Sharpes Assembly Contra Dancers again hosting the affair.

George & Onie Senyk

Fall Fling 1999

Saturday November 13

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

Join the South Brevard International Dancers
For an all day request dance party

Potluch at noon. Bring a dish to share.
Carry-in (plus leftovers) at supper
Toss in \$4.00 for Hall rent Saturday
plus

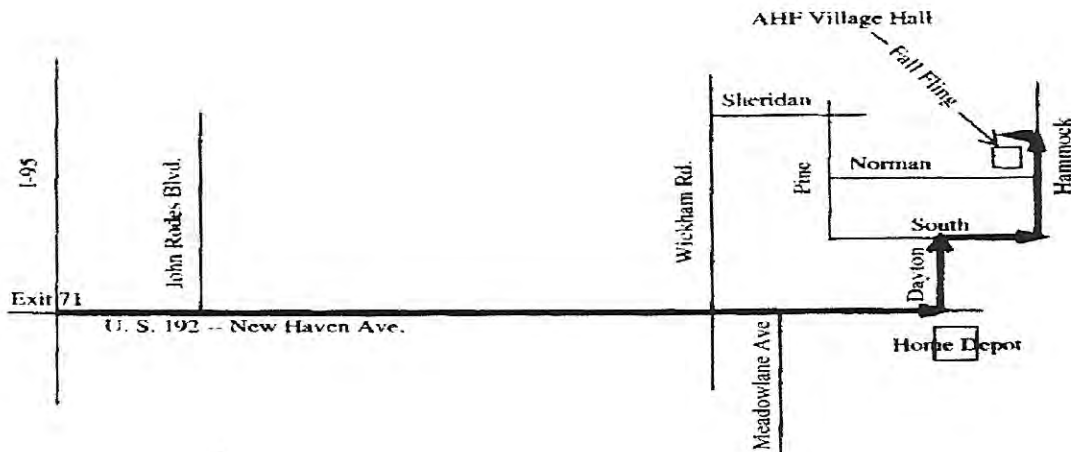
Couples Fling

Sunday November 14

10:00 a.m til whenever

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