

Florida FolkDancer

October 2000

Fall Fling 2000 November 11 11 am to 11 pm Melbourne Village

South Brevard invites all to Fall Fling 2000

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 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 or something similar may appear 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.

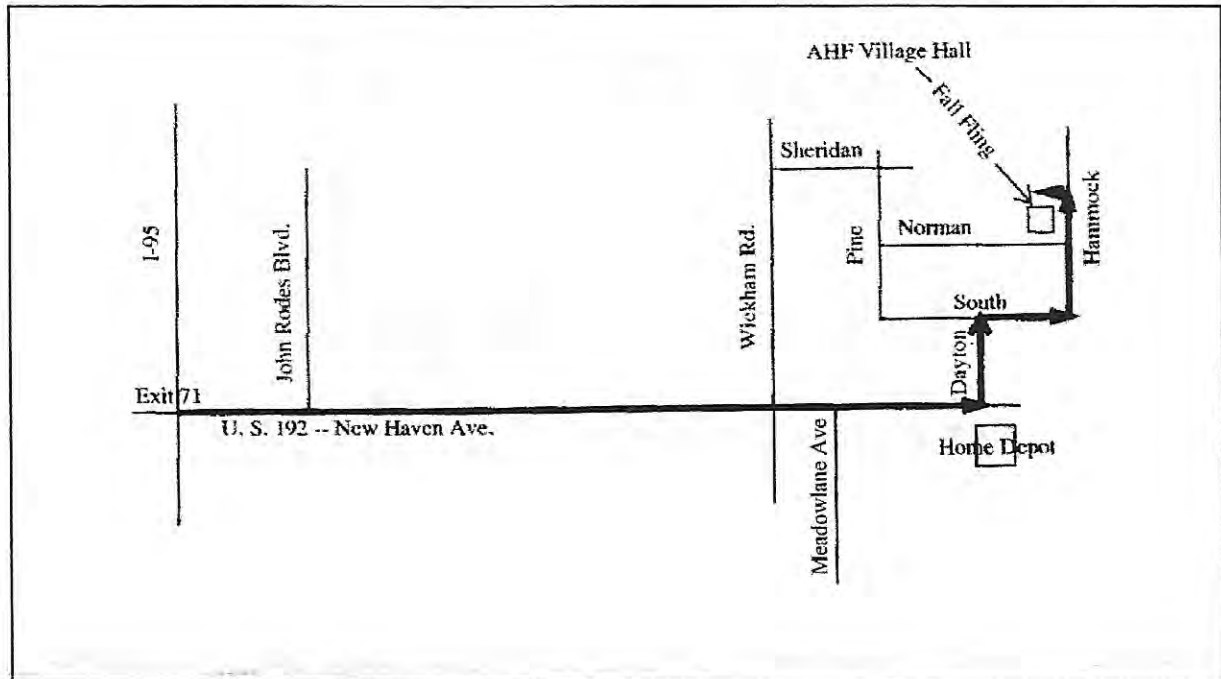
Our Flings are always sort of impromptu happenings. Come and help us work it all out.

For more information, Call John or Barbara at 321-951-9623



A Map is on the next page.

Map to Fall Fling



National Folk Organization Annual Conference

The National Folk Organization of the U.S.A. will hold its annual Conference February 22-25 at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Our hosts will be the Ball State Department of Dance and our on-site NFO coordinator Greg Lund.

The Conference begins Thursday afternoon with registration and a board meeting, followed by an evening of special activities. On Friday and Saturday, the Conference will focus on 1) official business, 2) presentations/discussions relative to recreational, educational, and performing folk dance, folk festivals (CIOFF and IOV), and other folk related topics, 3) dance workshops, 4) a festive banquet, and 5) a gala folk dance concert comprised of groups from Ball State, Milwaukee, and other regional locales. On Sunday, the Conference concludes with an early morning general membership meeting. Sandwiched between all these activities will be the usual networking and camaraderie.

Flights should be booked to Indianapolis; ground shuttle to Muncie. Registration materials will be mailed to all NFO members and other interested individuals in November. For further information and registration, contact Vonnie R. Brown, NFO Vice President and Conference Chair, 1717 Applewood Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-5912. Tel-Fax 225-766-8750; e-mail: vrbfolk@prodigy.net

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Coming Events

Fall Fling

All day request party
Melbourne Village
November 11, 2000
Contact:
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Autumn Leaves Durham

November 10-12
Tom Bozigian
Lebanese and new Armenian dances
Opet will be there.
Cost \$55 'til Oct 25
\$60 thereafter.
Contact: Janet Epstein
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Camp 2001

Feb 23 to Feb 26, 2001
A Balkan Bash is planned.

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Costume Party at Armenian Culture Center

Ocala Fl Sat. Oct 28 -- 8 pm

Admission \$5.00 Take 441 to Ocala, turn East (left) on 17th Ave. drive about 5 miles past 36th Ave & 46th Ave. What would be 52nd Ave is Hwy 35, turn (South) right and drive 3 miles. The Armenian Culture Center is on the Left with a large sign.

Note to Group Leaders

We have no backlog of group news. If you've sent us anything and it hasn't appeared please let your Editor know. We've never deliberately omitted anybody's contribution. So let us hear from you.

Florida Camp 2000 | Weekend after Presidents Day

Camp is coming. The official announcement and registration forms will be in the November issue. Dennis Boxell and Olga Sandolowich have agreed to be our instructors. There will be more details about each and about their programs, but in general you can plan on dances from Macedonia, Thrace, Serbia, and possibly other nearby areas.

John Daly

Great Greek Night

Big round of applauses to all the ones who danced for the Greek night, October 6!

Women's Club was full, the food was worth at least half the ticket price, The local live band was, well, very alive and the speeches were reasonable short. And when it came to dance, the audience danced, no doubt about it!!!

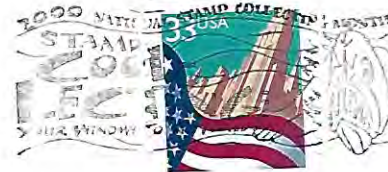
I have to mention here the dance starters, three ladies from Ocala regular with Jenneine's group, who decided that they are not going to wait until 10 30 pm or so to have fun, so they got up and danced! Pretty soon a crowd joined, and it was hard for us, the performers, not to dance (well, in fact John and Margaret were dancing in the aisles, costumes on, good photo subject for reporters and friends alike).

Coming to the performance and the people who took part in it: Margaret Tolbert (she is the real director/choreographer', don't believe whatever else you've seen in print), Tom Whitmor put the tape together, John Ward lead Zagarakia, Jenneine Lambert was the contact that made our dance possible, Kim Gullede haven't got the 'president blues' and danced head up, Max and Diane Forkel danced in public first time in 3 years, Tanya Beatty kept our enthusiasm level high, Raluca Rosca shortchanged one more time school for dance, Andrea Sturgess (of Babiak descent) danced with grace and vigor, Steven Stamatogianis and Desantila Gjurede joined the group in the eleventh hour, providing the Greek expertise and a wonderful Greek-English introduction. BRAVO!

Now the big show is over--anybody interested in performing/teaching for Maguire Village Open House, Thursday October 26? Would be one more good reason to keep the Mondays 8-10 pm 'high level dances' practices!

Raluca Rosca

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