

Yugoslavia Boženka Bledsoe & Marilyn Rath _____

(This concludes the article on the trip Božie and Marilyn took to Yugoslavia with George Tomov's tour last summer. The first part of the article appeared in last month's Newsletter.)

The next morning early found us on a very hot bus, complete with one of our tour members as a "stewardess" complete with Ride Me hat, offering bread cubes, cheese, a jug of wine, and giving massages, leading old and new songs (some of which were so old that only the 80-year-old on our trip knew the words), dancing in the aisles, etc. We arrived in Dubrovnik late in the evening after our bus took a wrong turn and ended up on a very narrow one-way street going the wrong way. After much maneuvering, shouting, and 50 back-seat drivers, we managed to get to our hotel and a delicious dinner, after which was a big surprise, a huge birthday cake for Marilyn and champagne. We could hardly wait for morning so we could see the city. Our room opened right on the Adriatic Sea with a perfect view of the old walled city, and the first thing we did the next morning was take the walk around the top of the wall, then up and down the tiny narrow side streets, some of which were narrow stairways. The main street was very wide but none of the streets are open to traffic. We took a boat trip to Lokrum Island where many went swimming, and many visited the "nude" beach (too many equipped with cameras). We attended the opening of the festival, with a sight we will never forget. The entire old city was packed wall to wall with people, and the festival started out with a few performing groups and speeches, after which everyone left the city as fast as they could to get a good vantage point from which to watch the fireworks. They were held in front of the harbor and we've never seen such a display. As soon as these were over, everyone ran back into the city for dancing to musical groups that were on the balconies of the larger buildings, the most impressive being on the balcony of the Sponza Palace. Unfortunately, our time schedule did not permit time for any performances as we had to leave the following day for Zagreb.

We visited the Meskovic Museum and Art Gallery and the open market place where many of our group found costumes but at no bargain prices. We all went to the Zagrebska Pivovarna (brewery) where they had an outdoor terrace and live music for dancing. We attended a performance of the Belgrade Madrigal Singers the following evening. Next stop was Ljubljana, but being Sunday the city was very quiet. We had our "farewell party" at our hotel, complete with awards for "the most tireless shopper," "the girl who had lost 9,738 strands of hair (due to a makeover at a Croatian beauty shop)," and best of all, "the Czechoslovakian in African clothes speaking Serbo-Croatian (Božie)."

We landed in New York the following afternoon, completely exhausted, but with memories of a fantastic trip which we will never forget. We met many wonderful people, made many new friends, and our lives will never be the same. Watch for Chapter II next year for Božie and Marilyn in Romania.

Mihai David Workshop Tom & Helen Sears

Save January 17, 18, and 19 for the FFDC Romanian Workshop featuring Mihai David. The workshop will be held at the Leesburg Armory, which has a wooden floor. (Take the Wildwood exit from I-75 and the Florida Turnpike.)

Sleeping bag accommodations will be available near the Armory and in homes. Motel information and further details will be included in the next Newsletter.

The cost will be \$9 for the weekend excluding meals; \$8 for FFDC members; and \$7 for those under 12. The full fee must be received by January 7. Make checks payable to Tom Sears and send to 7330 N. Silver Lake Dr., Leesburg 32748.

Miami Ginny Corwin

These are busy days! We have been invited and are performing for the Coral Gables Women's Club, December 1st, for the Lowe Gallery, University of Miami, December 7th and 8th, and Rev. Fred LeShane, at our home base, the Unitarian Church, has asked us to dance a Sunday Service--date still open.

Clarice and Bernie Adler have been teaching three times a month, and our monthly parties have been happy and successful occasions.

The University of Miami Folk Dance Club meets one Saturday a month and has been attracting a hall full of people. We will continue on a one-time-a-month basis.

When the weather gets too cold for you "north'ners"--come on down to Miami --we meet every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Church.

Orlando Larry Wartell

The Orlando International Folk Dance Club visited the newly formed Daytona Group and joined with them for an enjoyable evening November 2.

We expect to join forces with Tampa on December 6 to put on a demonstration-show in Winter Haven to promote the formation of a group there.

Calendar

Dec. 14, 1974. Scandinavian workshop and party, featuring Gordon Tracie.

Folk Dance Center, 2027 Chestnut St., Philadelphia PA 19103. Contact Folk Dance Center for information.

Jan. 17, 18, 19, 1975. FFDC Romanian Workshop, featuring Mihai David, Leesburg Armory. For information, contact Tom or Helen Sears, 7330 N. Silver Lake Dr., Leesburg 32748.

Jan. 26, 1975. Greek Taverna Nite, Folk Dance Center of Philadelphia, YWCA, 2027 Chestnut St., Philadelphia PA. Live bouzouki music, dancing, buffet supper, \$4.00 prix fixe.

Feb. 1, 1975. International Folkdance Festival, Falk Auditorium, Univ. of Tampa. Performances by exhibition groups representing folk dance groups from Florida. Public admitted free. For information, contact Judith Baizan, Festival Director, 2503 Palm Dr., Tampa 33609, (813) 257-0001.

Feb. 16, 1975. Workshop in Scottish Country Dance, featuring C. Stewart Smith, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge, LA. For information, contact Vonnie R. Brown, 4431 Blecker Dr., Baton Rouge LA 70809.

Mar. 15-21, 1975. 2nd Annual Balkan Music & Dance Workshop, Reitz Union, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 7-day workshop, \$50, excluding food and lodging; limited no. of weekend workshops, \$25. For information, contact Helen Hyams, 120 N.W. 10 St., Gainesville 32601, (904) 377-7255.

April 4, 5, 6, 1975. 3rd Annual Louisiana Folk & Ethnic Dance Festival, "Bratstvo Balkana," featuring Dick Crum, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. For information, contact Vonnie R. Brown, 4431 Blecker Dr., Baton Rouge LA 70809.

FFDC Directory

- CLEARWATER Scottish Dancing, Sun. 7:30 p.m., Peace Memorial Church, 107 S. Osceola. Contact John Marsden, 107 S. Osceola, Clearwater 33516, (813) 447-6176.
- DAYTONA BEACH International Dancing, Sat. 8-11 p.m., YWCA, 344 S. Beach, Daytona Beach. Contact Susan Jane Horvath, 528 Bostwick Ave., Daytona Beach 32018, (904) 255-5767.
- FT. LAUDERDALE Around-the-World Dancers, Sat. beginners, 1-2 p.m.; intermediate-advanced, 2:30-5 p.m., Holiday Park Social Annex, 844 N.E. 7th Ave. Contact Bea or Phil Statnick, 91 N.E. 46th St., Ft. Lauderdale 33308, (305) 771-5287.
- FT. LAUDERDALE Folk and Round Dance Class, beginners and intermediates, Fri. 2-5 p.m., Sunrise Recreation Center, 1720 N.W. 60 Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, (305) 739-2142. Contact Abe or Vivian Halpern, 8447 N.W. 10 10 St., Ft. Lauderdale 33313, (305) 791-8833.
- GAINESVILLE Univ. of Florida Folk Dance Club, Fri. advanced, 8-9 p.m.; beginners, 9-10 p.m.; requests, 10-12 midnight, Norman Hall Gym, Univ. of Florida. Contact John Ward, 1503 N.W. 10th Ave., Gainesville 32605.
- HALLANDALE Intermediate and advanced workshop, international folk dances, Hallandale Community Center. Contact Charles or Bea Kaufman, 920 S.W. 10 Terr., Hallandale 33009, (305) 929-5359.
- HALLANDALE International Folk Dancing, Tues. beginners, 7-8 p.m.; intermediate-advanced, 8-10 p.m., Hallandale Community Center, 500 S.E. 1st Ave. (at 5th St.). Contact Clarice or Bernie Adler, 11253 S.W. 172 St., Miami 33157, (305) 233-3117.
- LEESBURG Leesburg International Folkdancing, Mon. 7:30-9 p.m., Leesburg Montessori School, 415 Lee St., Leesburg 32748. Contact Tom or Helen Sears, 7330 N. Silver Lake, Leesburg 32748, (904) 787-0861 days, 787-5333 evenings.
- MIAMI University of Miami Folk Dance Club, one Sat. each month, dates fluctuate, Flamingo Ballroom, University of Miami, Coral Gables. Contact Ginny Corwin, 4410 S.W. 13 St., Miami 33134, (305) 444-3730.
- MIAMI Miami International Folk Dancers, Wed. beginners, 7:30-8:15 p.m.; intermediates, 8:30-10:30 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 7701 S.W. 76th Ave. Contact Ginny or Manny Corwin, 4410 S.W. 13 St., Miami 33134, (305) 444-3730.
- MIAMI Belly Dance Lessons. Contact Linda Hyams, P.O. Box 010506, Miami 33101, (305) 573-7956.
- MIAMI Scottish Country Dancing, beginners, Fri. 7:45-9:45 p.m., Palmetto Senior High School, South Cafeteria, 7460 S.W. 118 St., Miami. Contact Ken or Isis Hilton, 11600 S.W. 70th Ave., Miami, (305) 667-9059.
- MIAMI Israeli Dancing, Tues. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Hillel Foundation, Univ. of Miami, 1100 Miller Dr., Coral Gables. Contact Yosef Yanich, 4200 Biscayne Blvd., #3F, Miami 33137, (305) 576-4330.
Saturday evenings, 8-10:30 p.m., there is a Coffee House at Hillel, basically for students. Contact Yosef Yanich.
- MIAMI BEACH Israeli Dancing, Fri. 9 p.m.-1 a.m., for students and young adults, the "Hamifgahsh" (The Meeting Place) Coffee House, Youth Center, Temple Beth Sholom, Arthur Godfrey Rd. & Chase Ave. (entrance from alleyway in rear). Contact Yosef Yanich, 4200 Biscayne Blvd., #3F, Miami 33137, (305) 576-4330.
- MIAMI--FT. LAUDERDALE Belly Dance Lessons, Ron Daniels Academy of Dance, Dade: (305) 759-1182; Broward: (305) 763-6128. Contact Karen Gillis, 711 N.W. 1st Ave., Ft. Lauderdale 33311, (305) 763-1193.
- MIRAMAR Irish-American Ceili Club, 4th Fri. of month, Old Fireman's Hall, 7600 Venetian, Miramar. Contact Mary Borden, 700 N.W. 200 Terr., Miami 33169, (305) 625-1652; or Jack Smith, 3091 N.W. Holatee Trail, Ft. Lauderdale, (305) 587-5552.

ORLANDO Orlando International Folk Dance Club, Wed. 7:57-10:30 p.m., Unitarian Church, 1815 E. Robinson (at Hampton). Contact Dave Digby, 311 S. Brown Ave., Orlando 32801, (305) 894-3743; or Larry Wartell, 5706 Eggleston Ave., Orlando 32810, (305) 645-0290.

PENSACOLA Tzigany, c/o Student Activities, Univ. of West Florida, Fri. beginners, 7:30-8 p.m.; intermediate-advanced 8 p.m. on. Contact Jim Marsh, Physics Dept., Univ. of West Florida, Pensacola 32504, home phone (904) 438-3284; or Drew Harris, 1300 E. Tunis, Pensacola 32503, (904) 434-3744.

SARASOTA The Folksdancing, 2nd and 4th Fri. of month, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sugar Creek Camp Resort, 3300 26th Ave. E., Bradenton. Scottish Country Dancing, 1st and 3rd Sun., 7:30 p.m., at the Folk House. For specific meetings contact Cubby or Jeanie Whitehead, Rt. 3, Box 90, Sarasota 33580, (813) 755-7005 or 755-6212.

SARASOTA New College Folk Dancers, Fri. 8:30-10 p.m., during school term, New College Music Room. Contact Elaine Feder, 615 Waterside Way (Siesta Key), Sarasota 33581, (813) 349-6413.

ST. PETERSBURG Eckerd College Folk Dancers, Sun. instruction, 6-7:30; requests, 7:30 on. Fox Hall, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg. Contact Robin Beléy, EC Folkdance Coordinator, Eckerd College, Box 86, St. Petersburg 33733.

TALLAHASSEE International Dancing, Sun. 7:30-10:30 p.m., Student Union, Florida State Univ. Contact Joe or Joyce Abbate, 316 Conradi St., #202, Tallahassee 32304, (904) 224-1479 or 599-4237.

TAMPA Meetings Fri. 7-10 p.m., Forest Hills Community Center, 724 W. 109th Ave., Tampa. Contact Nelle E. Westergard, 9330 N. Highland St., Tampa 33612, (813) 932-0830; or Judith or Ernesto Baizan, 2503 Palm Dr., Tampa 33609, (813) 257-0001 or 245-1881.

WEST PALM BEACH Sun. night meetings. Contact Mrs. June Volpi, 251 16th Way W., Riviera Beach, (305) 848-2072.

WEST PALM BEACH Beginners and intermediate folk dancing, Century Village. Contact Rose or Sam Kanars, 129 E. Hampton, Century Village, W. Palm Beach 33401.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA International folk dancing, Mon. 8-10:45 p.m., Home Park Recreation Center, 1015 Tumlin St., Atlanta. Contact Norma Huff, 4520 Garmon Rd., N.W., Atlanta, (404) 255-3005; or John Wallace, (404) 872-2807.

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA International Folk Dancing, beginning, intermediate, and advanced instruction followed by request dancing, Sun. and Wed. 7:30-11:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center, LSU campus on Highland and Dalrymple. Contact Vonnie R. Brown, 4431 Blecker, Baton Rouge 70809, (504) 926-5659.

Israeli Dancing, beginning, intermediate, and advanced instruction followed by request dancing, Tues. 7:30-10 p.m. Liberal Synagogue, 260 S. Acadian Thruway. Contact Vonnie R. Brown.

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