

# FLORIDA FOLK DANCER



May 1998

## Tampa Festival Folk Dancers hard at work!



L to R: Ernesto Biazan, Bert Castro, Roseanne Castro, Bobbi Ward, Jim Latch, Barbara Ward



Barbara Ward, Bobbi Ward, Terry Abrahams, Jim Latch

**Back in September 1997,**  
**members of the**  
**Tampa Festival Folk Dancers**  
**perform for a crowd of about 11,000**  
**at a soccer game in**  
**Houlihan Stadium, Tampa, Florida.**



Maria Pasetti and Andy Pollock



# Sahnobar Dance Ensemble

## Co-Editor

### Upcoming Events

#### *May 17: SPIFFS Spring Fest*

Enjoy a spring celebration international style at SPIFFS Center (2201 1st Ave. No., St. Petersburg) from 2-7 pm. Food, entertainment and lots of fun! Adults \$5, Children under 12, \$2.50. Member groups will have ethnic gift items for sale. Dance music by Otto and the Playboys, Jan Vida, Loris Caines steel drum band, folk dancing, Caribbean Theatre Company and more. This is a benefit for SPIFFS. If you didn't make it to Folk Fair, now is your chance to support SPIFFS so that it may continue to provide cultural activities. (813) 327-7999.

#### *May 22-24: Florida Folk Festival.*

Located at the Stephen Foster Memorial Park on the Suwanee River in White Springs. This year they will be concentrating on the Asian and Pacific areas of the world. (350) 488-1484.

#### *June 12-14: Merriweather*

and Sahnobar Dance Ensemble come together for a Florida mini tour. Merriweather is a two man band, Peter Martin and Bill Paine. Their music has a delightful celtic folk style. All Sahnobar performances will be with the band. For more info contact Karen at (813) 864-3427 or (sunray101@aol.com)

*June 12:* Gainesville, "Let's Go Downtown" series. Beging at 8 pm at the Downtown plaza. Merriweather and Sahnobar. FREE.

*June 13:* Gulfport Casino, Merriweather only will play for a dance there.

*June 14:* Clearwater, Club More, 7 pm. Merriweather and Sahnobar in concert. Details are still being worked out.

#### *July 2-5: Scandinavian*

Midsummer Festival.

#### *July 25-26: Wisconsin Folklore*

Festival of Southwest Wisconsin Folklore. Registration required for weekend events. Request individual flyers. Folklore Village Farm, 3210 Co. Hwy. BB, Dodgeville, WI 53533. (608) 924-4000.

Happy Spring Everyone,

This time of year makes me feel as though the whole world should be dancing! I wanted to present a culture corner on May Day, but I was unable to find any specific references to dancing in regard to May Day. The only thing close to dancing is the May Pole, I guess that could be considered a dance.

Well, I must say, it seems really quiet out there. These last couple of issues have not had much news from the different groups. Please send articles and photos about your group. Okay, I know it is a lot of work, but if we all want to know what's up with everyone, we need to hear from you. I had an idea recently and would like to know what everyone thinks about it. What about each month a different group be responsible for sending in a cultural article? We could have a rotation list so everyone knows who is next. Any volunteers to start? It gets real hard for me to produce this newsletter, research and write articles all at the same time. It is fun to do, but there are only so many hours in a day. Besides, I do not want to save all the fun for myself!

As you may have noticed by the calendar, Sahnobar is busy as usual. We will also be performing at the Florida Folk Festival. We do not know what day or time yet. We are looking forward to the two performances with Merriweather. Once again we are creating new choreography, costumes and compositions.

One of these days I hope I can make it to a fling or a tang; if I could find a weekend that I do not have a performance. Enjoy all the spring flowers.

karen sun ray



## Hogtown Hyperboles

Gainesville

The Jaap Leegwater workshop held here in Gainesville on Saturday, March 28 was wonderful. Jaap has taught at two of the Florida camps sponsored by the Florida Folk Dance Council so it was a real treat to have him teach us some of his Bulgarian dances again. We had about 23 folks show up for the workshop which was not a huge number. However, the workshop was held in the very sizeable Florida Gym on the UF campus and we were dwarfed by the space. Jaap taught 8 dances which ranged from easy to difficult. He is as nice, patient, and as good a teacher as I remembered. It was good to see some folks from other Florida groups such as Bobby and Pat who came up from Orlando to join us and Andy who came from Tampa. Our Bulgarian family attended and Jaap enjoyed speaking with them and they with him.

Andy Pollock joined us this past Friday night at folk dancing and taught a Tsamikos. Attendance was a bit slim that night so it was especially nice to have Andy there to teach and dance with us.

Carolyn, our student president, was just graduated from the UF Medical College. She will be doing her internship at Yale University Medical College in psychiatry. Carolyn also received her PhD. in microbiology. We are all very proud of her and wish her the best. And we shall all miss her and her energy, sunny disposition, and her hard work for the group.

Joyce Dewsbury



# WHERE TO DANCE IN FLORIDA



## Bellview

*(Scottish Dancing Lessons)* Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 pm, free, men's kilts not required, Rick Swinn (352) 347-2873.

## Clearwater

*(International)* Every other Monday @ Clearwater Rec. Center. 7:15-9pm, \$3.50, Dances for all levels. Ann Kessler (813) 446-8479. (Meets October through May).

## Daytona Beach

*(Athenian Folk Dancers)* Mondays, 7:30pm, Steve Photiades (904) 788-2749.

## Deland

*(International)* First and Second Tuesday, 6-8pm @ Deland Library, 130 E. Howry. Joan or Wally Washington (904) 738-4391. No charge. Does not meet in summer.

## Gainesville

*(University of Florida International Folk Dancers)* Fridays, 8:15pm-11pm, John Ward (352) 376-0224.

## Margate

*(International/Israeli)* Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1-3:30pm both days. Does not meet in summer. Wed. group starts after Nov., Sat. group starts after Labor Day. Ira Weisburd (561) 393-8895.

## Melbourne

*(South Brevard International Dancers)* Fridays, 7-10 pm, John Daly (407) 951-9523, drop by and visit.

*(Contra)* Every second Saturday, contact same as above.  
*(Scottish Country)* Mondays, 7pm, Catie Condran Geist (407) 727-7752.

## Orlando/Maitland

*(Israeli)* Mondays, 7-8 teaching, 8-10 requests, Debbie Meitin (407) 788-7277.

*(International)* Wednesdays, 7:30pm. Valencia Comm. College. Not meeting July or August. Bobby Quibodeaux (407) 275-6247 or bobbyquibodeaux@worldnet.att.net.

## Pembroke Pines

*(International/Israeli)* First Monday of month, 7:30-9:30pm, Nov. to April @ Fletcher Park Rec. Hall, 7850 Johnson St., East of the Univ. Elaine Hendricks (954) 435-0827.

## Pensacola

*(International)* Second Saturday, 7-10pm, Georgeanna Presnell (904) 492-3956.

*(Scottish Country)* Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Richard Walker (904) 477-7136.

## Port Orange

*(Port Orange Folk Dancers)* Second Wednesday, 7:30pm, Julius Horvath (904) 252-5738.

## Sarasota

*(Grapevine International Folk Dancers)* Wednesdays, 7 pm, (941) 351-6281.

*(Scottish Country Dancers)* Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Gladys Weidorn (941) 485-7488 or Kay Callinan (941) 924-0293.

## St. Petersburg

The following all take place at SPIFFS Center, 2201 1st Ave. No., (813) 327-7999.

*(Irish Step)* Wednesdays, 7 pm.

*(Italian Folk)* Mondays, 8 pm.

*(Scottish Country)* Wednesdays, 7pm.

*(Scottish Highland)* Tuesdays, 6 pm.

*(SPICE, Children's Folk)* Thursdays, 5:30 pm.

*(SPIFFS International Folk Ensemble)* Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, Andy Pollock, (813) 882-4472.

## Tallahassee

*(International)* First and third Fridays, call before arriving, Pat Pieratte (904) 878-1560

## Tampa

*(Scandinavian)* Wednesdays, 7:30pm, Kate Jackson Rec. Ctr. (813) 259-1608. Call Judith (813) 254-3359 or

(judithbaizan@juno.com). No summers, resumes September.

*(International)* Fridays, 8pm. Andy Pollock (813) 882-4472.

*(Israeli)* Tuesdays, 7:45pm, call before arriving, Andi Kapplin (813) 985-5611 or (kapplin@ibm.net).

## Titusville

*(Easy International)* Thursdays, 2:30pm, George Senyk (407) 636-2209.

*(Scottish Country)* Fridays, 7pm, no contact. Does not meet on holidays or the summer.



## Orlando International Folk Dance Club and Cultural Dance Club of Valencia Community College



**I have recorded about 95% of the dances that we need onto a collection of 16 mini-discs which can be carried in one notebook. We will be playing some of them at Spring Fling. Bobby really is enjoying not having to cue tapes. We use the remote to select a number and then push "play".**

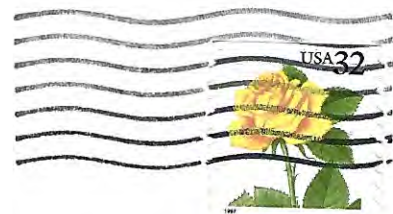
**Mickey Cross had angioplasty last month and is doing fine now. As with most dancers, we never suspect heart problems. At least, she discovered her problem before it became more serious.**

**Juanita and Fred Schockey traveled to Arizona where they visited friends for a couple of weeks. Larry Wartell is planning to work in Montana over the summer at a dude ranch. Betsy Elliott is going along for the ride and to see the sights. They will be leaving in May. We welcomed Annette Brand from Ottawa for several weeks of dancing.**

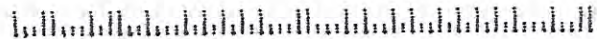
**The club is now meeting on Wednesdays, at Valencia Community College, East Campus. We will meet during May and June and take July and August off. The college is closed at night during two weeks in August so this gives us a vacation too. Call before you come--407-275-6247.**

**Pat Henderson**

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