

Florida FolkDancer

July 2000

Orlando International Folk Dance Club

June came in and went out with a bang for our club. On June 1, we met at Chambrel, a retirement community. Bonnie Kaplan, a dancer from Yale, arranged a 90th birthday party there for her mother and resident of Chambrel, Gertrude. Gertrude and her husband were dancers with Michael Herman. We showed three dances and then we asked the residents and other guests to join us in other dances. We all had a great time. We even had out of town visitors from New York who joined us! Then, on June 28, we participated in a celebration at the church of Kelly Fagan and Janel Wheeler. The church provided a potluck dinner that 11 dancers from our group enjoyed. We did a Mexican and Israeli dance as our part of the show. Remember that we are on summer hiatus until the first Wednesday of September. Last September, we were rained out twice with hurricanes so call first, especially if you are visiting. We hope that everyone has a great summer.

Pat Henderson

Tampa

Terry Abrahams

I leave next Sunday for Thailand, going with girl friend dancer I met in Israel, she and I were in Greece together last year. We'll be gone 3 weeks.

Ursula Tison is back from a month in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. She'll be going to Germany on business in a few weeks.

Judith and Ernesto are attending dance camps in CA and elsewhere

Andi Kapplin is in CA, and rounding around the country to other states, She retired at the end of the school year and is having a ball.

Jim Latch is back in town with Kathie, who tripped out to Colorado to pick him up. She recently did a recording with her group Merriweather, for a CD. They are starting to get gigs all over the U.S. We're extremely proud! She leaves for her summer jaunt to family and friends in a couple of weeks.

Lots of us attended the Beach Bash - a 12 hour contra dance from 12 to 12 for \$12. Lots of fun.

The Heat Goes On - But So Does The Beat!

Even hot summer nights do not deter the Grapeviners in Sarasota from dancing - the love of dance and each other still produces a nice size group. Even with snowbirds gone and others vacationing we still have between 20 and 30 people each Wednesday night. So if your group has disbanded for the summer - COME ON DOWN! We love to see new people. Recently, we have been getting delightful frequent visitors from the North (Tampa) who are such fun - like Andi Kapplin and Ursula Tison, and sometimes joined by Terry Abramson and Bill Schwartz. Beginners start at 7:00 and the intermediate/advanced group at 8:00.

Marie Millet is recovering nicely from her hip replacement surgery and although the doctors say it will be about three months before she will be able to dance again - hopefully we will see her back before then because the next step of walking with a cane is dancing without one. Tecky Kahn and Nancy Wilucz (who have been doing so admirably much of the responsibilities of Marie) leave us the last week in June for vacation. Nancy goes back "home" to Minnesota for three months, and has been asked to teach the local I.F.D. group there for the month of Sept. LUCKY THEM! I will be teaching through July this year, and then will happily be back the beginning of October. Teaching will be very aptly supervised by Eva Stunkel, Arlene Pearlman and D.A. Tyler along with the good possibility of some guest teachers. Stay tuned or for more information before making a trip, you can call Arlene at (941) 377-1003 or Eva at (941) 365-2131.

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Coming Events

Mountain Playshop
August 11, 12, 13, 2000
Swannanoa, NC
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Camp Coleman
Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 1-4, 2000
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Sharpes Assembly
Sebring, FL
October 6, 7, 8, 2000
Contact:
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Camp 2001
Feb 23 to Feb 26, 2001

An Invitation to the 15th Mountain Playshop:

A get together for International Folkdance in Swannanoa, NC is August 11,12,13 2000 at the Swannanoa 4H Camp with Erik Bendix

Erik Bendix has taught at Playshop for 9 of the past 14 years (either single handed or on a team of teachers). This being our 15th year, its a good time for Erik to round out an even 10 years... particularly since he has divulged that "there's a lot of dances I would love to do this year".

Overheated dancers from any other region are welcome! We follow a tradition of other mountain folkdance gatherings. Spring Fling, a Tennessee camp weekend on the Cumberland plateau had ended in 1985 (many of us are alumni). The other pole and season back then for the midsouth was Octoberfest with Bernard Kaiman which careened across Tennesse's available camps for 25 years (til 1987). Swannanoa is in between some metropolitan dance strongholds: Atlanta, ChapelHill/RT, Nashville. It is the premise of a camp weekend to exercise our beasts of burden on one non-stop commute from wherever one may be perspiring and then leave the faithful beast in pasture (parked) for an entire weekend. Swannanoa is just east of Asheville NC.

More Info? Contact Rusty Maynard 828 298 4824 or rustym@buncombe.main.nc.us

Or visit online at : www.main.nc.us/ifaa. The site has lots of additional info, plus directions and also a link to a Yahoo map.

Editor's Note: This does sound like a lot of fun. Take a moment to visit their web site, or drop them a card for more information.

South Brevard

The folks at South Brevard continue dancing through the summer. We did shut down one evening while John and Barbara (the only one available to bring the music!) went to a folk festival in Cosby, Tennessee. Other than that, and possibly a weekend early in September, we expect to be at the Henegar Center every Friday. If you plan to come from any distance it would be a good idea to call first (John or Barbara 321-951-9623, Bernice 321-727-3333, or Willa 321-254-7090).

John Daly

President's Notes

Barbara and I went to a Harp and Dulcimer Festival in Cosby, Tennessee. Our excuse for going was to teach a session on dance. It got me thinking about live dance and live music.

Most of the people came to play instruments and we had to beat the bushes to find even a few willing to get up and dance. But we did make a successful class..

The other side of the coin is that at a dance festival, where everybody has come to dance, would we find anyone willing to attempt to play music?

Just as at the music festival we got a few non-dancers up for a new experience, I'd like to try getting a few non-musicians to try making music as some of our events. If you're interested, either as a musical coach or a class participant, or even an informal jam session, please get in touch with me.

It's not too early to begin thinking about officers for the next two years. I'm open to receiving nominations and proposals in advance of the annual meeting.

John Daly

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