

# Florida Folk Dancer

December 2000



## Florida Camp 2001

Weekend after President's Day

February 23-26, 2001

Dennis Boxell

Olga Sandolowich

### Olga Princi Scholarship Deadline for Nominations January 1, 2001

Each year a few deserving dancers attend Florida Camp courtesy of the Olga Princi Scholarship.

Olga Princi was a talented young folk dancer from Daytona Beach whose life was ended by a tragic automobile accident. In her memory, contributions are accepted to make it possible for some deserving dancers to come to Camp.

Over the years a variety of people of all ages have benefited from the scholarship. Some have been new to International dancing. Others have been long time dancers. Some have been potential leaders of new groups.

Nominations for the scholarships typically come from leaders of established Florida groups, and we have already received several suggestions. We are also open to applications from individual dancers.

There is no set application form. Please send a note with a brief description of the applicant's interest in dancing. Describe how a scholarship would encourage that person to contribute either individually or as a leader to international dance in Florida.

You may send via mail to:

John Daly  
779 Acacia Ave.  
Melbourne Village, FL 32904

email to [jdaly@palmnet.net](mailto:jdaly@palmnet.net), but be aware that e-mail can fail.

**Please** send me e-mail even if we have already talked about a particular nomination. Things have been really hectic here and I want to be sure nothing slips.

John

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## Coming Events

### Avidance Ensemble

December 20, 2000  
Ira Weisburd  
7535 La Paz Court #301  
Boca Raton, FL 33433  
561-393-9193

### Duquesne University Tamburitzans

[www.duq.edu/tamburitzans/schedule.html](http://www.duq.edu/tamburitzans/schedule.html)  
Jan 3 & 4, 2001 7:30 pm  
Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center.  
info: 727-938-3771

Jan 5, 2001 7:30 pm  
Duncan Theater Center of West Palm Beach  
Community College,  
info: 877-826-6437

Jan 6, 2001 7:00 pm  
George E. Miller Middle School,  
Crescent City  
info: 904-698-2342

### Camp 2001

Feb 23 to Feb 26, 2001  
Balkan Bash  
Dennis Boxell  
Olga Sandolowich

### National Folk Organization

Feb 22 to Feb 25, 2001  
Annual Conference  
Ball State University  
Contact: Vonnie Brown  
1717 Applewood Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808-5912  
vrbfolk@prodigy.net

### Idaho International Folk Dance Festival

July 25-August 6, 2001  
Ira Weisburd  
7535 La Paz Court #301  
Boca Raton, FL 33433  
561-393-9193



THE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS OF COLLIER COUNTY  
REQUEST YOUR PARTICIPATION

# International Folk Dancing

When hands reach out in friendship  
hearts are touched with joy.



**When:** 1:30 p. m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**First and Third Thursday**

Nov. 2 and 16, 2000  
Dec. 7 and 21, 2000  
Jan. 4 and 18, 2001  
Feb. 1 and 15, 2001  
Mar. 2 and 1, 2001  
Apr. 5 and 19, 2001

**You Don't Need:**

Money - no fees.

A Partner - But if you have one or several,  
bring him, her, or them, with you.

Experience - We all start as beginners.  
The important thing is to start.

**Where:**



**East Naples Community Park**  
3500 Thomasson Dr. 793-4414

For more info. call:  
Helen Marks 941-793-1236

## Olga Veloff Sandolwich

Olga was born in Toronto of Macedonian parents and has been teaching folk dance for over 45 years. She is well known and recognized in the Macedonian and international folk dance communities.

Her interest in folk dance began as a child, dancing at family gatherings and cultural events within the Macedonian Community. In 1953 she was a delegate to the World Youth Festival in Romania and traveled extensively in Europe. She spent several months in Bulgaria studying Bulgarian & Macedonian folk dance.

In the early 1960's Olga established a family folk dance group at the University Settlement house, Toronto. In the late 1960's she introduced folk dance participation and children's programs at the annual Mariposa Folk Festival. In 1969 her love for her Macedonian heritage led Olga to found the Selyani Macedonian Folklore Group in Toronto. In 1978 Olga was selected as one of 21 Ontario artists who had made significant contributions to Canadian Culture. An exhibit of their work, "We Among Others", toured Paris, London, Germany, the United States and Canada.

In 1981 the Ontario Folk Dance Association honored Olga and three other teachers by establishing a scholarship fund.

Olga has received many awards and much recognition in both the Macedonian and International Folk Dance Communities and continues to bring much joy to all classes she teaches. We look forward to dancing with her at Florida Camp.

## Orlando International Folk Dance Club

The fall has been very busy for our club and so busy for me that I just found time to do this article on Thanksgiving! In October, the group had an Oktoberfest and Halloween party. We even had a small keg of German beer for the Oktoberfest! We welcomed Joan and Wally Washington back for the winter from Michigan and also Annette Brand visited from Canada. Ann Robinson enjoyed a trip to Germany, Austria, and Italy with her husband, Danny, and other square dancers from Orlando. Janel Wheeler is engaged and is planning a wedding next year. Her fiance is not a dancer--yet! We all enjoyed a special 50th birthday party on November 10 for Deane Jordan. It was a Greek themed complete with Baklava and Moussaka.

The club also had several performances this fall. The first was October 21 for the Homecoming Party for First Academy. We enjoyed seeing the acrobats and dancers from Splendid China who followed us on stage. Then, on October 28, we danced at a local park for a social service group. On November 10, we performed for all the 4th graders at an elementary school. When we finished our show, I taught two dances to about 100 students and then they showed us a Mexican dance that they had learned from one of their teachers. They were a great group and really appreciated our dancing.

Our Holiday Party is December 13, with a potluck dinner starting around 6pm. If anyone wants to visit, stay overnight, etc. let us know. Call 407-275-6247 for directions.

Pat Henderson

## Note from Dennis Boxell

As for me, all is going well. I am kept busy with my Greek, Serbian and Macedonian weekly classes and various Balkan events I am involved in. At the moment I am preparing to release a new Macedonian CD from around Skoplje, mostly from my archives collected in the 60's. I've had to put a lot of thought and test-teaching into this one. Macedonian dances in some of their forms are "High Art", complex and highly developed. The trick is to find the best and most appealing recordings to the most accessible dances. Then, honestly presenting the true traditional dance in a form that can be mastered and enjoyed by our folk dance students is the next challenge. I found tremendous interest at Cal Tech Tuesday night folk dancers where I have been teaching an eight week series.

Greek Dance Workshop  
Joe Graziosi  
From Jenneine Lambert

Hello, I have a flier / announcement = a wonderful dance workshop right here in Florida, Tarpon Springs

Winter Dance Conference: The Greeks of Asia Minor  
Jan 3 registration party; the workshop Jan 4th and 5th  
Jan 6 (Saturday) Epiphany celebration then  
Jan 7 12 noon review

Teachers: Joe Graziosi and a couple from Greece  
Price: \$159.00 for everything but housing  
info: John Lulias phone 727 942-9172  
[jlulias@mcworld.com](mailto:jlulias@mcworld.com)  
fax 727 938 8732

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !!

JENNEINE

## Venice Contra Dance

Contra Dance-Third Sat. of each month Dec. 16, 2000-May 2001. All are welcome. Experience not necessary.  
7:30 - 8:00pm Beginner's; 8-11pm Dance  
at "The Dance Club of Venice" 1978 Tamiami Trail S.,  
Venice, FL.

Contact persons: Shirley Babiak at 941-966-1847 or  
email L Watson at  
[Sunny4u@AOL.com](mailto:Sunny4u@AOL.com).

Directions: I-75 to exit 35, Jacaranda Blvd. Go west to  
Tamiami Tr. (US-41.) Right on 41 (North) to 1978  
Tamiami Trail (Federal Square on left).

Lisa Watson

## Tampa Trivia

My last article was compilation of thoughts on our group travels - apparently I get them wrong often - I think I have early Alzheimer's!. But I know I'm back from Thailand and had a great time, adding on 5 days in Cambodia. If you are going somewhere, but don't know where - this is the place! Except that I rode a motorscooter and wiped out and hurt my arm, it was truly a magnificent trip. Details (should you really care) when I see you. Saw their folk dancing 3 different occasions and it was lovely - not exciting, but lovely. Judith and Ernesto were also in Thailand this year, we had a great time comparing notes.

In the meantime, Ursula is in Germany on a business trip; Judith and Ernesto off again to see grandchildren; Ken back from music camp in Vermont; Kathy back from her family visit and two very successful contra dance gigs in CA and an "M" state - again memory fails me. The CD is selling well - Merriweather is thrilled! Andi and I went to Labor Day Camp in Georgia, learned some great new Israeli dances. Linda from Orlando there, maybe she'll teach them in O-town. I've spread a couple of them to St. Pete, Andi and both teaching in Tampa at our Israeli group.

We're still hanging in on Friday nights for Int'l; Tuesdays for Israeli, Wed for Scan, alternate Saturdays for Contra, also lots of swing, zydeco etc going on around here, some of us getting to some of it...and on that silly sentence, I'll say goodbye again.

Terry Abrahams  
(from September)

## Balkan Bash Florida Camp 2001

Registrations for Camp are coming in from as far away as Michigan. Already most of the upgraded cabins have been spoken for.

We will start with Registration at 5 on Friday afternoon, followed by dinner and a dance party. Saturday and Sunday will have formal dance classes in the morning and afternoon, plus a Culture corner on each afternoon.. Each evening will see a dance party. Costumes are encouraged. Monday morning there will be a review by each instructor. The camp will distribute a box lunch, we'll all say goodby and go home.

When we did the survey of Ca mp preferences a while back, Balkan came out on top, so this year we are planning enough Balkan to satisfy everyone. Never fear, there will be ample opportunity for other dance forms at our world famous evening parties.

Florida Camp is held at the Christian Conference Center in Silver Springs about 60 miles north of Orlando. The weather is typically pleasantly cool (although it has gone down to less pleasantly frigid in some years) But dancing will keep us warm. Camp staff have promised us a continuation of the great food we enjoyed last year.

A registration form is included with this issue. Please make copies for each member of your group as it makes the process of registration on Friday evening go much more smoothly.

More information is being posted on the web site at [www.folkdance.org](http://www.folkdance.org).

## Fall Fling 2000

About 40 people showed up for Fall Fling. We had a great day, lot's of good food, good dancing, and good friends. The Lathi's brought several new dancers from their new group in Palm Coast. It's good to see new folks coming into the group.

Kathy Volpi brought a friend from Houston.

