

COLUMBUS FOLK DANCERS NEWSLETTER August 31, 2016

Wednesdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m.
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Guests: 1st visit free. Thereafter, \$3 a night.

NOTE all teaching is informal unless otherwise noted

WED Aug 24. Marilyn Chambers. Guest teacher: Laura Russell teaches Scottish dances.



WED Aug 31. Ann Kangas. Guest teacher: Laura Russell teaches Scottish dances.

MON Sept 5. Upper Arlington Arts Festival.
RFCF performing slot is 11:15am-12:15pm. Please arrive by 11:00 AM and be ready to join in audience participation when audience is invited.

WED Sept 7. Sultana Nahar. **CFD will dance on the 1st floor at Clinton Hts. Lutheran Church.**

WED Sept 14. Leslie Scott. **Maynard Ave. Methodist Church, 2350 Indianola Ave. Park across the street from the church.**

WED. Sept 21. Barb Molonson. **Maynard Ave. Methodist Church, 2350 Indianola Ave. Park across the street from the church.**

WED Sept 28. Chris Gecik. Clinton Hts., 1st floor

FRI Sept 30. CFD Committee mtg 7:30 at Sieglinde's.

WED Oct 5. Marcela Amaya. Clinton Hts., 1st floor

WED Oct 12. Sylvia Thomas Clinton Hts. 1st Fl

WED Oct 19. Marilyn Chambers Clinton Hts. 1st

WED Oct 26. Halloween Party
Ann Kangas
Don't be afraid to wear
Something to scare
And please bring
some ghostly fare to share



WED Nov 2. Sultana Nahar, Clinton Hts 1st floor

WED Nov 9. Leslie Scott, Clinton hts. 1st floor

WED Nov 16. Barb Molonson, Clinton Hts, 1st floor

WED Nov23 Thanksgiving Eve. Chris Gecik, Clinton Hts. 1st floor

WED Nov 30. Marcela Amaya, Clinton Hts., 1st floor

CFD FORCED TO FIND NEW DANCE SPACE

Earlier this summer, the CFD committee was informed that Summit on 16th was considering a substantial increase in the rate it charges for the space where we dance. The church's director of operations, John Koon, asked us for feedback on the proposed new rate. We responded that it was way more than we could afford. Although John thought the Church Council would come down from what it originally proposed, (an increase from \$30 per night to \$75 per hour!) but they did not. So the Committee has been scrambling to find a new space.

The good news first: we have found one. We will be able to stay at Clinton Heights Lutheran Church—but not in the Parish Hall where we have been dancing this summer. A Scottish dance group reserves that space on Wednesdays during the school year. Instead, we will be in a smaller room downstairs with a hard floor, similar in size and shape to the room we've been using at Summit on 16th. However, the Scottish group is small and sometimes has to cancel for lack of sufficient dancers. When that happens we can dance upstairs. The rate will be same for either space—\$20 per time.

However, that first floor space at Clinton Heights will not be available on September 14 or 21, because of meetings that are already on the calendar and we are too large to move to other rooms. The church secretary has assured us that after September 21 we will have first dibs. **In the meantime, we have found a home for Septemberr 14 and 21 at Maynard Avenue Methodist Church, 2350 Indianola Ave. Columbus 43202**

The room at Maynard Ave. is about 30' x 50' and has a wood floor. There is adequate parking across the street. The pastor seems very welcoming and Chris made an excellent impression on her by diagnosing problems with the lights in the room and fixing some of them on the spot. The main drawbacks are a musty smell that might bother some people's allergies, plus the fact that we will have to keep the door locked after the first 20 minutes or so. (We will have a signal to have someone open the door.) If these turn out to be minor issues, we might eventually move there long-term, for the same price that we've been paying at Summit.

Upper Arlington Arts Festival
Mon. Sept. 5. Northam Park,
2070 Northam Rd. (off 2850 Tremont Rd.) Take shuttle bus from Chase Bank at Kingsdale shopping center.

RFDC Dance groups perform 11:15 am– 12:15 pm on Arts Activity Stage

CFD dancers please come in time to be part of our audience participation — our opportunity to introduce audience members to our world of fun.



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CFD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FRIDAY, July 15 at Leslie & Chris', Barb,

Betty A, Sylvia, Sieglinde and Ann were present.

CFD's election to the Committee was held mid-dancing on June 8. Our system is to elect a President, specifically, and all others with job designation. Chris was elected as President, and the rest of the above members were elected to the Committee. The first item of business after an election is to assign ourselves Committee responsibilities for the coming year. The Newsletter heading on page 1 one shows our assignments.

We reviewed the question as to whether we would try to have an End-of-February Workshop in 2017. We had no new ideas for a teacher and recognized that it was getting pretty late in the year to plan for one.

We recognized that CFD would be participating in Upper Arlington's Labor Day Festival as one of the Recreational Folk Dancers member groups. Although CFD will probably use its slot for audience participation dancing, we will need to plan the dances and encourage CFD members to participate.

On July 6 Leslie heard from John Koon, Director of Operations for Summit on 16th, that their Church Council is asking for \$75 per hour for the use of their dining room space (this is the room where we dance). Leslie had replied that there was no way we could pay that. John Koon said he would take her response to his committee. [See p. 1 column 2 for more information on this issue.]

We agreed to the purchase of a new whiteboard (used to write names of dances etc.)

Leslie reported that Laura Russell has agreed to teach some Scottish dances at CFD on Wed. August 24 and 31.

The Halloween party night will be Oct. 26 this year.

Next Committee meeting was set for Friday, Sept 30 at Sieglinde's.

....COMING ATTRACTIONS

FRI-MON Sept 2-5. Greek Festival. 555 N. High St., Columbus. Greek dancing, food and drink, shops, music, exhibits, and folk singing. www.GreekCathedral.com

MON Sept 5. Labor Day, Upper Arlington Arts Festival held in Northam Park. RFDC performance time slot is 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Each of the 7 groups will make a short presentation during that hour. In addition to street parking, Kingsdale Shopping Center is available and catch a shuttle located in the Chase Bank parking lot. (See p. 1 column 2)

FRI-SUN Sept 9-11. OLD TOWN HOT TIMES FESTIVAL. Corner of Main & Parsons. Hillel is scheduled to dance on Sunday from 1-2 pm. <http://hottimesfestival.com>

SAT-SUN Oct 22-23. Columbus English Country Dance Weekend with Bare Necessities. New location: Groveport Town Hall, 2nd floor Ballroom (wooden floor!). New format: all English country dancing with caller Gene Morrow from Pittsburgh. More information later.

FRI Oct 28. Talija (energetic, very professional group of talented young dancers from Belgrade area) is scheduled to perform in Dayton, Bellbrook High School. More information later: www.daytonfolkdance.com/mvfd



In Recognition of our Aug 24 and 31 guest Scottish dance teacher,, Laura Russell, your Editor presents this poem by Patricia Batt found in a source from circa 2005.

THE TWO-SEX SCOTTISH DANCER

I'm a two sex Scottish Dancer and may seem rather dim.
But I never spend one evening as a full time her or him.
I change my sex from dance to dance, my corners always alter
It's really not surprising I occasionally falter.
The old and simple dances I can manage very nicely
And I can learn a new dance and do it most precisely.
But when it comes to next week I don't know if I can
For I learned it as a woman and dance it as a man.
And so you men who have the luck to always stay the same
When female gentlemen go wrong be sparing of the blame.
I'll add a postscript to this tale — one comfort I have got
When both the women change their sex it doesn't show a lot!

Tom Kangas, Marcela and Pedro Amaya take a bow after their Flamenco dance performances in Plain City, May 21, 2015



FOLK DANCE WEBSITES Find links to RFDC member groups and to many groups in Ohio and beyond.

CFD www.recfolkdancecolumbus.org/CFD

Recreational Folk Dancers of Columbus
www.recfolkdancecolumbus.org

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

In case of snow — or other emergency — if Columbus declares a Level 2 (or 3) emergency **or if OSU cancels classes on a Wed. evening CFD is automatically cancelled.** Go to our website www.recfolkdancecolumbus.org/CFD for connections regarding the emergency level and for a statement from the CFD Committee. Or finally if in doubt call a committee member.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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In the 63+ years that CFD has been dancing we may lose sight of people important in our past. **Mary Lea Bailey** one of the dancers from the early years and until just a few years ago, lost her husband, **Warren** on July 10 this year. They resided in Delaware, OH where they ran World Wide Games, which games they demonstrated at many fairs and sold to many recreation centers. While Warren never danced with us he met Mary Lea at an Oglebay dance camp and they danced together at one time. In fact before a motorcycle accident Warren was known for his energetic Russian kazatzky. Warren filmed our weekend dance workshops at the Sunday review session many times and made the tapes available to dancers for review. Warren was well-known for his intricate wood carvings and his kite flying expertise.

Senior of the Year



Norma Harper, folk dancer with Whetstone Folk dancers voted the 2016 Senior of the Year at the Young at Heart Festival sponsored by ThisWeek Community News. The festival annually celebrates active adults (55 plus). Norma was recognized for her many volunteer activities and as leader of a performing Mexican folk dance troop.



We gather for Alburuj Rahman's 23rd birthday at CFD 7-27-2016



CFD celebrates Midsummer, June 22, 2016 . Midsummer pole and photos: courtesy Suzanne Rizer & Tom Hixon

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WHETSTONE FOLK DANCERS Back to Whetstone Rec Center Sept. 12, 2016
Everyone welcome. Mondays 7-8:30 pm. Whetstone Recreation Center. Find us in our own dance room — off the gym. Whetstone Rec Center is closed on Federal holidays so if/when one falls on a Monday, dancing is cancelled. Questions? Call Nancy at 614-451-0716 or Betty at 614-477-4709 or email nancynvr@att.net

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING. 7:30-9:30 p.m. (followed by tea and light snacks 9:30-10:00) Clinton Heights Lutheran Church at the corner of Clinton Heights and N. High. 1st, 3rd & some 5th Sundays Oct-June. Live Music. Call Sue 263-9501, Laura 614-270-9160 or Mike 614-459-0151 to confirm.
<http://www.columbusenglishcountrydance.org>
Sept 18

BIG SCIOTY CONTRA DANCE. First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad St, downtown Columbus. Dancing 8-11:00. Walk-ins \$8.00, Members \$7.00, Ages 12-24, \$4.00, Children under 12 free. www.bigscioty.com

SAT Sept 17. Ryan Smith & Trillium
SAT Oct 1. Frank Buschelmann & Wild Rumpus
SAT Oct 15. Paul Balliet & The Contrarians
SAT Oct 29. (5th Saturday) Josh Moses & The Decaf Zombies
SAT Nov 5. Gaye Fifer & Baba Yaga's Stew

ALL SOLES CONTRA DANCE. 8:00-10:30. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 93 W. Weisheimer. Adults \$8, ages 12-24 \$4, children under 12 free. Child care provided. Please wear clean non-marking shoes. <http://firstuucolumbus.org/AllSoles>

FRI Sept 9. Andy Shewmon & Changeling
FRI Nov 11. TBA & Three Rivers String Band

CLINTONVILLE CONTRA DANCES. Clinton Hts. Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Hts. Ave. 7:30-10:30. Open Mic for callers.
Music by Three Rivers String Band. \$5.00 www.bigscioty.com

SAT Sept 24. Open Mic for callers & Three Rivers String Band
SAT Oct 8. Open Mic for callers & Three Rivers String Band
SAT Nov 26. Open Mic for callers & Three Rivers String Band

YELLOW SPRINGS FOLK DANCING. Tentatively scheduled on 1st & 3rd Fridays 6:30-8:30 at the John Bryan Community Center in Yellow Springs. For confirmation about folk dancing on a Friday night contact Patty at plg2010@yahoo.com or let Patty know you would like to get a reminder e-mail

DAYTON/MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS (937-256-4137 or 937-878-0881). **NOTE SCHEDULING CHANGE** The 2nd Sunday of the month at Michael Solomon Pavilion, will no longer hold a **"Play-It-Again-Sunday"** (formerly Ethnic Sunday). MVFD is making the 2nd Sunday of the month available for a variety of dancer events. Call for latest information or see www.daytonfolkdance.com/mvfd

Regular **Thursdays** at Michael Solomon Pavilion 7:00-10:30 pm
Beginners' teaching 7-8:00
Requests & advanced teaching 8-10:30

BALKAN DANCE PARTY. New time: **Saturdays 7:30-10:30** Old Township Bldg (behind St. John's Episcopal Church) 67 E. Dublin-Granville Rd (2nd drive-way east of High St on 161) Worthington, OH. \$5.00 donation. No party themes this year. Balkan dances taught 7:30-8:00. Bring snacks and tapes to share. For info call Kathy or Phil at 614-262-7807 or www.RobertSnider.com/Balkannight.

Sept. 24 Oct 22 Nov 26 Dec 17 (free) Jan 28 Feb 25 Mar 25 Apr 22

HILLEL 46 E. 16th: **Tuesdays** 8-10:30 (doors locked after 9 p.m. but instructions for late comers taped to door) 8-8:30 Review sessions. For information call Mim at 614-236-5486 or Hillel at 294-4797. Park behind Hillel or west of Indianola School. on 16th. Some Tuesdays may be canceled during holidays A donation of \$2.00 would be appreciated.

HEATHER 'N' THISTLE, COLUMBUS RSCDS meets **Thursdays** 7:30-9:30 at Gates-Fourth United Methodist Church, 1234 S. 4th St. Contact Laura 614-270-9160 or lrussell942@gmail.com to confirm dance nights. **NOTE:** Heather "N" Thistle takes the summer off and resumes dancing Sept. 8

IRISH COUNTRY DANCERS . Riverside United Methodist Church, 2701 Zollinger Rd (SW corner of Zollinger Road and Kioka Avenue) Upper Arlington OH 43221. 3:30 to 5:30 pm. on **selected Sundays. \$5:00**
614-457-1425 coplin.2@osu.edu

NEW SCANDINAVIAN DANCE GROUP 800-9:00 pm, 4th Mondays of the month from September through April (except in December, when it will be the second Monday) at Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Avenue in Clintonville. Teaching from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., followed by open dancing and requests. The cost is \$3 per person. The dances are all couple dances, but you don't need to bring a partner; we'll rotate and make sure everyone gets a chance to dance <http://scandidancecolumbus.org>. There's a downloadable flier on the website if you want to print some out for distribution. For more information, email info@scandidancecolumbus.org

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