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Editors' Corner

Back from New Mexico, where we had a fine time in and around Socorro. Coming to humid heat, we remember the drier heat of high desert with pleasure.

Thanks again to Richard Duree for the cover story, and most of the pictures, including the cover. A couple are thanks to Google, and the map photo is from Goodes World Atlas of 1960.

Check the Calendar and On the Scene for upcoming events.

Dancers Speak includes a rare communication from Ada Dziewanowska!

Don't forget, though it's September, Oktoberfest is happening this month in San Diego. Hope to see you there.

Be of good cheer!

Pat Cross and Don Krotser

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Federation Corner

Irwin Barr is the quiet giant behind the scene – always there doing something or helping someone.

Irwin is an active member of the Folk Dance Federation of California South. He is a past Vice President who did not want to step into the President's shoes. He is the Federations current Equip-



ment Chairperson, a member of the Finance Committee, "a can do everything" person on the Camp Hess Kramer Committee and the Statewide Committee.

Irwin is most often found playing the music. It may be for festivals, parties, or the classes that his wife, Beverly, teaches. He is an active part of all of the classes, including an active member of Westwood Co-op Folk Dancers, and the West L. A. Folk Dancers. He is a past Treasurer and has been the Music and Equipment Chairperson for Westwood Coop for many years. He is the recipient of Westwood's highest honor, a Lifetime Membership award.

Irwin is a member of the Folk Dance Scene Committee and has the responsibility of getting the Scene magazine printed, keeping the cost down and the quality up.

Irwin has saved many festivals by always having his music and equipment in the trunk of his car. When equipment failed or music to a dance was missing and suddenly needed, he was right there to save the day, or the evening. He organizes and is in charge of the music for several international folk dance weekends at Camp Hess Kramer. He is kind and generous with his talent. Beverly says he is her right hand. They do everything together.

Irwin and Beverly were high school sweethearts. Irwin was not a dancer and Beverly was always dancing. Irwin started folk dancing when Beverly started teaching, because he was always there to help her with the music. The friendly folk dancers helped draw him into the folk dance world. Irwin went with Beverly to their first big folk dance camp in San Diego in 1972. He went, not intending to dance, just to enjoy and socialize. He ended up taking every class, every day, stayed up for the afterparties every night, and came home an avid folk dancer, and continued with a passion.

Irwin Barr is a very special person. He is kind, giving, and dependable. We are lucky to have him.

Dance and Folklore of the Tyrol

The Tyrol is that part of Europe surrounding the beautiful Alpine Mountains of southern Germany and northwestern Austria. Though historically Germany and Austria were frequent battlefield adversaries, the Tyrol appears as a homogenous area with compact settlements nestled in picturesque valleys and an economy based on a dairy and cheese-making industry. To be sure, there are obvious and interesting identifiable differences between the Austrian and Bavarian cultures in the Tyrol.



Simply stated, German music and dance appear more regimented and aggressive; music is played frequently with brass bands and a strong marching tempo. Austrian music is frequently softer, slower, more melodic and played on a single zither or other stringed instrument.

German immigrants made a major contribution to the collective character of those - who founded America. Their

work ethic, concern for craftsmanship and talent for producing high quality goods set an example for those whom they joined in the mix of cultures that became Americans. Even today, German craftsmanship and engineering remain the standard for others to follow.

In any society, the dance produced by that culture clearly reflects the values and aesthetics of those who created it. The dances of Germany are no exception. In the industrial north, home to huge manufacturing enterprises, the most common dance form is the set dance, frequently in quadrilles executing intricate and charming figures requiring well-coordinated movements by every dancer – just as in a piece of complex machinery. *Sauerlander Quadrille* is one well-known example.

To the south, in mountainous Bavaria, the people are much closer to nature. The splendid scenery and bracing mountain air lend to an outdoor life and the Bavarians do it with serious zeal. As one might expect, their most popular dance, the *schuhplattler*, mimics not machinery but wildlife – the "aurhan," the famous ring-tailed wood grouse. As large as a small turkey, the aurhan cock preens and struts in front of the hen, frequently on a fallen log, beating his wings to create a rhythm to impress the object of his lust. It works when the hen responds by turning in circles before him. The schuhplattler does the same thing.



The men's dance consists of a syncopated series of very loud stamps, hand claps and slaps on lederhosen-clad thighs and soles of the shoes (thus "schuhplattler" or "hitting the shoe"). Every district has its own unique plattle (slapping rhythm), many of them very complex, all requiring strength, flexibility and stamina. Couple plattles are usually danced in ¾ rhythm. Absolute precision is required, each slap, clap and stamp heard as one, regardless of the number of dancers.



As the men plattle, the women turn in a neverending "dreher" or spin, either traveling around the men or remaining in place. Again, different regions have different footwork, either stepping on counts 1 and 3 or a half turn on every beat; both are one

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of the more difficult dance techniques for a woman to master. Any time she is not dancing with her partner, the woman's skirt must be fully belled out. Between plattles, the men pursue, capture and waltz with their partners – in obvious mime of nature.



Haushammer

Annual contests call "gaufests" pit schuhplattler performing groups from across the country in a schuhplattler marathon. Groups draw lots to determine which one of three different plattles they will perform: Haushammer, Reit im Winkle or Hightauer. Each group must have all three plattle performances competition-ready. The competition is strict and intense. Total unity within the group is paramount: arms must all be at the same angle and height, feathers in hats must be at the same angle - and turn at the same rate, skirts must be perfectly belled, five men plattling must sound like one, only deafeningly louder. It even helps if the dancers are all close to the same size and height. There's not a smile anywhere. Each group is free to create their own choreography within the structure of the plattle and design its own costumes, but every dancer must look and move just like all the others, with no one individual identifiable from the rest. (There is an interesting similarity to the Scottish Country Dance).

The Austrian schuhplattler is generally danced with the women wearing a longer skirt that precludes the belled-out appearance of the Bavarians. Plattles are generally slower and rhythms can be more complex, as allowed by the slower tempo. So in the schuhplattler we see the expression of the Bavarians' close ties with nature, their concern with precision and power – and the dour German personality with which they perform this wonderful dance.

The *landler* is another major folk dance of the Tyrol and is found as far south as Switzerland and as far east as Bohemia. Characterized by complex intertwining of the couple's arms, changing continuously into seem-

inaly impossible contortions, the landler represents closeness in the relationship between men and women. The Zillertaler Land*ler* in the folk dance repertoire is a simplified version from the Zillertal Valley of Austria. Other versions are found in many of the Bavarian dances performed at Oktoberfest.



though the Bavarian versions are somewhat faster and less complex.

Zwiefacher translates as "two things" in reference to its mixed 2/4 and 3⁄4 rhythm; the dance consists of pivot turns (*drehers*) and waltz turns, couples in a close dance position in a continuous spin. The combinations of *dreher* and waltz range from simple (WWDD) to a challenging combination that will test the skill of any dancer. Ned Gault of northern California once produced a collection of seventeen different *zwiefacher* rhythms. The zwiefacher is found throughout the Tyrol, Switzerland, Czech Republic, and into Alcase and the Black Forest, though with regional characteristics and even different names.

Rhinelander is the name for the *schottische* throughout Europe in reference to its place of origin in the Rhineland: Germany. Most folk dancers are familiar with the basic schottische and the variations danced in Scandinavia, France and elsewhere are endless and challenging.

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Polka is probably the most widely known of all European folk dances. First recorded in Bohemia in the mid 1830s, the dance was popular in the California Gold Rush country some 15 years later and is danced in one form or another in most of Western Civilization even today. It is the national dance of the Czech Republic, where it is danced with wonderful variations and lovely Czech polka music. Oktoberfest bands play one polka after another for hours. The polka's quick popularity in the mid-1800s in Europe was largely responsible for the widespread acceptance of couple dance in polite society, breaking generations-old resistance to such intimate displays.

Tradesmen's dances, frequently danced in 2/4 time, frequently utilize implements and tools of the trade. Loggers' plattles (*holzhackerbaum*) use a log, cross-cut saw and axes, making a lovely mess of the dance floor with sawdust and wood chips flying everywhere. Miners' dances (*knappentanc*) use a large rock, hammers and various-sized chisels; similarly, blacksmith's dances (*ambosstanc*) use an anvil and various sized hammers to create melodies. The bakers' dance (*muehlradl*) mimics the gears and paddles of the bread dough-mixing machine. Benches, staffs and other props are frequently used in plattles where men play tricks on one another and even stage mock fights in the *watschentanc*.



There are countless additional examples of dance traditions from the Tyrol, many only performed in isolated villages, many only on special occasions. The wealth of Tyrolean folklore would occupy the life's work of many scholars – and has.

So, the lovely Tyrol has much more to offer than dazzling mountain landscapes echoing with lonely yodeling by lonesome herdsmen. The folklore of this region rivals that of any in the richness and complexity of its traditional folk arts, music and dance.

Richard Duree



LETTER FROM ADA DZIEWANOWSKA

August 5, 2012

To the Editors of Folk Dance Scene:

What a great article by Richard Duree! I have learned so much, not just about American social dance, but about American history. I gave copies to my children: Basia and Jas, and to my folk dance friends.

I also enjoy the new page with poetry, and admire the vitality of California folk dancing. Keep up the good work!

Ada Dziewanowska

(if you are wondering : now 95 1/2 years old)

Ed.s Note: If anyone doesn't know who Ada is, she is the 'grand-dame' of Polish folk dancing, beautiful dancer, teacher and choreographer. It is she who created the Kujawiaks that bear her name. Her children referenced are excellent dancers in their own right.





Ada Dziewanowska in Cieszyn costume, son Jaś Dziewanowski and daughter Basia Dziewanowska in Orawa costumes, Stockton, 1983.

Dancers Speak

Quote of the Month

All dancing girls are nineteen years old. - Japanese proverb

I sure feel about nineteen while I'm dancing. But not the next morning!

Question of the Month

Many of today's folk dancers are reaching a "certain age" or possibly are past that point. When I forget to pace myself, some of my very good friends will give me a "look" or suggest I skip a dance now and then. I truly appreciate the reminders, because, while dancing, I easily become nineteen in my mind.

Do you find yourself forgetting that you are no longer a teenager when you dance, and how would you feel about being reminded to take it a little easier?

Sandy Helperin

MARGE @ LARGE Reflections and Impressions

Stockton Folk Dance Camp!! Started in 1948 and still going strong. My first time was in 1974 and I've missed only once. Dancers come from the hinterlands and from many countries – all to share and enjoy a common love of international folk dance.

Among the master teachers at this conference was **Miroslav"Bata" Marcetic**, a former member of Ansambl Kolo. Bata, who resides in Toronto, Canada, founded the Academy of Serbian Folk Dancing. He has several levels of performing groups, and they have appeared in many cities in Canada and the US. Bata emphasized styling for all the dances he taught, allowing the dancers to grasp the feeling of the dances as the week progressed.

This year we awarded the Bora Gajicki Scholarship to **Dragan Djordjevic**. Dragan hails from Serbia and currently lives and dances in Sacramento. A modest person but very good dancer, Dragan fell right in place with Bata's classes. He plans to teach some of these dances in Sacramento and hopes to return to Stockton FDC next year.

For me, the major highlight was the live music. California Kapela orchestra director **Susan Worland**, an accomplished violinist and versatile musician, very capably worked with her musicians and dance teachers. She was joined by Barbara Deutsch (clarinet), Evan "Slow Burn" Stuart (bass), Rumen "Sali" Shopov (drums and *tambura*), and Chris Bajmakovich (accordion). Chris is a fantastic accordionist and marvelous person. One evening we sang Macedonian and Serbian songs until rather late. Some of us may have sung out of tune, but what fun we had. Also, as part of the auction, which benefits the scholarship fund, **John Filcich** and I bid on and won a private serenade by California Kapela. We opted to have the serenade at dinnertime at DeRosa University Center. The musicians started with"*Dunave, Dunave*" (one of Bora's favorite songs) and then we danced around the tables to a *Lesnoto* medley. I am so pleased that we could share this folk culture experience. *Ziveli*!!

Marge Gajicki



Anna, Dragan, and Marge

LETTER FROM WEN-LI CHIANG

Dear Editors:

Congratulations and thanks for publishing Richard Duree's "American Social Dance", which appeared in Folk Dance Scene, August 2012. I want to express my appreciation of the terrific article. It provides the interesting history of the evolution of American social dance. I also enjoyed reading some earlier articles written by the same author.

Wen-Li Chiang

DAVID CARMAN AND LAURA BREMER

Laura Bremer recently left her body and it is now inhabited by Laura Carman. The Carman's new address is 11520 297th Dr NE, Granite Falls, WA 98252 and phone number is (360) 691-2843. Some things stay the same (at least for now), like their cell phone numbers and email addresses. In 2013, Yves and France Moreau invite you to join them on TWO exciting 11-night Folk Dance Cruises

March 4-15, 2013 Cruise the Caribbean and Central America

with special guest teachers **Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion** (Romanian Dances) on board the luxurious Celebrity *Equinox* * **Ports of Call:** Departing and returning Fort Lauderdale, Cartagena (Columbia); Colon (Panama); Puerto Limon (Costa Rica); Roatan (Honduras); Belize City (Belize); Cozumel (Mexico), including 4 days at sea ! Daily dance classes and parties with Yves, France, Cristian and Sonia Rates starting at \$1683. (dbl occupancy) Limited to 30 participants



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* The Equinox & Silhouette have been voted among the ten best 2012 cruise ships by Cruise Critic

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All details can be found at: www.folkdancecruise.com

Phone: (450) 659-9271 **E-mail:** info@bourque-moreau.com

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Calendar

Note: Federation Dance Events are in Bold. CALL TO CONFIRM ALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 *Greek Festival* Noon to 9 p.m. all 3 days at Assumption of the Virgin Mary, 5761 E. Colorado, Long Beach 90814. Info: (562) 494-8929
- 3 Labor Day Party with West L.A. Folk Dancers, Monday 7:30 to ? At Brockton School, 1309 Armacost Ave., West L.A., all request program, potluck table. Info: Beverly or Irwin (310) 202-6166 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com
- 7-9 *Greek Festival* 5p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight Sunday at St. Sophia, 1324 S. Normandie, Los Angeles 90006. Info: (323) 737-2424
- 8 Please note change in date of Beverly's workshop of Ira Weisburd's dances. See 9/29.
- 9 Culver City English Country Dance, Sunday 4 -7 p.m. at Lindberg Park, 5041 Rhoda Way, Culver City 90230. Guest caller: Alan Winston from the Bay Area; music English Roses. Info: Annie Laskey (310) 895-1571 or www.caldancecoop.org
- 14-16 *Greek Festival* 5-10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. Sunday at St Anthony, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena 91107. Info: (626) 449-6945
- 14 Evening of set dance reviews (with some international, too) Friday 7:30 p.m., West L.A. Folk Dancers, 1309 Armacost Ave., West L.A. Teacher: Beverly Barr. Info: Beverly or Irwin (310) 202-6166 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

- 22- 55th Annual Oktoberfest Saturday:
 23 Beginners Workshop 1 4 p.m.; Sunday, Federation Council meeting,10:30 Festival 12:30 - 5 p.m. at Balboa Park Club Ballroom, 2144 Pan American Plaza, San Diego 92101. Info: www.sites.google.com/site/ oktoberfestdancefestival
- 24 Celebration of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana and a new Year for Irwin! It's his birthday! Monday 7:30 p.m. At Brockton School, 1309 Armacost Ave., West L.A., all request program, potluck table. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com
- 28-30 *Greek Festival* 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday at St. Nectarios, 20340 Covina Blvd., Covina 91724. Info: (626) 967-5524
 - 29 NEW DATE: Beverly's Workshop of Ira Weisburd's Dances. Saturday.
 Workshop 1- 4 p.m. evening party
 5:30 - 9 p.m. \$10 for both. At Brockton School, 1309 Armacost Ave.,
 West L.A. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

OCTOBER

- 6 *Playford-to-the-Present Ball*, Pasadena. Info: www.caldancecoop.org/ playford
- 8 *International Folk Dance Class* at CSULB, Rm.107 in fitness gym taught by Julith Neff and Sue Griffiths, Mondays 3-4:30 p.m., eight weeks. Register: (562) 985-8237



Another memorable weekend camp experience is planned

Ethnic Music

VIVA TAMBURICA

Viva Tamburica is a CD I recommend to any folk dance or ballroom dance group, lovers of music, and music historians. It contains 2 CDs and a booklet about the music. Remember: this is really an American thing – (including Canada).

What? But this is music from the Vojvodina area in former Yugoslavia. Yes, mostly Croatian and Serbian, but they also have Austrian, Hungarian and a bit of Bulgarian influence. When those of Serbo-Croat background came here it was to work in steel mills. That's hard work – different from the agricultural life they had. So Sunday after church was a time to rest, and enjoy music.

Disc One shows this – they are old recordings, but have a variety of music to sing, dance to, and listen to others sing. There is a great *Chules Male* (singing version). I love this song and usually do not hear the words. And a simple *U Sest*. There are a variety of tunes; some of them complex, but could be danced to; also a *Malo Kolo* or *Morovac* can be danced.

Disc Two is music from after World War II, 1940's-60's. This shows the tamburica influence from America, while holding on to their roots. Cut 5 is my favorite of the entire set. I'm told it was supposed to

be something else, but I feel it is a great *Malo Kolo*. I think it is two bands jamming together – listen – you will hear two accordions working off each other giving each a chance to show off (as I heard at the San Francisco 2011 Extravaganza at 3 a,m. Saturday). Each is distinct and obviously their bands backing the accordions up - two of my favorite dance bands.

There are waltzs, polkas and a couple of Latininfluenced songs; even a *czardas*. There are singalong sets on both discs that are standard, but well played versions, so a group (or person) can sing along. American influence? Yes, this was the time in our history when we had been enjoying Latin rhythms. Also Swing. Most bands do some of their fringe area influenced songs, some say "Hey, this sounds great", some because they heard another band do it. As we grew out of the steel mills exclusively more American things are in tamburica repertoire.

This is available from John Filcich of Festival Records. It is a bargain for 2 CDs and a booklet. Buy it and discover how these bands grew. There really is something for everyone; as a ballroom dancer first, and then a folk dancer I say this.

Nancy Milligan

Poetry Corner

SEPTEMBER POETRY

A Turkish chieftain lusted for fame, But at the battlefield no enemy came. A fine kettle of fish! Still, Ali Pasha got his wish By adorning a dance with his name.

CONCERNING THE PLEASURE OF THE DANCE

Concerning the pleasure of dance, How diverse are the ways!

You with manly stomp perfectly performed, your great bulk full of grace and command striking forward, drawing us into your slip-stream stride, right hand firmly clasping your leather belt. You, with easy assurance and still-youthful mind remembering steps grasped ages ago, embodying possibility -- (perhaps we too will dance deftly up our mountain of years.)

Carl Pilsecker You with delicate inward point of toe shod in black Mary Janes and easy laughter; You with supple freedom and a pocket-full of poses; You with excess of jubilation leaping high; You with timid lead, *attired* in the dance; You with zeal concealed in a time-worn torso nimbly spinning your girl an extra twirl...

> Concerning the pleasure of dance: --It is diversity joining hands. It is unity. It is one spirit animating all.

> > Camille Dull

Kabile Traditional Wedding Band:

10/24 - Santa Barbara

- 10/26 Orange County (not at Veselo Selo)
- 10/27 Folk Dance Center, San Diego

10/28 - Laguna Folkdancers, Laguna

- Beach
 - 10/29 UCLA
 - 10/30 CalTech

Info: Joyce Clyde (510) 237-1124 or joyceexpo1@hotmail.com

26-28 Camps' Review Workshop Weekend at Camp Hess Kramer, Malibu. Teachers: Beverly Barr, International; Mihai David, Romanian; Ira Weisburd (folk and individual line dances). Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

DECEMBER

- 12/28 Camp Hess Kramer New Year's
- to 1/1 Weekend at Camp Hess Kramer's Hilltop Camp. Wooden floor. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166, (310) 478 -4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

9/4 Balkan Folk Dance for the Experienced Folk Dancer 15 week class meets Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. at Santa Rosa Jr. College campus. Cost \$54. Info: marilynmsmith@sbcglobal.net

OUT OF STATE

NEW YORK

10/5-8 *IFC International Folk Dance Weekend* (Columbus Day Weekend) Friday -Monday at Circle Lodge, Hopewell Junction, New York. Teachers: Moshe Eskayo, Sonia & Cristian, Steve & Suzy Kotansky and David Vinski. Info: mosheskaya@gmail.com or www.ifcreunion.Homestead.com

FOREIGN

CHINA - XINJIANG (CHINESE TURKISTAN)

9/16 to *Tour to Northwest China.* Info: Ian 10/5 Price at ianpricebey@hotmail.com

GREECE

11/21- *33rd World Congress on Dance Re*-25 *search* will be devoted to Dance Therapy. Athens. Info: www.cid-portal.org

POLAND

9/6-20 *Folk Tour to Poland* led by Richard Schmidt. Info: (201) 836-0362 or jimgold@jimgold.com

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On the Scene

SUNDAY EVENING DANCING IN LAGUNA BEACH

Susi Q center, 380 Third St., Laguna Beach, CA 92651

7:00 – 9:45 p.m.

September 2012 Teaching Schedule

Sept. 1 - party with live by Kriss Larson's Interfolk Band. Hosted by Laguna Woods Folkdancers at Clubhouse 7, 24111 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

Sept. 2 - dark at Susi Q for Labor Day weekend

Sept. 9 - Shana Winokur reviews dances recently taught by Daniela Ivanova

Sept. 16 - Diki Shields reviews *Bilati*, an Assyrian dance introduced by Dennis Boxell, plus spot teaching - a chance to request a walk thru of a tricky part of any dance you've been following.

Sept. 23 - Diane Baker teaches Hora Veche, Romanian dance introduced by Sonia and Cristian at Stockton 2012.

Sept. 30 - Diane Baker teaches Ciorba de Curcan. Romanian dance introduced by Sonia and Cristian at Stockton 2012.

Info: (714) 893-8888, www.LagunaFolkdancers.org

WEST L. A. FOLK DANCERS

Mondays

We meet every Monday evening during September and are a friendly group of intermediate dancers, learning and dancing great dances. This class keeps up with new dances, and keeps the old ones alive.

Sept. 24 we will celebrate the Jewish New Year. We love celebrating all cultures. Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, begins the previous Monday with celebrations, parties, dances and happiness. We are also celebrating a new year for Irwin, as Sept. 24 is his birthday.

Bring snacks or desserts for the pot-luck table. On party nights we begin at 7:30 p.m. and end when you get too tired to dance.

Fridays

During the summer we will not meet, except for special occasions. See special evenings below.

Friday, Sept. 14: Dance and review an evening of set dances, including: Scottish, English Country, contras, and more. Also, some international and Balkan dances in between.

We all look forward to party nights, seeing old and new friends, some that come from long distances. Join us for a joyous evening. We dance on a beautiful wooden floor at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost, W. L.A., between Barrington & Bundy, 1 1/2 blocks north of Santa Monica Blvd.

If you are new to our class or have not been there for a while, please call us to see if we have scheduled an extra party night or if we are not dancing that night.

For information call (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

OKTOBERFEST IN SAN DIEGO

San Diego's 55th Annual Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23. Saturday will be a beginners' workshop from 1 - 4, and Sunday's festival will be from 12:30 - 5 p.m. It all takes place in the beautiful Balboa Park Club ballroom, 2144 Pan American Plaza, San Diego 92101. Please see our website: https://www.sites.google.com/site/ oktoberfestdancefestival Also see ad in this issue. Georgina Sham

FUTURE CRUISE & DANCE WITH BEVERLY & IRWIN BARR

We are working on our next cruise, but do not have all the final prices to put into print. We try very hard to negotiate the best price for our cruises on a good ship that has space to give our group for our folk dancing. If you are interested, please call and let us know or send an e-mail. We will then forward you the information. Watch for details soon, in the Scene.

You are welcome to call us anytime for updates or more detailed information as it develops. Beverly or Irwin (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@vahoo.com

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Diyarbakir, Urfa, Mardin, Van, Dogubeyazit, Kars, Ani, Erzurum, Trabzon. Kurdish, Pontic/Black Sea, Georgian, Armenian cultural regions!



AMSTERDAM!... May 7-12, 2013. Led by Jim Gold and Tineke van Geel. Amsterdam, Volendam. The Hague, Van Gogh Museum, national Dutch costumes, dance surprises. Option to add Armenian Tour: May 12-23.

ARMENIA! . . . May 12-23, 2013. Led by Jim Gold and Tineke van Geel. Yerevan, Lake Sevan, Garni temple, Zvartnots, Edsmiadzin Cathedral, Armenian folk dancing with local Armenian teachers and live music!



- POLAND! ... June 9-24, 2013. Led by Richard Schmidt. Kraków, Zakopane, Łodź, Toruń, Gdańsk, Olsztyn, Warsaw. Castles, palaces, historic sites. Folk dancing with local groups!
- NORWAY! ... June 15-25, 2013. Led by Lee Otterholt.
 - Optional pre-tour folk dance workshop: June 14-16. Oslo, Bergen, Hovin (Telemark), Fjord Cruise, Voss. Drobak. Norwegian and International dancing.
 - BULGARIA, MACEDONIA, GREECE! July 28-Aug 11, 2013. Led by Jim Gold. Sofia, Kjustendil, Skopje, Ohrid, Bitola, Florina, Thessaloniki, Plovdiv, Koprivshtitsa Folk Festival! Savor Balkan folk dance and traditions.



HUNGARY! ... July 31-August 11, 2013. Led by Adam Molnar. Budapest, Eger, Hortobagy Plain, Jaszbereny Folk Festival. Magyar adventures

NORTHERN GREECE!... October 7-21, 2013. 4-day Greek Cruise ext. Led by Jim Gold and Lee Otterholt. Athens, Thessaloniki, Mt. Athos Monastery. Kalambaka, Ionnina, Island of Corfu Mykonos, Crete, Rhodes, Patmos, Santorini, Kusadasi, and Ephesus.



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CAMP HESS KRAMER WORKSHOP WEEK-END – October 26, 27, 28

This very popular International Folk Dance Workshop Weekend is held every year in the fall at Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu. This is the 28th year of the successful camp's review format. Plan ahead to be there.

For many, this has become the weekend that they look forward to all year. This weekend camp prides itself with excellent teaching, great parties, wonderful food. We are looking forward to learning dances from our 3 very experienced, professional teachers. If you have never attended before, "try it, you will like it". It may become part of your life as it has for so many others. You leave camp with new friends, great memories, and the new dances you learn.

There is a full page flyer in this issue of Scene. Prices include accommodations, dance workshops, 6 wonderful meals, snacks, happy hour, parties, a silent auction (we always come home with a treasure), and dancing.

We are excited about our teaching staff this year. They are good friends with each other and we look forward to an exciting weekend.



Beverly Barr lives in Los Angeles, CA and teaches 6 folk and line dance classes a week. She has been a quest teacher at many of the local groups and has taught in many cities throughout in the United States as well as abroad. She and her husband Irwin also take folk dancers on cruises and tours, and folk dancing is always included. Beverly will teach international folk

dances and individual line dances, some new and some old.

Mihai David lives in Los Angeles, CA and is originally from Romania. Mihai has been teaching Romanian folk dances at folk dance camps and workshops all over the world for many years. He has taught at San Diego Camp, Santa Barbara Symposium and Stockton Folk Dance Camp since the 1970's. Some of our most popular Romanian danc-



es were introduced to us by Mihai.

Ira Weisburd lives in Boca Raton, Florida and has been teaching folk dancing since he was in his teens. He was introduced to folk dancing by his grandmother who took him folk dancing with her. He later began choreographing dances from many countries, including individual line dances using international and popular music. He has introduced his dance choreographies all over the world. Beverly Barr has taught many of Ira's dances, over the years, at previous Camp Hess Kramer Weekends. Ira will be teaching all new dances at the October, 2012 weekend. Ira married Diane on March 25, 2012 and you will all meet his partner in dance and in life.

To request flyers for yourself or your groups, and for all other information, please call Irwin or Beverly at (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-6600 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

PASADENA CO-OP

Beginning teaching in September will be by Pat Cross and Don Krotser. They will teach several of the following line dances each week: *Bapardess* (Israel), *Ivanice* (Macedonia), *Imate Le Vino* (Macedonia) and *Mari Mariiko* (Bulgaria). Our intermediate dance this month will be *Maitli Schottish* (Switzerland), taught by Marsha Fenner.

Every month, the Co-op features a 15 minute segment we call "And Now For Something Completely Different." Check our website in early September to see what we have come up with.

We dance every Friday evening at Throop Memorial Church, 300 S. Los Robles (at Del Mar). Parking is free in the church's lot. Beginning teaching is at 7:45, followed by intermediate teaching at 8:30. Programmed and requested dances follow until 11:00. Dance programs for the whole month and other information are posted on our website: www.PasadenaFolkDanceCoop.org For more information contact Jan at: JanRayman@charter.net or call (818) 790-8523.

Jan Rayman

CALIFORNIA KOLO FESTIVAL IS COMING

That wonderful time of year is on its way - Kolo Festival is coming. Join the crowds planning a long Thanksgiving weekend in San Francisco!

The 61st Annual Kolo Festival will be Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24 at the Wellness Center, San Francisco City College. This is the same place as last year. Free parking. It is near the Balboa Bart Station.

Dance classes will feature Zeljko Jergan teaching Croatian dances; John Filcich teaching Kolos and Jerry Duke teaching Greek and Balkan. There will also be singing and music instrument classes, plus performances and Culture Corners. There will be live music in two halls every night, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.

Advance registration is strongly recommended to save money and time at the door. Space is limited! Don't be left out. There is no increase in price.

Information: http://balkantunes.org//kolofestival or Jerry Duke, chair, jcduke@sfsu.ed or (415) 759-5136

Gary Anderson

BEVERLY BARR'S WEEKLY DAYTIME CLASSES UPDATED

Please note days we are not meeting.

Mondays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd., one block south of Magnolia, on the southeast corner; a brand new senior center with free parking. Attention: dancers in the Valley. We have a very nice group of dancers that have added this class to their dance schedule. It is very centrally located for those living in the Valley. Beverly Barr lives in West L. A. and it takes her about 20 minutes to get to Sherman Oaks. We learn and dance international folk dance and line dance. The dance room has a beautiful wood floor. Most of the dancers in this class are not brand new to folk and line dancing and have added this class to their dance days. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$5.00.

We will not meet on Monday, Sept. 3 & 17.

Tuesdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Roxbury Park Auditorium 471 So. Roxbury Dr., a half block south of Olympic. Lots of free and metered parking.

International folk dance and line dance class. We try to keep up with the popular new dances, as well as treasure the old dances. This is an intermediate class. Everyone is welcome.

Cost is \$1 for Beverly Hills residents and \$2 for non-residents.

We will meet every Tues in Sept.

Wednesdays 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Culver City Senior Center, 4095 Overland Avenue, across from the Veterans' Memorial. This class started last year and is now building in it's wonderful new location, Culver City Senior Center, in a room with a wood floor to dance on. We learn and dance international folk dance and line dance. At this time most of our dancers are in a more beginning stage of their dancing. Everyone is welcome. New time and place. The cost is \$4.00.

We will not meet on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

If you are coming for the first time to any of our classes, or for any information, call Beverly at (310) 202-6166 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

VESELO SELO

- Sept. 1 Labor Day party

Sept. 8 - Ed Goller teaching new Stockton Camp dances.

Sept. 15 - Ed Goller reviews.

Sept. 22 - Live music by Veselba for birthday celebration.

Sept. 29 - Dark.

Lu Perry

SPECIAL ALERT - CHANGE OF DATE FOR WORKSHOP AND PARTY - NEW DATE – SATUR-DAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Beverly Barr will review and teach a workshop of Ira Weisburd's older dances – international folk and line dances; some previously taught and some never taught. Date: Saturday, September 29, 2012

There will be afternoon and evening parties. Beverly has been instrumental in bringing and teaching many of Ira Weisburd's dances to California. She will be teaching and reviewing many of his older dances, some which she taught at Camp Hess Kramer workshop weekends, as well as at other camps and workshops. Ira will teach all new dances at the Camp Hess Kramer Weekend in October.

Workshop and evening party location: Brockton School , 1309 Armacost Ave., West L. A., 90025. Dance on a great wood floor. Plenty of free parking.

Workshop 1:00 - 4:00, evening dance party - 5:30 - 9:00.

\$10.00 - includes the afternoon workshop and the evening dance party. Have questions? Contact Beverly at (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com



BEVERLY BARR'S WORKSHOP OF IRA WEISBURD'S OLDER FOLK & LINE DANCES FOR YOU TO LEARN OR REVIEW.

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AN AFTERNOON OF IRA'S DANCES- PLUS A REQUEST EVENING DANCE PARTY BEVERLY HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING MANY OF IRA'S DANCES TO CALIF. BEVERLY WILL NOT TEACH HIS NEW DANCES AT THIS WORKSHOP. IRA WILL TEACH ALL NEW DANCES AT THE CAMP HESS KRAMER WEEKEND IN OCTOBER.

Location: Brockton School – 1309 Armacost Ave., West L. A., 90025 Dance on a great wood floor – Plenty of free parking

Workshop: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Evening dance party: 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. \$10.00 – includes - afternoon workshop & evening dance party. Contact Beverly (310) 202-6166 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com