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## Editors' Corner

By the time you read this we will have celebrated at Winter Festival and Cerritos' Chinese New Year bash. Next up is Laguna, featured in this issue.

Do send your events information to Calendar, so we can all share and find upcoming entertainment, as we do also in On the Scene.

See what people have to say about dance in Poetry Corner and Dancers Speak. We publish a short report of a dance workshop in Ventura in Recent Events.

Clubs Directory is the short version this issue: check last issue for the long version including beginners' classes and exhibition groups.

Be of good cheer!

*Pat Cross and Don Krotser*

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## Federation Corner

I had always wanted to take those tap/ballet/tumbling classes when I was a little girl, but my father insisted that I have 2 years of piano lessons first. By the time I qualified, I had moved on to other things. I didn't get back to dancing till my first marriage ended and I was looking around for something new to occupy my time. I decided to give folk dancing a try.



I spent the first few years of folk dancing feeling really clumsy and stumbling around with my eyes glued to the feet of other dancers who seemed to know what they were doing. I joined Narodni International Folk Dancers after a year or so. I gradually became one of the people who keep things going, and here I am 30 or so years later, still part of that group. I started as punch chairman, and then became treasurer for several years.

Once I got good enough at dancing to look up now and then, it became a lot more fun. I started by going to a few Federation festivals and then attending Federation meetings and getting more involved. I have been a delegate for my club, then Federation secretary (back when we had 2 of them: recording secretary and corresponding secretary). I have been historian, vice president, president, and now I am your insurance chairman.

Things have changed a lot over the years. Taking care of insurance for Federation used to involve lots of paperwork, mailing and filing. With the changes in technology, I no longer have to rely so much on the US Mail. Most communication can be done via computer and I only have to use snail mail when I need to send paperwork with a payment for something. I used to have to store everything in big, thick binders, but this last year, all the certificates have come to me over the internet and I can forward them to the clubs without all those envelopes and stamps. I can store almost everything on my computer and a flash drive!

Although the paperwork takes up a lot less space, insurance issues have become increasingly complicated. If you are taking care of insurance issues for your group, feel free to call me or email me with any questions or problems. It is always good to send me a copy of your facility insurance requirements and/or contract when you send your certificate request. That way I can make sure that your facility doesn't

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# Laguna Folkdance Festival



The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Laguna Folkdance Festival will be held on the weekend of February 7-9 at the Ensign Jr. High School gym in Newport Beach. Featured teachers this year are the highly respected Steve Kotansky teaching Hungarian



and Balkan dance and, for the first time, George and Irina Arabagi, the delightful couple who charmed everyone at Stockton Folk Dance Camp, teaching dances from his homeland of Moldova and her Ukraine.

The festival begins Friday evening with a welcoming party including a kafana with live music, an introduction of the teachers and an afterparty. Saturday will feature the usual morning and afternoon teaching sessions with the dance party and afterparty in the evening, again with live music. Sunday morning is dedicated to review teaching sessions. A special after lunch session, "Steve's Greatest Hits" will feature Steve leading some of his favorite dances.

The dance concert returns to the Sunday afternoon format this year from 1:30 to 3:00, featuring a wide variety of local ethnic dance companies. The festival will end with another open dance session until 4:30.

All that fun for a \$65 passport. Of course, there are fees for individual sessions instead. Ensign Jr. High School is located at 2000 Cliff Drive in Newport Beach. Catch the 55 Freeway from the 405 and take the first exit on to the 73 Freeway, then the first exit (Campus/Irvine) onto Bristol Ave. Irvine Blvd. is the first right turn off Bristol; take it to the end and the school will be on the left just before Cliff Drive. We hope to see you there.

## Music & Concert Schedule

Playing in the Kafana Friday evening:

Zimzala kicks off the party.  
Veselba Bitov plays Bulgarian and Macedonian dance tunes.

Atlantic Crossing closes the Kafana with international favorites, including dances for pairs and sets.

Zimzala plays international folk, colored by surfer sounds and surprises, for the after party in the gym.

Saturday evening party:

Dance request hour for Early Birds  
Interfolk plays international dance melodies throughout the evening.

Hurok accompanies reviews of Steve Kotansky's Hungarian dances.

Magic Strings accompanies reviews of the Arabagis' Ukrainian dances.

John Matthews, DJ extraordinaire, hosts after party of recorded music.

Sunday afternoon party:

Julith Neff hosts the Steve Kotansky Greatest Hits Hour.

The Festival Concert on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. features the following ensembles: Scandia and Katirilli, Mei-Ling Lee Chinese Dance Group, Gypsy of LA Folk Ensemble dancing an Italian Suite, Enotita, S.A.Y. Folklorico, Syrtaki and George and Irina Arabagi performing a spectacular duet.

Madison Avenue Folk plays 6 dance tunes to start the post concert party.

Dancers' requests close the festival

For more information call (714) 891-0788 or see website [www.Lagunafolkdancers.org](http://www.Lagunafolkdancers.org)



49th Anniversary

# SPRING FESTIVAL

March 28-30, 2014

International House, 1414 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637  
(Hyde Park/University of Chicago)

*dance and music of Eastern Europe and Mediterranean*



**FRIDAY, March 28, 2014, 8 pm–midnight**

*dance party with live music by James Stoyanoff and Orchestra Balkana*

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, March 29-30, 2014, 9am–5pm**

**Workshops in the dance, music, song, and culture of Bulgaria, Macedonia, Roma ("Gypsies"), Serbia, & Turkey & more**  
*with master teachers including*

**Atanas Kolarovski, Ahmet Lüleci, Alex Markovic, Ventzi Sotirov, Chris Bajmakovich, Jim Stoyanoff, & others**

**SATURDAY, March 29, 2014 Concert & Dance Party**

*7 pm–1 am, featuring the music and dances of Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, & other E European/Mediterranean lands*

**Info/Reservations: 847/331-7842 or 847/858-9822**

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# Recent Events

## DANCE WORKSHOP PARTNERS

We drove up to Ventura for the dance workshop that Valerie had announced at the Pasadena Folk dance Co-op – found the venue in an industrial area south of the freeway, just west of Victoria – and there she was, outside, meeting and greeting! Tables were set up there for registration, and chairs were also outside the roll-up door, leaving the long, narrow bay uncluttered for dancing. Six teachers presented half-hour segments of instruction in their genres, starting with a warm-up *Gay Gordons*, and stretches.

I enjoyed the social aspect: everybody seemed confident in having a good time, and couples were mixed or rotated for most of the teaching, I got to learn dances with many partners who were cheerful and engaging. Being on such a narrow, long floor I lost track of my partner, Pat, when it would have been better for us to share the Scandinavian dance experience. Toward the end I had no partner at the start of the ballroom teaching. There were a couple and a young woman not yet committed; the couple encouraged us to dance together. The teacher borrowed her for demonstrations, and I too appreciated dancing with her before we progressed, changing partners.

Megan stood out, tall  
Her youthful beauty  
full fluffy fall of curly red hair  
a pleasure to move closely  
together without touching  
we smiled and she joked  
about my seeing past her hair

The teachers did a good job of introducing easy dances – or elements of the style, in the case of the ballroom teaching. I was pleased that Valerie started with



*Believe*, a community feel-good dance from Japan, before moving on to *Dramskoto*, a pleasing Bulgarian dance of moderate challenge, and *Hora Veche*, a Romanian dance only a bit harder, then demonstrated – and invited participation by those who knew it – *Adama Veshamayim*, a really fast and showy Israeli dance; a nice progression.

This event was in part a celebration of the newly-installed flooring of the fencing studio. The owner and a colleague demonstrated some moves, discussed the origin of the sport in trying to save the lives of duelists, and explained scoring and showed the weapons: foil, épée, and saber.



A wonderful smorgasbord of dance genres – taking us out of our normal comfort zone into a stimulating diversity of dance styles and new acquaintances.

*Don Krotser*



Please join hosts **Dr. Anthony Shay, Ian Price & Madelyn (Mady) Taylor**  
For our 4<sup>th</sup> annual BalkanFest'14 // Saturday, March 29, 2014 // 12pm–11:30pm @ Pomona College,  
Pendleton Dance Center 210 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Claremont, CA 91711 (\* parking directions below)

## BALKANFEST'14 PROGRAM

**REGISTRATION (on site) begins @ 12 noon – evening reg. @ 6pm on**

### DANCE WORKSHOPS:

I. 1pm - 2:30pm - Cane Carovski - Macedonia

II. 3pm - 4:30pm - Nadine Krstic - Kolos

(please respect teachers request - no video or phone cameras  
for workshops - ok for reviews - last 20 minutes of each class!)

DINNER: 5 - 7pm – (@ lovely campus cafe)

CONCERT: NEVENKA - Trudy Israel - Director International Women's Chorus  
7 - 8pm

DANCE PARTY: *Live Music* with VESELBA, Ian Price, director  
8 - 11pm (cd's played during breaks)  
11 - 11:30pm - clean up & pack up. Help always appreciated!

TICKETS: \$50 - classes & evening party  
\$25 - workshops only  
\$25 - party only

Vendors : John Filcich - Festival Records, Marge & Anna Gajicki -Folkmotif

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# Calendar

Note: Federation Dance Events are in Bold.

## CALL TO CONFIRM ALL EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 6** *Guest Teachers Roxanna & Julio Gaepe* teach dances from their native country Chile, Thursday, 7:30-10:30 p.m. with Narodni Int'l Folkdancers, at Woman's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower. Info: Julith (562) 404-4383 (home), (562) 881-9504 (cell) or www.narodni.org
- 7-9** *Laguna Folkdance Festival* at Ensign Intermediate School Gym, 2000 Cliff Dr., Newport Beach 92663. Master Teachers: Steve Kotarsky, dances of Hungary & the Balkans; George & Irina Arabagi, dances of Moldavia & Ukraine. Info: (714) 313-2933, (714) 893-8888, (949) 646-7082, info@LagunaFolkdancers.org or www.LagunaFolkdancers.org
- 11** *Zeljko Jergan* teaching Croatian dances at the Tuesday Gypsies. Dancing 7:45. Masonic Hall, 9635 Venice Blvd, Culver City. Admission \$10 for the evening.
- 13** *Valentine's Day Party, Thursday, 7:30-10:30 p.m.* with Narodni Int'l Folkdancers, at Woman's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St. Bellflower. Live music by Zimzala. Info: Julith (562) 404-4383 (home), (562) 882-9504 (cell) or www.narodni.org
- 13** *Giselle by Moscow Festival Ballet*, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Valley Performing Arts Center, California State University – Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge 91330. Info: www.ValleyPerformingArtsCenter.org
- 14** *Chopiniana & Romeo and Juliet by Moscow Festival Ballet*, Friday, 8:00 p.m. at Valley Performing Arts Center, California State University. Address & Info same as above.
- 14** *Valentine's Day Party, West Los Angeles Folk Dancers*, Friday, 7:30 p.m. till ?? at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost Ave., West L.A. All request program & potluck snacks. See OTS. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com

- 14-16** *James Brown: Get On The Good Foot, A Celebration in Dance* at Ahmanson Theatre, Music Center. 135 No. Grand Ave. Los Angeles, Performances: Fri. 2/14 - 7:30 p.m., Sat. 2/15-7:30 p.m. & Sun. 2/16 - 2:00 p.m. Info: (213) 972-0711 or musiccenter.org
- 15** *Winter Dreams English Country Ball* presented by Santa Barbara Country Dance Society, Saturday, 7:00-11:00 p.m. Info: www.sbcds.org/wd/
- 22** *Nevenka's CD (When Marigolds Sing) Release Concert & Party*, Saturday, 8:00 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City, 12355 Moorpark St., Studio City 91604. \$16.00 general admission tickets available through Brown Paper Tickets. Info: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/552047

### MARCH

- 14-16** *Westwood Co-op's Spring Weekend. Camp Hess Kramer, Malibu. Classes, games, parties.* Info: Sandy Helperin (310) 391- 7382, sandysmail1@verizon.net
- 29** *BalkanFest 2014* – Dance Workshops with Nadine Krstic (Kolos), and Cane Carovski (Macedonian dances), plus concert by Nevenka & evening dance party with music by Veselba, Saturday, Noon-11:00 p.m. at Pomona College, Claremont – Pendleton Dance Center, 210 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Claremont 91711. See ad. Info: madelyntaylor@hotmail.com or ianpricebey@hotmail.com

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- 3/28-30** *Spring Festival*, with dance teachers: Atanas Kolarovski, Ahmet Luleci, Ventzi Sotirov, Alex Markovic. Live music, concert, parties. At Int'l House, 1414 E 59<sup>th</sup> St. Chicago. See ad. Info: (847) 331-7842, balkanske\_igre@yahoo.com

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# Dancers Speak

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Dancing is an excellent amusement for young people, especially for those of sedentary occupations. Its excellence consists in exciting a cheerfulness of the mind, highly essential to health; in bracing the muscles of the body, and in producing copious perspiration..... The body must perspire, or must be out of order".*

Noah Webster, 1768 – 1843, was a lexicographer, textbook pioneer, English-language spelling reformer, political writer, editor, and prolific author. He has been called the Father of American Scholarship and Education.

### Question:

1768 – 1843! And this quote could not be more appropriate for today's young people who spend so much of their time in front of a variety of electronics (sedentary occupations). So, how do we get kids to dance?

Sandy Helperin

## MARGE @ LARGE, REFLECTIONS AND IMPRESSIONS

Fall slips into winter almost imperceptibly in SoCal. There are cool days, then hot days, and my camellia bush is all confused. However, this does not curtail the opportunities to folk dance. November brought about two major treks (each 400 miles one-way). The first one was to Phoenix to attend a Macedonian church event. My favorite Macedonian accordionist, Chris Bajmakovich, played for the enjoyment of parish members and friends.

A couple of weeks later, we took the second trek to San Francisco to participate in the annual Kolo Festival. John Filcich started this event in 1952, and he still teaches the traditional kolos. Kudos to John! Other dance instructors were Yves and France Moreau as well as Lee Otterholt. In the evenings, Trio Zulum (Bebelev's) and Chubritza traded off in the main room, while other smaller ensembles played in the kafana. I especially enjoyed the Bosnian sevdah singing by Muhamed in the kafana. I also observed later how Yves particularly relished dancing to the Bebelev's Bulgarian music.

The return trip South was via Route 101. What a nice scenic drive -- even though it is about 50 miles further than travelling via the 5.

On New Year's Eve, December 31 per the Gregorian calendar, we went to St. Mary's Macedonian Church in Whittier. Again, my favorite Macedonian accordionist was playing and did not disappoint. He even aimed one song my way – *Milke Duso*. I thoroughly appreciated that!

When it rains, it pours. Chris played again on January 11 at St. Mary's Macedonian Church for New Year's Eve per the Julian calendar. This time he was joined by Walt Mahovich (Ohio), Rumen Shopov (formerly from Bulgaria, now from Oakland), and Paul Morrisett (New Jersey). Dancers from the SoCal folk dance community joined with the local Macedonians to enjoy an old tradition. The energy was palpable and the music was outstanding. What a fantastic job by this composite band!

I think I should have my DNA done. Deep down, I think I'm Macedonian.

Marge Gajicki



Rumen, Chris, Paul, Walt and Marge

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reject the certificate because someone at one end or the other doesn't understand what is required. This is especially important if someone different from your group is handling insurance each year. We have several groups now that need specific wording for an additional insured, endorsements or Track 4 LA certificates. What the heck does that mean, you say? Contact me before you send in that certificate request if you are not sure. That way we can both spend more time enjoying the dancing!!!

julithilona@gmail.com, (562) 881-9504

Julith Neff

## FLORIDA

2/14-17 *Presidents' Day Weekend Workshop*, Mihai David, Steve Kotansky, at Holiday Inn, Kissimmee. Info: [www.folkdance.org](http://www.folkdance.org), Jack Seltzer, [seltzerjl@gmail.com](mailto:seltzerjl@gmail.com)

## WASHINGTON

6/29 *Skandia Midsommarfest*, Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., at St. Edward State Park, 14445 Juanita Dr. NE, Kenmore, WA. Skandia's authentic rendition of summer solstice festival with music, dance & much more. Info: (206) 784-7470 or [skandia-folkdance.org](http://skandia-folkdance.org)

## FOREIGN

### ARMENIA

5/4-15 *Folk Tour to Armenia* led by Tineke van Geel. Info: [jimgold@jimgold.com](mailto:jimgold@jimgold.com) or (201) 836-0362

### CANADA

4/25-27 *Lyrids 2014 Folk Dance Festival* in Burnaby, British Columbia, (replacing Salt Spring Island Festival). Info: [info@lyridsfolkdancefestival.org](mailto:info@lyridsfolkdancefestival.org)

## GREECE

6/29-7/11 *Folk Tour to Greece and the Greek Islands* led by Lee Otterholt. Info: [jimgold@jimgold.com](mailto:jimgold@jimgold.com) or (201) 836-0362

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## ISRAEL

3/8-21 *Folk Tour to Israel* led by Jim Gold & Joe Freedman. Info: (201) 836-0362 or [jimgold@jimgold.com](mailto:jimgold@jimgold.com)

## NORWAY

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# On the Scene

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Fridays:

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On party nights we begin at 7:30 p.m. and end when you get too tired to dance. Party night dance programs are all request. Bringing snacks for our pot-luck table is appreciated by all who attend.

If you are new to our group or have not been there for a while, call to check if there is a special event happening, or if we are on vacation. We hope to see you soon.

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## NEVENKA'S 4TH CD, WHEN MARIGOLDS SING

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## BALKANFEST 2014

Please join hosts Dr. Anthony Shay, Ian Price and Madelyn (Mady) Taylor for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual festival, BalkanFest'14, Saturday, March 29, 2014, 12 p.m.–11:30 p.m. at Pomona College, Pendleton Dance Center 210 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Claremont, CA 91711. Workshops, performance by Nevenka, dance party. See ad. Info: [ianpricebey@hotmail.com](mailto:ianpricebey@hotmail.com) or [madelyntaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:madelyntaylor@hotmail.com)

*Mady Taylor*

## ZELJKO JERGAN AT THE TUESDAY GYPSIES

Zeljko Jergan will be teaching Croatian dances at the Tuesday Gypsies on February 11th. Dancing starts at 7:45. We dance in the Masonic Hall, 9635 Venice Blvd, Culver City, on a great wooden floor. Admission is \$10 for the evening.

*Sandy Helperin*

## NARODNI INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS

Narodni has a special treat for the month of February: guest teachers Roxanna and Julio Gaepe teaching us dance from their native country Chile. Ask us how we discovered them. It makes an interesting story. They will be teaching on February 6 and then reviewing their dances on February 20.

In between, on February 13, we will be having our Valentine's Day Party with live music by InterFolk. Wear something red if it's not still in the wash after all those parties at the Laguna Festival.

February 27 we will probably have an old favorites review night if we haven't found someone who is ready to teach us a few new dances from the Laguna Festival workshops.

Our regular meeting night is Thursday at the Bellflower Woman's Club from 7:30 to 10:30. If you want to get on the mailing list to receive our weekly email announcements, you can sign up at [narodni@callicomp.info](mailto:narodni@callicomp.info)

For more information contact Julith Neff at (562) 404-4383 (home) or (562) 881-9504 (cell). You can also visit our website at [www.narodni.org](http://www.narodni.org) for basic information.

*Julith Neff*

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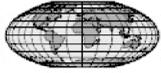
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### WESTWOOD COOPERATIVE FOLK DANCERS

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*Laurette Boarman*

### WESTWOOD'S CAMP HESS KRAMER WEEKEND

March 14, 15, 16 is Westwood's Camp Hess Kramer Weekend. It is something between October Camp Review and New Year's Camp. We have more teaching than New Year's Camp and more varied activities than October camp review. If you are interested and have any questions, call Sandy at (310) 391-7382. Also, see the registration form in this issue of Scene.

*Sandy Helperin*

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See the revised full page ad in this issue of Scene. Call Beverly or Irwin for reservations or any other questions. (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or [dancingbarrs@yahoo.com](mailto:dancingbarrs@yahoo.com)

*Beverly & Irwin Barr*

### PASADENA CO-OP

This month's introductory teaching is focusing on dances for beginners. Pat Cross and Don Krotser will teach *At Va'Ani* from Israel and *Glavnisko Cetvorno* from Bulgaria, and *Dado La Dado* from Romania. Ann Armstrong will teach the intermediate dance *Sev Acherov Aghcheek* and, if time, review *Somogyi Karikazo*.

Because we continue to have people new to folk dancing showing up unexpectedly, we are compiling a short list of easy introductory dances that our MCs can play and beginners can pick up with the help of people in our group.

On February 14, we will celebrate Valentine's day.

We dance every Friday evening at Throop Unitarian Church, 300 S. Los Robles (at Del Mar). We are a 10-minute walk from the Del Mar Metro Station. Teaching is 7:45 - 9:00. Programmed and requested dances follow until 11:00. Dance programs for the current month and other information are posted on our website: [PasadenaFolkDanceCoop.org](http://PasadenaFolkDanceCoop.org). For more information contact [JanRayman@charter.net](mailto:JanRayman@charter.net) or call (818) 790-8523.

*Jan Rayman*

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*Larry Davis*

### VESELO SELO FEBRUARY 2014 DANCE SCHEDULE

Please join Veselo dancers in February. Note: we now dance in two locations:

The 1st and 3rd Saturdays are at the old UUCA location. Our old location, the Unitarian Church is at

511 S. Harbor Blvd. in Anaheim. Dancing is from 7:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m.

The 2nd Saturday of every month we will be closed.

The 4th Saturday of every month we will dance at the new downtown ACC location. The Downtown Anaheim Community Center (ACC) is at 250 Center Street, Anaheim, CA 92805 - Fine Arts Room

Feb.1-Unitarian Church (UUCA) on Harbor Blvd. Sandy Wodicka will review dances she taught on January 25, which were: *Lakadalmi Tanc*, an Andor Czompo girl's Hungarian circle dance, and *Katushe Mome Katushe*, a slow and beautiful Macedonian dance that Sandy learned from Billy Burke.

Feb 8 - Closed. Please join us at the Laguna Festival

Feb 15 - Unitarian Church (UUCA) on Harbor Blvd. Henrietta Bemis will review dances taught at Laguna Festival.

Feb 22 - Anaheim Community Center (downtown - ACC) from 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. Henrietta Bemis will review dances taught at Laguna Festival.

Please see our website for driving directions to each location. [www.veseloselofolkdancers.org](http://www.veseloselofolkdancers.org)

*Kathy Molga*

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## Poetry Corner

### HAIKU INTO TANKA

music weaves through leaves  
strummed softly on thin branches  
above trees' bass tones  
we dance to illusive tunes  
and waltz upon fallen leaves

lovers part quickly  
thunder echoing above  
knives of light rip sky  
kisses linger on their lips  
passionate hearts still beating

ancient fallen trees  
slumbering on rock-strewn shores  
beside mountain lakes  
once proud patriarchs sleeping  
peacefully on stony beds

*Lil Rodich*

### DANCE VALENTINE!

Dance Valentine! Stomp those boots!  
Twirl through crowded streets  
parting crowds with your dancing feet;  
swagger those hips, tilt your head,  
sing with hands and fingers and toes,  
smile into brown eyes and blue.

Dance Valentine! Devour this moment!  
Dance hearts to sighing and hands to reaching out --  
contagious joy canceling contagious sorrow --  
dance this precious now, and now and now...  
hear the whisper: 'I will never come again.'  
So dance my Valentine, dance!

*Camille Dull*

### LIMERICK

He intended to impress his Main Squeeze  
By learning the new dance with great ease.  
His hopes started to dim  
When Teacher gently told him:  
"Friend, use your other left foot, please."

*Carl Pilsecker*



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