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On the cover: Children in local dress dancing in a schoolyard in Szada, Pest County, Hungary. (*Ungarische Volkskunde*, fig. 261, p. 500.) photo courtesy of Betchen Barber



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Editors' Corner

Our cover story feature is more from Betchen on Hungarian costumes, and research references for your expanded education.

Poetry Corner is graced as usual with an offering by Camille.

The Calendar is full of summer season festivals for you to choose, and On the Scene offer a couple more events to consider.

Recent Events presents more from the Cerritos Lunar New Year festival.

Use Club Directory to find contact and other information.

Be of good cheer!

Pat Cross and Don Krotser

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The Corner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'll be dancing at Statewide May Day in Arroyo Grande to tunes played by Chubritza when this edition of Scene arrives in our inboxes. Thank you, Margaret Lange and Billy Burke, for your extraordinary amount of planning, arranging, negotiating, soliciting, writing and driving to produce Statewide 2025! San Diego folk dancers are not intimidated, or have forgotten how hard they worked to produce Statewide 2015 in Balboa Park. Statewide 2027 will take place in San Diego. And, thank you Jan Rayman for sending Scene to our inboxes! Readers, have you sent a contribution to pay for your subscription this year?

Reserve your ticket in advance or pay admission when you arrive at the Concert & Dance party presented by Nevenka Saturday May 10 in Culver City. Following the concert talented musicians, Pat Mac Swyney, Jake Bluenote, Simeon Pillich, Benedict Brydern, Jessica Ng and Leslie Yeseta, will play Balkan tunes for dancing. Nevenka will teach a few dances. Invite your friends to discover Balkan harmonies and the joy of dancing traditional steps to superb music. This event is sponsored in part by the Federation Outreach Committee to provide an opportunity for music lovers to step onto the dance floor. Warn your guests in advance, folk dancing is habit forming! It may lead to improved health and more friends.

Reports from the Teaching Traditional Dance Seminar presented by Billy Burke and the Pasadena Art Walk which took place in March:

36 teachers from both school districts and recreational dance clubs attended Billy's workshop. One teacher commented, "I loved this workshop. I couldn't consider myself a dancer, but I have so much more confidence. Thank you for the best day!" Another observed that Billy used the techniques he was teaching as he guided participants to dance. They learned first by doing, then reflected on the strategy. Participants enjoyed hearing the stories—historical & cultural background—about each dance. The presentation concluded with students completing an evaluation page. Scene readers who want to read all of the feedback may request it at

The Corner continues on page 7.

COSTUME CORNER

Researching Hungarian Costumes

Hungary is one place in Europe in which the men's costumes can be as elaborate and interesting as the women's. Indeed, I needed so much space to treat the Matyó men's costumes in the October 2024 issue of *Scene* that the Matyó women's costumes got moved to the next issue! Both those articles contain pictures of costumes from a small northern area, while Tilke's Plate 42 shows a typical man's costume *and* its construction from farther south in Hungary. (See Costume Corner, *Scene* April 2025, for the image, plus an explanation of Tilke as a remarkable costume resource.)

The chief sources for traditional Hungarian dress that I have used (i.e., that have been readily available to me) are two general books on Hungarian folk art, each with excellent sections on textiles and costumes. The first, *Hungarian Decorative Folk Art* (published by Corvina, Budapest, 1955; no author given), contains over 80 pictures of costume pieces, people in costumes, and folk art depicting costumed Hungarians. These occur mostly as the last section of the book, illustrations 130-208 (only the photos are numbered, not the pages). For an example, see *Photo 1*. But don't miss photos of costumed workers in earlier sections, as well as painted and carved depictions by earlier Hungarian folk artists (e.g., photos 79-85, 93-97, 104), such as *Photo 2*. Also, an informative text called "Woven and Embroidered Textiles" occurs on pp. 11-16.



Photo 1: Married girls from Kazár, Nógrád County, Hungary. (*Hungarian Decorative Folk Art*, photo 182.) After stating that this headdress is for holidays only, the description of #182 on p. 33 continues: "Over the chemise a cashmere shawl is worn. The skirt is also cashmere and is partly covered by a full linen apron embroidered at the bottom. Black top-boots are worn even in summer."



Photo 2: Heading for the section on folk carvings in *Hungarian Decorative Folk Art*, a sample of the many delightful carvings and furniture paintings showing Hungarians in local dress.



Photo 3, above: Winter festival with costumed participants, at Sióagárd, Tolna County, Hungary. (*Ungarische Volkskunde,* color plate LII.)

Photo 4, below: Girls watching elderly flute player, at Váralja, Tolna County, Hungary. (*Ungarische Volkskunde*, fig. 249, p. 478.)



The second book, or rather, tome, is *Ungarische Volkskunde* (Hungarian Folk Art), by Iván Balassa and Gyula Ortutay (co-published by Corvina/Budapest [first in 1979 as *Magyar néprajz*] and C.H. Beck/Munich, 1982). Don't panic: as I've said before, pictures are not in "language", and the 869 pages of this book are replete with pictures, often showing people wearing traditional dress as they do this or that kind of task. Many of the color sections from mid-book onwards show costumes or costume parts (especially Plates L-LXV: as an example, see *Photo 3*), while the main discussion of folk costume, *Volkstrachten*, is on pp. 329-395, full of black and white images, including construction diagrams. And don't miss the section on Hungarian music and dance starting around p. 475 to 501 (*Photos 4, and cover photo*). The book is in effect a marvelous encyclopedia of all the interlocking Hungarian folk arts.

—Elizabeth Wayland Barber

POETRY CORNER

THE MOON AND THE MARMOT

I see you hiding up there, moon
Half your chin gone, acting surprised,
Your face the color of the foam
On this rowdy river
Heedlessly throwing itself
down sheer drops,
Squeezing into little clefts
Boisterous, bounding, blissful.

Across the rascally river is a marmot Golden in the moonlight Standing tall and bold Front paws brought together He appears to be praying How do I know he's not?



Camille Dull

TURKEY May 6th – 22nd and ARMENIA May 23-June 8 (tentative dates) in 2026 with TINEKE & MAURITS van Geel and AHMET DEMIRBAGH



Ahmet Demirbagh is a renowned dance researcher, recognized across Turkey, and the founder of folklore teacher training in Turkey. A direct flight from Istanbul to Yerevan, Armenia offers a great chance to explore both countries. Separate bookings for each tour are also available. A detailed tour schedule and registration details will be shared in autumn 2025 on www.tinekevangeel.nl

<u>info@socalfolkdance.org</u>. Special thanks to Jessica Jackson-Uy who was extremely instrumental in promoting the workshop to teachers in Claremont USD!

At Pasadena ArtNight March 14 Toti O'Brien designed the booth, arranged rehearsal, made an oral presentation and guided audience participation in recreational folk dancing. Toti reports that the folk dancing presentation at the Red Hen Press was repeated 4 times throughout the evening, and that each time most folks in the audience joined the dance line. Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op cosponsored the folk dancing demonstration and Kate Cook, publicity chair for the Co-op, assisted Toti. The Federation received a grant from the City of Pasadena to showcase recreational folk dance. Thanks, Toti, for writing the successful grant application then designing and leading the first Pasadena ArtNight presentation!

An invitation by Easter Seals of Bellflower to take part in their month-long focus on international content as part of their adult day care program led to me sharing Romanian Hora Mare dances on April 11. Keeping in mind that a Hora Mare is the dance in which all members of a community participate I chose several favorites then planned for folks with varving abilities. Some strategies that led to a joyful morning: Participants viewed brief videos of contemporary communities dancing horas in Romania on their screens before the dance session. (I sent the video links in advance). Music was slowed and steps simplified. I provided scarves and paper plates as props to increase participation by folks in chairs. The reward for me was seeing beaming faces as we danced in the parking lot outside the building. It seems that clients and staff enjoyed Romanian music as much as I do. If you become aware of an opportunity to share recreational folk dance in the community, please contact the Outreach Committee.

I'm looking forward to seeing photos in Scene of YOU wearing dance T shirts on any occasion in unexpected places. Let's keep up the habit as a means to promote recreational folk dancing.

This is the final edition of Scene coordinated by Jay Michtom. Michael Wright and Jay will jointly produce

the June/July issue. How can we show our gratitude to Jay for his many years of faithfully coordinating Scene? Please send your ideas NOW!

The next quarterly council meeting of the Federation is planned for Sunday June 22nd at 9:30 a.m. Election of officers will take place. To receive the zoom link contact me at info@socalfolkdance.org.

Diane Baker

Pat Cross and Don Krotser wear their Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op t-shirts to the "Hands-Off" rally, Glendale, April 5, 2025.



CALENDAR

MAY

- Weekends through May 19 Renaissance Pleasure Faire 15501 E. Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA · Ph: 626.969.4750 Tickets: https://renfair.com/socal/
- 2-4 Statewide 2025 Portuguese Hall in Arroyo Grande – master teachers Željko Jergan and Billy Burke, music by Chubritza https://scalfolkdance.org/statewide.htm
- 3-4 Rokdim Ba'Valley Spring Mini Camp with Yaron Malihi and Tamir Scherzer sign up at http://tinyurl.com/rokdimbavalley new location in Van Nuys, CA 91406. Info Miri at (805) 300-3372 or rokdimbavalley@gmail.com
- 3 Ojai World Dance Festival <u>www.danceojai.org/</u> <u>ojaidancefestival</u>
- 4 Kickoff of Jewish-American Heritage Month at Beverly Hills Farmers Market, with live Klezmer music with Mostly Kosher. 8 am 1pm https://beverlyhills.org/1245/Jewish-American-Heritage-Month
- 4 "May the Forth Be With You" Dance Party —South Pasadena Masonic Lodge,1126 Fair Oaks Ave, South Pasadena, CA, 91030. 2 pm. historical-teaanddance@gmail.com register at https://historicalteaanddance.org/
- 4 BACES (Bulgarian American Cultural and Educational Society) St George's Day celebration at Cheviot Hills Park Save the Date delicious traditional food, music, dancing and great company www.facebook.com/ events/9583738951690824
- 4 Greek Rebetiko Trio at Kypseli, at the Tango Room, 4346 Woodman Ave, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423, 5-9 pm, \$20 www.kypseli.events
- 10 Nevenka Concert and Dance at the Foshay Masonic Lodge in Culver City 7:30-9:30 pm, (doors open at 7), a short concert followed

- by 2 dance sets with musicians Pat Mac Swyney and Jake Bluenote from Pečurka, plus Jessica Ng and Leslie Yeseta from Nevenka, bassist Simeon Pillich and fiddler Benedict Brydern. www.nevenka.org/events/balkan-dance-party See ad and OTS.
- 16-18 *OC Greek Fest*, St. John the Baptist, 405 North Dale Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801 (714) 827-0181 https://ocgreekfest.com/
- 17 12th Czech, Moravian and Slovak Festival, 4975 Memorial Dr, La Mesa CA 91942 https:// www.facebook.com/events/1566328803952911/
- 18 Cerritos Folk Dance Festival hosted by Cerritos Folk Dancers. Sunday 1-5:40 pm, Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South St., Cerritos, CA 90703. Donation: \$12 (or \$10 if paid by 5/11/2025). No teaching/reviewing. Info: Wen Chiang (626) 500-5035, or CerritosFolkDancers@gmail.com See ad and OTS.
- 18 Topanga Banjo and Fiddle Contest King Gillette Ranch, 26800 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA, 91302 www.topangabanjofiddle.org/
- 22 Inspired Summer Outdoor World Music Concert Series with Čarşija LA. Performing Balkan Soul music. Curated and produced by Yuval Ron, presented by Inspired Sound Initiative and First Congregational Church of LA, 540 S. Commonwealth, Free Admission Free Secure Parking https://yuvalronmusic.com/calendar/inspired-summer-outdoor-world-music-concert-series-with-carsija-la/
- 23-26 Camp SheLAnu Israeli Dance Camp at Brandeis with choreographers Yaron Ben Simhon, Shmulik Gov-Ari and Dudu Barzilay www.campshelanu.com/
- 24-25 Valley Greek Festival St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 9501 Balboa Blvd, Northridge, CA Live music with Synthesi https://valleygreekfestival.com/

- 23 Scottish traditional band the Tannahill Weavers at Boulevard Music, Culver City 8 pm www.boulevardmusic.com/event/tannahillweavers/
- 24 Scottish traditional band the Tannahill Weavers at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 2020 Chestnut Ave. Carlsbad, CA 92008 7:30 pm https://sdfolkheritage.org/events/tannahill-weavers-2/
- 25 Croatian Independence Day Celebration 631 W. 9th Street, San Pedro, CA, 10 am 1 pm www.facebook.com/events/692919996425120
- 29 UCLA Music of Mexico Ensemble and Klezmer Music Ensemble concert, 7 pm (Free at Schoenberg Hall and streamed online) https://schoolofmusic.ucla.edu/event/music-of-mexico-ensemble-and-klezmer-music-ensemble/
- 30 UCLA Music of Turkey, Music of Korea, and Music & Dance of Ghana free in Schoenberg Hall and streamed online https://schoolofmusic.ucla.edu/event/music-of-turkey-music-of-korea-music-and-dance-of-ghana/
- 30 UCLA Armenian Music Ensemble free in Lani Hall and streamed online https://schoolofmusic.ucla.edu/event/armenian-music-ensemble/

JUNE

- 1 Turkish Festival, Shoreline Aquatic Park, 200 Aquarium Way Long Beach CA 90802 11 am to 5 pm socalturkishfest@gmail.com
- 1 Bruce Hamilton Dance Workshop -info historicalteaanddance@gmail.com registration form https://historicalteaanddance.org/
- 7-8 Downey Greek Food Festival 10830 Downey Ave, Downey, CA 90241
- 14-15 Covina Greek Festival 20340 East Covina Boulevard, Covina, CA 91724 (626) 967-5524 https://covinagreekfestival.com/

- 20-22 *Irvine Greek Fest*, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, 4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604
- 22 Pontian Glendi at Kypseli with Adem Ekiz Beskoylu and Ioannis Apazidis- save the date www.kypseli.events

JULY

18-20 South Bay Greek Festival St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church 722 Knob Hill Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 www.sbgreekfestival.com/

AUGUST

- 3 Bob Altman and Michelle Sandler's 30th anniversary party, Clubhouse 5, 24262 Punta Alta, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. 3:30 pm 8:30 pm Admission is free to all folk dancers, bring a dish for the potluck following the dancing at 7 pm. Live music with Interfolk, Sans Frontieres, and Zimzala. Anyone not a member of Laguna Woods needs to email Marilyn Michael 10 days in advance, with their full name and phone no., for gate access. marilynmichael829@gmail.com.
- 9 Derya Yıldırım and Grup Şimşek at Zebulon, 2478 Fletcher Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90039 - Anatolian folk with psychedelia, pop and soul influences. 7 pm https://dice.fm/event/k6b83q-derya-yldrm-grup-imek-9th-aug-zebulon-los-angeles-tickets

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

May 3 Voice of Roma Herdeljezi Festival, at Ashkenaz in Berkeley, co-sponsored by Berkeley Balkan Bacchanal. Daytime ticketed instrumental and singing workshops, Free evening panel discussion and dance workshop with Sani Rifati, Evening ticketed concert/dance party with Rumen Shopov and Ork. Merakli, and The Stevens Family "Gypsy Boys"

- June 28-July 5 *Mendocino Balkan Camp* https://eefc.org/balkan-camp/west-coast/
- July 5-12 Middle Eastern Music and Dance Camp 2025 Mendocino Woodlands, CA, USA www.middleeastcamp.com email: gamze@middleeastcamp.com
- July 20-Aug 3 Stockton Folk Dance Camp, Weeks 1 and 2 https://stocktonfolkdancecamp.org/ summer_camp/ See ad.
- Aug 1-9 Lark Camp at Mendocino www.larkcamp.org/

OUT OF STATE

- May 9-11 Lyrids Folk Dance Festival 2025, Željko Jergan and Joe Graziosi featured teachers. Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, 12460 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2J5 (same as last year), https://lyridsfolkdancefestival.org/. Catered meals, hotel in walking distance. Fragrance Free.
- May 16-18 IFC International Folk Dance Camp Circle Lodge in NY's Hudson Valley, featuring Daniel Sandu and Roberto Bagnoli Live music with Tom Pixton and the Arlington Trio. For more information: https://ifc-ny.com/ or contact Joan at DanceIFC@gmail.com
- May 16 19 Ontario Folk Dance Camp 2025 at the University of Waterloo with: Tom Roby Teaching English Country dances and Judy Silver Teaching Classic Oldies Balkan/Eastern European dances For more details: https:// ontariofolkdancecamp.ca/
- May 23 -25 Chicago Folk Festival 60th Anniversary, in loving memory of John Guo. Dance
 Teacher lineup: Ventzi Sotirov Master Teacher; Galia Miloucheva Kuo & Maria Kuo Ignjatov;
 John Parrish; Angelina Genova; Mady Newfield;
 Tania & Valentin Ivanov; Vera Zjalic; Konstantin Marinov; Kiril Zhelev; Paul Collins and Michael Kuharski and more. Music Teacher lineup: Chris

- Bajmakovich; Iliana Georgieva; Zoya Sotirova; Konstantin Marinov; Kiril Zhelev; Izaki & Sophia Metropoulos and more www.balkanskeigre.org/
- May 23-26 *Northwest Folk Life Festival* in Seattle https://nwfolklife.org/festival/home.html
- May 31 *Tamburitzans Concert* at Freedom Hall at Sun City Anthem, Henderson, NV www.thetamburitzans.org/events/ tickets/161264601
- June 12-15 *June Camp,* Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, IL, with Steve Kotansky, music with Tom Paxton, Ralph Iverson, & Brian Wilson http://sites.google.com/site/junecampifd
- July 10-13, New Mexico FD Camp, Teachers Richard Powers and Petur Iliev, at Montezuma Castle, United World College, Las Vegas, NM, www.swifdi.org
- July 11-13 45th Annual Door County Folk Festival in new location in Sturgeon Bay, WI https://dcff.net
- July 19 John Filcich's 101st Birthday Party (replaces 2nd Annual Filcich Folk Dance Festival), a night of music and dancing with Taman John Morovich & Talia McGill and Members of Chubritza 2116 N Killingsworth St. Portland, OR 97217 https://www.filcichfestival.com/



Cerritos Folk Dancers

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Sixteenth Anniversary Cerritos Festival

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Sunday, May 18, 2025 1:00 to 5:30 P.M.



<u>Cerritos Senior Center</u> 12340 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

Suggested donation: \$12 per person at the door (\$10 if prepaid byMay 11, 2025)

Finger foods to share are welcome, but not necessary.

Traditional or special costume will add splendid color to the party.

Each group is welcome to perform, lead, and/or request up to three dances.

(Let us know in advance to schedule your time.)

Info: 562-338-2298 Sue, CerritosFolkDancers@gmail.com, or chiangwenli@yahoo.com

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ON THE SCENE

CERRITOS FESTIVAL, May 18, 2025, 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Cerritos Folk Dancers (CFD) will host a festival to celebrate their sixteenth anniversary. The festival is to be held at Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703, from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

This event is sponsored by the Federation of Folk Dance, South, Inc. Attendees are expected to make a donation of \$12 per person, or \$10 if a prepayment is made before May 11, 2025. Finger foods or other treats to share with other dancers are encouraged. You are encouraged to wear traditional or special costume to the party.

Each folk-dance group may request, lead, and/or perform a dance. To do so, please send the music of your choice to the CFD to be scheduled in advance.

Info: (626) 500-

5035, <u>CerritosFolkDancers@gmail.com</u>, or <u>ChiangWenLi@yahoo.com</u>.

Wen Chiang

CONCERT AND DANCE PARTY BY NEVENKA Saturday May 10, 2025 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.)

At Culver City Foshay Lodge, 9635 Venice Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232

Nevenka will present a short concert, followed by two lively sets of Balkan tunes for dancing. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Nevenka will teach a few of the dances at the beginning of the set. Light refreshments will be served. Musicians include: members of Pečurka, Pat Mac Swyney and Jake Bluenote, joined by Nevenka members Jessica Ng and Leslie Yeseta, bassist Simeon Pillich and fiddler Benedict Brydern.

Limited street parking is available in the residential neighborhood near the Lodge. Concert goers can also use either of two inexpensive parking garages across Venice Blvd. on Cardiff and Watseka Avenues. (PLEASE be safe and use the crosswalks when crossing Venice Blvd.)

General admission is \$25 and tickets may be purchased in advance thru Eventbrite.

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Led by Lee Otterholt: Oslo, Gothenburg, Helsingborg (Elsinore), Copenhagen.

IRELAND: Aug 2-14

Led by Lee Friedman and guided by Kay Cleary: Galway, Connemara, Aran islands, Kerry, Cork, Blarney, Dublin.

SPAIN: Sept 11-24 Malaga, Ronda, Cadiz, Seville, Cordoba, Granada

South America

PERU-Nazca and Peruvian Amazon ext: May 21–30.

Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Puno, Sacred Valley, Lake Titicaca, Peruvian Amazon, Nazca

ARGENTINA: Chile ext: Oct 5-15 Buenos Aires, Salta, Mendoza

BRAZIL: Nov 3-14 Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, Iguassu Falls

ECUADOR: Galapagos ext: Dec 1-14

North America

WESTERN CANADA: April 10-22 Calgary, Banff, Vancouver EASTERN CANADA: June 27-July 9 Montreal, Quebec, Halifax,

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RECENT EVENTS

LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

This is a belated report for Cerritos Folk Dancers' (CFD) Lunar New Year Festival held on February 15, 2025. We had a successful festival. Seventy-two attendees danced together under the same roof.

This year, we invited master teachers Lee Otterholt and Rebecca Tsai to teach western cultural and eastern cultural dances, respectively.

Some photographs and videos were taken to catch the memorable moments. If you are interested, you may take a look at them at the following link: 250215 – Cerrito Folk Dancers 13th Annual Lunar New Year Festival (East-West Workshop) (or https://photos.app.goo.gl/wzDwSih12dC4HDXQ9).

Wen-Li Chiang











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July 20 – July 27, 2025 July 27 – August 3, 2025

Come join us for one or both weeks of dancing, friendship, and fun at our inperson camp in Stockton, California

Check out www.stocktonfolkdancecamp.org for information and registration.

2025 Guest Artists

Sonia Dion and Cristian Florescu – Romania
Miroslav "Bata" Marčetić – Serbian
Gabriel Frontera – Spanish Couple
Richard Schmidt – Polish Couple
Roo Lester – Spanish Basque
Ed Austin – Classic Dances
Stacy Rose – Contras
and our amazing band

Tom Pixton, Ralph Iverson, and Brian Wilson

https://stocktonfolkdancecamp.org

CLUB DIRECTORY

Most groups welcome beginning dancers. The groups with an * below have sessions specifically for beginners.

For changes, additions, or deletions email directory@folkdancescene.org

Federation Clubs

Bay Osos Folk Dancers: Tue 11:00-3:00. South Bay Community Center, 2180 Palisades Ave, **Los Osos**. 818-203-5812 wburke.dance@gmail.com Billy Burke, BayOsosFolkDancers.org.

Cabrillo Folk Dancers: Tue 7:00-9:00. Balboa Park. Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American, SAN DIEGO. (858) 459-1336 gbsham@gmail.com Georgina, 858-766-1095 michaelleonardcreditor@gmail.com Michael-Leonard Creditor, https://sites.google.com/site/cabrillodancers

Cerritos Folk Dancers: 1st-4th Tue 5:00-7:45 Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South St, **CERRITOS**. (626) 500-5035

chiangwenli@yahoo.com Wen Chiang

Conejo Valley Folk Dancers: Wed 7:30-9:30. Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 W Hillcrest Dr, THOUSAND OAKS. paula.davis@bucknell.edu, Paula, https://www.facebook.com/ groups/265181362778249

Fantasy Folk Dance Club: Sun 3:00 - 7:00. St Thomas Aquinas Church, 1501 S Atlantic Blvd, MONTEREY PARK. vincentyhcheng@gmail.com 626-429-9008 Vincent Cheng. Sat 10-noon. Langley Senior Center, 400 W Emerson Ave., Monterey Park. (626) 673-2184 Peter Lin

Folk Dance Center: Wed 9:30-11:30am, Sat 7-10. Oasis Wellness Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Dr, La Mesa. jcknappster@gmail.com John, www.folkdancecenter.org

Int'l Folk Dance Club - Laguna Woods: Tue 10:00am-12:00. Clubhouse 1, 24232 Calle Aragon, LAGUNA WOODS. (949) 939-0604 Marilyn Michael Yurk. First-time dancers call Marilyn for gate clearance. www.lagunawoodsvillage.com/amenities/clubs/dance-club-international-folk

Kypseli Greek Folk Dancing: Occasional Sunday live music events. 310-508-9676 Anne Sirota. www.kypseli.events

Laguna Int'l Dancers: Wed 6:00-8:30 at Clubhouse 2, 24112 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Woods. Fri 1:30 -4:00 at Clubhouse 7 24111 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Woods. Sun 6:00-8:00 on Zoom. leeotterholt@yahoo.com Lee. www.lagunainternationaldancers.com

Narodni Int'l Folkdancers: Thu 8:00-10:00. Woman's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St, **Bellflower.** (562) 410-6964 julithilona@gmail.com Julith Neff www.narodni.org

Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op: Fri 7:30-9:30.
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1757 N. Lake Ave, Pasadena. For current info contact: www.pasadenafolkdancecoop.org; 626-808-0361, info@pasadenafolkdancecoop.org Mari Werner

Prescott Int'l Folkdancers: Sun 2:00-4:00. Prescott Boys & Girls Club, 335 East Aubrey St, Prescott, AZ. (928) 925-8995 Dick Weston Prescott.intl.folkdancers@earthlink.net. www.prescottinternationalfolkdancers.org/

Rainbow Senior Club: Sun 2:00-5:00. Joslyn Senior Center 210 N. Chapel Ave, ALHAMBRA. (626) 456-1900 ksun310@yahoo.com Kevin Sun.

Solvang Village Folk Dancers: Thu & Sat 4:00-8:00. Buellton Recreation Center, 301 2nd St, Buellton. 3rd Sat 1:00-3:00. Jensen Square, Corner Alisal & Copenhagen, Solvang (805) 688-3397 dlh4362@gmail.com David Heald

Ventura Int'l Folkdancers: Tue&Thu 1:30-3:00. 2nd Sun 1:30-3:30 (may change due to conflicts - check with Valerie). Ventura YMCA, 3760 Telegraph Rd, Ventura. Non-members check with Valerie first. (805) 746-0884 dancing.valerie@gmail.com Valerie Daley. www.facebook.com/profile.php? id=100067987230157

Vintage Israeli Dancing: One Sat per month 8:16-12:00. Danzmundo World Dance & Fitness Studio (DWDFS), 16733 Ventura Blvd., #13, ENCINO. (310) 351-2166 jrbythec@aol.com Jim Rothman. www.vintageisraelidancing.org

West Valley Folk Dancers: Fri 2:00-4:00. Canoga Park Sr. Ctr. 7326 Jordan Ave. Canoga Park. (818) 979-5030. jaymichtom@yahoo.com. Jay Michtom, psw20@icloud.com Paul Waller, WestValleyFolkDancers.org

Exhibition Groups

Karpatok Hungarian Folk Ensemble: United Hungarian House, 1975 Washington, Los Angeles. (805) 341-9640 sissykf@earthlink.net Sissy Keresztes-Fischer.

Www.KarpatokFolkEnsemble.com

Krakusy Polish Folk Dance Ensemble: Wed 8:00-10:00, Fri 7:00 - 9:00, Sat 2:30-4:00. Our Lady of the Bright Mount, 3424 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles. (626) 827-7338 elistarrr@yahoo.com Elizabeth Romuzga. Www.krakusy.com

Scandia Dancers: Thu 7:30-9:30. (714) 356-7745 sholzman1@verizon.net Stefanie Holzman

Westchester Lariats: Mon 4:00-9:00. Holy Nativity Church, 6700 W. 83rd St, Los Angeles. 310-913-5736 elizvalla@gmail.com Elizabeth Kane. Www.WestchesterLariats.org

Associate & Non-Federation Clubs

Caltech Folkdancers: Tue 7:30. Caltech Campus, Dabney Hall, parking on California Blvd. or Throop Church, 300 Los Robles, **Pasadena**. (626) 797-5157 Nancy Milligan. **Not currently dancing**

Claremont Israeli Dancers (assoc): Mon 7:00-10:00 Masonic Lodge, 272 W. 8th St, CLAREMONT. (909) 921-7115 Yael. www.meetup.com/israeli-folk-dancers/

Desert Dancers: Thu 7:00-9:00 Nov-April. Hi Desert Dance Center, 725 S. Gateway St, **RIDGECREST**. (760) 371-5669 Nora Nuckles

Desert Int'l Folk Dancers(assoc): Thu 3:00-5:00 Nov-Apr. Community Room, Mizell Center, 480 South Sunrise Way, **PALM SPRINGS**. (760) 342-1297 Helen Smith

Friday Night L.I.F.E.(assoc): Fri 8:00-11:00. LA DanceFit Studio, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd West L.A worldance1@gmail.com Sherry Cochran. www.lifebalkandancers.com

*Foothill Folk Dancers: Thu 8:00-10:00. Nourishing Spirits Center @ St. George's Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd., LA CAÑADA (818) 790-8523 JanRayman@charter.net www.Foothill.Dance *Israeli Dancing @ AJU-Natalie & Pat: Mon 10:30am-1:00, noon-1:00(Beg); Thu 10:30am-11:30. American Jewish Univ Dance Studio, 15600 Mulholland, L.A 818-642-3585 Pat Jordan Israeli Dancing-Yoni Carr: Mon 7:00-11:30 Beginners at 7:00. Infinity Sport Dance Center, 4428 Convoy St. SAN DIEGO. (619) 227-0110 Yoni

Kolo Festival(assoc): Thanksgiving weekend. San Francisco. bill@kolofestival.org Bill Cope. kolofestival.org

San Diego Folk Dancers: Mon 7:00-9:00. Balboa Park, Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Way, SAN DIEGO. 858-722-0489 Yueugenia@yahoo.com. Chin Yu

Santa Barbara Balkan Folk Dancers: Wed 8:00-10:00PM. Oak Park Stage, corner Junipero and Calle Real, Santa Barbara. soriasusan@gmail.com Susan Soria, or michalcathy@cox.net (805.895.4885) Michal Lynch

Santa Barbara Int'l Folk Dancers: In-person but schedule is in flux. Contact Michal Lynch for info michalcathy@cox.net, 805-895-4885.

Southern Nevada Int'l FD: Thu 4:00-6:00.

Ballroom Addiction, 2301 Renaissance Dr., Las Vegas, NV. hugagiraffe@cox.net Eileen Hug UCLA Ballroom Club & UCLA Int'l Folkdancers: Cultural, Historical & Ballroom: Thu 7-9. Kerckhoff Hall Room 135 Westwood. RSVP required HistoricalDance@yahoo.com

*Westside Daytime Folkdancers(assoc): Wed 12:00 -2. Culver City Senior Center 4095 Overland Blvd, Culver City. 2nd & 4th Sat 7:00-8:30. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1260 18th St., Santa Monica sandysmail1000@gmail.com, (310) 391-7382 Sandy Helperin

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