

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ MARCH

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
March 2, 9, 19, 23, 30

Ethnic Sunday: March 12, 2:30 PM

➤ APRIL

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
April 6, 13, 20, 27

Ethnic Sunday: April 9, 2:30 PM

➤ MAY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
May 11, 18, 25

****NO dancing May 4!*****

Ethnic Sunday: May 14, 2:30 PM

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies.
- Intermediate class AND a beginners' class, Mondays at 7:30 PM, Shroyer Road Baptist Church

- Beginners' class, Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, Rosewood Arts Center, Kettering

CITYFOLK Contra Dance (Pavilion) – 8:00 PM (teaching 7:30). **Come early to waltz**, 6:30-7:15. \$6, 12 & under free.

March 3, Keith Cornett with the Timberwolves. **April 7**, Kenny Wilson with Brittany Bay. (Last contra till fall.)

Israeli Folk Dancing – Student Union, Wright State University. 7:15 - 9:15 PM. Sunday March 19, April 23, and May 14.

Contra Dances – Mona Cannell, 7:00 PM on third Sundays, at the Pavilion.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties. 8–11 PM. March 25, 'Disney's 50th', April 22, 'Earth Day' (last party till fall). Details at robertsnider.com/BalkanNight.

Annual Columbus Midsummer Dance, 2-9 PM June 18th, White Star Farm.

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Do you have your CD of dance syllabuses yet? See Leslie!!



March 2006

The News



✿ Busy May! ✿

✿ MAY 5-6: TRI-CITY FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL
at the 46th Buckeye Dance Convention

There's too much going on at the Convention to list – get a flyer! There will be dance halls accommodating square, round, contra, country/ western line, and folk dance. Vendors will be selling all sort of merchandise beginning at 5 PM on Friday, and at 10 AM Saturday. There will be prizes and surprises.... Dancing from 6 PM to 10:30 PM Friday (the MVFD demo is at 6 PM, the dance party starts at 7:30). Dancing from 11 AM to 10:30 PM Saturday (workshops begin at 1:30 PM, the style/fashion show is at 5:15, the dance party starts at 8). Live music with Vatra Živa on Saturday evening in the folkdance room, where MVFD will host dancers from Columbus and Cincinnati.

Admission is \$30 for the weekend (\$15 Friday only, \$25 Saturday only). Since it's the Tri-City Festival, MVFD will contribute \$10 toward each of our members' registration! Remember to wear smooth-soled shoes, since the dance areas at the Convention Center are carpeted. See Leslie or Bill if you have any questions, or check out www.dayton2006.com and www.DaytonFolkDance.com/mvfd/tricity.html.

✿ MAY 13: SPRING KOLO PARTY

This year the South Slavic Club's Spring Kolo Party will feature the Bill Skimos Orchestra from Fort Wayne, Indiana. For great food (doors open at 7:00 PM), dancing (beginning at 8:00), and company, come to the Czech Club on Saturday the 13th!

✿ MAY 19-21: A WORLD A'FAIR

It's that time again! Some thirty cultural groups' music, dance, costumes, food, art, and more will come together under one roof. It's Dayton's biggest international festival, with nonstop entertainment on two stages beginning at 6 PM Friday and 12 noon on Saturday and Sunday. As usual, MVFD will be doing some demos and informal teaching – see Joanne Dombrowski to volunteer. New and special this year: Join the **Balkan Cabaret** orchestra (with Mary's wonderful singing) for a memorable dance party **Saturday night** on the informal stage, 7:30-10:30 PM!

🌸 The Rocky Rocky Chair

We all owe thanks for a great job done to the outgoing program committee of Janifer Tsou, Jessica Blackburn, Beth Mast, Wendy Chou, Rose Vernon, and Sharon Hsu. Thanks also to the new volunteers who take over the Program Committee duties in March: Joanne Dombrowski, Mei-Hwa Neal, Angie Thompson, Bebe Whitley, Lorraine Fortner, and Maureen Moloney.

As usual, a lot of things are going on this spring. Maybe you can join us in some demonstrations and other new-member recruiting activities. You do not have to be the world's best dancer. In fact, new dancers may be reassured by seeing a mixture of abilities, which shows how much fun dancing is for everyone.

The six-week UD Folk Dance class begins March 21 (Tuesdays, 9:30--11:30). In May we have the Buckeye Convention, with workshops, request dancing, and a dance party, all combined with our annual Tri-City get-together. The next big thing will be A World A'Fair demos, followed by our Open House.

Here's something (thanks, Ghillies!) to tell those you invite to dancing: Of leisure activities that help mental abilities, dancing beat out "playing board games, playing musical instruments, doing crossword puzzles and reading." See an article on the study that came to this conclusion at <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/10753221/site/newsweek>.

—Bill Vernon

🌸 2006 Annual Meeting

MVFD's Annual Meeting was held on January 8th, and accomplished all the usual business. The committee reports and election produced some unruliness, but no major surprises. The proposed change to the Rules and Regulations was passed.

The Treasurer's report showed MVFD to be solvent, in large part because of a donation covering all excess expenses of last spring's workshop. The Chair's report revealed that membership has declined 20%, and we must actively recruit new dancers and help them feel comfortable. (Several avenues for finding them will be pursued.)

More cheerfully, Leslie Hyll received a well-deserved framed certificate of appreciation for the completion of her best-selling syllabus CD, which has received compliments (and orders!) nationwide. It was followed by the nomination of MVFD's Honor Dancer, a choice so touchy that it was referred to the United Nations. When they deadlocked in a multilingual tirade, the MVFD Council unanimously elected **Harry Khamis**. The international representatives consoled themselves with a tasty potluck.

🌸 MVFD Milestones

Alas, the only milestones received for this issue are sad ones: the deaths of **Madge Hart** and **Alta Balduf**. It's been some time since they were active, but they are still warmly remembered. Please send Ellen cheerful items for the June–August issue!

🌸 Welcome, New Member!

Bebe Whitley is our first new member this year. You may have trouble believing that she's "new", but her many activities and travels have kept her from coming regularly.

When you ask this busy lady her occupation, her response is "I work in Christian ministry in the area of restoring the arts, dance and pageantry from a Hebraic perspective."

This means that she has a triple interest in Israel, though. Not only is it part of her work, but she has been a part of several dance/drama tours there, and her daughter Melissa and her family live in Jerusalem.

Bebe's interest in dance performance is not limited to folkdance. She does ballet too, and has been part of several sacred-arts holiday tours in Israel. When she's not doing that, of course, we may see her here! But she always seems to be in motion – if it's not dancing, she might be biking, or out walking in the woods.

What does she list as her prime interest outside work and dance? Being a "safta" – Hebrew for grandmother. In addition to her Jerusalem family, Bebe has a son, Brett, living with his family in Nashville.

It's a good thing Bebe enjoys traveling; it's a wonder that Beaver Creek sees her at all! We should be flattered that she's chosen to spend what little spare time she has dancing with MVFD, even volunteering for the Program Committee. Thank you, Bebe, and welcome!

🌸 Reminder: No Dance! 🌸

There will be *no dancing* on **Thursday, May 4th** – the 46th Ohio Dance Convention is holding their Trail End Dance in the Pavilion then.

🌸 Looking Ahead

MVFD's annual demo at Wright State's international Friendship Affair will be on **Saturday, April 8th**, from 1-5 PM at the Student Union. See Ed Anderson to volunteer.

Benoit Bourque of Le Vent du Nord will give MVFD a mini-workshop on French-Canadian dance on **Thursday, April 20th**. Benoit plays accordion, sings, and dances too!

Balkan dance lovers: Eddie Cordray is proposing to take over the Applebee's near Woodman and Dorothy Lane for a post-World A'Fair party with Balkan Cabaret on **Sunday, May 21st**, from 8:30 to 11 PM. Let him know if you plan to come. We'll have them all to ourselves!

MVFD will hold its annual Open House on **Thursday, May 25th**. Please invite friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers – anyone you think might enjoy moving to music! Patty Gehring is planning a 'round-the-world program that will offer a sampling of the different sorts of dances we do, all at a level that newcomers can enjoy. Even if you can't think of anyone to invite, come and give our guests a feel for the fun and fellowship we enjoy every week. And Balkan Cabaret says if they're still in town then, they'll come too!