

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ SEPTEMBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
September 7, 14, 21, 28

Ethnic Sunday: Sept. 10, 2:30 PM

➤ OCTOBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
October 5, 12, 19, 26

Ethnic Sunday: Oct. 8, 2:30 PM
COME AT 2:00 PM for a mini-workshop
on Serbian and Croatian styling!

🌐 **International Workshop**, Oct. 29-30

➤ NOVEMBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
November 9, 16, 30 but **NOT 2 or 23 !!**

Ethnic Sunday: Nov. 12, 2:30 PM
COME AT 2:00 PM for a mini-workshop
on Macedonian style (fast & slow dances)!

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies.
Beginners' and intermediate classes,
Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet
Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall Rd., Beaver Creek.

CITYFOLK Contra Dance at the Pavilion.
8:00 PM, with waltzing at 6:30 and
instruction at 7:30. \$6, 12 & under free.

October 6, Cornpone with Kathy Anderson.
November 3, Critter du Jour with
Darlene Underwood.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Student Union,
Wright State University. Classic Israeli,
7:15 - 9:15 PM, Oct. 15 & Dec. 3; no
Sept. or Nov. Modern Israeli, 6:30-9:30
PM, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 10.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties.
8–11 PM, Sat. Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 25,
& Dec. 8 (Friday). Details at
robertsnider.com/BalkanNight.

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The News



International Folk Dance Workshop with Erik Bendix



⌘ October 28 & 29, 2006 ⌘

☞ Only \$40 if you register by October 15th for the full package! ☞

- ❖ **LEADER:** Erik Bendix has been teaching folkdance in both Europe and America since 1972. He has directed and choreographed for a variety of dance ensembles. His dance interests span Chinese martial arts, Mevlevi dervish whirling, Balkan village dance. and the nearly lost traditions of Yiddish dance.
- ❖ **SCHEDULE:** Erik's workshop will have three teaching sessions and a review session. The Saturday evening party will be an unusual treat – it will be held jointly with the South Slavic Club (at the Czech Club – directions supplied), with live music and delicious ethnic dinner/desserts! (And no smoking, these days.)
- ❖ **Saturday:** There will be **two teaching sessions**. Armenian dances will be taught beginning at 10 AM, and Greek dances beginning at 2:30 PM. (Lunch will be on your own, at 1 PM.) The Saturday evening **dance party** will be held at 922 Valley Street. **Dinner** will be available at 7 PM, and **Veseli** will play beginning at 8 PM. Erik will review dances between the band's sets.
- ❖ **Sunday:** The **teaching session**, on dances of Albania, will start at 10 AM. The lunch break will start at noon, and the afternoon **review session** will run 1 to 4 PM.
- ❖ **FOOD:** Only snacks (though plentiful) will be provided.
- ❖ **REGISTRATION:** Contact Patty Gehring to register. Please use the registration form on the flyer. It's \$36 for all the workshops (and syllabus) and \$46 for the workshops plus the live-band party – but if you **register by October 15th** it's only **\$30 for the workshops** or **\$40 for the whole package!** Of course there will be registration at the door for each session too.

✿ The Chair Says

I hope you enjoyed our hot season of special dancing: the Midsummer Night's Ball, the Hanny Budnick mini-workshop, the annual picnic, the Modern Israeli Workshop, and the demo at The Oaks of Kettering nursing home. We can look forward to more: The Friendship Force meeting on Sept. 17th is a chance to introduce folk dancing to a group interested in everything international. We are also involved in an effort by DIFI, which puts on The World A'Fair, to increase its community outreach by putting on a dance program for La Mendola School of Huber Heights.

At our Fall Workshop Oct. 28th–29th, Erik Bendix will teach Greek, Armenian, and Albanian dances (Patty Gehring, chair). Our March 24th Tri-City get-together will be a Bulgarian workshop featuring Daniela Ivanova and Angel Nazlamov (Ed Cordray, chair).

The next Council meeting is Oct. 1st – please let us know about anything you would like us to act on. And set aside New Year's Eve for our party! We again have reserved the Pavilion, and plan to invite our friends The Flying Ghillies and Živio to join us.

—Bill Vernon

✿ Milestones and News

Early members of MVFD will remember **Tracey Rasmer**, who now lives in Wheeling, WV. Her mother **Ruth** died August 17th.

Harry Khamis danced in Sweden in August at the "medal testing," earning his sixth diplom. He also danced with Suzanne Rizer so she could earn her bronze medal.

Ann Mosconi and her son **Mark Pidgeon** spent a great week at Balkan Music and Dance Camp. They say to please ask them about the experience!

Bebe Whitley e-mails from Israel that the situation in the north keeps people close to home, but life in Jerusalem is otherwise quite normal – at least if you consider life with a newborn and an energetic 2 ½-year-old adventurer with a very vivid imagination to be normal... Bebe will visit Prague in September and spend the second half of October with a mission group in Africa before returning here.

Also in Israel, in early June, were **Karin Hirschkatz** and her daughter **Elana**. They report a truly wonderful trip on which they met people from all over the world – many religions, many languages. Photos, stories, and info available for the asking!

Virgil and Eileen Rehg are back from an early celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary: 2 weeks in Greece and Turkey, 1 on land and 1 on a sailboat on the Aegean visiting 7 islands and seeing ruins! They heard much music (including Syrtaki), but were told that only men danced in Greece!

Bette Kelley provides a medical report – she's recovering nicely from the operation on her detached elbow tendon – and an itinerary. She is due to spend a couple of weeks in Croatia with Ljubica Ilić Downing studying embroidery, then survive the Rhythm in Shoes concert at the Victoria featuring her costumes before leaving for Texas to babysit her 1-year-old granddaughter. Home in October for a bit. Last but not least, **Eddie Cordray** and **Leslie Hyll** celebrated their 15th anniversary on September 8th!

✿ Welcome, New Member!

Rebecca Cress-Ingebo is proof that outreach events do make a difference! While she wrote an article about John Pappas years ago, it was one of the U. of Dayton folkdance classes that Bill Vernon and others have been teaching that brought her to MVFD and international dancing.

Rebecca is no stranger to dance, however. Not only was it her minor in college, she teaches both ballroom and country/Western dance. She is involved in liturgical dance, and has made occasional excursions into Israeli folkdance. MVFD has merely introduced her to a few new countries. (She speaks French, and is German and Anglo-Irish by heritage, but there's always Croatian...)

We would probably see more of Rebecca if she were less of a Renaissance woman. Her non-dance interests include gardening (she has completed the Master Gardener program), painting, photography (including photo-journalism), and Literary Club. These are all in addition to being an R.N. and licensed massage therapist, of course!

Rebecca lives in Beavercreek with her husband David (who can be seen at dancing on occasion) and their daughters Lori and Erika (ditto). We're very pleased whenever she makes it over to Kettering and joins us!

✿ Extra Chances to Dance

Not a demo, but a community outreach effort: MVFD plans to appear at the **Sunday, Sept. 17th** meeting in Union of a group called the **Friendship Force**, and share lots of easy dances with them. Friendship Force

is an adult foreign exchange club, obviously internationally minded, and this will be a sort of open house. The evening will begin with a covered-dish potluck at 5:00 PM, followed by dancing at 6:00. They would love it if we wore costumes! If you can come, please let Leslie know. She also has costumes available to lend to anyone who doesn't have one.

And the very next day, **Monday, Sept. 18th**, the Flying Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers are sponsoring an **Introduction to Scottish Country Dancing**. It will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at their new dance venue, the Mangan Banquet Center at the corner of Grange Hall and Dayton-Xenia Roads. Join them for a *free* evening of beginner-friendly, no-partner-needed dancing! Bring a pair of comfortable, soft-soled shoes for the beautifully restored wood floor. Light refreshments will be served. Directions are available at www.rscdscincinnati.org/FlyingGhillies.html.

Come a half-hour early on Ethnic Sundays for mini-workshops that will help you learn why dances from various countries look and feel so different! We will start with Serbian and Croatian dance styles on **October 8th**.

✿ Coming a Little Later

Don't forget the weekend of English, American, and Scottish dancing in Worthington (Columbus) on **October 20th–22nd**, with Bare Necessities playing. Check www.bigscioty.com/shaw.html for details, or write Sue Wartell at swartell@cas.org.

☛ *Don't have your syllabus yet?*

See Leslie! ☛