

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ JUNE

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

June 7, 14, 21, 28

☞ **Ethnic Sunday is replaced by the MVDC Honor Dance, June 10, 1:30 PM**

➤ JULY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

July 5, 12, 19, 26

☞ **NO regular Ethnic Sunday – but we might do something special on July 8!**

➤ AUGUST

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

☞ **Ethnic Sunday is replaced by the MVFD Picnic: August 12, 2:30 PM at Indian Ripple Park!**

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies. Intermediate classes, Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall Rd., Beavercreek. Beginners' classes will resume in the fall.

Cityfolk Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion. Friday, Sept. 7. Waltzing, 6:30 PM; contra instruction 7:30, contra dance, 8:00. \$6, 12 & under free. Band and caller to be announced. Info on Cityfolk's first annual Flight of Fancy Dance Day, also in September, is on the Web.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Student Union, Wright State University. Classic Israeli, 7:15 - 9:15 PM Saturday June 10, July 29, and August 26. Note that basic Modern Israeli dance will be taught on Tuesday evenings at the Boonshoft CJCE beginning in June; details available from Janifer Tsou.

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The News



☼ **Never a Dull Moment!!** ☼

- ❖ **Sunday, June 10: Miami Valley Dance Council Honor Dance.** At the Pavilion, honoring our own Louise Van Vliet! 1:30-5:00 PM.
- ❖ **Sunday, June 17: Midsummer Dance Party & Potluck.** At the Red Barn at White Star Farm, near Columbus. 2:00-9:00 PM. Details at www.geocities.com/RFDofColumbus/party-details.
- ❖ **Friday, June 22: Yellow Springs /Antioch Folk Dancers.** An evening of golden-oldies folk dancing., honoring YS dance legends Billie and Dick Eastman. Write scrubjay@fuse.net for more info.
- ❖ **Friday June 29 – Sunday, July 1: CITYFOLK Festival.** At the RiverScape Metropark. More activities, new and old performers, fireworks – and it's all free! Starts at 6 PM Friday, 1 PM Saturday and Sunday. Check out www.cityfolk.org/festival/festival.html.
- ❖ **Saturday, June 30 – Sunday, July 1. Algerian Dance Workshop with Amel Tafout.** MVFD is co-sponsoring this workshop, to be held at the Pavilion, with Caravan Workshops. Flyers are available, and the schedule is posted on our website.
- ❖ **Friday, July 27 – Sunday July 29: Sixth Annual Dayton Celtic Festival.** Also at RiverScape, this will include Scottish and Irish dancing. From 5 PM Friday, noon Saturday, and 11 AM Sunday. Check www.unitedirishofdayton.org/Festival for a schedule.
- ❖ **Friday, August 10 – Sunday, August 12. 24th Annual GermanFest Picnic.** *Note new location this year: the Montgomery County Fairgrounds!* Attractions and schedule can be found at <http://daytongermanclub.homeip.net/liederkranz/picnic.php>.
- ❖ **Sunday, August 12: The Annual MVFD Picnic!** 2:30 PM, at Indian Ripple Park again this year. Details inside.
- ❖ **Sunday, September 2 and Monday, September 3: Israeli Dance Workshop.** At the Pavilion will be Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann, who taught at the last two Labor Day Israeli workshops. Harry Khamis will have details before long.

Creakin' On

Please come out and support the Honor Dance on Sunday, June 10! We will be honoring Louise Van Vliet, the Miami Valley Dance Council's Honor Dancer for 2007. There will be square, round, and folk dancing. The cost for the afternoon is advertised at \$4.00, but MVFD is subsidizing the admission for members – you'll get in for only \$2.00, so there is no excuse not to come! This is a great opportunity to show off our club to the rest of the Dance Council, and maybe make some new friends.

One caution: please do not get into a square dance if you have not had several months of square dance lessons! Square dancing is not something to jump into – you'll drown. At some point, the caller may tell us there will be a "tip" for non-square dancers; and then we can all join in.

Also, plan on peeking in on the unusual workshop we're co-sponsoring on June 30 and July 1. The instructor is from Algeria. I'm looking forward to the Berber dances Saturday afternoon. See the flyer for info.

If you're traveling this summer, why not look for folk dancing? It's a great experience to dance with other clubs, other people, learn from other instructors, etc. A publication called the "Folk Dance Phone Book and Group Directory" lists groups around the world; I'll put a couple of copies out on the counter. You could also attend a folk dance camp or cruise. Check the counter for flyers, or check the web for info. Whatever you do, just keep dancing!

—Leslie Hyll

Milestones and News

Ashley Webb has graduated from Centerville High School. (Yay Ashley!) She's starting a job at Kroger soon, and will take classes at Sinclair.

Bill Vernon has a mystery novel about to be published! Called *Old Town*, it features a man trying to prove himself innocent of murdering the owner of some farmland near Xenia that was the site of a Shawnee Indian village in the 18th and early 19th centuries, now threatened by a housing development. For more, see Bill's website, www.geocities.com/bvernon@prodigy.net/oldtown.html.

Christie Bealer and **Janifer Tsou** will be leading a Modern Israeli dance class most Tuesday evenings at the Boonshoft Center for Jewish Culture and Education in Centerville, beginning June 12th. Oriented toward novices, it will replace the Modern (not the Classic!) Israeli Sundays at WSU.

Two new members!

Christie Bealer doesn't manage to make it to MVFD very often, but it's always a pleasure to see her – and now she's a member! Her previous dance experience was in ballet, modern, and Israeli folk, and she's interested in Middle Eastern dance too. (We'll hope to expand her horizons still more.)

Christie is currently studying dance at Sinclair (towards a certificate), and hopes to go into children's dance education – dance, exercise, and creative movement. She has already taught Israeli dance to children in enrichment classes and Jewish day camps. Christie's degree from Miami U. is in English literature and journalism, and

she has some newspaper experience, but she's currently at home in Kettering with her two children when not in class. Hannah, 16, plays violin at Fairmont and writes for the school newspaper (must be in the genes). Dusty, 10, is coping with Asperger syndrome and reveling in as many sports as he can find time for.

See the Milestones for one more thing Christie fits into her busy life. We hope MVFD gets equal time!

Our other new member this quarter is **David Ingebo** (yes, husband of Rebecca Cress-Ingebo). Everything we said about Rebecca applies – lives in Beavercreek, daughters are Lori and Erika – but he's an engineer / program manager for a government contractor. He offsets his work with photography, camping, and motorcycling.

And, of course, dancing! His past includes country and western and even ballroom dancing, but with Rebecca and MVFD on his case he's getting interested in European folk dances, especially the Norwegian and Swedish ones of his ethnic heritage. We trust that as his knee improves he'll become a regular at MVFD.



Still More Chances...

→ Hajde will be playing Bulgarian, Macedonian, and Greek dance music in Indianapolis at 8 PM on **Saturday, July 14**. Ann Mosconi hopes some Dayton dancers might like to make the trip and encourage the audience (a diocesan convention) to dance! Write AnnaLaLoca@aol.com for info.

→ *Advance Notice*: Cityfolk is trying something new: A Flight of Fancy Dance Day. To be held at the Pavi-

lion from 1:00 PM to midnight on **Saturday, September 22**, it will feature afternoon classes on waltzing, squares, and contras for both beginners and experienced dancers. The evening will begin with waltzing and swing, followed by a contra/square dance with progressively more challenging contras. Check out the Cityfolk website for the callers and tickets!

→ *Advance Notice II*: Jim Rohal is organizing a celebration of Marnie Squire's life to be held on **Saturday evening, September 29**, at the Pavilion. Save the evening – details to come.



It's Picnic Time

Remember, the August Ethnic Sunday slot (the 12th) will be filled by MVFD's annual picnic. Meet us at the shelters in Indian Ripple Park (off East Stroop). Bring food to share, plus meat for yourself. MVFD will supply the music, grill, and drinks. Dancing begins at 2:30; dinner will be at 5:00.



Opet blagodarja ti!

Once again, we all thank Eddie Cordray for bringing us a delightful set of workshops in March. Daniela Ivanova held a singing workshop for more than a dozen people on Friday night, then ran us ragged with dances easy and challenging all day Saturday! With only a dinner break, she then led reviews and still more new dances to start off the evening party. Fortunately, accordionist Vlado Mollov was equally talented and energetic; he provided us with live music at our pace to learn her dances to, and then everything from Bulgarian pop to American swing to dance to later. An exhausting but great weekend, with some dances we'll be doing for years!