

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ MARCH

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

March 6, 13, 20, 27 (*mini-workshop*)

No Ethnic Sunday on the 9th – it's the MVDC Honor Dance, 2:00-5:00

☛ See front for details of the MVFD Spring Workshop, March 27-30!

➤ APRIL

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

April 3, 10, 17, 24

Ethnic Sunday: April 13, 2:30 PM

➤ MAY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Ethnic Sunday: May 11, 2:30 PM

Other Regular Events

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

CITYFOLK Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion. Waltzing, 6:30 PM; contra instruction 7:30, contra dance, 8:00. \$6, 12 & under free. **March 7**, Mike White with Jim's Red Pants. **April 4**, Susan Moffett with Hot Club of Derbytown. **May 2**, Barbara Ramlow with Cornpone.

Israeli Folk Dancing – No Israeli dancing at Wright State. Please try the new classic/modern group that meets 7-9 PM most Tuesday evenings (Mar. 11, 18, 25; Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29; May 13, 20, 27) at the Boonshoft CJCE, 525 Versailles Drive, Centerville. A beginners' class is starting! Details available from Janifer Tsou.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties. 8–11 PM. Themes: Sat. Mar. 22, Irish green; Sat. Apr. 26, Easter pastels. Details at robertsnider.com/BalkanNight.

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The News



As Promised: Oldies but Goodies!

MVFD's Spring Workshop is taking shape! Leslie is in frequent correspondence with the two instructors, Ron Houston and Alix Cordray. We have the Pavilion, we have a schedule (March 27–30), we have dances. All we need now is for you to volunteer for one of the many small jobs that make a weekend event like this run smoothly!

- ❖ **Schedule:** We start Thursday and run through Sunday.
 - **Thursday evening:** The instructors will teach the beginners' class, and there will be a special oldies program.
 - **Friday evening:** Nancy Hyll will host a dance-oldies sing-along at her house from 7:30 to 9:30PM.
 - **Saturday morning and afternoon:** Two full workshop sessions, 9:30 AM to noon and 2–5 PM, at the 1950s price of only \$5 per session! Culture corner at 1:30.
 - **Saturday evening:** Catered dinner at 6 PM (*reservations are due by March 20th!*), a second culture corner at 7, and a dance party beginning at 8 featuring reviews and requests – also for only \$5!
 - **Sunday morning and afternoon:** Again, two full workshop sessions, beginning at 10 AM and 2 PM. You guessed it, only \$5 each! That's **\$25 for the entire weekend!**
- ❖ **Dances:** Line/circle dances will include Arap, Bucimiš, Hiotikos, Five-Figure Cacak, Kostursko, Sarajevka, Sardana, Shiboletth Basadeh (circle), Tin Tin Tini Mini Hanim, and Vrni se Vrni. Partner dances will include Gay Gordons, Good Man of Ballangigh, Der Lauterbacher, Polka Alegre, Reel of the 51st Division, Sauerlander Quadrille, Stabberinglaender, Tango Waltz, Tompany, and Vossarul And there may be more!
- ❖ **MVFD volunteers are needed** for everything from taking money at the bazaar to making cookies to mopping the floor. **Please sign up to do your part!**



The Chair

The chair is as creaky as ever, but hasn't had much time to worry about that because she's been busy planning so many events! Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization – many thanks to those of you who have agreed to serve on committees this year. There are also several opportunities to volunteer to help with the Honor Dance and the 55th Anniversary Workshop. Many hands really do make light work (and lower the stress level). Please step up soon and tell us where you can chip in!

—Leslie Hyll

Mini-Workshop

Don't forget to thank Eddie and Leslie for arranging a great mini-workshop in January with Daniela Ivanova! We had a chance to review dances from her previous workshop *and* learn a few new ones.

We're the Hosts Again!

Once more, the Miami Valley Dance Council's honor dancer is an MVFD member – our own Carolyn Stovall! We are happy to host the MVDC Honor Dance, 2 to 5 PM on March 9th. Come show the other MVDC members – square and round dancers – what folk dancing is all about! Only \$2 for MVFD members.

Our Honor(ed) Dancer

Carolyn Stovall's flying feet carried her first to the Transylvania University Folk Dancers, and then in 1961 to the Miami Valley Folk Dancers. By the late 1970s, Carolyn had assumed a leadership role within MVFD, and she has remained active there ever since. That's 46 years with MVFD, during which the club grew significantly as a result of her dedication.

At MVFD, Carolyn has served in various offices and on assorted committees, usually several times each. From 1997 through 2003 she singlehandedly organized and taught MVFD's beginners class. In the 1990s, she became involved with the Miami Valley Dance Council, and served four terms as Secretary. Carolyn has taken a special interest in the Pavilion; helping to save it when it was threatened by proposed improvements to the Community Golf Course. She was also a member of MVDC's 1995 Ohio Buckeye Dance Convention Committee.

Carolyn's leadership has not been limited to MVFD and MVDC. She also danced with the Živio Slavic Dancers for years, and spearheaded a drive to save the Dayton International Festival in the mid-1990s. Perhaps most important of all was her leadership as a Huber Heights elementary-school teacher. For over 10 years, she included recreational dance as part of her students' physical education curriculum.

Carolyn's contributions of time, organization, knowledge, and talent have been significant. Whenever she sees something that needs to be done, she does it! Her enthusiasm for all kinds of dance has been much appreciated by the organizations she has worked with and by all the people she has encouraged to dance. MVFD is honored to have Carolyn Stovall as a very-long-time member, and proud that she has been selected as the 2008 MVDC Honor Roll Dancer!

Milestones and News

Cassie and Midge Hall will be featured in Clark State's production of *Pride and Prejudice* April 18-20. Cassie plays Georgiana Darcy and Midge a dancer. Rick Rutan is the choreographer and Dona Hyll assisted during the dance auditions, so this is something of an MVFD event! In Kuss Auditorium – don't miss it!

Coming Chances to Dance

→ **The South Slavic Club's Spring Kolo Party** will be held at the Czech / Slovak Club on **May 3**. Come hear the Šarena Tamburit-zans of Cleveland, see the first performance of Živio's new Bulgarian suite, and enjoy great food (doors open at 7:00 PM), dancing (beginning at 8:00), and company.

→ MVFD will have at least one demo/participatory dance session during **A World A'Fair, May 16-18**. The schedule isn't set yet, but please see Joanne Dombrowski to volunteer for this community outreach opportunity! We will also need people to man MVFD's table in the entry area – see Lee Moser to sign up for the time of your choice.

Open House

MVFD will hold its annual Open House on **Thursday, May 22**. Please invite friends, relatives, co-workers – anyone you think might enjoy moving to music! The program will offer demos and a sampling of the different sorts of dances we do, all at a level that newcomers can enjoy. And come yourself!

2008 Annual Meeting

This year MVFD's Annual Meeting was held on January 8th, a Thursday. The short report is that we are solvent, we have new officers (see the back), and thank goodness Carolyn Stovall showed up so that we could surprise her with her nomination as Honor Dancer! (She earned it through arm wrestling and other tests of dance-relevant abilities.)

Bazaar Donations Needed!

MVFD requests that you donate "gently used" ethnic and folk items to the club, for sale at our *Folktique Boutique* during the spring workshop. All proceeds will benefit the club. Clothes with ethnic or dance-related designs, dance clothing and shoes, actual costumes (including reproductions), and accessories of all sorts would be most welcome!

Original folk records/tapes/CDs/ videos would also be great, as would dance syllabi. Postcards and books (including travel) would be appreciated, as would folk art, craft items, costumed dolls, and other souvenirs.

The Folktique Committee (chaired by Louise van Vliet) will accept donated items beginning Thursday, March 27, and no later than 2 PM on Saturday. (Please consult with Louise as soon as possible if you have something special you wish to try to sell on consignment.) The committee will put prices on the items. You may reclaim your things on Sunday afternoon if they have not sold by then; otherwise, the committee will find them a new home.