

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

at each dance, to help at the "front desk", with refreshments, welcoming newcomers, or cleaning up a little afterward.

Five minutes (or longer if you can) of several people's time would be very helpful!

You can ask for details at the front desk at any dance.

Regularly Scheduled Dances

If you are bringing new dancers to the dance, please bring them for the beginners lesson at 7:30pm.

"1. Beginning Dancer: knows nothing.

2. Intermediate Dancer: knows everything; too good to dance with beginners.

3. Hotshot Dancer: too good to dance with anyone.

4. Advanced Dancer: dances everything, especially with beginners." - Dick Crum

BASTS = Bring A Snack To Share**

(Snack suggestions: cookies, pretzels, chips, bite size fruit or other finger food.)

These dances may take a month off during the summer - or not; check before driving a long distance.

There are dances in Palm Springs each first Saturday.

There is a dance in Davie each second Saturday.

There is a dance in Melbourne each third Friday.

Website: <http://cocoabeachcontra.org/>

There is a dance in Delray Beach each third Sunday.

Please be advised that the Pompey Park (Delray Beach) managers have asked us to refrain from wearing any type of shoes that would leave dents or scuff marks on the wooden gymnasium floor.

Website: www.mydelraybeach.com.

There is a dance in Palmetto Bay each month, currently on the fourth Saturday.

Use the 'RIDES' list if you want to carpool to Contradances.

Bacon is the Bondo of the kitchen: it can go anywhere. - Duff Goldman

This newsletter's home page is:

http://groups.google.com/group/South_Florida_Contradance

Neither a man nor a crowd nor a nation can be trusted to act humanely or to think sanely under the influence of a great fear. - Bertrand Russell

Our companion group is at

http://groups.google.com/group/soflacontradance_rides_etc

The first question I ask myself when something doesn't seem to be beautiful is why do I think it's not beautiful.

And very shortly you discover that there is no reason. - John Cage

Miscellaneous Notes:

"Our society is run by insane people for insane objectives.

I think we're being run by maniacs for maniacal ends and

I think I'm liable to be put away as insane for expressing that.

That's what's insane about it." -John Lennon

Florida Snowball

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All registrations must be received in advance of the weekend.

Registration for the Florida Snow Ball officially opens

on Saturday, September 11th.

Go to www.floridasnowball.com to download a registration form

(The form should be on the site on Friday, September 10.)

No walk-ins will be admitted to any of the sessions.

The deadline for early registrations is December 19, 2010.

Early registration is \$90.

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If you must cancel, a refund minus \$10 will be granted before January 2, 2010.

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See the website for more info.

Friday- Sunday October, 22-24

The Fall Ball will be held

at Pinellas Park Auditorium

with

Cis Hinkle and Perpetual eMotion.

Registration may still be open.

See the October notes, with a note from Stan Prince, below.

**Volunteer dancers, callers, musicians, etc.
needed!**

Bethesda Hospital Senior Fest

Wednesday, Oct 27th from 10am to 2pm.

Please see the October notes.

Youth Flock To Contra Dancing

by Marika Partridge was on

NPR's **All Things Considered**

July 2, 2010.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128273050>

*What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.
There is a thing of which [someone] will say, "See this, it is new." It has already been for ages which were before us. - Koheleth*

Dance Web Florida

Don Pauley's pages, which cover all Contra, English Country, Ceili, and Scandinavian dancing in Florida.

Also links to Scottish, International and many more dances and Folk Music.

<http://dancefl.us/contra/index.shtml>

*No matter that we may mount on stilts, we still must walk on our own legs.
And on the highest throne in the world, we still sit only on our own bottom. - Michel de Montaigne*

September Notes:

KARMIEL USA

Labor Day Weekend

- September 3 - 6, 2010

15th Annual Israeli Folk Dance Weekend

"The Mountain" Highlands, NC 28741

Directors Dany Benshalom & Ruthy Slann

Ruthy: kibbutz@slann.com - 864-650-2009

www.mountaincenters.org/index.html

www.slann.com/ruthy

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, September 4th,

Contradance in Palm Springs!

Dance 7:30-11:00pm.

Beginners, we start with a half-hour for you;

it's extremely helpful.

\$5 - ages 6 - 18,

\$10 - age 19 or older.

Band: Los Caballeros con Pantalones del Fuego

Caller: Andy Shore

This is a BASTS dance, so...**

if you would like to have a snack at the break time,

please bring one to share.

Village of Palm Springs

Leisure Activities Building

226 Cypress Lane

Palm Springs, FL 33461

DIRECTIONS:

South on Congress from Forest Hill to Dolan;

Right (West) on Dolan about a half-mile;

Turn south on Cypress Lane.

At the Police Department, turn left, and

drive .2 miles through the parking lot,

veering or turning left (not right or straight) whenever there is an option.

The Leisure Activities Building (LAB) is at the end,

on the left, just beyond the 2 basketball courts.

Village:

www.villageofpalm Springs.org.

Map:

http://www.villageofpalm Springs.org/images/map_directional.jpg

The following is submitted by Merle:

Feel free to contact Merle if you want details from past years about this event.

561-308-8964 or meditation333@hotmail.com.

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, 9/4/2010 7:00pm - 12:00am

Sunday, 9/5/2010 5:00pm - 10:00pm

THE PORCHDOGS

Cajun/Zydeco Dance and Show band.

Fun to dance to.

Johnny Longboats Oceanside Restaurant

2401 N OCEAN DR,
(SINGER ISLAND)
RIVIERA BEACH, FL
Phone: 561-249-2795
(Updated by Harvey Rosenfeld)

Saturday mornings, beginning 11 September,
for six weeks - no class 09 October.

WRITING CLASS:

"The Writer in You"

- covering nonfiction and fiction writing, but no poetry or plays.

\$40 for the 6 weeks, payable first day of class,
make checks out to the instructor.

Cynthia MacGregor, the instructor, has had almost 60 books published,
mostly nonfiction, some fiction, for both adults and kids.

Location:

Village of Palm Springs
Leisure Services Department Building
226 Cypress Lane
Palm Springs, FL

- for general questions *not* specific to the class

Â (e.g. driving directions) call the Palm Springs Leisure Services Department
Â 561-964-8820.

- to register, or for questions specific to the course,
call Cynthia MacGregor, at 561-963-5199.

Saturday, September 11,

The Broward Contra Dance in Davie

Always Friendly and Fun!

Dance 7:30-11:00pm;

It starts with a half-hour beginners lesson;
it's extremely helpful.

\$10

Band: Loose Shoes

Caller: Brian Kushner

This is a BASTS** dance, so...

if you would like to have a snack at the break

time....,

please bring one to share.

Location:

Davie Woman's Club

6551 Orange Drive

Davie, Florida

Directions:

>From I-95, take I-595 West to Davie Road (NOT DAVIE BLVD). Head south about a mile, or a mile and a half, to Orange Drive. Go west [Right] one block and the club is on your right. Turn right and park in the first or second lot on your left. If they are full, park in the Davie Rodeo Arena lots, further up the block.

>From I-75 or the Sawgrass Expressway, head East on I-595 to Davie Road, follow above directions from there.

>From Florida's Turnpike (SR 91), take the Griffin Road exit just south of the I-595 exit. Go west on Orange Drive (on the north side of the canal from Griffin Road).

The club is 1.5 miles on the right, just past Davie Road.

From Marje Pollack:

September 10 - 12, 2010

25th Anniversary Mountain Playshop

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

Black Mountain, NC

Jim Gold Guest Teacher

- International Dances

Full-time \$95 (Includes all meals and facility fee)

Lodge (by room) \$180 (\$90/ night)

Cabin (by bed) \$50 (\$25/ night)

This new venue provides a significant improvement in food, accommodations and facilities.

More info: www.mountainplayshop.org

Mike/Mary Goodman 828-645-1543

From the Committee:

September 10-12, 2010

FootFall Dance Weekend

Fabulous music, exhilarating callers, enthusiastic dancers, and entertaining workshops,

at Timber Ridge Camp, in High View, West Virginia.

We have booked two wonderful callers - Adina Gordon and Bob Isaacs - so you know there will be quirky, put-your-track-shoes-on contras and some seriously wicked rollicking.

This year FootFall features three high-energy bands:

Night Watch, with Owen Morrison, Naomi Morse, and Elvie Miller, is in the forefront of the new generation of contra bands.

They blend northern and southern musical roots to create music that flows with improvisation based on rock-solid rhythm.

More at their webpage, <http://www.nightwatchacoustic.com/>

The Contraptions - Chloe Maher, Bill Quern, and Nora Smith - mix old-time, Irish, New England, and French Canadian music with spectacular results.

Visit their website at <http://www.thecontraptions.com/> and listen to their wonderful version of "Flying Home to Shelley."

The Love Mongrels - Orrin Star, Danny Knicely, Alexander Mitchell, and Ralph Gordon -

are a DC-based stringband featuring four pro pickers - dueling mandolins, fiddle and bass - making high-octane dance music.

You can hear a music sample at our website, <http://footfalldance.com> .

Gaye Fifer and Wayne Albright will present their always delightful and popular waltz tutorials.

Ted Hodapp and Lynn Baumeister will teach workshops in French odd-count waltz and hambo, and Ted will host the Saturday night Joke Show.

Melissa Running will lead three English Country Dance workshops, plus (new this year) a Saturday early-evening English Country Dance session - from 7:30 to 9.

A Kerry set taught by Owen Morrison.

International dance with master sound tech Jamie Platt.

A visit to the fossil pit, hosted by John Merck.

The ever-popular and informative FootSore workshop by camp doctor Susan Schmitt.

Singing workshops Saturday and Sunday morning.

Late night post-dance swims.

Cost per person is \$205, or \$150 for ages 14-25.

If you are interested in working as a *FootFellow* - either helping in the dining hall or as a sweeper,

please email us and let us know. *FootFellows* pay only \$120. [At this time,

remaining *FootFellow* positions are limited; if you're interested, contact them ASAP. CF]

Check our website, <http://FootFallDance.com> for more details.

If you've been intending to sign up but haven't yet, we thought we should remind you that there's an additional \$25 late fee for registrations received online after midnight Friday, August 20 or postmarked Saturday, August 21st or later.

So go to the website (admire the [schedule](#), drool over the [menus](#), look through the [photos](#)), print out the [registration form](#), find your checkbook, an envelope, and a stamp and get your paperwork in the mail.

Or do it the easy way - sign up from the website using [PayPal](#).

We'd love to see you in September!

If you have questions, send us an email,
or call the Registrar, Jerry Blum, at 703-978-2774 (10 am to 10 pm).

The FootFall Committee:

Jerry and April Blum,
Robert Cox,
Mike Fallon,
Jean McAulay,
Aimee Steussy,
Will Strang,
and Betty Wells.

[There is more information on their website. <http://footfalldance.com> CF]

The artist brings something into the world that didn't exist before, and he does it without destroying something else. - John Updike

Contra Dance in Melbourne!

Dance 8:00-11:00pm;

we start with a half-hour beginners lesson at around 7:30

\$10

Caller: Our own Louis F. Dow II (Miami)

Band: Robin, Norman and Roy (Melbourne)

This is a BASTS** dance, so...

if you would like to have a snack at the break time,
please bring one to share.

The Tropical Haven Community Center is a large room with a great wooden floor!

Get the details from their web site:

<http://cocoabeachcontra.org/>

If anyone is interested in a carpool to Melbourne, please use the 'Rides' list.

http://groups.google.com/group/soflacontradance_rides_etc

Or contact Lou directly at: lf dow@dowStudio.com

Directions from Google Maps:

Take I-95 N to exit 173, FL-514/Malabar toward Palm Bay(0.4 mi);

Turn right at FL-514 E/Malabar Rd SE (0.5 mi);

Turn left at S Babcock St/FL-507 N (5.6 mi);
Turn left at W New Haven Ave. (0.3 mi);
Turn right at Airport Blvd (0.6 mi);
Turn left at Eddie Allen Rd.;
Tropical Haven is on the left.

September 19th, Third *Sunday* afternoon

Contra Dance in Delray Beach

Please be advised that the Pompey Park managers have asked us to refrain from wearing any type of shoes that would leave dents or scuff marks on the wooden gymnasium floor.

Ladies please - no high heels or ballroom style dance shoes.

Thanks for your cooperation so that we may continue to enjoy this venue.

Contradancing in socks can be dangerous for the toes!

Dance 2:00-5:30pm;

We start with a half-hour beginners lesson;
it's extremely helpful.

\$5 - ages 6 - 18,

\$10 - age 19 or older.

Band: **On The Fly**

Caller: **Louis F. Dow, II**

This is a BASTS** dance, so...

if you would like to have a snack at the break time,
please bring one to share.

The gymnasium has a wooden floor!

City of Delray Beach-Parks & Recreation Department

Pompey Park Recreation Center

1101 NW. 2nd St.

Delray Beach, FL 33444

Website: www.mydelraybeach.com

Directions: Exit I-95 or Florida's Turnpike at W. Atlantic Ave (Delray

Beach);

Go east, past I-95, to the second (third?) stop light.

Turn left (north) onto NW 10th Ave and go two blocks.

This puts you right at the gymnasium parking lot.

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Conradance in Palmetto Bay

(south Miami~Dade)

Caller: Louis F. Dow, II

Music: TBA

at

Perrine Peters Methodist Church,

18301 South Dixie Highway

Palmetto Bay

Thanks to the effort of Liz Warriner,
the fine folks at Perrine Peters Methodist Church, sponsor another Contra
Dance!

The evening will start at 7:30pm with a newcomers walkthrough;
the main event is from 8 to 11pm.

Requested contribution is \$10 (or \$5 for students).

Do come down to join the fun!

Info: Elizabeth Warriner 786-242-0766 or,

on dance night, call John Hopkins at 305-803-7008.

Here's a map: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/PerrineContra>

October Notes: [Partial]

Friday- Sunday October, 22-24

The Fall Ball

at Pinellas Park Auditorium

Cis Hinkle and Perpetual eMotion.

www.tampabaycontra.com

From Stan Prince:

Here's the registration info for the Fall Ball.

**All registrations mailed or received on or before August 6 will be counted as having
been mailed on August 6.**

If you have any questions please call me at 727-823-2725.

Stan

The Fall Ball

Presented by Tampa Friends of Old-Time Dance
in the

Pinellas Park Auditorium
October 22,23, and 24, 2010

Featuring

Perpetual eMotion and Cis Hinkle

The Schedule:

Friday – 8-11

Perpetual eMotion and Cis

Saturday – 1-4

The Gadabouts with Eric, Joey & Stan

Saturday – 8-11

Perpetual eMotion and Cis

Sunday – 10

Bagels & Goodies and Coffee/Tea/Juice

Sunday – 11-2

Perpetual emotion and Cis

The price for admission to all five sessions is \$40.

Registration is limited to the first 130 registrations and will *not* be gender balanced.

If your registration is confirmed, you will be notified by email.

Housing options:

Motels close to the Pinellas Park Auditorium

La Quinta Inn, 7500 US Highway 19 N, Pinellas Park 727-545-5611

Country Inn & Suites, 8050 US Highway 19 N, Pinellas Park 727-545-5777

Mark Charles Motor Inn, 6200 US Highway 19 N, Pinellas Park 727-527-5651

Howard Johnson, 9359 US Highway 19 N, Pinellas Park, 727-577-3838

Wingate by Wyndam, 500 Lake Blvd, Clearwater, 727-299-9800

Days Inn St Petersburg Tropical, 2595 54th Ave N (off I-275), St Petersburg, 727-522-3191

Comfort Inn North, 2260 54th Ave N (off I-275), St Petersburg, 727-362-0075

Holiday Inn Express, 2171 54th Ave N (off I-275), St Petersburg, 877-410-6681

Comfort Inn & Suites, 875 94th Ave N, St Petersburg, 727-563-9100

Registration Form:

Name:.....

Address:..... **City:**.....**State:**.....

Email:**Phone:**.....

Name:

Address:.....City.....State.....

Email:Phone:.....

Please make your check payable to TFOOTD;
mail both the registration form and check to:
TFOOTD,
PO Box 21511
St. Petersburg, FL 33742.

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Wednesday, Oct 27th from 10am to 2pm **Bethesda Hospital Senior Fest**

From: Pat Deavers.

Bethesda Hospital is looking for a group of dancers, and a caller,
and perhaps musicians or good recordings, for our Senior Fest.
The date is Wednesday, Oct 27th from 10am to 2pm.

It will be held at Bethesda Health City,
Boynton Beach Blvd and Hagen Ranch Rd.

The hospital is looking for volunteers;

I think they'll pay for lunch.

They can't reimburse for time or fuel.

I don't know how many folks have free time during the day,
but your help will be appreciated.

Please respond to Pat Deavers at pjd@bethesdahealthcare.com

Thank you,

Pat

Further Ahead Notes:

[More information will be forthcoming, as, and if, it is received.]

From Esther Mazor:

Esther Mazor's New Year's Celebration

10 am Friday, **December 31, 2010** to 1 pm Saturday, **January 1, 2011**
with good friends, plentiful food, and a whole lot of folk, line and social dancing
at Embassy Suites Boca Raton

661 NW 53rd St, Boca Raton 33487

conveniently located West of the Yamato exit of I-95

Cost of \$200 per person, double occupancy, or \$255 for a private room

includes dancing, all meals, one night's lodging, taxes and tips.

To reserve a space:

Send your deposit of \$50 per person by **September 20** and full payment by **December 10.**

Please mail your check along with the completed form to:

Esther Mazor, 42 Fanshaw A, Boca Raton, FL 33434

For more information, contact Esther at 561-488-0664 or esthermazor@aol.com

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There will be a registration form for Florida Snow Ball 2011 in early September.

<http://www.floridasnowball.com/>

Topics for discussion:

No idea can be considered valuable until a thousand people have laughed at it. Lao Tzu

OUTREACH:

We need more people to attend our dances, so we can support our musicians and callers, and pay for the space we dance in. Now we have dancing twice a month in Palm Beach County, so we need even more dancers so that we can keep them both going. So bring friends and acquaintances; if they can walk, they can Contradance. We hope they will want to return.

If you are bringing new dancers to the dance, please bring them for the beginners lesson at 7:30pm.

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you CAN make words mean so many different things." "The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master -- that's all." -C. A. Dodgson

Thanks to Chattahoochee Country Dancers and Janet Shepherd:

Beginner lessons and other contra dance videos are on

http://www.conradance.org/html/what_is.php

See the links for "Contra Dance Videos".

Also, you may go to ContraUSA.com for videos,

and to Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conradance>

Or go to youtube.com and search for "Contra dance training"

* Crossover contra is contra dancing to non-traditional music such as Techno, Hip-Hop, etc.

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHCfEc534o> or vimeo.com/1786406)

Check out the following groups on Facebook

(if you are satisfied with their privacy policies):

"Tampa Contra Dance",

"Florida Snow Ball",

"Crossover Contra"*.

Does anyone know other good links to recommend to would-be Contradancers?

Warren has suggested a bi-monthly or quarterly evening waltz party/dance.

*There has been some discussion on the **SoFlaConradance_Rides_etc** group about this.*

One member has volunteered their house, but a date has not been set.

If anyone else is interested in hosting, please email to the list or The Chief Factotum.

Members may email to soflaconradance_rides_etc@googlegroups.com

To sign up, that group's home page address is:

http://groups.google.com/group/soflaconradance_rides_etc

It is a democracy, if you can keep it. - Benjamin Franklin

I had rather take my chance that some traitors will escape detection than spread abroad a spirit of general suspicion and distrust, which accepts rumor and gossip in place of undismayed and unintimidated inquiry. -Justice Learned Hand

For a list of all the ways technology has failed to improve the quality of life, please press three. - Alice Kahn

THE FINE PRINT:

Contra Dancing is strenuous physical activity. It is your own responsibility to make sure that you are in proper physical condition to engage in it.

South_Florida_Conradance provides information and announcements, about Contra dancing, and other items and activities of interest, mostly in South (East) Florida, as a service to the dance community.

It is sent out approximately weekly via a Google Groups mailing list to people who have expressed an interest in receiving the newsletter (opt -in).

Any views or opinions presented in this newsletter are solely those of the author(s) and you are not required to agree with them.

We have met the enemy and he is us. - Pogo Possum, quoted by Walt Kelly

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No protracted war can fail to endanger the freedom of a democratic country. -Alexis de Tocqueville

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Lawyers spend a great deal of their time shoveling smoke. - [Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr](#)

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Exit, pursued by a bear. - Wm. Shakespeare