

Spokane Folklore Society Membership

(All memberships will expire on August 31.)

I want to support the Spokane Folklore Society. Please accept my membership:

Check one: New Renewal Address Change Date: _____

Name: _____ Evening phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail*: _____

I would like to receive the following (check all that apply):

- Electronic newsletter only* Both a paper copy and an e-copy of the newsletter*
 Paper copy of the newsletter SFS E-list for notices about folk related events*

I have enclosed a check or money order for: (circle one)

\$65 Sustaining \$40 Contributing \$20 Individual \$15 Individual e-newsletter only* \$30 Family/Band

\$100 Corporate Membership—Company Name _____

An additional voluntary contribution of \$_____ to support community folk events.

I would like to volunteer to help with the following: _____

Return this form with your check or money order to:

Spokane Folklore Society | P.O. Box 141 | Spokane WA 99210-0141

You must provide a valid e-mail address to receive the newsletter electronically.

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FOOTNOTES

Serving folk musicians and dancers in the Inland Northwest

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Let the Fun Begin: Bring-a-Friend Contest

Show a friend or family member the fun of contra dancing! Or bring someone who hasn't danced for a while—our lines will be full, and you may win the prize—a \$50 gift card for anything at the Davenport Hotel. Earn points all through September when you:

- ⇒ Bring a new dancer or former dancer (did not attend last year): **5 points**
- ⇒ Bring a new dancer for the second time (last year counts!): **10 points**
- ⇒ When your new dancer becomes an SFS member: **25 points**

The person with the most points wins—prize to be awarded at the October 7 dance.

Contra Class Begins Monday, September 14

Learn the basic steps of contra dancing in the Contra Basics Class!

This class is for everyone who has wanted to try contra dancing or has been to a few dances or just wants to learn more dancing. Susan Dankovich, experienced caller and dance instructor, will teach the basic moves, rhythms, hand holds, swing patterns, and so much more. Each class will have some explanations and demos with lots of dancing to work out the kinks. All dances are called and chosen for ease while working up to more skill-filled sequences. Lively jigs and reels from Ireland and New England will be provided by Tashie Dial, accordionist extraordinaire.

Everyone is welcome. No partners are required. Smooth soled, non-sticky shoes are suggested. Comfortable, layered attire works best as we will be generating a lot of heat once we get moving!

Classes are 7:30-9pm, Mondays, Sept. 14 – Oct. 19 Single/\$30 Couple/\$45

Spokane Woman's Club at 1428 W. Walnut on the corner of 9th Ave. Enter by the west staircase.

Contact Susan at (509)533-9955 or sdanko@cet.com for more information.

Lady of the Lake Fall Camp Milestone

by Jerry LeClaire

You are all invited to the 35th Anniversary Party celebrating the beginning of Lady of the Lake Fall Camp this October 2-4. The party starts on Friday the 2nd around suppertime and runs until noon on Sunday at beautiful Camp N-Sid-Sen on the shores of Coeur d'Alene Lake near Harrison, ID. All you need to bring is your dancing shoes and clothes, a toothbrush, bedding, and a smile. Like the SFS dances, you don't need to bring a partner and you don't have to be an expert; everyone dances and nobody bites.

The first Fall Camp was organized by Penn Fix and friends in 1981. Penn had returned from school in Boston armed with freshly minted contra dance calling skills and boundless enthusiasm. Attendance that year was 38. Among the folks on the dance floor were people we still dance with in Spokane: Sylvia Gobel, Susan Dankovich, and Ken Garrison. Over the years Fall Camp has hosted musicians and callers who have become legendary, among them Bob McQuillen, Rodney Miller, George Marshall, Dave Bartley, and Betsy Branch, to name only a few. (cont. on pg. 2)

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SFS Mission

The purpose of the Spokane Folklore Society shall be to promote a broader community awareness and involvement in cultural folk traditions, such as music, dance, and other folk arts through such social and educational events as concerts, dances, festivals, workshops, lectures, demonstrations, and newsletters.
www.spokanefolklore.org

New Scheduler

Susan Dankovich starts scheduling this September. A full schedule of the fall session will be in the October newsletter. If you have any questions about the schedule or calling, contact Susan at (509)533-9955 (landline) or sdanko@cet.com.

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Copy deadline is the 15th of the month. Articles from the membership are welcome and appreciated! Copy may be edited for space or clarity.

SFS BOARD MEMBERS

President: Tashie Dial
Vice-President: David Keckalo
Treasurer: ?
Secretary: Sharon McGrew
Members at Large: Eric Johnson, and Leonard Parks.

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509-747-2640

Fall Music and Dance Camp

- ⇒ Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene
- ⇒ Lakeshore, trails, beach
- ⇒ Cedar cabins sleep 6-12
- ⇒ Camping available
- ⇒ Beautiful new dance hall
- ⇒ Multiple workshop sites
- ⇒ Delicious food with some dietary accommodations

And the staff:

- ⇒ Lynn Ackerson (contras)
- ⇒ Susan Dankovich (swing)
- ⇒ Greg and Jere Canote
- ⇒ Uncle Farmer

www.ladyofthelake.org

Calendar of Folky Fun

September

- 2 **Contra Dance in Spokane** 7:30—9:30 pm*
- 4 **Family Dance @ St. John Cathedral** Potluck 6:30, Dance 7—8 pm
- 7 **Fall Arts Preview @ Comstock Park**
- 8 **Silver Spurs practice begins:** contact Susan at (509)533-9966 or sdanko@cet.com for info
- 9 **Contra Dance in Spokane** 7:30—9:30 pm*
- 11 **Contra Dance in Sandpoint, ID** 7—10 pm @ Sandpoint Community Hall, 204 S. First Ave.
Band: Out of the Woods, Caller: Emily Faulkner
- 14 **Contra Dance Class begins** 7:30—9 pm*
- 16 **Contra Dance in Spokane** 7:30—9:30 pm*
- 19 **Contra Dance in Moscow, ID** 7:30 pm @ 1912 Center, 412 E. Third St.
- 21 **Contra Dance Class** 7:30—9 pm*
- 23 **Contra Dance in Spokane** 7:30—9:30 pm *
- 28 **Contra Dance Class** 7:30—9 pm*
- 30 **Contra Dance in Spokane** 7:30—9:30 pm *

* at the Woman's Club: 1428 W. 9th Ave, Spokane. Check our website for callers and bands

October 2-4 Lady of the Lake Fall Music and Dance Camp

Friday Family Dances Begin September 4

Live music, a great potluck, live music, and LOTS of laughter! Lines, contras, circles, squares and dances with funny faces are all taught by Susan Dankovich, experienced caller and dance instructor. Easy cultural folk dances are part of the mix. No experience or partner is required.

The Potluck begins at 6:30pm with dancing from 7-8pm. Free-will donations are enthusiastically accepted to pay for the band. Dance space donated by the Cathedral of St. John, 127 E. 12th, Spokane. For information call Susan at (509) 533-9955 or sdanko@cet.com.

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In 1981 the dancing happened in the dining hall but in recent years, thanks to the late Gerry Copeland, SFS and N-Sid-Sen, we dance in a world class dance hall.

Attendance has varied from 38 that first year to a high of 128, drawing from all over the U.S. In recent years it has hovered between 60 and 75 with a proliferation of newer weekend contra dances on the west coast and the addition of Lady of the Lake June Week and Family Week in August.

Fall Camp is the oldest continuously running contra dance camp in the Inland Northwest...and it's right in SFS's back yard! Check out ladyofthelake.org, sign up, and join us for a great weekend.



Lady of the Lake Fall Music and Dance Camp Oct. 2-4, 2015

- ⇒ Uncle Farmer (seen at left)
- ⇒ Lynn Ackerson, caller
- ⇒ Contras, swing, and so much more—see panel at left

SFS Needs a New Treasurer

By Eric Johnson

SFS direly needs a treasurer, since the present one wants to retire after at least 15 years. Any applicant should be familiar with Quickbooks Pro and non-profit accounting, and be under 60 years old (the existing people doing SFS accounting are 68 and well over 68.)

SFS also needs several very reliable younger volunteers to help set up the sound system at the Woman's Club and the Grange. The existing volunteers are either getting older (the primary volunteers are the same people doing the accounting) or have hurt their backs.

If you are interested and able to help us out, contact the people at the door or the sound table, or any other board member. Thank you.



For the Fall Folk Festival's
20th Anniversary

\$100 Prize

Contest Details:

- The design must include the words "Spokane 20th Fall Folk Festival 2015"
- Design should be in Vector format or be reproducible original artwork
- **No Photoshop submissions**
- Design should be no more than 4 colors
- A suggested shirt color may be included
- All entries should be submitted no later than Sept. 15th
- Send entries to ffftshirts@hotmail.com

Fall Folk Festival November 14 and 15

By Sylvia Gobel

The Spokane Folklore Society Fall Folk Festival is free to the public and features eight stages with traditional and ethnic dance and music performances along with workshops, special entertainment, crafts for children, and jamming. Traditional crafts and meals are also featured. The Saturday schedule features a live KPBX Radio show. A traditional New England Contra dance will close the festival on Saturday and Sunday.

The festival is designed to support our regional folk musicians. Many local folk artists are hidden gems well worth discovering. The festival features about 100 performing groups representing Celtic, bluegrass, blues, African, Asian, Middle Eastern traditions and more. About 5,000 people attend the festival each year.

Several hundred volunteers are needed to work the day of the festival. It is supported through donations from sponsors and individuals and the sale of \$5 buttons; it needs about \$25,000 dollars to pay for rent, sound equipment, craft supplies, publicity, printing, security, and required building staff. All performers and festival organizers donate their time.

Plan to drop by or spend the weekend or tune into KPBX 91.1 FM on Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm to hear the live broadcast.

For more information visit www.spokanefolkfestival.org or call (509) 828-3683.

While I'm at it, Thanks to the FFF Committee

The members of the Festival Steering Committee have been hard at work since January organizing the festival. Please say thanks and, even better, help them out by volunteering to work during the festival. We are especially happy to welcome new members Margaret Herron and Amber McGuire. We need several more people to join the committee to help keep this tradition going for another 20 years.

Thank You!

Happy Retirement, Nora!

After 10 years of scheduling the callers for the Wednesday night dances, Nora Scott has retired. She has organized, cajoled, and pushed us all into order with great patience and a firm keyboard.

Thanks for your devotion, Nora.

Susan Dankovich

A Big Thank You to all the folks who've helped set up and take down the SFS venues over the years! It's been greatly appreciated!

Eric Johnson

Support Folklore Society Business Members

Business memberships not only provide valuable support to SFS, but the businesses receive extra benefits. New business members are listed monthly in the newsletter and have links on our website:

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