

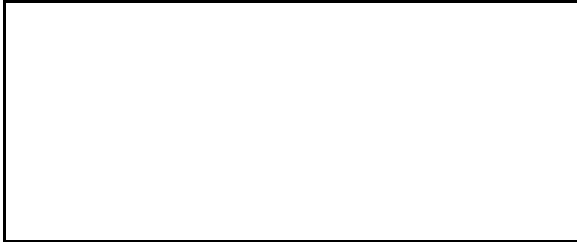
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Editor's Corner

Thanks to Steve Himel for coordinating this month's issue while Jay Michtom was on vacation.

The cover story this month is about the Koprivshitsa Dance Festival, which is held once every five years in the center of the Sredna Gora mountain range, about 90 miles southeast of Sophia. This summer, at the beginning of August, performers, vendors and visitors from Bulgaria, the neighboring Balkan countries and from all over the world will converge in this area for four days of dancing, music, culture, and arts and crafts.

Jatila and I are looking forward to being there in person. We have our plane tickets to Sophia (returning from Istanbul) and are looking forward to spending three weeks in a part of the world we have only read and heard about.

If are also going to Koprivshitsa this summer, we would like to hear from you when you return.

By the time you read this issue, Statewide 2005, Dancing Under the Palms, will be just around the corner, from June 3-5 in Palm Springs. Hope to see you there to enjoy a weekend of dancing, teaching, music and exhibitions.

Have a great summer of dancing. I know I will.

— Steve Davis

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Federation Corner



Wow! It has been an interesting and challenging year. The many officers and committee chairs have accomplished a lot. Thanks for electing me to a second term as your President.

We have a new (and recycled) slate of officers:

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We have a new Membership Directory

We have had tennew issues of Folk Dance Scene

We have had an exciting Camps Review weekend at Camp Hess Kramer

We have awarded scholarships to folk dance camps

We are planning an exciting California Statewide Folk Dance Festival in Palm Springs the first weekend in June.

Let me know if you have ideas or suggestions for events or activities to bring folk dancing to more of the people in our communities. I'm looking forward to another exciting year of dancing!

— Karen Wilson-Bell

KOPRIVSHITSA VISIT

With Ottoman Turks invading Bulgaria during the 15th century, refugees searching for a refuge found an isolated area in the Sredna Gora Mountains near the Topolka River. There are still stone fountains dating from this period. A stone bridge is named "The First Rifle Shot" to memorialize the Bulgarians firing the first shot against the Ottoman rulers on April 20, 1876. The early 1900's saw a prosperous community dealing in handcrafts and textiles. Many of the houses constructed during this time are now museums dedicated to the revolutionaries and public figures. The architecture is reminiscent of Turkish style, buildings are two-storied, wood carved ceilings, handsomely painted and surrounded by stone walls and high gates. Cobble streets lead from one spectacularly colored-house to another, the entire village a glorious medley, reflecting what we know and cherish of Bulgarian culture.

The forerunner of the Koprivshitsa Festival dates back to 1892 when Bulgarian Professor Dr. Ivan Shishmanov invited singers from all over the country to compete. In 1965 the First National Festival was held. Singers, dancers, storytellers, instrumentalists, and vendors gathered in Voivodenets, the foothills above the town and after that every five years beginning in 1971. Internationally known, you will see visitors from around the world here hyperventilating. It doesn't get better than this! The festival itself has eight stages scattered on the hillsides. There you will find singing groups, dancers, musicians and enactments of rites, customs and traditions, all supported by directors, managers and customers. It is a blaze of color. Instrument makers reveal their fine craftsmanship and local arts and crafts are found among the food stalls.

There are many children's groups (see right), along with village and amateur groups. Performers are chosen through a series of competitions. Musicians and dancers are billeted in a tent camp near the town, with the army supplying all the logistical support. What will be your lasting memory, however, will be this incredible setting, the music resounding over the hills, the blur of dancing and the fantastic assortment of costumes. With that comes the awareness of the pride and devotion the Bulgarians feel for their rich and wonderful heritage. It is a festival not to be missed

From a personal viewpoint Gerri, and I went to Bulgaria and Koprivshitsa in 1995 with Ray Tauber. On reaching the mountaintop we heard our names called and were greeted by **Caroline Simmonds**, a folk dancer who moved from Los Angeles to London, and

attending the festival just as we were. Out of five thousand people visiting the area she had spotted us, just proving what a small world we really live in.

The weather was sunny, bright, dry, and thirsty with friendly inviting faces around us. So inviting, in fact, we were encouraged in sign language by a group of Bulgarian locals in costume to share their watermelon, immediately setting a standard for what we were about to experience. We were in Folk Heaven! The stage programs were so beautifully sung, played, danced and performed. The rehearsals with one-on-one contact were at times as entertaining and indeed far more personal than the stages. For example, after a group of high school aged girls rehearsed in gorgeous costume, Gerri and I were literally surrounded by them as we managed to communicate warm feelings of friendship with questions and answers. They were excited by the name "Hollywood." **Miriam and Art Savage** had asked us to keep an eye out for Miriam's cousin visiting Koprivshitsa from New York. The description was "He's gray-haired, wears glasses and uses a cane." Sure, we'll spot him among the other one thousand who fit that description. As we strolled past a large monument in the village there was a man sitting on the bottom step who filled the description and when I went back to say "Hi is your name Abe?" Guess what - it was! We feel this Koprivshitsa experience to be unsurpassed in our more than twenty years of festivals and travels.

— *Bob Alexander, with thanks to Ray Tauber*

THE TOWN OF KOPRIVSHITSA

The town of Koprivshitsa is the best preserved architectural reserve in Bulgaria. The small town with cobble-paved streets and picturesque colorful houses from the 17-18th century is situated among spacious meadows and quiet forests with bracing air in the heart of Sredna Gora mountain, 110 km southeast of Sofia. Koprivshitsa straggles along either side of the River Topolnitsa and there is hardly a part of town that is not named after an episode or participant in the April uprising of 1876 during which the town played a crucial role. More than 380 of Koprivshitsa's houses date from this National Revival era, the most elaborate from 1842 to 1870. Six of them are now must-see museums.

Koprivshitsa also occupies an important place in the Bulgarian folk music calendar with its national music festival of musicians from all over the country taking place every 5 years. The town is a key point for hiking and sightseeing in the highest part of Sredna Gora.

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Dancers Speak

Running a dance program using the LPs was not too difficult, once you found the right groove on the right record, I am not sure exactly when, but the music from those records migrated, first to regular tape cassettes that recorded music on both sides. While they were much smaller, finding the right song was quite a task. It required rewinding the tape, setting the counter to zero, and fast forwarding to the right counter number.

With the introduction of short tape cassettes, someone found out that you could record a single song on each side of such a cassette. All you had to do is to fast forward to the end, which made the tape counter obsolete. Additionally, these tapes were white and you could write the song names on them with indelible markers, making the search for the right cassette easy.

However, progress moves on and CDs became the widely accepted method of recording music. Initially it was impossible to copy CDs, but now whole folkdance libraries of local dance clubs can be transferred to CDs. In addition to the ease of carrying the CDs, programming was just a matter of dialing the right number with a remote control unit. Introduction of MP3 further compressed the songs, squeezing whole collections onto one or two CDs.

Would you believe today, with the proliferation of the iPod type of miniature hard drive recorders, a whole dance club library can be stored in a device the size of a deck of cards!

What does the future hold? Will we have an implantable device, allowing us to just think of the song and instantly hear it in our brain? What would be very useful for me, is an implantable device that would remember the steps to the dances as well.

So what is the point? We are all guilty of copying music. Is it right or wrong? I will not be a fool and step in, where wise men dare not tread and delve into the recording copyright laws.

One thing I do know; our "Cohanim", the keepers of the folkdance faith, the teachers, and musicians invest an inordinate time and effort recording, learning and teaching the dances to us. It is only fair that we reward and support them. As they say, "Be a mensch" and buy their CDs and the material they sell. However, it is crucial for the future of our folk dance community that we support and nurture our "Cohanim", the keepers of the folkdance faith.

So buy their CDs!

— Lou Pechi

DRESSED TO DANCE! IV.

Going to a play a few months back, I was met by a fellow folkdancer who looked at my outfit and exclaimed, "You look ready to dance!" Actually, I'm always ready to dance in spirit, even if it's not possible to do so 24/7. Dancing is so much more exuberant and exciting than the daily schedule of work and chores, and I love wearing clothes that reflect this. In contrast, the muted, monochromatic colors and simple Spartan styles deemed by fashion moguls as those that often determine our everyday wear frankly bore me, and so do the price tags. So, a few years ago, looking over my burgeoning closet of folk items, I finally made the leap. Why not dress up in folk clothing everyday? For me these accessories vibrate with beauty and spirit - they are a living testimony of the skills and artistry of otherwise unrecognized craftswomen, and a legacy of the cultural diversity that is endangered by the steamroller of modern mainstream "western" civilization. My clothing also becomes a conversation opener with friendly strangers for my favorite topic: folkdancing!

When teaching folkdance, I wear pants so that all can see my leg and foot movements easily, but I also wear a colorful, embroidered folk blouse. To dress up quickly and easily on other days, though, I keep assembled outfits ready on hangers. The Salvation Army and other recycling enterprises are great and cheap sources for full skirts, either floral or of rich monochromatic colors such as red, blue, black, or forest green. Often a skirt has a loose waistband, stretched beyond its original elasticity. To fix that, I attach a small safety pin to one end of a 4-foot length of black brocade cord, open up a seam on the skirt that leads to the elastic pathway, and "thread" the pin and cord through the entire waistline, creating a flexible, drawstring skirt. Such skirts pair well with folk embroidered blouses, vests, and yes, even aprons. My wide belts hang nearby for ubiquitous daily duty: an underlying wide elastic black belt creates a defined waist and a firm flat surface against which I can overlay a festive belt without fear of it crumpling as I move.

The reaction to my outfits? Both men and women in public, on the street, in the store or at the play, will approach me to tell me how much they admire what I'm wearing. Sometimes they ask questions, and sometimes they are reminded of their own cultural heritage. And sometimes, yes, sometimes, we talk of folk dancing....happy folk dancing, wherever you are!

— Mel Harte

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Calendar

Note: Federation Events are in Bold.
CALL TO CONFIRM ALL EVENTS.

JUNE

- 1 *Yves and France Moreau teaching* at Cafe Danssa, 11633 W. Pico, West L. A.
- 3 Festival de las Americas, Universal Ampitheatre, 8:15. (213) 480-3232.
- 3-5 *Dancing under the Palms, Statewide Festival. Workshops by Yves & France Moreau, live music, dancing, exhibitions. Palm Springs. (626) 300-8138, Statewide@SoCalFolkdance.org.***
- 4, 5 *Greek festival*, St. George, Downey. Music, dancing, food. Info: (562) 862- 6461.
- 6 *Yves & France Moreau Workshop*. 7:00 – 9:00 at San Diego Folk Dance Center. 4569 30th St.
- 10,11,12 *Greek festival*, St. Demetrios, Camarillo. Music, dancing, food. Info: (805) 482-1273.
- 11 *Cafe Aman*, Live Greek music, 7:30, 11533 West Pico Blvd. Info (310) 478-7866.
- 11 *Grand Victorian Ball*, 7:30 at Throop Church Memorial Hall, Pasadena. Info: victoriandance.org
- 11, 12 *Greek festival*, St. Spyridon, San Diego. Music, dancing, food. Info: (619) 297-4165.
- 11-14 Daniela Ivanova Bulgarian workshops (OTS).
11 Veselo Selo, 2515 San Carlos Drive, Fullerton.
12 Laguna Folkdancers, 384 Legion, Laguna Beach, (714) 893-8888. See OTS.
14 Cal Tech, Throop Church Pasadena, (626) 797-5157.
- 18 *Caribbean Festival* at Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Info: caribbean.santabarbara.com.
- 24-26 *Summer Solstice*, dancing, music and storytelling weekend presented by Calif. Traditional Music Society. At Soka Univ, Agoura. Info: (818) 817-7756.
- 25 *Mariachi Festival*, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Mission San Juan Capistrano. Mariachi competition in the courtyard. Great Mexican food available.

- 13 Daniela Ivanova Bulgarian workshop in Santa Barbara, (805) 964-5591.
- 15, 16, 17 *Greek festival*, St. Katherine, Redondo Beach. Music, dancing, food. Info: (310) 540-2434.
- 16, 17 *Santa Barbara French Festival*, at Oak Park. French food, music, art, dancing, cars, poodle parade, huge Eiffel Tower! Free. Info: (805) 564-PARIS or www.frenchfestival.com.
- 30, 31 *Santa Barbara Greek Festival*, at Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Greek music, food and arts and crafts. Free. Info: (805) 683-4492.
- ## AUGUST
- 3,4,5,6 *Fiesta Mercados, Old Spanish Days*. At de la Guerra Plaza & Mackenzie Park, Santa Barbara. Market, concerts. Free. Info: (805) 962-8101.
- 12 Mid-Summer Party with the West L. A. Folk Dancers. Potluck snacks. 7:30 p.m. at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost, W. L.A. Info: Beverly (310) 202-6166. See OTS.**
- 13, 14 *Multi-Cultural Dance & Music Festival*, at Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Dance, music and food from around the world. Free. Info: (805) 966-6950.
- 26, 27, 28 *Greek festival*, St. Nectarios, Covina. Music, dancing, food. Info: (626) 967-5524.
- 27 *Korean Dance Festival*, 8:30 at Ford Amphitheatre, L. A. Info: (323) GO1-FORD, www.FordAmphitheatre.org.
- ## SEPTEMBER
- 3, 4, 5 *Greek festival*, Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Long Beach. Music, dancing, food. Info: (562) 494-8929.
- 9,10, 11 *Greek festival*, St. Sophia Church, 1324 S. Normandie, L. A. Music, dancing, food. Info: (323) 737-2424.
- 9, 10, 11 *Greek festival*, St. Paul, Irvine. Music, dancing, food. Info: (949) 733-2366.
- 10 *Pacifico Dance Company*, Mexican music and dance. 8:30 at Ford Amphitheatre, L. A. Info: (323) GO1-FORD, www.FordAmphitheatre.org.
- 10, 11 *Greek festival*, SS Constantine and Helen, Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Music, dancing, food. Info: (760) 942-0920.
- 15-18 *ziviLA Tambura*, 2005 Tamburitza Extravaganza. Instruction, dances, concerts, dinner, 20 orchestras. Info: Tom Yeseta (818) 954-1597, zivila.tambura@earthlink.net.
- 16, 17, 18 *Greek festival*, St. Anthony, Pasadena. Music, dancing, food. Info: (626) 449-6945.

Dancers Speak



THE "HOOTCHIE KOOTCHIE"

"I'll be your Tootsie Wootsie.

We'll dance the Hootchie Kootchie."

This line from "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louie" prompted a challenge from several dancers at the 2004 West Coast Ragtime Festival in Sacramento. Surely, as a dance historian, I should know what the "Hootchie Kootchie" was. And could I teach it? I had a notion, but wisely held my tongue until I could verify my notion lest I place my foot where my tongue is.

So I did verify it and here is the history of the "Hootchie Kootchie."

It all began at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair with shameless promoters attempting to separate the rubes from their hard-earned cash. At the time, Egypt and the Middle East was an unknown and exotic place, subject to the whims and imaginations of young men everywhere. At the end of the Victorian Age, when the mere sight of a lady's ankle was enough to set a man's pulse racing, the image of scantily-clad exotic dancers was enticing and forbidden fruit indeed. Irene Castle's bold move in shortening her skirts during the Castles' decade of fame changed all that, but that's another story. Back to the Hootchie Kootchie.

One of the most interesting of the dances of the Middle East was the dance of the Ghawazee of Egypt (performed above by the UCSB Middle East Ensemble Dancers). This closely-knit group was and is

essentially a tribe with a tradition among their young women as entertainers - as dancers and otherwise. Their costume consisted of a knee-length skirt with rows of fringe and a sequined bodice. Their dance was a wonder of shimmying hips and shoulders, accompanied by ringing zils, requiring intense training. The Ghawazee still work as entertainers to this day on Nile cruise boats.

It was the dance of the Ghawazee that promoters thought they were bringing to Chicago. Their dancer was billed as "Little Egypt," straight from the harems of the Orient. It must be remembered that in those days, the Middle East was considered to be the beginning of the Orient (thus, the "Orient Express"). Little Egypt was going to reveal all the wicked pleasures of the Orient and the sex-deprived males of middle America couldn't wait to see her dance, billed as - what else - the "Hootchie Kootchie." Tacky, indeed, but titillating to the early 20th Century male.

They must have been terribly disappointed; though showing some ankle and bare feet, the dancer was swathed in loose fitting, flowing garments not vaguely resembling the Ghawazee dress. We have no record of how Little Egypt performed the Hootchie Kootchie, but we are free to imagine it as being somewhat similar to Egyptian women's social dances, which are not for public performance.

So successful was the Hootchie Kootchie fraud that it continued afterward for many years in the traveling shows of burlesque and vaudeville. Peep shows appeared at county fairs throughout the country hawking the famous and deliciously evil Hootchie Kootchie. When "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louie" was written in the early years of the Ragtime Era, the Hootchie Kootchie was well-known as a term for a somewhat daring, naughty dance of one's imagination.

- Richard Ducee

DANCING WITH TWO LEFT FEET (5)



Do you remember the seventies and the old 33? big LP records we used to lug in large record boxes? Just the mention of them brings back memories of bell-bottom jeans and long hair. I still have a whole collection with titles such as: Silver String Macedonian Band, Nama Orchestra, Festival Records, Folkdance Underground, and many more privately issued by the various visiting teachers.

DANCING FOR SANITY

I'd like to share with you fond memories from the month of October in 2004. Although I've been dancing for a number of years, I had not had the opportunity to dance at the Fresno Autumn Festival which **Karen Wilson-Bell** has told me so much about. So on Oct. 16 and 17, 2004, my friends **Kay, Valerie** and I decided that, despite the rains, we would make the trip.

The three of us made the rendezvous early on Saturday morning at a parking lot on the Highway 5 pass "the grapevine", where we all carpooled with Valerie and finished the drive to Fresno. Our first need was lunch and we found a wonderful Basque restaurant and ate too much lunch before driving over to the California State University Fresno campus. We found instruction underway and were accepted in to the group and began to learn the couple dances that were being taught.

In the evening we returned to the campus to join in the evening party. Dancing with our Northern dance friends was a joyful experience. The dancing is held at the South Gymnasium of the campus and we found it decorated with folk art paintings of ethnic dancers and scarecrows in appropriate costumes for the Autumn Harvest theme. Most of the dances were part of our repertoire and the dancers were friendly and accepting. As is the custom among dancers, we followed behind the line when we did not know the steps. The festivities paused for a moment to celebrate the 100th birthday of **Ken Wight**. His story can be found in the October 2004 issue of "Let's Dance!" All of us wished silently to have the energy and strength of this gentleman when we get to his station in life.

At about 8:30 p.m. performances began. The first group, "Fresno Danish Dancers" was led by **Wilma Andersen**. The group did a suite of Scandinavian dances dressed in appropriate costumes. Then a Portuguese dance group called *Saudade Do Bravo* directed by **Anolfo** and **Elsa Avila** performed. This lively group came costumed and with their own band of enthusiastic musicians. When they were finished they invited audience members to dance with them. The evening continued after these performances.

On Sunday after the North-South Meeting and the Assembly Meeting dancing began again in the gym. At about 2:30 p.m. performance groups began again with a ladies group, "Arax Armenian Dancers" doing dances

in very beautiful ethnic costumes. Their director is **Zar Der Mugrdechian**. This group was followed by a young group called "Polaski Polish Dancers", director **Bob Kasmier**, with a suite of Polish dances.

But October did not end with the dance in Fresno. The month culminated with an anniversary event at the Hess Kramer Camps Review Weekend Oct. 29 to 31, 2004 in Malibu. The dance rooms and cabins are located along a sycamore lined riverbed with a rustic road leading to the cabin area. The staff at the camp cook wonderful meals to fit everyone's needs.

Because this weekend was on the traditional Halloween weekend, costumes were encouraged for the Saturday evening dance, costumes above and beyond the ethnic costumes folk dancers strive to wear. The Pasadena group, taking into consideration the anniversary theme, recreated their infamous 'Grapevine' costume with balloon grapes and genuine stems and leaves from grapevines tying them into a human 'vine'. We also saw an alien, an angel and a gaucho from the Southwest dance tradition. All these divergent folks gathered together to dance and party.

With around eleven different teachers to choose from, organizers found it a challenge to decide where and when to arrange the classes. Students then had the challenge of deciding with whom to learn and study. But we all surmounted these problems and came away with new dances to share with our home groups. We also celebrated 20 years that **Beverly** and **Irwin Barr** have headed the Hess Kramer Camp.

The weekend was full of learning, dancing, music, costumes, silent auction treasures, great food and super desserts, a wonderful time to make new friends and reacquaint ourselves with already known friends.

You may ask why is this person taking time and space to go over old stuff? Well last year, 2004, was for me, a year of turmoil and profound sadness that would have been hard to survive had it not been for dance. Folk Dance has been the life force, the movement-joy, the healing factor that has helped me. I'd like to thank all the close friends in my immediate dance community and in our larger folk dance community for being a part of my life then and now. I'd like to encourage all of our dance folks near and far to become a more intimate part of all Federation activities so that their influence can be felt in a real and lasting way in our goal of keeping the traditions of dance and culture alive.

— *Sylvia Stachura*

18 Dunaj Folk Ensemble perform traditional folk dances of Bavaria and the Tyrol. 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. at Oktoberfest Alpine Village, Torrance.

20 Zhen Folk Chorus perform with Hradistan Folk Orchestra from Czech Republic. 7:00 at Wayfarers' Chapel, 5755 Palos Verdes Drive S., Rancho Palos Verdes. Info: (310) 377-7919

22,23,24,25 Greek festival, St. John, Las Vegas, NV. Music, dancing, food. Info: (702) 221-8245.

24 Greek festival, SS Constantine and Helen, Lancaster. Music, dancing, food, (661) 945-1212.

25 Oktoberfest, Balboa Park, San Diego. Federation council mtg/ at 11:00 a.m.

27 Vivar Brasil Dance Company, 8:30 at Ford Amphitheatre, Los Angeles. Info: (323) GO1-FORD, FordAmphitheatre.org.

OCTOBER

15, 16 Orange County Ragfest. Fullerton. Info: www.Ragfest.com.

22 Avalon Ball, Avalon, Catalina Island. Full dress ball on the famous Casino Ballroom in Avalon. Dance to the music of the 20s and 30s. For information: www.avalonball.com.

28-30 Federation Institute Camp, at Camp Hess Kramer, Malibu. Info: (310) 202-6166.

30 Harvest Festival, Rancho los Alamitos, Long Beach. International folk art fair with folk dance performances and folk artists from countries around the world.

NOVEMBER

7-11 Cruise and Dance on the Paradise Cruise ship for 4 nights with Beverly & Irwin Barr and the West L.A. Folk Dancers, leaving from Long Beach. Info: (310) 202-6166.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

6/3-5 Razzmatazz Folk Dance Weekend. Mendocino Woodlands with Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion teaching Romanian dances. Édessa plus Joe Finn and Paul Johnson. For info: Marilyn Smith (707) 526-7552 or Phyris Tobler (707) 795-6926.

6/4, 5 Atef Farag, Egyptian dancer & choreographer in a two-day workshop and a memorable dance show in Redwood City. Info: www.HalaDance.com.

6/11-18 Scandia Camp, Mendocino Woodlands. Dancing and music of Vågã, Norway and Hälsingland, Sweden. Info: Ted Martin (714) 893-8888, TedMart@Juno.com.

6/18-25 Mendocino Folk Lore Camp. Mendocino Woodlands. Steve Kotansky, Balkan, Ayanna Contreras, Brazilian, Richard Hill, Cape Breton, (707) 795-6926, phyris@mendocinofolklore.com.

6/25-7/2 Balkan Music and Dance Camp, Mendocino Woodlands. Info: (510) 549-2124.

7/2-9 American Dance and Music Week, Mendocino Woodlands. Couple dances with Richard Powers, others. Info: www.bacds.org/amweek.

7/3-9 Aranykapu Tabor, Hungarian Dance Camp Camp. Cazadero, near Guerneville. Information: www.aranykapu-tabor.org.

7/14-17 California Worldfest, 2005, Grass Valley. Info: www.worldfest.net or call (530) 891-4098.

7/17-23 Stockton Folk Dance Camp. Two identical weeks with Daniela Ivanova, Paul Mulders, Marianne Taylor, Alix Cordray, Richard Schmidt, Cristian Florescu & Sonia Dion, Jerry Helt, Merylyn Gentry & Nora Nuckles. Live music by Chubritza. At Univ. of Pacific. Info: (530) 474-3231, Jmwright32@frontiernet.net.

7/30 Slavjanka perform, 10:00 am and 2 pm at Fort Ross State Park, Jenner. Info: (866) 468-3399.

OUT OF STATE

MAINE

8/13-9/5 Mainewoods Dance Camp. 3 one-week sessions, plus Labor Day weekend.

MASSACHUSETTS

8/21-28 Balkan Music and Dance Camp. Berkshires. Info: (510) 549-2124.

NEW MEXICO

8/4-7 New Mexico August Camp, Yves and France Moreau, Becky Gordon. Info: mwnyman@unm.edu.

NORTH CAROLINA

Swannanoa Gathering; Folk Dance events at Warren Wilson College, Asheville. Info: (828) 298-3434, gathering@warren-wilson.edu.

7/2-9 Sing & Swing Week

7/10-16 Celtic Week

7/17-23 Old-Time Music & Dance Week

7/24-30 Contemporary Folk Week

OREGON

8/25-28 Balkanalia!, music and dance camp. Info: (503) 234-9088, www.balkanalia.org.

WASHINGTON

8/7-14 Ti Ti Tabor Hungarian Dance Camp. All Saints Center; Raft Island. For information: Pat Wigney, (541) 344-8153 or pat@titiabor.org.

Calendar

FOREIGN

BULGARIA

8/4-7 *Koprivshitsa Festival* Koprivshitsa. The largest of Bulgaria's folk festivals and only occurs every five years.

8/8-13 *Bulgarian Seminar*, Plovdiv. Classes in instruments, dancing, singing, culture. See OTS. Info: seminar.lyutichushki.com.

CROATIA

6/10-19 *Dance on the Water Cruise*, on the Adriatic to Italy, Greece and Croatia with Lee Otterholt teaching. Info: Mel (510) 526-4033, meldancing@aol.com.

CZECH

8/6-13 *Summer Folk Dance Week*. Tabor. Classes, dance with locals, tours. Info: dvorana@mbox.vol.cz.

GREECE

7/17-30 *Mazoxi*, Greek Folk Dance Conference on the Island of Crete. Info: Athan Karras, (818) 609-1386, mazoxi@prodigy.net.

11/9-13 *World Congress on Dance Research* meets in Cyprus. Info: www.cid-unesco.org.



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On the Scene

Daniela Ivanova is an accomplished, professional folk dance teacher and performer. She is also a very gifted choreographer and a researcher of the South Slavic folk dance culture. Daniela has degrees in philosophy, literature and cultural studies. She was a full-time teacher in choreography and co-founder of the Medena Pitka school ensemble. She was artistic director or choreographer of several university or student ensembles in Bulgaria, Banat and Besarabia. With these ensembles she toured France, Israel, Romania, Malta, Belgium, the Netherlands, Slovakia, and Mongolia. Her talent as an artist helps Daniela be a very good educator as well.

Vassil Bebelev plays the gaida, bagpipes. He was born in Dervin (Rhodope Mountains of Bulgaria). Village traditions, especially the majestic kaba gaida played by his grandfather, inspired Vassil to a life of folk music. Starting with Sto Kaba Gaida at age 11, he has performed with various ensembles and recorded for Radio Sofia. Recently, he was the visiting professor in the Ethnomusicology Department at UCLA and now lives in California where he makes gaidas and teaches.

WESTWOOD COOP FOLK DANCERS' 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On Thursday, June 30, 2005, Westwood Coop Folk Dancers are having a special party to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. Westwood Coop is one of the earliest still-active clubs in Southern California. We are very proud to be members, active in this long time successful club. The party will begin at 7:30 p.m. with an "All Request Program" at our regular weekly dance location, Felicia Mahood Senior Center. Bring pot-luck snacks. No teaching will be scheduled for that evening.

Felicia Mahood is located at the southwest corner of Santa Monica Blvd. and Corinth Ave.

Westwood Coop dances every Thursday evening. Beginner's class 7:30 - 8:00, regular teaching 8:00 - 8:45, previous month's review 8:45 - 9:00, and open dancing 9:00 - 10:20. Info: (310) 202-6166.

— Beverly & Irwin Barr

DAYTIME CLASSES WITH Beverly or Irwin Barr

Beverly teaches a folk dance class and line dance classes during the daytime. A new semester for Beverly's line dance class starts June 6 at the Oasis at Westside Pavilion in W. L.A. and meets every Monday at 2:30 p.m. Her folk dance class meets on Thursdays

at 10:45 a.m. at Roxbury Park in Beverly Hills. Irwin also teaches one daytime folk dance class on Mondays at 11:45 a.m. Plummer Park. Info: (310) 202-6166.

— Beverly & Irwin Barr

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What's in Wisconsin? That's the question and we have the answers. We took two trips to Wisconsin ourselves to plan this very exciting trip. Wisconsin will be a surprising experience. There is more to see and enjoy than you can imagine. We saw such interesting things that we have never seen anywhere else in our travels. We will be folk dancing with some of the local groups and will visit Folklore Village (a well-kept secret).

We will fly to Wisconsin and motorcoach through Wisconsin. The trip will be a hub-and-spoke which eliminates one-night stays. So much to see, too much to write. See the ad in this issue of Scene. For more information, call 310-202-6166.

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NARODNI NEWS

JUNE events:

- 2nd Preview of Statewide dances
 9th Birthday Party Celebration, see below
 16th *Cobankat* --- **Nancy Atwood**
 23rd *Cobankat* --- **Nancy Atwood**
 30th *Virginia Reel/Cotton Eyed Joe*
 (American) --- **Henrietta Bemis**

JULY events:

- 2nd ³Fourth of July² Party, see below
 7th Statewide highlights, **Julith Neff**
 14th Statewide highlights --- **Julith Neff**
 21st *Chorovad* (Russian) --- **Julith Neff**
 28th *Chorovad* (Russian) --- **Julith Neff**
 all teaching is subject to change *

NEW WEB ADDRESS: <http://www.narodni.org>

Birthday Party Celebration With Live

Entertainment. Thursday, June 9th, 7:30 - 10:30, Narodni International Folk Dancers, @Dance Dynamics, 12405 Woodruff Avenue, Downey.

"Fourth Of July" Party at the Hansen's, Saturday, July 2nd, 5:00 - 10:00, Dance, Swim & Potluck Dinner!!!! 5361 Vallecito Avenue, Westminster, CA 92683. RSVP's requested.

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— *Shirley Hansen*

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— *Bill Copes*

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On June 18th we will have a special event with **Daniela Ivanova** teaching dances of Bulgaria. Daniela will be musically accompanied by gaida player **Vassil Bebelev** and his son, Jivko, playing drums. The charge for this special evening is \$7.

June and July Schedule:

- June 4 All request
 June 11 **Daniela Ivanova** workshop
 June 18 Talgoxen - **John Redden & Kathy Draper**
 June 25 Nostalgia night.
 July 2 Independence Day party
 July 9 Daniela reviews
 July 16 Statewide reviews
 July 23 All request
 July 30 Nostalgia night

— *Lu Perry*

WEST L.A. FOLK DANCERS - SUMMER PARTIES

4th of July Party, Monday, July 4, 2005

What fun to be able to have this party on the actual holiday. We are looking forward to a very special celebration for the 4th of July. Join your folk dance friends and let's celebrate together.

Mid-Summer Party on Friday, Aug. 12, 2005

Another party before the summer season is over. We love parties and we love having the folk dancers from various folk dance groups come together for our parties. Summertime is a good time to get around and visit friends.

High energy parties are planned with all request programs played by Beverly & Irwin Barr. Bring snacks or desserts for the pot-luck table. Both parties begin at 7:30 p.m. and end when you get too tired to dance.

The West L.A. Folk Dancers meet every Monday and Friday evening in W. L. A. with regular teaching and dancing your favorite dances with this friendly group. We love having parties to celebrate holidays and other special days, with our far-away friends joining us.

We look forward to seeing you at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost, W.L.A. (between Barrington and Bundy, 1 1/2 blocks north of Santa Monica Blvd.) For information call (310) 202-6166.

— *Beverly & Irwin Barr*

CRUISE WITH BEVERLY AND IRWIN BARR

Last year, we had an exceptionally wonderful 4-night cruise at a great discounted price. A really great time was enjoyed by all the folk dancers and friends. We are going to do it again, on the same beautiful Paradise Cruise Ship, sailing out of Long Beach, during the same week, Nov. 7-11, 2005, (Monday - Friday), and again at a very discounted price. Get ready to take a luxurious cruise for a non-luxurious price. Deposits are due now.

Of course dancing is always included when you travel with Beverly and Irwin. See the ad in this issue of Scene. For more information or to reserve a cabin, please call (310) 202-6166

— *Beverly & Irwin Barr*

CAMP HESS KRAMER "CAMPS REVIEW" WORKSHOP WEEKEND OCTOBER 28-30, 2005

If you haven't heard about this wonderful, feel good, weekend, or you just have not had the opportunity to attend, note the date, October 28-29-30, 2005. Plan ahead and don't miss it.

The Camp Hess Kramer Institute Weekend in Malibu is a "Camps Review" workshop with excellent teaching, great parties, good food, hiking, walking, reading, visiting with old friends and meeting new folk dancers. The warm, friendly atmosphere makes this weekend so special. It brings folkdancers from many different areas and groups together, and your folkdance family grows. The dancers go home from this weekend with lots of new dances and a happy feeling.

The weekend includes accommodations, 6 wonderful meals, snacks, parties, a silent auction, dance workshops, and dancing, dancing, dancing. The teaching will include new dances from the recent camps.

If you want more, there's hiking and/or nature walks, the ocean, reading, listening to music, and whatever else your imagination can come up with, if you find the time.

A full-page flyer is in this issue of Scene. More details will be on the flyer in the next issue of Scene. For information call Beverly at (310) 202-6166 or the Folk Dance Federation at (310) 478-6600.

— *Beverly Barr*



DANIELA IVANOVA BULGARIAN WORKSHOPS

Daniela Ivanova (above) will be doing workshops in Southern California from June 10-16. In addition to Daniela teaching dances of Bulgaria, Vassil(gaida) and Jivko(drums) Bebelikov will play music at most locations. Their schedule is:

- June 4 Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th St., San Diego. With accordionist Angel Navlomov.
 June 11 Veselo Selo, 2515 San Carlos, Fullerton. (714) 738-8008, (714) 828-2581
 June 12 Laguna Folkdancers, 384 Legion, Laguna Beach. (714) 893-8888
 June 14 Cal Tech, Throop Church, Del Mar at Los Robles, Pasadena. Mostly dancing, minimal teaching (626) 797-5157, franprevas@yahoo.com.
 June 15 Cafe Danssa, 11533 W. Pico, West L.A. (310) 474-1232 (call for confirmation).
 July 13 Santa Barbara Folk Dancers, Oak Park, (805) 964-5591.