

FOLK DANCE AUSTRALIA Inc.

Footnotes

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Second Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The first Annual General Meeting of Folk Dance Australia Inc. will be held on Sunday, 9 February 1992, at the Woodstock Youth Centre, Church Street, Burwood, NSW, commencing at 10 am. The business to be conducted will be, to receive from the Committee reports upon the activities of the Association, to receive from the Graduate SubCommittee a report on its activities, to elect office bearers of the Association and ordinary members of the Committee and to receive financial reports on the activities of the Association.

The youth centre is next door to the Woodstock Community Centre which is near the Burwood Senior Centre. Please bring a "plate" for lunch. As this is our first AGM let's make it a special event. Come along and help us plan for the future.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As a follow up from the December newsletter, we remind members that fees are now due and enclose with this newsletter a renewal form. Please note this is the last newsletter for those members who have not yet renewed their membership.

FOLK DANCE AUSTRALIA LOGO

Our search for a logo continues. Jim's idea is for **dancing Brolgas**. Does anyone have any comments about this?

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

News from the Sunshine Coast.

Having just received Footnotes with a few tales from people on the course, I decided that it was time for communications from this beautiful part of Australia.

Jean, Delicia and I have been busy with our teaching and have all had no trouble getting our hours - Delicia and I have recently finished our children's teaching too at different schools.

Style workshops have been more difficult to arrange and ethnic groups contacted in Brisbane are very busy at the moment. However Diana Laska-Moore gave us a Romanian workshop and 2 weeks later a Balkan dance workshop which we thoroughly enjoyed.

This is the first year our group has had a break during January, usually we just keep dancing, but last January was so hot we decided that this year we would have a break. Christine's parents (in their 70's) recently visited us from Canberra and came to our Monday and Thursday classes.

Danni MacKenzie (Old)

FORTHCOMING WORKSHOPS

Unfortunately we are not able to organise a German or Philippino workshop this time round, but do not despair. In keeping with FDA's aims we have arranged the following.

SUNDAY, 29 MARCH at St. Stephens Church Hall, Church Street, Newtown, Sydney. Close to railway station. Street parking available and small car park nearby.

11 am to 1 pm. English dances including English step dancing and English linked sword dancing with Chris Green.

2 pm to 4 pm. Bulgarian dances with Jenny Berryman. Jenny is an ex teacher and member of Sedenka and has danced with ethnic groups in Australia as well as with performing groups in Hungary.

AADE (Vic) AUTUMN DANCE SHARE DAY

Sunday 22 March A day of dance for dance teachers and experienced dancers. 11 Mt. Alexander Rd. Flemington, 10 am - 4 pm. Dances by Sheffi Shapira, Gary King, Kim Dunphy & Marie Feigl. Ph.372 1755 or 481 3386.

26th NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

Canberra, Easter, 17 - 20 April 1992. Tickets for the festival are selling like hot cakes so don't miss out, it may be another 8 years before Canberra hosts another. Tickets are \$60.00 for the 4 days and are available from, The Festival Organiser, Robin Nahum, Box 277, Curtin ACT 2605. Tel. (06) 282 1322. Accommodation enquiries tel. Pearl Butcher (06) 2496975.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CAMP

A residential folk dance camp will be held 8 to 10 May at Candlebark Farm, Healesville, Vic.

The camp offers an enjoyable weekend of dancing and recreation, international dance sessions at introductory and advanced levels, dance style classes with leading dance teachers, a World Music Dance to live music on Saturday night, dances suitable for primary schools, secondary schools and adult recreational groups (notes and music available), and challenging new material for experienced dancers. Teachers will be Gary Dawson, Kim Dunphy, Marie Feigl & Gary King. Cost \$125 (AADE members \$100).

AADE (Vic) International Folk Dance Teaching Course

Intended to start 3rd term 1992 in Melbourne. For details contact AADE Victoria (03) 372 1755.

ROMANIAN DANCE VIDEO with MIHAI DAVID

Editing is well underway for a 3 hour video of Mihai's Romanian dance workshops in both Sydney and Canberra (copies will be available at the AGM).

I drove to Sydney Christmas week to collect the Sydney master tapes from Kaye personally just in case they got lost in the mail, which happened recently with a video we sent to Queensland. (It was the perfect excuse to go to Kaye's Christmas Party.) We then had to buy another TV. The children are complaining about the TV being dominated by folk dance these days - they can't watch their favourite programs any longer (cartoons).

KOURAPICTHES (ALMOND CRESCENTS)

Kim Dunphy in Melbourne has sent us her favourite Greek biscuit

recipe "KOURAPICTHES".

250 g butter.

3 tablespoons caster sugar.

1 teaspoon vanilla essence.

2 cups plain flour. 1 cup

ground almonds. Icing sugar.

Cooking time: 15 minutes.

Oven temperature: 180°C.

Yields 30.

Beat the butter till soft, add the caster sugar and beat till light and fluffy. Add vanilla essence and then stir in sifted flour and ground almonds. Mix well and chill dough for at least 1 hour. Shape teaspoonfuls of the dough into small crescents. Place on an ungreased tray and bake in a moderate oven until pale golden. Remove from the oven, dredge heavily with sifted icing sugar while still warm. Cool completely and store in an airtight tin. These can be made up to a week ahead of use.

RESOURCES FOR SALE

Adults' International Folk Dances by Andre Van de Plas

1989, 1990 & 1991 tours. Book & cassette each \$25.00

Children's International Folk Dances by Andre Van de Plas

1986 tour. Book and cassette. \$20.00

1989 tour. " " " 25.00

1991 tour. " " " 30.00

Videos of Adults' Folk Dances by Andre Van de Plas

1989, 1990, 1991 tours. each \$35.00

Prices include postage. Available from Kaye or Christine.

ALSO FOR SALE -

"Leisure Movement For All" is available from Nan Bosler, Creative Leisure Movement, Narrabeen Community Learning Centre, Pittwater Road, North Narrabeen, N.S.W. 2101, \$90.00 including postage.

"30 Easy Israeli Dances" instructions and 2 cassettes \$28.50 inc. postage, Eileen McDonald, PO Box 288, Woolloongabba, Old. 4102.

BITS AND PIECES

Sutherland Xmas Party This was one of the highlights of the year enjoyed by my friend Lisa, daughter Christine, and granddaughter Alison. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Kaye, and her great group of ladies, for a magnificent show on behalf of my friends. It will be a lovely memory for all of us. We hope we can come again Mary Pendrey.

"Margaritas Greek Folkloric Dancers" is a dedicated group of dancers who perform at all kinds of events. The group seeks new members. A flair for Greek dance, the ability to learn quickly or experience in Greek dance is desirable. Tutors Gwyneth Jones and Stephanos Antoniou (Master of Greek Dance). Enq. (03) 583 1173.

"The Traditional Dances of Greece: Are they Surviving" written by Gwyneth Jones (Margarita). If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of this contact Margarita on (03) 583 1173.

BOOK REVIEW

COSTUME PATTERNS AND DESIGNS, Max Tilke published 1956 & 1974 by Zimmerman, Reprinted by Rizzoli 1990. Price \$59.95 from Collins Booksellers.

Jim has been looking for this book for several years but unfortunately it has been out of print until now. You should have seen his face when he arrived home from work recently with it tucked under his arm - he looked like he had struck gold.

The book surveys costume patterns and dress designs of nearly every nation from antiquity to modern times. The garments are shown spread out so that the pattern and design may be seen in full. The rich variety of fabrics and designs are wonderfully captured. Elaborate embroideries, delicate laces, silks from the East, exotic tiedyed Indian saris, as well as furs, capes, hats and gloves are featured, incorporating countless materials; styles and influences. "Problems of costume" as one critic put it, "are often approached in a romantic or journalistic spirit; here they are treated with scientific exactitude."

A great book if you're making your own folk dancing costumes, full of coloured pictures, but you will need a basic ability in pattern drafting.

Christine Battison (ACT)

WHAT'S ON WHERE

International Folk Dancing

A.C.T. (Canberra)

Tuesday 10 to 11.30 am. FDA daytime classes

7 - 8.30 pm. FDA beginners' classes with Christine (1 semester only), Corroboree Park, Ainslie.

Wednesday Canberra International Folk Dance Assoc. at Hughes Community Centre from 7.45 pm.

Thursday Woden Senior Citizens with Christine dance at their club rooms from 12.30 to 2.00 pm.

FDA Intermediate classes at Corroboree Park Hall, Ainslie, with Christine 7.30 to 9.30 pm.

3rd Saturday of the month. FDA Family Dances at the Woden Senior Citizens hall from 6.30 pm.

Contact Christine or Jim (06) 241 3563 for ACT.

NEW SOUTH WALES (Sydney)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Sutherland Shire Folk Dance Group. Contact Kaye Laurendet (02) 528 4813.

Wednesday 7 - 8 pm. Carol Maddocks' adult classes, Collaroy Plateau Youth Club, Blandford St Collaroy Plateau. Cost \$2.50.

Thursday 7.30 - 9 pm. Nepean Folk Dance Group, South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr. Birmingham & Trent, South Penrith. Cost \$3. Ph. Maureen (047) 363604 or Dianna (047) 218520.

Thursday 8 pm. Irish Set Dancing, Arncliffe. Contact Bill & Margaret Winnett (02) 502 1786(W).

Friday Sedenka. Contact Nick Doumani (02) 516 2382.

Last Saturday of the Month at Newtown. Hungarian dance with Gary Dawson & Rezeda. Contact Gary (02) 569 3410.

Indonesian Dance Classes. Ph. Nickolai (02) 516 2382.

(Katoomba)

Monday 6 - 7.30 pm. Mountains International Folk Dance Assoc. (MIFDA), Uniting Church Hall, Katoomba St. Contact Sue Hiscock (063) 531074 or Bronwyn James (047) 572235 or (047) 572316.

QUEENSLAND (Brisbane)

Friday (2nd & 4th of the Month) 8.00 pm. International folk dancing with Brisinta at Holy Trinity Hall, 70 Hawthorne St. Woolloongabba. Cost \$3.00. Contact Lyn 379 3603 or Vic 848 7706.

For Israeli dancing contact Eileen McDonald (07) 397 1155 (H).

(Nambour - Cooroy)

Monday Beginners/intermediate at the Lutheran Hall, Sydney Street, Nambour, from 9.30 - 11.30 am. Cost \$3.00. Call Danni (074) 42 8821 or Jean (074) 41 2315.

Tuesday Beginners at the Uniting Church Hall, 49 Maple St, Cooroy, from 9.30 to 11.00 am. Admission \$3. Contact Danni (074) 42 8821.

Thursday Advanced at the Lutheran Hall, Sydney Street, Nambour, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. Cost \$3.00. Contacts Danni (074) 42 8821, Delicia (074) 41 4000 or Jean (074) 41 2315.

VICTORIA (Melbourne)

7 days a week Classes for all levels at Sheffi's School of Israeli Dance at "Habonim" hall, Cnr. Gordon & Sinclair Streets, Elsternwick. Enquiries Sheffi (03) 699 6343 or Helen (03) 509 7083.

Tuesdays International Dance Workshop, Carlton. Enquiries Barbara Baker (03) 819 4833.

Thursday Steppes School of Dance. International dance classes for Children and adults at Hampton. Kim Dunphy (03) 555 4813. 7.30 to 10 pm during school term. St Kilda International Dance School at St. Margarets Hall, Cnr. Hotham St & Denman Ave, East St Kilda. Cost \$5.00. Contact Marie (03) 534 0345.

Sunday 2 - 4 pm for adults. Margaritas Centre of Greek Folkdance & Folklore (03) 583 1173. Richmond Community Primary School, Cnr. Davidson & Buckingham Sts. Richmond.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Perth)

Monday Perth International Folk Dance Group. Teaching from 7.30 pm dancing from 8.30 at Wembley Scout Hall, Jersey St. Contact John Whaite (09) 444 4736.

NOTICE: All people running the above sessions please confirm the time, place and cost for the new year with the Editor.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send articles for the newsletter to the editors Jim & Chris Battisson in Canberra.

The April newsletter deadline is 13 March 1992.