

Proposal for a MVFD

French Dance Workshop
with Marilyn Wathen of CA

respectfully submitted by Leslie Hyll

Usually when we think of French Dances we think of simple little dances from Brittany - but this is only a very small portion of the dances of France. The other regions of France have strong traditions that include line dances, couple dances, and set dances; dances that are much different from those of Brittany. Unfortunately, these are not well known in the international folk dance community.

Marilyn Wathen is a folk dancer from California, who has researched and studied French dance in France. She is a young and dynamic instructor. I have personally seen Ms. Wathen teach, and I have a video tape of her teaching at a workshop, which I will make available for viewing.

Other reasons I recommend this workshop:

- In 40 years, MVFD has never had a French workshop.
- It would include partner and non-partner dances, of varying levels of difficulty.
- It would expand the club's international repertoire and cultural awareness into areas we have not touched in the past.