



**CALENDAR**

**MVFD Events**

Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27  
**Regular Dance**, Beginners 7 P.M.

Mar. 9 – 2:30 p.m.  
**Ethnic Sunday**

Mar. 29-30  
**50th Anniversary Workshop**—Pavilion  
March 29 and 30, 2003. Steve Kotansky,  
Balkan; Vicki Goodloe, Scottish.  
Dinner and dance party Saturday.

Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24  
**Regular Dance**, Beginners 7 P.M.

Apr. 13 – 2:30 p.m.  
**Ethnic Sunday**

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
**Regular Dance**, Beginners 7 P.M.

June 5  
**Open House** – 7 P.M.

June 12, 19, 26  
**Regular Dance**, Beginners 7 P.M.

**Other Events**

Mar. 7 – 7:30 Lessons; 8:00 Dance  
**CITYFOLK Contra Dance**—Pavilion  
Red Clay Ramblers with Darlene  
Underwood & Sharon Leahy  
\$6, 12 & under free

May 4 – 3:00, Euclid, OH  
**Duquesne Univ. Tamburitans**  
Dancing afterwards—Peggy Jasina,  
439-0403, jeep77@prodigy.net

May 24 – 7:00  
South Slavic Club **Spring Kolo Party**

May 30 - June 1  
**World A'Fair** – Convention Center  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month Sep.-May  
**Contra Dance**—Pavilion, 7 P.M.

MVFD on the World Wide Web:  
[www.geocities.com/mvfolkdancers](http://www.geocities.com/mvfolkdancers)

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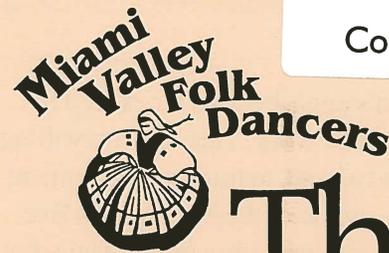
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# The News



## MVFD's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop features two outstanding teachers

March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion

The Miami Valley Folk Dancers have planned a gala 50th Anniversary celebration workshop with something for everyone—two different types of folkdance. VICKY GOODLOE taught a workshop for us in 1991 which was great fun and we're happy to have her back. Vicky will be teaching Scottish dances Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. STEVE KOTANSKY has taught at every major North American festival and camp. This is his first MVFD workshop and he'll be teaching Balkan dances on Saturday Afternoon and Sunday Morning.

On Saturday evening there will be an all-request dance party. Folk costumes are welcome (and encouraged!). Before the dance party there will be a catered dinner, with a choice of chicken, pork, or veggie. The deadline for dinner reservations is March 20, so get your registration in. You can save \$10 if you buy the full weekend package in advance. If you haven't received a flyer/ registration form, or if you have any questions, contact Harry Khamis, (937) 878-4688 (H), (937) 775-2433 (W), (937) 546-6092 (cell), email: hary.khamis@wright.edu.

Joan Amsterdam will have her "International Folk Rhythms" shop set up on both days with a wide variety of folk music, clothing, and articles for sale. We will have displays of photos and memorabilia from over the 50 years, including workshop syllabus covers, and a look at the "Syllabus Project" — Fifty years of syllabi from all of our workshops.

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**Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting was held on the second Sunday in January. The new council members are: Harry Khamis, Chair; Lee Moser, Vice-Chair; Jim Wooley, Treasurer; Dolores Brooks, Secretary; and Bill Vernon, Member at Large. Patty Gehring will be chairing the new Program Committee. The other committee members are listed on the back page.

**Ed Anderson** was nominated as the Honor Dancer for 2003. He has been a dedicated and supportive member of the Miami Valley Folk Dancers since 1978. He has demonstrated leadership within the group through his service on various appointed and elected committees.

Ed was first appointed to the Program Committee in 1984, and again in 1987, 1994 and 1999, twice serving as chair of this committee and once as co-chair. He has served multiple terms on the MVFD Council as Member-at-Large and serving as the Representative to the Miami Valley Dance Council.

For many years Ed Anderson served on the tape committee, responsible for the music collection, and the gradual transition from records to tapes. He also worked on maintaining and updating the MVFD dance listings. More recently he served on the Recording and Equipment Committee which researched and recommended the current CD system.

Ed's contributions far exceed his committee work. He is always willing to lend a hand, to transport equipment to the picnic or the New Year's Eve party, or to provide a ride to Thursday evening dancing. He has participated in many dance demonstrations, and even organized a few, most recently at Monticello School. He has reviewed many dances on Thursday evenings and Ethnic Sundays, and in May 2001 led a session on folk dancing at the State Dance Convention. He has served on the Pavilion Support Committee and volunteered many times to help with work on the pavilion. He is always kind and encouraging to new dancers. Over the years he frequently stayed late on Thursday evenings to help close the pavilion and make certain that everyone left safely. He is definitely a valuable member of the group.

**Comments from the Chair**

Hello everyone,  
We have a very busy year ahead of us. Our 50th anniversary workshop is fast approaching: March 29-30. I hope that ALL of our members will purchase the full package. There is talk of a group portrait for MVFD members Saturday night, so please wear your costume. MVFD will have a booth and demonstration dancing at the Wright State University "International Friendship Affair" on Saturday, April 12 and at the World A'Fair,

May 30 - June 1. Our Open House will be held on Thursday, June 5. Please mark all of these dates on your calendar. Finally, please remember to wear your nametag on Thursday nights. Happy dancing.

—Harry

**Miami Valley Dance Council**

—The MVDC Awards Chair (Jim Gill) and maybe the MVDC President (Jean Aills) will attend our Saturday March 29 50th Anniversary Workshop dinner to present a plaque to us commemorating our anniversary.

—MVDC coupons for free admission to any member group's dance/teaching session will be given to us, and we will include them in new members congratulatory membership packets.

—The Pavilion Decorating Committee is looking for help. They decorate Saturday mornings beginning at 9:30 once a month.

—The Pavilion Support Committee plans its spring clean-up for April 26 from 10A.M. into the afternoon. Volunteers needed.

—Bill Vernon

**Tamburitzans Performance**

The Duquesne Univ. Tamburitzans will perform at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, May 4, in Euclid (near Cleveland), with reception & dancing afterward. Peggy Jasina, jeep77@prodigy.net, 439-0403, has information & tickets.

**New Members**

**Jessica Blackburn** is a program analyst and lives in Fairborn with her husband Dale (who also comes to dance sometimes on Thursday nights) and her two children. Lily Chiu introduced her to MVFD. When she's not dancing, Jessica likes to read and play the piano.

**You've got Mail!**

In what amounted to a free mini-workshop, nationally-known instructor Roo Lester stopped by on Thursday night on her way to her workshop in Columbus. Roo, along with Harry Khamis, taught the basics of the Hambo for over an hour-and-a-half. Since this opportunity came up with very short notice, it wasn't publicized other than an announcement the previous Thursday night.

Don't miss opportunities like this. If you have access to e-mail you can sign up for the club's E-mail List so that you know what's going on every week, including what is being taught at 7 and 9 o'clock —don't miss the night that the dance you've been wanting to learn is being taught!

Just send an email to: mvfolkdancers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or go to the web page [www.geocities.com/mvfolkdancers/listserver.html](http://www.geocities.com/mvfolkdancers/listserver.html) (this is a closely moderated list, so you won't subject yourself to e-mail spam by subscribing).