

**Dolores K. Brooks**

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**From:** "Hidden Hill Gallery" <hiddenhill@siscom.net>  
**To:** "Dolores K. Brooks" <dkbrooks@woh.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2004 5:44 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Springboro Christmas Festival

Thanks for your prompt reply, Dolores. We will plan on you for 3:00 Saturday afternoon. I look forward to seeing you in action.

We ask our performers to use a Christmas theme, either in music or in costume. Actually, folk dance fits in well for any occasion, so I think you may choose whatever dances you enjoy and are comfortable with, but some Christmas trim to the costumes would be appreciated.

We do focus a bit on the late 1800s, as our downtown was in its heyday then, and much of that architecture remains. We have a second festival in town each year, our Freedom Festival, which will be on July 2 and 3 in 2005. This concentrates on the Civil War era, and I hope you will plan to come back for that, with some of the reels and contra dances from that time period. Give that a little thought and put it on your calendar for next summer.

We will have a sound system set up in the tent, with microphones, which will play your tapes or CDs. Plan on a program about 45 minutes long, allowing you 15 minutes to set up and close. If you need a break in the middle, plan to have someone tell a little background of your repetoir, while the dancers catch their breath.

Please let me know if we can help you further. I'll be in touch with later details as they develop.

Helen

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dolores K. Brooks [mailto:dkbrooks@woh.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2004 4:56 PM  
**To:** Hidden Hill Gallery  
**Subject:** Re: Springboro Christmas Festival

Dear Helen:

Thank you for sending me the information about the Springboro Christmas Festival. Our group (the Miami Valley Folk Dancers) would prefer to dance on Saturday, November 20th at 3:00 PM. From your description of the stage I think from a safety point of view it will probably be better for us to dance on the pavement. I will discuss this further with our group and get back to you with our final decision.

Please let me know how much time we have for our performance and if you prefer to have us develop our program around any particular theme. We are an international, recreational folk dance group and know dances from all around the world and from a variety of time periods.

We will also need information on any existing sound system, microphones, speakers, etc. that you may be setting up in the entertainment tent. We have our own equipment and will be able to bring it if necessary.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Dolores Brooks

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Hidden Hill Gallery  
**To:** dkbrooks@woh.rr.com  
**Cc:** SJONES524@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 07, 2004 5:14 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Springboro Christmas Festival

Dear Dolores -

Shannon has passed on to me the project of setting up the performance times in the entertainment tents for Springboro's Christmas Festival. I apologize for not being in touch sooner, but Shannon had noted that your group wanted to come and I've been concentrating on trying to move more performers from the "prospect" list to the "will come" list. Many contacts I haven't been able to reach until school began.

First, let me thank you for agreeing to perform at our festival. Since you are one of the first on board, I can let you choose a time that would be most convenient for your members. We ask our performers to

plan a 45 to 50 minute program, and we schedule these programs at hourly intervals. We reserve the time from 1:30 to 3:00 on Saturday for our parade participants, but can offer you a time at 3:00 or at 4:00 Saturday afternoon (Nov. 20), at 8:00 or 9:00 Saturday evening, or at 2:00 or 4:00 Sunday afternoon. Let me know which would be most convenient and we'll put you in at that time.

You will perform in one of our 2 entertainment tents, which are heated and, with any luck at all from the weather, will be quite comfortable. We will have a stage in each tent but, as these are portable stages, they might prove a little small and uneven for dancing. If you think it would work better, we can put seating on the stage and let you dance on the street pavement in the center of the tent. Please let me have any feedback from your experience along those lines. I used to square dance and would not have cared for the stage myself. I think it would bounce under dancing feet.

I look forward to hearing from you. I think the Miami Valley Folk Dancers will be a great asset to our festival.

Yours truly,  
Helen Sproat

-----Original Message-----

**From:** SJONES524@aol.com [mailto: SJONES524@aol.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, September 05, 2004 10:31 AM

**To:** hiddenhill@siscom.net

**Subject:** Fwd: Springboro Christmas Festival

Helen, please see e-mail below. Can you get back with ASAP to confirm a date and time? This is one of the contacts I gave you in July. Thanks.

Shannon

In a message dated 9/5/2004 8:49:40 AM Eastern Standard Time, dkbrooks@woh.rr.com writes:

Hi Shannon:

I have not heard from you in a long time and am wondering about the plans for the Springboro Christmas Festival and what was decided about the date and time our group, the Miami Valley Folk Dancers, would be performing. We have only about 2 months before the performance and we need to start planning.

Could you send me an update about the festival as soon as possible?

Thanks,  
Dolores Brooks

Practice Schedule  
Springboro Christmas Festival  
Saturday, November 20, 2004  
3:00 PM

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Saturday	October 16	11:00 AM	Pavilion
Tuesday	October 19	7:30 PM	Dot Santi's house
Tuesday	October 26	7:30 PM	Dot's
Tuesday	November 2	7:30 PM	Dot's
Saturday	November 6	10:30 AM	Pavilion
Saturday	November 13	10:30 AM	Pavilion

Please note:

1. We may call for an additional practice on the morning of the demo, Saturday, November 20th.
2. We will be dancing in a heated tent on the pavement. Choose shoes accordingly.
3. We will be wearing folk costumes, the more variety the better.
4. We will make every effort to request the dances from our program on Thursday nights to give us additional practice time.
5. Directions and parking information will be made available as soon as possible.

**Thank you for volunteering to represent the Miami Valley Folk Dancers at the Springboro Christmas Festival.**

**Dolores K. Brooks**

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**From:** <lesliehyll@siscom.net>  
**To:** <mvfolkdancers@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2004 10:24 PM  
**Subject:** [mvfolkdancers] Springboro Demo Program

Hi,

Here is the list of dances for the Springboro Demo on Nov 20. This is a 45 minute demo, with about 31 mins of actual dancing. That gives us time to narrate inbetween, show off our costumes, encourage people to join us on Thursdays, maybe do a participation dance at the end.

We are still looking for dancers - don't worry if you can't make it to all the rehearsals, there is something for everyone in this program.

For those who have already been to a rehearsal, note that I've added dances! The program is, of course, subject to change, depending on the final group of dancers. But I do not expect it to change a lot.

Hope to see you Tuesday, 7:30 at Dot Santi's house. Need a map? [www.DaytonFolkDance.com/mvfd/pics\\_mvfd/maptodots.gif](http://www.DaytonFolkDance.com/mvfd/pics_mvfd/maptodots.gif)

Leslie

**Dance Country Cut Time Dance Notes**

- 1 Tarina de la Abrud Romanian N-Circle 0:01:22
  - 2 Elu Tsporim Israeli P-Couple 0:02:14 2.5 x
  - 3 Sweets of May Irish P-Square 0:03:05 all
  - 4 Bielolitza Kruglolitza Russian N-line 0:04:20 all
  - 5 Godecki Cacak Serbian N-line 0:02:03 all
  - 6 Christchurch Bells English P-Contra 0:02:09 5x
  - 7 Kiskanastanc Hungarian N-Solo 0:00:55 all
  - 8 Aird of Coigah Scottish P-Set 0:03:23 all
  - 9 Spiro Bulgarian N-line 0:01:42
  - 10 Corrido Mexican P-Couple 0:01:49 2x
  - 11 Lian Hua Chinese N-Circle 0:03:42 all
  - 12 Ragtime Frolic American N-Solo 0:01:30 2x
  - 13 Adje Jano Macedonia N-line 0:01:20 short
  - 14 La Bastringue Canada P-mixer 0:01:38 3x
- 0:31:12



**THE MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS** perform a Scottish folk dance at the main entertainment pavilion at Christmas in Springboro. The group performed dances from Romania, Israel, Serbia, China, Mexico, Russia and many other nations.