

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ JUNE

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
June 1, 8, 15, 21, 29

Ethnic Sunday: June 11, 2:30 PM

➤ JULY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
July 6, 13, 20, 27

Ethnic Sunday: July 9, 2:30 PM

➤ AUGUST

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
August 3, 10, 17, 24

MVFD Picnic at Indian Ripple Park:
August 13, 2:30 PM. *N.B.:* Replaces the August **Ethnic Sunday**.

➤ ONGOING

Informal Folk Dance Classes, most Saturday mornings. See Bill Vernon or Janifer Tsou for summer location(s).

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – Only the Flying Ghillies' Intermediate class will meet during the summer, Mondays at 7:30 PM. A new location is being arranged – see Dolores Brooks for the latest.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Student Union, Wright State University. 7:15 - 9:15 PM. Sunday June 18, July 16, August 20. A Modern Israeli dance group is being organized for 2nd and 4th Sundays at WSU – come at 7:15 June 11th to join in the planning, and start the dancing!

Contra Dances – Mona Cannell's contras are suspended till fall.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties are suspended till fall.

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The News



☀ Even Busier Summer!! ↻

- ❖ **June 9-10: The MacGahan Festival.** In New Lexington, Ohio, in honor of the “Liberator of Bulgaria.” Includes dancing -- Hajde will play at around 1:00 PM on the 10th. For more information, go to the-macgahanfoundation.netfirms.com.
- ❖ **June 18: Midsummer Dance Party & Potluck.** At the Red Barn at White Star Farm, near Columbus. Teaching from 2:00-5:30, potluck till 6:30, live and recorded music till 9:00. More info can be found at www.geocities.com/RFDofColumbus/party-details.
- ❖ **June 22 and 24: Reunion of the Yellow Springs /Antioch Folk Dancers.** In conjunction with Antioch's reunion, YS folkdance “alums” will be dancing in Red Square on Thursday (7:30 PM) and Saturday (6:00). Call Dave Harlow, 275-0928, for more info.
- ❖ **June 30–July 2: CITYFOLK Festival.** This one's local, thank goodness – in the Riverscape/stadium area, every year growing bigger and better! Vatra Živa will be playing about 1 PM on July 1. Find other performers, times, and details at www.cityfolk.org.
- ❖ **July 22: Midsummer Night's Ball.** MVFD is sponsoring a ball at the Pavilion featuring vintage ballroom dancing. Details inside!
- ❖ **July 28-30: Dayton Celtic Festival.** Also in the Riverscape area, this will include Scottish and Irish dancing. A schedule will eventually appear on www.unitedirishofdayton.org/Festival.
- ❖ **August 11-13: German picnic** sponsored by the Dayton Liederkrantz Turner Club, at Carillon Park. Pros't, the Knappers, and the Cincinnati Schnapps will play. The schedule can be found at <http://daytongermanclub.homeip.net/liederkrantz/picnic.php>.
- ❖ **August 13: The annual MVFD picnic!** 2:30 PM, at Indian Ripple Park again this year. Details inside.
- ❖ **September 2-3: Israeli Dance Workshop**, right here at the Pavilion! Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann, who taught at last year's Labor Day workshop in Cincy, will come to us this year. Steve Watson can answer any questions – 614-325-9321.

🌸 **The Chair Rocks Forward**

Thanks to many of our club members for their recent participation in several fairly large-scale activities that publicized MVFD in a really positive manner. We did two demos and hosted teaching and request dancing in the Folk Dance room at the 46th Buckeye Dance Convention. We did three demos at A World A'Fair and held our annual Open House the following Thursday. We had 26 students in our second UD folk dance class, and (weather permitting) we will join four other clubs in the Dance Council for the Afternoon of Dance program at Riverscape. We expect to have visitors from all of these activities – and, if we're lucky, new members.

There are some interesting events coming up: a July 20 mini-workshop with Hanny Budnick, a Midsummer Night's Ball on July 22, and our annual picnic on August 13. And don't forget our annual fall workshop on Oct. 28-29, and a New Year's Eve party at the Pavilion. There's a lot of good dancing to look forward to!

—*Bill Vernon*

🌸 **Dancin' Wright**

MVFD's resident organizer, choreographer, dance expert, etc. etc. Leslie Hyll did us proud at the Buckeye Dance Convention and Tri-City Festival. We opened the Convention with our international dance demo, MVFD's folk costumes stole the fashion show (IOHO), the Folk Dance room operated smoothly throughout the festival, and we managed to get a few square dancers to try something new. We thank her (and Eddie, as Treasurer) for making it all happen!

🌸 **Mini-Workshop (s?) Coming**

On Thursday, **July 20**, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM, we will have a mini-workshop with Hanny Budnick. She will teach line and circle dances alternating with non-partner and partner types of English country dances for odd numbers, and perhaps a contra or two. (Request dancing to follow.)

And there are rumors of a possible second mini-workshop **August 26**....

🌸 **Welcome, New Members!**

Midge and Cassie Hall have been so involved with MVFD this spring, it's hard to believe that they've just become full members! Or that they've been coming all the way in from Jamestown to do it. But it's true.

Midge is returning to folkdancing, having danced some time ago in Blacksburg, Va., and in Pittsburgh. She is fondest of Central European, Balkan, and Middle Eastern dance (she performed in a Hungarian group), but can be found doing nearly any dance that comes her way. MVFD has already benefited from her dance skills, in both demos and teaching.

Midge is currently an associate professor of chemistry at Clark State CC in Springfield, working towards her doctorate during the summers. It has to be mostly summers because she is also a wife (to Steve, a District Conservationist) and mother (to Jessie, currently studying animal behavior at Northland, and Cassie), and if she has any spare time likes to get outdoors and hike, canoe, and camp. (In case of rain, it's sewing and needlework.)

Cassie (Cassandra) is relatively new to the folkdance scene, though she admits to some informal lessons from

her mother as well as a bit of tap and jazz experience. Midge has obviously seen to it that she has a broad outlook; the list of ethnic dance types Cassie says she finds interesting ranges from Scottish to Greek, hitting half the European and Slavic countries and including the Far East!

Cassie is finishing her sophomore year of high school, and already looking at colleges that will enable her to study video/movie production and the performing arts. She enjoys outdoor pursuits with her family, and (like her mother) enjoys travel – international when possible. Be sure to watch for her, too, as a re-enactor at the Faire at New Boston September 2 and 3..

It's great to have you two with us!

🍷 **Picnic Time!**

This year the MVFD picnic will be held at Indian Ripple Park again, at 2:30 PM on Sunday, **August 13**. (No Ethnic Sunday that day!) For people who missed last year's picnic, the park is on the north side of East Stroop, between Woodman and Indian Ripple. This year we'll have Shelter No. 1. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Water and lemonade will be supplied, and the grills will be ready to cook any meats you bring.

🌸 **A Midsummer Night's Ball**

MVFD is sponsoring "A Midsummer Night's Dance" on Saturday, **July 22**, 8-11 PM, at the Pavilion. This event has been organized by the Terpsichorean Delights Dance Assembly, a small vintage ballroom club started by former MVFD member Jeanette Watts. TDDA teaches waltz, polka, schottische, mazurka, swing, and other historical dance forms every Friday.

The ball will cover all these types of vintage dance. Jeanette hopes that any MVFD member who likes such dances will put together a fanciful vintage costume and come the 22nd!

🌸 **One More Chance to Dance**

On Tuesday, **June 20**, join us for a demo at The Oaks of Kettering Nursing Home (on Dorothy Lane at Hilton), from 7:00 to about 7:45 PM. It will be a relaxed program of well liked dances, with some audience participation. See Bill Vernon to sign up.

🌸 **Coming Soon Too**

Various Columbus folkdance groups are sponsoring a weekend of English, American, and Scottish dancing in Worthington on **October 20-22**, with the Boston-based band Bare Necessities providing much of the music. Check www.bigscioty.com/shaw.html for details, or write Sue Wartell at swartell@cas.org with questions.

And on **October 28-29** is MVFD's annual fall workshop! This year will feature the teaching of Erik Bendix, focusing mostly on Balkan dances. Patty Gehring is chairing the event.

🌸 **Remembered with Delight**

We hope you all had a chance to dance to the wonderful music of Balkan Cabaret, either at A World A'Fair or at the Sunday evening party at Applebee's. Both events were made possible by the South Slavic Club and the generosity of Eddie Cordray. Eddie provided financial backing, persuaded them to come, found them bookings, made all the arrangements, handled the sound – and gave us the gift of several incomparable evenings.