

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ JUNE

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

June 4, 11, 18, 25

Ethnic Sunday: June 14, 2:30 PM

➤ JULY

☛ **Mini-workshop with Daniela Ivanova, July 2!!**

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

July 9, 16, 23, 30

☛ **NO ETHNIC SUNDAY!!** ★

➤ AUGUST

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27

☛ **ANNUAL PICNIC!** (No Ethnic Sunday). Aug 9, 2:30 PM

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies. Intermediate classes Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall Rd., Beavercreek. Beginners' classes start again in Sept.

CITYFOLK Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion. Start again in September.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Classic and modern, 7-9 PM most Tuesdays (June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 14, 21, 28; Aug. 11, 18, 25). This summer, also Weds. June 3, July 8, and Aug. 5, but 6-8 PM. At the Boonshoft CJCE, Centerville. \$2 for non-members. See Janifer, Bill, or Mei-Hwa for details.

Monthly Yellow Springs Dance. Bryan Center, 7 PM, June 19, Aug. 21. Presbyterian Church, 7 PM, July 24. Info from Jay Williams at scrubjay@fuse.net.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties. Start again in September.

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JUNE 2009

THE NEWS



★ SUMMER SCHEDULE ★

- ❖ **Friday, July 3 – Sunday, July 5: CITYFOLK Festival.** At the RiverScape MetroPark. Activities, old and new performers, fireworks – and still completely free! Starts at 5:30 PM Friday and 1 PM Saturday and Sunday. www.cityfolk.org/festival/festival.html.
- ❖ **Friday, July 30 – Sunday, August 1: Ninth Annual Dayton Celtic Festival.** Also at RiverScape. Music, dance, crafts, beer.... From 5 PM Friday, noon Saturday, and 10:00 AM Sunday. Find details on www.unitedirishofdayton.org/Festival.
- ❖ **Sunday, August 9: The Annual MVFD Picnic!** Details inside.
- ❖ **Friday, August 14 – Sunday, August 16. 25th Annual German Fest Picnic.** At the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Check out the scheduled bands and activities on <http://daytongermanclub.homeip.net/liederkranz/picnic.php>.
- ❖ **Friday, August 28 – Sunday, August 30: 16th Annual Lebanese Festival. MOVED** to St. Ignatius Maronite Catholic Church, 5915 Springboro Pike, Miami Township. Music, dance, great food! From 6 PM Friday, 11 AM Saturday, 10:00 AM Sunday. Details on line.
- ❖ **Friday, Sept. 4 – Sunday, Sept. 6: Classic/Modern Israeli Dance Workshop.** Once again, Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann will be at the Pavilion for Labor Day weekend! Harry Khamis will have details soon. Watch the MVFD website.....



ADVANCE NOTICE: The Century Party and the Tammies! Be sure you mark October 29 through November 1 on your calendar as RE-SERVED! Eddie and Leslie are celebrating their 50th birthdays by bringing not one but two bands to town, and having a “century” (50 + 50) party that should rival their wedding. The schedule is:

- *Thursday, Oct. 29:* Some live music during regular dancing
- *Friday, Oct. 30:* Balkan Cabaret & Ljuti Chushki at Canal St. Tavern
- *Saturday, Oct. 31:* Dancing at the Pavilion from 10 AM on, mostly to Balkan Cabaret and Ljuti Chushki (Larry Weiner’s band from D.C.)
- *Sunday, Nov. 1:* The Duquesne University Tamburitians are returning, performing at Centerville High on Sunday afternoon again!

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!?!?

The Dancing Chair

Hi all! Summer is here, and for me this means lots of local hiking while looking forward to the coming year's events in dancing. We just finished the dance season with a couple of wonderful demos at AWAFF and our Open House. Plans are already in the works for various 2009-2010 folkdance events in Dayton and Columbus. MVFD is tentatively planning to have a Turkish instructor at our spring workshop, which will be on Memorial Day weekend in 2010.

The Cityfolk Festival is coming up on the first weekend in July, and they always need volunteers. It is possible that if a group of us volunteer together, we could get some free publicity for MVFD. Let me know if you'd be willing to volunteer with me at the festival; the Cityfolk website lists the types of volunteer positions available. See you at the MVFD Annual Picnic!

—Patty Gehring

Milestones and News

Harry Khamis reminds us to register for Stockton Folk Dance Camp (Stockton, CA), July 26-Aug. 1 or Aug. 2-8 (www.folkdancecamp.org), or perhaps for Mainwoods Dance Camp (Fryeburg, ME), week-long sessions from Aug. 15 to Sept. 6 (www.mainwoodsdancecamp.org). Flyers are out or in the brown file.

Ann Mosconi has two announcements this time. First, her second puzzle book, *Pocket PrismaPixels*, is now out. It's available at Puzzles Plus in Beaver Creek, on line from Amazon or Ann's website (bigflygames.com), or from her personally!

Ann also is about to be promoted to first-degree Black Belt in the art of Kuk Sul Do! She says she's worked for more than four years for this, and while it's been tough she feels it's been worth every minute.



Our Romanian Workshop

MVFD had a wonderful spring workshop this year! Our teachers, Sonia Dion and Cristian Florescu, were professional in their teaching and utterly irresistible in their personalities. Many of the dances they taught show every sign of staying with us.

We are grateful to the MVFD members who met Sonia and Cristian last year at Stockton and recommended them so highly! Some of the workshop attendees, who came from some distance, were very excited to have them come to the Midwest.

Thanks go to the workshop committee whose hard work made it happen: Dolores Brooks, Joanne Dombrowski, Patty Gehring, and Mei-Hwa Neal. Leslie Hyll, Eddie Cordray, Jim Rohal, and many others also contributed their time and talent to making the weekend a success.



Still More Thanks...

... to all the people who staffed the MVFD booth at A World A'Fair, and joined in our demo dancing on the informal stage! We had a good turnout for our Open House the following Thursday, and some of the others we talked to at AWAFF swore they'd make it over eventually. New members are important to keeping our group alive and energetic, and we appreciate everyone's efforts to spread the word!

Annual Picnic Time!

This year we return to Delco Park, at the corner of Woodman and Dorothy Lane, for our annual picnic. It's at 2:30 PM on **Sunday, August 9** – no Ethnic Sunday that day! Take Delco Park Drive off either street, turn into the park, curve around the ball fields, and go to the far end.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Water and lemonade will be supplied, and the grills will be ready by 5 to cook any meats you bring. See Lee Moser if you have any questions!



A Special Chance to Dance!

Remember **Daniela Ivanova**, who has held a workshop and a mini-workshop in Dayton in the past couple of years? She will be passing through this summer, and we have arranged for a mini-workshop on **Thursday, July 2**.



Progress on Core Dances

The *ad hoc* committee on core dances is pleased (and relieved) to announce that it has pared down more than 360 suggested dances to a balanced list of 147!

Watch this space for discussion of how this core list will be used to guide the bulk of 7-8 PM teaching for a year or so. It is hoped that teaching dances from the list will revive some worthy dances and increase the number of dances that old and new members have in common. Many thanks to the *ad hoc* committee members: Ed Anderson, Eddie Cordray, Joanne Dombrowski, Lee Moser, John Pappas, and Ellen Rice.



Our 2009 Honor Couple

The last newsletter was so full there wasn't enough space to talk about why our Honor Couple was nominated! To remedy that:

Jim and Ellie Woolley actually started out as contra dancers – they met in a contra dance class, and are longtime members of the Dayton Contra Dance Club. They have attended dance camps, workshops, weekends, and conventions as far away as Georgia, and have even been known to do square dancing!

But the Woolleys have been active in MVFD since 1983, so most of us know them as folkdancers. However, they have put an unusual amount of energy into their “active.” Jim and Ellie have both served on the Program Committee several times (twice as chair). Jim served as our Treasurer for 10 years. Ellie helped out in the kitchen for years before she became chair of the kitchen committee (4 years and counting). Both have also helped with workshop registration, and quietly stepped up whenever other assistance was needed.

The Woolleys' nomination as MVDC Honor Roll Dancers pointed out that Ellie still works part-time (at age 80!); Jim volunteers at a local hospital; and they have restored a home in the Oregon District. Jim has studied and become proficient in tinsmithing and later stained glass, while Ellie scrapbooks, cooks elegant meals, and is something of a card shark.

We are grateful to Jim and Ellie for all they have given MVFD over the years!