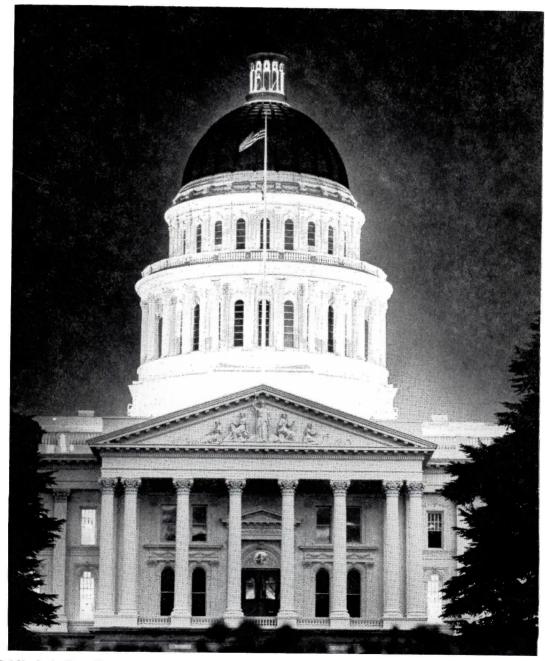
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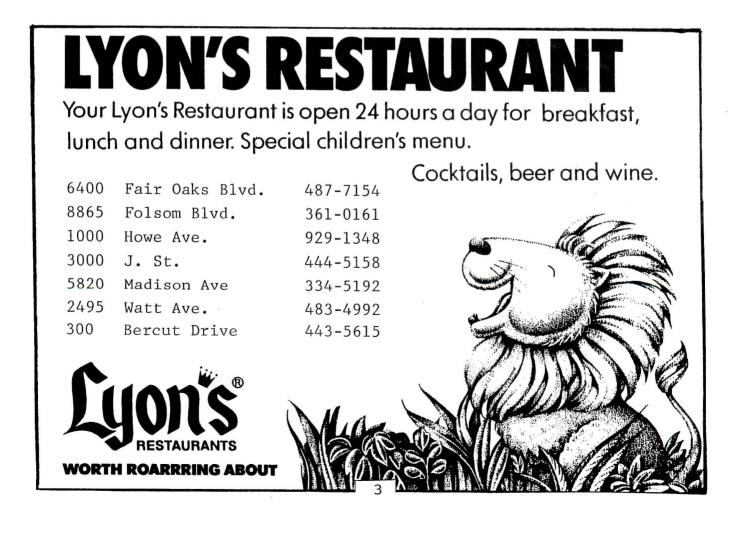
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is March already! My how time flies when you're having fun folk dancing! It's time I make another appeal to someone out there to give a little of his or her time to work in the Federation Office with Genevieve and August. Thev really need some help. I am begging someone in the area to lend a hand. We all have fun dancing, not realizing all the work that it takes to keep everything running smoothly. Volunteers are what keep the Federation going, so please join in. Other than this pressing need, things in the Federation are going along fine.

Camellia Festival time is upon us, and the committee has a great weekend planned for everyone. The festival will be in two places this year. Saturday Institute and evening dancing will be held at Sacramento City College (the same place as last year). Sunday Concert and dancing will be at Luther Burbank Senior High, on Florin Road. The Federation Assembly Meeting will be at 11:00 A.M., at the High School. We hope you all have a great time.

> HAPPY DANCING Leona Faoro, President







On behalf of the Sacramento Council of Folk Dance Clubs, I would like to invite you all to enjoy the 1990 Camellia Festival on March 10 and 11, in the City of Sacramento. We will have activities at Sacramento City College on Saturday and at Luther Burbank Senior High School on Sunday.

On Saturday, there will be two workshops at Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Boulevard, one at 10 A.M. with Jaap Leegwater teaching Bulgarian and one in the afternoon with Jerry Duke teaching Cajun. The Saturday evening party starts at 8 P.M., featuring our very successful "two room format," couple dancing in one room, and

SATURDAY PROGRAM

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SQUARES

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SUNDAY PROGRAM

DANCE CONCERT, 1-3:00 DANCE PARTY, 3:30-5:30

line dancing (with live music) in the other. Dance one or the other, or go back and forth and do both. The live music will be by "Dai Go Zivo." It's worth the price of admission just to listen! You can't go wrong - it's going to be a party EVERYONE can enjoy!

Sunday (at Luther Burbank High) is the Pageant with dancing afterward. Doors open at noon, exhibitions start at 1 P.M. We have a great exhibition program lined up, followed by a great dance program. Come and enjoy. (P.S. -Don't forget the Federation Meeting at 11 A.M.) Happy Dancing!

> Patty Butler President, Sacramento Council

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Thoughts on ... Eastern Europe & The Balkans

Rae Tauber OPA! Folklore Tours

The events in Eastern Europe and the Balkans this past six months have been truly astonishing. Those of you who follow the news, and those who have traveled these areas, could not help but be sensitive to the political climate as it affected the citizenry. The discontent was never far from the surface, and the constant deprivation of basic needs was never more acute than in Romania. We stopped running tours into this country for the past three years because only the hierarchy --and the tourists -- were eating. Hard to swallow.

There is, however, another side to this question which might be explored. In the centralized government, there exists a department known as the Ministry of Culture. One small division of this is given over to the study and promulgation of folklore, as it fits into the grand scheme of a Socialist system. The Ministry supports researchers, ethnographic museums, trains directors who will work at Houses of Culture, educates teachers in dance, choreography, and costume, and provides the opportunity for showcasing festivals. Workers -- and they range from doctors and engineers to factory floor and agricultural communes -- will often join a dance group in the hope they will be awarded an opportunity to travel -- anywhere. This issue of travel came up time and again in conversations with dance group members, with guides, with museum officials, and indeed, with our counterparts in the travel offices.

With the remarkable changes in government structure, accomplished and yet-to-be, it will be interesting to see what priority will be placed on these folklore manifestations. Take for example, Koprivschitsa -- that once-every-five years festival in Bulgaria. (Next, 1991) In talking with Don and Ellie Hiatt, they reminded me what logistics are required in putting this event together. Workers take time off work to rehearse and then attend. Perhaps 50 busses are pulled off their regular routes to transport people from all over Bulgaria to the festival grounds. Food must be requisitioned and trucked in. A camp-site must be set up to accommodate hundreds of people, with kitchens, etc. The cost to the government is enormous, and the money generated by tourist spending is limited by the number of hotel rooms available. In the 60 kilometers surrounding the area, there are probably less than 250 hotel rooms. (The alternative is Plovdiv or Sofia, for a three-hour run back and forth, which ties up tourist busses as well.) Other festivals are captive to this government support, to a greater or lesser degree.

East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Bulgaria all belong to the Congress of International Folk Festivals, which holds international events, and they may continue to participate on some level. (These countries also host festivals and dance competitions of their own.) Romania has been out of the general picture for some time, due to the stringent economic and travel policies of the prior government. Greece also belongs to CIOFF, but many of her festivals are church related, somewhat home grown, and continue in a truer tradition.

We certainly don't want to look backward to "the happy peasant dancing on the threshing floor." Between Levi jeans and VCRs, that is gone. What we hope remains is the continued support for the many people employed by the Ministry of Culture. It would be a great loss for this body of research and information to be dismissed as irrelevent to current history. A nation's traditions are central to the individual's identity, tied up with remembered music, dance motifs, literature, folk art forms, and food. It is our wish that, along with their political self-determination, these valuable traditions travel with the people into the nineties.

Folk Dance Profiles



ERNEST DRESCHER

by Miriam Lidster

Many people have worked in the Folk Dance Federation of California for twenty years or more. "Ernie" Drescher is one of these workers.

Ernie went to Balboa High, where he played clarinet and saxophone in the orchestra. It was in the orchestra that he met his late wife, Bee, who played the piano. After high school, Ernie graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering from Healds Engineering College. In 1938, Ernie and Bee were married; and in 1940, they bought the house in which Ernie still lives. At that time, it was the third house in a tract of cabbages, without street lights, in the area now known as Stonestown.

Ernie and Bee were interested in getting involved in folk dancing, so in 1940, with no previous experience, they went to a class at Changs. The class was for beginner, intermediate, and advanced dancers; and Ernie and Bee learned their first dance, a Russian Peasant Dance, that night. Ernie and Bee had a daughter, Tina, who now lives in San Mateo with her husband and three children. Tina danced with a young women's exhibition group, The Petite This was truly a "folk Ensemble. dance family."

During Ernie's many years of service, he was President of the Folk Dance Federation of California in 1969-70 and again from 1974 to 1976. He has been on the Board of Directors for nine years and worked on the By-Laws Committee in 1977 and again in 1988. The By-Laws have been revised many times; however, Ernie was instrumental in working with the By-Laws as they are being used at the present time. He was also President of the San Francisco Council when it consisted of approximately seventeen clubs.

Changs (well-known to many, especially those who dance in San Francisco) elected Ernie as President seven times. Of course, he also served on their By-Laws Committee.

It is difficult to talk about Ernie and his many and varied activities without talking about Bee. Ernie and Bee choreographed and produced several anniversary, Christmas, and birthday parties for Changs. For many years, Bee taught a women's exhibition group which performed often at Federation functions. She was a protege of Anatol Joukowsky. She also took Japanese dance instruction and was the only Caucasian to exhibit Japanese dancing at the invitation of her Japanese instructor in Japantown, San Francisco, in front of an all-Japanese audience.

When Bee and Ernie went to Hawaii in 1972, Bee danced with a

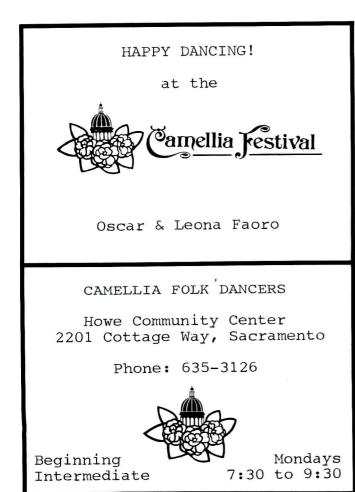
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group of Japanese women in Bona Dori. It is customary that the pupil of a certain teacher wear the identical costume of that teacher. Bee, in the costume of her teacher, joined the group of women dancers, dancing counter clockwise in a circle. All those watching the performance were amazed by her style and proficiency and applauded her when she sat down. Bee presented a Japanese solo at the 1979 Statewide Festival in Fresno. When Bee passed away six years ago, Ernie gave up active folk dancing.

But he did not give up service to the Folk Dance Federation of California, in spite of a recurring knee problem. He still offers suggestions and guidance to committee people.

For your years of service, Ernie, we thank you. You have served us well.





FOLK · DANCE · NEWS

SEATTLE FOLKDANCE FESTIVAL -The third annual Seattle Folkdance Festival, sponsored by the Festival Folkdancers Co-op, will be held on March 3 and 4 at the Ingraham High School, 1819 North 135th, Seattle Washington. A very popular teacher, Nicolaas Hilferink, will be presenting Romanian dances. Ten other talented local teachers will also be on hand. For more information, call Jeanine at 206-243-5922, or Alice at 206-524-6107.

DO A FRIEND A FAVOR - The following words of wisdome are paraphrased from a brief article in the December issue of Folktrails Magazine:

We all know YOU love the wonderful world of folk dancing (and the folks who are in it). But think about all the people you know who...

 Think folk dancing means square dancing,
 Believe they need a partner in order to dance,
 Talk about doing something, but are afraid of making a move,
 Are convinced they can't dance,
 Feel they won't be welcome.

Do something nice for these people - introduce them to our folk dance world. Take them to a folk dance class or party. A gift of some dance lessons or a subscription to Let's Dance is great for a birthday, anniversary, or any day. Give the gift of folk dancing - you'll be glad you did!

FUN IN MARIN - The Able Steppers will be hosting Fun in Marin, with the theme "The South American Way," on Sunday, June 10, at Park School in Mill Valley. Besides dancing, there will be exhibitions. a workshop, and a costume parade by the Peruvian Folklore Company. The instructor will be Martha Espejo. Activities will begin at 9:30 A.M., and continue through the day until 5:30 P.M. Cost will be \$12 at the door, and \$10 for those who pre-register before May 25. Watch your mail for a flyer with more information and a pre-registration form.

SLAVIC FOLK FESTIVAL - On March 23-25, Penn State will hold their annual Slavic Folk Festival. The festivities will take place in University Park, PA. For more information, call Elizabeth Hanley at 814-865-7591.

HAWAII DANCE CAMP - March 24-31 are the dates for the Makahiki Hou Camp, on Oahu. For more information, write to Box 22463, Honalulu, Hawaii 96822, or call 808-487-8712.



NEW LEGACY LOGO - A new logo for Legacy, the International Leadership/Communications Organization of Square Dancing, has recently been created by Stan Burdick, one of the three people who founded Legacy in 1973.

The new logo embodies the purpose of Legacy. The shapes around the dancing couple represent square, round, and contra dancing; the gavel with the ten dots represents leadership in the ten components of Legacy; and the quill represents communication and promotion of Legacy activities. This new logo, incorporating dancing figures, will make Legacy more recognizable as a square dance organization.

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COUNCIL · **CLIPS**

GREATER EAST BAY FOLK DANCE COUNCIL

The Concord Folk Dancers will have their party on Sunday, March 4, from 1 to 4 P.M., with refreshments at 2:30, at the Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle, Baldwin Park, Concord. Stan Valentine will call squares, and Jean Williams will MC.

The Berkeley Senior Citizen Dancers will have their party Sunday, March 18, from 1 to 4 P.M., at the Berkeley Senior Center, Old Grove Street and Hearst Avenue, Berkeley. Stan Valentine will call squares, and Lloyd Day will MC.

The East Bay Women's Dance Circle will have their party on Thursday, March 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. They folk dance under the direction of Grace Nicholes, assisted by Gwen Heisler and Jerry Washburn, Jr., at the Allendale Recreation Center, 3711 Suter Street, Oakland.

PENINSULA COUNCIL

Bruce Wyckoff will host the Little Nite Music Party on March 3, and the theme is Dances of the Philippines

The Redwood City Folk Dancers will have a party on March 9 with a Greek theme. OPA!

The Docey Does report that the theme for their March 24 party will be Scottish. They will dance for the Redwood Senior Center on March 13 as part of the Irish Week festivities.

The Bay Area Country Dance Society will have Contra Parties at St. Paul's in San Francisco on March 3, 17, and 23, at 8 P.M. Beginners sesions begin at 7:30, and are free. On March 7 and 21, dances will be held at the First Christian Church in San Jose. On March 10, 24, and 31, dances will be held at the Palo Alto YWCA. All parties feature live music. For more information, call 415-965-9169.

WELCOME! The Palo Alto Folk Dancers invite you to meet Suzanne Rocca-Butler, their new caller/teacher, at their party on March 17, at the Lucy Stern Center. The theme will surely be Irish. Future parties will be held on April 21 and May 19. For information, call 415-854-3184.

FRESNO COUNCIL

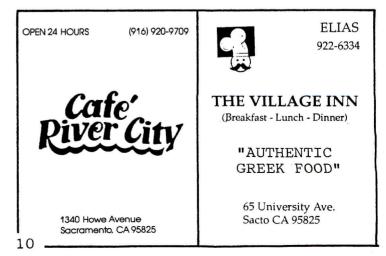
The Fresno International Co-op Folk Dancers hosted a New Year's Eve Party at Einstein Hall to ring in 1990 with request dancing, food, hats, horns, streamers, balloons, and Auld Lang Syne. Marty and her crew decorated for this fun-filled, well attended party. Music was by Louise and Kent Petersen and Gary Hughes. It was a lovely Eve!

REDWOOD COUNCIL

Our Cherry Blossom Festival is coming to the Sonoma Veterans Building on April 8, starting at 1:30 P.M. It will be sponsored by the Petaluma/Novato International Folk Dancers.

Mark your calendars for the Rose Festival on May 20, in Santa Rosa. There will be dancing, fun, and prizes, including a live rose bush. Warm up for Statewide!

Wedding bells rang for Bill Williams and Vi Clark in Santa Rosa on February 24. Best wishes from all your folk dancing friends.



FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA DANCE RESEARCH COMMITTEE: Omega Andreola, Suzanne Rocca-Butler, Bob Gardner

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DOBRA, NEVESTO

(Bulgaria)

Dobra, nevesto (DOH-brah neh-VEHS-toh), meaning "Dobra, the bride" is a "horovodna" (dancing song) from the area around the town of Petrič in S.W. Bulgaria (Pirin region). Yves Moreau observed this dance variation at a wedding in the town of Sandanski in 1969 and presented it at the 1989 Statewide Institute in Ventura, CA and the 1989 University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp

- CASSETTE: Bulgarian Folk Dances YM-UOP-89 Side A/1 7/16 meter
- RHYTHM: Music is in 7/16 meter (1-2-3, 1-2, 1-2) heard as three beats with the first being slightly longer in duration. Counted here as 1,2,3.
- FORMATION: Open circle or line with hands joined in "V" pos, leader at R end. Face diag R of ctr, wt on L ft.
- STEPS and Run*, lift*.

STYLING:

All steps are done with an easy flexing of the knees and ankles. Posture is erect, relaxed and dignified. The dance has a calm, leisurely feeling.

*Described in Steps & Styling, published by the Folk Dance Federation of California, Inc.

MUSIC	7/16 meter PATTERN
Measures	
16 meas	INTRODUCTION No action. Begin with vocal.
	PATTERN
1	Moving in LOD (CCW), step on R ft (ct $\underline{1}$); small lift on R as L ft moves fwd (ct 2); step fwd on L ft (ct 3).
2	Repeat meas 1.
3-4	Still moving in LOD, run 3 small steps R,L,R (cts 1,2,3). Run L,R,L (cts 1,2,3). Accent each ct 1 with a little deeper bend of the knee.
5-8	Repeat meas 1-4.
9	The floor pattern of meas 9-12 is a shallow inverted "V". Facing diag R of ctr, step fwd on R (ct 1); lift on R ft while extending L ft fwd and raising joined hands to "W" pos (cts 2-3).
10	Continuing to move diag R of ctr, step fwd on L ft (ct 1); lift on L ft while bending R knee and raising R ft up behind (cts $2-3$). On lift, turn 1/4 CCW to face diag L of ctr.

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- 11 Facing diag L of ctr, step bkwd on R ft, starting to move joined hands fwd and down (ct <u>1</u>); step bkwd on L ft, joined hands continuing down to "V" pos (cts 2-3).
- 12 Continuing on same diag, step bkwd on R (ct $\underline{1}$); lift on R ft while bending L knee and raising L ft up behind (cts 2-3).
- 13-16 Repeat meas 9-12 with opp ftwk and direction.

DANCE SEQUENCE: Dance pattern as written until music ends.

Lyrics Snošti e Dobra, kâsno sedela (2) Oj, Dobro, Dobro, Dobra nevesto (2) Ta e naprela devet vretena (2) Devet vretena tenka osnova (2)

Dobra sat very late last night. Dobra, the bride, spun nine spindles full of fine threads.

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Radomirska Lesa

(Bulgaria)

Radomirska Lesa (rah-doh-MEER-skah lay-SAH), a line dance of the Šopsko-Graovsko Horo category, is from the Radomir region of West Bulgaria. Anastasia Moskova taught the dance at the 1987 Kolo Festival at the University of California, Berkeley. Yves Moreau also taught the dance at the 1989 Statewide Institute in Ventura, CA and the 1989 University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp.

- CASSETTE: Bulgarian Folk Dances Yves Moreau YM-UOP-89 Side B/3; Bulgarian Folk Dances - Anastasia Moskova Side A/1; any Šopsko type of horo melody. 2/4 meter
- FORMATION: Lines with leader at R end. Hands joined in "V" pos or use belt hold (L over R).
- STEPS and Leap*, step*. STYLING:

Balkan Three: Step on R ft in place (ct 1); step on L ft beside R (ct &); step on R ft in place (ct 2). Repeat will start with step on L ft.

<u>Stamp</u>: A forceful contact of the full ft with the floor, making a sound. Do not take wt.

Dancers use small, sharp movements and dance lightly with a proud, upright manner.

*Described in Steps and Styling, published by the Folk Dance Federation of Calif., Inc.

MUSIC 2/4 meter

PATTERN

Measures

16 meas INTRODUCTION No action.

- I. ALONG THE LINE
- 1 Facing R of ctr and moving in LOD, leap onto R ft (ct l); smaller leap onto L ft, crossing in front of R (ct 2).
- 2-3 Repeat meas 1 twice.
- 4 Facing ctr, dance 1 Balkan Three beg R.
- 5-6 Repeat meas 4 beg L, then R.
- 7-12 Repeat action of meas 1-6 with opp ftwk and direction.
 - II. TO CENTER

1 Facing ctr, small leap fwd onto R ft (ct l); small leap fwd onto L ft (ct 2).

2 Repeat meas 1.

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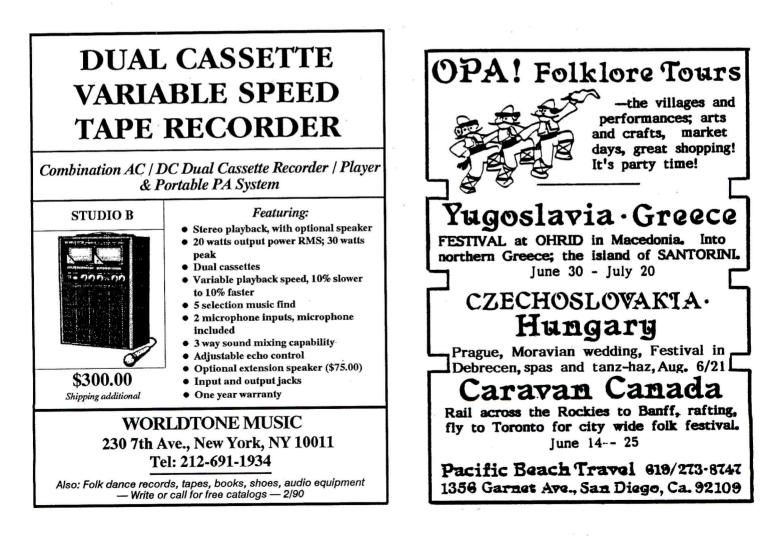
- 3-4 Stamp R ft 3 times (cts 1,2,1); hold (ct 2). On these 3 stamps the R ft is a little fwd of L ft (heel of R ft is near ball of L ft).
- 5 Small leap bkwd onto R ft (ct 1); small leap bkwd onto L ft (ct 2).
- 6 Repeat meas 5.
- 7-8 Repeat meas 3-4.

DANCE SEQUENCE: Dance pattern as written until music ends.

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ERRATA:

Bondpolska frän Överhärde – Let's Dance January 1990 III Transition, line l: Change <u>counterpoint</u> to <u>counterpart</u>. Dance Sequence, line l: Change <u>i meas</u> to <u>l meas</u>.



CALENDAR of **EVENTS**

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC. Ed Kremers, 155 Turk, San Francisco 94102, 415-775-3444

- Mar. 2 Fri, SAN FRANCISCO Family folkdancing at 60 Onandaga; 415-592-1190 (also every 1st Fri. during spring)
- Mar. 10 Sat. BERKELEY Folk Dancers party, Jefferson School 7 P.M.
- Mar. 10-11 SS SACRAMENTO Camellia Festival & Institute. 916-421-8833. Folk Dance Federation meeting on Sunday. See details elsewhere in this issue.
- MAR. 10-18 RICHMOND: Mar 10-16 at Days Hotel, 3150 Garrity Way (Hilltop Mall) Middle Eastern Folk Dance (Belly Dance) Festival & Bazaar Mar.16, 17, 18th Richmond Auditorium, 27th & Nevin, 415-724-0214
- MAR. 16-18 F-S MONTE TOYON week-end, Contra & English Country Dancing; 415-965-9169, 282-7374,747-0101.
- Mar. 17 Sat PALO ALTO Folk Dance Party at 1305 Middlefield Rd. 415-854-3184
- Mar. 18 Sun. HAYWARD Area Senior Center, 22325 No. 3rd St. Easy Does It Spring Festival. 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Mar. 31 FIFTHPeninsula (Beginners):415-494-7758SATURDAY PARTIESEast Bay (Berkeley):415-524-2871Fresno:209-255-1786

Mar. 31 Sat. OAKLAND English Playford (country dance) Ball; 415-965-9169. Tickets \$18.00

Events South

Mar. 18 Beginner Festival, Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Park, 14201 Huston ST., Sherman Oaks, 1:30-5:00 pm, Council Meeting 11:00 am.

April 29 Westwood Festival, Culver City Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, 1:30-5:30 pm, Council Meeting 11:00 am.

May 25-28 Statewide at Fresno

June 29-July 6 Idyllwild Workshop, June 29-July 1 Weekend.

September 15 Idyllwild Dinner Dance

October 6-7 Festival hosted by Cabrillo International Folk Dancers, Balboa Park, San Diego, Council Meeting Oct. 7 10:00 am.

Oct. 12-13 Camp Hess Kramer

Photographing Costume_

A while back, the Costume Research Committee had a very frustrating experience trying to photograph some very nice ethnic costumes. There were more obstacles than anticipated. We did get some good information and pictures, but following the photo session, the many obstacles encountered and the possible ways to work around them were discussed and noted to be tried at our next photo session.

One of the things I discovered was that the lighting used for video camcorders was not compatible with my film camera. The lights used were sufficient to white balance the camcorders, but not sufficient for the daylight slide film being used. The remedy for this situation was to have more lights, a faster lens, or a flash unit. My flash unit died and I did not have a faster lens, so we purchased some more lights which, unfortunately, did not solve all of my problems.

It was suggested that I might share some of my methods used to photograph costumes, and close-ups of the embroidery and jewelry. First let me tell you that I have a 35 mm SLR (single lens reflex, or through the lens viewing) camera with a 50 mm f2.8 lens, which is probably the average type lens found on most 35 mm cameras. I use 400 ASA Daylight film because it is a faster film, and sometimes allows me to take handheld shots in a lower light level than a 64 ASA or 200 ASA rated film. Also, most lighted, or fill shots, are with photo floods, or flash, and no lens filter is required.

Using a camera with a 50 mm lens, I found that the closest focus lens distance to subject was about 17.5 inches. This means that trying to photograph just one button up close is not possible with the regular lens. It now requires a different

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lens, or extension tubes, in conjunction with the regular lens for a very close up, or macro shot. If you don't have a macro lens or extension tubes. then you have reached the limit of the camera's ability for close up shots. I solved this lens switching problem with my Vivitar Series I 70-210 mm Telephoto-macro zoom lens. It happens to fill all of my overall to macro shots without lens switching. Naturally this is not for everyone, but generally you can do a lot of good costume documenting with just a regular lens. Many of the directview and point-and-shoot cameras can record good picture information if you know what the camera's limitations are. Of course this may mean that you will have to do some test shots to find out what your camera can accomplish for you.

Taking pictures of costumes for research or documentation is not quite the same as taking pictures of Aunt Lily and the twins or your new car. You will not be looking for an over-all pleasant scene; you will want to fill the picture film area up with the subject as much as possible. You are looking for details. You need to be able to see in the picture whether the vest and jacket are of the same fabric, or if the apron is the same length as the skirt. (You will tell yourself that you will remember these details without having to see them - but most likely you won't!) This is where lighting and background is so important.

It is always nice to take a picture of the person wearing the costume, as it ties the owner to the costume for your records, and maybe the owner would like a copy, but after that do not worry about the person. Take an over all front, back, and side view for a basic idea of the proportions and fullness of the costume pieces. Depending on the patience of model, take as many detailed pictures as possible (i.e. Take a picture of the vest front and back, and then the buttons, trim, collar, etc.) Photograph each costume piece, and then its details. If possible, have someone take notes on the details while you click away, like the type of fabric, type of trim, embroidery, etc. If you can lay the costume piece out flat, a picture of the inside might be handy if you want to know or remember how it was made.

When photographing a costume piece by piece, and not on a model, having the costume piece in a vertical position is easier for the photographer, but not always the easiest to display. Whatever way you choose, have a light colored. but not white, background. A dark costume piece put on a white background creates too great a contrast and makes the job metering the reflective light difficult. I prefer a cream colored fabric or muslin fabric because white will show up okay on it.

I have hung a costume piece on a hanger in front of a backdrop and have also pinned a costume piece to a covered and padded board. The hanger is okay, but a padded board helps hold sleeves out or the front of a jacket flat and in place. A large piece of corrugated cardboard covered with fabric is very good as you can stick pins into it.

NOTE: If you are using pins on someone's costume, be very careful not to damage the costume.

Put the pins into areas that will not show up as white dots, like at the edge of the trim, in the seams, and pins with colored heads are very east to hide

If there is a pocket, put a piece of paper in it, and be sure to note that it is there for photography reasons only. A piece of colored paper tucked into a white glove, or behind white lace will help show up the fine details.

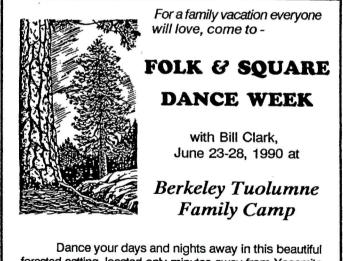
When you want to have embroidery threads or details of a trim to show 17 up and it is the same color as the fabric, try lighting from the side instead of head-on lighting. Light from the side creates shadows and will help distinguish the highlights and shadows. This technique is also good on filagree buttons and some types of jewelry

I hope that this information will help some of you to find the courage to try your hand at costume photo documentation. If that is not the case, then let the Costume Research Committee know who has a good ethnic costume and how the Committee can contact them.

Happy Shooting!

Ray Bacon

NOTE: I am not a professional photographer, and the Committee and I would be interested in any helpful suggestion to aid us with difficult to photograph articles.



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FRIDAY NIGHT

STATEWIDE PROGRAM 1990

2.	Setnja (np) Scandinavian Polka (cpl)L Gerakina (np)	Serbia J.S.A./Nor Greece		29.	Apat-Apat (P) Mayim (np) Kujawiak #3 (cpl)	Philippines Israel Poland
	D'Hammersmiedsg'selln (S)			71		
	Shiri Li Kineret (np)	Israel			Never on Sunday (np) Prince William (S)	U.S.A./Greece England
6.	Korobushka (P)	Russia			Vrapcheto (np)	Bulgaria
7	Orijent (np)	Serbia			El Gaucho Tango (cpl)	2
	Pariserpolka (cpl)	Norway			Savila Se Bela Loza (n	
	Armenian Miserlou (np)	Armenia			Sønderhoning (cpl)	Denmark
	Blue Pacific Waltz (cpl)	U.S.A.				
	Drmeš iz Zdenčina (np)	Croatia		37.	Tzadik Katamar (np)	Israel
	Squares or Contras	U.S.A.		38.	Western Trio Mixer (3'	s,P) U.S.A.
				39.	Ajde Lepa Maro (np)	Serbia
13.	Milanovo Kolo (np)	Serbia		40.	Caballito Blanco (cpl)	Mexico
14.	Maple Leaf Rag (cpl)	U.S.A.			Imate Li Vino (np)	Macedonia
	Sitna Zborenka (np)	Bulgaria		42.	Squares or Contras	U.S.A.
	Trip to Bavaria (S)	Scotland				
	Svekrvino Oro (np)	Macedonia			Kostursko Oro (np)	Macedonia
18.	Ve'David (P)	Israel			Arnold's Circle (P)	England
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	Tropanka (Moskoff)(np)	Bulgaria			Postie's Jig (S)	Scotland
	Hambo (cpl)	Sweden			Tsámikos (np)	Greece
	Promoroaca (np)	Romania		48.	Innherredspols (cpl)	Norway
	Lepa Anka Kolo Vodi (cpl)			10		c :
	Prekid Kolo (np)	Serbia			Ersko Kolo (np)	Serbia
24.	Squares or Contras	U.S.A.			St. Bernard Waltz (cpl) Scotland Israel
25	Keshenavo (np)	Israel			Lech Lamidbar (np) Road to the Isles (cpl	
	Elizabeth Quadrille (S)	U.S.A.			Trugnala Rumjana (np)	Bulgaria
	Jarina de la Abrud (np)	Romania			Waltz	U.S.A.
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SATURDAY NIGHT

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2. 3. 4. 5.	Karamfil (np) Vrtielka (cpl) Siamsa Beirte (cpl) Sham Hareh Golan (np) Zillertaler Laendler (cpl) Salty Dog Rag (cpl)	Bulgaria Slovakia Ireland Israel Austria U.S.A.
10.	Garry Strathspey (S) Tehuantepec (cpl) Erev Ba II (np) Allemansmarsj (P)	Armenia Scotland Mexico Israel Norway U.S.A.
15. 16.	Ali Paşa (np) Hofbräuhaus Laendler (cpl) Institute Dance Vlaško (Moreau) (np) La Bastringue (P) Frenc Cotton-Eyed Joe (cpl)	Bulgaria h/Canada
	Institute Dance Hora de mînă(Hilferink)	Slovakia England Romania Austria U.S.A.
25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30.	Stabberinglender (cpl) Institute Dance Sulam Ya'akov (np)	acedonia Norway Israel Scotland Hungaria
 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 		
39. 40. 41. 42.	Oklahoma Mixer (P) Hasapikós (slow) Shiftin' Bobbins (S) Zwiefacher (Alte Kath) (cp WWDD	Slovakia U.S.A. Greece Scotland 1)Bavaria
43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48.	Haroa Haktana (np) Tango Poquito (P) U.S.A./ Hambo (cpl) Jovano Jovanke (np) Rest and Be Thankful (S) Sleeping Kujawiak (cpl)	Israel Argentina Sweden Macedonia Scotland Poland

49.	Palóc Csárdás (cpl)	Hungary
50.	Le Mâitre de Maison (np)	France
51.	Dundee Whaler (S)	Scotland
52.	Tsiganochka (cpl)	Russia
53.	Vranjanka (np)	Serbia
54.	Waltz (cpl)	U.S.A.

SATURDAY NIGHT - NON-PARTNER PROGRAM

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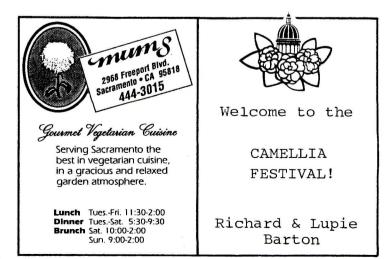
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46.	Marino	Macedonia
47.	Raca (Shokcic)	Croatia
48.	Cajun Two Step (cpl)	U.S.A.
49.	Dobrudžanska Opas	Bulgaria
50.	At Va'ani	Israel
51.	Székely Friss (cpl)	Hungary
	Sta Tria	Greece
53.	Hora Spoitorilor	Romania
54.	Kasapsko Oro	Macedonia
55.	Šop Ruchenitsa	Bulgaria
56.	Somogyi Karikázó	Hungary
57.	Çačak	Serbia
58.	Čije e ona Mome	Macedonia
59.	Ana Lugojana (cpl)	Romania
	Karagouna	Greece
	Krivo Sadovsko Horo	Bulgaria
	Shiri Li Kineret	Israel
63.	Kleistós	Greece
64.	Ciuleandra	Romania
65.	Dospatsko Horo	Bulgaria
66.	Békési Páros (cpl)	Hungary
67.	Rustemul	Romania
68.	Sadi Moma	Bulgaria
	Vossarul (cpl)	Norway
	Vrni se Vrni	Macedonia
71.	Waltz (cpl)	U.S.A.
72.	Lesnoto	Macedonia

SUNDAY NIGHT

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Ikariotikos (np) Dodi Li (cpl) Sukačko Kolo (np)	Macedonia Germany Greece Israel Croatia U.S.A./Belg
8. 9. 10. 11.	Bela Rada (np) Santa Rita (cpl) Ivanice (np) Postie"s Jig (S) Plataniotiko Nero (np) Squares or Contras	Serbia Mexico Macedonia Scotland Greece U.S.A.
14. 15. 16. 17.	Divčibarsko Kolo (np) Doudlebska Polka (P) Bapardess (np) Hambo med vals (cpl) Drmeš iz Zdenčina (np) Ada's Kujawiak #1 (cpl)	Serbia Czech Israel Sweden Croatia Poland
20. 21. 22.	Pinosavka (np) Black Mountain Reel (S) Ma Na'avu (np) Corrido (cpl) Svekrvino Oro (np) Squares or Contras	Serbia Scotland Israel Mexico Macedonia U.S.A.

25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30.	Kriči, Kriči, Tiček (np) La Encantado Tango (cpl)U.	Israel nd/U.S.A. Croatia S.A./Arg Serbia Hungary
31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42.	Mari Mariiko (np) Rørospols (cpl) Joc de leagane (np)	Serbia England Romania Russia Bulgaria U.S.A. Romania Germany Bulgaria Norway Romania Bavaria
43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48.	Miserlou (np) Let's Have a Ceilidh (S) Hora Fetelor (np) Sirto (cpl) Keshenavo (np) Somewhere My Love (cpl)	Greece Scotland Romania Bulgaria Israel U.S.A.
49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54.		Croatia Sweden Hungary Scotland Macedonia Greece
56.	Ciuleandra (np) Cumberland Square (S) Hasual (np) Milondito Tango (cpl) U. Lesnoto (np) Waltz (cpl)	Romania England Israel S.A./Argen Macedonia U.S.A.



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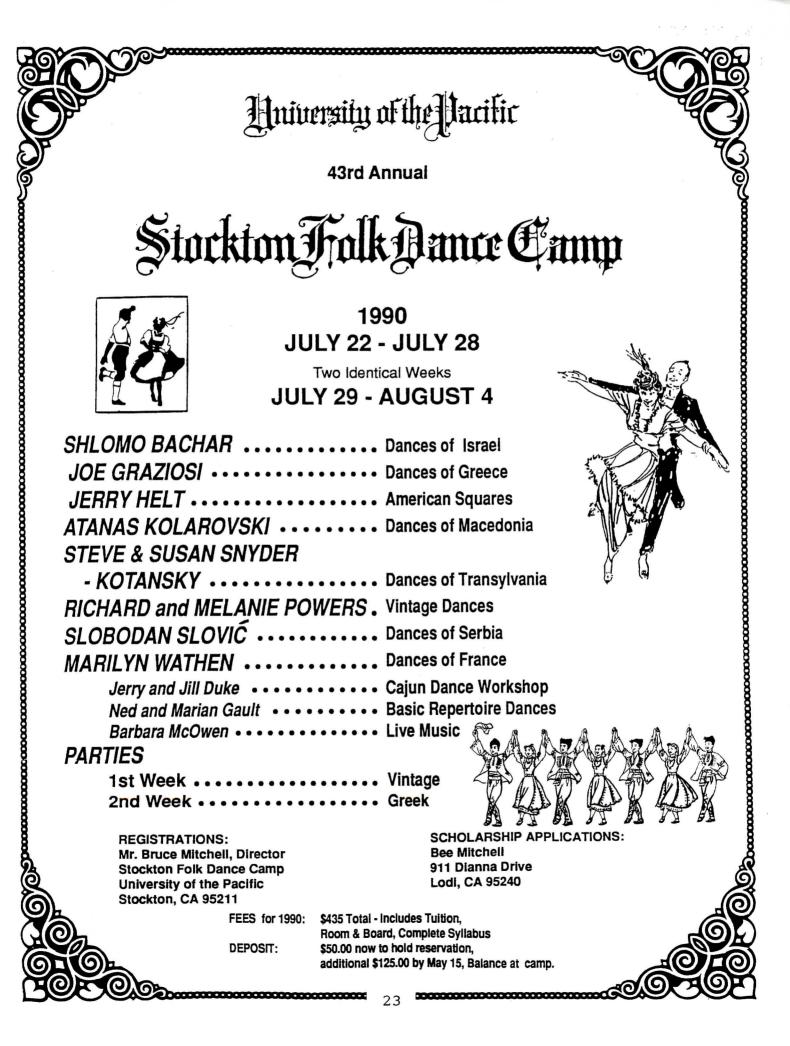
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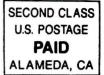
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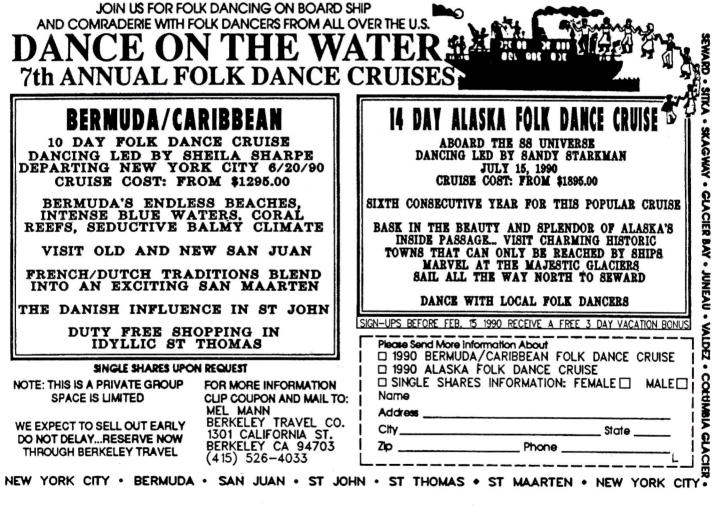




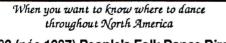
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