

Remembering Nancy Linscott

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We are sad to inform you that we lost a beloved member of our California Scandinavian dance community last weekend. Nancy Linscott, founder of Scandinavian dancing in the Greater Bay Area, and founder of Scandia Camp Mendocino, passed away at the age of 88, on Saturday evening October 26, after sustaining a stroke the week before. Nancy had been living with progressive dementia for many years.

We will remember Nancy for so many things. She was an avid watercolorist, and had even captured the magic of the Mendocino Woodlands in some of her watercolors, one of which eventually became a Scandia Camp t-shirt illustration. She loved to play tennis, hike, backpack, and was a leader in the international folk dance community in the Bay Area as well.

More importantly, we will remember Nancy for her long dedication to building a Scandinavian dance community locally, teaching Scandia dancing for many years with her former husband, Dean Linscott, and eventually founding the Scandia Camp Mendocino. And Nancy did it all with great love and much grace! There was a time in the late 80s and early 90s when the monthly dances she led gathered over 100 people per evening!

Nancy's many contributions that helped establish a strong Scandinavian dance and music culture in the San Francisco Bay Area have enriched all of our lives, and are continuing to do so today. We were and are very lucky to receive the many gifts that she gave us.

