



Spokane Folklore Society

# Footnotes

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SPOKANE FOLKLORE SOCIETY PRESENTS

SECOND SATURDAY DANCE SERIES

## IRISH CEILI & CONTRA DANCE PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, 7-10 PM



Irish Reels, Quadrilles and Contras

All Ages Welcome

Newcomers Welcome

Taught by Caitlin Trusler,  
Director of the Haran School of Irish Dance  
& Susan Dankovich

Band: Banna Damhsa  
(Dance Band in Gaelic)

\$7 for SFS members & College Students

\$10 for nonmembers Under 18 Free

East Spokane Grange, 1621 N. Park Road

For More Info: [www.spokanefolklore.org](http://www.spokanefolklore.org)



MEMBERSHIP  
FORM

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### SFS Mission

The purpose of the Spokane Folklore Society shall be to promote a broader community awareness and involvement in cultural folk traditions, such as music, dance, and other folk arts through such social and educational events as concerts, dances, festivals, workshops, lectures, demonstrations, and newsletters.  
[www.spokanefolklore.org](http://www.spokanefolklore.org)

### About Footnotes

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Copy deadline is the 15th of the month. Articles from the membership are welcome and appreciated! Copy may be edited for space or clarity.

### SFS BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Brendan Biele

**Vice-President:** Cathy Dark

**Treasurer:** Judy Lungren

**Secretary:** Penn Fix

**Members at Large:** Ken Raymond,  
Dana Smith

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# *Calendar of SFS Sponsored Dances*

DATE	BAND	CALLER	LOCATION
April 3rd	Banna Damhsa	Nancy Staub	Woman's Club Hall
April 13th Sat.	Banna Damhsa	Caitlin Trusler	East Spokane Grange
April 17th	River City Ramblers	Karen Wilson Bell	Woman's Club Hall
May 1st	Dog Paw	Nora Scott	Woman's Club Hall
May 11th Sat.	Reel Friends	Joseph Erhard-Hudson & Abigail Rausch	East Spokane Grange
May 15th	Jam Band	Susan Dankovich	Woman's Club Hall
May 22 Special Lady of the Lake	Greg & Jere Canote and Countercurrent	Wendy Graham	Woman's Club Hall
June 5th	River City Ramblers	Emily Faulkner	Woman's Club Hall
June 8th Sat.	Swing Dance	Cathy Dark	East Spokane Grange
June 19th	Reel Friends	Nora Scott	Woman's Club Hall
June 22 Special Lady of the Lake.	Greg & Jere Canote and Countercurrent	Wendy Graham	East Spokane Grange

## **Now Accepting Credit Cards**

Much thanks to board members Ken Raymond and Judy Lungren for their efforts in bringing the SFS into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We are now able to accept credit cards as payment for our events – using the Square processing system.

## **Contra Dancing in April**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday dance, April 13, Irish Ceili & Contra Dance, features the Irish reels and jigs of Banna Damhsa with callers Caitlin Trusler and Susan Dankovich. Caitlin, the director of the Haran School of Irish Dance will teach Irish social dances including reels, squares and couple dances. Susan will add contras to make it an evening of wonderful dancing. See the flyer above for more information.

## **Second Saturday Dance Schedule**

All dances at: East Spokane Grange Hall, 1621 N. Park Rd in the Spokane Valley

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| April 13 | Irish Ceili and Contras with Susan Dankovich and Caitlin Trusler calling, and Banna Damhsa                 |
| May 11.  | Spring Fling Contra with Joseph Erhard-Hudson & Abigail Rausch calling and music by Reel Friends           |
| June 8   | Swing Dance with live music and Cathy Dark teaching  |
| June 22  | Special Lady of the Lake Dance - Music by Greg & Jere Canote and Countercurrent with Wendy Graham calling. |

# Contra Dancing Beyond Spokane

**Palouse Folklore Society** Contact: [palouse-folklore-society@googlegroups.com](mailto:palouse-folklore-society@googlegroups.com)

All dances held in Moscow Idaho, unless stated otherwise.

Beginner? No problem- Arrive at 7:30 and there are free lessons.

No Partner? No worry. There are lots of dancers - many would like to dance with you. All dances are taught. Singles, families & beginners are always welcome. Children are always FREE

Free dance lessons at 7:30, 8-10:30 Dance.

Admission: \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members and new dancers get in for \$5.

## Extended Calendar:

**Apr 20:** Contra Dance with music by a groovy band and calling by somebody cool, at the 1912 Center, 7:30 PM.

**May 18:** Contra Dance with music by a groovy band and calling by somebody cool, at the Old Blaine Schoolhouse, potluck at 6:30 and dancing at 7:30PM.

**June 15:** Contra Dance with music by Arvid Lundin and Deep Roots and calling by Nora Scott, at the Old Blaine Schoolhouse, potluck at 6:30 and dancing at 7:30 PM.

**July 20:** Contra Dance with music by Banna Damhsa and calling by somebody cool, at the Old Blaine Schoolhouse, potluck at 6:30 and dancing at 7:30 PM.

**August 17:** Pie Extravaganza and Contra Dance with music by a groovy band and calling by somebody cool, at the Old Blaine Schoolhouse, potluck at 6:30 and dancing at 7:30 PM.

**September 21:** Contra Dance with a groovy band and calling by Nora Scott, at the 1912 Center, 7:30 PM.

**October 12:** Contra Dance with a groovy band and calling by somebody cool, at the 1912 Center, 7:30 PM.

**October 26:** Halloween Contra Dance with the Acrasians and calling by Nora Scott, 1912 Center, 7:30 PM.

**November 16:** Contra Dance with music by Banna Damhsa and calling by somebody cool, at the 1912 Center, 7:30 PM.

**December 21:** Contra Dance with music by a groovy band and calling by somebody cool, at the 1912 Center, 7:30 PM.

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## Sandpoint Contra

For more information, [sandpointcontra@gmail.com](mailto:sandpointcontra@gmail.com)

Contra dances 7-10 pm at Sandpoint Community Hall, 204 S First Ave in Sandpoint, ID. \$5 donation, \$20 families.

All dances taught and called. New dancer session 7-7:45. No partner or experience needed. Please bring clean shoes to the hall for dancing, and a water bottle is nice because we're not buying any more paper cups! Please be fragrance-free!

**April 12**      **Accidental Harmonies**

**May 10**      **Reel Friends**

**June 14**      **Accidental Harmonies**

**July 12**      **Banna Damhsa**

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## Coeur d'Alene Contra

The CDA contra dances are held at the Meadowbrook Hall, a few miles north of Coeur d'Alene; take I-95 south from Northwest Blvd and turn right on Cougar Gulch Rd. The hall is on the right – 8088 W. Meadowbrook Loop. The dance begins at 7PM and ends at 10PM

**April 6, Saturday. Joseph Erhard-Hudson and Deep Roots**

**May 4, Saturday. Band & Caller TBD**

**June 1, Saturday, Band & Caller TBD**

## **4th Friday Contra Dancing at the Spokane Sinto Center**

Add these three goods to your life: tunes, people, and dancing at the **4th Friday Contra**

**April 26**

The dancing begins at 7:15pm after the instruction session for beginners. All dances are clearly taught and called by Susan Dankovich with music by Reel Friends.

All ages of adventuresome folks are welcome. Great music by Reel Friends. Smiling people like you dancing up a storm! Share the snack potluck at break with the other dancers.

**7-10pm \$6/adult 18 and under/Free**

Sinto Senior Activity Center 1124 W. Sinto Spokane

Well lit, off-street parking

## **New SFS Board Members Needed!**

These are really exciting times for the Spokane Folklore Society with record numbers of dancers bringing amazing energy to both the Woman's Club and the East Spokane Grange dances. With a significant donation from one of our members, we have upgraded our sound system and are in the middle of replacing our website.

We are looking for two or three current SFS members who want to be part of this amazing revival by serving on our board. Each board member serves a two year term with terms beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Board members help host dances and participate in monthly board meetings (via zoom).

If you are interested, contact Penn Fix at [jpfix3@gmail.com](mailto:jpfix3@gmail.com)

## **Lady of the Lake Fall Music & Dance Weekend**

Registration opens May 1, 2024

Registration for annual Lady of the Lake Fall Music and Dance Weekend begins May 1, 2024. The weekend camp, October 4-6, will feature workshops and evening dances in contra and French Canadian dancing along with band, singing, and caller's workshops. Caller Jesse Partridge and 3 Wheel Drive, a young vibrant band, all from Olympia will lead the contras. Seattle veteran Suzanne Girardot will teach French Canadian reels, squares and contras. The French Canadian Leger family band of Louis, Devon and Dejah from Seattle will provide lively reels and jigs.

There is no better place than Lady of the Lake in the fall – under the falling leaves, crisp October days and breathtaking views of autumn sunsets across the shimmering Coeur d'Alene Lake.

\* Flyer on the next page \*



# Music & Dance Week

## June 23-29, 2024

**Register Now! Spaces Still Available**

*For more information:*

**[ladyofthelake.org/june-week](http://ladyofthelake.org/june-week)**

The June Music and Dance Week features a unique blend of contra and English country dance and music workshops including dancing, calling, and playing. Besides these opportunities to immerse in hours of either contras or English country each day, Lady of the Lake offers several singing and art workshops.

Spend time making new friends, hanging out at the beach, hiking and biking too.

Enjoy our welcoming community. Transportation can be arranged from the Spokane Airport.

- **Joanna Reiner Wilkinson - Susan Petrick - Wendy Graham**
- **Constellation** - Rachel Bell, Jacqueline Schwab, & Susan Kevra
- **Countercurrent** - Alex Sturbaum & Brian Lindsay
- **Greg & Jere Canote - Audrey Jaber - David Kessler - Patricia Donohue**



# Lady of the Lake

## 2024

**Overlooking Coeur d'Alene Lake,  
50 miles from Spokane, WA**

# Music & Dance Weekend

## October 4-6, 2024

**Registration begins May 1, 2024**

*For more information:*

**[ladyofthelake.org/dancesmore](http://ladyofthelake.org/dancesmore)**

Now in our 44 th year, Lady of the Lake's Fall Music and Dance Weekend features contra and French Canadian dance and music. Jesse Partridge and 3 Wheel Drive (Dante and Eros Faulk with River Scheurell) from Olympia, WA will serve up rousing contra dances, music and calling workshops. Suzanne Girardot and the Leger family of Louis, Devon and Dejah from Seattle will lead French Canadian dance and music workshops. Coeur d'Alene Lake is beautiful in the fall.

Come dance, sing, and play music under the falling leaves, crisp October days,  
and breathtaking views of autumn sunsets.

- **Jesse Partridge - Suzanne Girardot**
- **3 Wheel Drive** - Dante & Eros Faulk & River Scheuerell
- **La Famille Leger** - Louis, Devon & Dejah Leger



**All Lady of the Lake camps have appropriate and safe Covid protocols. Please check our website for current updates.**





# Beginning Line Dance

If you have not danced before or it has been a while, this is the class for you!

**No partner necessary   Get Active   Have fun**  
**Bring a water bottle, you will work up a thirst!**

**Starting Wednesdays, April 3rd, 2024   4:30-5:20**

**Southside Community Center 3151 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane WA**

**9 classes in this series**

**Price: Members \$35, Non-members \$45**

**Drop in price: Members \$5, nonmembers \$7 per class**

Comfortable closed toed Leather sole shoes  
Recommended!

Please arrive 5 minutes early to register and pay  
before class starts

**Taught by Cathy Dark**

# KICK UP SOME DUST LINE DANCE II

STARTING WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 - 9 WEEK SERIES  
5:30-6:15 PM

LEARN DANCES WITH FUN PATTERNS, INCLUDING SPINS  
AND PIVOTS. SOME DANCE EXPERIENCE ENCOURAGED.  
NEW POPULAR DANCES AND CLASSICS FROM THE PAST  
WILL BE TAUGHT.

## GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN

MEMBERS \$35    NON-MEMBERS \$45  
DROP IN PRICES PER CLASS \$5 & \$7

**South Side Community Center**  
**3151 E 27<sup>th</sup> Ave   Spokane WA**

~Leather sole shoes recommended

~Bring a water bottle

Please arrive 5 minutes early to register and pay before class starts

Taught by Cathy Dark







## **SWING DANCE CLASSES**

### **STARTING APRIL 2ND, 2024**

**Beginning Swing - Tuesdays: 6:30-7:20**

This for true blue beginners. This class will introduce you to 6 count swing, ideal for easy dancing. Learn basic footwork and partner connection and be on the dance floor with confidence.

**Swing Dance II – Tuesday 7:30-8:20**

For those who have taken Swing Dance or have other partner dance experience. Learn many new variations and how to combine them into something unique.

**Learn to “cut a rug”  
at your next party,  
wedding, or just at  
home**

**Singles and Couples  
welcome**

**Great exercise and  
so fun!**

**8 lesson series  
swing party week 9**

**Members \$35  
Non Members \$45  
Per person**

**SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY  
CENTER**

3151 E 27th Ave  
Spokane WA

Please arrive 5 minutes  
early to Register and pay

Taught by Cathy Dark