



Spokane Folklore Society

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SPOKANE FOLKLORE SOCIETY
Second Saturday Dance Series Presents

APRIL 12TH, 2025

7 PM POLKA LESSON

CONTRA DANCEING 7:30-10 PM

**POLKA
POLKA DOT
CONTRA
DANCE**

DESSERT POTLUCK

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE

Win a prize for the best polka Dot Clothing

BAND: REEL FRIENDS

CALLER: NANCY STAUB



Members & Students \$9

Non Members \$12

Under 18 Free

EAST SPOKANE GRANGE 1621 N. PARK RD

FOR MORE INFO: 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

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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

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Calendar of SFS Sponsored Dances

DATE	BAND	CALLER	LOCATION
4/2/2025 7:30-9:30	Jam Band	Ray Polhemus	Woman's Club Hall
4/12/2025 7-10 <u>SAT</u>	Reel Friends	Nancy Staub	East Spokane Grange
4/16/2025 7:30-9:30	Dog Paw	Nora Scott	Woman's Club Hall
4/30/2025 7:30-9:30	River City Ramblers	Karen Wilson Bell	Woman's Club Hall
5/7/2025 7:30-9:30	Prestwold Players	Nancy Staub	Woman's Club Hall
5/10/2025 7-10 <u>SAT</u>	Banna Damhsa	Emily Faulkner	East Spokane Grange
5/21/2025 7:30-9:30	Dog Paw	Emily Faulkner	Woman's Club Hall
6/4/2025 7:30-9:30	Reel Friends	Karen Wilson Bell	Woman's Club Hall
6/14/2025 7-10 <u>SAT</u>	SWING DANCE	Max Quartet	East Spokane Grange
6/18/2025 7:30-9:30	Jam Band	Emily Faulkner	Woman's Club Hall
6/21/2025 7-10 <u>SAT</u>	LOL Band	Luke Danforth	East Spokane Grange

Note: This schedule may be altered at any time during the season.

Now Accepting Credit Cards

Contra Dancing in April

We are welcoming in the spring with four fun contra dances this month. Our first Wednesday dance, April 2 at the Woman's Club Hall, features our beloved Jam Band, composed of musicians who love to play. If you are interested in playing for contras, the Jam Band is a great place to learn. We always team up the Jam Band dances with an invite to all callers both experienced and newcomers to participate. Ray Polhemus will serve as host. These dances are full of surprises and always fun!

Our second Saturday dance, April 12 at the East Spokane Grange, features Reel Friends and Nancy Staub. It's national Polka Dot Day so wear your favorite polka dot clothes! Cathy Dark will also teach a half-hour session on polka dancing starting at 7PM, followed by contras from 7:30 to 10PM. Reel Friends includes Tashie Dial on accordion, Ken Raymond on mandolin, Brendan Biele on guitar, and Stu Bachman on fiddle. It is a big sound full of wonderful reels and jigs. Nancy Staub provides clear instructions with easy to learn contras.

We return to the Woman's Club Hall for our third Wednesday contra on April 16 with Nora Scott calling a wide range of challenging contras. Playing for the dance is Dog Paw, a three piece group that draws on Irish, old-time, and New England traditions. Led by violinist Sally Jablonsky, who describes herself as "bilingual" playing adeptly both old time and New England fiddle tunes. Her father, Eugene Jablonsky, and Liz Dreisbach, also described as "multi-lingual," bring a diverse range from classical to Klezmer to English country helping to make Dog Paw a dynamic force in the Spokane scene.

Our fifth Wednesday dances are always fun and always with a theme. Our contra dance at the Woman's Club Hall on April 30 celebrates National Tie Dye Day. So, wear your favorite tie dye shirts or skirts. A prize will be given for the favorite. Our in-Residence old time music band, River City Ramblers, with Judy Lungren, Dawn Holladay and Bill Siems, will play driving reels to the calls of Karen Wilson Bell.

SPOKANE FOLKLORE SOCIETY PRESENTS

National Tie Dye Day *Contra Dance*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

Band: River City Ramblers

Caller: Karen-Wilson Bell

7:30-9:30 PM

BEST TIE DYE OUTFIT WINS

A PRIZE

\$10: FOR NONMEMBERS

\$7: FOR SFS MEMBERS & STUDENTS

FREE: UNDER 18!

WOMEN'S CLUB HALL, 1428 W. 9TH AVE

SPOKANE 99204

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.SPOKANEFOLKLORE.ORG

Area Contra Dances not Sponsored by SFS

Palouse Folklore Society Contact: [Roberta Radavich <oldhuffalump@frontier.com>](mailto:Roberta.Radavich@oldhuffalump@frontier.com)

Third Saturday Dances

1912 Center [Building]

at **412 East Third Street in Moscow, ID** across from the High School

All dances are taught. Singles, families & beginners are **always welcome.**

Admission is **\$6 for members, \$8 for non-members & \$5 for first time beginners.** Lessons at 7:30 p.m. Dancing begins at 8 p.m.

Our dances are fragrance-free events! Please help our members stay as healthy as possible by not wearing fragranced products!

Sandpoint Contra For more information, sandpointcontra@gmail.com

Mark your calendars! Contra dance every second Friday at historic Sandpoint Community Hall, 7-10 pm, \$5 donation. Live music, lively caller, all dances taught and called. New dancers warmly welcomed and encouraged to arrive in time for the beginning of the dance. Come alone or bring a friend, no partner needed.

Bring your smile and a water bottle; clean, soft-soled shoes a plus, and please be fragrance-free!

Spokane 4th Friday Contra Dancing at the Spokane Sinto Center

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 \$8.00/adult 18 and under/free

Sinto Senior Activity Center 1124 W. Sinto in Spokane.

Well lit, off-street parking.

Lady of the Lake Fall Dance and Music Weekend. October 3-5, 2025

Registration for Lady of the Lake Fall Dance and Music Weekend, October 3-5, 2025 at N-Sid-Sen Camp on the eastern shores of Coeur d'Alene Lake opens on April 1. For more information about the weekend go to ladyofthelake.org or go directly to the registration through the following link:

<https://ladyofthelake.org/fallwend/fall-camp-registration>

Begun in 1981, Lady of the Lake offers multiple daytime workshops and evening dances focused on contras. Here is a great opportunity to hone your skills and just relax and have fun. Featured staff include one of New England's finest fiddlers, Rodney Miller, and his band including Stuart Kenney and Max Newman. Originally from New Hampshire, Rodney now lives in California. Max and Stuart live in Massachusetts. Joining them, Susan Petrick from California will teach and call contras. Her kind yet clear instructions result in spirited dances ranging from the simple to complex. Joining her will be William Watson, a contra dance caller from Oregon. Besides contras, William will teach a workshop in Balfolk, easy to learn dances drawn from Western European traditions. Spokane's versatile band Dog Paw will play for both contras and Balfolk.

Besides the great dance opportunities, Lady of the Lake Fall Weekend offers workshops in music, singing, and calling.

Lady of the Lake Fall Weekend draws on participants from all over the Northwest – coming together to form a welcoming community. What better place to enjoy traditional music and dance than at N-Sid-Sen. Spend time sitting on the many porches overlooking the majestic Coeur d'Alene Lake or hiking up through wooded trails leading to the beautiful outcrop called “the point of inspiration” (N-Sid-Sen).

www.ladyofthelake.org.

Lady^{of}theLake

Registration opens April 1st

Fall Dance and Music Weekend

October 3-5, 2025

Workshops:
Contra Dancing!
Contra, BalFolk, Music, and Singing

Susan Petrick



Stringrays



Rodney Miller
Max Newman
Stuart Kenney

Dog Paw




Sally Jablonsky
Liz Reibach
Eugene Jablonsky

William Watson



Sliding payment options help make LOL more accessible
Camp N-Sid-Sen ~ Lake Coeur d'Alene ~ North Idaho

 ladyofthelake.org/fallwend

Lady of the Lake Dance Camps 

Music & Dance Week

June 22-28, 2025

S T A F F

- Gaye Fifer ● Lindsey Dono ● Luke Donforth
- Root System - Audrey Jaber, Anna Patton & Amy Englesberg
- Fiddle Hellions - Betsy Branch, George Penk & Sue Songer
- Dam Beavers - Ben Schreiber & Scotty Leach



Lady of the Lake

2025

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

Enjoy a welcoming community in a beautiful natural setting.
Make new friends. Come dance, play music, sing, hike, canoe, and hang out on the beach.
Our sliding scale of admission fees helps to make camp more accessible.

Unique blend of Daily Dance and Music Workshops including:

- 3 – Contra dance workshops ● 2 – English Country dance workshops
- 1 – Swing dance workshop ● 3 – Band workshops (*Contra, English*)
- 2 – Caller's workshops (*Contra & English*) ● 2 – Singing workshops
- 2 – Art workshops led by Patricia Donohue
- 6 – Evening dances of Contra and English Country run concurrently

Larks and Robins calling

Registration begins February 1, 2025

For more information:

ladyofthelake.org/june-week

Current Covid protocol: negative test result at check-in. Check our website for updates

