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SPOKANE FOLKLORE SOCIETY PRESENTS

A WEEKEND WITH



Greg and Jere Canote

CONCERT

Friday March 8th
7-9 pm

Hamilton Studio
1427 W Dean

Admission: \$15

SFS Member: \$12

Kids under 18: \$5

An evening of fiddle tunes,
country songs, swing classics
& Kids songs

Info: www.spokanefolklore.org

DANCE

Saturday, March 9th
7-10 pm

East Spokane Grange
1621 N Park Rd

Admission: \$12

SFS Member: \$9

Kids under 18: Free

Larry Edelman from Denver
and Penn Fix call an evening
of Squares and Contrás

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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SFS BOARD MEMBERS

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See the article on Page 4 for more about Greg and Jere Canote

and their visit to Spokane this March!

Calendar of SFS Sponsored Dances

DATE	BAND	CALLER	LOCATION
March 6th	Prestwold Players	Penn Fix	Woman's Club Hall
March 9th	Greg & Jere Canote	Larry Edelman	East Spokane Grange
March 20th	Crooked Kilt	Susan Dankovich	Woman's Club Hall
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 Conote 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 22nd Sat.	Lady of the Lake Band	Wendy Graham	East Spokane Grange

Contra Dancing in March

Besides the second Saturday dance with Greg and Jere, the Spokane Folklore Society is hosting two Wednesday night dances at the Woman's Club. On the first Wednesday, March 6, the Prestwold Players will provide their big band style sound with soaring jigs and reels. It is "Retro Contra Night" with Penn pulling out his favorite contras of the 1980s. Come dressed the part too!

On the third Wednesday, March 20, Susan Dankovich shares dances from her diverse repertoire. Crooked Kilt returns to play high energy music. Will they bring their drummer? Come to the dance and find out!!

Remember that there are newcomer sessions beginning at 7:15PM for both these dances.

Second Saturday Dance Schedule

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

- March 9 Square & Contra Dance with Greg & Jere Canote, Larry and Penn Fix
- April 13 Irish Ceili and Contras with Caitlin and Banna Damhsa
- May 11. Spring Fling Contra with Joseph Erhard-Hudson & Abigail Rausch calling and Reel Friends
- June 8 Swing Dance with Zonky Five and Cathy Dark
- June 22 Special Lady of the Lake Dance with Greg & Jere Canote. Music by Countercurrent with Wendy Graham calling.

Contra Dancing Beyond Spokane

Palouse Folklore Society Contact: 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:

Mar 16: Contra Dance with music by a groovy band and calling by Nora Scott, at the 1912 Center, 7:30 PM.

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.

Sandpoint Contra For more information, sandpointcontra@gmail.com

Our friends up north in Sandpoint are hold a really fun community style contra dance on Friday March 8 featuring Banna Damhas playing Irish jigs and reels and Emily Faulkner calling. The dance begins at 7PM, ending at 10PM and is held right in Sandpoint at the Community Hall, 204 South First Ave.

Please bring extra shoes to wear while dancing in order to protect their beautiful wood floor.

Donations are \$5 per individual \$20 for families.

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**

March 22, 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

Greg & Jere Canote Are In Town!

Our favorite old time musicians Greg and Jere Canote are coming to Spokane March 8-9 for three events. Since their debut at the SFS Spring Music and Dance Festival in 1984, the Canotes have been to Spokane multiple times as well as being on staff at Lady of the Lake. They were guests on Prairie Home Companion four times and co-hosted a regional variety show called Sandy Bradley's Potluck for thirteen years.

Greg and Jere are coming to Spokane for the free screening of a new documentary, The Canote Twins which tells their wonderful story. While this screening is sold out, you can request to be put on a wait list by emailing myspokanefolklore@gmail.com. The screening will be Saturday March 9, at the Magic Lantern Theatre 11AM.

If you aren't able to attend the screening, there are two other great opportunities to hear the Canotes. The Spokane Folklore Society is sponsoring a concert on Friday March 8, at a new venue The Hamilton Studio, 1427 W. Dean, north of Kendall Yards, east of Maple and south of Boone. Greg and Jere will play rare fiddle tunes and sing old time country songs as well as slipping in a swing tune and some crazy novelty songs. Of course, they will share some of their favorite songs for kids. Refreshments will be for sale. General admission is \$15; SFS members \$12, and kids \$5.

Greg and Jere will also play for the SFS second Saturday dance on March 9 at the East Spokane Grange. They will be joined by the producer of The Canote Twins, Larry Edelman, who is both a caller and fellow musician. From Denver, Larry is best known as the caller who converted contra dancers to fast moving squares. He will share the calling duties with Penn Fix who will offer up a variety of contradances. General admission is \$12, SFS members \$9, and kids under 12 free.

For more information about the concert and dance see the flyer in this newsletter.

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 1st and ending June 30th. Board members help host dances and participate in monthly board meetings (via zoom).

If you are interested, contact Penn Fix at jpfix3@gmail.com

Music & Dance Week

June 23-29, 2024

Register Now! Spaces Still Available

For more information:

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

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.