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Spokane Folklore Society Presents

SPOKANE FALL FOLK FESTIVAL 2024

November 9th
Saturday
11am - 8pm

November 10th
Sunday
11am - 5pm

LIVE KPBX (91.1 FM)
Radio Broadcast
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

FREE PARKING & FREE ADMISSION

Where:
Spokane Community College
Liar Student Center | 1810 N Greene Street



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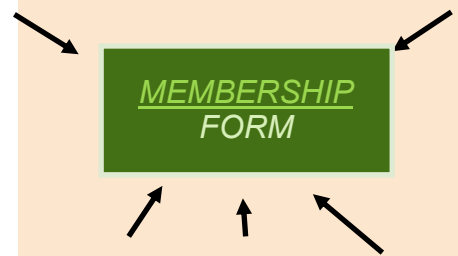
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SFS Mission

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.

About Footnotes

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Calendar of SFS Sponsored Dances

DATE	BAND	CALLER	LOCATION
11/6/2024	Banna Damhsa	Emily Faulkner	Woman's Club Hall
11/20/2024	River City Ramblers	Nancy Staub	Woman's Club Hall
12/4/2024	Jam Band	Nora Scot	Woman's Club Hall
12/14/2024 <u>SAT</u> Holiday Dance	Banna Damhsa	Penn Fix	East Spokane Grange
12/18/2024	Dog Paw	Nancy Staub	Woman's Club Hall
1/8/2025	Banna Damhsa	Karen Wilson Bell	Woman's Club Hall
1/11/2024 <u>SAT</u>	Reel Friends	Emily Faulkner	East Spokane Grange
1/15/2025	Jam Band	Penn Fix	Woman's Club Hall
1/29/2025	River City Ramblers	Nora Scot	Woman's Club Hall

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

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Contra Dancing in November

The Spokane Folklore Society is hosting two Wednesday night contra dances in November at the Woman's Club Hall. On the first Wednesday, November 6 Emily Faulkner from Sandpoint will share a wide range of interesting contras drawn from her many years of dancing in New England. Dave and Char Beach will be moving to Massachusetts next summer so now is the time to enjoy the wonderful energy of Banna Damhsa any chance you get. The third Wednesday dance November 20 features our favorite old time band the River City Ramblers with seasoned caller Nancy Staub. This dance always has lots of energy in part because of additional newcomers from the Fall Folk Festival. Longtime SFS dancers are asked to help encourage these new folks to return to dance in December. General admission is \$10 and SFS members \$7. Don't forget to renew your membership in order to receive a \$3 savings at each of these dances.

There is no second Saturday dance this month but instead the Fall Folk Festival will host three different opportunities to dance to live music. On Saturday November 9, Nora Scott will offer an introductory lesson from 6:30 to 7:00PM followed by a ninety minute contra dance with Banna Damhsa. On Sunday November 10, Mitchel Frye will teach an introductory English country dance session from 11:45 to 12:15 followed by an hour of dancing with the Prestwold Players. Here's a great opportunity to learn more about a dance form that is a predecessor to contra dancing. Then Emily Faulkner will offer an introductory session from 2:45 to 3:15PM followed by a ninety minute contra dance with Reel Friends. These Fall Folk Festival dances are all free and are a great way to introduce your friends to the dancing that you love! Find more information about the Fall Folk Festival in this newsletter.

It's Time to Renew Your SFS Membership

August is the best month, but any month is a good time to renew your SFS membership. Simply go to this link: <http://www.spokanefolklore.org/membership.html> for a full year membership, download the membership form, fill it out, and send it along with a check to our mailing address:

P.O. Box 141, Spokane WA 99210-0141.

Not only do you receive a substantial discount to SFS dance events but you also help to support our organization. We can't do it without your memberships and your additional donations. We are committed to making your dancing experience fun by increasing the guarantees to bands and callers, improving our sound system, and soon updating our website. We are confident that with your support we will not only sustain but also grow our community. Thanks for your help!

Area Contra Dances not Sponsored by SFS

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

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.

Nov 22 Dec 27

Will There Be a Fall Folk Festival After 2024?

With Your Help, Yes!

We are urgently seeking new committee members!

Several esteemed committee members will retire from the board after the 2024 festival. Before they depart, they are eager to share their knowledge and experience with you. We currently need assistance with publicity, grant writing and set-up positions. Join us 'backstage' and contribute to creating the most diverse, multicultural, free event in the Inland Northwest.

Volunteering with us is a unique opportunity to become an integral part of the vibrant Spokane arts and cultural scene. As we approach our 29th year of the festival, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has participated in its production and growth since 1996. It has grown from humble beginnings to an event with over 5,000 attendees. Now is the time for you to step up and help us present this exceptional, high-quality festival each year.

Embark on this enriching journey with us! Don't delay – sign up now and be part of this remarkable experience!

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Celebrate the 29th Annual Fall Folk Festival

Saturday, November 9th and Sunday, November 10th.

The Lair – Spokane Community College

1810 North Greene St.

Information 509 828-3683 or www.spokanefolkfestival.org

The Fall Folk Festival presents the diversity of our community through multi-cultural and traditional music, dance and the arts.

Over 85 performing groups perform on six stages. The festival is FREE thanks to the generous support of many community organizations, business owners and individual donors.

This community event is designed to promote awareness of the many and varied cultural and ethnic traditions in the region and to provide a showcase for sharing these traditions. The festival also includes music and dance workshops, children's programming and a Craft Fair.

Food at the Festival

The Bake Sale is a fundraiser for the festival. Please enjoy pastries and coffee for a donation.

Meals may be purchased from the Cafeteria operated by Long Ball, The Spokane Indians Concessions. Saturday 11 am to 6 pm, Sunday 11 to 2 pm. Coffee drinks - lattes etc. will be available in the Bistro starting at 10 am till early afternoon. Food Trucks will be operating at the East Entrance

Dancing at the Fall Folk Festival

One Weekend, Two Contras, One English Country and One Square Dance

All Dances will be in the Cafeteria

Contra Dances

Saturday night Workshop with Nora Scott (6:30 – 7 pm)

Dance from 7 to 8:30 pm with Banna Dahmsa and caller, Nora Scott

Sunday afternoon Workshop from 2:45 – 3:15 with Emily Faulkner

Dance from 3:15 – 5 pm with Reel Friends and caller, Emily Faulkner

Square Dance

Presented by the Spokane Area Square Dancers with caller Doug Davis

Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

English Country Dance

Sunday workshop from 11:45 – 12:15 with Mitchell Frey

Dance from 12:15 – 1:15 with Mitchell Frey and the Prestwold Players

Thanks to the Festival Committee Members 2024

Llyn Doremus, Ken Glastre, Sylvia Gobel, Donna Graham, Margaret Herron, Nora Scott, and Carolyn Wright.

Supporting the Fall Folk Festival

There are many ways to support the festival:

There are many ways each and every one of you can get involved with the production of this festival. It is a wonderful gift to the community and a much-needed showcase for the excellent folk and traditional performers living and creating in our area.

1. ***Volunteer -Sign up for a 2-hour shift helping out at the festival.*** There are many jobs from greeters, to set up, clean up, stage mangers and announcers, room monitors, button sellers, sound technicians and more. Sign up on the website or call 509 828-3683 for more info.
2. ***Become a Friend of the Festival.*** Please give a financial contribution to the festival. The festival needs to raise about \$30,000 dollars to produce the festival and pay for rent, sound equipment, supplies, publicity, printing, security and required building staff. All performers and festival organizers donate their time.
Send your donations to Fall Folk Festival, PO Box 9768 Spokane, WA 99209 or donate on line.
3. ***Buy a button at the festival.*** They cost \$5 and help us pay our expenses.
4. ***Purchase a festival T –shirt*** to support the festival.

Festival Set-up/Pizza Party – Friday, November 8

Come join us before the festival on Friday, November 9 any time **after 5 pm** to help with a variety of tasks. We need folks to help set up chairs and sound systems, organize the bake sale, put up signs and more.

Free pizza and pop will be provided to all volunteers Friday evening. Meet in the cafeteria at Spokane Community College (Building 6). Park in the east parking lot and come through the east entrance for best access. Directions and maps can be viewed at www.scc.spokane.edu/maps/ .

IF YOU ARRIVE BEFORE 5 PM you will have to pay for parking. Park at the meters or buy a day pass from the kiosks or the Security Office in Building 1. Parking is free during the festival on Saturday and Sunday