Please Renew Your Spokane Folklore Society Membership

By Sylvia Gobel

The Spokane Folklore Society is a successful organization because of the support of our membership.

We miss all of you and want to stay in touch.

If you have not yet renewed we encourage you to do so. Memberships expired on August 31, 2020

We plan to have some Zoom reunions and events during this time while we are unable to dance or have concerts due to the Pandemic. We are working on plans to expand the newsletters and your contributions would be welcome.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, you will no longer receive the Newsletter or E-List event reminders starting in November. October will be your last issue of the newsletter.

Memberships forms are available on our website www.spokanefolklore.org and are good for one year.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Fall Folk Virtual Festival 2020: November 14–December 30

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The Fall Folk Virtual Festival will be available on the radio and on our website.

The Festival will kick off on Saturday and Sunday, November 14th and 15th, on the radio. Spokane Public Radio (KPBX 91.1 FM) will present two different retrospective broadcasts of past performances from shows that aired from 2000-2019. Tune in on Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm and on Sunday from 1 to 3 pm.

Performances and our Festival Market place will be available on the Website from November 14 – December 30. Enjoy a variety of entertainment and shopping on our website through the end of the year.

Expenses for the 2020 festival will be different from previous years but we still need your support. We invite you to become a 2020 Friend of the Festival to contribute to the funds needed for our virtual festival. As always, performers and festival organizers donate their time. Friends of the Festival will be thanked on the Festival Website and in the Spokane Folklore Society’s newsletter.

Please help us spread the word about the Festival by telling your friends and family. Recommendations from folks who have attended the Festival are the best publicity we can get. We on the Festival Committee would like to thank you in advance for all the support you choose to give us. Please check out our website for updates on the performers and vendors or to make a donation.

Spokanefolkfestival.org
September Reunion

On Wednesday, September 23, at 7 pm, about 27 Spokane Folklore Society members joined our first Zoom meeting reunion. We were all so glad to see each other—if you weren't able to join us, I hope you'll catch the next one.

After welcomes and chatting, we were graced by songs from Lyle Morse. Lyle has been performing around the Northwest for many years; he gave us excellent renditions of two blues songs, accompanied by his guitar. Thank you, Lyle!

The other group to share was Arvid Lundin and Deep Roots. Veterans of many contra dances, they started with a wonderful Swedish waltz; several people took full advantage and waltzed around in their living rooms. This was followed by a lively reel set that left us

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The Callers’ Corner

We want to introduce a new column that will feature stories, reflections, histories, and tips about our dance and music scene from our local and regional callers.

Contra dancing is a quilt of partnerships dedicated to a common goal of having fun within the context of a community shared activity. The caller and dancers are joined at the hip; the caller chooses appropriate dances, teaches the dances, and calls succinctly. The dancers in turn listen to the caller and make an effort to learn the dance. Another partnership is the caller and the group of musicians. Their communication means tunes that fit the dances appropriately. And the relationship of these musicians to the dancers means tempos that fit the level of the dancers. They play in a danceable way. Within the group of dancers there are multiple partnerships including couples, couples with other couples, and dancers within the entire line of dancers. And finally, there is the partnership of organizers with callers, musicians, and dancers.

The common thread that holds this quilt of partnerships together is trust. And in the ensuring articles we will be exploring trust as well as other factors that make for successful partnerships.

We hope you will enjoy the column. If you have questions or issues that our contributors can address, then please direct them to our newsletter editor.

—Penn Fix

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all satisfied with a good dose of folk—how good it was to see everyone!

ZOOM Reunion

Some of the comments people made:
“Great!” “Awesome!” “I’m proud of all of us!”

As we struggle to survive the pandemic intact as a group, my hope is we can all stay united in our love of folk, which by definition is people doing what they love. In that spirit, let’s all embrace our new motto:

“Be a friend, bring a friend”

I hope that many more of you will be able to join us for our next session, which will take place late in October. Watch the E-list for the date! If you haven’t paid your membership yet, send it in now so you’ll get the notice!

—Editor

Folkstreams, a production from the UNC Folklore Department in Chapel Hill NC. has many very interesting films in this catalogue and their topics span many subjects:
https://www.folkstreams.net/

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To promote safety and respect for all, we encourage everyone to become familiar with our Code of Conduct and our Discipline Policy. Both are found on the SFS website home page. Any questions can be referred to our SFS board members.

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(Full Year: Sept 1 through August 31)

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