



Spokane Folklore Society

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Banne Damhsa will play for the 41st SFS Christmas Dance.  
L/R Jan Clizer, and Dave and Char Beach

## The 41st Annual Christmas Dance

**Saturday December 11, 2021. 7PM to 10PM**

**East Spokane Grange 1621 N Park Rd**

Please join us in celebrating our 41st Christmas Dance, Saturday, December 11 starting at 7PM at the East Spokane Grange. It has been two years since our last holiday dance - now is the time to reconnect with friends and family.

Nora Scott will begin the evening with our four decade tradition of a grand march and ornament exchange. Followed by our own specially adapted 12 Days of Christmas song (remember Six Geese A-Heaving!) Bana Damhsa (dance band in Gaelic) will mix recognizable holiday tunes with their favorite Irish and Scottish reels and jigs.

All dances will be taught. Newcomers are welcome. Festive attire is encouraged.

Admission is \$8 for SFS members, \$11 for non-members, and those under 18 are free.

Please remember that proof of vaccination and mask wearing are required.

**MEMBERSHIP  
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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)

## Spokane Folklore Society 2021 Virtual Fall Folk Festival November and December

Please join us on the Festival Website, [spokanefolkfestival.org](http://spokanefolkfestival.org). Our Festival delivers nearly 50 video performances. It's a multi-cultural program featuring African, Brazilian, Bulgarian, Caribbean, Celtic, Croatian, Indian, Irish, Middle Eastern, and Scottish music and dance along with Americana, bluegrass, blues, country, folk, Singer-songwriters, stories, and songs for kids of all ages. So, relax and enjoy!

Performances will be available on the website through December 31, 2021.

We are always happy to welcome performers new to our Festival. This year we present:



**The Cigar Box Guitar Slingers** - a community group that performs on homemade cigar box and license plate guitars. They are one-finger guitar slingers. You can become one too!



**Due North Band** - a family band from Spokane. Its members include dad, Barry on guitar, fiddle and vocals, daughter, Madeline on fiddle and son, Ben on guitar and mandolin. They play high-energy instrumentals and acoustic folk music. They enjoy local fiddle contests and bluegrass jams.



**KlapaDooWopella** - a Seattle-based group devoted exclusively to singing a cappella. They specialize in traditional Croatian "Klapa" singing. Klapa singers are minstrels that hang out on boat docks and street corners along the Adriatic coast of Croatia. Songs evoke uncaught fish, raging seas and lost love.





**Old Plank Road** – took their name from a song by Uncle Dave Macon. The band plays Americana old-time music. Brad Sondahl on guitar, Dave Lorang on upright bass and Don Thomsen on mandolin make up the band.



**Natanam Dance School** – showcases traditional southern Indian dance. They also incorporate northern Indian and Bollywood dance.



**True North Duo** - an Americana, folk singer-songwriter, acoustic duo based out of Salem, OR. The duo is comprised of award-winning singer songwriters, Kristen Grainger and Dan Wetzel. Kristen won the 2020 USA Songwriting Competition and has won or placed in several other competitions. (above)

**Two Grey Cats** – a music duo featuring Don Brumfield on acoustic guitar and ukulele and Doug Roberts on acoustic bass guitar. They are both long time professional musicians, now retired, who enjoy playing songs they love in a more relaxed way. (below)





## Spokane Folklore Society

### 2021 Virtual Fall Folk Festival November and December

Fall Folk Festival Committee celebrates their 26<sup>th</sup> year and honors a retiring Committee member

The Fall Folk Festival Committee held their annual thank you party on November 14 with food from DeLeon foods and appetizers and custom desserts provided by committee members.



Included in the festivities was a farewell to Linnell Hinchey who has decided to retire from the committee after 25 years of service. Linnell has been in charge of set-up and take-down most of those years and was also active in the selection of T-shirts. She will still volunteer for the Festival in the future.

Our thanks go to the Festival Committee for their diligence this year, planning at first for a live event and then making the hard decision to make it a virtual event for 2021.

### The 2021 Festival Committee:

Sylvia Gobel, Director  
Carolyn Wright, Treasurer  
Linnell Hinchey, Set-up & Take-down  
Ken Glastre, Sound and Technicians  
Llyn Doremus, Grants  
Margaret Herron, Bake Sale  
Dan Fears, Festival Sales  
Nora Scott, Vendors  
Donna Graham, Publicity (not in photo—sorry Donna!)



A very special Thank You goes to Clint Hill, our webmaster who edited the videos, created thumbnails, and uploaded all the virtual performances to the performers page on the website. He's our HERO!

## Support Folklore Society Business Members

Business memberships not only provide valuable support to SFS, but the businesses receive extra benefits. New business members are listed monthly in the newsletter and have links on our website: [www.spokanefolklore.org](http://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 Contra Dances At the Woman's Club

DATE	BAND	CALLER
12/1/21	Banne Damhsa	Nora Scott
12/8/21	River City Ramblers	Emily Faulkner
12/15/21	Jam Band	Nora Scott—host
12/22/21	Reel Friends	Nancy Staub
12/29/21	River City Ramblers	Susan Dankovich

## Bigfoot Folk Dancers

Folk Dancers will be meeting December 7 and 21 at 7 PM. Masks and proof of vaccination required. Please put it on the calendar.

Our international folk dance Christmas party will be on Tuesday the 21st. We'll dance for about an hour, ending with Jingle Bells (with all of us ringing bells). Then we'll set



up a Christmas tree and decorate it with Karen's collection of tiny costumed dolls and toys. We usually take a group picture (see a prior year's picture here) and share everyone's favorite holiday treats. New dancers are welcome, with proof of vaccination and masks. Bring dance shoes and a treat to share.

Call Karen and Justin at 509-327-7862 to ask questions or get directions.

## SFS Vaccination Policy for Indoor Dance Events

The board of the Spokane Folklore Society has decided to require the proof of vaccination in order for participants including dancers, musicians, callers, sound techs and anyone else to be involved in one of our sponsored dances. You must bring your COVID CDC card or a copy of it on your phone and show it at the door.

By doing this, you will be registered and will not be required to show it at the next dance. You will not be able to participate unless you have been registered.

As CDC or state guidelines currently require masks to be worn indoors, you will be expected to do so.

This way, we are doing everything we can to get us all dancing and playing music again, whatever it takes. See you on the dance floor!

