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FFOTM's Contra Dancing

Cool nights are great for dancing!

By Kari Usher

Greetings and happy autumn! Now that the days are getting shorter and nights are getting cooler, it's a great time for an indoor activity, like Contra Dancing! Hopefully you were able to join us at Pickin in the Pines for some terrific music, good company, fun workshops and wonderful dancing. Richard Wilson, the dance caller throughout the weekend festival, provided some great dances, a fun waltz workshop and a Community dance that got folks of all ages out in the dance floor. The Sandia Hots showed us some of their native New Mexico-style tunes and provided the music for all the dance activities. They also played a set on the main festival stage to an enthusiastic audience, featuring songs, tunes and stories from their Santa Fe area.

The dancing continues to be great at Northern Arizona University's Ashurst Hall. Here's what we have in store for the next few months:

- November 1st will be our Halloween dance to Fionn McCullhain – you remember those fun Barton's playing their Irish blends of contra tunes.

- December 6th features the Holiday Dance with Deb Comly calling to Just Desserts. Don't forget to wear your holiday cheer.
- January 3rd our caller and band are TBA.
- February 7th is our WinterFest Dance with Just Desserts providing their fun tunes.
- March 7th we have Peg Hesley coming from Phoenix to call with her fun antics.
- April 4th we'll have Just Desserts providing tunes to bring in the spring.

Remember, **we dance to live music**, dances are taught, and no partner or experience is needed. Refresher/beginners session is at 7:30pm and we dance 'till 11pm. Ashurst Hall is in the old Main building on the NAU campus. If you would like to help out or volunteer for the dances you can contact Kris at 526-3020. There is also a contingent of dance gypsies that travel to other dances and you can get more info by calling Judy 607-7067. A bunch of us (7) went to the Durango dance and had a great time! Hope to see you on the dance floor.

FFOTM Hires Administrative Assistant

FFOTM is pleased to announce that Jude McKenzie will be filling the position of FFOTM Administrative Assistant. We know she will do a great job and that she is excited about bringing her expertise into our organization. Many of you may know Jude from her long association and significant organizational efforts on behalf of the Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society, where she currently serves as President. You will now likely see her at various FFOTM functions, and when you do, please introduce yourself and help welcome her

to the FFOTM organization.

Board member Mike Falk and Board president Jesse Anderson worked diligently to research our hiring options, draft a job description, find an appropriate candidate, and begin drafting work assignments; the rest of the board greatly appreciates their lead role in filling this position.

Membership Update

By Jude McKenzie

We had 31 renewing memberships and 14 new in the last month, bringing our total membership to 274. Please take the time to check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership; you can use the form below or look for the letter inside. Thanks to those

supporting Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music by keeping their membership up to date. If you want more information about Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music, you can always contact me at 928-556-3161

New and Renewing Members

Cehale Alexander
Ron & Suzanne Bellerose
Susan & George Billingsley
Peter Bruce
Carrie & John Cannella
Jim & Barby Carlile
Robyn Cass
Carol Chambers & Bill Noble
Jim Cross
Anne & James Eichberger

Uncle Don Fanning & Carol
Chaparral
Peggy & Joe Hesley
Jerry & Jolene Huffman
Jane Jackson
Sherrill Kennelly
John Lloyd
Karen Mattingly & George Breed
Kellie McGee
Mandy & Jack Metzger
David Parnell & Gina Bevilacque

LouAnn Preston
Ken Ralston
Whitney Rooney
Mary Jo Rybolt
Barry Shinabarger
Mary & John Stone
Mike Thompson & Karen Whitten
Christina & Scott Vojta
Jim & Dani Woods
L.V. Yates
Lynn Zupal

Upcoming Events Calendar

November 7 Friday - **David Lindley** with **Tony Furtado Solo** and Dave McGraw. The Orpheum Theater - 15 W. Aspen St, Flagstaff, (928) 556-1580. Doors at 7pm/Show at 8pm \$20-\$30

November 13 - **Dave Alvin** with Nick Pagliari. The Orpheum Theatre (928) 556-1580. \$28 Gold Circle, \$20 General Admission.

November 14 - 16 ~ **Four Corner States Bluegrass Festival Wickenburg, AZ.** PLEASE NOTE: NO TENT CAMPING THIS YEAR. See www.wickenburgchamber.com for details.

Ongoing Events Calendar

First and third Tuesdays from 8-11: Nolan McKelvey at The Wine Loft, upstairs at 17 N. San Francisco St. in downtown Flagstaff, 928-773-9463.

Second and fourth Tuesdays from 8-11: Voluntary String Band at The Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

First Wednesday from 8-11: Wednesday Night Vintage Series with Tony Norris, at The Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

Second and Fourth Wednesdays from 8-11: The Mars Hillbillies at The Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

Third Wednesday from 8-11: Hootenanny, hosted by Jesse Anderson at the Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

Fifth Tuesday and Wednesday from 8-11: Karna Otten at the Wine Loft (see contact info above.)

Every Tuesday - 12:00 pm: jam open to anyone at the Old Town Shops, on the corner of Leroux and Birch. Contact Christina Vojta for more information 814-6132.

Every Thursday – 7:00 pm: FFOTM Just Desserts contra dance band rehearsal. Open to anyone who wants to play or listen to contra dance music. Any instrument and playing ability is welcome. Rehearsal starts at 7:00pm at the home of Deb Comly and Mike Reddig, 1457 W. Meade. For more information call 774-5936.

First Friday of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm: FFOTM Jam at the Applesauce Teahouse, 203 S. San Francisco. Contact Rusty Tweed 774-5760.

Every first Saturday 7:30 pm FFOTM Contra Dance at Ashurst Hall on the NAU campus. Come on out for the 7:30 pre-dance lesson. Call Kris for more information 526-3020 or Judy at 214-7017.

For Sale

Acoustic bass - steel wound strings - professional set-up - wheeled cart and thick carrying bag included. \$1,000. Terri - 928-716-3651

Used Musical Instruments, Sound Equipment, Books (contact Laurie Riley at laurieriley@q.com, www.laurieriley.com)

Sound Equipment:

- Peavey MP600 mixer/amp with 6 channels \$300
- Peavey Solo Amplifier \$55
- 2 Electrovoice SX80 speakers, both for \$400

Microphones:

- Electrovoice RE15, \$100
- AKG C451E, \$100
- AKG D790, \$100
- Samson Q7, \$50
- Peavy i2, \$50
- 2 tripod/boom mic stands best quality, \$25 each
- various cords and adaptors

Harps:

- Cunningham 29-string with hand-painted Celtic design on soundboard, detachable stand - \$1700
- Triplett wire-strung 30-string Irish Low-Headed - \$1850 with case

- Dusty Strings Koa/maple double-strung 26 with case - \$2200 including legs, leg case, extra strings, and padded carry case.
- Flight Case by Colorado Case Company (inquire about dimensions) - \$350
- Wooden flight case for a small harp - \$55
- Antique Banjo: made for gut strings, strung with nylon, mellow tone - \$450

Books:

- The Neil Gow Collection of Scottish Dance Music, 597 tunes, listed on Amazon.com for \$244.99 - will sell mine for \$125
- O'Neill's Music of Ireland, complete version, \$30
- Musical Instruments Through the Ages, Buchner, cloth bound vintage, approx. 240 pages of text and photos of historic instruments in museum collections, listed on Amazon.com for \$101, will sell mine for \$75.
- The Irish and Highland Harps, Robert Bruce Armstrong, cloth bound vintage, 192 pages of text and illustration, including plans for the Queen Mary Harp, lists online for \$325, will sell mine for \$200
- The Complete Collection of Irish Music, Groege Petrie, old xeroxed copy, spiral bound, \$25
- You Are Your Instrument, Julie Lyon Lieberman \$14
- Harp Music Books, various prices
- Archive Recording – vintage rare collector's item:
- Folk Song and Minstrelsy, Vanguard, book plus 4 vinyl LP's, \$325



FFOTM MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date: _____ new _____ renewal _____

Name: _____

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