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SPOKANE FOLKLORE SOCIETY SUMMER BREEZE CONTRA DANCES SECOND SATURDAY SERIES

June 13th - Hawaiian Shirt
July 11th - Red White & Blue
August 8th - Dog Days of Summer

Newcomers Welcome All Dances Taught

General Admission: \$12
Members: \$10
18-24 Year Olds: \$10
17 & Under: Free

7:00 - 10:00 pm
Air Conditioned Hall!

East Spokane Grange,
1621 N. Park

FOR MORE INFO:
WWW.SPOKANEFOLKLORE.ORG

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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,

About *Footnotes*

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SFS BOARD MEMBERS

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Welcome to a new Business Member!

Northeast Washington Spay / Neuter Alliance, PLLC, owned by Laura Talaga. The business address is 4304 East Lincoln Road, Spokane, WA 99217. The phone number is 253-242-3031.

Calendar of SFS Sponsored Dances

DATE	BAND	CALLER	LOCATION
June 3rd 7:30-9:30 Wed	Prestwold Players	Nora	Women's Club
June 7th 2:00-4:00 SUN	Deep Roots	Susan	CDA Public Library
June 13th 7:00-10:00 SAT	Fine Thyme	Joseph Erhard Hudson	East Spokane Grange
June 17th 7:30-9:30 Wed	Jam Band	Emily	Women's Club
July 11th 7:00-10:00 SAT	Arvid Lundin & Steve Riggan	Penn	East Spokane Grange
August 8th 7:00-10:00 SAT	Carla & Tom Carnegie	Penn	East Spokane Grange

*** Jam Band dance with two designated callers who will split the evening equally

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

Now Accepting Credit Cards at Our Dances

Contra Dancing in June

Besides the Second Saturday, June 13th dance at the East Spokane Grange, Spokane Folklore Society is hosting three other dances in June. Nora Scott calls an amazing collection of contras on June 3rd, at the First Wednesday dance. The wonderfully intricate sounds of Prestwold Players will accompany her. The Third Wednesday dance on June 17th closes out Woman's Club series for the season with Emily Faulkner from Sandpoint calling New England contras and our beloved Jam Band. These two dances are held at the Woman's Club Hall. General Admission is \$10 and SFS members \$7. Those ages 19 to 25, \$7; under 18, free.

Susan Dankovich and Deep Roots with Arvid Lundin call a free contra dance on Sunday June 7th from 2PM to 4PM at the Coeur D'Alene Public Library. This will be the final dance of a very successful series co-hosted by the Spokane Folklore Society and Friends of the CDA Public Library. Plans are already underway to resume the series in September.

Summer Breeze Dance Series

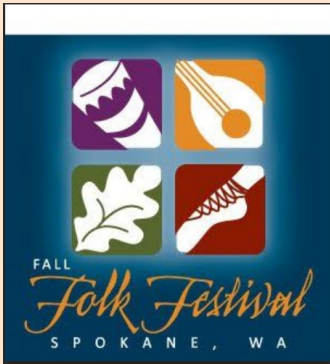
Because of the popularity of our Second Saturday dances, the SFS board has decided to extend the series through the summer months. The Summer Breeze Dance Series will feature different combinations of musicians already familiar to our scene. For the June 13th dance, Brendan Biele from Reel Friends, Romany Redmond and Leslie R from the Jam Band, and Brent Edwards from Banna Damhsa are now Fine Thyme offering a range of Irish and New England tunes. Joseph Erhard Hudson from Moscow will call a range of fun contras. Dress theme for this dance is Hawaiian shirts.

The July 11 dance will feature two familiar musicians, Arvid Lundin from Deep Roots and Steve Riggan from the Prestwold Players. Penn Fix will begin the evening with a short workshop on Scandinavian dances including the schottische followed by traditional and contemporary contras. Dress theme is of course red, white and blue.

The Summer Breeze series concludes with the August 8 dance. Carla Carnegie and Tom Carnegie of Crooked Kilt will spin old time, Irish, and Scottish tunes with Penn Fix calling contras and squares. Dress theme is the The Dog Days of Summer.

All of these dances are held in the air-conditioned East Spokane Grange hall. What a better way to avoid the heat (and smoke?) of the summer. Dances begin at 7PM. General Admission is \$12 and SFS members \$10. Those between the ages of 19 and 25 - \$10; and under 18, free.

Fall Folk Festival is now accepting applications for performers



Fall Folk Festival performer applications are now available. Applications are due by July 1. The Festival takes place Nov 14th and 15th. Applications are available on the website - spokanefolkfestival.org. You can apply online or print out and mail in the application. If you would like an application sent via the postal service please call 509 828 3683 and leave your address.

The Spokane Folklore Society's 50th Anniversary Committee

Believe it or not, the SFS will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in 2027. It is cause to celebrate!

If you are interested in helping to plan a series of events throughout the year, please let Penn Fix know at myspokanefolklore@gmail.com. Ideas that are already percolating include concert/dance/workshop weekends, retro concerts, honoring of past SFS board members and much more. We need your help so we can kick off the year-long celebration in January 2027.

Area Contra Dances not Sponsored by SFS

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

Third Saturday Dances

Summer Location: The Old Blaine School House
at 2224 Blaine Rd. Moscow

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

7-10 pm on second Fridays except August (June 12, July 10). Stay tuned for information about special dances in August.

Sandpoint Contra Dance Sandpoint Community Hall, a historic log building, at 204 S First Ave in Sandpoint. Live music, lively caller, all dances taught and called. New dancers, singles welcome. Remember to bring clean dry shoes for dancing, a water bottle, and your smile. New dancers, the first few dances are for you! Please be fragrance-free (some are chemically-sensitive). \$5.00-\$10.00 donation. Potluck snacks at the break if you bring them!

Spokane 4th Friday Contra Dancing at the Spokane Sinto Center

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Live music, clear calling, smiling faces - what more can you ask for at a Friday night?

An Introductory Session of this community style of dance begins at 7pm and blends in to the main Dance at 7:30pm - 10pm. No experience needed. Come solo, with a friend, or a crowd.

All dances are called by Susan Dankovich with lively music by Reel Friends.

All ages of adventuresome folks are welcome. Share the snack potluck at break with the other dancers.

\$10.00/adult under 7/free older kids (up to 18)/ Donation

Sinto Center 1124 W. Sinto Spokane, WA

Off-street parking Air Conditioning

More info: call/text (509)230-4779 or email sdanko@cet.com .

Lady of the Lake Fall Music and Dance Weekend. October 2-4, 2026 Registration Update

Our 45th and final Lady of the Lake Music and Dance Weekend is quickly filling up. Don't wait until the fall to register! If you have never been, this is your final chance to experience a whole different level of dance and music.

Our staff for the final Lady of the Lake Fall Weekend includes callers Lindsey Dono from Seattle and Jeremy Korr from California. Both will provide a really strong contra dance program along with some unique workshops. Lindsey will share approaches and methods of programming an evening of dance. Jeremy, one of the authors of *Rise Again*, the sequel to *Rise Up, Singing*, will lead a singing workshop.

As for music, we will finish with a bang with two amazing bands. The Dam Beavers need little introduction. Ben Schreiber (from St. Louise) and Scotty Leach (from New York City) are a formidable duo who have driven dancers into frenzy across the country. Lady of the Lake has always supported younger musicians. This year, Baby Corns, from Olympia, will bring enthusiasm and great skill led by Hayden Stern with Vienna Scheyer, and Rosie O'Neil.

Register now.

You can hold your space with a \$100 deposit now with the balance due in September. Register at.

<https://ladyofthelake.org/fallwend/fall-camp-registration>

Remember that Lady of the Lake offers a sliding scale of tuition options. Many of our community choose to pay more in order to allow others to attend at a reduced rate.

Lady^{of}theLake

Registration opens April 15th

Fall Dance and Music Weekend

October 2-4, 2026

Join us in recalling past camps and in celebration of
our 45th and final Fall camp
with Contras, Music, and Singing

Lindsey Dono



The Dam Beavers



Ben Schreiber
Scotty Leach

The Baby Corns



Hayden Stern
Vienna Scheyer
Rosie O'Neil

Jeremy Korr



Sliding tuition options help make LOL more accessible

Camp N-Sid-Sen ~ Lake Coeur d'Alene ~ North Idaho

 ladyofthelake.org/fallwend

Lady of the Lake Dance Camps 

SUNDAY MATINEE CONTRA DANCE

ALL AGES



**SUNDAY, JUNE 7
(2-4 PM)**

Join us for a free community Contra Dance, sponsored by the Spokane Folklore Society and featuring Arvid Lundin and Deep Roots.

This is a FREE event!

All are welcomed – including singles, couples, and families.

The dances are easy to learn, taught by experienced callers.

For more information about this style of dance visit: spokanefolklore.org/about-contra-dancing

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