

September 2019: Skandia Dance and Music Events

Dances

Thursday, September 5

TARGETED DANCE PRACTICE, 7:30–9 p.m. Nancy Neuerburg will lead. We will review dances that you request, including dances that were recently taught. This is a good opportunity to go over harder parts, as well as to keep up the dances by doing them again. Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, room 32 (lower building). \$7 per evening for Skandia members.

Friday, September 6

SKANDIA FIRST FRIDAY DANCE, Cedar Valley Grange, 20526-52nd Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036-7610. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Lisa Brooks and Larry Reinert will teach Springleik from Vågå. This is a lovely and flowing dance from the Gudbrandsdal valley in Norway. It has a couple turn at the end that is satisfying and not difficult. See the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6EnoYNnJVY>. At 8:30, we will have guest musicians from Portland: Amy Hakanson (nyckelharpa, fiddle, hardingfele, and possibly Swedish bagpipes) and Collin Stackhouse (fiddle), two members of the band Varelse. Bart Brashers (nyckelharpa) will join them to fill out the sound even more! This will be a great warmup for Stämman the following day. Class, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8:30–11 p.m. \$15 (Skandia members, \$10); kids, free. Info: www.skandia-folkdance.org or (425) 954-5262.

Friday, September 20

SKANDIA THIRD FRIDAY DANCE, Cedar Valley Grange, 20526-52nd Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036-7610. At 7:30, Jerry Walsh and Judy Patterson teach Schottis from Boda, Lövnässchottis, and other schottis variations to expand your repertoire. At 8:30, Martha Levenson will lead the amazing Seattle Lilla Spelmanslag to begin the evening. She will be joined after that by her student, Shaylah Guynes, for a hardingfele set. Finally, she will play a Tune Sisters Plus set, with Vicky Watt Warshaw and a potential surprise extra fiddler to put a bow on it! Be there! Class, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8:30–11 p.m. \$15 (Skandia members, \$10); kids, free. Info: www.skandia-folkdance.org or (425) 954-5262.

Dance Classes

Wednesdays, September 4–October 9

SKANDIA BASICS CLASS, September 4–October 9. From 7:30 to 9 p.m., Jerry Walsh and Judy Patterson will teach basic footwork, how to move to different rhythms, and tips for dancing as a follow/lead. Please wear non-street shoes that turn easily and expect to change partners frequently. Fees are \$45 for Skandia members (\$55 for nonmembers) for the 6-week series. Pre-registration is not required. Basics students get a \$5 discount on admission to the 60th Skandia Ball on Saturday, November 2. Classes will be held in Room 2 of the Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Avenue N. in Seattle, EXCEPT on October 30, when, we will relocate to the Club at 1920 Dexter Avenue N., Seattle.

Thursdays, September 12–October 3

SKANDIA BEYOND BASICS. Don Meyers and Kathi Ploeger take dancers on a jaunt to the southern part of the province of Dalarna. First comes the Polska från Södra Dalarna, a smooth and stately dance done to slow polska music. Features from the polska will be used in learning the Hambopolska från Södra Dalarna. Classes are Thursdays, September 12 through October 3, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Phinney Neighborhood Center, room 32 (lower building). Price for the four-week class series is \$35 for Skandia members (\$40 for nonmembers). Per-session cost is \$10 for Skandia members (\$12 for nonmembers).

Wednesdays, October 2–December 4

SKANDIA BEGINNER DANCE CLASS FOR UW STUDENTS. Skandia is starting a new dance class, with a focus on UW students, although others are welcome to attend. It will be Wednesdays, 7–9 p.m., at the University Heights Center, room 9, 5031 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105. The fall session will be Oct. 2–Dec. 4 (but not Nov. 27). Free! Bob Hamilton, Lisa Brooks, and other Skandia people will teach.

Music Events

Saturday, September 14

SKANDIA JAM. Join us for a special post-Stämman Skandia jam at the floating home of Deirdre Cochran on Saturday, September 14, from 9:30 to noon (that's the second Saturday, not the first)! Come and review tunes you learned at Stämman, try some new tunes, or play some old favorites. Contact Deirdre at deirdre122@gmail.com for directions and to get her phone number.

Special Events

Saturday, September 7

NORTHWEST SPELMANSSTÄMMA. The Spelmanstämman is once again being held at the fabulous Clearview home of Jim and Margaret Noyes. The dance workshops will be taught by Lisa Brooks and Larry Reinert, who will review some of the dances from Springdans, including Polska from Orsa and Polska from Rättvik. They will also teach an easy and fun dance that can be done to many types of tunes, called Odina Jönssons schottis. Here's a clip of it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJ78LfNSdM>

On the music side of things we are pleased to have the exciting young musician Amy Hakanson coming from Portland! You may have heard her play with her band Varelse at the Scandinavian Evening Dance at Folklife this year. She's incredibly accomplished on the nyckelharpa, which she'll be teaching a workshop on. She'll also teach a workshop on basic harmony for all instruments. It is for folks with **no** musical theory background at all; this is a **great** opportunity to learn to play harmonies along on a tune that you don't know!

Workshops kick off at 1 p.m. and continue through the afternoon. You are welcome to bring a recording device, as teaching is done by ear. The sessions are an hour and fifteen minutes, with a fifteen-minute break following. Those are followed at 5:30 by a delicious potluck; bring a dish to contribute that serves 10–12 people. Open dancing will commence when supper is over, with lots of great music. We suggest a \$15 donation for a

full day's participation, or perhaps a \$10 donation if you are coming out to enjoy the evening dance only. Questions? Email music@skandia-folkdance.org.

Future Special Events

Saturday, November 2

SKANDIA BALL. It's Skandia's 70th anniversary this year! If you haven't been to the Skandia Ball, this is your chance! Festivities start at 6 p.m. with the Social Hour; bring finger food to share and catch up with your friends, or make new ones! The dancing starts at 7 p.m. with the Grand March, and continues until 11 p.m., with a great selection of live music. This year we will have two musicians from Sweden, as well as music sets from local groups that include singing, nyckelharpa, hardingfele, and, of course, fiddles. The dances will be easy and the music will be great, so bring your friends, even if they haven't danced before. Don't miss it! Email music@skandia-folkdance.org if you have questions. In addition to a fabulous Ball, there will be a full week of fun. During the week of October 23–November 3rd, visiting Swedish musicians Per-Thomas Eriksson (fiddle) and Pasi Pasanen (accordion) will play for a variety of dances, classes, and concerts in Vancouver, B.C. and Seattle. See www.skandia-folkdance.org for details.

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