

October 2019: Skandia Dance and Music Events

Dances

Friday, October 4

SKANDIA FIRST FRIDAY DANCE, Cedar Valley Grange, 20526-52nd Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036-7610. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Jerry Walsh and Judy Patterson will teach Valdrespringar. If you are new to the dance, come learn the basic footwork and movements and experience the rich musical traditions of Valdres, Norway. Valdrespringar veterans, join us for a tune-up. Music for the evening dance has not yet been finalized. Check the Skandia website for updates. 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.

Saturday, October 5

SPRINGAR DANCE. Judy and Jerry invite one all to their home for a potluck dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by springar music and dancing from 7 to 10 p.m. The evening offers wonderful live music, and a chance to dance Hallingspringar, Valdrespringar, and Telespringar. New springar dancers, learning these dances is a gradual process. Don't let limited knowledge of the dance prevent you from "getting your feet wet." Come for dinner, meet and mingle with Skandia friends, and try the basic steps to great live music. Please confirm your Saturday attendance by emailing jandjdance@live.com as soon as possible.

Thursday, October 10

TARGETED DANCE PRACTICE, 7:30–9 p.m. 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, October 18

SKANDIA THIRD FRIDAY DANCE, Cedar Valley Grange, 20526-52nd Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036-7610. While you're prepping for the Skandia Ball, get ready to ask a stranger to dance! Mixers are a great way to get that timid-yet-eager-looking person on the sidelines to join in the fun. At 7:30, Larry Reinert and Sal Gordon will review some of our favorite mixers. With these fresh in your memory, you can say, "You can do this one. I know how; I'll get you started." Music for the evening dance has not yet been finalized. Check the Skandia website for updates. 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, 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.

Wednesdays, October 16–November 20

SKANDIA BASICS CLASS. Nancy Neuerburg and Jerry Walsh will teach popular turning dances, such as schottis, waltz, snoa, hambo, and mixers. Join them from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, room 2 (upper building). Fees: \$45 for Skandia members (\$55 for nonmembers) for the 6-week series. Pre-registration is not required. Come with or without a partner. Smooth-soled shoes help you turn more easily. On October 29 only, class will move to the Swedish Club, 1930 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle.

Thursdays, October 17–November 7

SKANDIA BEYOND BASICS. Larry Reinert and Elaine Mathies teach a variety of popular polskas from Dalarna: the joyful and versatile Bingsjö polska, along with the subtle and smooth Rättvik polska, both from eastern Dalarna, paired with the peppy and driving Malung polska from western Dalarna. Tunes for these dances are among the best-loved and frequently played at Skandia. Come to learn or review these favorites leading up to the Skandia Ball. Thursdays evenings, 7:30–9 p.m. Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, room 32 (lower building). Price for four-week class series: \$35 for Skandia members, \$40 for nonmembers. Per-session cost is \$10 for Skandia members, \$12 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is not required.

Music Events

Saturday, October 5

SKANDIA JAM. Come to John Parejko's North Ballard home (7062 14th Ave NW—plenty of parking on 73rd St., under the big trees) from 9:30 a.m. to noon for the Skandia Jam. Bring your instruments, your favorite tunes and a treat to share, if you like. For more information, contact John at (203) 893-3853 or email music@skandia-folkdance.org.

Upcoming 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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