

# June 2019: Skandia Dance and Music Events

## Dances

### Friday, June 7

SKANDIA FIRST FRIDAY DANCE, Cedar Valley Grange, 20526-52nd Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036-7610. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bob Hamilton and a partner will teach Slängpolska. This is an easy and fun couple dance, done in some version all over Sweden. It is like swing dancing, with just a walking step; the lead can choose from many possible moves, and there is lots of interaction between the partners. This is a good go-to dance if you are not sure what else to do. At 8:30, enjoy the music of Allspice, the Scandinavian and international dance band that has been playing in Seattle since 1976. Let's show them how much we appreciate so many years of providing joyful music for our dancing pleasure! There will be a mix of dances, with an emphasis on gammaldans and mixers that anybody can enjoy. Class, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8:30–11 p.m. \$15 (Skandia members, \$10); kids, free. Info: [www.skandia-folkdance.org](http://www.skandia-folkdance.org) or (425) 954-5262.

### Friday, June 21

SKANDIA THIRD FRIDAY DANCE, Cedar Valley Grange, 20526-52nd Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036-7610. Come and join Kathi Ploeger and Don Meyers on June 21, as they describe Stabberinglender their way and attempt to demystify the dance. At 8:30, enjoy the music of the Seattle Skandia Spelmanslag, the region's open-membership group. The Spelmanslag plays a wide variety of Scandinavian dance music—gammaldans, mixers, polskas—something for everybody. Get those dance shoes on! Class, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8:30–11 p.m. \$15 (Skandia members, \$10); kids, free. Info: [www.skandia-folkdance.org](http://www.skandia-folkdance.org) or (425) 954-5262.

### Thursday, May 30

TARGETED DANCE PRACTICE. Kathi Ploeger and Don Meyers will host. We will review dances that you request, including dances that were recently taught. This is a good opportunity to go over the 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. Email [info@skandia-folkdance.org](mailto:info@skandia-folkdance.org), or call the Skandia events line, (425) 954-5262.

## Dance Classes

### Wednesdays, May 8–June 12

SKANDIA BASICS DANCE CLASS. This class is for new and returning dancers, to build basic skills for couple turning dances. Frank and Elaine will help you learn to turn easily with a partner while having fun. Singles or couples welcome. We will change partners often. We will teach dances from Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. This will include the lovely Swedish dance hambo, a favorite of all folk dancers and contra dancers. Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, room 2 (upper building). 7:30–9 p.m.; \$55. (\$45 for Skandia members) for the six-week series. Questions? Come to the first class on May 8, email [info@skandia-folkdance.org](mailto:info@skandia-folkdance.org), or call the Skandia events line, (425) 954-5262.

## **Music Events**

### **Saturday, June 1**

SKANDIA JAM. Summer's here, so join hosts Bill and Gina Boyd for the June Skandia Jam! It's happening on Saturday, June 1st, 9:30 a.m. to noon, in Seattle's Loyal Heights neighborhood. Bring your favorite tunes, your instrument, and a snack to share if you like. Need an address? Contact Bill and Gina at [hfele@aol.com](mailto:hfele@aol.com) or at (206) 784-4783.

## **Special Events**

### **Sunday, June 30, 2019**

SKANDIA MIDSOMMARFEST, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., St. Edward State Park, 14445 Juanita Drive NE, Kenmore, WA 98028. This day-long traditional Scandinavian celebration features music and dance performances, kids' activities (including raising a kid-sized pole), flower crowns, craft and food booths, a special costume presentation, participatory dancing, mini-dance lessons for beginners, and of course, the traditional pole raising ceremony. FREE (donations accepted; buttons are available for a \$2 donation to help defray the cost of putting on the festival). Info: [publicity@skandia-folkdance.org](mailto:publicity@skandia-folkdance.org), [www.skandia-folkdance.org](http://www.skandia-folkdance.org), or (425) 954-5262.

## **Future Special Events**

### **Saturday, November 2, 2019**

SKANDIA BALL. It's Skandia's 70th anniversary this year! We are going to celebrate the 65th Annual Skandia Ball with a new date (Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>), a new location (the Swedish Club), local music (our fine local musicians), visiting musicians (a duo from Sweden), and great potluck treats. Join us!

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