

GRAPEVINE

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Grapevine is the newsletter of the Perth International Folk Dance Group. The group meets Monday evenings at the Wembley Scout Hall in Jersey Street, Jolimont. The evening begins at 7:30pm with an hour dance lesson, followed by general dancing till late. For further information, contact John (444-4736) or Jenny (295-3193).

Teaching

Thanks to Xuan-Lien Skaya for the lesson on Tahitian Dance on Monday the 24th of February.

Next month we can look forward to dance lessons from Eve Blair while John and Fiona will be teaching in April. John, Fiona and Eve will be traveling overseas during winter, so we will be wearing out Sarah's dance shoes from May onwards.

We don't have any plans for special guest teachers after Xuan Lien, but we are likely to get Rhonda Collard (Aboriginal dance) back in the winter to give Sarah a break.

Residential Workshop

There will be only one residential workshop this year. It will be at Point Peron from the 20th - 22nd of March. The weekend includes four dance lessons, breakfasts, lunches and time to swim, play tennis or just relax.

There will be a masked ball on Saturday Night, so put on your best mask. There will be a prize for the best. Bring a plate to share and something to drink and put on your dancing shoes.

The programme will be:

Friday night	- pre-requested teaching
Saturday morning	- easy dances
Saturday afternoon	- challenging dances
Saturday evening	- the masked ball rides again
Sunday morning	- review session

The teachers will be Eve, Sarah, Fiona and John. The weekend will cost \$38 or you can pay for individual sessions.

Dance Teacher Training

Fiona and John went to Sydney for a folk dance teacher training in July last year. They will be holding a debriefing, an explanation of what they did so that others can consider whether they want to go to the next course. The date is tentatively Wednesday the 6th of May at 7pm; however, anyone interested should see John or Fiona so they can arrange a suitable time for all concerned. This will not be a review of the dances learned on the course.

Camel Dancing in Nannup

A group of PIFD dancers went to the Nanup Folk Festival on the Labour Day weekend. They did a brief performance of an old Toodyay tape on the bitumen in the searing heat. They followed this with two workshops. The first was for children, with over 30 kids who had a great time. At the second workshop, for adults, John taught Iste Hendek while an audience of camels looked on. Iste Hendek is a Turkish dance about trying to get a camel to jump a ditch. The camels weren't interested in jumping ditches - they were taking a spell from giving rides.

Performance Group

The performance group is going strong. At a recent rehearsal, there were fourteen women, more than the number of costumes in the wardrobe. By comparison, we still have relatively few men dancing.

The Group's next appearance will be in Hyde Park, between 3 and 5pm on Sunday the 29th of March, with Bulgarity. This is a combined WAFF and City of Perth event. We'll be getting people to join in so come along, bring a rug and support your performance group and enjoy Bulgarity's Eastern European/ Klezmer offering.

Another performance will be at the opening of the inaugural Multicultural Awareness Week at the Fremantle Esplanade at about 1pm on the 5th of April.

Future events.

Penny Why is organising an Indonesian dance group to give a demonstration one Monday evening. The date is to be announced.

Summer in the Park

The Scouts want their hall one Monday in January next year for their AGM. So what with Christmas and public holidays it seems we will be looking for a park to dance in.