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Texas Camp! Nov. 25–28, 2021, Greene Family Camp

Who will be teaching at Texas Camp? Check out [this video](#)!

We are planning an in-person camp, Nov. 25-28, 2021. The COVID situation will greatly influence what camp looks like, and we will make every effort to plan a safe and joyous experience for all.

Due to all the challenges of planning a camp this year, we expect registration to be open around October 1.

TX Camp Survey

Please share your ideas, comments, and concerns about an in person camp this November, by filling out our [survey](#). Yes, it is mostly the same survey we sent out earlier this summer, but we are interested in knowing if your views have changed.

The survey will remain for one week, through Monday, August 23.

A Letter from Dallas

The occasional driver across a small I-35 underpass in old downtown Carrollton (near Dallas) on Sunday afternoons for the past several months may have experienced a mysterious, mirage-like sighting of masked folks dancing outdoors, six feet apart, to music emanating from an open-doored hybrid SUV's speakers. Thank you, Alan and Karen Murray! The Murrays also have served

as programmers and the main teachers for the Dallas-area international folkdancers "formerly known as the Plaza Arts Center Folk Dancers." Todd Sullivan and others have taught or reviewed dances as well. About a week ago masks became optional.

On Saturday, May 8, 2021, we took it a step further. A small group of us who'd had the shot gathered for an in-person demo at a senior citizen residential center at the request of longtime TIFD friend and folkdancer Nurit Amit. Nurit wanted to show her fellow residents what exactly she was talking about regarding international folkdancing. We demonstrated eight dances put together by Alan and Karen:

Ya de Kalinushka (Russia)

Erev Ba (Israel)

Esmer (Turkey)

Aleunelul (Romania)

Chikulata Chikita (Roma)

Santa Rita (Mexico)

Linda Eh (South America)

Twelfth Street Rag (US)

... plus a closing Lesnoto for which Nurit and a couple of brave souls from the audience joined us. It was a great pleasure to dance with Nurit again, and with each other! Here's a snapshot of the moment:



Front row L-R: Karen Murray, Brenda Nibert, Nilgun Sezgin
Back row L-R: Ping Chun, Dorothy Zarbo, Todd Sullivan, Sylvia Karmanoff,
Shelley Allison, Nurit Amit, Nancy Bernstein, Alan Murray

Tentative plans are afoot to do another dance demo, this time at a Dallas-area ethnic restaurant sometime this summer!

— Submitted by Shelley Allison

From Our Safety Committee

Does your group have a Code of Conduct and dedicated Safety Team?

If not, now is the perfect time to train a team of experts who can respond to medical emergencies and unwanted behavior at your post-COVID dance events. Our set of policies and procedures has been vetted by both the SAFE Alliance and a lawyer experienced in the needs of local social dance groups, and we train Safety Teams to respond to tough situations in confidence and confidentiality. Email safety@tfd.org, and we can set up a training for you.

Next TIFD Board Meeting

The next meeting of the TIFD Board will take place on Saturday, August 21, at 1 p.m. Please email [Holly Plotner](mailto:Holly.Plotner@tfd.org), if you would like to attend.

Calendar

Sep. 24-26 Boulder International Folk Dancers annual workshop, with Shmulik Gov-Ari teaching Israeli Dances
boulderfolkdancers.org

Feb. 11-14, 2022 Celebrate 50 years of the Florida Folk Dance Council at a winter workshop in Orlando, with Jaap Leegwater and Mea Nordenfelt teaching Bulgarian and Beyond.
folkdance.org

Online Dance Events

HIFD dances listed on HIFD website

Houston International Folk Dancers had some in-person dances for a brief period. In-person dances are now suspended due to the Harris County COVID threat level of red. Information about HIFD dances and Zooms can be found on the HIFD website: folkdancers.org.

AIFD continues Zoom dancing every other week until Austin Parks and Recreation allows in-person events. Join the fun! The next Zoom Dance is August 20. Details at aifd.cc.

San Antonio Folk Dancers (**SAFD**) is having provisional in-person dances, simulcast on Zoom. For further information about dance times and venue, visit sanantoniofolkdancers.org (preferably on the day of the dance). Join the email

list at host@sanantoniofolkdancers.org.

Texas Tuesday Israeli dancing 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Join dancers from Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. Dance and/or schmooze. Requests always welcome!

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9973201440> Password: TxTuesday

Global Folk Dance Party (Peninsula Folk Dance Council)

Every third Saturday, 5:00 – 8:00 pm CST

Sign-in info: [facebook.com/PFDCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/PFDCouncil)

Online Events Calendars

- daleadamson.com/events-calendar
- daleadamson.com/other-online-event-calendars-of-interest
- veselofolkdancers.org/events

Submissions

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