

Fun Family Dance!

A community contra dance for the whole family

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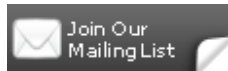
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Dear Dan,

Welcome to the dance! After a summer break, we are starting up again with our September 20 (Sunday) Fall Equinox Dance. I've had the chance to dance elsewhere - Las Vegas, Portland, Sacramento, and a dance weekend in San Francisco - but you probably haven't, so don't miss this one.

Fall Equinox Dance - Sunday, September 20



Our September 20 dance celebrates fall, just two days away from the official Fall Equinox on September 22.

Though days are still hot, if you're up early in the morning you'll have noticed the cool temperatures, a hint of fall to come. Some trees are starting to turn. Gardens are still producing well, and everyone is

hoping for a long fall without frosts.

We will start promptly at 5:30 and dance until 8:00, at the Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, 813 N Carson St, Carson City.

Caller: Darla Bayer

Music: [Train Wreck](#)

Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 16-25, \$1 under 16

Membership and Dance Admission

We are now a membership organization, though rather informally. When you pay your dance admission, you are also buying membership for the month.

Our admission prices are now:

\$10 - adults

\$5 - teens and young adults 16 to 25

\$1 - young teens and children, 15 and below

Facebook!

Fun Family Dance! is now on Facebook, at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115903559511>. Please join us there. We be posting dance notices and other interesting tidbits there, and you can see some of the people coming to the next dance. I recently attended a dance



weekend in San Francisco that had a Facebook page, and it was really fun to see some of the people who were going to attend, and I also got to check afterward to find some of the people I'd really enjoyed dancing with. Of course as with all social networking applications, the more people participate the more fun it is.

We will continue to do this e-newsletter, the website at <http://funfamilydance.org/>, and the blog at <http://funfamilydance.wordpress.com/>. We are also posting our dances on the Nevada Appeal calendar and the Partnership Carson City calendar. Please suggest other ideas for marketing our dances.

We have not been doing fliers this past year because few of our regular dancers wanted them. However, if you attend another kind of dancing or any cultural or community event where it would be appropriate to have fliers, please let Dan know. I will email a pdf flier which you can print, or if that doesn't work for you, I can email you paper copies.

Being On Time

There is a saying in the dance, better never than late. The meaning is that if you can't complete a dance move on time, it is better to skip it or shorten it rather than being late for the next dance move.

But this is about being on time for the dance! When people show up fashionably late for the dance, the dance organizers, callers, and band are left wondering if we'll have enough people to dance, which is stressful to say the least. By the time we have enough people to start, the dance is running late, and so we all have to stay later than we want, and the Ralph, the Children's Museum custodian, has to stay even later. The newer dancers also pick up on this lateness, and think that it is OK to come late.

So please come at the posted time or earlier! The early dances are the easiest, the best way for a gentle introduction to the dance.

If enough beginners are present when the dance starts, we will offer a short beginners workshop which gets everyone off to a more successful evening. But this workshop is not just for beginners. We really appreciate our experienced dancers participating in the workshop, since the best way to learn is with an experienced dancer.

So, for the September dance, there will be a 10% discount for people who are present and have paid by dance time, which is 5:30 for this dance. This is in addition to the discount offered to readers of this newsletter.

Water



We have bottled water available at all the dances for purchase. However, we'd rather you didn't buy it! Empty water bottles are a huge waste problem, and only a very small percentage are recycled. Please bring your own water container and refill it at the water fountain or sink. Carson City has high quality tap water, probably just as good as the bottled water, which in many cases is just tap water from somewhere else, heavily advertised, shipped long distances, and quite expensive. Yes, you do need to drink water during the dance, but please drink it from your own container.

Upcoming Dances

Our dance schedule is complete for the rest of the calendar year!

Saturday, October 31, 2009, 8:00 to 10:30PM
 NEVADA DAY DANCE
 Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, 813 N Carson St, Carson City
 regular pricing
 Caller: George Grover and Dan Allison
 Music: Train Wreck



Saturday, November 21, 2009, 6:30 to 9:00PM
Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, 813 N Carson St, Carson City
regular pricing
Caller: Susan Petrick
Music: Train Wreck



Thursday, December 31, 2009, 8:00 to midnight plus
NEW YEARS EVE BALL
Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, 813 N Carson St, Carson City
special pricing
Caller: Tom Thoreau
Music: Train Wreck

Dance Schedule Survey



You'll notice that our dance schedule ends with the New Years Eve Ball on December 31. We will be developing the 2010 schedule by the middle of October.

Please help us develop the best schedule by responding to a SurveyMonkey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=fuzOYSz9zceE3gs2_2f19qKCw_3d_3d.

See you on the floor!

Sincerely,

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**Save
10%**

The secret coupon code for the September 20 dance only is "round robin". You do NOT need to print this coupon - the secret code is the key. For other discount possibilities, including up to 100% for door greeting, check the bottom of the Schedule page at <http://ffd.raincloudpub.com/>.

Offer Expires: Sunday, September 20, 2009

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