



# CORVALLIS BELLY DANCE PERFORMANCE GUILD

Newsletter-February 2009

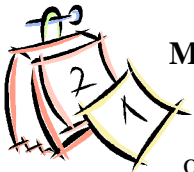
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## **Guild Meetings:**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month**

Next monthly meeting is March 26 in the basement of the Art Center at 8pm. There is currently no scheduled monthly program beforehand but the door will open at 7pm for anyone wishing to take advantage of the great dance floor.

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**



**March 20:** Our own fabulous Ramziyah will be featured dancer at Cozmic Pizza! Located on 8<sup>th</sup> and Charnelton in Eugene.

Show starts at 8:30 with a \$5 suggested donation.

**March 26:** CBDPG's monthly meeting in the basement of the Art Center at 8pm.

**March 27:** Luminessah Presents: A Tribal Fusion Extravaganza! Cozmic Pizza, 8<sup>th</sup> and Charnelton, Eugene. 8:30pm. \$5 all ages.

**April 4:** Siobhan will be holding another benefit at the 2<sup>nd</sup> St Beanery. Call her at 760-8590 to reserve your dance spot.

**April 16-18:** MEDGE presents Amel Tafout. Workshops and performance at MEDGE's monthly show. For details check out [www.medge.org](http://www.medge.org).

**April 23:** CBDPG meeting at 8pm.

**April 24-26:** Saqra's Showcase at the Washington Co. Fair Complex, Hillsboro. Workshops, dancing, vendors. Sign-up for dancers begins February 1. More info at [www.saqra.net](http://www.saqra.net).

## **KUDOS**

- ❖ Many thanks to Colleen Jess, Tracy Scramstad, Carol Small, Ben Small, Siobhan, Karen Randall, Sam Sheley, Erica McKay, Samantha Sied, and Janie Fisher for dancing at the Old World Deli for the month of February. Also, thanks to Chas Hayden for announcing this month.

## **Volunteer Ops**

- Volunteer for the student show/hafla. Even a small part will be hugely helpful. Please contact Samantha at [ssied@hotmail.com](mailto:ssied@hotmail.com). Any feedback would be extremely helpful as well.

-Any ideas for possible workshops can be submitted to Samantha at [ssied@hotmail.com](mailto:ssied@hotmail.com)

-Send any newsletter ideas to [cbsmall@proaxis.com](mailto:cbsmall@proaxis.com)

## **CORVALLIS BELLY DANCE PERFORMANCE GUILD Meeting February 26, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:** Carol Flamez, Carol Small, Daineal Malone, , Shellece Millison, Veronica Sims, Samantha Sheley, Antigone Cook, Samantha Sied, Erica McKay, Janie Fisher.

**MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER:** 8:02p.m.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** It was noted that Shellece's name was accidentally substituted for Sam Sheley as February's program instructor in January minutes. Sorry Sam. Otherwise January minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Checking \$1021.69.  
Savings \$2000.00

## **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Auditions:** None. Janie noted that we need to be more pro-active in the community and in getting people involved including with the OSU Multi-Cultural Center. Distributing brochures and investing in business cards would be helpful.

**Library:** Carol Flamez distributed copies of the catalog list she created of the library's videos and DVDs. Jeff Obermann's media materials have a separate listing. Magazines are available for check-out as well.

**Membership:** Antigone Cook has joined us. Welcome, Antigone! A reminder to pay dues for those who haven't.  
**Newsletter:** All fine. We added the kudos for Deli dancers. We used to do a section on the Featured Dancer of the Month. Would anyone be interested? Carol F also thought we might like to feature a Tribal night or other kinds of themed nights.

**Monthly Program:** Thanks to Sam Sheley for tonight's informative instructions on tassel making.

**Outside Events:** Carol Small is in contact with Rebecca Landis and the Corvallis Farmer's Market to set performance times over the summer. The Benton County Fair has also been in contact with us to set up a performance at the Fair.

**Website:** Sam Sheley says GOOGLE has websites available for \$10 a year (versus YAHOO at \$100 a year). Apparently the template to set up the website is easy and Sam will research the possibility of moving our website over.

**Workshop:** We are planning to pair workshops with the student hafla coming up. Janie and Shellece will donate their time as

instructors. Possible topics were listed in last month's newsletter. Platinum has offered the use of their dance floor as a venue for the workshops on a Sunday afternoon. May 30 & 31 are the dates tentatively set for the student show Saturday night with the workshops the following day. The hafla committee will meet again soon to shore up all the details. Let Samantha Sied know if you're interested in helping.

Sean Grant is interested in doing a MAC make-up workshop mid-week and may be able to schedule into our May meeting and thus prior to the student hafla. We'll keep you posted.



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Live music will be offered at the Old World Deli on April 15. Two members of Al-Arwaha from Portland will be joining us for an evening of dancing to live music. We will be paying them \$60 and Ted will comp them a meal. As was discussed and approved at last month's meeting, the 8 dancer slots will first be offered to those dancers who have never performed with live music. So, anyone who has never had the live music experience please get in touch with Carol Small at [cbsmall19@gmail.com](mailto:cbsmall19@gmail.com) or call 757-0759 to get on that list. If we still have openings, please leave your name and contact info with Carol for a random drawing to fill empty slots.
- Tina Empol was unavailable to add additional info on the possible Middle Eastern music trio offering live music at a future date.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Janie brought up the idea of business cards for the Guild. It was agreed the cards should carry info on our website, the audition chair, the performance coordinator, and a logo. Do we want to update our logo? Would we want to do another contest? If so, it should be judged by CBDPG members only. Janie agreed to design the cards. We will vote on this next month.
- We discussed whether we would like to have a woman announcer at the Deli. Would a woman be better able to describe clothing, body expression, and dance style? Chas does a great job but maybe goes into too much detail on stage about events and teacher class info when there are always hand-outs on the table. Do we want to have intro cards that describe music and dance? Some thought that would be a hassle.
- Janie vented about the several times, at the Guild's lead, she has researched and began to set-up potential workshop/show personalities only to come back to the Guild meeting and face a lot of hemming and hawing over whether we want to do that or not. We need to be ready to commit to our ideas if we are asking someone to put in their time only to have it shot down. Samantha Sied voiced the same complaint. We

decided maybe some of us are less current about pricing, belly dance celebrities, and current trends. We continued the conversation with possibly looking at re-doing our mission statement but also keeping within the bounds of being a guild under the Art Center. It was thought that our guild might be too exclusive especially in these times of change. We need to evolve, maybe re-structure, and "re-vision the guild." Above all, we are a democracy where everyone's ideas get heard.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 9:14pm**

**2009 CBDPG Executive Committee**

**Carol Small, Treasurer**

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