



Guild of Oriental Dance

NEWSLETTER

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GUILD DATES TO REMEMBER:

JAN 9	GUILD FESTIVAL—JDC
JAN 26	ANNUAL GUILD PARTY—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, 1114 AMERICAN BLVD W (LOWER LEVEL), BLOOMINGTON, MN
FEB 6	GUILD FESTIVAL—JDC



Guild Meeting Minutes:



Guild Meeting
Sunday, November 10, 2007

Meeting called to order:

Members in attendance were as follows: Bonnie Berquam (First Chair), Deb Brazil (Second Chair), Teresa Taylor (Secretary), Kathy McCurdy (Treasurer) and Sarah Bell (Newsletter Editor). The minutes from previous meeting (September 9, 2007) were approved.

First Chairperson (Bonnie Berquam) Report:

The decorations were collected from the former Second Chair, and are now stored at the JDC Studio in the same cabinet as the Guild Library materials. There is a new dancer form to help with organization at Festivals. Lottery winners were contacted, and all were happy and most appreciative!

Second Chairperson (Deb Brazil) Report:

There was 1 call received from a lottery winner requesting the Treasurer's contact information. In the future we plan to have online access to the Guild Portfolio of teachers and performers as a way to provide opportunities to members who wish to be contacted for jobs. Meanwhile, we plan to create an offline version and will request interested members to submit their contact information (such as name, email, phone number, and dance style). Watch for details on how to submit your information if you are interested.

Treasurer (Kathy McCurdy) Report:

Account balance (with activity) is as follows:

Previous Balance	\$5,255.79
Plus Income	1,485.00
Minus Expenses	(2,324.38)
Balance as of 11/9/07...	\$4,416.41

Income:

Membership	\$1,403.00
Annual Show	83.00
Total...	\$1,486.00

Expenses:

Annual Show	\$ 979.24
Picnic	155.06
Sewing Seminar	68.06



Guild Officers

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Guild Meeting Minutes—Continued:

Newsletter (postage)	38.02
Bank Charges	34.00
Tubman Family	101.00
Make up Seminar	150.00
Lottery	499.00
Annual Party (reserve hall)	300.00
Total...	\$2,324.38

Secretary (Teresa Taylor) Report:

Thank you to Bonnie Berquam for writing the minutes for the September 9, 2007 meeting.

Newsletter Editor (Sarah Bell) Report:

Sarah Bell is our new newsletter editor. Thanks, Sarah, for taking this on!

Webmaster (Jennifer Roden) Report:

Website Poll Results:

What seminar topics would you like to attend? 28 votes

Option	Votes	%
1: History of belly dance	6	21.43%
2: Sewing costumes	5	17.86%
3: Stage make up	2	7.14%
4: Business/marketing for emerging performers	2	7.14%
5: Putting an hour show together	0	0.00%
6: Putting a 15 minute set together	2	7.14%
7: Tribal costuming	2	7.14%
8: Costuming for body types	3	10.71%
9: Costuming with colors for pizzazz	2	7.14%
10: Dancing and audience psychology	4	14.29%
11: Other (add comments to next page)	0	0.00%
	28	

Watch for plans for a seminar with Cassandra on the History of Belly Dance.

Communications (Linda Brown) Report:

Email, Events and Calling:

A private Yahoo! group was created to be used as the monthly email communications tool for mass mailing members. An invite was sent to members to opt in. This new group is a closed site, and only accepted (invited) members can view online at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/guildoforientaldance2007>

Hotmail, some yahoo accounts and work email addresses will be on a separate list used to duplicate email announcements (due to blocks by policies and/or preferences).

Membership Officer (Linda Brown) Report:

114 members renewed and more arriving weekly.



Guild Committees

Are you interested in being on a Guild committee? There are many committees to choose from including (but not limited to):

- Monthly Festivals
- Charitable Festivals
- Annual Show
- Annual Party
- Telephone Committee

Would you like more information on a committee? If so, email: guildoforientaldance@yahoo.com and a current committee member will respond.

If you are not interested in being on a committee but would like to volunteer for one of their events, also email: guildoforientaldance@yahoo.com and a current committee member will respond.

Guild Meeting Minutes—Continued:

Guild Festival (Linda Brown) Report:

January and February 2008 Festival dates are as follows:

January 9	Festival at JDC Studio Theatre	2 nd Wed
February 6	Festival at JDC Studio Theatre	1 st Wed

Linda prepared a promotional piece for all 2008 Guild festivals. Melanie will work on scheduling the restaurant festivals for the year.

Annual Guild Party (Kathy McCurdy) Report:

Our Annual Guild Party will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2008. The venue, Knights of Columbus, has been reserved. The hall cost is \$300.00 (up from \$250.00 last year). We have a band booked (Khalil Lulu), and will play popular recorded songs during breaks. Reservations are \$10.00 each for members and guests. Members' checks will be returned at the door, so please make checks out separately. We will be playing an interactive game again this year with prizes. And we are looking for donations of White Elephant gifts. If you have something to donate, please drop off with Kathy at the JDC studio (a.k.a. The Cassandra School and/or Jawaahir Dance Company). Make sure to fill out a registration form, and mail your check (paper or online) to Kathy McCurdy by Saturday, January 12, 2008, the deadline date. See the flyer in this newsletter, or check the Guild website calendar. We look forward to seeing you at this fun filled event!

Annual Guild Show (Kathy McCurdy) Report:

Our Annual Guild Show will take place April 19, 20, 26 & 27. Detailed planning will take place at the next Guild meeting, which is set for Saturday, January 12, 2008. We are looking for volunteers to head up or work on a committee. Please contact Kathy or a committee head to express your interest in participating.

Annual Show Committees	
Show Coordinator	Kathy McCurdy
Stage Managers	
Lighting & Tech Director	Hilary Smith
Sound	
Promotions & Programs	Bonnie Berquam
Videography & DVDs	Linda Brown
Door & Usher	Deb Brazil
Decorations	Teresa Taylor
Food	
Setup & Teardown	

New Business:

Vote on Proposal to Amend the Guild ByLaws to Create Website Officer

The following proposal to amend the Guild ByLaws was submitted by Linda Brown, Communications Chair. We agreed to move this suggestion forward and publish it in the Guild Newsletter. We will vote on it at the January 2008 meeting.

This amendment to the Guild ByLaws would remove the responsibility for the Website content from the Communications Officer's responsibility and create a new Guild Officer role called Website Officer. This responsibility is listed in Section 6, letter C. The Website Officer would be a new voting officer on the Guild

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Restaurants
with Dancers*

**BEIRUT
RESTAURANT**

1385 S Robert St, St. Paul
651-457-4886; Fri & Sat 7:30
p.m.

**JERUSALEM'S
RESTAURANT**

1518 Nicollet Ave S,
Minneapolis
612-871-8883; Fri & Sat 7:30
& 9 p.m.

MAIRIAN'S TABLE

23 NE Fourth St, Minneapolis
612-746-4272; Shows: 1st
Saturday of
every month; 7 & 9 p.m.
www.mairianstable.com

**MEDITERRANEAN
CRUISE**

Hwy 13 and Cedar Ave S,
Eagan
651- 452-5991, Thur 7 & 8:30
p.m.,
Fri & Sat 7, 9 & 10 p.m.
[www.medcruisecafe.com/
schedule.htm](http://www.medcruisecafe.com/schedule.htm)

SANTORINI

9920 Wayzata Blvd,
St. Louis Park
952-546-6722; Sun 7 p.m.

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a little fuzzy when printed.



Past Guild Events Recap:

November Guild Festival, Feb 7

Many thanks and fond remembrances of our Guild festival in November. Thank you to our back-up tech crew, who filled in for several folks who were traveling across the globe. Kathy McCurdy, who is our reliably funny and talented emcee, announced each dancer, ran the lights AND performed. Duane Delperdang stepped in to run the sound. Theresa Jurisch took on the videographer role for the night.

We had four dancers: Bonjoni (Bonnie Berquam), Mahira (Staci Thill), Raina (Rana Campbell-Beams) and Naima (Kathy McCurdy). Kathy's dance was dedicated in loving memory of Susan Paul.

Thank you to the audience members for your support and encouragement at this and every show you attend. It wouldn't be a show without YOU!!

Reminder to all that the festivals are an open environment for exploration, self-expression and creative adventure. It is a supportive space for you to spread your wings, try new things and share your development. Never been on stage before? This is a place to see what it's like. We like variety, so bring it on!!

Our next Festival is Wed, January 9 at the JDC Theatre Studio.
~Bonnie Berquam



Naima above, and Rana on the right
~photos by Theresa Jurisch



Past Guild Events Recap:

Guild Wage Guidelines and Minimum Club Rates

CURRENT GUILD WAGE GUIDELINES MINIMUM CLUB RATES

\$60.00 for 1 show / \$75.00 for 2 shows / \$90.00 for 3 shows
This is a special rate for clubs because they have regularly scheduled dance performances.

MINIMUM PRIVATE PARTY RATES

\$100.00 for 1 show
This rate includes a \$10.00 Guild Agency Fee the dancer would send to the Guild, if the referral service is used. Rate guidelines are not the same as the Guild agency fees.

Dancers should not take less than the Guild minimum rate for shows or private parties. Doing so undercuts the Guild effort to ensure good working conditions and wages. Supporting the Guild guidelines benefits us all.



Mahira on the left, and Bonjoni above (also from the November Guild Festival)
~photos by Theresa Jurisch

The Official Guild Party of the Year:

DANCE! DANCE! Dance! Live Music!!

Come to the Annual Guild Party

Saturday, January 26, 2008, 7pm - midnight
Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Blvd W.,
Lower Level, Bloomington, MN

Dance to your heart's and hips' content!
Live music by Khalil Lulu. Celebrate, eat, mingle,
win prizes. **Bring your friends.**

Cost: Members send a \$10 check for your buffet reservation, and it will be held and returned to you at the door (or deposited for no-shows). For each friend you will bring, please send \$10 for the buffet. Please send by 1/12/08 to ensure we order enough food. If you are coming just for the dancing you don't need to make a reservation.

Do you have White Elephant gifts to share? Drop them off with Kathy McCurdy at the JDC Studio.

What shall I wear? Dance gear!! Dress up and sparkle if you like, but plan to dance.

If you're not a current member, it's easy to join, see Membership at www.guildoforientaldance.org



Registration information

Guild Member Name: _____

Guests: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Total enclosed: _____

Send \$10 per person. Send separate check for Guild member. Payable to **Guild of Oriental Dance**. Mail to: Kathy McCurdy, Guild of Oriental Dance, 1940 Hennepin Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55403

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Guild Membership Renewal Info

RENEWAL FORM

You can access the renewal form on the website under Membership.

CALENDAR YEAR

August 1 to July 31

DUES

\$24

BENEFITS

- Annual Party
- Annual Picnic
- Annual Show
- Monthly Dance Festivals
- Flea Markets
- Fundraisers
- Library
- Seminars on various Middle Eastern related topics
- Parades and other outdoor festivals
- Community communication
- Committee participation
- Performance wages

SEND ADDRESS AND PHONE CHANGES TO:

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Please visit the Guild website calendar often as event status, printable flyers, and added offerings are updated routinely.

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Upcoming Guild Events:

January 9, 2008 Guild Festival — 9:00pm
JDC; 1940 Hennepin Ave S, Minneapolis

January 26, 2008 Annual Guild Party — 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Hall; 1114 American Blvd W (lower level), Bloomington

February 6, 2008 Guild Festival — 9:00pm
JDC; 1940 Hennepin Ave S, Minneapolis

Upcoming Guild Member Events:

December 22nd

Revive Bangladesh Fundraiser — 5:30-10:30 pm
Sheridan Global Arts and Communication Center; 1201 University Ave NE,
Minneapolis
More info: <http://www.revivebangladesh.com>

January 5

Banat el Kamar Hafla (formerly Pratt Hafla) — 7:00-9:00 pm
Lake Harriet Dance Center; 6438 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis (next to the Richfield Liquor - Enter back door)
More info: Anne Farrington at 612-722-3721 or anne_farrington@hotmail.com

Dancer's Day Discount at Saracura — all day
Saracura store; 1411 SE 4th St, Minneapolis (Dinkytown)
More info: <http://www.saracura.com/dancerdiscountday>

January 6

Cassandra and Jawaahir Fifteenth Annual Henna Party — 2:00-5:00 pm
Jawaahir Dance Studio; 1940 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis
More info: <http://www.jawaahir.org/EventDetails.htm>

Archives:

Meeting minutes archive: www.guildoforientaldance.org/meeting.php
Newsletter archive: www.guildoforientaldance.org/newsletter.php

Guild Contact Info

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PUBLISHING EVENTS ON THE GUILD WEBSITE IS NOW EASIER

Post your own event on the Guild of Oriental Dance web calendar by going to the Guild website and clicking on the Events menu.

For instructions,

1. Go to the Guild website,
2. Mouseover the Events menu
3. Choose *Instructions for Adding New Event* from the sub-menu.

Please visit the Guild website calendar often as event status, printable flyers, and added offerings are updated routinely.

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Guild Meeting Minutes—Continued:

Board and would be responsible for the Guild website. Votes can be submitted to the Guild yahoo account, the Guild Member Liaison (Deb Brazil), or to any of the Guild Board Members. Please indicate the topic “**Website Officer**” and your vote (yes or no). Votes will be collected up to the date of the next meeting and at the next meeting. At that point the total votes received will be tallied and the results of the majority of votes will determine our decision.

Vote on Proposal to Revise our Group Party Rate Copy

We reviewed the rates information for groups and suggest we replace our description for private party rates with new copy. This new copy provides a distinction between group and solo dancer rates. It also provides the suggested rate as a minimum amount. The proposed new copy is:

Private Party Solo Dancer Rates.

Minimum \$100 (and often more) for 1 show.

Group Rates

Rates will vary. Contact group directly for more details.

Votes can be submitted to the Guild yahoo account, the Guild Member Liaison (Deb Brazil), or to any of the Guild Board Members. Please indicate the topic “**Amend Group Rates**” and your vote (yes or no) to change the copy. Votes will be collected up to the date of the next meeting and at the next meeting. At that point the total votes received will be tallied and the results of the majority of votes will determine our decision.

Guild Sponsored Events

Do you want to participate in the Minneapolis Aquatennial Torchlight Parade?

It takes place on a weekday evening in July. If you are interested in participating in the parade and/or would like to be an organizer for this event, write a note to the Guild yahoo address. We will need to determine the level of interest by April 1 to submit parade proposal and \$95 registration fee.

Promoting the Guild

MN Mosaic promotes cross cultural arts in the Twin Cities. And there are several ways to participate in this organization. It was proposed and agreed that we submit the Guild Annual Show as an event for the MN Mosaic web site.

2008 Guild Meetings:

We planned the 2008 meetings and starting in January, Guild meetings will be held every other month, on the second Saturday, 11:30am-1:00pm, at the JDC building.

Next Guild Meeting:

Please note, Guild meetings are open to ALL members, and all are strongly encouraged to come and participate!! Please mark your calendar and join us for our next Guild meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2008, 11:30am–1:00pm at the JDC building.

Agenda: Annual Show planning, Annual Party, ByLaws Addenda Vote, Guild Party Rate Vote, Guild Events

~Teresa Taylor

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Mission Statement

The Guild of Oriental Dance is an organization of professional and avocational Middle Eastern Dancers.

The organization was established in 1981 to help promote Middle Eastern Dance, provide dancers performance opportunities, and promote camaraderie within the dance community.

The Guild also helps ensure good working conditions and minimum wage guidelines for professional and avocational performers working in and around the Twin Cities. Implicit in the charter is a wish to promote improved intercultural understanding between the United States and the Middle East through music and dance.



Guild Community Notes:

Joshua Allen Fulton was born to Guild member Barb Fulton on December 7 at 2:32 pm. He measured 7 pounds, 1 ounce; and 20 1/4 inches when he arrived on his due date. Welcome to Joshua!

We are sorry to relate the passing of Guild member Susan Paul on November 6, from cancer. In 2005 she had moved to Grand Rapids, MN, to realize her dream of opening a yarn store. She will be deeply missed.

Do you have good news? Do you know a Guild member who has experienced a significant event? If so, please email the editor, and let us know!

Tips, Tricks, and Ideas:

Have you ever wanted to break out of the usual dance venues, and bring Middle Eastern Dance to a fresh crowd? Then the 2008 Minnesota State Fair might be just the ticket.

The State Fair Amateur Talent Contest* holds auditions at the fairgrounds in late July. Acts chosen from those preliminary auditions then perform in the public semifinals on the Bandshell stage during the first 10 days of the fair. Finally, the first place winners of each individual semifinal competition compete in the finals held Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Grandstand.

To be added to the State Fair's Talent Contest notices list, contact msfent@mnstatefair.org.

**The Minnesota State Fair Talent Contest neither sponsors nor is sponsored by the Guild of Oriental Dance. It is a multi-talent contest.*