



Guild of Oriental

NEWSLETTER

March/April 2008

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GUILD DATES TO REMEMBER:

JUN 27	FREE GUILD SEMINAR— CREATING A FREE WEB-SITE—JAWAAHIR STUDIO
JUN 29	GUILD PICNIC—BEARDS’ PLAISSANCE PARK, LAKE HARRIET, MINNEAPOLIS
JUL 12	GUILD MEETING— JAWAAHIR BUILDING
JUL 13	GUILD FESTIVAL—SHIRAZ RESTAURANT, 6042 NICOL- LET AVE S, MINNEAPOLIS, MN
JUL 20	FREE GUILD SEMINAR— SEWING WORKSHOP— JAWAAHIR STUDIO



Guild Meeting Minutes:



**Guild Meeting
Saturday, March 8, 2008**

Meeting called to order:

Attendance taken, members in attendance were Bonnie Berquam (First Chair), Sarah Bell (Newsletter Editor) and Teresa Taylor (Secretary). The minutes from previous meeting (January 12, 2008) were approved without changes.

Chair Reports:

Second Chairperson (Deb Brazil) Report:

Deb reported that she is at home recovering nicely from her recent knee surgery.

Treasurer’s Report:

Kathy reported accounting as follows:

Previous Balance	\$4,416.41
<u>Income:</u>	
Memberships	1,418.00
Annual Party (Guests)	120.00
2008 Show Tickets	40.00
Total Income (+)	1,578.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Newsletter	16.16
Web Hosting	239.40
Festival	275.16
Annual Party	1,261.28
Total Expenses (-)	1,792.00
New Balance	\$4,202.41

Communications Officer (Linda Brown) Report:

The Board welcomes comments and concerns as we improve and make changes to meet everyone’s needs. We would like to thank the members for their input over the past couple of months, and we appreciate your suggestions as always.

Linda reported receiving 1 letter, 2 voice mails, and 17 emails (not including 18 Annual Show registrations). All inquiries were addressed, and all issues were resolved. Thank you for your input, it is welcomed.

Membership Officer (Linda Brown) Report:

Linda reported we are currently at 155 members.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Sarah Bell
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Guild Meeting Minutes—Continued:

Newsletter Editor (Sarah Bell) Report:

Sarah reported there is a new earlier newsletter submission (April 11). Please submit your items directly to her. Submissions could include tips, hints and important information.

Webmaster (Jennifer Roden) Report:

Jennifer reported the calendar spam has been resolved. There is now a login and password to add calendar entries. They will both be displayed on the calendar as long as this is not abused. Additional steps will be taken only if necessary. The latest calendar upgrade no longer allows for attachments. However, additional event information can still be pointed to using the more info field. The Annual Show registration is up and running. There are 3 people currently taking advantage of the posting of costumes on the costume page.

Old Business Reports:

Annual Guild Party (Kathy McCurdy) Report:

Kathy reported the overall Annual Guild Party feedback was great. Participants enjoyed the live music, and can't wait for next year's party!

Current Business Reports:

Annual Guild Show Report:

The Annual Guild Show will take place the last 2 weekends in April on Saturday (4/19), Sunday (4/20), Saturday (4/26) and Sunday (4/27). There is a membership requirement to perform in the Show. Anyone registering to perform now can still join, but needs to pay dues as of March 1. The registration due date for performing is March 15. Ticket sales will be available on April 1. Tech rehearsals were scheduled for March 30 and April 13. The decoration committee was allotted a budget of \$200.00.

Annual Guild Show Committee:

Show Coordinator – Kathy McCurdy
Stage Managers – Kathy McCurdy, Shannon Russell
Lighting and Tech – Hilary Smith
Sound – Dawn Meyer
Promotions and Programs – Bonnie Berquam
Videography and DVDs – Linda Brown
Door and Usher – Deb Brazil
Decorations – Teresa Taylor
Food – Tatyana Butkova
Setup and Teardown – Sarah Bell

Guild Festivals Report:

On Friday, February 8, the Guild hosted its first Friday open stage at the JDC studio which was a big success. Beginning in May, the open stages will change from Wednesday to Friday evenings. April's open stage will be a Wednesday evening due to studio availability and proximity to the Annual Guild Show. The new dates to the Guild sponsored events like the festivals are:

June 27—7PM Creating free website seminar
June 29, 4 PM Annual Picnic
July 12, 11:30AM Meeting
July 13, 6:30PM Shiraz Festival
July 20, 1-3PM Sewing Workshop
Sep 5, 7PM Fundraiser Festival
Sep 13, 11:30AM Meeting
Oct 5, 6:30PM Cruise Festival
Nov 7, 7PM Festival
Nov 8, 11:30AM Meeting
Dec 5, 7PM Festival



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:

Annual Guild Picnic:

The Guild has reserved a date of Sunday, June 29 for the Annual Guild Picnic. The cost to reserve the pavilion called Beard's Plaisance on Lake Harriet will be \$150.00. We are looking for volunteers to help and lots of dancers and their guests to come join us for a day of fun.

Guild Seminars:

Seminar proposals were discussed, and planning will move ahead in the following 4 areas.

2008 Proposed Guild Seminars:

- 1) Sewing Seminar – Louise Indritz—**July 20**
- 2) How to set up a free web site – Linda Brown—**June 27**
- 3) History Seminar - Cassandra
- 4) Dancing & Audience Psychology – Melanie Meyer

Guild Picnic:

We discussed and agreed that non-members can volunteer at Guild events, but only members can be organizers for (chair) an event. Some of our requirements (light tech, stage managers, etc.) need a person with certain skills, which is why we use non-members. However, we do encourage everyone who is interested in the Guild of Oriental Dance to become a member in order to take advantage of other member benefits.

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 of Oriental Dance meeting on Saturday, May 10, 11:30-1:00 at the JDC building.

~Teresa Taylor [editor's note: these minutes were sent out previously by email or mail immediately before the May meeting. Minutes of the May meeting will follow in the next newsletter.

Please join us for our next meeting on July 12th at 11:30 at JDC]

Guild of Oriental Dance Annual Picnic



**Beard's Plaisance Bazaar
West end of Lake Harriet
45th & Upton Ave South, Mpls.**

June 29, 2008

**Free!
Family fun!
Everyone welcome!
Potluck picnic, Hafia, Drumming,
Door Prizes, Face painting and more!**

Contact Teresa Taylor know if you would like to help with the picnic planning committee.

651-647-3498 (8AM-6PM CT)
Guildoforientaldance@yahoo.com

www.guildoforientaldance.org

*Metro
Restaurants
with Dancers*

**BEIRUT
RESTAURANT**

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

**FALAFEL KING
RESTAURANT**

8508 Lyndale Ave S,
Bloomington
952-888-3008
Fri & Sat 7:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Live music with open dancing

**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.medcruiseafe.com/
schedule.htm](http://www.medcruiseafe.com/schedule.htm)

SANTORINI

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

SHIRAZ

6042 Nicollet Ave S,
Minneapolis
612-861-5500; Fri & Sat 7, 8,
& 9 p.m.
[www.mirahammal.com/shiraz
_bellydancer_schedule.htm](http://www.mirahammal.com/shiraz_bellydancer_schedule.htm)

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online, paper copies may be
a little fuzzy when printed.



Past Guild Events Recap:

April 2008 Guild Festival, April 9th

Three lovely dancers performed at the April Guild Festival in the JDC theater. Many thanks to Mahira, Patreecias, and Raina, and our crew.



Clockwise from upper left:: Patreecias in a spin, Mahira in a veil dance, and Mahira and Raina in a cane duet. ~photos by Linda Brown

March 2008 Guild Festival, March 2nd

The March Guild Festival lineup was packed with dancers. Photos by Linda Brown follow on pages 5-7.

Page 5: Angelina, Mirah Ammal, Theodora, Sultana, Tatyana

Page 6: Bonjoni, Nisreen, Isabel, Alicia, Mariyah

Page 7: Nasheeta, Leili, Amara, Julianna

*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 perform-
ances.

**MINIMUM PRIVATE
PARTY RATES**

Private Party Solo Dancer
Rates: Minimum \$100 (and
often more) for 1 show.

Group Rates: Rates will vary.
Contact group directly for
more details.

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. Sup-
porting the Guild guidelines
benefits us all.

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March 2008 Guild Festival, March 2nd:



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:

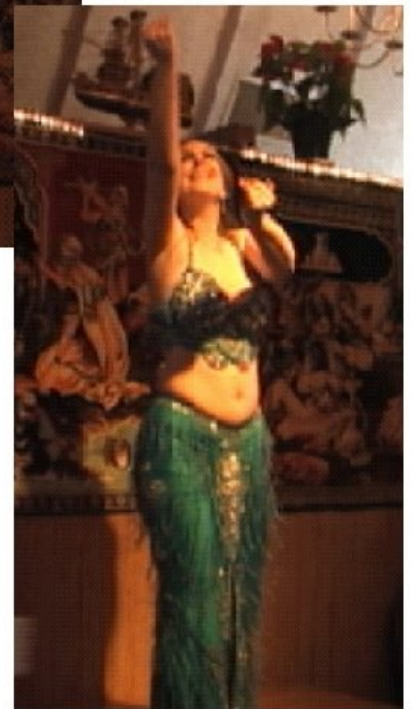
Linda Brown
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Please visit the Guild website calendar often as event status, printable flyers, and added offerings are updated routinely.

guildoforientaldance.org

Past Guild Events Recap:

March 2008 Guild Festival, March 2nd, continued:





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March 2008 Guild Festival, March 2nd, continued:

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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.

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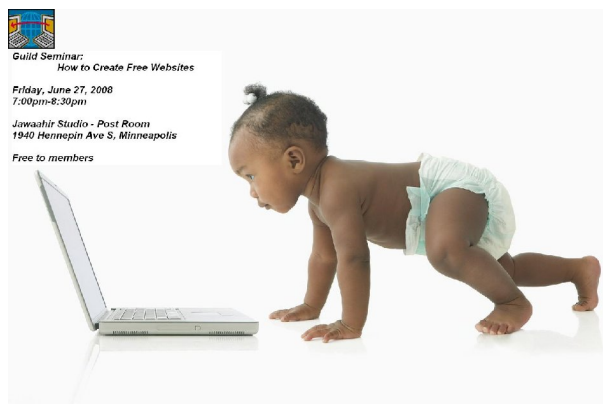
Upcoming Guild Events:

June 27, 2008 Guild Seminar: Create Free Websites — 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Jawaahir; 1940 Hennepin Ave S, Minneapolis

Free to members, email guildoforientaldance@yahoo.com to reserve your place, or call presenter Linda Brown. Please bring a notebook and pen.

More info: <http://www.theminingthreadartsclub.com/websitesforthedancer.htm>



June 29, 2008 Annual Guild Picnic — 4:00 - 9:00 pm

Beard's Plaisance Picnic Shelter on Lake Harriet; 4525 Upton Ave South, Minneapolis
Everyone welcome! Free event! Please bring your own grillable, and a dish to share.

July 12, 2008 Guild Meeting — 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Jawaahir; 1940 Hennepin Ave S, Minneapolis. Open to all members—new, long-standing, members with new ideas, and members that are just curious.

July 13, 2008 Guild Dance Festival — 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Shiraz Restaurant; 6042 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis

If you would like to perform, please email Guildoforientaldance@yahoo.com

July 20, 2008 Guild Sewing Workshop: Circle Skirt or Harem Pants — 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Jawaahir Studio—Sunroom; 1940 Hennepin Ave S, Minneapolis

Upcoming Guild Member Events:

Free to members, email louiseindritz@hotmail.com or guildoforientaldance@yahoo.com to reserve your place, or call presenter Louise Indritz at 952-545-0653 . Please see link below or flyer for materials/prep.

More info: <http://www.theminingthreadartsclub.com/sewingseminar.htm>

June 16 – 21, 2008

Cassandra's 2008 Oriental Dance Intensive — all day, six days

Jawaahir Building, 1940 Hennepin Ave S.

Contact: 612-872-6050 <http://www.jawaahir.org/EventDetails.htm>

June 20, 2008

Enchanted Evening (performance) — 8:00pm - 9:30pm, \$15

Jawaahir Building, 1940 Hennepin Ave S.

Contact: 612-872-6050 <http://www.jawaahir.org/EventDetails.htm>

Guild Calendar Updates;

Check the Guild of Oriental Dance Calendar for updates and more events.

www.guildoforientaldance.org



Upcoming Guild Member Events:

June 28-29, 2008

Tribal Workshop — 10:00am - 1:00pm, 2:00 - 5:00 pm each day
w/Sharon & Kami

Sat am: Sharon/Technique-Focused Dance Combinations.

Sat pm: Kami/Tribal Fusion Drills

Sun am: Kami/Layering Tribal Fusion Movements

Sun pm: Sharon/Breakdown of Adv. Moves for the Tribal Dancer

Hopkins High School, 2400 Lindbergh Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota

\$75/one workshop; \$70/more than one workshop

Contact: afsanasisters@gmail.com to sign up

July 5, 2008

Dancer's Day Discount — 10:00am - 7:00pm

15% off all dance items Saracura store, 1411 SE 4th St, Minneapolis (Dinkytown),

Minnesota. Contact: <http://www.saracura.com/dancerdiscountday.html>

July 27-28, 2008

Workshops with Urban Gypsy — 10:30am - 12:30pm, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
each day

Sat am: Gahwazee Influenced Improv

Sat pm: Troupe Synchronicity

Sun am: Saahira/Sharp and Funky Movements

Sun pm: Joy of Poi/Fireless Fire Spinning

Four Seasons Dance Studio, 1637 Hennepin Avenue South, Minneapolis.

\$30 per workshop before June 15, \$35 after

Contact: mszuza@yahoo.com to sign up

July 28, 2008

Show featuring Urban Gypsy and regional dance talent — 8:00 pm

August 2, 2008

Dancer's Day Discount — 10:00am - 7:00pm

15% off all dance items

Saracura store, 1411 SE 4th St, Minneapolis (Dinkytown), Minnesota

Contact: <http://www.saracura.com/dancerdiscountday.html>

August 16, 17, 2008

2008 Renaissance Festival "Silk Road: Discover the Riches"

The Guild membership is invited to participate August 16 and 17th at the 2008 Renaissance Festival theme weekend.

Volunteers will receive day passes for your participation. Sign-up from June 1st - August 1. Minnesota Renaissance Festival, Shakopee

To volunteer: email Leslie at renfest2008@gmail.com Volunteer (non-paid) opportunities.

August 16, 17, 2008

Belly Dance Contest — Renaissance Festival

Note: The contest is not directly related to the theme weekend volunteer duties. It is asked the teachers of the mini-lessons help judge the contests. The teachers may want to unify what is taught for consistency for the potential contestants.

Minnesota Renaissance Festival, Shakopee. Contest registration: <http://www.renaissancefest.com/MRF/bellydance.pdf>. Sponsored by Dahlal International.

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

Newsletter archive: www.guildoforientaldance.org/newsletter.php

*Guild of Oriental
Dance
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.



Tips, Hints, and Ideas:

Tired of your veil clinging to your head due to static? Tired of using nasty-smelling chemicals that don't really seem to work anyway? Try this earth-conscious tip: Keep a metal hanger handy, one with no paper or plastic on it. Put the edge of the veil on the metal and pull it through.

Contact with the metal will discharge the static. Repeat as necessary during rehearsal. You might want to leave the hanger backstage during your performances, though.

~Klee Burke



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

The Guilds of Oriental Dance renewal process has begun for the next membership session August 1, 2008—July 31, 2009



Membership form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phone (home): _____

Phone (work): _____

Email Address: _____

Dance Name: _____

Annual cost*

- Renewing members: \$24
- New members: \$2 per month through July (for more information, see the Guild website)
 - Includes people who have not been a member for more than a year
- Write checks to Guild of Oriental Dance

**Membership dues are non-refundable.*

Calendar year

- August 1 – July 31

Mail completed form to:
Guild of Oriental Dance, Attn: Kathy McCurdy, 1940 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403