



BALLROOM BY THE BAY

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HOLIDAY DANCE

On Saturday, December 18th, Bellingham Ballroom Dancers will celebrate the season with our final dance of the year.

Returning by popular demand is the Sonja Lee band. Last Spring this group, which is a favorite of dancers, provided the music for Prom Night.

Leading the band on vocals is Sonja, backed by Grant Wilson on drums, Julianne Thoma on keyboard, Lyman Lipke on bass,



and Thomas Harris on sax.



Sonja, with her deep rich vocals, channels the chanteuses of the 40's, singing jazz and blues standards mixed with holiday classics. This band has experience playing for dancers, so you can count on enjoying Latin, waltz, nightclub-two steps and foxtrot as well as plenty of swing.

The Sonja Lee Band plays regularly at Skylark's in Fairhaven, the Ridge Wine Company, Honeymoon and for private events.

Bobbie will teach beginning Foxtrot at 7 pm with the live music for general dancing beginning about 8.

This is one of our 2 semi-annual formal dances, so here's your chance to dress up, add some sparkle and enjoy an elegant evening in a lovely venue.

Our dances are held at the Blue Moon Ballroom, located in downtown Bellingham at 1213 Cornwall Avenue, right across the street from The Leopold. Refreshments will be served and there will be a waltz mixer so everyone gets a chance to dance.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT BALLROOM DANCE:

Live Band! Sonja Lee, Holiday Dance
Saturday December 18th. Foxtrot lesson 7-8 p.m.
General Dancing 8 -10 p.m.

Suggested Attire: Formal



UPCOMING DANCING OPPORTUNITIES

ARGENTINE TANGO DANCES

2nd Saturday of each month
Squalicum Yacht Club, 8 pm

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY USA DANCE BALLROOM DANCE

Saturday, January 15th, Blue Moon Ballroom
Saturday, February 19th, Blue Moon Ballroom

JANUARY BELLINGHAM TRADITIONAL JAZZ SOCIETY DANCE SWING DANCE

Saturday, January 8th, VFW Hall 625 N State Street
2-5 PM

MASQUERADE WALTZ BALL

Friday, January 28th, Century Ballroom, Seattle

BLUE MOON BALLROOM- BELLINGHAM

Open dance every Saturday evening at 1213 Cornwall.
See their website for lessons and special events:
www.thebluemoonballroom.com or call 360- 647-9778.

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS RESORT, BC CANADA

Dine and Dance to the Jones Boys in the Copper Room Tuesday through Saturday. Ballroom dancing for the price of dinner, only 90 minutes from Bellingham. www.harrisonresort.com for reservations at the hotel and package specials.

Bellingham's Best Kept Dancing Secret

Bellingham Traditional Jazz Society

"Keeping jazz alive"

Did you know there is a terrific opportunity to dance the afternoon away on the first Saturday of every month to a different live jazz band? The Bellingham Traditional Jazz Society is a group of enthusiastic jazz fans and musicians who support live traditional jazz in the Pacific Northwest for just this purpose.

Informal jazz socials are held every month, except July and August, at the VFW Hall at 625 N. State Street in Bellingham, just north of the Cliff House Restaurant. Each session showcases a different band from the Pacific Northwest. The venue has fine acoustics, a large wooden dance floor, reasonable bar prices and snacks are available by donation.



The next dance is Saturday, January 8th from 2-5 PM. The featured band is the Thomas Harris Quartet featuring Grant Wilson on drums, Julianne Thoma on keyboard, Lyman Lipke on bass and Thomas Harris on sax and clarinet.

Plan on swings and foxtrots in every tempo imaginable!

The BTJS is a non-profit, tax-exempt society dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional jazz in the Bellingham area. If you enjoy listening and dancing to live traditional jazz, come along and check out the next dance. All ages are welcome.



Annual membership is \$14 for a single and \$21 for a couple. Admission is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$6 for students (with card). Membership includes a monthly newsletter, *Jazz Me News* and you'll find kinship with Traditional Jazz lovers all over the world with cruises, festivals held as close by as Vancouver and as far away as Japan.

In Washington alone you will find annual festivals in Port Angeles, Ocean Shores and Lacey. There are generally 3-4 dance floors running simultaneously in different venues at any given time during a festival. Or cross the border any Sunday afternoon and drive just 10 minutes to the Canadian Legion 240 at 2643 128th Street in South Surrey to dance with the White Rock Traditional Jazz Society. For bands, directions and hours visit www.whiterocktradjazz.com.

If you enjoy traditional jazz, the club encourages you to support them by becoming a member. Go to www.btjs.webs.com and click on Join Us for details how. In addition to presenting live monthly concerts, your support also enables the club to send young musicians to Camp Heebie Jeebies so that the appreciation and performance of traditional jazz is passed on to future generations.



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The Christmas Waltz

Frosted window panes
Candles gleaming inside
Painted candy canes on the tree
Santa's on his way
He's filled his sleigh
With things, things for you and for me

It's that time of year
When the world falls in love
Every song you hear
Seems to say
Merry Christmas

May your New Year dreams come true
And this song of mine
In three quarter time
Wishes you and yours
The same thing too

Merry Christmas
May your New Year
dreams come true
And this song of mine
In three quarter time
Wishes you and yours
The same thing too
Merry Christmas to you



MASQUERADE
Waltz
SEATTLE

*A luscious evening of music,
dance, theatre & pleasure
with the VALSE CAFE
ORCHESTRA and CABARET
D'ARTISTE*

Friday, January 28

Doors/Show begins 8:30p
Dance from 9:00p to 12:30a

21+ only please

\$45 Advance / \$50 Day Of

No mask, no entry. Masks available at
the door for \$5.

Order tickets at

www.centuryballroom.com

This year's theme: **Hollywood Heroes, Movietown Myths.**

Take your pick: Become your favorite character, or the star who played them. Come as Clark Gable - or, come as Rhett Butler from Gone with the Wind. Be Bogey. Send up Marilyn. Or just your best Fred or Ginger self. We all have favorite idols. Show us yours. But remember to wear a mask.

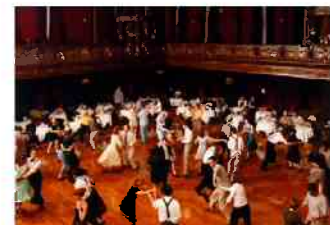
Previous Masquerade Waltzes were sellouts, so reserve your 2011 ticket sooner rather than later. Expect a musical mix of swing, blues, fox trots, one-steps and waltzes of all tempos. Because this is a true masquerade, you will indeed need a mask for entry into the ballroom.

Do remember: This night is not a "Halloween party" in January. The Masquerade is theatre. You are the actor. Dare.

Consider starting your evening with gourmand-ish pleasure: [The Tin Table](#) proffers spirits, wines, Champagnes, and extraordinary small-plate meals beginning at 3 p.m. - just across the hall from the ballroom. It will satisfy all of your gastronomic whims until 1 a.m. For dinner reservations call 206-320-8458.

Seattle's Valse Café Orchestra coalesced in 1999 with a singular goal: to win the hearts of good dancers with post-modern renditions of dance hall classics. The ensemble's eclectic repertoire celebrates a romantic mélange of bygone eras and cultures: Paris in the thirties. Budapest in the 1890s. Yiddish melancholy. Gypsy perseverance. Old Vienna. Ragtime Manhattan. Disparate worlds indeed-all connected by the mesmerizing cadence of waltz.

The Valse Café Orchestra, as its name implies, plays a preponderance of waltzes, but the group's programs always feature a mix of swing tunes, fox trots, one steps, polkas, two steps and tangos to create moments of fantasy and romance.



The Century Ballroom, built in 1909 by the Odd Fellows Fraternity is absolutely lovely with the velvet drapes and the ornate detailing surrounding a fabulous- to- dance- on floor. Ticket sales will be balanced between leads and follows to ensure an enchanting evening for all.

**Bellingham Ballroom Dancers Visit
Harrison Hot Springs
October 2010**



Going again soon. Want to join us? Talk to Skeeter or LaDonna or Phil and get on the contact list.

**Tango Dance
Every Second Saturday**



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Laguna Blu Restaurant

There is an Italian restaurant in Vancouver that features dancing Thursday and Saturday nights! We're planning a group trip in January, probably on a Thursday night when they have a larger band and focus on ballroom. (Saturdays are mostly Latin with a two man band). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Phil or Skeeter!

1055 Dunsmuir St. Vancouver BC
Between Burrard & Thurlow,



**Ballroom Dance
Every Third Saturday**

Blue Moon Ballroom
1213 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham

