



# **Sacred Dance Guild E-Board Newsletter**

**THE LATEST FROM YOUR DANCING BOARD**

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT JOYBETH LUFTY

### WELCOME TO YOUR NEW SDG YEAR!

With inspiration provided by your "Dancing Board", we began our new SDG year at our Simply Soaring Festival's Annual General Meeting. We "Can-Canned" our way through our "State of The Guild Address", which you can read either in our up and coming (Nov. 1) Online Journal or on our website [www.sacreddanceguild.org](http://www.sacreddanceguild.org) (look under "Updates").

We welcomed in this year's Board, the majority of which chose to extend their commitments because no one else would dance into their place as volunteers (and we've got to have a Board in order to keep existing as a Volunteer Nonprofit). Your President this year is JoyBeth Lufty (ME & TX), your Vice President is Lisa Michaels (GA), your Secretary/Treasurer is Marcia Miller (CONN), your Program CoDirector's are Mary Kamp (OH) and Wendy Morrell (Canada), your Public Relations Co Director's are Linda Telesco (NJ) and Elaine Sisler (MASS), and your Resources CoDirector's are Kat Pettycrew (NJ) and we welcome Cherie Hill (CO).

We need to find two Development CoDirector's in order to have a full streamlined Board for this pivotal year coming up.

We also acknowledged that we have a lot to do this year and will need us all - YOU- in order to get it all done and be able to continue on into our 54th year providing Sacred Dance education, resourcing, and networking of all types:

- \* We must increase our Operating Funds and need us all to recruit BIG TIME DONORS, BUSINESS SUPPORTERS, and double our MEMBERSHIP...
- \* We need volunteers to become COORDINATORS for our SDGO Benefit Concerts and our TRAVELING WORKSHOPS...
- \* We will dance the sacred together at our SEDONA ARIZONA & GRAND CANYON SACRED DANCE JOURNEY...
- \* We have to recruit NEW BOARD MEMBERS...
- \* We must manifest the annual moneys to hire an EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...
- \* We need to continue to update & expand our ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS & PROCEDURES, which includes our insurance, our advertising choices, our chapters, our reciprocal relationships and much more...
- \* We will continue to interact more through our website's Resource Library, Events Calendar, Updates, Hot News, Headlines and more including our up and coming Dialogues Pages and Facebook..

YES, we're still "GREENING & GROWING". We're still RECRUITING. We're still here dancing the sacred because we are YOU. Let us know how you/we can all dance together this coming SDG year.

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## **THE SACRED DANCE OF MONEY**

by JoyBeth Lufty President  
Operations Budget Fund Raising

A new era has arrived for SDG. We can no longer continue dancing the sacred together if we don't raise our yearly "Operations Budget"! If we're to survive during these times, we have to reach out and touch people who can provide real monetary support. We need bigtime donors, business supporters, and grants.

And we need each and everyone of us to help SDG move out into the world of available money. We need us all to contact different people, organizations, and businesses for SDG. Toni Intravia just started contacting Walmart: How's that for bigtime outreach?

Yes, it's time to stretch and dance our way into the future. Our website is now set up under our SUPPORT SECTION for donations of all sizes. Our IRS appropriate thank you letters are ready to be sent. We need YOU to make the contacts!!

We want to applaud Anne Pomeroy of Las Vegas Nevada, a longtime sacred dancer and SDG member, for getting us started and contributing to our "Operations Budget Fund Raising" at our recent Simply Soaring Festival. Think BIG and help us to dance your Sacred Dance Guild into the future. And be sure to have great big fun as you perform SDG's Sacred Dance of Money!!!

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## **ANNOUNCING A SACRED DANCE JOURNEY TO SEDONA AND THE GRAND CANYON**

Your Board is in the process of arranging a Sacred Dance Journey to Sedona Arizona and The Grand Canyon for October 5-9, 2011. What we do know thus far is that this Sacred Dance Sedona and Grand Canyon Journey will include:

\* Roundtrip shuttle transportation from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to a first class Sedona Hotel which will provide us daily breakfast, a Grand Canyon picnic lunch, and welcome and farewell dinners. It will also provide us a place for our sacred dance sharings in the evenings.

\*Transportation and visits to the most important Sedona Vortex Sites where we will be guided by Sedona's Mark Pinkham and our very own SDG President, JoyBeth Lufty, in meditations and sacred dances.

\* A full day visit to The Grand Canyon with sacred dances.

As all the details get finalized, they will be posted on our website. So mark this on your calendar and get ready to dance the sacred together in the US's Southwest's sacred sites.

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## WHAT I DID LAST SUMMER

Mary Kamp Co-Director, Programs

It is back to school and following that tradition, I thought I would write about what I experienced this past July. I learned even more about community and shared experiences. I received many emails, notes and even a phone call or two, from those who attended Festival 2010 and in almost every case the dancers spoke about what they were feeling when they were on that beautiful Connecticut College campus.

It was a very special experience to be surrounded by all of you who shared your love of dancing divine movements. As more than a few people stated "This is an exquisite experience" or "I don't want to leave this wonderful place", I realized that we all were in a very special moment, a kind of somewhere in time place that we do not visit often enough. To have been in communion with such an accepting, loving and generous group of individuals, was truly a blessing for us all.

We, our Executive Board, created a micro-community of Dance, Faith, Love and Joy, at one of our smallest festivals in recent years. This is possible because of the commitment of your board members, but we need more. If SDG is to move into the future, we need more members with that same kind of loyalty and commitment.

The word volunteer usually makes you think, OK, I will put in all this work, but what do I get? In all my many volunteer experiences, I have received more than I have given. My computer skills have greatly increased since I have been a board member. I now have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office Word & Microsoft Office Excel, PCB, PCP, PDF, jpeg files, worksheets and much more. Board communications, festival planning and execution, were all accomplished by email, cell phone or conference calls. The knowledge I gained is now mine. I will of course use that knowledge for the next SDG festival, but I can also use those skills in other areas of my life. Most important are the relationships and friendships I have made with the other board members. You will not find a finer group of people to work with. Yes, it can be hard work and yes, it can sometimes be time consuming, but doesn't something that has value, usually require some effort?

If you truly wish to see the Sacred Dance Guild to continue to grow and to be a vibrant shining star in the world of sacred dance, you must make a commitment to be a part of the solution. To make it happen, we need Board Members, Grant Writers, Donors, Sponsors, Social Network Management, SDG-GO and Traveling Workshops Leaders

and Festival Committee Chairpersons, so that we can experience another wonderful SDG Festival.

This is your written invitation to join us. Contact our President, JoyBeth Lufty [Pres@sacreddanceguild.org](mailto:Pres@sacreddanceguild.org) or any of our board members if you have questions. I would be more than happy to speak with you about my experiences as a Sacred Dance Guild board member.

We are already in the air, so let's stay aloft and keep on soaring.

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## **DANCING THE SACRED, MOVING THE WORLD**

By Linda Telesco,  
Public Relations Co-Director & SDGO Coordinator

If our new SDG motto "Dancing the Sacred, Moving the World" sets you in motion, we have just the way to channel that energy. SDGO, our Sacred Dance Global Outreach, needs you. Use your dancing to help other dancers. Visit our SDGO webpages to see what it's all about and find out more about projects that need your help...an orphanage in Bali...young dancers in Armenia...a ballet school in Baghdad. Dance gives their lives meaning and hope. But they need our support to keep going.

Why not host an SDGO event and help one of these worthy projects? Here are some ideas for what you can do to help:

Sponsor a master class workshop with an exciting guest teacher .

Organize a benefit dance concert with other dancers, groups, and studios in your area.

Host a "Dancing with the Stars" type of competition. Charge an entry fee for contestants and sell tickets.

Does your studio usually perform Nutcracker at the holidays? Donate a portion of the ticket sales to a project or solicit the audience for a special donation and collect during intermissions.

These are just a few suggestions. As you can see from the fourth suggestion above, you don't necessarily need to organize a special event. You can dedicate a portion of the proceeds from a regularly scheduled activity to an SDGO project. We'll have more ideas, suggestions, and guidelines to help posted to our SDGO pages soon.

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## **CULTURE FEST UPDATE**

By Linda Telesco,  
Public Relations Co-Director

We're delighted to report that the donations from our pilot SDGO program, CultureFest, arrived in Armenia to the delight of the young dancers there. You'll see the report and photos on the SDGO webpages. CultureFest was an ambitious full-weekend project spearheaded by Elaine Sisler, SDG Public Relations Co-Director. Elaine created a special webpage of planning suggestions and ideas for others who want to aim for a project of this scope. It's a great community-wide activity that can involve schools, churches, organizations, and individuals.

**Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to consider a multi-cultural event that can help dancers in other parts of the world. Let's really GO together.**

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## **SDG E-NEWS REPORT**

By Elaine Sisler  
Co Director of Public Relations

It's Journal production time again! I am busily coordinating all of the articles, information and photos that have been submitted for our next issue of the Sacred Dance Guild Journal. We have streamlined the process with a template in place for our on-line edition. Betsy, our designer from Next Wave, is working with JoyBeth, Linda and me to produce another beautiful journal for our members to enjoy. We have a lovely assortment of articles including reflections and highlights of our successful "Simply Soaring" Festival 2010. We also have a new section titled "Transitions" that honors members who are now dancing in the celestial realm. This issue pays tribute to Joan Sparrow and Phyllis Stonebrook.

Members who do not have computers can request a hard copy to be mailed to them.

### **Looking Forward...**

I will be hosting our February Board meeting here at Villa Sisler in Massachusetts. My husband & son are already researching recipes & planning menus. Anyone who has been on the executive board knows how important good food and wine are for these intensive weekend meetings. The better the food, the more productive and creative we are. Our extraordinary meeting last February at Lisa Michael's home in Atlanta was evidence of this. I will never forget the Sunday champagne brunch and my first taste of shrimp and grits. Yummy!

### **Looking Further Forward...**

I have agreed to coordinate and produce another SD-GO CultureFest benefit concert sometime next spring in the Boston area. This project is now percolating somewhere in my dancing brain. I am checking out various venue sites and discussing possibilities with community organizations and performers. More details will be revealed at a later date. Boston is lovely in the spring so let me put a "Dancing Bee" in your bonnet to consider attending CultureFest 2!

### **Looking Back...**

I cannot close this message without a huge "Thank You" to all who worked on and attended "Simply Soaring" Festival 2010. What a beautiful, blessed and bountiful week of dance, love and friendship. My spirit is still soaring! I am particularly proud of my fellow SDG Executive Board members. They all worked above and beyond the call of duty. In my opinion they are "Simply Sensational"!

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## **DANCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION**

by Lisa Michaels, Vice President

This July was my second SDG festival. The first one I attended was the 50th anniversary year and it began my fascination with SDG divine inspiration. My initial inspiration came from interacting with Wendy Morrell. Her capacity to handle details and show up cool, calm, and full of love in the midst of so many people asking her questions amazed me. That year at festival I found inspiration in my connection with person after person. I left the 50th festival full and enriched by my experience.

As I have been drawn in further to the guild and asked to be on the board I've seen that everyone of the board members is a treasure chest of divine inspiration. The way they show up in the midst of very (and I mean very) busy lives to support one another, bring dance to those in need, inspire others through hosting events, festivals, performances, fundraisers truly astounds me.

I am so honored to be part of such a richly motivated and insightful group of women. Thank you Mary, Wendy, Elaine, Marsha, Linda, Karen, Toni, Kat, and Gail, for sharing your precious talents at board work, management, decision making, and then adding the layer of artistic inspiration over and over again!

And dear JoyBeth, what can I say your skill at managing and inspiring a board that needs so many things to go to the next level is tremendous. I adored working with you artistically and one of the great gifts of festival was the poems you shared from your friend Rosemary Partridge. I include it here for those of you who could not join us at festival but also as a tribute to this group of very inspiring women. Blessings, love, and gratitude to all of you! Lisa

**My Most Elegant Orbit**  
by Rosemary Partridge

Holy Spirit  
I trust in you and in me  
For our timing together  
In the world of form  
My creative talents ripening  
To fullness  
In the season.

Burn away my self-doubt  
And as the ashes settle  
Compost them  
Into my soil of love.

I have patience  
Within the darkness of this soil  
I water with devotion  
The seeds of my talent  
In Your Name

The power  
That moves the planets  
Is invisible yet real  
I call upon this power  
To circulate me  
Into my most elegant orbit.

And so it is  
~ Amen

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**Executive Board Members**

**Officers, 2009-2010**

President: JoyBeth Lufty (ME/TX)  
Vice-President: Lisa Michaels (GA)  
Secretary/Treasurer: Marcia Miller (CT)

**Directors, 2009-2010**

Programs: Wendy Morrell (ON, Canada), Mary Kamp (OH)  
Public Relations: Linda Telesco (NJ), Elaine Sisler (MA)  
Resources: Kathlene Pettycrew (NJ), Cherie Hill (CO)