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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT JOYBETH LUFTY

WE'RE READY!

We are now ready with updated systems and expanded programs to be the WORLDWIDE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY OF SACRED DANCERS we are meant to be with 53 years of providing Sacred Dance resources, networking, and education. Welcome to SDG's next phase of inviting Sacred Dancers and supporters from all over the world to celebrate the diversity of Divine Dance.

Please join us in our search for new members, business supporters, and donors. Help to get everyone you know dancing to [our interactive website](#) where one can not only learn about Sacred Dance but can also join together in a variety of ways, can teach in a variety of forms, and dance in a variety of styles and places. Send us the Sacred Dance Resources (websites, organizations, dance troupes, Sacred Dance books and other products, etc.) you know of or are just finding out about. Write and send us pictures of your sacred dance experiences, performances, workshops, journal articles, choreography, music you dance the sacred to, and more.

Come dance with us through our Festivals, Sacred Dance Journeys, Local Networks, Traveling Workshops, SDGO Benefit Events, and even sometimes in our "Spirituality In Dance" Tele-Interview Series. Be a coordinator or teach at these delightful and transformational events. Get known as a Sacred Dancer, group, teacher, writer, or organization through our various web features like Meet a Member, Sacred Dance Company News, Transitions, Reciprocal Relations, Membership Directory, Resource Library, Sacred Dance Is, Event Calendar, and more. Buy an add in our online Business Directory or get one free as part of becoming a Business Member.

Even Sacred Dancers who are not SDG Members can join our Face Book Page and list their Sacred Dance Happenings. Anyone and everyone can browse through many areas of our informative website. Let me know at Pres@sacreddanceguild.org if you have some places to hand out our rack cards, which fit easily in a book as a bookmark and in various store, centers, and church racks. Yes, we are ready for YOU to spread the good news: The Sacred Dance Guild invites all to The Dance...

CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

by JoyBeth Lufty President

Boards for Non Profits have been shrinking in numbers over the years but still have positions to be filled and work to be done in order for the organization to be able to exist. Our Sacred Dance Guild, being a volunteer and membership danced global resourcer, networker, and educator for Sacred Dance of all types, can't do it without you.

We still need YOU to jump on Board for 2011-2012:

Good at publicity?

Enjoy organizing events?

Have some time to research Sacred Dance globally?

It's easy to take minutes and balance a check book?

Have connections in the money worlds?

Just can't seem to stop your passion for making sure Sacred Dance is alive and well on Earth?

Then contact Pres@sacreddanceguild.org It's true: We can't do it without you!

JUST IMAGINE...

by JoyBeth Lufty President

Just imagine praying the dance "Beauty before me, Beauty behind me, Beauty above me, Beauty below me, Beauty all around me, Beauty I AM..." on the edge of The Grand Canyon with 13 other like-embodied Sacred Dancers..

Then just imagine standing on a vortex that vibrates the energies of oneness and peace in the Sacred Site of Sedona, singing and dancing an interfaith Peace Body Prayer, again with like-spirited Sacred Dancers...

Now, dance your way to our [Sacred Dance Journeys](#) web pages where all the information is ready for your soulful eyes, and sign up to join us for October 5-9. There are few more spaces available right now, but no guarantee that they still will be available in August when registration for this special SDG event will close.

SPIRITUALITY IN DANCE TELE-INTERVIEW SERIES

by Lisa Michaels Vice President

The interview series the [Sacred Dance Guild](#) and [Natural Rhythms](#) have teamed up to produce has been going great. The programs explore the many ways people express spirituality in dance and are bringing you the latest trends and age-old wisdom about dancing the sacred.

All interviews are recorded and available for registered guests.

Please help us spread the word about this exciting program. Please tell all your dancing friends to join us. [SIGN UP HERE TO ATTEND!](#)

Upcoming Programs:

JUNE 16 - 7pm Eastern

Join Lisa as she interviews a co-founder of InterPlay [Cynthia Winton-Henry](#). She is the author of three books on movement. Lisa will be exploring Cynthia's life-long journey with dance and spirituality as she discusses her books *Chasing the Dance of Life: A Faith Journey*, *Dance: A Sacred Art: The Joy of Movement as Spiritual Practice*, *What the Body Wants: InterPlay*.

JULY 21 - 7 pm Eastern

Leslie Zehr is an Esoteric Dance teacher from Egypt and author of *The Alchemy of Dance: Sacred Dance as a Path to the Universal Dancer*. After Leslie's initiation in Upper Egypt, she developed a simple method of teaching sacred dance and esoteric wisdom that has taught many women from all over the world how to reconnect with the Divine feminine aspect within them. In this interview Lisa will talk with Leslie about her journey, immigrating to Egypt in 1986 and how the process of learning and teaching sacred dance in Egypt unfolded for her. www.UniversalDancer.com

AUGUST 25 - 7pm Eastern

Lisa will be interviewing Debbie Danbrook, who is a composer, performer and recording artist. She sings and plays the Shakuhachi Japanese flute and is the first woman to have mastered this ancient Zen instrument. She specializes in music for meditation and healing and has released 17 CDs (www.healingmusic.com) Debbie has worked with dancers all of her life and recorded her Ambient World CD to offer dancers music for gentle movement. She has played at 3 Sacred Dance Conferences and many, many Sacred Dance workshops.

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By Linda Telesco, Public Relations Co-Director

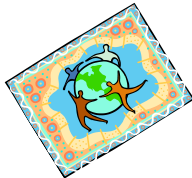
Dear fellow members,

Recently I participated in a local program with several other SDG members. The program was enjoyable and went very well. However, I was startled when, during our downtime while all of us were chatting, a few members asked me these questions: When is the next SDG trip? Where will Festival 2012 be held? Are we having a general meeting soon?

I was startled because most of this information has been posted to the SDG website homepage for a while now. If you're not visiting the SDG website regularly, you may be missing out on info about activities, events, and fellow members. You may also be missing opportunities to tell us about YOU and your activities.

SDG is here for you 'round the clock, 24/7 through our website: www.sacreddanceguild.org. This is your community, and we hope you will use it, enjoy it, and contribute to it regularly. Keep our community vibrant and dancing. Log on!

DANCE A WORLD OF HOPE



**A Sacred Dance Festival
July 24 – 29
Hope College, Holland, MI**

Mary Kamp Co-Director, Programs

Happy childhood summer memories dance through my mind. I remember spending all day at the pool, going to Girl Scout camp, my friend Donna Sue and I having a Lemonade stand and catching Lightning Bugs after dark. Summer Dance Intensives, Workshops and Sacred Dance Guild Festivals are my grown-up favorite summer memories. What are your some of your favorite SDG Festival memories?

Welcome our new Festival 2012 Faculty Chairs, Stella Matsuda and Patricia Fisher. Wendy and I are so looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labors. Stella and Patricia's experience in SDG and their knowledge of Sacred Dance promises to produce a great Faculty Roster.

The next step on the journey to an incredible SDG Festival experience involves you. Make a commitment to be a part of 2012 SDG Festival Design Team. There are many volunteer opportunities to choose from; Publicity National & Local, Signage, Advertising, Searching for Sponsors & Donors, Fashion Show Coordinator, Silent Auction, Afternoon & Evening Events, Theater Tech and much more. Pick just one.

For more information or to volunteer:

Mary Kamp, Co-Director Programs Prog2@sacreddanceguild.org

Wendy Morrell, Co-Director Programs Prog@sacreddanceguild.org

THE GIVING NEVER STOPS

By JoyBeth Lufty

Elaine Sisler, one of our Public Relations Co Director's, is off dancing in the land of her ancestors, Croatia. But we wanted you all to celebrate her latest news in regards to our SDGO, Sacred Dance Global Outreach, ongoing Boston Area Culture Fest projects. Right before she flew overseas, The Northeast Dance Retailers Association delivered over 30 boxes of BRAND NEW DANCE SUPPLIES to Elaine's home. This time, these much needed supplies will not only be sent to Armenian Children but additionally to Croatian Children, who are also reconnecting with their culture and spirituality through the revival of their dances.

It is with much joy and gratitude that Elaine and SDG receives this amazing gift in order to make sure that "the giving never stops". Keep tuning into our website and Fall 2011 Journal for updates (due out in Nov.) on all this. If you are interested in helping Elaine out with Boston Area's ongoing Culture Fest projects contact her at PR2@sacreddanceguild.org.

For details about our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, August 13**, to be held in Ottawa Canada and hosted by our Canadian Local Network, go to our [website](#). We hope to see you there!

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