

# Tri-City FolkDancers - Schenectady YWCA

General Guidelines (updated January 2024)



Tri-City FolkDancers have been dancing at the Schenectady YWCA since 1948 and hope to continue for many years. We are a small, friendly group and welcome new people. We will teach you how to do dances which are mostly done in lines or circles and don't need a partner. We enjoy dances from all over the world, particularly those of the Balkans (Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania, Croatia and Serbia), Greece, Romania, Turkey, Armenia, Israel, Brittany and French Canada. We keep the politics out and the fun in. Occasionally we have live music events, but mostly dance to recorded music.

**What:** International folk dances for all levels. No experience or partners needed.

**When:** Friday evenings, 7:30-10:00 PM

**Where:** Schenectady YWCA (now YWCA Northeastern NY)  
44 Washington Ave.; Schenectady, NY

1. **Covid:** We no longer have any restrictions but do encourage current vaccinations. Masking is optional. All participants acknowledge and accept the health risks of attending a participatory dance program and recognize that your attendance indicates your understanding and acceptance of this policy in its entirety.
2. **Parking** is on the side of the building, to the right. Currently we enter the building at the rear. Ring the bell at the top of the ramp, , and they will unlock the door.
3. **Sign-in (and out as you leave)** at the Front Desk. The staff can direct you to the room where we dance.
4. **Sign-in for dancing:** Please sign in at the back table in the room. We need this information for insurance purposes and for COVID contact tracing.
5. **Cost:** The back table is also where we collect donations (\$8 suggested, as you are able). This pays for the room, some equipment, and occasional live music. Tri-City has no paid staff.
6. **Communication:** We use email to announce special events, cancellations, live music, any change in protocols, and other events of interest. Please be sure Barb MacLean has your current email address. Your email will not be shared with others. We can arrange for those without or who have difficulty with email. Let Barb know.
7. **Courtesy to the Y:** The YWCA building serves as a residency for women in need, and we must respect those residents' privacy, as well as YWCA spaces and property. We are allowed in the lobby, all ground floor restrooms and the Kathan Room where we dance. (At the request of the Y, we sometimes dance upstairs in the gymnasium.) Upstairs residential areas, the small kitchen next to the Kathan Room, the copy machine and other rooms are off limits.

Questions or concerns? Want to be added to or deleted from our email list?

Contact Barb or Bob at: 518-452-1154 OR email Barb at [maclebarb@aol.com](mailto:maclebarb@aol.com)

<https://www.danceflurry.org/series/tri-city-folk-dancers/>

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