

Our History:

Fun Arts Day! for children is one of the three major parts of the San Antonio Folk Dance Festival. We invite teachers from the US and Canada that are specialists in International Dance, Music, Song, Costumes, and Cultures of the World.

In 1958, Nelda Guerrero Drury founded the Festival at San Antonio College which included a Children's Folk Dance Concert performed and attended by public school children. The programs commenced with a parade of flags carried by the performers wearing the costumes from that country.



*Nelda Guerrero Drury (right)
Francine Garza-Vale (left)*

In the 1990's, Nelda and a friend, Francine Garza-Vale, founder of the Light One Candle Children's Education Fund, in San Antonio, Texas collaborated to add Folk Dancing to the already established Fun Arts Day, an art program Francine had been taking into the west side Catholic Schools. The program grew when Nelda and Francine included other private Christian and Jewish Schools, and later public and home schools as well. The goal was to provide a fun, educational experience learning about the different cultures of the world and for children of different faiths, economic and cultural backgrounds to enjoy these experiences together. All the while, building respect for each other.

The program continued to expand to include children's performances, at different times hosted by the schools, the IFCC, and some of San Antonio's Museums.

In 2014, Fun Arts Day! was adopted into the San Antonio Folk Dance Festival with Nelda and Francine's legacies being realized every year.

OLLU Parking Pass March 11, 2020 Fun Arts Day! at IFCC in Parking Lot B

International Folk Culture Center
(IFCC)
Building #23



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Fun Arts Day!

Free event of World Cultures

Wed., March 11, 2020, 9:30am – 2pm

World Dance
Singing
Games
Art

Where?

at the International Folk Culture Center
located on the campus of Our Lady of the Lake University

What to Bring?

Wear comfortable clothes + shoes
Bring a lunch, we'll have bottled water for you.
(Please no **RED** drinks)

Parents are welcome to participate!

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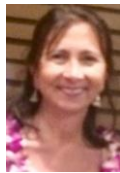
SAFDF.org

Andy Taylor-Blenis
Boston, MA



She began World Dance as a young child. Her parents, Conny & Marianne Taylor taught International Folk Dancing at MIT in Boston, MA and at popular folk dance camps and workshops around the world. Andy was certified in Scottish Country Dance at age 17. She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amhurst with a BFA in dance and a minor in Social Anthropology. She has taught International Dance through the Folk Arts Center of New England, Modern and Jazz Dance at Northwestern University, Northeastern Univ., Harvard, Emerson, Boston Univ., Boston Conservatory, and the Jeannette Neill Dance Studio. Andy is the founder and artistic director of Mladost Dance Ensemble, and the artistic director of RSCDS Demonstration Team, and teaches school residencies thru Mass Movement and Revels Inc. in Boston, MA. She continues to teach modern and jazz dance at the college level as well as teaching in local studios. Andy's sisters and brother are also accomplished dancers and teachers.

Rose Obregon



Games

A graduate of St. Mary's University, Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. She is certified in Special and Early Childhood Education. Rose was introduced to Mexican and Spanish dance when she was 10 years old, studying with Parks and Recreation under the direction of many excellent teachers. She continued through her college years with Nelda Guerrero Drury at San Antonio College and performed with Compania de Arte Española under the direction of Jose and Chiquis Linares. Rose has always managed to include her love for dance and the arts in the curriculum for her students.

	Gym World Dance & Songs	3 rd floor Studio Games	3 rd floor Classroom Art
9:00-9:30	Registration + Singing w/ Andy (all groups)		
9:30-10:30	Group A w/ Andy	Group B Liz + Rose	Group C Aloha Arts Rene'e
10:30-11:30	Group B w/ Andy	Group C Liz + Rose	Group A Aloha Arts Rene'e
11:30-12:30	Group C w/ Andy	Group A Liz + Rose	Group B Aloha Arts Rene'e
12:30-1:00	Lunch (all groups)		
1:00-1:30	Performance (all groups)	Hawaiian style	
1:30-2:00	World Dance w/ Andy (all groups)		

Ricky Munoz,
Bonham Elementary, San Antonio, TX

Student Performance

Ricky teaches Mexican dance and other International dances for performance at Bonham Elementary. Some of his students will perform for their peers at Fun Arts Day! Ricky danced with the Ballet Folklorico de Mexico de Amalia Hernandez and Nelda Guerrero Drury's International Performing Group of San Antonio College.

Rene'e Parks



**Hawaiian Arts
 Performance**

Rene'e is as creative as she is full of energy and boldness! Rene'e is the owner of the Aloha Kitchen Restaurant and Catering on Harry Wurzbach Rd. She has a performing group that includes beautiful Hawaiian dances and fire shows. Recreating the arts of her homeland Hawaii is one of her greatest passions. Rene'e will dazzle us with Hawaiian art and show us how to do a hula dance during our performance time.

Liz Drury Newton
Fun Arts Day! Director



Liz was introduced to the world of International Folk Dancing at birth by her mother, Nelda Drury. When she was a young teenager, she assisted her mother in teaching classes at various dance camps throughout the U.S., Mexico, and Japan. She has taught and performed International Folk Dancing on television, cultural events, festivals, and many educational arts programs including Northside ISD and Church Women United, Texas State-Wide Convention. She was a featured guest speaker for the National Association of Physical Education Health and Recreation in Cincinnati, Ohio, 2001. She holds a BBA degree with a minor in Information Systems from St. Mary's University and a Masters Degree in Mathematics Education from the University of the Incarnate Word. She serves on the steering committee for the San Antonio Folk Dance Festival, a board member of Light One Candle Children's Education Fund, and volunteered with many churches and non-profit organizations.