



Bennington Beledi Tribal Bellydance May 2008 Newsletter



SOS & Sahidi

On-the-Go at South Street Cafe

SOS and Sahidi welcomed Spring at the Café with four—or was it, five—spirited sets on Friday, April 25th.

Sahidi at Depot Café

On Sunday, April 27th, Sahidi Sisters were the featured performers for the winning bidders of the Manchester Elementary School Fundraiser and their guests at a special dinner event at Depot Café in Manchester, VT. We had an enthusiastic fan!



Thanks to Karen Rhodes for the photos!

Temple Night

The 4th Annual Temple Night, organized by The Sisterhood of the Silk Road dance troupe and their partners Studio Bliss and Pyramid Wellness Center, took place in Rutland, VT, on May 3rd. Bennington Beledi instructors Bethany, Kathy and Christina presented a Beginner ATS workshop and SOS and Sahidi performed. Other workshops were offered by Pacita Prasarn, Alia Thabit and Shelby Jones. A performance at the Unitarian Universalist Church featured many area dancers, including Cyndal Ellis, and fire spinning by Christine Meola. The evening finished with an after party for performers. We were glad to see all our dance friends again. Stay tuned for photos in an upcoming Newsletter. Thanks to everyone in Rutland who worked so hard on this event.

Upcoming Events

May 18th: Sahidi at P.A.W.S. Fundraiser at West Mountain Inn. (Invitation only)

May 24th: Sahidi performs at the Bennington College Prom. (Private party)

May 30th: Sahidi Sisters at the Café, beginning at 7 p.m. (tentatively scheduled as Café is on the market)
This will possibly be a fundraiser for 15-month-old Nova Post, daughter of Kim Post of Junque, who has been diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder.

June 5th: First Annual BBTB Members' Meeting, after Level 1 class, all are invited.

Watch for us at the Farmer's Market July 12 & Aug 9th and Battle Day Parade Aug 17th this summer!

☛ Performance Ideas?

If you know of any venues that would be ideal for performances by Sahidi or Sisters of the Shawl, please give contact information to any Sahidi Sister and we will follow up.

General Class & Dues Info

Level 1 class is 5:15-6:15; Cues & Transitions 6:15-6:45; and Level 2 class 6:45-7:15. Dues for Level 1 classes are \$30/month or \$8/class. Dues for Level 1 & Cues are \$40/mo or \$13 night (\$8 for Level 1 & \$5 for Cues).

If you are interested in perfecting your cues and transitions and learning to lead, please check with your instructor. Attendance at Level 1 class is a prerequisite for this class. Attendance at classes and rehearsals prior to performance is required for SOS dancers. Also—if you are interested in being considered to move up to Level 2 and SOS, please speak to a Senior Sister (Kathy, Kathleen, Bethany, Christina or Kat). Reminder: Unless you have made other arrangements or pay the drop-in fee, dues for class are due on the first Thursday of each month. In fairness to everyone, students who have not paid will not be allowed to attend classes or borrow materials from the library

Congratulations!

Ceil Wurster, who joined our class last summer, and Pete Neuzil were married on April 2nd. Best wishes to both of them!

BBTB Tank Tops

Each student or troupe member may purchase one BBTB tank top at \$12. Additional tanks for friends and supporters are \$15. A must-have as the weather heats up!

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