



Bennington Beledi Tribal Bellydance

May 2010 Newsletter

BBTB at the Patshiva



Sahidi Sisters and Tammy Fraser traveled to Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT, on Friday, April 16th to perform in the Patshiva fundraiser for the Rutland Women's Shelter organized by dancer and instructor, Susanne Claxton. It was a wonderful evening and it was so good to see our dance friends from Sisterhood of the Silk Road and the GMC Shakti troupe. The evening ended with a special circle dance with all the dancers. Thanks to Susanne and Brendan for organizing and hosting the event.

Photo by Susanne Claxton



6th Annual Temple Night

Sahidi Sisters and SOS traveled to West Rutland Town Hall Theater on May 1st for Temple Night. It was a balmy early Spring evening and the line-up was sizzling with special sets featuring live drummers. The Sisters led all the dancers onto the stage for a spirited finale with the drummers. Thanks to Shelby Jones and the Sisterhood of the Silk Road for organizing this event. It was especially nice to see BBTB students Tammy Fraser and Samantha Cole in the audience. Watch for more photos in the next newsletter.

Photo by Bethany Perron

Upcoming Events

May 22: Sahidi Sisters will perform at *Just For the Love of It*, a fundraiser at the Fort Salem Theater in Salem, NY, 8 p.m. Funds go to Olivia Brown, a 3-year-old from Salem diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

June 19: Shimmies For Shakes, Disaster Relief Fundraiser, 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse in Bennington. BBTB hosts guest dancers from the New England/NY area. Susanne Claxton, Shelby Jones/Sisterhood of the Silk Road, Cyndal Ellis and Melanie Swiderek are scheduled to perform. Watch for more details. Donations go to The Red Cross for world-wide disaster relief.

June 24th: BBTB Annual Members Meeting, 6:15 after Level 1 Class at the Senior Center.

August 7th: SOS at the Walloomsac Farmer's Market, 10-1 in Bennington.

August 15th: BBTB students and troupe members march in the annual Battle Day Parade. See Kat if interested.

September 18th: SOS at the Walloomsac Farmer's Market, 10-1 in Bennington.

General Class & Dues Info

Classes are held on Thursdays

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).

Please plan to arrive early enough to see Kathleen (Kat or Kathy in her absence) and pay dues before class begins. If you arrive late, please see one of the above immediately after Level 1 class.

If you are interested in moving up to Cues & Transitions, please see a Sahidi Sister.

Do You Wanna Dance?

If you know of local dance events please email us so we can include them in our monthly newsletter. We're always looking for opportunities to shimmy!

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