

SEE OHARRAK

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1123 NE 180th St
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SUMMER PICNIC-SATURDAY AUGUST 13 - 12PM-6PM IN YAKIMA

Come enjoy the company of your fellow Basques while enjoying lamb, chorizo, wine, Euripe Basque dancers and playing some mus.

Noon – Picnic starts

1:00 – Txori Dancers

1:15 Mus starts, \$30 per team, winning team gets 50% of the registration fees plus bragging rights

\$20.00 Members/\$40.00 Family

\$30.00 Non-Members/\$60.00 Family

YAKIMA SPORTSMAN STATE PARK

904 University Parkway Yakima, WA 98901

From I-82: Take exit #34. Travel east approximately one mile to Keys Rd. (first road after crossing). Turn left, go approximately one mile to park entrance. Turn left into park. Park and camping info:

www.parks.wa.gov/parks/?selectedpark=Yakima%20Sportsman

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Upcoming Events:

- NABO Convention, July 21-25 in Buffalo



bighornweb.com/nabo2011

- Summer Picnic, August 13th at Sportsman State Park in Yakima

Seattle Euskal Etxea (SEE) is a proud member of



MEET EURIPE – SEATTLE-BASED BASQUE DANCING

Those who attended the SEE SPRING DINNER had the pleasure of enjoying a dance performance by **EURIPE**, a Seattle-based Basque dance group that was formed in 2010. Euripe's mission is to enable children to grow their own roots into their parents' culture by learning Basque dance and tradition while engaging in friendship and fun. Forthcoming performances will take place at the National Basque Festival in Buffalo, Wyoming and dancers will ride in a float in the parade. Dance group members include (from back row) Estefania Escoz, Jean Mikel Etulain, John Etulain, Paula Taylor, Julien Taylor, Patxi Sabarots Etulain, Toni Sabarots Etulain, Jean Escoz, Oihane Escoz, Elisabeth Maitexa Etulain, Fiona Brennan, Sofia Taylor, Anna Lacocca-Cockburn (not pictured) and Michel and Sofia Maczulajtys (also not pictured). For information contact Toni Sabarots or Jean Escoz: sabarots.antoINETTE@gmail.com or 206-321-2107.



NEWLY ELECTED SEATTLE EUSKAL ETXEA BOARD

This past Spring SEE elected a new Board of Directors. Joe Guerricabeitia, Gaizka Mallea and Marilou Michelena were re-elected and Amaya Michelena and Daniel Bock-Grande swapped positions. Most exciting was the addition of 3 new directors including Debbie Coscorrosa, Michelle Errecart and Fran Michelena. Both Debbie and Michelle have previously served on the SEE Board during some of SEE's more formative years, therefore they bring a historical perspective to the Board. Fran is entirely new to the SEE Board and therefore can bring a new perspective to SEE. In summary your 2011-2012 SEE Board of Directors are:

PRESIDENT: Joe Guerricabeitia, president@seattleuskal.org

VICE-PRESIDENT: Amaya Michelena, vicepresident@seattleuskal.org

SECRETARY: Fran Michelena, secretary@seattleuskal.org

TREASURER: Gaizka Mallea, treasurer@seattleuskal.org

DIRECTORS: Danielle Bock-Grande, Debbie Coscorrosa, Michelle Errecart, Marilou Michelena

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 For Mus Information contact Fran at mus@seattleuskal.org

 For Euskara Class Information contact Amaya at euskara@seattleuskal.org

 For general questions contact Joe at president@seattleuskal.org

We look forward to hearing from you in the coming year!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BASQUE PLACE?

1. "Basque Market, **Boise**. Gem Basque Chorizo, Boise. We stopped and picked up 100 pounds Memorial Day weekend and TST is restocked." *STEVE WINSTON, Author of "The Spanish Table" a cookbook and owner The Spanish Table*



2. "Follow me - this is my trip through the only country in the world defined by the speaking of a common language,

Travel north up the Bizkaiko Golkoa from, Bilbo - into the coastal hills to Gernika to have your heart broken by the Tree, the Museo, the town, down out of the hills to the fishing/boat-building towns of Lekeitio, Ondarroa, Deba, Zumaia, Getaria, and of course Donostia, Hondarribia and Ziburu/Donibane Lohizune. Go to Irun and get on N-121-A to the hills, and a few miles after Bera, take a right turn up into the slopes where there is the magical town of **Etxalar**. From Etxalar there are 2 roads heading into the hills. Both lead somewhere. And, I recommend that when you are wandering around the imaginary border between France and Spain, you climb these hills and see the amazing country.



One road leads a twisted climb over passes to Sare, a drive that made me call my gal and say this was the most beautiful drive - and you can double back to more major roads to bail out back to Etxalar if you are running out of time.

The other road leads you through twisted oaks and haunted looking vistas to Zugarramurdi (witches), then Dantxarinia, Ainhoa, and then Ezpeleta (home of the peppers). Okay- that was even more beautiful and strange..."

ROBERT HORSLEY

NATIONAL NABO MUS

Nearly 40 teams descended upon Caruther's, just outside Fresno, CA for this year's national NABO mus tournament. Representing SEE were SEE President Joe M. Guerricabeitia and his newly minted mus partner of 3 months, Nate Williams. After seeding last years national mus champions as their opponents for their 1st two matches, SEE mus fell a 3rd time, but rallied to end the tournament with a record of 3 losses and 3 wins. Coming away with an even record was sufficient especially in light of the fact that Jose Mari Guerricabeitia (Joe's dad), representing Homedale, ID this year, but having one two prior SEE mus tournaments, fared no better. National winners for 2011 were Etienne Ybarra & Benat Inchauspe below. *By: Joe M. Guerricabeitia*



FINDING THEIR ROOTS

SEE members Ray & Edith Azpiri and their greater family were recently featured in "El Correo" regarding the tracing of their family roots in Bizkaia. Pictured at right are more than 20 children, grandchildren and spouses of the greater Azpiri Guisasola family in front of the Guggenheim in Bilbo and it's famous Txakurra.



3. "It's hard to think of one favorite place, since there are so many. But because I love the beach, water, and history, **Saint Jean de Luz** ranks high up there on places to visit when I go to the Basque country. In the same day, one can sunbathe at the beach, walk along the sand to a statue of the Virgin Mary or a maritime museum, eat an ice cream cone or enjoy a fancy meal at an outdoor cafe, or pretend you are Spanish Infanta Maria Teresa marrying Louis XIV at the church in the plaza. It can't get much better than that. *ANTOINETTE SABAROTS*

4. The Peace Museum in **Gernika** is one of my favorite museums in the world. All politicians should have to go there before they take office. President Obama, if you are reading this, go now! *MICHELLE ERRECART*

"Everyone who has visited the Basque country longs to return; it is a blessed land." - Victor Hugo (1802- 1885)



5. I grew up in a Boarding House for Basque shepherders in Boise. Or should I say Lekeitio West. My childhood was filled with visions of the Basque Country but mostly of that beautiful romanticized fishing village of **Lekeitio**. Our boarders became family and the evenings were spent playing cards imbibing in favorite liquors and reminiscing about loved ones left behind in the small farms or communities of Bizkaia. The stories could start in any village but ultimately they would end up in Lekeitio. Everyone loved Lekeitio. As I listened I could smell the sea, feel the sun on my face, and envision the fishing boats all while sitting in the town square I had never visited. I finally got the opportunity to sit in that town square, sip a drink and speak Basque to everyone I met. I was not disappointed. It was better than I had imagined. *DEBBIE COSCOROSSA*



ZORIONAK TO NEW US CITIZENS FIDEL & CONCHITA MICHELENA



A big "ZORIONAK" to Seattle Euskal Etxea members Fidel and Conchita Michelena on recently receiving their US citizenship. It's likely that two US-rooted children and two grandchildren and all of the cedar in the Pacific Northwest were more than enough reasons for the pair to decide that the US was "leku ona" (a good place). Zorionak from Seattle Euskal Etxea!

LEHENDAKARIA MEZUA (President's Message)

Kaixo SEE Lagunak-

It's shaping up to be a busy a year for the Basques of Washington. 2011 has seen the launch of SEE Euskara classes, the continued work and support of SEE member Brent Barras' epic film Basques of the West, the inaugural performance of Seattle-based Euripe Basque Dance group, SEE mus at the national level and we're only half way through the year!

In early Spring SEE submitted a detailed grant application to EuskoJaurlitza (the Basque government) and outlined our continued efforts to promote and preserve Basque culture in the US's 5th largest metro area. As soon as SEE is notified of any financial support we will pass this information along to members and work towards putting it into appropriate programs.

Although financial support helps to make the task of promoting and preserving Basque culture easier it pales in comparison to the support provided by SEE members. SEE is "of the people" and "for the people." SEE is not the SEE Board, SEE founders, or even the SEE President :) SEE is and always will be a byproduct of the hard work, generous donations and passion of it's members. You are our foundation; you are events and you are our future.

On behalf of myself and the Board I would like to thank some of you whose efforts and faces not only greeted me when I first popped in on a SEE event, but continue to do so. Eskerrik asko to Conchita Michelena whose delightful dishes have been a mainstay of SEE events. Backing her up in the kitchen you'll find her daughter Marilou and her niece Amaya, Lori Larrechea, Marilyn Uribe and daughter Constance. At the grill in the summer you can't miss the addition of the better halves :), Fidel and Agustin Michelena and Feliz Larrechea who graciously donate their time as well as lamb, jamon, etc. Jon Uribe and Alicia and Pedro Ciganda never fail to miss and help out. Joe & Mary Guerricabeitia (my parents) have been running a small chorizo export business from Boise, keeping SEE in fresh supply. Mary, of course, also brings her squeeze box. Toni Sabarots and Jean Escoz continue to teach and prepare the new Euripe dancers adding more color and flare to events and instilling the passion in the next generation.

It's impossible think of SEE without many of you. As a Seattle transplant myself, you have all become not only my Basque friends but my Basque family.

Eskerrik asko for all that you do!

JOE M. GUERRICABEITIA