

Join us in the  
**Virtual Dance Room**

Discussion for Session #53  
Friday, March 26, 2021 – 11:00pm-ish CDT

**Folk Costumes of Bulgaria (Vaikovtsi) & Greece (Karagouna)**

*(BYO snacks, drinks, stories, photos, videos to share and a sense of humor)*

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***Ethnic Dance Chicago / Door County Folk Festival***

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**Discussion Leaders: Marvin Moehle & Roman Kozak**

(We welcome Roman Kozak to the VDR Team as we continue an examination of folk traditions)

- **11:00pm-ish - Discussion Starts after last dance(s)**
- **Marvin**
  - Costumes of the Vaikovtsi people, a sub-group of Bulgarians from the Varna Region in Northern Bulgaria with its own unique culture, traditions, costumes and dances
  - We will show a video of Vakovtsi dancing during a spring holiday festival.
- **Roman & Marvin**
  - Costumes from one of Greece's most iconic folk traditions (Karagouna) from central Thessaly
- **Roman**
  - Buyer beware of collecting costume books
- **About Marvin Moehle**
- Marvin Moehle was born in and lives in Granite City, IL (old Macedonian Immigrant settlement). As a young kid, he began to record Immigrants, walking from house to house collecting folk songs, dances and customs from the early Immigrants. Marvin started collecting folk costumes in the early 1980's. To date, he has collected costumes from Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, China, Greece, Hungary, Macedonia, Poland, Serbia and Turkmenistan. While the majority of his collection is from Macedonia and Bulgaria, he also has costumes of minority groups living in the Balkans including: Aroumanian, Roma, Vlachs, Albanians in Macedonia, Turks in Bulgaria, Pomaks, Torbeshi, etc. He has several hundred costumes and artifacts. One artifact includes the large outside cross, from the first Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox church in America. He also has collected books and document archives, record collection including old ethnic 78rpms. His book collection includes rare books published and printed in Granite City, IL in the Bulgarian language. Marvin's vision is to eventually open a small private Ethnographic museum.
- **About Roman Kozak**
- Roman Kozak (Omaha, NE) was born in Detroit, MI. His father's family (Ukrainian) had emigrated to the US in 1945 and his mother's family has lived in the US since about 1750. Roman has always had a fascination with folk costumes and embroidery. His grandmother was an excellent embroiderer, and taught him much. He inherited her collection of Ukrainian Folk costumes and embroidery. While in college, he started folk dancing in Detroit (Cranbrook) and performed with Oakland University's Slavic Folk Ensemble. His love of folk music and costumes grew with additional dancing and reading. He now has collected a large library of books about folk costumes and has made costumes and embroideries from scratch. In recent years has published over 340 articles about the folk costumes of peoples from around the world in his blog: <http://folkcostume.blogspot.com/>.

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