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Six Clark County celebrity dancers to compete in Dancing with the Local Stars dance competition and hangar dance fundraiser at the Pearson Air Museum

The Fort Vancouver National Trust has invited six renowned community members to compete at Dancing with the Local Stars, its annual fundraiser for children's events and educational programs at the Fort Vancouver National Site. The venue is inside the main hangar at the Pearson Air Museum on September 11th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase on the Trust's website at www.fortvan.org. Online tickets must be purchased by September 7. Last year's event sold out.

The celebrity dancers are:

- Susanne Cox, Vesta Hospitality
- Carol Curtis, Windermere/Stellar Group
- Lisa Dow, West Coast Bank
- K.C. Fuller, Eric Fuller & Associates
- Nelson Holmberg, Port of Woodland
- Larry J. Smith, City of Vancouver

How it works: Inspired by the popular television show, each celebrity dancer has received complimentary dance lessons from Arthur Murray Dance Studios and has been paired with a dance instructor to practice a routine to perform at the event. The community is encouraged to "vote" with their dollars for their favorite dancer. The dancer who has raised the most money is declared the winner. Last year's champion was Susan Courtney of Courtney Consulting. Donations are accepted online at www.fortvan.org, by mailing a check to the Trust or by donating at the event.

What it benefits: This event supports children's and educational programs and events at the Fort Vancouver National Site including Pearson Air Museum, heritage events at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, the Fort Vancouver National Trust's Celebrate Freedom programs and the Center for Leadership Excellence youth program.

Details: Pearson Air Museum is located at 1115 E. Fifth Street, Vancouver. The event is from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. The emcee is Rod Hill, meteorologist at KGW Northwest NewsChannel 8.

Tickets: Purchase tickets online at www.fortvan.org. Individual tickets are \$40 and include dinner catered by Beaches Restaurant. Reserved tables for 8, including dinner are \$500. Corporate tables for eight include logo on the program and the Trust website and are \$1,000.

Info: Fort Vancouver National Trust, (360) 992-1800 or www.fortvan.org

The evening's program includes:

- 5:00 p.m.: Doors open
- 5:00-6:30 p.m.: Dinner service and no-host bar by Beaches Restaurant
- 6:00-6:30 p.m.: Ballroom dance lessons from Arthur Murray Dance instructors
- 6:30 p.m.: Dance competition begins
- 8:00 p.m.: Dance demonstration by Arthur Murray Dance Studio
- 8:15 p.m.: Mystery performance
- 8:30 p.m.: Hangar dance to the Pranksters Big Band