



DANCERS OF THE MONTH

Steve and Rita Holdener are Dancers of the Month for November 2009

The Ballroom Dance Club is pleased to feature **Rita and Steve Holdener** as Dancers of the Month for November. Rita and Steve have been dancing together since they were teenagers. Dancing was part of their Swiss culture, so they learned not only waltzes and foxtrots but landlers, schottisches and polkas as well. After they were married and started raising a family, they say it was the Swiss culture and dancing that were always favorites for them. Dancing continues to mean a lot to them because it is an activity they can do together and it is great exercise.

After moving to SaddleBrooke, they started taking classes from Bob and Maryann Osborne in October 2008. They love learning new dances such as rumba and swing while continuing to improve their waltzes and foxtrots. While their favorite ballroom dances are the West coast swing and the East coast swing, they still go back to their roots with a Washington polka as one of their all-time favorites. Rita and Steve say that dancing is their biggest hobby, so it is no surprise that they participate in Latin dance and Western dance classes as well. Now they have added performing to their dance experience as members of the Ballroom Formation Team. If you attended the HOA#1 Bravo Broadway event in September, you saw Rita and Steve dance a choreographed group routine to ***All That Jazz***.

What Steve loves about dancing with Rita is twirling her around nearly out of control and seeing the delight and sometimes terror on her face. What Rita loves about dancing with Steve is the smile on his face while they dance (but she says that only happens when he knows what he's doing).

Rita and Steve are quite a busy couple. After Steve's 30 year career with Boeing and Rita's varied career experiences in banking, clothes retailing, housekeeping and raising two children, they are enjoying their SaddleBrooke experience with new friends and activities.....especially dancing.

If you want to see Rita and Steve on the dance floor, please come to any Open Dance session where you'll usually find them dancing up a storm. Look for the schedule on the Ballroom Dance Club website: <http://sballroomdance.com>.