



CDS Boston News

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Board News

The first board meeting of 1984 was held on January 6 at the home of Billie Hockett.

Bob Paul and Cynthia Whear were present to answer questions about the proposed budget for the 1984 Ritual Days at Pinewoods. The Board extended their thanks for all the work done by Bob and Cynthia for Ritual Days.

Six CDS members have responded to Brad's request for opinions concerning the Labor Day admission policy. It was the general opinion of most Board members and those who responded that some attempt should be made to maintain a balance between men and women. Next month the Board will act on any proposals submitted concerning this issue. (Anyone wishing to submit suggestions should contact Chuck Gordon, who will be acting as a clearing house for information on this issue.)

The Board is seeking volunteers to run the following activities: Labor Day '84, the Annual Meeting dance, and a benefit activity to raise funds for the C# pavilion at Pinewoods.

Chuck Gordon will be handling mail orders for records from CDS. More information will be forthcoming.

This year Robin Rogers-Brown will be the administrative chairperson for Campers' Week, which we co-sponsor with CDSS National. The next Board meeting will be on Sunday, February 12 at 7PM at Billie Hockett's home. If any members would like to attend, please contact Brad Sayler for directions.

Call for Nominations

CDS is issuing its annual call for nominations for officers. A flyer is enclosed with this mailing. If you know someone who would like to be more active in CDS affairs, please submit their name. See the flyer for more details.

Benefit Dance Extravaganza

The Folk Arts Center of New England will hold its fourth annual benefit for the Dance Musicians Development Fund (DMDf) on Saturday, March 31, from noon to midnight, at the Brimmer and May Gym. The DMDf awards assistance to local musicians for any relevant purpose, such as music lessons or trips to music camps and festivals in this country and abroad. The Fund's sole source of income is the annual benefit. The day consists of all types of folk dancing - from New England to English, Scottish to international - all to live music, with brief performances by local groups, and a fifteen-minute hambo contest. Bare Necessities will be among the many musical groups participating, along with Yankee Ingenuity, the CFO, Paddledoo, and members of Evo Nas. For further information, call the Folk Arts Center at 491-6084.



Obituary

The Country Dance Society has lost another member who gave many hours of volunteer service. David Bridgham died in November, after a long period of failing health. He was a long-time member of the Boston Centre, as well as a charter member of the Scottish Country Dance Society. He was President of the Boston Centre from 1952-56, and chaired a number of Pinewoods weekends. For many years he made the plates for the addressograph machine and assisted our director, Miss Chapin, with the mailings. He was a very active dancer, participating in American, English Country, Morris, and Sword dancing, and was a very reliable demonstrator. When not dancing or traveling he worked for the Boston Weather Bureau and could be heard giving the forecast over radio station WHDH. He leaves his wife, Barbara, who shares his interest in dancing. He will be missed by his many friends.

Our Record is Out!

The long-awaited album by Boston Centre's outstanding English dance musicians, Bare Necessities, has finally been released! *Bare Necessities* (Varrick 013) can be purchased from the musicians (Peter Barnes, Mary Lea, and Jackie Schwab) at any of the weekly CDS dances, or by mail order. Call the office for details about mail ordering. Highly recommended - people are buying them by the half-dozen or more, to give to friends. Think of the newcomers you could bring to Wednesday nights with this beautiful music!

Jobs at Pinewoods

Pinewoods Camp is a non-profit traditional dance and music camp for adults located in a pine forest between two ponds near Plymouth, Massachusetts. The camp season runs from mid-June through Labor Day. Crew members may participate in one class a day and in the evening activities. The following crew positions may be available: cooks, kitchen aides, pot washer, dish washer, crew chief, grounds crew, and bookkeeper. For details and an application, write to Pinewoods Camp, Inc., P.O. Box 1586, Cambridge, MA 02238, as soon as possible.

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Every Wednesday: CDS English Country Dancing. 8:30 - 11:00PM. 7 Temple Street, Cambridge, MA. Music: Bare Necessities. \$3.00/\$3.50.

Every Wednesday: CDS Ritual Dance Classes. 8:00 - 9:00PM. 7 Temple Street, Cambridge, MA. Feb. 15 - Mar. 14: Experienced Morris (Kirtlington tradition) with Tony Barrand. Mar. 21 - Apr. 11: Mass Morris Dances.



Special Events

Friday March 2: CDS English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. 8:00 - 11:00PM. Church of Our Savior, Monmouth Street, Brookline, MA. Music: Jackie Schwab. \$3.00/\$3.50.

Sunday March 4: NEFFA Contra. 7:15 - 10:15PM. First Congregational Church, Garden & Mason Streets, Cambridge, MA. Music: Fourgone Conclusions. \$2.75 NEFFA members/\$3.00 others.

Saturday March 17: The Playford Ball. See enclosed flyer.

Sunday April 1: NEFFA Contra, with Roaring Jelly. See March 4.

Friday, April 6: Experienced English Dancing. See March 2.

Friday April 13: Pre-Festival Contras & Squares & International Folk Dancing at Natick High School. 8:00PM.

Saturday April 14 - Sunday April 15: 40th Annual New England Folk Festival. Natick High School.

For information about any of the above events, call CDS/NEFFA at (617) 235-6181.

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Board News

The February Board of Directors' Meeting was held at the home of Billie Hockett, with nine members and two guests in attendance.

After the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were accepted the Board discussed the subject of time-valued newsletter material. Adam Moskowitz expressed his concern that information on CDS activities is not reaching members in time for them to participate. In the future the newsletter will have a published deadline. Material received after that deadline will be published in the next newsletter. Those who have text for the newsletter should send it to Charity Stafford, 50 Parkman Street (B-2), Brookline, MA, 02146. Flyers should be mailed directly to the CDS office. In the future producers of special events will be informed of newsletter deadlines.

Louise Winston presented the Board with suggestions concerning the Tuesday night dance. The President, Brad Saylor, requested that the New England Dance Committee take Louise's suggestions under consideration.

The yearly Membership Directory will be published after the annual meeting, which will be held Sunday, March 25, at 7 Temple Street, Cambridge, MA.

Mary Stafford will be coordinating the CDS efforts in the summer series co-sponsored with NEFFA.

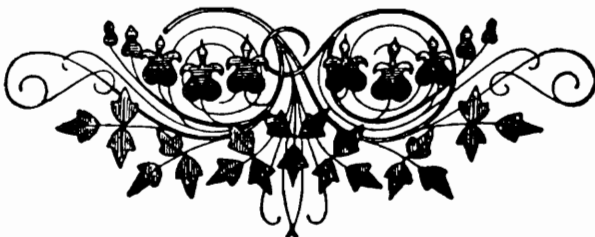
The next Board meeting will be held on Sunday, March 11, at 2:00PM at the home of Deborah D'Amico. Any member wishing to attend may contact Brad Saylor for directions.

Profile: Florence Brunnings

Florence Brunnings is a former member of the Boston Centre who has gone on to make significant contributions to folk song research. Her *Folk Song Index: A Comprehensive Guide to the Florence E. Brunnings Collections* was published in 1981 by Garland Press in New York. This is an index of folk songs by title, listing where each song has been published. The index was prepared from her own collection of folk song publications, which is very wide, but it can be used as a tool for researching folk songs in other libraries as well. We congratulate her on the publication of such a useful research tool. Florence Brunnings was an active member of the Boston Centre for many years, attending the English dance, performing on the demonstration team, and attending Pinewoods Camp. Later, her interest turned towards folk songs, and she stopped dancing, but she still has many friends among the dance community who remember her fondly and think highly of her more recent achievements.

Playford Ball News

The Boston Centre Playford Ball is coming soon: Saturday, March 17 is the date. If you haven't already sent in your reservation, do it soon! These fancy-dress balls are becoming increasingly popular among English Country dancers. There is definitely something unusual and delightful about dancing in costume, or simply in your extra-special best. Other Playford Balls that might be of interest to local dancers besides the Boston Centre ball include the Brattleboro ball, which is held in November, and an upcoming ball in New York City, sponsored by CDSS. This ball will be on Saturday, April 7; admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advance reservations are highly encouraged, since admissions are limited. If you are interested in attending this dance, call the CDS office for an application. There is also an upcoming ball in Hartford; look for flyers at the Wednesday night dance.



Learn to Run Sound Systems

Walter Lenk is looking for assistants to help run the sound systems at NEFFA. He will teach anyone who is interested in learning how, in exchange for their assuming responsibility for the system part of the time so that he can enjoy the festival. If you are interested in helping out, call Walter at (617) 547-7781.

April Issue Deadline

The deadline for material for the April issue of the CDS News will be Monday, March 26. Please send your submissions to Charity Stafford, 50 Parkman Street (B-2), Brookline, MA, 02146.



DO SOMETHING.

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Special Events

Saturday March 17: The CDS Playford Ball. Advance registration required.

Sunday March 25: CDS Annual Meeting and Members' Dance. 8:00 - 11:00PM. 7 Temple Street, Cambridge, MA. English & American dancing; callers and musicians to be announced. Free to CDS members.

Sunday April 1: NEFFA Contra. 7:15 - 10:15PM. First Congregational Church, Garden & Mason Streets, Cambridge, MA. Music: Roaring Jelly. \$2.75 NEFFA members/\$3.00 others.

Friday April 6: CDS English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. 8:00 - 11:00PM. Church of Our Savior, Monmouth Street, Brookline, MA. Music: Jackie Schwab. \$3.00/\$3.50.

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Saturday April 14 - Sunday April 15: 40th Annual New England Folk Festival. Natick High School. Starting at 11:00AM.

Sunday April 29: NEFFA Contra. See April 1.

Friday May 4: Experienced English Dancing. See April 6.

Dance Camps

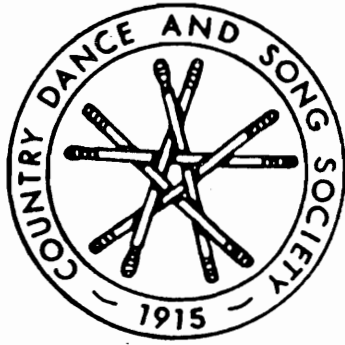
(All dance camps require advance registration.)

June 30 - July 2: CDS Fourth of July Weekend at Pinewoods.

July 2 - July 7: CDS Ritual Dance Camp.

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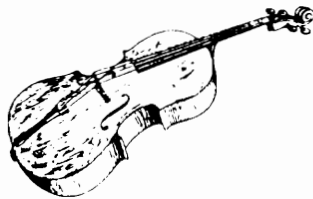
NEFFA IS HERE!

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The 40th Annual New England Folk Festival will be held on Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15, at Natick High School. The schedule will be somewhat different from previous years: there will be "pre-festival" dancing on Friday night, and the festival will run through 10PM Sunday evening. There is always plenty of dancing, performances, music, and exotic food, and more - if you've never been to NEFFA, get out of your rut and come!

Your donations are requested to the Kenneth E. Crook Scholarship. Formerly called the Pinewoods Scholarship, it was renamed in 1977 in honor of Kenneth E. Crook, a former president of the CDS Boston Centre. This fund provides ten half-scholarships to Pinewoods Camp events for up-and-coming teachers, musicians, administrators, and dancers. Please help support this fund, which supports the dance community.

Please also donate food and/or volunteer time to the CDS Food Booth, which is a significant fund-raising activity for CDS Boston. If you want to contribute to the food booth, call the CDS office.



TUESDAY DANCE CANCELLATION

The CDS New England Country Dance regularly held at Brimmer and May School on Tuesdays will not be held on May 1. The gym will be in use for a school function on that evening.

CDS BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the CDS Board will be at the home of Harvey Cohen in Framingham, MA on Thursday, April 26. Among items to be discussed will be the budget for the upcoming activities season and the admission policy for residential events. If you are interested in attending this important meeting, please call Daniel Pearl at (617) 872-5228.

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Saturday, April 14 - Sunday, April 15: 40th Annual New England Folk Festival. Natick High School, Natick, MA. Starts 11AM, through day and evening.

Sunday, April 29: NEFFA Contra. 7:15 - 10:15PM. First Congregational Church, Mason & Garden Streets, Cambridge, MA. Music: White Cockade. \$2.75 NEFFA members/\$3.00 others.

Tuesday, May 1: No CDS Dance at Brimmer & May School.

Friday, May 4: CDS English Country Dancing for experienced dancers. 8:00 - 11:00PM. Church of Our Savior, Monmouth Street, Brookline, MA. Music: Jackie Schwab. \$3.00/\$3.50.

-- Dance Camps --

Saturday, June 30 - Monday, July 2: CDS Fourth of July Weekend at Pine-woods Camp, Plymouth, MA.

Monday, July 2 - Friday, July 6: CDS Ritual Dance Camp at Pinewoods Camp, Plymouth, MA.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

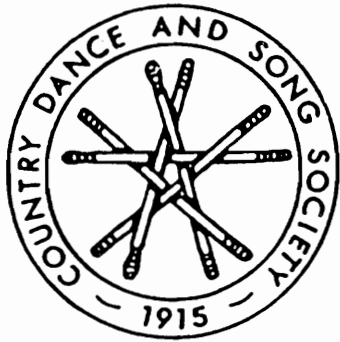
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From the President's Desk

CDS has a serious problem and we need your help. As you may already know, we are in the midst of a financially disappointing season; we have projected that this season will result in the loss of one quarter of our assets.

In previous years, the income from the Tuesday series has helped to pay for the less-well-attended English Country and Ritual classes. This year, attendance at all our dances, especially the New England Country Dance series, is down, and what used to be a reasonable balance of income and expense is now cause for alarm and action.

CDS does not seem to be alone in its difficulties; the Folk Arts Center of New England has been having similar problems which have caused them to cancel their Thursday series for the summer. They will be re-examining their offerings, as we will ours.

Unlike profit-making dance producers, CDS turns proceeds from its operations back to the dancing community. CDS has provided leadership and support for fledgling out-of-town dance groups. Also, we helped finance the production of the Bare Necessities recording. But we do not have a stockpile of cash. We rely on steady income from dances, memberships, and special events to see us through.

Since we do not have direct control of our income, we have got to lower expenses. My challenge will be to control expenses without sacrificing the quality of our programs.

You can help by attending our dances, and encouraging others to do the same. Cash donations are welcome especially now, and are always tax-deductible. If you have any suggestions about our programs, I encourage you to talk to any Board member.

- Daniel Pearl



Report on Summer Dancing '84

CDS, FAC, and NEFFA will co-sponsor a summer program of Wednesday and Thursday dances this summer, designed to offer an interesting variety of dance and music to mid-week seekers.

Six Wednesdays have been planned, with three of these to be English Country Dance evenings (7/11, 7/25, and 8/8) in the general format and level of the regular Wednesday series, but with a special theme for each evening. Other Wednesdays will include two turning dance workshops and one evening titled "Other Countries' Contras". These will all take place at the First Unitarian Church in Belmont, from 8:00 to 11:00PM.

Thursdays will all feature New England dancing, with three "NEFFA Contra format" evenings, several out-of-town-caller evenings, a "Come All Ye" (callers and musicians) evening, some contra/square dances that begin with couple-dance instruction, and a "Scottish-New England Sampler". Thursday dances will take place at the First Church Congregational in Cambridge. The complete schedule for the summer will be published by the end of May. Boston will be a nice place to dance this summer!



Bits and Pieces

CDS thanks Olemara Peters for a recent donation to the Society. It's gratifying to see that even after moving to the West Coast, Olemara still supports the activities of CDS. On behalf of CDS and all of your friends still dancing in Boston, thank you, Olemara.

The time and date of the next Board meeting had not been set at press time. The agenda tentatively contains proposals for the dance series sponsored by CDS. If you would like to attend this meeting, call Dan Pearl at 872-5228.

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Food Booth Success - Thanks to You

CDS made a real hit at NEFFA this year with its new food booth and menu offerings. Under the dedicated direction of Deanna Marvin, the food booth was an aesthetic and financial success for CDS.

Dea was assisted by Joyce Ingold, who, as volunteer coordinator, made us glad to give our time and food donations.

Other key helpers were Harvey Cohen (design and construction of the booth, purchasing), Diane Biglow (recruiting, cooking, selling, kitchen help), and Stan Darcy (selling, and all-around helper).

It gave me a great feeling to work with these people in the kitchen, everyone helping out where help was needed, resulting in a surprisingly smooth operation. All of them get our thanks and hugs at the next opportunity.

Space limitations do not permit us to list all the volunteer food sellers, cooks, supporters, and patrons who contributed to the booth, but we thank you all a thousand times.

- Dan Pearl, CDS President



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Every Wednesday: CDS English Country Dancing. 8:30 - 11:00PM. 7 Temple Street, Cambridge, MA. Music: Bare Necessities. \$3.00/\$3.50. Series ends June 13.

Starting Thursday, June 21: CDS/NEFFA/FAC Summer Series. June 21: NEFFA Contra with Applejack. 8:00PM. First Congregational Church, corner Garden & Mason Streets, Cambridge, MA.

Special

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