

# CDS Boston News



## Autumn 1994

Editor: Betsy Goldberg

➤ Deadline for Winter Newsletter:  
November 1, 1994. Details, page 8.

## A New Season of Dancing!

### ***New for '94 On Wednesday Nights — Monthly Party-Format Dances***

In response to the many dancers who by words and their attendance have indicated that they like the party dances on Wednesday nights, the English Dance Committee this season is instituting monthly party-format dances on the LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (except for November, where the Wednesday-before-Thanksgiving party will be kept in its traditional place, and June, where the last-dance party is on the third Wednesday, not the last). These dances are called party-format because they will have the same format as the party dances (several leaders participating, less teaching than on regular Wednesdays), though they may not have refreshments. We on the Committee hope that those dancers who no longer dance regularly but come to the party dances will join us for these monthly party-format dances.

### ***Welcome to All the Pleasures of English Country Dancing!***

On Sunday, September 18, from 2-5 PM, the English Committee is presenting a beginner's workshop in English

Country dance. It will take place in Hannum Hall at the Cambridge YWCA, the location of the regular CDS Wednesday English series. Barbara Finney will teach, and Beth Robinson and friend will provide live music. The anticipated cost is \$8.00, a great price for three hours of teaching, music, refreshments and the chance to acquire a beginner admission card to the Wednesday series. If you've been looking for an opportunity to learn the basics of English Country dance, please join us. If you're an experienced dancer, we hope you'll seize the chance to share the joys of dancing and encourage a friend or two to attend. Please call the CDS-Boston Centre office, at 354-1340, to sign up. For answers to other questions, call Jean Farrington at 864-3410.

### ***Two Dances Where Kids Can Shine***

The *Monday Afternoon Contradance* plans to resume on September 26th, 5:30-7 PM, at the Longfellow School, Broadway, Cambridge. It is hoped that the dance will meet weekly thereafter; call for confirmation. There will be a potluck nearby after each dance.

This dance draws families with children of all ages, and has been a great place for children to enjoy both dancing and calling.

*Second Tuesday Early Dancing* continues on September 13th, 6-7:30 PM, after which families are welcome to stay for the regular dance. If there is interest, this early dance series may well continue.

Both the Monday and Tuesday early dances are open to the community, not just to kids. It can be a broadening experience for all dancers to join with this lively bunch!

For information about either of these dances, contact Joel Breazeale at 617/497-2112, or Allan Brison at 617/566-0912.

**CDS Autumn Dance Calendar on pages 2-3.**

**Other area events on pages 4-5.**

**News, notes & items of interest to the  
CDS community throughout.**

**EDITOR WANTED**

**The CDS News needs you! See page 6.**

# AUTUMN '94 DANCE CALENDAR

For the latest information on events in the Boston area, call the CDS office, 617/354-1340.

A recorded announcement will bring you up to date

✈ Except where noted, all telephone numbers are in Area Code 617.

## CDS REGULAR EVENTS

### **TUESDAYS: CENTRAL-SQUARE CONTRAS AND SQUARES Beginning September 13**

7:30-10:30 PM at Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St.

*First Tuesdays:* Tony Saletan, caller, with Vince O'Donnell, Carol Bittenson, Cal Howard

*Second Tuesdays:* Open Mike, with Cambridge Open Dance-Band Society. (Callers phone 497-2112; musicians phone 924-5454)

*Third Tuesdays:* Tony Parkes, caller, with Mary Lea, Peter Barnes, and friend

*Fourth and Fifth Tuesdays:* Guest callers and musicians

\$4.50 CDS Members; \$5 regular; \$2.50 students

Contact: CDS or Maureen Carey, 497-6732

### **WEDNESDAYS: ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE Beginning September 14**

7:30-10:30 PM at Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St.

Leaders: Helene Cornelius, Emily Ferguson, Barbara Finney, George Fogg, Rich Jackson, Jacqueline Schwab, Chris Walker

Musicians: "Bare Necessities" (Peter Barnes, Earl Gaddis, Mary Lea, Jacqueline Schwab) and others

\$5 CDS Members; \$6 non-members; \$2.50 students with current student I.D.

"Party-format" on last Wednesday of each month (except November and June); 11/23, Wednesday-before-Thanksgiving Party; 6/21/95, Last-dance Party  
Contact: CDS or Arthur Ferguson 508-875-0382

### **FIRST FRIDAYS: ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE FOR EXPERIENCED DANCERS Beginning October 7**

8:15-11 PM at Church of Our Saviour, Carleton & Monmouth Sts., Brookline

Various leaders and musicians  
\$5

For dancers thoroughly familiar with basic English Country Dance Figures. All dances will be taught.  
Contact: Arthur Ferguson 508-875-0382

### **FIFTH SATURDAY: HALLOWE'EN PARTY FOR EXPERIENCED DANCERS**

Saturday, October 29

8-11 PM at Concord Scout House, 76 Walden St., Concord

Susan Elberger, caller, with Ed Pearlman and friends  
\$6. Lemonade supplied; bring goodies to share.

Minimal walk-throughs

Contact: CDS or Maureen Carey, 497-6732

## ☺ CDS SPECIAL EVENTS ☺

### **ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SEASON OPENER.**

**Saturday, September 17**

7:30-10:30 PM at Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple Street  
Groups of English Country Dances alternating with New England Contras

Staff: Some of the Tuesday and Wednesday dance-series callers and musicians

\$5. Lemonade provided; please bring goodies to share

Contact: CDS or Gene DiSalvatore (leave message at 253-3719)

### **ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS**

**Sunday, September 18**

2-5 PM at Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St.

Leader: Barbara Finney

Musicians: Beth Robinson and friend

\$8 regular; \$4 for students

Contact: Jean Farrington 864-3410

**Tuesday, September 13**

NE Squares & Contrás. Open mike with Cambridge Open Dance-Band Society. Early dancing, 6:00 PM \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, September 14**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Saturday, September 17**

English and American Season Opener. \$5

**Sunday, September 18**

English Country Dance Workshop for beginning dancers. Barbara Finney, caller, Beth Thompson & friend, music. \$8

**Tuesday, September 20**

NE Squares & Contrás. Tony Parkes, caller; Mary Lea, Peter Barnes, and friend, music. \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, September 21**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Tuesday, September 27**

NE Squares & Contrás. Cindy Green, caller; Sarah Bauhan, Bob McQuillen, and Donna Hebert, music. \$5/4.50 CDS  
☛ Potluck at 6:15, 7 Fayette Park, Cambridge. 547-1326

**Wednesday, September 28**

English Country Dance, Party format. \$6/5 CDS

**Tuesday, October 4**

NE Squares & Contrás. Tony Saletan, caller; Vince O'Donnell, Carol Bittenson, Cal Howard, music. \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, October 5**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Friday, October 7**

First Friday English Dance (experienced dancers). \$5

**Tuesday, October 11**

NE Squares & Contrás. Open mike with Cambridge Open Dance-Band Society. \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, October 12**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Tuesday, October 18**

NE Squares & Contrás. Tony Parkes, caller; Mary Lea, Peter Barnes, and friend, music. \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, October 19**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Tuesday, October 25**

NE Squares & Contrás. Mike Resnick, Sue Rosen, Sharon Pederson, callers; Bucky Bohrmann, Judy Francis, and friend, music. \$5/4.50 CDS  
☛ Potluck at 6:15, 7 Fayette Park, Cambridge. 547-1326

**Wednesday, October 26**

English Country Dance, Party format. \$6/5 CDS

**Saturday, October 29**

Hallowe'en Party (Contradance) for experienced dancers. Susan Elberger, caller; Ed Pearlman and friends, music. \$6

**Tuesday, November 1**

NE Squares & Contrás. Tony Saletan, caller; Vince O'Donnell, Carol Bittenson, Cal Howard, music. \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, November 2**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Friday, November 4**

First Friday English Dance (experienced dancers). \$5

**Tuesday, November 8**

NE Squares & Contrás. Open mike with Cambridge Open Dance-Band Society. \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, November 9**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Tuesday, November 15**

NE Squares & Contrás. Tony Parkes, caller; Mary Lea, Peter Barnes, and friend, music. \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, November 16**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Tuesday, November 22**

Contrás & Cajun. Steve Zakon, caller; Grand Bois, music. \$5/4.50 CDS  
☛ Potluck at 6:15, 7 Fayette Park, Cambridge. 547-1326

**Wednesday, November 23**

English Country Dance, Party Dance. \$6/5 CDS

**Tuesday, November 29**

NE Squares & Contrás. Rick Frank, Larry Jennings, and Erica Weiss, callers; Hot Air, music. \$5/4.50 CDS

**Wednesday, November 30**

English Country Dance. \$6/5 CDS



**English Country Dancing in New Hampshire**

Marianne Taylor is trying to organize a monthly country dance in coastal New Hampshire. It may operate on third-Sunday evenings, starting in October, if she gets enough help to make it go. Phone her at 603/463/7771 if you might be interested in participating.

**Boston Centre Officers September 1994**

President ..... Art Anger, 617/899-8702 H  
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Newsletter Editor ..... (open)

The Boston Centre CDS Office is at 1950 Massachusetts Avenue (Porter Square), Cambridge MA 02140.  
The office telephone number is 617/354-1340.

# OTHER BOSTON AREA DANCES

These regularly scheduled dances appear in the *CDS Boston News* when space is available.

**Please** call the information number listed to confirm date, time and place.

## MONDAYS

CONTRA DANCE, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord. 7:30-10:30 PM. Yankee Ingenuity & Tony Parkes, caller. \$6. **Info:** 508/667-7459 or 617/272-0396

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE, Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. 7:45-10 PM. Instruction, all welcome. \$5. **Info:** 492-8180

## THURSDAYS

NEW ENGLAND SQUARES & CONTRA DANCES, VFW Hall, 688 Huron Ave., Cambridge. 8-11 PM. Wonderful variety of callers and bands. \$5. **Info:** 354-1340 or 272-0396 or 508/872-5228

## FRIDAYS

CARLISLE DANCES—Squares, contras, & couple dances. Second Friday at Unitarian Church, Carlisle. 8:30-11 PM. O'Connor's Mob & Walter Lenk, caller. \$5. **Info:** 547-7781

NEW ENGLAND SQUARES & CONTRAS. Third Friday at First Parish Church, 7 Harrington Rd., Lexington. 8 PM. Roaring Jelly & caller Susan Elberger. \$5. **Info:** 235-0713

## SATURDAYS

NEW ENGLAND SQUARES & CONTRAS, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord. 8-11 PM. Alternating weekly schedule (except first Saturdays) featuring callers Ted Sannella (508/368-4462), Beth Parkes (508/667-7459), Walter Lenk (617/547-7781) & others; Live music by a variety of bands. \$5.

NEW ENGLAND SQUARES & CONTRAS (*for experienced dancers*). First Saturday at All Saints Episcopal Church, 17 Clark St., Belmont Center. 8-11 PM. Unstrung Heroes & caller Lisa Greenleaf. \$5. **Info:** 508/877-1168

GENDER-FREE CONTRADANCING. Saturdays, mostly 7:30-11 PM, at First Church Jamaica Plain, Unitarian Universalist. 9/10, Boston callers; 10/1, Chris Ricciotti, caller; 10/15, Bring A Friend Dance, Lisa Greenleaf, caller; 10/29, Halloween Dance, Chris Ricciotti, caller; 11/12, Ruth Sylvester, caller; 11/26, Boston callers. \$5 if you arrive before 8 PM; \$6 after 8 PM (to encourage dancers to arrive promptly). November 12, 2-5 PM, Special Advanced Dance, Chris Ricciotti, caller, followed by 5 PM potluck and evening dance. September 23-25, LCFD Camp Becket (see *Special Events*, p. 5). **Info:** Janet, 522-2216 or Phil, 720-2443

## SUNDAYS

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE, Church of Our Savior, 23 Monmouth St., Brookline, 6:30-8:30 PM. Instruction, all welcome. \$3. **Info:** 864-8945

## Special Events

### ENGLISH DANCE PARTY

Friday, September 16. Church of Our Saviour, Carleton and Monmouth Sts., Brookline, 8:15 PM

Music: Old Peculier

Caller: Brad Saylor

**Info:** Stephen Anderson, 252-6575.

### NATIONAL BALLROOM DANCE WEEK

September 16–25, various locations. Dancing to live bands and taped music, stage shows, film and video presentations, demonstrations, mini-lessons, etc. Sponsored by the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association. Many events free. **Info:** Anne Atheling, 491-7153.

Selected events:

Weekdays, 9/16 (Friday), 9/19-9/23 (Monday–Friday), 12-2 PM, South Station Grand Concourse: *A Little Traveling Music and Dance* series, various hosts, shows, dancing, mini-lessons.

Thursday 9/15, 12:30-1:15 PM, Federal Reserve Bank Auditorium: *It Takes Two, III!*, Argentine Tango stage show

Friday, 9/16, 8-12 PM, Moseley's-on-the-Charles, Dedham: *Celebration Gala Ball and Show*, with New England champion dancers, Jackie Davis, DJ. Tickets \$12, \$10 Members, \$7 Students (\$12 at the door)

Sunday, 9/18, 1-5 PM, Newbury St., Boston: *Art Newbury* (Gallery Open House), dancing. At Exeter St.: Eastwood Swing Orchestra; at Clarendon St.: Herb's Heard

Thursday, 9/22, 12:30-1:10 PM, Federal Reserve Bank Auditorium: *Swing Away*

Friday, 9/23, 8-10 PM, Hatch Shell (The Esplanade): *Steps in Time: Ballroom Night*, stage show

Saturday, 9/24, 12-1 PM, Museum of Fine Arts: *Samba to Slow Fox*, movie and stage show (Admission fee)

Saturday, 9/24, 8-10 PM, Hatch Shell (The Esplanade): *Swing Night*, with the Eastwood Orchestra

## New Country Dance Tape

Announcing the release of my new recording "Between the keys." The recording is solo piano music with English country dances, Scottish selections, waltzes and more. Available for \$10 (plus \$1.50 postage and handling) per tape from: Karen Axelrod, 46 Harrison Ave., Northampton, MA 01060.

## OUTSIDE THE BOSTON AREA

### FRIDAYS

#### ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES OF RHODE ISLAND.

First and Third Fridays through May (except Third and Fifth Fridays in September), at Moses Brown School (Sinclair Room, 250 Lloyd Ave., Providence, R.I.) 7:30-10:30 PM, Beginners 7:30-8:00 PM. Callers: Peggy Vermilya and guest callers (9/30, Bertha Hatvary; 10/7, Sheila Beardslee; 11/4, Barbara Finney; 12/2, Dan Seigal and Frances Pusch); Musicians: Marianna Kastner, Steve Job, and friends. \$6. **Info:** Peggy Vermilya, 203/782-1646 or 203/535-3623

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING in NEW HAVEN. Second & fourth Friday at Neighborhood Music School, 100 Audubon St., New Haven, CT. 7:30-10:30 PM. Christine Helwig, leader, assisted by Andreas Hayden; music by Marshall Barron, Grace Feldman, Margaret Ann Martin, & friends. \$6. **Info:** 203/776-6929

### SATURDAYS

MEDWAY CONTRAS AND SQUARES. Second Saturday at Christ Episcopal Church, Medway, Mass. 8-11 PM. **Info:** 508/533-1259 or 508/429-1773 (September-May)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING. Third Saturday at Munson Library, South East St., South Amherst, MA. 8-11 PM. Guest callers; music by Pleasures of the Town. \$5. **Info:** 413/467-3963

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE OF GREATER MYSTIC (Connecticut). Third Saturday at Stonington Grange (on Pequot Trail —1/4 mile east on Rt. 234 from Exit 91 off I-95) 7:30-10:30 PM. Beginners especially welcome early. Peggy Vermilya, caller, w/Peter Corbridge, piano, Marianna Kastner, recorder. \$5. Potluck September 17, 6 PM. **Info:** Peggy Vermilya, 203/782-1646 or 203/535-3623. (September-May)

### Special Events

#### LAVENDER COUNTRY AND FOLK DANCE CAMP

Friday-Sunday, September 23-25 at Camp Becket  
Caller/Musicians: George Marshall with Wild Asparagus  
**Info:** Bev 413/863-3757, Chris 617/522-1115, or LCFD 800-LCFD123, code 1112

#### "THE PLEASURES OF PROVIDENCE," English Country Dance Ball with Afternoon Workshop and Potluck

Saturday, January 28, 1995, at Alumnae Hall of Moses Brown School (259 Lloyd Ave., Providence, R.I.)  
Caller: Brad Foster  
Music: The Pleasures of the Town  
Advanced Registration and **Info:** Peggy Vermilya, 129 Lawrence St., New Haven, CT 06511, 203/782-1646 or 203/535-3623

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## Food Booth Sustains Dancers (and Vice Versa)

Yes indeed, CDS-Boston had a Food Booth at NEFFA this year! Despite a late organizational start, the traditional CDS Food Booth appeared in its customary spot at the 1994 New England Folk Festival. Many CDS-Boston members and friends baked all sorts of fabulous cookies, breakfast rolls and desserts, assembled trifle, made root beer, chopped fruit, mixed interminable batches of lemonade, tossed salad, filled the coffee urns time and time again, set up and took down the booth, served an unceasing line of customers, shopped, hauled food and supplies around, solicited contributions and did all the other myriad tasks needed to put the operation together. Thanks to them all, we netted approximately \$1,400 to support CDS programs. In addition to our familiar menu items of fruit salad, chicken pot

pies, green salad, brownies and sticky buns, we offered a vegetarian pasta dish and five, rather than three varieties of luscious cookies. Oatmeal raisin and ginger cookies made a particularly big hit, and we anticipate that they will appear regularly on our table in the future.

So many people contributed to the success of the Food Booth that it is impossible to list you all in this newsletter. You responded enthusiastically and positively to requests to contribute, worked hard, kept your cool and your senses of humor under sometimes trying working conditions and, I hope, derived satisfaction from a job well done. Warm and hearty thanks to each of you from all of the organizers. In addition, special thanks go to three people without whom there

would have been no Food Booth: Harriet Hayward, our on-the-spot supervisor, whose energy and good cheer sustained us all throughout the festival; George Fogg, whose experience accumulated over years of participation in the Food Booth, and his capacious van, were invaluable; and Harvey Cohen, whose pragmatic approach to solving problems kept the operation moving on course. (He also makes a trifle to die for!) Finally, Barbara Finney, Louise Pascale and Deb Small, chief organizers of the 1993 Food Booth, left a legacy of organization, advice and useful documentation which helped immeasurably to put the 1994 Food Booth together quickly and expeditiously. As chief producer of paper for this year's Food Booth, I can't thank you enough.

— Jean Farrington

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### *The News Needs You!*

Let us count the ways:

1. If you are planning a future event, or attended a notable past event, that you would like to tell all your fellow members about, we would like to hear from you.
2. If you know of some particular aspect of our dance-community life which you would like to see covered more fully in *CDS News*, please let us know about it.
3. If you are willing to help with the quarterly burden of stuffing, folding, stapling, and labeling the *News*, attend a Tuesday or Wednesday dance in the week after the flyer deadline. (You may wish to inquire shortly ahead of time in case there is a delay.)
4. If you have some talent and inclination toward organizing

details, writing, typesetting, proofreading, illustration, and/or layout, we would certainly like to hear from you. We are reorganizing our production team, and are in particular need of news-gathering, editorial, and artistic talent.

Send articles, announcements, requests, or inquiries to:

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or 617/253-7044 (o) to discuss  
assisting, or for delivery instructions.

Deadlines for **Winter** issue (covering  
December 1994 – February 1995):

**Editorial and calendar:** November 1  
**Inserts** (pre-approved): November 7

### *CDS Boston Centre Meetings*

Meetings are open; all members are welcome, but please call ahead to confirm date, time, and place.

**Board of Directors:** 3rd Wednesday,  
6:00 PM, YWCA, 7 Temple St.,  
Cambridge

**New England Dance Committee:**

1st Tuesday, 6:15 PM with supper; at  
YWCA. 899-8702

**English Dance Committee:**

2nd Thursday, 7:00 PM. Call  
508/875-0382 for location

#### *Communicating with the Board*

If you are planning an event or have some other matter that requires consideration by the CDS Board, please send a one- or two-page summary to the President by one of the following dates for consideration at the subsequent week's meeting:

September 12, October 11,  
November 7, December 12