



CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre
Spring 2006

Deadline for Summer issue: May 1

Spring 90th Anniversary Celebrations

The 90th anniversary celebration of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre continues with a party at the Concord Scout House Saturday, April 29th. This party celebrates both the American and the English parts of our history, with leaders Brad Foster and Lisa Greenleaf calling the dances. Music will be provided by Karen Axelrod, Susan Conger, and Marko Packard.

Brad Foster has been leading English and American dances for over 35 years. Intimately connected with the Boston Centre, he has taught at our summer camps, our First Fridays, and Playford Ball workshops. After being a member of our staff of Wednesday leaders for four years, Brad joined with Barbara Finney to share Helene Cornelius' teaching slot at our Wednesday series. His warmth, good humor, and exquisite taste in dances make his events a treat. (Brad introduced two of my favorite dances, *Songs of the Harpist* and *Softly Good Tummas* to our English repertoire.) He is also Artistic and Executive director of the Country Dance and Song Society.

Lisa Greenleaf has been dancing at CDS events for over 25 years. As an American leader, Lisa is known for her high spirited, witty calling and precise walk-throughs of zesty, flowing dances. She was also one of the moving spirits behind the Friday experienced contra dance series sponsored by CDS.

Karen Axelrod is well known to CDS members for her creative and rich piano accompaniment for both English and American dance. Anyone who went to our first Pre-ball workshop and First Friday dance in February can only admire the beautiful solo renditions of the tunes played.

Susan Conger and Marko Packard are relatively new to CDS Boston. Susan is a fiddler and composer who plays both English and American dance music, a regular musician at dance events in the Amherst area. A versatile musician, playing Irish flute, saxophone, and guitar, Marko is a member of Airdance, a premier contra dance band.

CDS Boston Centre Membership Survey Results

When members renewed their CDS membership this year they were given the opportunity to fill out a survey about their involvement with, hopes for, and (on occasion) complaints about CDS Boston Centre. The focus of the survey, which was explained in the first paragraph (some of you contra dancers missed that, we think, based on your comments!), was the CDS-BC English country dance series, where we are trying to make some changes to improve attendance and better satisfy our members.

We received 214 completed surveys. This is an excellent response rate, considering that CDS-BC

Member Survey, *Cont'd on page 2*

The celebration concludes on May 17 with a Wednesday dance party focusing on English dance in the Boston Centre from 1960-2005, with a program selected and led by Barbara Finney and Rich Jackson. This dance complements our Fall party which looked at the years 1915-1960. As this period coincides with the time that Helene Cornelius has been artistic advisor for our English program, this evening will also be a tribute to her contributions to the Society.

As part of the celebration, the English committee would love to have *your* memories from this period. Your first dance, what stands out most strongly from your dance experience, funny stories—all are of interest to the committee. If you would like to share, please e-mail the committee at Gaff@neu.edu, and we'll get them printed and displayed. The Committee is also going to make an effort to invite back many of our old regulars who have moved onto other things. Your help in bringing back some of our old friends is greatly appreciated.

—Terry Gaffney

Member Survey, *Cont'd from page 1*

has 472 members in 351 family and single memberships. Listed below are some of the key points made by the members:

47% of respondents are members because they go to CDS-sponsored events at Pinewoods and want to ensure preferential admission to those events.

Members find the newsletter valuable, enjoy the discount to CDS events, and strongly support the mission of the organization. They are very appreciative of our musicians! There is a great deal of loyalty to our dance community, which reaches far beyond the greater Boston area.

Respondents' attendance at contra dance and English dance events is fairly evenly divided:

48% attend the occasional Sat./Sun. Scout House dances

47% attend the regular season Wed. night English dance

34% attend the experienced contra series at the Scout House

30% attend the first Friday experienced English dance

27% attended the summer series English dance last summer

13% attend the Harvard Square Fri. night English dance

The main reasons cited for not attending English dances were as follows:

Disinterest in English dancing on the part of contra dancers

Fatigue from work

Conflicts with other activities

Dissatisfaction with some of the teaching. There was repeated mention of the length of teaching time, and the emphasis placed on teaching dances that ultimately were deemed not rewarding to dance. [The English Dance Committee especially appreciates your feedback, which they will be sharing with the teachers. Plans are underway for a meeting with all of the teachers to discuss ways to improve this area of our dance series.]

Dances are not child-friendly [This subject will be discussed at future CDS-BC Board meetings. If you have suggestions or comments about this, please send them to vp@cds-boston.org or to any Board member.]

Concern about rising gas costs

The majority of attendees at the Wed. night English dance like the current format:

The first hour (easier dances with instruction) was ranked

1 (could do without) by 2%, 2 (1%), 3 (7%), 4 (8%), 5 (very enjoyable) (16%)

The second hour (more challenging dances with instruction) was ranked

1 (could do without) by 0%, 2 (1%), 3 (2%), 4 (10%), 5 (very enjoyable) (21%)

The third hour (request period) was ranked

1 (could do without) by 2%, 2 (4%), 3 (4%), 4 (7%), 5 (very enjoyable) (15%)

Thanks to everyone who returned a survey. Many respondents wrote suggestions and comments too lengthy to include here, but be assured that the CDS Board will be discussing your comments and all of the survey results as we continue to try to serve the dance community.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Herbst

Vice President, CDS Boston Centre

This Summer's CDS Boston Camps at Pinewoods

First Weekend at Pinewoods

Plans for First Weekend at Pinewoods (June 16-18) are well underway. First Weekend is a relaxing way to welcome in the summer at camp. The weekend features Friday and Saturday evening dances, including American and English traditions; all-camp gatherings with participatory songs, stories, and musical presentations; and daytime music and dance sessions, crafts, songs, games, and workshops for adults and children. This year's program co-chairs are Sukey Krause and Cary Browse.

The weekend starts Friday night with dinner and dance. Each day starts with Morning Gathering and then age specific classes offered by staff, which includes dance leaders Marcie Van Cleave, Peter Amidon, and Barbara Finney. Family gatherings and children's music and movement will be led by Mary Alice Amidon and Betty Lehrman. Music staff will include Karen Axelrod, Heather Cole-Mullen, Doug Crieghton, Joanna Morse, and Beth Murray.

First Weekend events are suggested and led by campers as well as staff. Campers are encouraged to lead or play music for workshops during the day. These may include English dances, contras and squares, swing or couple dances, dance band, informal jam sessions, and Morris or sword dancing. Other camper-led activities have included canoe lessons, swimming across Long Pond, scavenger hunts, yoga, face painting, volleyball, ice cream making, creating giant bubbles, rounds singing, singing Broadway tunes, and more. We try to get a good balance of activities for all ages. We also try to make sure that we honor all of the wonderful fathers on Sunday (Fathers' Day). If you have an idea for a workshop you want to lead or a request for a workshop you'd like to attend, let us know—we'll do what we can to facilitate it.

Evening dances begin with figures which are particularly family-friendly. Part-way through the evenings, young children go off to bed, and callers and dancers add intricacy and increase intensity. We will hire babysitters to patrol the cabins so that all parents can put their children to bed and return to the dance. Anyone 14 years or older planning on attending First Weekend who is interested in earning some money at this task should contact us. Pinewoods is a big place and some parents bring a good set of walkie-talkies (\$20-\$30 on sale) for immediate connection with their children if needed, or just for peace of mind.

Of course, there are two wonderful ponds with swimming, canoeing, and looking for frogs, and if we're lucky, some sunshine to warm up the spring waters. We have two qualified life guards and will supplement water front safety with additional adults to add extra eyes on the water. We discourage electronic distractions, since there is so much else to experience and enjoy.

This year's fees for CDS members will be \$171 per adult; \$117 for ages 13-17, and down on a decreasing scale by age. Look for a flyer and application included in this newsletter or at your local dances. Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact: Sukey Krause, 9 Cedar Ridge South Hadley, MA 01075; (413) 535-4232; or sakrause@comcast.net

July 4th Session

This year's July 4th Session at Pinewoods will include old favorites and new treats. It won't actually include the Fourth of July! It begins on Thursday, June 29, ending on Monday morning, July 3.

Some wonderful and familiar faces will be there teaching English country and ritual dance. English Country will be led by Helene Cornelius and Gene Murrow. Jim Morrison will offer Irish Sets, and waltz and ragtime will be taught by Kathy Terzi and Bob Morris. Dancers will be able to kick up their heels in American squares and contras, too, to the calling of Linda Leslie. Last year's hit, Argentine Tango, will offer a little Latin spirit and a lot of wonderful music—led by Mathew Duvnek, who will also do some swing dancing. A large and diverse offering of classes will treat campers to great music, provided by old favorites and new talent. Swimmers in Long Pond will be serenaded by singing classes on the camp-house porch. Jamie Beaton and John Mayberry will lead the singing.

Musicians this year will be Peter Barnes, Earl Gaddis, Cynthia Shaw, Karen Axelrod, Dave Langford, Jessica Murrow, Lise Brown, Anna Patton, and Tom Kruskal.

Ritual offerings will once again include morris dancing, with Mathew Duvnek, along with rapper with Jim Morrison and longsword with Judy Erick-

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son. Judy also promises a new clog form in slow jig time. The ever popular one-day dance workshops will again be taught this year.

And, of course, dancers will be able drop into the Porch and Rail. Whatever you do, don't miss Pub Night or the antics of the Bolero Brothers!

—Stephanie Jack

English and Scottish Dancing — All in One Week at Pinewoods!

The English-Scottish Session at Pinewoods will be from July 3 to July 7—note that it includes the holiday! We have a fabulous staff: Gene Murrow, Ron Wallace, Jim Morrison, and Doug Creighton teaching; Karen Axelrod, Ken Allen, Doug Creighton, Daron Douglas, Dan Emery, Earl Gaddis, and Vince O'Donnell playing great music in both genres!

This session offers the best of both worlds! Besides English and Scottish country dance, we'll have Cape Breton step, Rapper, Morris, and Highland steps! All this—and Pinewoods too!

For information, Marianne at taylorgorman@juno.com or Jean at jffar@rcn.com.

Labor Day, September 2-5

In an effort to help potential campers plan their summer activities with more notice, we're starting the publicity effort for Pinewoods Labor Day a bit earlier this year. To that end we've already lined up some of our staff talent, and we're taking into account all the great feedback we got from campers last year.

Staff so far include Carl Fristrom (also teaching morris) and Heather Cole-Mullen as musicians, with likely reappearances by other Labor Day favorites, plus Marcie Van Cleave leading American dance, Barbara Finney leading English dance, and Anne Goodwin leading songs and gatherings. We're working on leadership for ritual dance classes and other favorite Labor Day activities.

We're setting a goal this year to have camp as full as possible, partly because it's more fun with more people there, and partly because Pinewoods is setting a minimum charge for attendance at every session. So make your plans now, tell your friends,

and let us know how we can make this Labor Day the best ever. If you have friends who've never been to Pinewoods, Labor Day is a great introduction—no vacation time needed, and a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

More information and the Labor Day application form will be on the CDS Boston Centre web site soon.

Paul Sawyer (sawyerp@acm.org)

Susan Elberger (saelberger@verizon.net)

Co-chairs for Labor Day 2006

CDSS Camps

Timber Ridge WV

August 6-12—English & American Dance Week and Family Week

Pinewoods MA

July 15-22—Early Music Week

July 22-29—Folk Music Week and String Band Course

July 29-August 5—Family Week

August 5-12—English & American Dance Week and English Dance Leaders Course

August 12-19—English Dance Week and English Dance Musicians Course

August 19-26—Campers' Week

August 26-September 2—American Dance & Music Week and Contra Dance Callers Course

Ogontz NH

July 22-29—Storytelling Week

July 29-August 5—Family Week 1

August 5-12—Family Week 2

Summer Job Openings at Pinewoods Camp

We are currently looking for full-time crew and volunteers. We need an experienced head cook, assistant cooks, kitchen and grounds crew. Full-time crew should be available from June 1 to Labor Day. Volunteers should be available for at least 3-4 weeks of work. Crew members live and play at camp and have opportunities to participate in the dance and music programs being offered. All crew are provided with their own housing and full board. For more information and an application, contact Judy Savage, Executive Director; Pinewoods Camp, Inc.; 80 Cornish Field Road; Plymouth MA 02360 or manager@pinewoods.org or (508) 224-4858

Boston Centre Program

Info: www.cds-boston.org or (781) 662-6710

* Addresses of Frequent Dance Locations *

Park Avenue Congregational Church, Park Avenue and Paul Revere Road, Arlington Heights
Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord • Church of Our Saviour, Carlton and Monmouth Streets, Brookline

English Country Dance

Wednesdays

Park Avenue Congregational Church.* 7:30-10:30 PM. Helene Cornelius with Graham Christian, Barbara Finney, Brad Foster, Robin Hayden, Rich Jackson, Linda Nelson, & Jacqueline Schwab. Music by Bare Necessities (Peter Barnes, Earl Gaddis, Mary Lea, Jacqueline Schwab) & others. \$7 members; \$9 non-members, \$4 students & beginners

Beginner Workshops in English Country Dance.

Park Avenue Congregational Church.* First Wednesdays of every month. 7-7:30 PM. Free, dance afterward, costs above

First Fridays for Experienced Dancers

October to June

Church of Our Saviour.* 8:15-11 PM. For dancers thoroughly familiar with basic English Country Dance figures. All dances taught. \$9; \$7 CDS members

April 7, Boston Centre Leaders with Karen Axelrod

May 5, Rich Jackson with Jacqueline Schwab

June 2, Jacqueline Schwab, calling from the piano

2nd and 4th Friday Harvard Square English Series

Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue in Harvard Square, Cambridge. Leslie Lassetter, Barbara Finney, & Graham Christian, callers. Ken Allen, Jacqueline Schwab, Jonathan Gilbert, & others, music. Students (with ID) \$3, non-students \$6, CDS members \$5. Info: <http://www.cds-boston.org/friday.html>

Mar. 10, Leslie Lassetter with Anne Hooper, Johanna Bobrow, & Ken Allen.

Mar 24, Mary Devlin with Seven Times Salt.

Apr 14 (Good Friday; starts at 8:30), Michael Ciccone with Ken Allen.

Apr. 28, Michael Ciccone with Katie Reimer, Barbara Pixton, & Ron Dann.

May 12, Barbara Finney with Johanna Bobrow, Vince O'Donnell, & Ken Allen.

May 26, Leslie Lassetter or guest with Carol Compton, Bruce Randall, & Jonathan Gilbert.

June 9, Barbara Finney with Open Band led by Jacqueline Schwab.

June 23, Barbara Finney with Ken Allen & Vince O'Donnell.

New England Dance

Receive NEDC email announcements or snowstorm cancellation news: Sign up via email by sending a blank email to: cdsbc-contrasubscribe@yahoo.com or sign up via the web: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cdsbc-contra/> Further info: Mark's cell (857) 499-8907, www.cds-boston.org/american, nedc@cds-boston.org

Concord Scout House.* Admission for most dances: \$8 members; \$10 non-members, \$6 students.

Second Saturday Series

8 PM. Performers to be announced. Price in 2006: \$10, \$8 for CDS Boston Members, \$6 young people. April 8, May 13, and June 10

Check www.cds-boston.org for updates, and watch for flyers at your local dances for more information.

English Program *continued*

Party Format Dances on Wednesdays

March 22, Goodbye Winter–Hello Spring. Led by Graham Christian & Robin Hayden

April 19, Pre-NEFFA Party. Staff Showcase

May 17, 90th Anniversary Party: 1960-2005. Barbara Finney & Rich Jackson. Second half of our Wednesday celebration of the 90th anniversary of CDS.

June 21, End of the Year Party. Staff Showcase. Highlighting memorable moments of the season just past

Special Events

Saturday, April 29, 90th Anniversary Party for CDS-Boston Centre. Concord Scout House.* 8–11 PM. A mix of English & New England contra dances led by Brad Foster and Lisa Greenleaf with music by Karen Axelrod, Susan Conger, Marko Packard, & friends. Come celebrate 90 years of dancing sponsored by CDS! \$12 members, \$15 non-members.

Save the Date!

September 15-17

CDSS Workshop for Callers, Musicians and Organizers. Portland, Oregon. Friday night dance, Saturday workshops, Saturday night dance, Sunday workshops, wrap-up session, and afternoon dance. Session leaders: Bob Archer, Warren Argo, Adam Carlson, Mary Devlin, Brad Foster, Bruce Hamilton, Rosemary Lach, Joseph Pimental, Lydee Scudder, and Sue Songer. Registration forms available mid-May. Questions? Contact Fred Perner or Patsy Bolt, perner@stanford alumni.org or (805) 966-1639

The theme is cross-communication and topics of mutual interest. This is not a caller's workshop, nor a musician's workshop, nor an organizer's workshop. It is a workshop intended to pull us together, to renew our appreciation for the way others support this art that we love, to open (or re-open) lines of communication, and to help us find ways to support each other's work, to the benefit of the dancers. The theme and many session ideas are copied from a workshop put on by the Ann Arbor folks, to whom I give credit and thanks. If you have any questions, suggestions or offers of help, feel free to get in touch with me.

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CDS Boston ECD Collection recordings

Another Summer Camp

Mainwoods Dance Camp. Fryeburg, Maine. World famous teachers, dance parties, cultural theme days, binge dancing, singing, jam sessions, ethnic food, live music, wooden dance floor, plus the splendors or western Maine: tall pines, star-filled nights, private cabins, swimming, lobster picnics, and more.

August 12-18, Session One. Bulgarian, French-Canadian, Israeli

August 19-25, Session Two. Armenian, Roma (Gypsy), Scottish Country Dance

August 26-September 1, Session 3. Romanian, Greek, English (Jacqueline Schwab)

September 1-4 (Labor Day Weekend), Session 4. Serbian, Hungarian & Romanian

At every Session: International and English Country Dance (George Fogg)

Info: ingo@mainwoodsdancecamp.org, (517) 351-2158 until Aug. 12, (207) 935-3901 after, or www.mainwoodsdancecamp.org

Some of these will change after the Annual Meeting.

CDS BOARD Members

Term

Expires

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2007 - Graham Christian, Term 2

2007 - Susan Carr, Term 1

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2007 - Clerk Mark Jones, Term 2

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Festivals and Special Events

March

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Fourgone Conclusions Contradance. South Amherst Munson Library. 7:30 PM. Cammy Kaynor with Becky, Chuck, Van, Al, Cammy, Ron Groslein, and maybe "Dad"). Info: Cammydance@earthlink.net or <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~manystings/>

April

1

Binghamton Ball. Polish Community Center, Binghamton NY. Review, 2:00-4:45 PM, with Fine Companions. 5:45-7:00 PM, Dinner. 7:30-11:00 PM, Ball, Scott Higgs with the Flying Romanos. Sunday Brunch/Jam/Informal Dance, 10 AM. Info: Barbara Hall, (607) 785-4793, or bahall6@juno.com

8

New York Playford Ball. Brooklyn NY. Beverly Francis & Elizabeth Freedman with Karen Axelrod (piano), Daniel Beerbohm (winds), Barbara Greenberg (violin). Info: www.cdny.org.

9

A Playford Tea. South Amherst Munson Library. 1:30-4:30 PM. Cammy Kaynor. Info: Cammydance@earthlink.net or <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~manystings/>

21-23

NEFFA. Natick MA

28-30

19th Annual Fried-for-All weekend workshop for experienced English dancers. Community Center, Lenox MA. Fried de Metz Herman with music by A Joyful Noise Info: Judy, 518 758-1645 or jbrun@berk.com or jraskin@wmht.org

May

13

Reel Nutmeg's Hartford Ball. Workshop 3-5 PM; Ball 7:45-11:30 PM. Info: Helen Davenport, (860) 285-8694 or dancershiker@yahoo.com

23-25

Across the Lake. English Country Dancing on the Vermont Side of Lake Champlain. Colchester VT. Bruce Hamilton & Bare Necessities. Friday evening experienced party; Saturday afternoon workshop, evening gala; Sunday brunch & informal dance. Info: Val Medve, (802) 899-2378. For updates, send e-mail address to valandtom@together.net. Official flyer & registration, www.peter.burrage.net/dance/ & www.thedancegypsy.com

For Those Who Travel

March

17-19

5th Annual English & American Dance and Music Weekend. Urbana IL. Kathy Anderson, contras, & Sue Dupre, English, with BeatPickers, Speckled Sandwich,

Banjulele, & Flatland Consort. Friday contra; Saturday evening ECD Ball; Saturday daytime & Sunday morning workshops; Sunday afternoon farewell dance. Info: Jonathan Sivier, jsivier@uiuc.edu or www.prairienet.org/ciecd/week-end.html

24-26

English Dance Weekend. London, Ontario. Friday dance, Saturday workshops, banquet, costume ball, Sunday master class. Helene Cornelius with Childgrove. Info: www3.sympatico.ca/tfsiess/truenorth/

31, April 1-2

12th Annual Spring Thaw. Toronto. Susan Kevra & Bev Bernbaum with Groovemongers (Rochester NY). Info: www.tcdance.org

31-April 1-2

Spring Ball Weekend. Ashland OR. Celebrate release of *Impropriety*, book of dances by Brooke Friendly & Chris Sackett. Saturday morning, April 1, "Fooling Around with Brooke and Chris," play with unpublished and fledgling dances. Ball review, Saturday, 1:30-4:30 PM. Ball, 7:30 PM. Sunday, potluck brunch & dance party. Info: www.opendoor.com/heatherandrose

April

7-9

12th Cascade Contras Spring Dance & Music Weekend. Sky Camp, Eugene OR. Contras, music workshops, & Argentine Tango. Music, Spare Parts & KGB. Callers, Seth Tepfer & Erik Weberg. Vicki Ayers, Argentine Tango. \$155 for adults. Info: Lia Davis, (541) 344-7764 or savant@efn.org

14-16

Ann Arbor Weekend. Ann Arbor MI. Joanna Reiner with Earl Gaddis & Debbie Jackson. Friday advanced dance; Scottish for English Dancers workshop Saturday morning; Saturday afternoon dance for all (contra dance Saturday night). Info: <http://www.aactmad.org/sa/advancedecd.html>

June

16-18

Second Fried-for-All Northwest. Fried de Metz Herman with music by Anita Anderson, Dave Bartley, Betsy Cooper, Sande Gillette, Claude Ginsburg, & others. Special guest caller Paul Ross from NY, who trained with Fried. Info: registration form & flyer at www.rivkinetic.org/ffa

October

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Yorktown Victory Ball, 225th Anniversary. Williamsburg VA. 7-11 PM. The dances reflect those done in a similar Ball in 1781. Music by Virginia Early Music. \$25 per person in advance. All will be expected to wear 18th century attire, civilian or military (but definitely NOT British military!). Info: (757) 229-1775

Other Regular Boston Area Dances

Call first to check details and directions

MONDAYS

Yankee Ingenuity Scout House Contra Series. Concord Scout House. 7:30-10:30 PM. Various callers & musicians. \$8. Info: (781) 272-0396 or (978) 369-1232

Scottish Country Dancing. Springstep, Medford. 7:45-10:15 PM. Live music. \$7, \$4 student. Info: Laura Billmers, (781) 862-1950 or billmers@rcn.com

TUESDAYS

Two Tuesdays. **Contra Dance for All @ MIT.** Sponsored by MIT Folk Dance Club & Music-for-Robin. All in MIT Student Center. All welcome, no experience, partner or affiliation needed. 8-10:30 PM. Band sit-ins welcome. \$5, MIT & Wellesley students free. No partner needed, all dances taught. Park: Street, Albany at Lot E. of Mass. Ave. Prospective callers & musicians: acowan3@earthlink.net or (617) 354-0864. Info: (617) 354-0864, MIT Folk Dance Club (617) 253-FOLK, or mit.edu/fdc/www/ contra.html

Feb. 28, Winter Festival: Laura Johannes with Pandemonium (Pan Chan & friends), Student Center 407. **March 14, St. Patrick's Day Dance:** Ann Cowan with Contra Loco (Pan Chan, Barb Kirchner, & friends), Student Center 407. **April 4, Spring Fling:** Barb Kirchner with Emily & Victor Troll, Student Center 407. **April 18, Pre-NEFFA Fiesta:** Tony Saletan with Vince O'Donnell & friends, Student Center 407. **May 2, May Day Klezmer-Style Dance:** Jacob Bloom with ContraKlez, Student Center 491. **May 16, End of Semester Fiesta:** Caller Round-up: Dan Watt, Mark Schneider, Ann Cowan, Ron Bernier III with Apple Crisp, Student Center 491. **June 13, Flower Festival:** Caller Barb Kirchner, Student Center 491. **June 27, Solstice Special:** Student Center 407.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays. **Boston Gender Free English Country Dance.** (Experienced on 5th Tuesday) First Church of Jamaica Plain UU, Centre & Eliot Sts. 7:30-10 PM. Come at 6:30 PM with a brown bag dinner & socialize! Various leaders. \$7. Info: Jill (617) 678-7007, Dean (617) 480-3645, or www.lcfd.org/bgfe/

THURSDAYS

New England Contras & Squares. Springstep, Medford. 8-11 PM. \$7. Info: NEFFA, (781) 662-6710; Cal, (781) 272-0396; Dan, (508) 229-2854; or www.neffa.org/Thurs.html

FRIDAYS

2nd Fridays. **Contras, Squares, & Couple Dances.** Unitarian Church in Carlisle MA. 8:00-10:30 PM, potluck at 6:30. Walter Lenk with O'Connor's Mob. \$5. Info: (617) 547-7781 or (978) 369-3353

3rd Fridays. **English Country Dance.** First Parish (UU) Church of Sudbury, 327 Concord Rd., Sudbury

MA. 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Beginners welcome! Tom Kruskal & friends leading, with Kitchen Band & friends. Donations accepted. Info: Tom Kruskal, (978) 443-8940 or kruskalt@comcast.net

3rd Fridays. **"Renaissance Dance for Everyone" with Renaissonics.** First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden Street (just outside Harvard Square). 7:30 PM. All Dances are taught by Maris Wolff. 12/16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16. \$8, Children FREE. Info: (617) 661-3353 or renaissronics.com
3rd Fridays through June. **Roaring Jelly: Contras and Squares.** 1st Parish Church, 7 Harrington Road, Lexington MA. Beginners 7:45, dance 8-11 PM. Susan Elberger with Debby Knight. \$6. Info: (781) 944-3544, RoaringJelly@hotmail.com or www.trillian.mit.edu/~jc/RJ.html

SATURDAYS

New England Contras & Squares. Concord Scout House. 8-11 PM. \$8; \$6, teenagers.

1st Sat. Various callers & bands. Check for flyers. Often Swing Dances, sometimes Contra or English events.

2nd Sat. New England Dance Committee, CDS Boston Centre. See page 6

3rd Sat. Beth Parkes with Swinging on a Gate. Info: (978) 667-7459

4th Sat. Walter Lenk with Jack O'Connor and Debby Knight. (617) 547-7781 or (978) 369-1232

Gender Role-Free New England Contra & Square Dances. 1st Church of Jamaica Plain (Unitarian-Universalist), Corner of Centre & Eliot Sts. 7:30-11 PM unless noted. \$5 before 8 PM, \$6 after. Info: Janet, (617) 522-2216; Peter, (617) 971-0828; or Chris (617) 469-4732; or www.lcfd.org/jp/

1st Saturday Contradances. Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church, 70 W. Emerson St., Melrose. 7-10 PM. Info: Cammydance@earthlink.net or www.home.earthlink.net/~manystrings/

SUNDAYS

Scottish Country Dance. Church of Our Saviour, Carleton & Monmouth Sts., Brookline. 6:30-8:30 PM. \$4. Info: (617) 325-6657

Family Dances. Sponsored by NEFFA and Folk Arts Center. Concord Scout House. 2-4 PM. Music by Cal Howard & friends. **3/5**, N.E. Square and Contra with Sarah Gregory Smith & Jacob Bloom; **3/19**, International Folk Dance with Regina Laskowski & Marcie Van Cleave. All dances taught. Ages 5 and up. \$5, \$20 family max. Info: FAC, (781) 662-7476 or NEFFA, (781) 662-6710

Outside the Boston Area

Call before you travel

Contras

Greenfield MA

3rd Friday. **Contra dance at the Guiding Star Grange.** 401 Chapman St. 8 PM-midnight. \$6. Info: (802) 254-2874 or bromczak@sover.net

South Amherst MA

Swallowtail second Saturday dance discontinued
4th Saturday. **Contra Dance.** Callers Susan Conger, Susie Secco, guests. 8:30 PM. \$6. Info: Susan, (413) 367-9269 or sconger@shaysnet.com

Deerfield NH

Deerfield New England Country Dances. 1st Saturdays (Nov. thru May in 2005-6). Town Hall, Deerfield. 8-11 PM. Info: Marianne Taylor, (603) 463-7771

Cape Cod MA

For general information about the following dances, contact shabam@ais.net

1st Saturday. **Contra Dance.** Woods Hole Community Hall, Main St., Woods Hole. Info: (508) 548-6229 or 548-6661

2nd Saturday. **Contra Dance.** Freedom Hall, 976 Main St., Cotuit. Info: (508) 563-6750

3rd Saturday. **Contra Dance.** East Sandwich Grange, Old County Rd., Sandwich. Info: (508) 563-6934

5th Saturday. **Contra Dance.** North Falmouth Congregational Church, 155 Main Rd., N. Falmouth.

English Country Dance

Cape Cod MA

3rd Friday, except Dec. **Lively and Elegant English Country Dance on Cape Cod.** East Sandwich Grange, 85 Old County Road, East Sandwich MA. Priscilla Adams & Linda Nelson with Jan Elliott & friends. \$8, \$6 students & seniors. Info: (508) 540-1151

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at the Munson Library, www.amherstecd.org

MONDAYS

English Country Dancing. Robin Hayden with live music. \$6. Info: Robin at (413) 256-8260 or www.amherstecd.org

SATURDAYS

1st Saturday. **Amherst Assembly.** 7:45-10:45 PM. Graham Christian with various musicians. Special refreshments. \$7. Info: bray1699@yahoo.com

3rd Saturday. **Pleasures of the Town English Country Dance.** 7:30-10:30 PM. Music, Joyce Crouch, piano, & Doug Creighton, flute & melodeon. \$7. Info: (413) 253-3828, madrobin@rcn.com, or www.amherstecd.org

March 18, David Millstone with guest musician Susan Conger.

April 15, Brad Foster leading, guest musician Anna Patton.

May 20, Joanna Reiner leading, guest musician Lydia Ievins.

June 17, Mary Jones

West Kingston RI

SATURDAYS

English Country Dancing. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingston Rd., West Kingston RI. 7:30-10:30 PM. Live music, guest callers. **Mar. 11,** no dance. **Mar. 25,** Linda Nelson with the Jovial Beggars. **Apr. 1,** Sue Rosen with Bruce Rosen & Lissa Schneckenburger. **Apr. 15,** Helene Cornelius with the Jovial Beggars. **Apr. 29,** Mary Jones with the Jovial Beggars. \$8. Info: (401) 539-3009 or www.CourthouseArts.org

New Hampshire

SUNDAYS

2nd Sunday, Sept.-June. **English Country Dance in New Hampshire.** Concord NH: Presidential Oaks (Odd Fellows Home), Minot St. off Pleasant just west of the Concord High School. Up the hill, old section front door; ring buzzer and say you are there for the English dance. 5:30-8 PM. Marianne Taylor calling. \$7, \$6 members. Info: Dave Bateman (603) 886-5071, Marianne Taylor (603) 463-7771 or taylorgorman@juno.com, or people.star.net/blw/dance.english.html

Connecticut

Fridays. **English Country Dance.** New Haven CT. Neighborhood Music School Recital Hall, 100 Auburn St. 8-10:30 PM. March 17, April 7, Drancy Fess Ball April 21. \$8. Info: (203) 776-6929

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