



CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Summer 2008

English Dance at Springstep

Friday May 30 –7:30 pm to 10:30pm

As a follow-on to the first dance in February, which was dedicated to exploring what dancers can absorb from watching, and what prompting is useful (and what instructions are unnecessary if coupled with demonstration), this event will feature dances taught by demonstration, with prompting during the demonstration, and then as necessary during the dance. The program will emphasize up-tempo dances with figures that require a minimum of prompting.

This dance is for dancers of all levels, and will be paced to encourage people to enjoy socializing as well as dancing. Whether you know the dance already, or are ready to go with the demonstration, jump in! If you're not sure, feel free to watch a few rounds and then jump in!

So bring your friends, come and chat, dance, sit and watch, dance some more, and listen to the music! Refreshments and seating available throughout the dance.

Music by the Free Range English Country Boogie Band:

Jim Ialiggio, Liz Maxfield, Eric MacDonald, Susie Petrov, and friends

CDS-Boston Centre Members: \$10.00

Non-members: \$12.00

Students: \$5.00

Springstep is at 98 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA. Just off interstate 93 in Medford Square. Directions: www.springstep.org.

For more information, call Judy Erickson 978-425-4877 or judyericks@comcast.net. Refreshment contributions welcome!

ESS Pinewoods

If you've just decided that you can go to Pinewoods this summer, take heart. Spaces are still available for that most relaxed and welcoming week at camp, English Scottish Session, to be held July 7 - 11. A stellar cast of teachers and musicians will offer classes in English and Scottish country dance for newer and experienced dancers, Border Morris, Highland, and a special opportunity to do dances for more people than attend many of our local classes. Musicians may choose among band and fiddle classes, or sing. Other ESS traditions include tea parties, the Maypole, and a silent auction. Application forms are available on the CDS-BC website, the RSCDS Boston website, or by mail on request to Jean Farrington, jffar@rcn.com or 617-864-3410.

English Country Dancing - news from Wednesday Evenings

Our Wednesday Evening series has been going well this year. The "Dance of the Month" has been restored to the program, our excellent callers have continued their wonderful work, and throughout this spring we've seen lots of new people coming to try out a past-time they've heard about from friends - most gratifying of all, many of these people have returned, becoming regulars

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Since 1915

The Country Dance Society, Boston Centre works to preserve and promote the knowledge and practice of the traditional and contemporary dance and dance music of England and New England. The Boston Centre sponsors and produces classes, parties, workshops, and residential and special events featuring the best performers and practitioners of English and New England country dancing. Events are open to all, and most feature teaching; no experience or partner is required.

CDS Boston Center Newsletter submission deadlines:

April 25, 2008, August 29, 2008
October 24, 2008, January 2009

To update the CDS Boston Web pages

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English Dance Committee pages,
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Join the Country Dance Society of Boston Centre!

Benefits include reduced admission to dances and events, a newsletter, preferred admission to residential programs, and more. Discounts available for students, seniors, and organizations. Inquiries to membership@cds-boston.org
www.cds-boston.org/membership-form.html

Need to look up a dance or venue?
Try one of these resources:

www.cds-boston.org
www.contradancelinks.com
www.facone.org/fdrb/home/
www.TheDanceGypsy.com

Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc.

Officers, Directors, and non-board offices

As of March 26, 2008

Term Limits:

President: One term. Elected via a four-year series of presidential offices: President Elect (1 year), President (2 years), Past President (1 year)

Other Board offices: Limit of two complete two-year terms (partial terms are not counted)

* denotes term-limited, and may not be re-elected to the same office.

Board Members

- 1) 2009 Wing, Laura - Term #1
- 2) 2009* Carr, Susan - Term #2
- 3) 2009 Gonzales, Dianne - Term #1
- 4) 2009 Barrett, Kim - Term #0
- 5) 2009 Reisberg, Liz - Term #1
- 6) 2010 Diamond, Mitch - Term #1
- 7) 2010* Cole, Julian - Term #2
- 8) 2010 Roderick, Erika - Term #1
- 9) 2010 Petersen, Katy - Term #1
- 10) 2010* Ward, Mark - Term #2

Board Officers

- 11) 2009* President: Jones, Mark (becomes Past President 2009)
- 12) 2010 Vice President: Wagner, Hal - Term #1
- 13) 2010 Treasurer: Callen, Jerry - Term #1
- 14) 2009 Clerk: Barnard, Jacqueline - Term #0
- 15) 2009 President Elect: Erickson, Judy (becomes president 2009)
-) Past President: (next occupied in 2009)

Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

Nominating Committee

Member Elected (3 year terms) (Board Nominates)

- 1) 2009 Wing, Laura - Term #0
- 2) 2010 vacant
- 3) 2011 Jones, Mark - Term #1

Board Elected, from the Board (2 year terms)

- 4) 2009 Wagner, Hal - Term #1
- 5) 2010 vacant

Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative

(CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects)

- 1) 2010 Ward, Mark: Term #1 (three-year term)



in a very short time! It seems that our efforts to appear a little more welcoming are beginning to pay off. The regular season continues with mainly guest callers (Graham Christian and Brad Foster from Western Massachusetts, and special guest Andrew Shaw visiting from England), with our musicians arranged as usual by our house band, Bare Necessities.

The season will have its closing party on June 18th, led by all our regular callers (see <http://cde-boston.org/english-wed.html> for further details). Many thanks are due to the folk who make it happen - the callers, the musicians, the soundman, the folks who manage the refreshments, and the people who help to set up and clear up before and after each evening.

Our summer program of country dancing (with ice cream at intermission!) takes place on Wednesday evenings from July 9th until August 20th, at 7:30pm, preceded by 20 minutes of English Dance Basics for folks who may be less familiar with the moves, or would like a refresher. This series takes place at the First Unitarian Society of Newton, in a rather elegant air-conditioned hall (more details at <http://cde-boston.org/english-wed.html>).

I've been spending more time than usual away from home, and I have missed too many my regular Wednesday evening activities. But every time I return, I am once again amazed and gratified by the human interactions that take place among dancers: a glance of thanks for a simple gesture which gets me out of trouble when I've forgotten what comes next; the gentle squeeze of a hand from someone who has shared your sense of the elegance of a particular move we just completed; a glowing eye-contact to acknowledge a special turn in the music. We share such things continually, hoping to rise to the beauty we see is potentially in the dance, hoping to "get it right" (although in some ways, it's a little like jazz: there are no wrong notes - the challenge is to make even the unexpected moves seem right!) Above all, we want to make it work. We help each other, occasionally with a guiding gesture, often by a glance; we share each other's movements by watching and matching; we always try to help our dancing companions look their best as they dance and help you to look your best, too. It's a lighthearted way of sharing an important kind of love.

Julian Cole

What I did on my vacation

Dear Readers,

An opportunity exists in this newsletter available to anyone who will compose a few paragraphs.

We're entering the part of the year where we travel, visit friends and favorite places and go in widening circles away from our regular dance activities.

I invite you to view your summer's experiences in contrast to or in common with your experience at our community dances. Perhaps you are lucky to vacation where you visit another community's dance. Or perhaps there's a community feeling which bears comparison.

Especially of interest is taking note of how another community welcomes folks who are young or beginners to join in their regular activities. Is there a vibrant (dance) community you visit with lots of young country dancers? Do they have a strength in welcoming or inviting new dancers? We'd enjoy and perhaps profit from your answers.

All submissions to the newsletter are considered. And don't feel restricted to topics I've suggested! Our next submission deadline is August 29th.

Cortni Frecha - editor

Let us read and let us dance - two amusements that will never do any harm to the world.

Voltaire



"I do remember being there and dancing in the huge Singer Bowl. Some of us also danced in year 1964, in a much better venue. I can remember dancing only one dance in the first presentation: The Fandango with Carol Langstaff as my partner." --George Fogg

Dances – Music – Songs of America and of England
Sunday, June 6, 1965 at the Singer Bowl of the New York World's Fair
Presented by the Country Dance Society of America

Program Director: MAY GADD Music Director: PHILIP MERRILL
 Morris and Sword Dances: NIBS MATTHEWS Caller: DICK FORSCHER
 Director Hindman Settlement School, Kentucky Dancers: RAYMOND McLAIN

P R O G R A M

Spring Processional	WINSTER	Derbyshire
Country Dance	GATHERING PEASCODS	Traditional
Morris Dances	THE GALLANT HUZZAR BALANCE THE STRAW FOLK SONG	Gloucestershire Oxfordshire
Contra Dance	CHORUS JIG	New England, USA
Country Dances	NEWCASTLE PARSON'S FAREWELL	17th Century " "
Playparty Games	GOING TO BOSTON	Kentucky, USA
Sea Chantey	WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH A DRUNKEN SAILOR	
Fishermen' s Sword Dance	FLAMBOROUGH	Yorkshire
Morris Dance	LEAP FROG	Gloucestershire
Garland Dance	SIX-HAND REEL	Dorsetshire
Song	MY LADY GREENSLEEVES	
Country-Court Dance	LULL ME BEYOND THEE	17th Century
Morris Dance	FOOL'S JIG	Oxfordshire
Morris Dance	SHOOTING	Northamptonshire
Country Dance	STEP STATELY GOODESSES	17th Century Traditional
Square Dance	MEDLEY	USA
Song	THE CRAWFISH MAN	
Mountain Dance	THE RUNNING SET Hindman Settlement School	Kentucky, USA
Miners' Sword Dance	NEWBIGGEN	Northumberland
Country Dances	CUMBERLAND SQUARE PINS AND NEEDLES	Northern England

THE HOBBY HORSE DANCE OF PADSTOM, CORNWALL.

An English Village May Day ceremony - still living. The audience is asked to join in the chorus of the song
 "Unite and unite and let us all unite"

Song	MAY DAY CAROL	
Spring Circle	THE BUSH DANCE BRIGHTON CAMP	Lancashire Oxfordshire
SELLENGER' S ROUND	Traditional	

DANCERS, SINGERS AND MUSICIANS taking part in this Festival of Dance and Song come from Connecticut, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York - England. They dance and sing with the Country Dance Society because they enjoy what it has to offer. Why not join them? The next big event is the SUMMER CAMP at PINWOODS on LONG POND, near Plymouth, Mass. Write to: COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY, 55 Christopher Street, New York, N.Y. 10014. AL-5-8895

Boston Centre Program

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

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 Sts., Brookline

English Country Dance

Wednesdays - PACC, Arlington Heights

Dances continue 7:30–10:30pm, through June 18
at Park Ave. Congregational Church.

Wednesdays - Summer Series: July 9–Aug. 20

First Unitarian Society of Newton, 1326 Washington St.
West Newton, MA 7:30–10:30

English Dance Basics are offered before the dance
at 7:10pm.

For more information, info-english@cds-boston.org see
www.cds-boston.org or phone 781-662-6710

Refreshments at the break include ice-cream.
Suggested donation for ice cream \$1.50

Admission: Newcomers and students \$4.00
Members \$7.00; Non-members \$9.00
Summer Dance Card \$44.00

The Dance Card is valid at all Wednesday dances for
one year from the date of purchase and can be shared
with friends and family.

Volunteers are always needed. Ask the door manager.

First Fridays for Experienced Dancers

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

First Friday Experienced Dances See the First Friday
flyer or www.cds-boston.org for leaders and musicians:
June 6.

Harvard Square Dance 2nd & 4th Fridays

7:30 - 9:30pm; September through June 27th.
Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church
1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA
\$6 general, \$5 members, \$3 students. View flyer for
leaders and musicians. www.cds-boston.org/friday.html

English Dance at Springstep

Friday, May 30th, 2008. Enjoy a relaxed dance
party, with refreshments available throughout
the evening, and tables and chairs in the dance
hall for socializing. Open to beginners and ex-
perienced dancers. Music by The Free Range
English Country Boogie Band. CDS-Boston
Centre Members: \$10.00; Non-members: \$12.00,
Students: \$5.00; Springstep is at 98 George P.
Hassett Drive, Medford, MA, www.springstep.org.

New England Contra Dance

2nd Saturday Contra Dances

at the Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street,
Concord MA 01742

\$8 for CDS Boston Members,
\$10 for non-members and
\$6 for young people 21 and under.

Check for flyers and calendars for unscheduled dates
Web page: www.cds-boston.org/american
Email: nedc@cds-boston.org

Committee Phone: 857-499-8907 OR
CDS-BC Office announcements: 781-662-6710

June 6 (1st Friday) 8-11pm
Caller and musicians to be announced

Concord Scout House Fundraiser

co-sponsored by CDS Boston Centre

Saturday, June 14, 2008, 7:30 – 11:00pm

Admission \$15 and \$10 for young people 21 & under.

Lisa Greenleaf calls with recorded music.
Benefit silent auction.

Proceeds support the maintenance & operations of the
Scout house.

Other Regular Boston Area Dances

Mondays

Yankee Ingenuity Scout House Contra Series. Concord Scout House. 7:30-10:30 PM, year 'round. Various callers and guest musicians; Yankee Ingenuity is Peter Barnes, Mary Lea, Cal Howard, and Jack O'Connor. Admission \$8, students \$5.

Info: (781) 272-0396 or (978) 369-1232
<http://lydiamusic.org/concord.html>

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

Tuesdays

Contra Dance for All @ MIT. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. All welcome, no experience or partner needed. 8-10:30PM Band sit-ins welcome. \$6, MIT & Wellesley students free. Prospective callers & musicians, contact acowan3@earthlink.net or (617) 354-0864. Info: (617) 354-0864,

MIT Folk Dance Club (617) 253-FOLK,
<http://mit.edu/fdc/www/contra.html>

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, through July; on vacation in August. Come at 6:30 PM with a brown bag dinner & socialize! Various leaders. \$7. Info: (617) 522-2216 (Janet) or (617) 512-5554 (John), www.lcfd.org/bgfe/

Thursdays

New England Contrás & Squares. Concord Scout House. 7:30-10:30 PM, year 'round. \$8, \$5 students. NEFFA Contra. Info: NEFFA, (781) 662-6710; Cal, (781) 272-0396; Dan, (508) 229-2854; www.neffa.org/Thurs.html No dance July 3.

Boston Contra Dance E-mail lists

You can receive timely announcements for local dances and occasional events of interest by signing up for one or more of these email lists:

concord-dance-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
boston-contra-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
tndc_notify-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
bostonareacontracommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Fridays

2nd Fridays. Contrás, Squares, & Couple Dances. Unitarian Church, 27 School St, Carlisle MA 8-10:30 PM, potluck at 6:30. Sue Rosen, Walter Lenk with O'Connor's Mob. \$5. June 13th, resume in fall. Info: (617) 547-7781 or (978) 369-3353, www.contradancelinks.com/carlisle.html

3rd Fridays through June. Roaring Jelly: Contrás 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, <http://roaringjelly.org/>

Saturdays

1st Sat. Medway Contra Dance, 7:30-10:30pm. Christ Episcopal Church, School Street in Medway, MA. \$7 adults, \$3 teens, 12 and under free. www.contradancelinks.com/medway.html
June 7: Frank Woodward & Roaring Jelly

3rd Sat. Beth Parkes with Swinging on a Gate. Contra Dance, 8-11 PM. Concord Scout House. \$8; \$6, 21 and under. Info: (978) 667-7459.
<http://www.hands4.com/csh/>

June 28 – September 13

Summer Saturday Dances at the Scout House
Contrás, Squares and Couple Dances
8-11 PM - Beginners and singles welcome - All dances are taught. Admission: \$8 - \$6 for students under 20
For more information call 617-547-7781
Please bring a pair of clean shoes to change into for dancing. Schedule of performers at:
<http://www.configular.com/dance/>

4th Sat. Walter Lenk with Debby Knight and Jack O'Connor. New England Contrás and Squares, 8-11 PM. Concord Scout House. \$8; \$6, 21 and under. (617) 547-7781 or (978) 369-1232
www.configular.com/dance/

2nd & 4th Sat. 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; www.lcfd.org/jp/
June 14 & 28, July 26

Sundays

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

Outside the Boston Area

English Country Dance

Cape Cod, MA 3rd Friday

Lively and Elegant English Country Dance on Cape Cod. \$8, \$6 students & seniors. Basic figures taught at 7:30, dance party at 8 PM. Call for location.

Info: 508-540-1151, or lindan@capecod.net.

Please check before traveling, these dance listings are unconfirmed for the summer.

South Amherst MA Mondays & Saturdays

Mondays - Robin Hayden with live music. \$6. Info: Robin at (413) 256-8260, www.amherstecd.org
July and August this dance is held at the Whately Barn. www.whatelydancebarn.com/

3rd Saturday. Pleasures of the Town English Country Dance. 7:30-10:30 PM. Music, Joyce Crouch, piano, & Doug Creighton, flute & melodeon, with guest musicians. \$7. Info: (413) 253-3828, madrobin@rcn.com, or www.amherstecd.org
June 21, July 19 & Aug 16.

New Hampshire - 2nd Sunday, Sept.-June

Presidential Oaks (Odd Fellows Home), Minot St. off Pleasant, Concord NH. 5:30-7:45 PM. Marianne Taylor calling. \$7, \$6 members. Info: Dave Bateman (603) 433-2735, Marianne Taylor (603) 463-7771, taylorgorman@juno.com; www.nhecds.org



Festivals

Falcon Ridge Folk Festival

music, participatory dance, workshops
July 24-27, 2008
44 County Road 7D, Hillsdale, NY
www.falconridgefolk.com

Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music & Dance

July 27-29, 2008
Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY
www.oldsongs.org

Contras

Rehoboth, MA 2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays

8-11PM, General admission: \$7.00; \$4 for ages 16 and under; \$15 for families with children under 16.
<http://www.contradancelinks.com/rehoboth.html>
May 30, June 13 & 27, July 11, August 8.

Worcester, MA 2nd Saturdays

June 14: Steve Howland & Rhubarb Pie
<http://www.worcesterdance.org/>

June 14.

Greenfield, MA nearly every Friday and Saturday

401 Chapman St. www.guidingstargrange.org

South Amherst, MA 4th Saturday.

<http://www.alongtheriver.com/dances.html>

Cape Cod, MA Saturdays

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

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1st Saturday. Contra Dance. Woods Hole Community Hall, Main St., Woods Hole. (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.

Manchester, NH 3rd Fridays

Mill City Contra Dance. Various callers and musicians. Beginners Workshop 7:30pm. Dance 8-11pm \$7; under 12 free. 250 Commercial St. Manchester, NH.
<http://www.nhdances.org/millcity/>

Please check before traveling, these dance listings are unconfirmed for the summer.

Champlain Valley Folk Festival

August 1-3, 2008
Honoring Traditional Music and Dance in the Champlain Valley
Kingsland Bay State Park, on Lake Champlain Ferrisburgh, VT.
www.cvfest.org/

NOMAD, Fall 2008 cancelled

The Board of Directors of NOMAD, Inc. regrets to announce that there will be no NOMAD Festival in 2008. We will continue working to fulfill the purposes and objectives of NOMAD. We welcome your comments or questions- direct them to: dance18thc@aol.com.

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It may be possible to do without dancing entirely. Instances have been known of young people passing many, many months successively, without being at any ball of any description, and no material injury accrue either to body or mind; but when a beginning is made – when the felicities of rapid motion have been once, though slightly felt – it must be a very heavy set that does not ask for more. ~ Jane Austen

CDS Boston Centre Meetings

All meetings are open, and members are welcome. Please ask a committee member or officer for date, time, and place—or call the office.

Boston Centre's website:

www.cds-boston.org

Office telephone:

(781) 662-6710

Communicating with the Board

If you are planning an event or some other matter requiring consideration by the CDS Boston Centre Board, please send a brief summary to:

president@cds-boston.org

or by mail to the address
above left corner

To Contact the Editor

If you are planning an event, write it up! Send articles or announcements by e-mail to

editor@cds-boston.org

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