



# CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

## Winter 2009-2010

### Gala Holiday Party

CDS Boston Centre is proud to present the 2009 Gala Holiday Party, to be held on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at the Concord Scout House.

Once again we will present one of the most popular events on the CDS-BC calendar, an evening of English Country dancing for all, presented in the spirit of the holidays. This year's leader in dance is Joanna Reiner, from Philadelphia. She's a fabulous caller and teacher well known to the English (as well as Scottish) dance community, who has been appearing more frequently in New England. The music for the evening is the great ensemble we have been blessed with for many holiday parties: Karen Axelrod on piano, Mary Lea on violin and viola and Peter Barnes on assorted winds, whistles, guitar, and anything else he may have in his pockets!

The party will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., and go until 11:00, with a break for an elegant dessert buffet. Admission is \$15 at the door, with an encouraging student discount price of \$5 (under 25, with ID). Any and all festive attire is encouraged. We hope you will join us to celebrate the Holidays and dance in the new year!

- Frank Attanasio

### Board Members desired.

We're looking for a few members interested in furthering the larger community of dance, to participate at the board level of CDS Boston Centre. Numerous activities would benefit from fresh interest, and we hope you, dear reader, will consider joining the board. We especially encourage people thirty years old and younger to join our board.

We are scouting for a "President-Elect", who would serve at the expiration of current president Judy Erickson's 2-year term, in 2011.

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### English Scottish Party

Beat the January doldrums at the annual English Scottish Party, jointly sponsored by CDS-BC and the Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. The 2010 edition of this celebration will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, at the Church of Our Saviour, Monmouth Street, Brookline. Linda Nelson and Roberta Lasnik will lead the English and Scottish portions of the program, with music by Anne Hooper on fiddle and Ken Allen on piano. Check CDS-BC or Boston Branch websites for more details. Questions? Contact Jean Farrington, <jffar@verizon.net>.

### Ralph Page Dance Legacy Weekend

The New England Folk Festival Association in collaboration with the Center for the Humanities at the University of New Hampshire invites you to join us to celebrate our New England music and dance traditions. This weekend is named in honor of Ralph Page, who was pivotal in sustaining and reviving traditional contra and square dancing in New England.

January 15-17, 2010. UNH, Durham, NH. Callers: Lisa Greenleaf & Tony Parkes. Bands: Latter Day Lizards, Old New England, White Cockade. [www.neffa.org](http://www.neffa.org) or <rpdlw@me.com>

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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:

January 22, 2010, April 23, 2010  
mailing is approximately 10 days after the deadline

### To update the CDS Boston Web pages

General CDS Boston site,  
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.

Inquire via [membership@cds-boston.org](mailto:membership@cds-boston.org) or at  
[www.cds-boston.org/membership-form.html](http://www.cds-boston.org/membership-form.html)

### Need to look up a dance or venue?

#### Try one of these resources:

[www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org)  
[www.contradancelinks.com](http://www.contradancelinks.com)  
[www.facone.org/fdrb/home/](http://www.facone.org/fdrb/home/)  
[www.TheDanceGypsy.com](http://www.TheDanceGypsy.com)  
[www.dancedb.com/dancedb](http://www.dancedb.com/dancedb)

## Board Members - cont. from cover

Your interest in leading CDS Boston Centre is invited. We know that there will be at least two board vacancies, and perhaps one or two Board Officer vacancies.

Your suggestions or interest are desired. Please contact one of the Nominating Committee members:

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– Mark Jones

## Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc.

### Officers, Directors, and non-board offices

As of March 19, 2009

#### 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. Year denotes term expiration.

### Board Members

- 1) 2011 Weiler, Chris - Term #1
- 2) 2011 Kaufman, Jeff - Term #1
- 3) 2011\* Gonzales, Dianne - Term #2
- 4) 2011 Carey, Maureen - Term #1
- 5) 2011\* Reisberg, Liz - Term #2
- 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) 2011\* President: Erickson, Judy
- 12) 2010 Vice President: Wagner, Hal - Term #1
- 13) 2010 Treasurer: Callen, Jerry - Term #1
- 14) 2011 Clerk: Barnard, Jacqueline - Term #1
- 15) 2010\* Past President: Jones, Mark
- ) President Elect (next occupied in 2010)

### Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

#### Nominating Committee

Member Elected (3 year terms) (Board Nominates)

- 1) 2011 Jones, Mark - Term #1
- 2) 2010 Diamond, Mitch - Term #0 (partial term)
- 3) 2012 Erickson, Judy - Term #1

Board Elected, from the Board (2 year terms)

- 4) 2010 vacant
- 5) 2011 vacant

### Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative

CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects

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

## Fall musings

Skies alternating grey with blue, the excitement of the wild leaf colors on some branches in some places – yes, it's Autumn once again. Summer seems to have been shorter this year, and seems to have been only a couple of weeks ago – I suppose time accelerates as one gets older. And this means that the next summer will come all the quicker!

For many the summer meant camp, and for readers of this newsletter, camp frequently means a session at dance-camp – often the high point of the year for me. In the Boston area, we are lucky to be close to Pinewoods Camp (in the woods outside the town of Plymouth) where the season is started by volunteers helping the crew to open the camp in late May, and ends similarly in mid-September, with so many different kinds of dance (and folk music, vocal and instrumental, too) in between. Four organizations run sessions at Pinewoods namely the local groups Folk Arts Center, CDS-Boston Centre, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, and the national Country Dance and Song Society – if anyone is confused that there is a local CDS (aka Boston Centre) and a national CDSS, don't worry – you are not alone! All of these run web-sites (start at pinewoods.org and follow links) with information about their camp-sessions. There are scholarships available for young people who might become the movers and shakers of the dance scene in the future, there is work-study for many who find it hard to afford the full fees.

As I look out the window, I see falling leaves (I know there's a song – does anyone know a dance with that name?), and think of the many folk traditions that take place during this season which put us in a frame of mind to prepare for the winter. One of those traditions is to begin planning next year's camp sessions – the Board must approve next year's session budgets as soon as possible after the present year's session has finished! The chairs and co-chairs of the programs work incredibly hard to make the sessions a success, hiring musicians, callers, a sound person, working with the camp management and staff, attracting a community of people who will make one more wonderful session, who will accomplish the many necessary jobs which help the crew to keep the camp running smoothly. As you recall your last camp-session, or contemplate the next, offer a thought for these leaders who make it

all happen. And if you can, please think about young people you know who might add to our community, but couldn't attend camp without some kind of help. The earlier these tasks get started, the easier they are. You might think about helping someone to participate in a summer dance-camp session as a midwinter gift? And when you attend, think about how you might help – could you learn the chair-person's job? The work you would have to take on would only be matched by the gratitude coming your way from those who know the many tasks that have to be done!

- *Julian Cole*

## Boston Playford Ball

The English Dance Committee is pleased to present CDS-Boston's thirtieth annual Boston Playford Ball on Saturday, March 6th, 2010 in the lovely Dwight Hall at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, MA. The ball will start at 8:00 p.m. with music by Bare Necessities: Peter Barnes, Mary Lea, Earl Gaddis, and Jacqueline Schwab. There is an afternoon workshop for ball attendees from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day at the Perkins School, led by Barbara Finney and Brad Foster, with music by Joyce Crouch and Doug Creighton.

The Playford Ball is a challenging evening of English Country Dancing, with talk-throughs only; there will be no teaching or walk-throughs at the ball. As such, it is best-suited for dancers well-familiar with both the figures and the dances on the program. Dances will be taught at the Wednesday night dances in the weeks leading up to the ball.

There will also be two pre-ball workshops: Saturday, February 6th and Sunday, February 28th, both from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Park Avenue Congregational Church, Arlington Heights. Helene Cornelius will lead the February 6th workshop; Barbara Finney will teach on February 28th. Both will be accompanied by Joyce Crouch. These workshops provide the opportunity to focus on learning the ball dances and are open to all; friends not able to attend the ball are also welcome.

For more information on the workshops and the ball weekend, and to register for the ball, please see the attached ball flyer and online at [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org).

## **39th Annual Christmas Revels Holiday Celebration**

After traveling around the world the past few seasons, Revels' 39th annual holiday fête stays close to home as we celebrate the winter solstice and the rich and varied cultures of North America. Performances December 11–27, 2009 at Sanders Theatre, Cambridge. Patrick Swanson, stage director; George Emlen, music director. For more information, [www.revels.org](http://www.revels.org).

This year, The Christmas Revels includes all the Revels hallmarks: there'll be holiday carols and peace rounds for all to sing, lively morris dancing, a seriously funny mummers play, Susan Cooper's classic poem, *The Shortest Day*, and Revels' signature piece, *Lord of the Dance*. In addition, this year's solstice celebration includes Appalachian folksong, clogging and fiddling, rousing spirituals, the Jonkonnu (an African American Christmas celebration with dancing, drumming and disguise costumes), Shaker tunes and dances, the story of "Wicked John and the Devil" (a "Jack tale" dramatized by Susan Cooper), and Native American flute playing, stories and poetry.

"The Christmas Revels: In Celebration of the Winter Solstice" features an 80-member ensemble including Appalachian singer and tradition bearer Suzannah Park, Native American flute player and storyteller Leon Joseph Littlebird, gospel singer Janice Allen, musicians Eden MacAdam-Somer and Larry Unger, The Roaring Gap Chorus, The Pinewoods Morris Men, The Smokey Mountain Dancers, Cambridge Symphonic Brass Ensemble, and musician and song leader David Coffin, celebrating his 30th year on the Revels stage. Please join us for this very special holiday celebration!

## **English Scottish Session, Pinewoods, 2010**

The 26th English Scottish Session at Pinewoods will take place from Monday, July 5 through Friday morning, July 9. This relaxed and friendly session offers fabulous teaching and superb music. The program features advanced and basic classes in English and Scottish country dancing, as well as classes in ritual and step dancing, and participatory music workshops. We share our cultural heritage through traditional events such as the Maypole and the Scottish

Exchange and a Bookstore that stocks music and dance books from both sides of Hadrian's Wall. Evening parties round off active days. ESS welcomes campers at all levels of experience and families with dancing teenage children. Whether you're a long-time ESS participant or someone who hasn't yet discovered this joyous session we welcome your presence. Further information will be posted on the CDS-BC and Boston Branch of the RSCDS websites, and in flyers available at local dances. Questions? Contact Jean Farrington, <[jffar@verizon.net](mailto:jffar@verizon.net)>.

## **The NEDC Season Commences**

The New England Dance Committee has started its 2009-2010 season, with a fun and popular Halloween Contra Dance at the Concord Scout House, with Lisa Greenleaf and the Moving Violations (visiting from Western Massachusetts).

The Second Saturday Contra Dance Series starts in November, and continues through June 2010 at the Concord Scout House. Newly arrived CDS Board member, and NEDC member Chris Weiler has booked the entire 2nd Saturdays season. We will have a variety of talented young people mixed with familiar and experienced hands. One of our committee's hopes this season, is to create opportunities for both callers and musicians to play with people they have not previously worked with. We also hope to give experienced performers the opportunity to share stage experiences with younger people who are on their way to a fine future in dance halls. We think it will be a good dance experience for everyone.

Please check the enclosed flyer and the web site for the list of performers.  
[www.cds-boston.org/american/](http://www.cds-boston.org/american/)

As the season progresses, we anticipate producing a few special events, focusing on a variety of forms besides contra dances. Perhaps a couple of evenings of squares, or a mixed genre evening of English or triplets. Check for flyers and our web page, as the season progresses. CDS-Boston Centre members will receive email announcements as well.

*—Mark Jones, Terry Huffaker, Cortni Frecha & Chris Weiler, the NEDC Committee*

# Boston Centre Program

Info: [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org) or (781) 662-6710

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

## English Country Dance

### Wednesdays

Park Ave. Congregational Church

7:30–10:30;

A mix of elegantly simple to challenging dances, ranging from traditional to contemporary. Most dances will be walked through, with teaching as needed. One or two may be prompted only, not walked through.

English Dance Basics are offered before the dance at 7:15.

#### Admission:

Newcomers and students \$4

Members \$7, Non-members \$9

12 admission Dance Card \$75.00

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. 8-11 PM.

For dancers thoroughly familiar with basic English Country Dance figures. All dances taught.

\$10; \$8 CDS members

See the First Friday flyer or [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org) for leaders and musicians.

Info: Deb Karl 617-721-0600

## Harvard Square Dance 2nd & 4th Fridays

7:30 - 9:30pm; September through June

Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church  
1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA  
\$7 general, \$6 members, \$4 students. View flyer for leaders and musicians. [www.cds-boston.org/friday.html](http://www.cds-boston.org/friday.html)

## New England Contra Dance

At the Concord Scout House,  
All are welcome, no partner necessary

\$8 for CDS Boston Members,

\$10 for non-members and

\$6 for young people 21 and under.

Check for flyers and calendars for additional dates.

Web page: [www.cds-boston.org/american](http://www.cds-boston.org/american)

Email: [nedc@cds-boston.org](mailto:nedc@cds-boston.org)

Committee contact: 857-499-8907

CDS-BC Office announcements: 781-662-6710

## 2nd Saturday Contra Dances

December 12th, 2009

Adina Gordon calling with Scoot:

Eric McDonald, Max Newman, Fiona Schubeck

January 9th, 2010

Rickey Holt calling with Stunt Double:

Dave Casserly, Julie Vallimont Christopher Jacoby

February 13th, 2010

Lark Speyer calling with Locomojo:

Amy Larkin, Shirley White & Linda Henry

March 13th, 2010

Bob Isaacs calling with Anadama:

Amelia Mason, Emily Troll & Bethany Waickman

April 10th, 2010

Dave Eisenstadter calling with:

Peter Siegel, Mary Cay Brass & friend

May 8th, 2010

Quena Crain calling with Jump Start:

Paul Lizotte, Victor Troll, Gene Albert & guest

June 12th, 2010

Jeff Petrovitch calling with Matching Orange:

Eric McDonald, Eric Eid-Reiner & Brendan Carey Block

# Other Regular Boston Area Dances and Events

## **Mondays**

Concord Scout House. 7:30-10:30 PM. Various callers and musicians. Adults \$8 (\$5 after 9:30pm); Age 22 (and under) \$5

Info: 978-369-1232 or 781-272-0396

<http://mondaycontras.com/pages/dance-schedule.php>

Scottish Country Dancing. Springstep, Medford. 7:45-10:15 PM. Live music. \$8, \$4. [billmers@rcn.com](mailto:billmers@rcn.com), [www.rscdsboston.org](http://www.rscdsboston.org)

## **Tuesdays**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Contra Dance for All @ MIT. All welcome, no experience or partner needed. 8-10:30PM Band sit-ins welcome. \$6, MIT & Wellesley students free, other students \$3. Prospective callers & musicians, contact [fdc-request@mit.edu](mailto:fdc-request@mit.edu) 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. Come at 7:00 PM with a brown bag dinner & socialize! Various leaders. \$7. Info: (617) 522-2216 (Janet) or (617) 512-5554 (John), [www.lcfd.org/bgfe/](http://www.lcfd.org/bgfe/)

## **Thursdays**

New England Contrás & Squares. Concord Scout House. 7:30-10:30 PM. \$8, \$5 students.

Info: NEFFA, (781) 662-6710;

Cal, (781) 272-0396; Dan, (508) 229-2854;

[www.neffa.org/Thurs.html](http://www.neffa.org/Thurs.html)

## **Fridays**

**1st Friday** Challenging Contrás Sept – May.

For experienced dancers. 8–11pm.

Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St. Concord, MA

\$9, \$7 age 21 & under

Various callers and musicians - schedule at:

<http://www.tiac.net/~mabaker/challenging-contras.html>

Info: 978-779-6077 or [laleaf@yahoo.com](mailto:laleaf@yahoo.com)

**2nd Fridays** Sept – June. 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. Info: (617) 547-7781

[www.configular.com](http://www.configular.com)

**3rd Fridays** Sept – 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. \$7, Teens \$5, Children under 12 free with parent. \$20 family max.

Info: (781) 944-3544,

[RoaringJelly@hotmail.com](mailto:RoaringJelly@hotmail.com), <http://roaringjelly.org/>

**4th Fridays** Sept – May. Mostly Squares, 8 – 11 PM. Payson Park Church, 365 Belmont Street, Belmont, MA Tony Parkes, calling, Music by Amy Cann and friends [www.hands4.com/4thFridaySquares](http://www.hands4.com/4thFridaySquares) or 978-670-9333

## **Saturdays**

**1st Saturdays** Sept– June. Medway Contra Dance, 7:30–10:30pm. Christ Episcopal Church, School Street, Medway, MA. \$7 adults, \$3 teens, 12 and under free.

[www.contradancelinks.com/medway.html](http://www.contradancelinks.com/medway.html)

[medwaycontras@gmail.com](mailto:medwaycontras@gmail.com); 508-429-1773 Shelley

**1st Saturday** Contra Dance Berlin, MA 8-10:30 PM

Admission: \$5 per person or \$12 max per family

NEW Location: Berlin Town Hall, 2nd floor, 12

Woodward Ave., Berlin, MA Info: 978-273-8238

**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. \$10, \$6 students. [www.lcfd.org/jp/](http://www.lcfd.org/jp/)

Info: Chris (617) 852-4042 or (781)-982-8042

[jp-dance@lcfd.org](mailto:jp-dance@lcfd.org)

**3rd Saturday** New England Contrás and Squares. Beth

Parkes and Full Tilt: Carol Bittensen, Jim Guinness and

Debby Knight, \$8, 8–11pm. Concord Scout House.

Contact 978-667-7459 or 978-670-9333.

**3rd Saturday** Contra Dances, Melrose Unitarian

Universalist Church, 70 W. Emerson St., Melrose. \$6.

7-10 PM. Info: [Cammydance@earthlink.net](mailto:Cammydance@earthlink.net) or

<http://mysite.verizon.net/manystings6/dance/>

**4th Saturday** 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/](http://www.configular.com/dance/)

## **Sundays**

Scottish Country Dance. Church of Our Saviour,

Carleton & Monmouth Sts., Brookline. Sept. – May

6:30-8:30 PM. \$5 donation.

[www.rscdsboston.org/classes-listing.html](http://www.rscdsboston.org/classes-listing.html)

## **MIT Chantey & Maritime Sing**

Open Chantey Sing - 3rd Sundays, 2–5pm - Free.

More Info: <http://www.nechanteysings.com>

## **The Skellig Song Session**

4th Mondays 7:00pm; join us for dinner @ 6:00pm

More Info: [www.bostonsongsessions.org](http://www.bostonsongsessions.org)



# Outside the Boston Area

## English Country Dance

### Massachusetts

#### Cape Cod, 3rd Friday

Lively and Elegant English Country Dance on Cape Cod. Linda Nelson with Jan Elliott and friends. \$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](mailto:lindan@capecod.net)

#### South Amherst Mondays & Saturdays

Mondays - Robin Hayden with live music. \$6. Info: Robin at (413) 256-8260, [www.amherstecd.org](http://www.amherstecd.org) July-Aug. Dances at Whately Dance Barn [www.whatelydancebarn.com/](http://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. \$8. Info: (413) 549-4123 Joyce Crouch [www.amherstecd.org](http://www.amherstecd.org)

### Rhode Island - Saturdays

South Kingstown Land Trust, 17 Matunuck Beach Road in South Kingstown. All dances will take place from 7:30 to 10:30 PM, and admission is \$10, \$8 for CDS Boston members and South Kingstown Land Trust members. Live music will be provided by a variety of guest musicians. For information and directions, call John & Susan at 401-539-3009 or visit [www.kingstonenglishcountrydance.org](http://www.kingstonenglishcountrydance.org)

Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, Feb. 27, March 13, March 27, April 10, and May 1.

### New Hampshire - Second Sundays

Sept.-June. Presidential Oaks (Odd Fellows Home), Minot St. off Pleasant, Concord NH. 5:30-7:45 PM. \$7, \$6 members. Info: Dave Bateman (603) 433-2735, directions at [www.nhecads.org](http://www.nhecads.org)

### Connecticut - Fridays

English Country Dance. New Haven CT. Neighborhood Music School Recital Hall, 100 Auburn St. 8:00-10:30 PM. \$8. Info: (203) 776-6929 <http://pantheon.yale.edu/~bfr4/NH.English.html>

## Contras

### Massachusetts

#### Cape Cod, Saturdays

For general information about the following dances, contact [shabam@ais.net](mailto:shabam@ais.net)

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

## more Contras

### Massachusetts cont.

Greenfield, nearly every Friday and Saturday  
401 Chapman St. [www.guidingstargrange.org](http://www.guidingstargrange.org)

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

8-11PM, General admission: \$8; \$5 for ages 16 and under; \$18 for families with children under 16.  
<http://www.contradancelinks.com/rehoboth.html>

#### Salem, 1st Saturdays, October – June

Tabernacle Congregational Church, 50 Washington St, Salem. 8:00pm. \$8; \$6 seniors & students; \$20 family maximum. Wear clean, soft-soled shoes. Beginners welcome. Info (978) 745-9391 or [lew134@lycos.com](mailto:lew134@lycos.com). [contradancelinks.com/schedule\\_emass.html](http://www.contradancelinks.com/schedule_emass.html)

#### South Amherst, 4th Saturday through June

Munson Library, 1046 South East St. South Amherst  
<http://www.alongtheriver.com/dances.html>

#### Worcester, 2nd Saturdays through June

8pm. Wesley Methodist Church, 114 Main St. Worcester \$8. \$6 students, \$18 family maximum, under 12 free  
[www.worcesterdance.org](http://www.worcesterdance.org)

### Maine

#### 20th Annual DownEast Country Dance Festival

March 26 & 27, 2010, with a Survivors Dance on March 28, 2010. At the Mount Ararat Middle School, Topsham, Maine.

[www.deffa.org/festival/](http://www.deffa.org/festival/)

### New Hampshire

#### Manchester, 3rd Fridays

Mill City Contra Dance. Various callers and musicians. Beginners Workshop 7:30pm. Dance 8-11pm \$8, \$5 young people, under 12 free. 250 Commercial St. Manchester, NH. [www.nhdances.org/millcity/](http://www.nhdances.org/millcity/)

#### 23rd Ralph Page Dance Legacy Weekend

January 15-17. 2010. UHN, Durham, NH. Callers: Lisa Greenleaf & Tony Parkes. Bands: Latter Day Lizards, Old New England, White Cockade.

[www.neffa.org](http://www.neffa.org) or [rpdlw@me.com](mailto:rpdlw@me.com)

### Vermont

#### Brattleboro, 2nd and 4th Sundays

Contra Dancing Stone Church, Brattleboro

7:15 beginners' workshop, dancing for all 7:30-10:30PM. Admission is \$10 (\$7 students/seniors/low income). Beginners are welcome; all dances are taught. No partner necessary. For more info email [ethan@ethanhw.com](mailto:ethan@ethanhw.com) or call 802-257-9234.

<http://www.ethanhw.com/brattdance/index.html>

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Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing. ~William James



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