



CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Summer 2011

Tribute to George Fogg, Archivist at NEFFA 2011

CDS-BC and NEFFA jointly sponsored a session at NEFFA this year to thank George Fogg for his many years of collecting and organizing materials for both organizations. The session's program of English Country dances was drawn from those listed as done by CDS-BC at NEFFA demonstrations over the years. George led off the session calling three dances, followed by Barbara Finney and Rick Jackson. Barbara and Rich each read a snippet from the archives to give a sense of the wealth of material that George has collected. Vince O'Donnell, Amy Cann and Barbara Pixton provided the music. Pinewoods Morris Men performed Queen's Delight to honor George's long connection to the Morris scene. A selection of enlarged covers of NEFFA booklets over the years was on display, including the program for the first "Fall Folk Festival" in 1944. CDS-BC and NEFFA jointly presented George with a certificate of appreciation and a memento made from NEFFA booklet covers. In addition, George was presented with a DVD containing a large number of records from the NEFFA archives. The dancers gave George warm applause in appreciation of his work.

Judy Erickson and Dan Pearl

**Don't Miss Out!
Swing into Summer
Filling up Fast!**

Good Friends - Great Dancing - Great Price!

There has been a lot of buzz surrounding First Weekend (June 17-19) and campers are signing up at a record pace! There are not a lot of places left, so SIGN UP NOW to be part of this fabulous, fun and family friendly weekend...! To register on-line please go to: SwingintoSummer.cds-boston.org
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Tom Kruskal receives Lifetime Contribution Award from the Country Dance and Song Society, April 2, 2011.

photo by Arthur Ferguson

English-Scottish Session at Pinewoods Camp

July 4 – 8, 2011

The English-Scottish Session Committee is very excited about our staff and program for this summer's session at Pinewoods Camp! English Scottish Session welcomes dancers of all flavors and experience and provides classes in English and Scottish Country dancing for all levels.

The ritual program has classes in Morris with Scott Higgs and rapper with Gillian Stewart, and this year Laura Scott will present a Highland class and a pot pourri class of Scottish folk styles, including Highland folk dances. Additionally, Gene Murrow will offer "A Measure a Day" English Country dance class, each day exploring the subtleties and special considerations of dancing to a specific time signature. **ESS** *continued page 3*

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Since 1915

The Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc. 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:

July 22, 2011

mailing is approximately 10 days after the deadline

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 dance camp sessions, and more. Discounts available for students, seniors, and organizations.

Inquire via membership@cds-boston.org or at 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
www.dancedb.com/dancedb

Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc.

Officers, Directors, and non-board offices

As of April 2010

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) 2013 Mark Ward - Term #1
- 2) 2013 Jaqueline Barnard - Term #1
- 3) 2013 Mark Jones - Term #1
- 4) 2013* Maureen Carey - Term #2
- 5) 2013 vacant
- 6) 2012* Mitch Diamond - Term #2
- 7) 2012 Neil McMullen - Term #1
- 8) 2012 Susan Gere - Term #0 (partial term)
- 9) 2012 Daniel Friedman - Term #1
- 10) 2012 Mies Boet-Whittaker - Term #1

Board Officers

- 11) 2011 President: Diane Gonzales
- 12) 2012 Vice Pres: Erika Roderick - Term #0 (partial)
- 13) 2010 Treasurer: Judy Erickson - Term #1
- 14) 2011 Clerk: Nora Smith - Term #1
- 15) 2010 Past President: Judy Erickson

Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

Nominating Committee

Member Elected, Board Nominates (3 year terms)

- 1) 2012 Judy Erickson - Term #1
- 2) 2013 Mitch Diamond - Term #1
- 3) 2014 vacant

Board Elected, from the Board (2 year terms)

- 4) 2011 vacant
- 5) 2010 vacant

Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative

CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects

- 1) 2013 Mark Ward: Term #2 (three-year term)



Pocket Flyers at "Celebrate Tom" on April 2 in Nevins Hall, Framingham, MA Photo A. Ferguson

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There will also be an English Traditional dance class, featuring up-tempo and stepped dances. Also offered is a step-and-reel class, with a day each for Scottish Highland (strathspay and reel), English (Dorset 5-hand reel), and Cape Breton (Mabou) dances. Bring your whacketa shoes!

Our fabulous musicians, including Karen Axelrod, Earl Gaddis, Laura Risk, Dave Wiesler, Natalie Haas, Paul Woodiel, Doug Creighton and Dan Emery, will move us through a great program. Paul Woodiel, Natalie Haas and Doug Creighton will offer an innovative music class. The plan is to offer two days of separate, more instrument-specific sessions lead by each of the musicians, and then for the class to come together on the third day to combine what each group has been working on. This is your chance to work with great musicians in a small-group setting!

English Country Dance staff includes Scott Higgs, Stella Fogg, Gene Murrow, Andy Taylor-Blenis and Howard Lasnik. They will provide a variety of classes for experienced and expert dancers including graded English Country dancing, graded Scottish Country dancing, and a combined English and Scottish social class.

Camp begins Monday afternoon (July 4th), has three full days of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and ends with breakfast on Friday morning.

The English Scottish Session program fee is a very affordable \$270 for those 13 to 25 years old (member or non-member), \$340 for CDS-Boston Centre and RSCDS Boston Branch members (over 25), and \$350 for non-members (over 25). Theme parties are traditional to the Session; past Sessions have included competitive Maypole dancing! Afternoon tea in the Camphouse provides a relaxed moment in the program.

For more information, or to express interest in being considered for one of the work-exchange positions (life guard, nurse/first aid, sound assistant, party planner, contact Judy Erickson at 978-425-4877 or judyericks@comcast.net, or Evelyn Murray at 617-864-8945 or athollbrose@verizon.net. Registration information and application is at www.cds-boston.org/camp.html or www.rscdsboston.org/events-pinewoods.html.



*Candy Rapper at "Celebrate Tom" award ceremony
photo by Arthur Ferguson*

Swing *continued from front cover*

Swing into Summer is brimming with excitement, and promises to be an amazing inter-generational weekend of music and dance at beautiful Pinewoods Camp and a fun time for all.

Nils Fredland, Marcie van Cleave, Mary Lea, Jacqueline Schwab, Jan Elliot, Jeremy Carter-Gordon and the band Nor'easter are primed and pumped and are planning a fantastic weekend for all.

Exciting, fresh and affordable, Swing into Summer features American, English, couple and ritual dancing; shape note, harmony and pub singing; and camper led activities from morning till night. In addition, family-friendly crafts, activities, dances and classes will be offered for all age groups.

For more information please see our flyer included in this mailing, or visit our website: SwingintoSummer.cds-boston.org, or e-mail us at firstweekend@cds-boston.org

Thanks!
Hope to see you at Pinewoods in June!

*Chuck & Ronni, Co-Chairs
Jeremy, Alex and Max, Brain-Trust*

July 4th weekend at Pinewoods Camp

Summer is fast approaching and the planning for July 4th Weekend at Pinewoods is progressing smoothly. We have a vibrant staff of callers, instructors and musicians. We have one staffing change to announce. Unfortunately, Kari Smith will not be able to join us this year. Meg Ryan, a fellow leader of Guiding Star Clog Morris, will teach garland in her stead. Meg, one of the Dancing Marleys, will also teach Marley Clog. Jan Elliott, known for her excellent and clear instruction, will lead the Longsword class.

As I write, July 4th Weekend is full, but there is no waiting list. We may have cancellations, so if you haven't applied and want to come, send in that application. We hope to see you there!

Alisa Dodson

Annual Meeting of CDS-BC, March 23, 2011

Outgoing President Judy Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Membership Committee Arthur Ferguson presented the Membership Secretary's Report noting there had been a drop in membership showing a downward trend for the past three years. Arthur noted that the report and Membership Graph 1986-2010 and Dues Graph 1986-2010 can be found on the website at cbs-boston.org.

CD Project Dan Pearl gave a brief overview of the CD project, the financial status (break-even over time), and current and pending releases (Waltz-time dance tunes and music for Gary Roodman's dances).

Treasurer's Report The CDS-BC Accountant, Ralph Jones, had copies of the Treasurer's Report available.

English Dance Committee Deb Karl mentioned the success of various programs and special events, especially the Playford Ball, and thanked the committee members and volunteers for their efforts.

New England Dance Committee Mark Jones described the NEDC program as being somewhat reduced this year and in need of rethinking. Attendance is down and he is the only committee member right now.

Pinewoods Camps: First Weekend, Pinewoods English-Scottish Session, July 4th Weekend, and Labor Day Weekend Camp chairs not being present at the beginning of the meeting, and in the interests of time, Judy Erickson, President, gave a brief overview of the camps that CDS-Boston Centre runs, that overall they break even financially, and that attendance has been growing at Labor Day and First Weekend.

CDS-BC Board Judy Erickson described the current reorganization of the board into three major committees: Operations, Finance and Development. Information on members and purview of the committees will be posted on the website to better direct members' questions relating to things like insurance, copyright, use of the piano, etc. Judy detailed that the work of the board has been growing in complexity (more insurance requests, more involved tax reporting), even as members' available time to volunteer has been diminishing. In an effort to get the required work done, the board is restructuring. However, the Society may have to consider hiring secretarial or administrative help in order to meet required deadlines and make sure things are happening.

Continuity is a problem on all volunteer boards. The Board is clawing back from serious lack of information, but there is no guarantee that, if things are reconstituted now, the information won't disappear again in the future. CDS-BC, with responsibility for an endowment, cannot afford to lose track of its reporting and financial obligations. There are some challenges with hiring someone; notably that paying someone to do work when others volunteer is problematic. Judy also described that fact that the Society's operations have lost money every year, without a plan to address this situation. She communicated her concern that the Board does not have the requisite expertise to manage investments or oversee the finances. While Ralph Jones is currently our long-time, experienced accountant, this situation will change at some point.

Judy asked, at Mark Jones's request, some questions of the audience regarding the New England Dance Committee program. Members give opinions on what they thought the mission might be, since there is a lot of contra dancing around. They saw holding cross-over dances (English and American) or dances in underserved locations as a possible reason to continue the NEDC program. **Annual Meeting** *continued p. 8*

Boston Centre Program

Info: www.cds-boston.org or (781)-591-2372

**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**

We're looking forward to our 2011 Wednesday Summer Series and Ice Cream Socials! We have a fabulous summer season lined up for you, starting with John Garden from Canberra, Australia and Peter Barnes, Mary Lea, and Jacqueline Schwab playing.

You'll recognize some familiar faces coming back and some new ones - and I'm talking both callers and dancers, of course! Newcomers/basics sessions are at 7:10pm, led by the callers.

The ice cream is also returning, and we'll be back at our lovely hall in West Newton. We were able to squeeze in 8 weeks this year, July 6 through August 24.

See you there!

Christine Robb

English Country Dance

Wednesdays

September through June

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 7:10.

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

September through June

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 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

New England Contra Dance

At the Concord Scout House,

All are welcome, no partner necessary

\$8 CDS Boston Members, \$10 non-members
\$6 for young people 22 and under.

Check for flyers and calendars for additional dates.

Web page: <http://american.cds-boston.org>

Committee contact: 857-499-8907

Email: nedc@cds-boston.org



Other Regular Boston Area Dances and Events

Mondays

Contras. 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/>

Scottish Country Dancing. Springstep, Medford.
7:45-10:15 PM. Live music. \$8, \$4. Party dances:
Members \$10, non-members \$12. billmers@rcn.com,
www.rscdsboston.org

Tuesdays

Frequent Tuesdays
Contra Dance for All @ MIT, Cambridge, MA. 8-10:30PM
All welcome, no experience or partner needed. Band
sit-ins welcome. \$6, MIT & Wellesley students free, oth-
er students \$3. Prospective callers & musicians, contact
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 & 5th Tuesdays.

Boston Gender Free English Country Dance.
(Experienced Dance on 5th Tuesday)
First Church of Jamaica Plain UU, Centre & Eliot Sts.
Jamaica Plain, Boston, MA
7:30-10 PM. Come at 7:00 PM with a brown bag dinner
& socialize! Various leaders. \$7. www.lcfd.org/bgfe/
Info: Janet (617) 522-2216 or John (617) 512-5554

Thursdays

New England Contras & Squares. Concord Scout
House. 7:30-10:30 PM. \$8, \$5 students.
Info: NEFFA, (781) 662-6710;
Dan, (508) 229-2854;
www.neffa.org/Thurs.html

Fridays

1st Fridays 8 – 11PM Oct – May. Challenging Contras at
the Concord Scout House. For experienced dancers.
www.tiac.net/~mabaker/challenging-contras.html

2nd Fridays Sept – June. Contras, 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

3rd Fridays Sept – 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. \$7, Teens \$5, Children
under 12 free with parent. \$20 family max.
Info: (781) 944-3544,
RoaringJelly@comcast.net, <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 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
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
Berlin Town Hall, 2nd floor, 12 Woodward Ave.
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/
Info: Chris (617) 852-4042 or (781)-982-8042
jp-dance@lcfd.org

3rd Saturday Contra Dances, Melrose Unitarian
Universalist Church, 70 W. Emerson St., Melrose. \$6.
7-10 PM. Info: Cammydance@earthlink.net or
<http://mysite.verizon.net/manystings6/dance/>

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



Outside the Boston Area - "always call before you travel"

English Country Dance

Massachusetts

Cape Cod, 3rd Friday October – May

Lively and Elegant English Country Dance in Woods Hole. Linda Nelson with Jan Elliott and friends.

May 20: Linda Nelson with Deborah Siegal & Richard Payne & Lore DeBower; \$8, \$6 students & seniors; 7:30 - 10:30 PM, Fisher House, Church of the Messiah, 13 Church St., Woods Hole, MA. For information, call 508-540-1151 or 508-540-0865, details at <http://www.capecontra.org/>

South Amherst Mondays & Saturdays,

Munson Library

Mondays - Robin Hayden with live music. \$6. Info: Robin at (413) 256-8260, www.amherstecd.org

3rd Saturdays. 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

1st Saturdays. Amherst Assembly for Experienced Dancers. A satisfying evening of ECD with less prompting. Amherst Area callers and special guests with live music. 7:30-10:30, \$9. Info: www.amherstecd.org.

Rhode Island - Saturdays Sept. – June

Kingston English Country Dance, South Kingstown Land Trust, 17 Matunuck Beach Road, South Kingstown, Rhode Island. 7:30 to 10:30 PM.

General admission: \$10; members of CDS Boston Centre and South Kingstown Land Trust, \$8.

Directions and info: Kingstonenglishcountrydance.org or call 401-539-3009.

May 7 Linda Nelson, Dawn Chung & Bill Ouimette

June 11 Summer dance and potluck

July 16 Summer dance and potluck

Dancing will resume in September.

New Hampshire – First Saturdays

First Saturdays. Deerfield, NH Town Hall through June. Various callers and musicians. 8-11pm, \$9, \$3 (8-12 yrs.) Info: Sarah 603-463-4182 slmason@metrocast.net

Second Sundays Sept.-June. Concord NH Presidential Oaks (Odd Fellows Home), Minot St. off Pleasant. 5:30-7:45 PM. \$8, \$7 members. Info: Dave Bateman (603) 397-0042, dave@NHECDS.org directions at 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

Amherst 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays

7:30–10:30PM, lesson 7PM.

Masonic Lodge, 99 Main St. Amherst. \$10, Students \$7, High School \$4. www.amherstcontra.org

Cape Cod, Saturdays

General information for Cape Cod dances at www.capecontra.org or contact 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

Greenfield, Fridays, Saturdays and some Sundays
401 Chapman St. www.guidingstargrange.org

Rehoboth, 2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays

8–11PM, \$8; \$5 ages 16 and under; \$18 families with children under 16.

<http://www.contradancelinks.com/rehoboth.html>

Salem, 1st Saturdays, October – June

Tabernacle Congregational Church, 50 Washington St, Salem. 7:30PM. \$8; \$6 seniors & students; \$20 family. Beginners welcome. Info (978) 745-9391 or jenstrom10@comcast.net. www.contradancelinks.com/schedule.html

South Amherst, 4th Saturday Sept. through June

Munson Library, 1046 South East St. South Amherst.

7:15PM; Cost: \$5-10 (sliding scale)

For more information: (413) 256-0673;

lindapiano@gmail.com

Worcester, 2nd Saturdays Sept. – June

8PM. Wesley Methodist Church, 114 Main St. Worcester. \$8. \$6 students, \$18 family maximum, under 12 free www.worcesterdance.org

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

Info: Paul Lizotte 603.595.4484

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. Info email ethan@ethanhw.com or call 802-257-9234. www.ethanhw.com/brattdance/

For those who Travel

some festivals and special events

National index of dance events: contradancelinks.com/festivals.html

Old Songs Festival, Altamont, NY

June 24–26, 2001
www.oldsongs.org

Falcon Ridge Folk Festival

Hillsdale, NY
July 22–24, 2011
www.falconridgefolk.com

Ashokan Dance Camp

near Woodstock, NY
www.ashokan.org

Champlain Valley Folk Festival

Burlington, VT
July 29–31, 2011
www.cvfest.org

Across The Lake ECD weekend

Colcheser, VT
June 10–12, 2011
www.burlingtoncountrydancers.org

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When asked about how to solve operational losses of the Society, members were split on whether they thought there should be reduced programming or increased prices. Judy pointed out that, given the approximately \$9,000 loss in the English program annually, this could be resolved either by raising prices by \$2/person per event, or increasing attendance, on average, by 10 people per event. Judy encouraged members to take matters into their own hands and encourage others to attend. Judy ended with a statement that the workload situation for the Board and the Society was an ongoing issue and more information would be forthcoming (watch the newsletter!). She ended with an appeal for members to join committees or the Board to ensure that the Society continues.

Election to CDS-BC Board

George Fogg presented the results of the election. There were 51 ballots. All nominees were elected:

Board of Directors:

Mark Ward
Jacqueline Barnard
Maureen Cary
Mark Jones
Nora Smith
Susan Gere

Officers:

Diane Gonzales – President
Erika Roderick – Vice President
Judith Erickson – Treasurer

The Secretary/Clerk position was unfilled at the end of the Annual Meeting but Nora Smith indicated her willingness to serve as Secretary and her offer was accepted. She will be appointed to the position at the next board meeting.

Judy Erickson closed the meeting after thanking the committee chairs, past and present board members, and all those who help to keep the organization running.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm and followed by dancing for all.

Lifetime member of Country Dance Society Boston Centre, Mary V. (Banis) Blomberg, in her 100th year, died March 13, 2011.

Beloved wife of the late Elliott Blomberg. Loving mother of Stephen E. and his wife Jane Blomberg of Needham and Ronald A. and his wife Anne Blomberg of Frankestown, NH. Sister of Edna Cann of New Hampshire and the late Anne Witzleben.

Mary attended Playford Balls, dance parties and she danced at the South Weymouth English Dance Group. According to George Fogg, she was a darling lady & always a lady. She and Evelyn Lamond came often to the Wednesday English Country Dance when it was held at the YWCA, Central Square, Cambridge.

She was a long time supporter of Country Dance Society, Boston Centre and she was the Secretary for a couple of years.

New Structure

Board of Directors, CDS-BC

The Board has instituted three committees with the following responsibilities:

Operations Committee

- Oversee program committees to ensure that event reports are submitted appropriately and in a timely manner
- Assist program committees in finding members, if necessary, and ensure program committees are functioning to serve the membership
- Annually review the insurance policy for current needs and necessary changes to items covered, limits and named insureds; work with insurance agent to ensure appropriate coverage
- Review rental and other agreements to ensure that terms of the agreements (such as insurance limits) are in line with the organization
- Manage the email list policy and approve exceptions

Finance Committee

- Prepare annual budget by May for following September – August time period
- Recommend membership rates
- Prepare financial plan
- Arrange for financial review

Development Committee

- Strategize on increasing membership, visibility of the organization, attractiveness to youth
- Fundraising
- Website development
- Plan for upcoming milestone celebrations (100th anniversary, etc.)

In addition, the board bylaws require two other non-program committees:

Grants and Endowments Committee

- Receive and review scholarship and grant applications, make recommendations on action to the board
- Maintain current scholarship and grant documents
- Ensure information on scholarship and grant procedures is easily accessible and visible to the membership

Nominating Committee

- Nominate members for the Board of Directors

Current board and appointed members of the above committees (and specific contacts for special topics) are:

Operations Committee:

Mies Boet-Whitaker (contact for insurance policy questions)
Mitch Diamond (contact for questions on copyrights and royalties)
Maureen Carey

Finance Committee:

Judy Erickson, Treas. (contact for budgets)
Mark Ward
Mark Jones
Deb Karl (non-board member, appointed)
Thom Yarnal (non-board member, appointed)

Development Committee:

Neil McMullen
Erika Roderick, VP
Daniel Friedman

Grants and Endowments Committee:

Erika Roderick, VP
Hal Wagner (appointed)
Robin Rogers-Browne (appointed)

Nominating Committee:

Judy Erickson, Treas.
Mitch Diamond

Note that new board members Nora Smith and Susan Gere and continuing member Jacqueline Barnard (ex-Clerk/Secretary) will join a committee in their new capacities at the next board meeting.

Information on committee members and duties, as well as contact emails, is posted on the CDS-BC website.

If you are interested in being appointed to or assisting a committee, please let the Nominating Committee (Mitch Diamond, Judy Erickson) know. The board welcomes your participation!

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“All the ills of mankind, all the tragic misfortunes that fill the history books, all the political blunders, all the failures of the great leaders have arisen merely from a lack of skill at dancing.”

Moliere

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