



# CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

## Summer 2014

### Hearts and Minds ECD for Advanced Dancers

Judi Rivkin from Princeton, NJ, will lead a "Hearts & Minds" English country dance workshop for advanced dancers on Sunday, June 22, 2014, at the Munson Library in south Amherst, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$15. Music will be by *3rd String Trio*: Peter Barnes (winds, guitar); Aldo Fabrizi (mandolins); Karen Axelrod (piano, accordion).

The workshop focuses on and celebrates the dance compositions of the late Fried de Metz Herman, who engaged and won over many of our hearts and minds with her inventiveness, close attention to how the music and figures worked together, and the love of dance that shone through her creative work.

### Fiddle Workshop and Contra Dance

The Willard House and Clock Museum and Apple Tree Arts in North Grafton, MA is holding a four-day Fiddle Workshop and followed by a Contra Dance on the fifth day led by Myra MacLeod in August, 2014.

Myra MacLeod grew up in Dorchester, Massachusetts. At the age of five, she began her musical studies at the South End Music Center; in the 1970's, she began her performance career in the Cambridge-Boston folk scene. She has performed at weddings, festivals, regional coffee houses, contra dances, and local restaurants, as a solo musician as well as a member of *Blackstone Cúil*, *Riverbend*, *Frosty Morn*, and *Patchwork*.

In the mid 1990's, Myra was asked to create a folk music program for the Performing Arts School of Worcester; she is also a certified Suzuki violin instructor. She developed a group, the *Frog Point Fiddlers*, devoted to children and their love of the music. The Worcester area group is given the opportunity to learn and perform together in an environment which encourages performance.

Ms. MacLeod brings an accessible, grass roots approach to music making.

**Fiddle Workshop:** Monday–Thursday August 4-7, 2014, 1-4 PM

**Contra Dance:** Friday, August 8, 2014, 6PM

Students ages 8-16 are invited to fill the barn at the Willard House with music! This workshop, conducted by fiddle and violin teacher, Myra MacLeod, is designed for students who can read music, who have a few years of experience, and would appreciate the chance to play in a unique context. For registration, contact Apple Tree Arts, 508-839-4286

**Cost:** \$150, includes instruction, use of museum facilities, and the opportunity to perform at the community Contra Dance in the Barn.

### 2015 is the 100th Anniversary of Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

I invite members to help create and produce several celebratory events, showcasing English Dancing, the Society's history, and its connection to Boston history.

Anyone interested in participating please contact Judy Erickson at [judyericks@comcast.net](mailto:judyericks@comcast.net) or [president@cds-boston.org](mailto:president@cds-boston.org).

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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, dance 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 for most events.

### Next CDS Boston Center Newsletter submission deadline:

August 4, 2014

mailing is usually about 10 days after the deadline

### To update the CDS Boston Web pages

General CDS Boston site,  
English Dance Committee pages,  
Special Events, Camp Sessions:  
Christine Robb [webmaster@cds-boston.org](mailto:webmaster@cds-boston.org)

CDS Boston ECD Collection recordings:  
Dan Pearl [daniel\\_pearl@yahoo.com](mailto:daniel_pearl@yahoo.com)

### 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](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 internet 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)

## Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc. Officers, Directors, and non-board offices

As of April 2013

### Term Limits:

President: Two terms. Typically a four-year series of presidential offices: President Elect (1 year), President (2 years), Past President (1 year).

Other Board offices: Limit of three complete two-year terms.

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

### Board Members

- 1) 2015 Mark Ward - Term #2
- 2) 2015 Jaqueline Barnard - Term #2
- 3) 2015 Jeremy Carter-Gordon - Term #1
- 4) 2015 Hal Wagner - Term #1
- 5) 2015 vacant
- 6) 2016 Florentina Corbescu
- 7) 2016 Mies Boet -Term #3\*
- 8) 2016 Deborah Kruskal - Term #1
- 9) 2016 Miriam Newman - Term #2
- 10) 2016 vacant

### Board Officers

- 11) 2015 President: Judy Erickson - Term #1
- 12) 2016 Vice Pres: Diane Gonzales- Term #1
- 13) 2015 Treasurer: Ruth Reiner - Term #3\*
- 14) 2015 Clerk: Nora Smith - Term #2
- 15) 2015 President-Elect: Judy Erickson

### Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

### Nominating Committee

*Member Elected, Board Nominates (3 year terms)*

- 2) 2015 vacant
- 3) 2016 vacant
- 3) 2017 vacant

*Board Elected, from the Board (2 year terms)*

- 4) 2015 vacant
- 5) 2016 vacant

### Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative

*CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects*

- 1) 2016 Mark Ward: Term #3\* (three-year term)

### Call for Nominations to the CDS-Boston Board

Directors and officers serve two-year terms. The Board usually meets 6 or 7 times per year, 3 in the fall and 3 or 4 in the winter and spring. Board committees include Finance, Operations, Development, and Nominating. The board can appoint to vacant positions at any time.

If you would like to nominate someone interested in serving on the Board of Directors (you can nominate yourself, too), or would like information on serving on the Board, please contact any current Board member (listed on the website), or email [nominations@cds-boston.org](mailto:nominations@cds-boston.org).

## Labor Day at Pinewoods Camp

The following poem was written on a record-breaking cold day at the end of May, when the author's thoughts turned to the purportedly imminent "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer."

This is an amended version of the poem that appeared in the Folk Arts Center of New England's May 28, 2014 Updates email newsletter.

Summer's finally here! (You can tell if you look out:  
Sleeting rain, dropping temps – 'tis the season they do shout.)  
But let's not be controlled by weather's vicissitudes  
Let's not allow ourselves to swing wildly in our moods.

Let's think, instead, about the fun that this season brings  
Like Pinewoods sessions, outdoor dances, and other stellar things.  
Labor Day at Pinewoods Camp still has room to grow;  
Look at your schedule, make some room, and see if you could go!

Should we talk about a season's end that's barely yet begun  
But 'twould be unfair to you to not talk about the fun,  
That happens 'tween and 'twixt the ponds at Labor Day Weekend -  
This is the place to be with friends and your worries to suspend.

We have a staff second to none, with callers Lisa and Bruce.  
Leading American and English dance amidst the pines and spruce.  
International is led by Marcie, with Patrick, Barb and Julia  
Lots of fun, sometimes confusing, with rhythms that can fool ya!

Coincidence is the real deal – you won't cry bologna  
With members Susan, the two Erics, and, of course, there's Tony!  
What would English music be without our fave fiddler Vince  
He's put together a wonderful band, really, he's a prince!

On the stage he will be joined by Julie, Barb and Doug  
Together they'll play fine tunes that will help you cut the rug!  
For more details (like last names) check out the web page now  
Sign up soon for we are sure camp will be great, and how!!

-- *Marcie Van Cleave*



Labor Day at Pinewoods Camp

**web page:** <http://tinyurl.com/lsl4kx>

**online registration form:**

<http://tinyurl.com/PW-LaborDay-2014>

### English-Scottish Session at Pinewoods Camp – Space is still available!

Space is still available at the English-Scottish Session at Pinewoods Camp, July 7-11!

Join us for four nights of wonderful English, Scottish, and ritual dancing to the music of Dave Wiesler and friends. Teachers include Barbara Finney, Anna Rain, Michael Gorin, Mel Briscoe, and Robert McOwen. Visit [www.cds-boston.org/ess/ess.html](http://www.cds-boston.org/ess/ess.html) for more information and to register!



## Square Dancing is Big and Country Dance Society Boston is not to be left out of the dancing!

In the early 1940's some members of the Society decided to visit Nelson, New Hampshire to dance first hand to Ralph Page. Ralph would call for the Society for many years on the drop-in dance nights.

Minutes 3/3/1941

Lloyd Shaw Lecture – April 22

Dr. Lloyd Shaw of Colorado Springs is to give a demonstration - Lecture on Cowboy Dances at the Y.W.C.A., Boston, on April 22nd. The Committee decided that the Society should take a block of 50 \$1.00 seats. Mr. Sharples said that Belmont square Dancers would take 50 more. The fee, for Dr. Shaw is \$200.00. It was suggested that it would be helpful if our teachers and demonstrators would have a chance to meet and talk with Dr. Shaw. Evelyn Wells was requested to write to Dr. Shaw informing him that our Society has been organized 25 years, that we are supporting his performance and would be glad to have a chance to have such a meeting with him.

Meeting adjourned.

1942

Miss Chapin called at the Halloween Party at the United Shoe Machinery Company at their Club House in Beverly. They sold 700 tickets for the Halloween Party which was not primarily a square dance, but square dances were introduced during the evening and a small group, who had had previous instruction by Miss Chapin was very enthusiastic over square dancing. It is believed there is a very good nucleus with which to work among the U.S.M.C. employees.

Miss Chapin called a square dancing during Christmas holidays at Temple Place Service Men's Center, and Mrs. Malcolm McNair continued this work once a week for the balance of the season. Miss Chapin also called at the Temple Place Service Men's Center several times during the summer. Irvin Davis has taught a group in his church at Arlington Heights.

1944

Mrs. Storrow is now in charge of square dancing for the New England U.S.O.

The office has received requests from U.S.O. and others for callers, and the committee thought that this would be an opportunity for the Country Dance Society to assist in directing square dance evenings. An appropriation up to \$50.00 was voted to provide for a normal course in calling for a selected group of dancers who could be called upon for such occasions. Miss Chapin is to arrange the details, and will welcome suggestions from the members.

And it should come as no surprise that Louise Chapin not only leads in teaching and calling square dances but is present as a member of the first committee organized for the Fall Folk Festival (*what we all now know the as New England Folk Festival*).

### CHAPTER 14 AMERICAN SQUARE DANCING

(leading up to the Thursday Night "DROP INS" and since 19 "NEW ENGLAND SQUARES AND CONTRAS")

At first the "Drop-Ins" were held every other Thursday and then for several years the first and third Thursdays were for beginners and the second and fourth Thursdays for Advanced.

These dances were held at The Brimmer School at 69 Brimmer Street - just around the corner from the Country Dance Society office at 87 Beacon Street.

They were called "Drop-Ins" because they differed from the English Dance Classes where one usually paid for a Series of Ten Lessons.



# Boston Centre Program

Info: [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org) — (781)-591-2372

Park Avenue Congregational Church, Park Avenue and Paul Revere Road, Arlington Heights  
Church of Our Saviour, Carlton and Monmouth Sts., Brookline  
Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA

## 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 before the dance at 7:10.

Newcomers and students \$4  
Members \$7, Non-members \$9  
12 admission Dance Card \$75

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.

The summer series will be July 9 - August 20 for 2014  
See flyer for performers and location details.

## First Fridays for Experienced Dancers

October through May  
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 English 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)

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## English Country & Contra Dancing in Canada *originally compiled by George A. Fogg*

English Country & Contra Dancing in Canada as gleaned from "Folk Dancer" – [www.ofda.ca](http://www.ofda.ca) - and from growing contributions of listings

**Toronto** – English Country. 1st Saturday each month and special events. Toronto English Country Dancers (TECD). St. Barnabas Church Hall, 361 Danforth Ave. enter on Hampton Ave. [www.torontoenglishdance.ca](http://www.torontoenglishdance.ca)

Contras. Mainly contras, Islington Seniors Centre, 4968 Dundas St. Various Sundays.  
Info: Ann Logan 905-709-9241

Contras. Toronto Country Dancers. 2d, 4th & 5th Saturdays. 7:30-10:30 pm. Basics 7 pm. \$10 (Member \$8) St. Barnabas Church Hall, 175 Hampton Ave., Info: Susan 416-532-2025 [www.tcdance.org](http://www.tcdance.org)

Friday – English Country Dance, Ralph Thornton Centre, 765 Queen St East, 6:30 – 9 pm. Free.  
Contact: Maxine Louie at [maxine.louie@gmail.com](mailto:maxine.louie@gmail.com)

**Hamilton** — Contra dance third Saturdays. Erskine Presbyterian Church, 19 Pearl St N (near King, entrance on Morden). 8—10.30pm, Oct/Nov/Jan/Mar. \$7.00. Info: [www.hamiltoncontra.ca](http://www.hamiltoncontra.ca)

Contras and English Country. First Saturday, 8—11 pm. All Saints Church, corner of King and Queen Sts. Info: [www.hwcn.org/link/jig](http://www.hwcn.org/link/jig),

**Peterborough** — English Country and Contra. 3rd Saturday. George St. United Church, [www.pecd.org](http://www.pecd.org)  
Auditorium. 534 George St. N. 8 pm. Contact: Kate Jarrett 705-876-1082

**Kitchener** – English Country – Last Saturday of month. Info: [www.kweglishdance.ca/home](http://www.kweglishdance.ca/home)

**London** – some Sundays Christ Anglican Church, 138 Wellington St (at Hill), 2—4:30pm. Music: New Rigged Ship. Info: 519-439-3622 or 519-433-1834

**Ottawa** – Contras. 1st/3rd Saturday and 4th Tuesday plus special events. [www.ottawacontra.ca](http://www.ottawacontra.ca)

English Country Fridays and 1st & 4th Wednesdays. Ottawa English Country Dance Club. Orange Hall, 41 Rosemount Ave. Info: Mary Williams 613.839.1637 [mary@geniuses.ca](mailto:mary@geniuses.ca), [www.ottawaenglishdance.org](http://www.ottawaenglishdance.org)

**Owen Sound** – Contras. Fiddlefern Dancers. 1st Saturdays, varying callers, live bands.

Info: Kris 519-376-7955, [keosar@bmts.com](mailto:keosar@bmts.com), [www.getfor.com/Pages/fiddleferndances](http://www.getfor.com/Pages/fiddleferndances)

### Montreal

Monthly english. various Sundays. taught in English. Contact Sara Lawson [skgl@sympatico.ca](mailto:skgl@sympatico.ca)

Weekly english dance, francophone. web site-dmij.net

Monthly english dance, francophone, contact Arduina at [arduinaa@yahoo.com](mailto:arduinaa@yahoo.com)

Monthly contra, web site [sean@contramontreal.org](http://sean@contramontreal.org)

As our space is limited in this New England publication please consult and contribute to this page for further listings: [contradancelinks.com/canada.html](http://contradancelinks.com/canada.html)

# 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.  
Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington St, Watertown  
7:45-10:15 pm. Live music \$9. \$5.  
[cambridgeclass@rscdsboston.org](mailto:cambridgeclass@rscdsboston.org),  
<http://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](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>

## Tuesdays - continued

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/](http://www.lcfd.org/bgfe/)  
Info: Janet (617) 522-2216 or John (617) 512-5554

## Thursdays

New England Contrás & 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](http://www.neffa.org/Thurs.html)

## Fridays

1st Fridays Oct – May. Challenging Contrás at the  
Concord Scout House. 8–11PM. For experienced  
dancers. \$9.  
[www.tiac.net/~mabaker/challenging-contras.html](http://www.tiac.net/~mabaker/challenging-contras.html)

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@comcast.net](mailto:RoaringJelly@comcast.net), <http://roaringjelly.org>

## Saturdays

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/](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 Contra Dances, Melrose Unitarian  
Universalist Church, 70 W. Emerson St., Melrose. \$6.  
7-10 PM. \*\* Check web site or by email for current  
dance info: [Cammydance@earthlink.net](mailto:Cammydance@earthlink.net) or  
<http://mysite.verizon.net/manystings6/dance/> \*\*

4th Saturday Sept. through June Walter Lenk with  
Debby Knight and Jack O'Connor. New England  
Contrás and Squares, 8-11 PM. Cambridge Friends  
School, 5 Cadbury Road, Cambridge, MA. \$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)

1st & 3rd Sunday Contra Dance. Masonic Hall in  
Porter Square, Cambridge, MA. 7:30-10:30  
and cost \$5-\$10 (sliding scale). Introductory workshop  
at 7pm, first night is free if you come by 7PM.  
Boston Intergenerational Dance Advocates.  
[www.bidadance.org](http://www.bidadance.org)

2nd Sundays Mostly Waltz for Boston, Waltzes &  
other couple dances

2-5:30 PM selected Sundays, November through June  
Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord, MA  
Admission \$12 • FAC members \$10 • Young adults \$6  
Your second time attending Mostly Waltz is FREE!  
Beginners, experienced dancers, singles, and couples  
are all welcome!  
<http://www.facone.org/programs/mostlywaltz.html>

"Kids: they dance before they learn there is  
anything that isn't music"

*William Edgar Stafford*

## Outside the Boston Area - "check the web site or call before you travel"

### English Country Dance

#### Massachusetts

##### South Amherst Mondays & Saturdays,

Munson Library

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

1st Saturdays. First Saturday English Country Dance. A fun evening welcoming to all. Led by Graham Christian and Mary Jones with live music. 7:30 - 10:30, \$8. Info: [www.amherstecd.org](http://www.amherstecd.org)

##### •• NEW English Country Dance Venue ••

Sundays - 3:30-5:30 pm -\$8.00

All Saints Episcopal Church,  
44 Park Ave., Whitman, MA.

Info: Priscilla Borden, 508-451-9301  
[ArachneAS@aol.com](mailto:ArachneAS@aol.com)

#### 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](http://Kingstonenglishcountrydance.org) or call 401-539-3009.

June 14 Joanna Reiner with Jean Monroe & Julia Hartman

July 12 Jacqueline Schwab calling and playing

#### New Hampshire — First Saturdays

First Saturdays. Deerfield, NH in the historic Town Hall on Church Street through June 2014, 8-11pm, \$8, Info: Rickey 603-679-1915

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](mailto:dave@NHECDS.org) 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

##### Amherst most Wednesdays (except 2nd)

##### Bring your friends

7:30-10:30PM, lesson 7PM.

Masonic Lodge, 99 Main St. Amherst. \$10, Students \$8, High School \$6. [www.amherstcontra.org](http://www.amherstcontra.org)

##### Cape Cod, Saturdays

General information for Cape Cod dances at [www.capecontra.org](http://www.capecontra.org) or 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

##### Greenfield, Fridays, Saturdays and some Sundays

401 Chapman St. [www.guidingstargrange.org](http://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>

##### South Amherst, 4th Saturday Sept. — 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](mailto: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](http://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@ethanhv.com](mailto:ethan@ethanhv.com) or call 802-257-9234. <http://brattcontra.org/>

*January 13, 1943*  
**Country Dance  
 Friday Evening**

The Boston Center of the Country Dance Society will have another of its country dances Friday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock in the auditorium of the Russell School, Grozier road, Cambridge. The early part of the program will consist of English country dances and the latter part of American square and contras.

A short demonstration will be given and the dancers taking part will include Miss Marjorie Crandall, Miss Maud Gillespie, Miss Margaret Haskell, Miss Betty Sears, Miss Adrienne Smith, Miss Mary Van Ness, Mr. William Beers, Mr. Irvin M. Davis, Mr. James Garfield, Mr. Edward P. Goodnow, Mr. Alexander E. Hoyle and Mr. A. C. Wilkinson.

Mrs. A. Graham Carey and Mrs. Malcolm McNair will be hostesses, and the ushers, headed by Mr. Goodnow, will be Mr. Beers, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lisenard B. Phister and Mr. H. Mortimer Summers.

**Lincoln's Birthday  
 Country Dance 2/12/43**

Especially appropriate for Lincoln's Birthday is the party which the Boston Center of the Country Dance Society will hold in the gymnasium of the Teachers' College, at Longwood and Huntington avenues, from 8 to 11:30 tomorrow evening. Quadrilles and contras, typical of the county dances of Lincoln's birthplace in Kentucky, will be included on the program with polkas, schottisches and the Varsouvienne.

Reservations for this dance, for which Ralph Page will come from

Nelson, N. H., with his orchestra to be the caller, may be made at the Society's office, 87 Beacon street. The ushers for the evening will be under the direction of Mr. Philip P. Sharples assisted by Mr. Irvin M. Davis, Mr. Martin Markham, Mr. Frederick P. Spalding, Mr. H. Mortimer Summers, Mr. A. C. Wilkinson and Mr. William Latady.

*Sent to Monitor Globe, Herald*

*Friday, March 19, 1943*

**Country Dance  
 Friday Evening**

The Boston Center of the Country Dance Society will hold its fourth dance of the season Friday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock in the gymnasium of the Latin School, corner of Huntington and Longwood avenues. Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Ethel P. Coty and Miss Marjorie Hurd, and the ushers will be Mr. Irvin M. Davis, Mr. Alexander E. Hoyle, Mr. Philip P. Sharples and Mr. John C. West. The program will include English country, American Square and Contra, the Varsouvienne and a short demonstration under the direction of Louise Chapin.

**Square Dance Will  
 Be Held Tonight**

Any one interested in country dancing will be welcomed at the Square Dance which is to be held from 8:15 to 11:30 this evening by the Boston Center of the Country Dance Society in the gymnasium of the Teachers College at the corner of Huntington and Longwood avenues. Mr. Ralph Page will come from Nelson, N. H., to be the caller and his orchestra will play for this dance benefitting the Center.

Quadrilles and contras will be included on the program with polkas, schottisches and the Varsouvienne. The ushers, headed by Mr. Philip P. Sharples, will be Mr. Irvin M. Davis, Mr. Alexander Hoyle, Mr. Martin Markham, Mr. H. Mortimer Summers, Mr. John C. West and Mr. A. C. Wilkinson. *B Herald*

February 12, 1943

**SQUARE DANCE**

Admission, \$0.68

Gov. Tax, .07

Total, \$0.75

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**† Copley Plaza**

**Country Dancers  
 To Close Season**

The Boston Center of The Country Dance Society will close its regular season tomorrow with the annual party for its members on the estate of Mrs. James J. Storrow, Sr., in Lincoln. The dancers will arrive by train and on bicycles. There will be dancing outdoors in the afternoon followed by a picnic supper. In case of rain, the party will be held in the Lincoln Town Hall.

The ushers, under the direction of Mr. Frank S. Carroll, will be Mr. Irvin R. Davis, Mr. Edward P. Goodnow and Mr. Philip P. Sharples.

*Friday April 30, 1943*  
**Friday Evening**

The United States Embassy staff planned a reception in his honor this afternoon. *BOSTON GLOBE*

**Boston Square Dance  
 Friday Evening**

The Boston Centre of the Country Dance Society will have a square dance Friday evening from 8:15 to 11:30 in the gymnasium of Teachers' College, Huntington and Longwood avs. Ralph Page of Nelson, N. H., will be the caller, and his orchestra will provide the music.

The ushers, under the direction of Philip P. Sharples, will be Irvin M. Davis, Alexander E. Hoyle, Martin Markham, H. Mortimer Summers, John C. West and A. C. Wilkinson.

April 30, 1943

**SQUARE DANCE**

Admission, \$0.68

Gov. Tax, .07

Total, \$0.75

**SQUARE DANCE**

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TO

CECIL SHARP HOUSE

ON TUESDAY, 21st JUNE, 1949

THE PRINCESS MARGARET'S FANCY  
(SQUARE DANCE)

- A INTRODUCTION. Take hands and balance to centre and back ; ladies are passed on one place counter-clockwise ; repeat to places.
- B TWO-STEP " PROMENADE." Partners take inside hands, point one foot, draw back and step forward three. Partners swing, moving half round set. Repeat two-step and " promenade " to places.
- C MILLWHEEL. Ladies to the centre and, resting right hands on the shoulder of dancer in front, move round clockwise to places while men move round counter-clockwise. On meeting, partners turn with the left arm half-way round and the Millwheel is repeated with men inside (clockwise) and ladies outside (counter-clockwise).
- D CHASSÉE. All hold partners in waltz position and chassée twice to the centre, then swing (two step) back to places. Repeat chassée and swing to places.
- A LEADING COUPLE. One couple only, swing (two-step) inside the set and then, making an arch, the leading lady passes outside the other couples, her partner remaining in the centre of the set, while the other couples bend as the arch passes over their heads, and clap in time.
- B STRIP THE WILLOW. The leading couple turn each other by the right arm and then the lady turns the second man by the left. She returns to her partner for the right arm turn and then turns the third man by the left, repeating the movement with the fourth man, always turning her partner by the right.

- A 1 & 2 INTRODUCTION
  - B 1 & 2 TWO-STEP PROMENADE
  - A 1 & 2 LEADING COUPLE WALTZ THE SET AND PROMENADE OVER THE TOP
  - B 1 & 2 STRIP THE WILLOW
  - C 1 & 2 MILLWHEEL
  - D 1 & 2 CHASSÉE
- REPEAT A—D for each couple in turn
- A 1 & 2 INTRODUCTION
  - B 1 & 2 TWO-STEP PROMENADE

*Mrs. West*



ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS' CLUB  
12 ARLINGTON STREET  
BOSTON

May 22, 1944

Mrs. Chapin  
Country Dance Society  
87 Beacon St.  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Chapin:

At a meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd, we talked over the idea of continuing the Square Dancing at the Club through June, and we feel that the weather will be too warm for it during the summer months.

We hope that you feel the dances have been as much a success as we do. In the autumn I shall get in touch with you to see if we should continue the parties again in the cooler weather.

Will you please send your account to me personally at 12 Arlington Street.

Very truly yours,

*Dorothy West*

Mrs. George S. West

D. W. / G.

May 26, 1944

Mrs. George S. West,  
Army & Navy Officers' Club,  
12 Arlington Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. West:

Thank you for your nice note of May 22d. Your decision not to continue the dancing during the warmer summer months seems a wise one.

I am delighted that you feel that the dances were successful. The officers who took part seemed to enjoy them immensely. I think that there would be enthusiasm for square dancing again in the cooler weather in the autumn. I shall anticipate hearing from you, as you suggest, at that time.

I am enclosing a bill, as you requested.

Yours very truly,

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*Rabindranath Tagore*

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Boston Centre Board, please  
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