

CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Spring 2017

July 4th Weekend at Pinewoods June 29th to July 3rd

We all need something good to look forward to, and July 4th Session at Pinewoods is it! This classic Boston Centre Weekend at Pinewoods is one of the most popular events of the year. We arrive at camp on Thursday night and dance through the weekend at daytime classes and evening parties.

We are very excited about our staff this year. The English Dance program features the amazing Joanna Reiner and Barbara Finney. Lisa Greenleaf is back by popular demand to lead the American Dancing. For our English Ritual Dance program we are excited to announce that we are bringing Chris Cartridge over from England to teach Longsword and Rapper. Chris currently dances and tommys for Sallyport Sword Dancers and Newcastle Kingsmen Sword, and he is very excited to come to Pinewoods for his first time and to share his knowledge and enthusiasm with our dance community here. We are also pleased to announce that the springy and spirited Nathaniel Diamond-Jones will be joining us to teach a Cotswold Morris class. Rebecca McGowan will bring something new to the weekend, Sean-No s Irish Step. She will also be leading a fun and energetic Irish Sets workshop! Members of Anadama, our fabulous contra dance band, will be leading a Band workshop-- so bring your instruments! Jamie Beaton will lead Porch Singing, this year joined by Natty Smith! Missing John Mayberry? Never fear, the Bolero Brothers still have something up their sleeve for skit night. And last, but most certainly not least, the fabulous Miss Laura Sprung is bringing her fantastic crafting skills to share.

Our musical staff is brilliant as always featuring Karen Axelrod, Kate Barnes, Anna Patton and Ethan Hazzard-Watkins as well as the exciting contra-dance band Anadama **July 4** - *continued p. 3*

Swing Into Summer at Pinewoods

We're so excited to be putting on another wonderful program of music, dance, and all-around fun at Swing into Summer this year, June 16-18, 2017. Our all-star staff includes Nova (Kathleen Fownes, Guillaume Sparrow-Pepin, and Everest Witman) playing for contras, with Kate Barnes and Lydia Ievins playing for English. Last year the number one thing people told us they were interested in was Scandinavian Dance, so we'll have Lydia Ievins and Andrea Larson playing for our Scandi dances with various workshops sprinkled in. And that's just the dancing!

We also have the Vox Hunters (Armand Aromin and Benedict Gagliardi) coming to do some singing workshops with us, as well as shape note sessions and our legendary pub sing. And that's just the music!

Aside from all that, we have the wonderful ponds and food of Pinewoods, and plan to fill our other free moments with other workshops, a table-top game session, various beverage tastings, art-by-the pond, and general joviality!

We've again filled past our capacity in just a month of having registration open, but currently have a short waitlist, so hurry over to sign up if you'd like to have a shot at attending this year, and keep your eyes peeled for another incredible slate next year. You can find us on facebook and at swingintosummer.org to keep up to date!

Ben Williams, Sis Committee

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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.

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 in the above left corner.

Board Meetings

All meetings are open, and CDS-BC members are welcome. Please ask a board member or officer (see p. 2) for date, time, and place or call the office.

To Contact the Editor

If you are planning an event, write it up! Send articles, poems, listings and photos by e-mail to: editor@cds-boston.org

Our next newsletter deadline is approximately **April 23, 2016** mailing is usually 10–14 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

CDS Boston ECD Collection recordings:
Dan Pearl daniel_pearl@yahoo.com

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

As of May 2016

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) 2017 Mark Ward - Term #3*
- 2) 2017 John Hostage - Term #1
- 3) 2017 Hal Wagner - Term #2
- 4) 2017 vacant
- 5) 2017 vacant
- 6) 2018 Florentina Corbescu - Term #2
- 7) 2018 Tom Roby - Term #1
- 8) 2018 Jean Monroe - Term #1
- 9) 2018 vacant
- 10) 2018 vacant

Board Officers

- 11) 2018 President: Ruth Reiner - Term #1
- 12) 2018 Vice Pres: Miriam Newman - Term #1
- 13) 2018 Treasurer: Diane Gonzales - Term #1
- 14) 2017 Clerk: Deborah Kruskal - Term #1
- 15) 2017 Past-President: Judy Erickson

Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

Nominating Committee

Member Elected, Board Nominates (three-year terms)

- 2) 2017 vacant
- 3) 2018 vacant
- 3) 2019 vacant

Board Elected, from the Board (two-year terms)

- 4) 2017 Judy Erickson
- 5) 2018 vacant

Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative

CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects

- 1) 2019 Eileen Callahan - Term #1* (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 above or on the website), or email nominations@cds-boston.org.

July 4 - *continued from cover*
featuring Amelia Mason, Bethany Waickman
and Emily Troll.

There will be the usual gatherings of after-parties, tea-parties, cocktail parties and general merriment. We can't wait to relax, dance and enjoy life at Pinewoods with you all! Please join us!

To register, go to the Boston Centre website to find more information and a link to the on-line registration.

*Erika Roderick and Peter Kruskal
Co-Chairs July 4th Weekend*



Photos by A. Ferguson: July 4th & ESS, 1988



HOWARD S. LIPKIN (1937-2016)

Howard (Howie) Lipkin, age 79, died from a tragic traffic accident while crossing a street with his step-daughter in Watertown, MA on November 28, 2016. This was only two days after the death of his wife, Mary Ann Monheimer, to whom he had been giving lovingly devoted care.



Howie significantly touched the lives of his many clients, co-workers, relatives and friends. He is vibrantly remembered for his generosity, warmth and kindness, his silly jokes and refreshingly liberal take on politics, his skill as a psychotherapist and social work clinician, his union activism, his love of traditional dance and music, his fiddle playing, his gorgeous singing voice, his delightful quirkiness and his enchanting and magical interactions with children. With Howie gone, the world lost a true mensch.

Howard was born January 3, 1937, graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in 1954 and Brooklyn College in 1959. From 1962-1964, Howard was a Personnel Psychology Specialist in the US Army. He later worked at the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped for 14 years, assisting visually-impaired people to secure benefits. In NYC, he

took part in CDSS activities, warmly welcoming newcomers and hosting numerous potlucks at his studio apartment in Chelsea before dances.

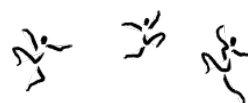
In 1983, Howard moved to Boston to attend the Simmons College School of Social Work. He received his MSW degree in 1985 and worked as a social worker in Boston. In 1990, Howard joined Tri-City Community Mental Health and Retardation Center in Lynn, now known as the Lynn Clinic of Eliot Community Human Services (ECHS). As a psychotherapist, Howard dealt with disorders involving personality, mood, anxiety, substance abuse and mental illness. He was truly devoted to his clients, for example, giving out his home and cell numbers so that he was reachable at any time, paying for clients' taxi fares so that they could get to their appointments. Many clients were with him for decades, and were exceptionally devoted to him in return.

At Tri-City Howie met Mary Ann, a fellow counselor. They married in 1997. Mary Ann was the much beloved love of Howie's life. True soul mates, they took long walks along the Charles River, attended Pinewoods Camp (First Weekend, Family Week, July 4th and Labor Day Weekends) and lived life with humor.

Howie's humor is generally the first thing one noticed when meeting him. It is funny, a bit quirky, and often bold and outrageous. At Pinewoods he was typically seen serving breakfast with cheer, wearing a cap with a fake ponytail over his smooth head. He delighted scores of children over the years with his engaging and fantastical stories.

At the time of his death, Howie was active and healthily fit. He biked miles to appointments and regularly loaded his bicycle with heavy packs of artisanal treats for Mary Ann and friends. He was still counseling clients four days a week at the Lynn Clinic of ECHS, and as typical, was generously giving of his time and spirit.

A memorial site for Howard is at www.never-gone.com. Two scholarship funds are in the process of being set up to honor him. Donations in Howard's name can be made either to the Lynn Clinic of the Eliot Community Human Services www.eliotchs.org/donate or to Pinewoods Camp, Inc. www.pinewoods.org/support-pinewoods/donate.



Park Avenue Congregational Church, Park Avenue and Paul Revere Road, Arlington Heights
Church of Our Saviour, Carlton and Monmouth Sts., Brookline
First Unitarian Society of Newton, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton, MA
Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord, MA
Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA

English Country Dance

Wednesdays

September through June
Park Ave. Congregational Church,
7:30–10:30PM;

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, and 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.

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

ESC (English-Scottish-Contra) week returns to Pinewoods, July 3-7!

ESC Week offers a satisfying sampling of favorite dance traditions—English country, Scottish country, Contra and American, Ritual, Step—plus music, singing, games, and camper-led fun that's sure to delight!

Dance to the glorious calling and teaching Joanna Reiner Wilkinson, Linda Henderson, Sue Rosen, and Chris Cartridge, and the thrilling music of Karen Axelrod, Ethan Hazzard-Watkins, Tim MacDonald, Anna Patton, Neil Pearlman, Laura Risk, and Jeremy Ward! With piping by Dan Emery!

Information is available online:
www.cds-boston.org/esc/esc.html
or our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/events/1842712869324266/

Registration is open:
<https://goo.gl/forms/YQlu31bPLaMSVCww2>

Experienced English Country Dance Series

Fridays and Saturdays
October through May, 7:30–10:30 PM

Saturday, 10/1/2016, West Newton
Friday, 11/4/2016, Brookline
Saturday, 12/3/2016, Concord
Friday, 1/6/2017, Brookline
Saturday, 2/4/2017, Concord
Friday, 3/3/2017, Brookline
Saturday, 4/1/2017, West Newton
Saturday, 5/6/2017, West Newton

A more challenging evening of the English Country Dance tradition's beloved classics and exciting newer dances, with the same great callers and musicians. Dances will be taught, but attendees should be familiar with all basic figures and expect to learn dances quickly; some dances may be done after a talk-through only.

Admission is \$10 for CDS members, \$12 for non-members, and \$5 for students. For directions or more information, visit the Boston Centre website www.cds-boston.org or call Deb Karl at (617) 721-0600.

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. Students \$5.
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. \$8-\$10, MIT & Wellesley students free,
other students \$5. Prospective callers & musicians, con-
tact fdc-request@mit.edu or (617) 354-0864.
Info: (617) 354-0864 <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

Tuesdays

Irish Sets at the Can-Am Club, 202 Arlington St.
Watertown, Oct-May,
<http://cceboston.org/branch-activities/> 7.30-9pm, \$7,
teaching by Sally Harney to recorded music.

Thursdays

New England Contrás & Squares.

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

Fridays

1st Fridays Oct – May

Challenging Contrás at the Concord Scout House. 8-
11PM. For experienced dancers. \$10, under 21 \$8.
www.tiac.net/~mabaker/challenging-contras.html

2nd Fridays Sept – June

Contrás, Squares, & Couple Dances. Unitarian Church,
27 School St, Carlisle MA 8-10:00 PM, potluck at 6:30.
Sue Rosen, Walter Lenk with the Carlisle Band. \$6. Info:
(617) 547-7781 www.configular.com

Renaissance Dance 3rd Fridays, Sept – May
7:30-10pm, First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St.
\$10, Music by Renaissonics. 617-460-4653
tysontsurantani@gmail.com,
<http://renaissonics.weebly.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,
<http://roaringjelly.org>

Saturdays

1st Saturday Oct - June

Contra Dance Berlin, MA, 8-11 PM,
Admission: \$5 per person or \$12 max per family
Berlin 1870 Town Hall,
2nd floor, 12 Woodward Ave. Info: 978-838-0044
<http://webpages.charter.net/brlncountryorch/>

2nd & 4th Sat. Sept - June, plus 4th Sat. July

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

4th Saturday Sept – May

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

Sundays

Scottish Country Dance. Sept. – May, 6:30-8:30 PM
The Parish House, Church of Our Saviour, 25 Monmouth
Street, Brookline, MA (Evelyn Murray, 617-864-8945;
Heather Day, 617-244-6914) \$5 donation.
www.rscdsboston.org/classes-listing.html

1st & 3rd Sunday - year 'round

Contra Dance - Masonic Hall in Porter Square,
Cambridge, MA. 7:30-10:30
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

Mostly 2nd Sundays Nov – June

Mostly Waltz for Boston, Waltzes & other couple dances
2-5:30 PM selected Sundays,
Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord, MA
Admission \$12 • Folk Arts Center members \$10 • Young
adults \$6.
Your second time attending Mostly Waltz is FREE!
Beginners, experienced dancers, singles, and
couples are all welcome!
www.facone.org/programs/mostlywaltz.html

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

English Country Dance

Massachusetts

South Amherst Mondays & Saturdays,

* All South Amherst dances are at Munson Library*
Mondays

Robin Hayden with live music. sliding scale \$7-10.
Info: Robin at (413) 695-2024, www.amherstecd.org
2nd Saturdays. Second 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

3rd Saturdays. Pleasures of the Town English Country
Dance. 7:30-10:30 PM. Music, Joyce Crouch, piano,
& Doug Creighton, flute & melodeon, with guest musi-
cians. \$9, \$10 supporters, \$7 students.
Info: (413) 549-4123 Joyce Crouch,
www.amherstecd.org

Rhode Island - Saturdays Sept.—July

Kingston English Country Dance, South Kingstown
Land Trust, 17 Matunuck Beach Road,
South Kingstown, Rhode Island. Potluck at 6pm, danc-
ing 7:30 to 10:30pm. General admission: \$10; members
of CDS Boston Centre and South Kingstown Land Trust,
\$8. Directions and info: Kingstonenglishcountrydance.org
or call 401-539-3009.

New Hampshire

Sunday afternoons English Country 2:30—4:30

RSCDS Scottish Country Dancing 4:30—6:30

69 Washington Street, Keene, NH, \$5.00
September 11 & 25, November 12, 20 & 27,
December 11 Christmas Party
Priscilla Borden and guest callers, Musicians TBA
Contact info: Priscilla Borden 508-451-9301
ArachneAS@aol.com

Second Sundays - Sept—June

Concord NH, West St Ward house
41 West St, Concord NH from 6—9 PM.
\$8, \$7 members. Info: Dave Bateman (603) 397-0042,
dave@NHECDS.org. Directions at www.nhecads.org

Connecticut

Fridays — Oct. - April

English Country Dance. New Haven CT.
All dances taught. Beginners welcome. Neighborhood
Music School, 100 Audubon St. New Haven 8:00 p.m.—
10:30 p.m. Admission: \$8 Teaching by Paul McGuire.
Music by Marshall Barron, Grace Feldman, Margaret
Ann Martin and Marshall's English Dance Band
Workshop Info: (203) 776-6929.
newhavenenglishdance.org

Contra Dance

Massachusetts

Amherst most Wednesdays (except 2nd)
7:30—10:30PM, lesson 7PM. *Bring your friends*
Masonic Lodge, 99 Main St. Amherst. \$10-12, Students
\$8, High School \$6. www.amherstcontra.org

Cape Cod, All Four Saturdays, 8—11 pm

Dancing continues through summer
Info at www.capecontra.org or contact shabam@ais.net
3rd Fridays, Sept. - June

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>

South Amherst, 4th Saturday - Sept. — May

Munson Library, 1046 South East St. South Amherst.
7:30-10:30 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
[http://www.wordworthy2.org/Mill_City_Contra_Dance/
Home.html](http://www.wordworthy2.org/Mill_City_Contra_Dance/Home.html)

Kingston, 4th Saturdays, Kingston Town Hall, 163
Main St., 8—11 p.m. \$8. Refreshment Potluck at the
break. Bring snacks to share and water to drink. Please
bring clean soft-soled shoes to dance in. http://www.contradancelinks.com/schedule_NH.html#KingstonNH
For directions or more information, call Glenn at 772-
5355 or glenncopp@rcn.com, Claire at 778-1514, Gale
at 679-5448, or Sarah at 659-5612.

Vermont - Brattleboro, 2nd & 4th Sundays

Sept. - June

Contra Dancing 118 Elliot St., 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 part-
ner necessary. Info email ethan@ethanhw.com or
call 802-257-9234. <http://brattcontra.org/>

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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.

“Lermontov: Why do you want to dance?”

Vicky: Why do you want to live?”

Lermontov: Well, I don’t know exactly why, but... I must.

Vicky: That’s my answer too.”

The Red Shoes

Next CDS Boston Center Newsletter approximate submission deadline:

April 23, 2017

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

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

Boston Centre’s website: www.cds-boston.org Office telephone: **781-591-2372**