



CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Summer 2017

July 4th at Pinewoods – there is still some space left!

Still space left at July 4th? Incredible! Come to Pinewoods for the July 4th weekend and enjoy an amazing group of teachers and musicians for a top-notch session!

Session Dates: June 29-July 3, 2017

Staff:

Joanna Reiner – English Country Dance

Lisa Greenleaf – American Dance

Barbara Finney – English Country Dance

Nathaniel Diamond-Jones – Cotswold Morris

Rebecca McGowan – Irish Sets and Sean-Nós Step Dancing

Jamie Beaton & Natty Smith – Porch Singing

Bethany Waickman and Emily Troll – Band Class

Miss Laura Sprung – Crafts

and all the way from England...

Chris Cartridge – Rapper and Longsword

Music by: Karen Axelrod, Kate Barnes, Anna Patton, Ethan Hazzard-Watkins and Anadama: Amelia Mason, Bethany Waickman and Emily Troll

Visit the CDS-BC website to sign up using our new Google Form format. We hope to see you there!

CDS Boston Centre needs YOU!

CDS Boston Centre members – Your organization needs you! The CDSBC Board will lose several Board members next year including the President, and the Board currently has several Director vacancies.

Please consider participating in the decision-making and running of the group that organizes and sponsors the dances and events we all know and love.

The Board meets monthly for 9 of 12 months (no summer meetings), ensures the fiscal health of CDSBC, approves all camp chairs and budgets, and directs the path of our organization.

Being on the Board is a great way to get involved and join with others to ensure our dance and music is available for generations to come.

Please direct any and all inquiries to me at president@cds-bostoncentre.org. Thank you.



July 4th Weekend at Pinewoods Camp - 2011. Photo by A. Ferguson

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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 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 August 11th.
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

Do you know WordPress? Would you like to help CDS-BC??

Country Dance Society, Boston Centre is looking for someone who knows WordPress to assist our web mistress with maintenance and minor updates to our new webpage. Would you like to put your skills to good use, and help us keep our listings accurate? If so, please send an email to: webmaster@cds-boston.org. Thanks!

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.

Scenes from Past July 4th Weekends at Pinewoods Camp

Photos by A. Ferguson



2017 English Country Dancing Summer Series and Ice Cream Social

We have another great summer series planned for you this summer, for 8 Wednesdays starting on July 5 and running through August 23. We'll have callers from around the US and the UK, with lots of equally great musicians from near and far. And we'll have lots of ice cream in our lovely air conditioned summer home at FUSN in West Newton.

There are two touring nights this summer – Andrew Shaw (UK caller and author of multiple dance books) and Rebecca King (pianist from California) are touring with their hot-off-the-press book and cd, “Elephant Stairs”, and they'll be here on July 12. Val Medve is touring with the band Gotham Carnival (Dominique Gagné on flute, Julia Hartman on violin, and Jean Monroe on piano), and they'll be here on July 19. Robert Moir isn't officially on tour from the

UK, but we're delighted to have him as part of our summer series while he's still in the area after English Week at Pinewoods.

For the full lineup and other details, please see the flyer and our website.

Special Dance Workshop, Wednesday July 12, 5:30-7pm

As part of the “Elephant Stairs” book and cd tour, Andrew Shaw will be calling a special workshop in the late afternoon, before the evening's social dance. The workshop will be geared to experienced dancers, so that we can dive into some of the slightly more challenging material from his new book. The bank parking lot beside the church is available from 5pm.

Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods

Memorial Day is just around the corner but our minds are already eagerly jumping ahead to its counterpart in September when we will be gathering to celebrate Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods.

Starting on Friday afternoon, September 1st, and running through Tuesday breakfast, September 5th, this fun-filled session has a little something for everyone with day time classes and evening programs that combine Contra, English, and International dancing. There will also be plenty of singing, ritual dancing, tea-partying, games playing, and more! Our staff is shaping up to be a tour de talent that you won't want to miss. Dance leaders Marcie Van Cleave and Adina Gordon will keep us all floating on air as we move to the fabulous melodic stylings of Barbara Pixton, Beth Murray, Julia Poirier, Kate Barnes, Patrick Yacono, Vince O'Donnell and additional friends still yet to come. A big part of what makes our weekend special is when YOU take to the stage; be it as an instructor

during a class period or as a performer in our after-party cabaret. If you have an idea for a class you'd like to lead or see someone else lead, let us know and we'll work it into the schedule or you can sign up for a slot when you arrive at camp. There will be plenty of opportunities for spontaneous gatherings throughout the weekend as well as several planned theme parties you won't want to miss.

The best part is that all of this will take place in the idyllic setting of Pinewoods Camp. If you need a break from the dancing and music you can always relax in the shady forest while reading your favorite book or go for a paddle around the pond in a canoe or kayak.

We very much hope that you will join us from Friday afternoon, September 1st, to Tuesday breakfast, September 5th for this year's Labor Day party. Registration is open and available at: <http://www.facone.org/labor-day-weekend/labor-day-weekend-registration.html>

See you in September!

Thank you Cortni, and Hello Lynne!

With this issue of the CDS-BC newsletter, we wish to thank Cortni Frecha for 10+ years of creating, editing, designing, and producing the newsletter for the community. Cortni has faithfully prodded members for articles and flyers, written numerous articles of interest herself, compiled all the news that is fit to print, all as a volunteer service to the greater Boston dance and music community. The Board (and readers too) thank her for keeping us informed of dances, events, and historic

updates. She will not be an easy act to follow!

But . . . luckily, CDS-BC is happy to announce that we have hired a colleague of Cortni, Lynne Fountain, who will take over the task of creating and editing and newsletter, with direct support from Cortni as needed during the transition. Lynne has worked as a freelance designer for 25 years and comes highly recommended by Cortni. Please welcome Lynne to her new position and to our community.

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

September through June
Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church
1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA
7:30 - 9:30PM;

\$7 general, \$6 members,
\$4 students. View flyer for leaders and musicians.
www.cds-boston.org/friday.html

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Experienced English Country Dance Series

**This series is on hiatus for the summer
but it will be back in October!**

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

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.

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>



Kingston, NH 4th Saturdays Dance. See page 7 for details.

Other Regular Boston Area Dances and Events

Monday

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, contact 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, 7.30-9pm, \$7,
<http://cceboston.org/branch-activities/>
Teaching by Sally Harney to recorded music.

Thursdays

New England Contras & 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 Contras 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

Contras, 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

3rd Fridays, Sept – May

Renaissance Dance 7:30-10pm, First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St. \$10, Music by Renaissonics. 617-460-4653 tysonsurantani@gmail.com,
<http://renaissonics.weebly.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>

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 Contras 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

*Your contributions enrich our newsletter,
adding color and flavor. Consider contributing.*

*How about a dance haiku? A sketch done at Pinewoods?
Your favorite photos? Send them along! – Editor*

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 musicians. \$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, dancing 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

Keene, 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

Concord, 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.nhecds.org

Connecticut

New Haven, 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
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

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.

May 27: Chris Ricciotti calling w/Carol Bittenson, Steve Bittenson and Beth Murray

June 24: Caller TBD w/Reelation, July: No dance
August 26: Tod Whittemore calling w/Carol Bittenson and Debbie Knight

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 Street, 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 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.

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



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