



# CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

## Autumn 2018

### Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods Aug 31-Sept 4, 2018

Spend the best part of the summer dancing under the tree canopy at beautiful Pinewoods, where you'll find friendly folk and great food all at a great price. Enjoy a four-night weekend to swim in one of the two fresh water ponds, listen to wonderful musicians, enjoy the calling of Tony Parkes, Marcie Van Cleave, and Mary Jones – or just kick back and relax!

Don't miss the best Labor Day weekend around!

Sponsored by Folk Arts Center of New England and Country Dance Society - Boston Centre.

Information: [fac@facone.org](mailto:fac@facone.org) 781.438.4387

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/PW-Labor-Day-2018>



photo: Sue Flint

### 26th Annual Fall Favorites Dance October 27, 2018

The 26th Annual Fall Favorites English Country Dance Party will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 7:30 – 11:00 pm at the Concord Scout House. Fall Favorites is a highlight of CDS-Boston's fall season and is a dance you won't want to miss: music by Jacqueline Schwab, Mary Lea, and Catherine Miller; teaching by Barbara Finney and Linda Nelson; and you help create the program by nominating your favorite dances.

Dancers registering in advance will save on admission and may nominate five dances for consideration for inclusion in the program. Be sure to get your votes in by October 17th.

#### Admission:

- Members: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door
- Nonmembers: \$14 in advance, \$17 at the door
- Dancers under 25: \$8

See the enclosed flyer for details on advance registration and a list of dances. Send your registrations and dance nominations to Roger Cleghorn, 78 Sagamore Avenue, Medford, MA 02115 or [registrar@cds-boston.org](mailto:registrar@cds-boston.org).

We hope to see many of you there!

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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.

### 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) Vacant
- 2) 2020 Lise Foss (Term #1)
- 3) 2020 Clara Stefanov-Wagner (Term #1)
- 4) 2020 Sarah Gerbick (Term #1)
- 5) 2020 Diane Gonzales (Term #2)
- 6) Vacant
- 7) 2020 Tom Roby (Term #2)
- 8) 2020 Jean Monroe (Term #2)
- 9) Vacant
- 10) Vacant

##### Board Officers

- 11) 2020 President: Ruth Reiner
- 12) 2020 Vice President: Hal Wagner
- 13) 2020 Treasurer: John Hostage
- 14) 2019 Clerk: Deborah Kruskal
- 15) Vacant

##### Non-Board Positions - Elected or Appointed

##### Nominating Committee

*Member Elected, Board Nominates (three-year terms)*

- 2) vacant
- 3) vacant
- 3) vacant

**Pinewoods Camp, Inc. Board Representative**  
*CDS Boston Center Nominates, PCI Board Elects*

- 1) 2019 Eileen Callahan



## 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](mailto:nominations@cds-boston.org).

## 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](mailto:president@cds-boston.org) or by mail to the address on the back page

## 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](mailto:editor@cds-boston.org)

**Our next newsletter deadline is October 26th.**  
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](mailto:ChristineRobb@cds-boston.org)

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

## Swing Into Summer Reflections – June 2018

This year's phenomenal staff included callers Sarah Van Norstrand and Dan Blim. Alchemy (Rachel Bell, Karen Axelrod, and Eric Martin) brought joy and energy to English dances old and new including a heart-wrenchingly beautiful rendition of "Alice."

Our contra dance musicians the Faux Paws (Andrew Van Norstrand, Noah Van Norstrand, and Chris Miller) played with driving energy and kept the dancers on their toes.

Donal Sheets worked the sound to meet the needs of various instrumental and vocal setups throughout the weekend.

We were thrilled to welcome back the fabulous Vox Hunters (Armand Aromin and Benedict Gagliardi) who shared songs from Rhode Island, England, and beyond in morning classes as well as at Pub Night. Their fiddle and squeeze box provided the music for this year's intrepid longsword class led by Jan Elliott.

All camp gathering was a lovely time to share songs and games including a soulful collaborative piece between Andrew VanNorstrand and Rachel Bell.

Max Newman donned a Fred Rogers sweater and left us all smiling as the All-Comers Ukulele

Orchestra led "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

We were, as always, touched by the spirit of community and camaraderie that is a hallmark of Swing Into Summer and can't wait to see what next year's program will bring!

Hope to see you next June!

Alex, Allison, Ben, and Eleanor  
Swing Into Summer Committee



*The Faux Paws. Photo: Maddie Freeman*

## Tune and Dances Collection

It's time to roll out your dance and music compositions and present them to the world. With the advent of our new website, we are putting together a Tune and Dance Composers' Page to highlight the creative talents of the CDS Boston Centre dance and music composers.



These can be your compositions that are out in the world already or your new compositions that you are looking to try out.

Please submit your music and/or dance compositions to [compositions@cds-boston.org](mailto:compositions@cds-boston.org)

Dances will be reviewed by our Dance Editor, Rich Jackson. Submit your dances on the blank dance form. If there is a specific tune you would like to associate with the dance, submit the music as well. Rich will review the dance to see if it is workable and will work with you to fine tune if needed. We will have occasional dance tryout dates and will invite dance authors to them to try the dances and get feedback. (We will NOT make any edits to submitted dances, we will only discuss possible problems/improvements in a dance).

For tune submittal, we ask for printed music as opposed to hand-written pages. Our Music Editors, Jean Monroe and Ishmael Stefanov, will review the music and may make a few suggestions.

Keep an eye on the website to see the talent that is present in our Society!



## Welcoming New Dancers

When was the last time that you danced with a new dancer? Do you introduce yourself to someone who has come to a dance for the first time?

Part of the CDS Boston charter is to welcome dancers of all levels. That brings up the question of how we help and encourage new dancers. This is not just the job of our callers. It's everyone's responsibility. We must all be teachers.

Teaching new dancers consists of much more than being a good dancer yourself. The following is borrowed (with permission) from the Lavender Country and Folk Dancers website (lcfcd.org). It's a great description of what's required to help new dancers.

We all know that new dancers are necessary for our community to continue to grow and thrive.



photo: C. Ansel

## Volunteer Opportunities

CDS Boston Centre only exists because of our volunteers. Our dance committees produce regular dances and special events, our dance camp committees produce a variety of residential camp weekends at Pinewoods, and our board keeps everything running.

(And for a shorter term commitment, at every event we always need extra hands to help set up or clean up – just ask the door manager!)

If you are interested in taking on a role “behind the scenes”, please have a look at our Contact Info page and get in touch! We'd love to hear from you!

### A Dance Angel is:

- Comfortable with and able to help a beginner with all of the basic and most of the advanced figures in our core repertoire
- Capable of retaining the sequence of figures, pattern or track of a dance
- Good at reassuring beginners about their progress
- Skilled at assisting and directing a beginner with eyes and gesture, preferably without words
- Acute in judging whether a newcomer is a beginner or an experienced dancer from other parts
- Able to get the set back on track after a meltdown/train wreck
- Willing to approach and welcome newcomers
- Accessible to acquaintance by wearing a name tag
- Happy to introduce newcomers to experienced dancers and hand them on to experienced partners
- A model of respect for the dance by attentive listening during teaching
- Unafraid to ask for repeated or expanded explanation if their partner hasn't understood the teaching
- Not shy about speaking up and requesting a walk-through if needed
- Ready to change sets when that's helpful, or even change partners
- Willing to gallantly partner our perennial beginners
- Someone who fosters a friendly atmosphere by making sure that everyone who needs one has an encouraging and reliable partner
- A host who looks for newcomers at the break and befriends them



(781) 591-2372 – **Boston Centre Program** – Info: [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org)

Park Avenue Congregational Church, Park Avenue and Paul Revere Road, Arlington Heights  
Church of Our Saviour, Carlton and Monmouth Sts., Brookline

First Unitarian Universalist 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

## **Harvard Square English Dance, 2nd & 4th Fridays**

September through June

Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church

1555 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 7:30 - 9:30 PM;

\$7 general, \$6 members, \$4 students.

View flyer for leaders and musicians.

[www.cds-boston.org/harvard-sq-english-dance/](http://www.cds-boston.org/harvard-sq-english-dance/)

## **Wednesday English Country Dance Series**

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.

Staff callers are: Barbara Finney, Rich Jackson, Linda Nelson, Christine Robb and Miriam Newman.

We plan to continue with style workshops on second Wednesdays. Also on second Wednesdays: birthday cake, and serenading that month's birthday celebrants!

The dances are held from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at the Park Avenue Congregational Church, located at the intersection of Park Avenue and Paul Revere Road (one block from Massachusetts Ave.), in Arlington Heights, MA. *We occasionally relocate to the Concord Scout House in Concord, MA, usually once in November and once in April.*

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.

More Information at:

[www.cds-boston.org/wednesday-english-dance-program/](http://www.cds-boston.org/wednesday-english-dance-program/)

## **ACE! The Advanced Challenging English Dance Series 2018-2019**

Fridays and Saturdays

October through May, 7:30–10:30 PM

Are you ready for a challenge? We're renaming our monthly Experienced English Dance series "ACE" - the Advanced Challenging English Dance series - to better reflect what we're aiming for: a 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 talk-through only.

ACE - the Advanced Challenging English Dance series - will be held on the following dates. Please view the flyer or the CDS-Boston website for the schedule of dance leaders and musicians. Please note that all Advanced Challenging English series dances run from 7:30 – 10:30 pm.

Saturday 10/6/2018	First Saturday	West Newton
Friday 11/2/2018	First Friday	Brookline
Friday 12/7/2018	First Friday	Brookline
Friday 1/4/2019	First Friday	Brookline
Saturday 2/2/2019	First Saturday	Scout House
Friday 3/1/2019	First Friday	Brookline
Saturday 4/6/2019	First Saturday	West Newton
Saturday 5/4/2019	First Saturday	West Newton

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

We hope to see you there!

## 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.  
[www.canadianamericanclub.com/Calendar.html](http://www.canadianamericanclub.com/Calendar.html)  
[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. \$8-\$10, MIT & Wellesley students free, other students \$5. Prospective callers & musicians, contact [fdc-request@mit.edu](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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](http://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, Debby Knight with the Carlisle Band. \$6. Info: (617) 547-7781  
<http://www.configular.com/dance/carlisle/>

#### 3rd Fridays, Sept – June

#### Roaring Jelly: Contras and Squares.

1st Parish Church, 7 Harrington Road, Lexington MA. Beginners 7:45, dance 8-11pm. 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 Saturdays, Oct - June

**Contra Dance** Berlin, MA, 8-11pm,  
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 Saturdays, 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. 7:30-11pm 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)

### Sundays

**Scottish Country Dance, Sept. - May**, 6:30-8:30pm  
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](http://www.rscdsboston.org/classes-listing.html)

#### 1st & 3rd Sunday, year 'round

**Contra Dance.** Masonic Hall in Porter Square, Cambridge, MA. 7:30-10:30pm  
Cost \$5-\$12 (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)

#### Mostly 2nd Sundays, Sept-May

**Mostly Waltz for Boston**, Waltzes & other couple dances. 2-5:30pm 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](http://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 & Sunday,**  
\* All South Amherst dances are at Munson Library\*

#### Mondays

**Robin Hayden with live music.** 7pm. Sliding scale \$7-10. Info: Robin at (413) 695-2024, [www.amherstecd.org](http://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 - 10:30pm, \$8. Info: [www.amherstecd.org](http://www.amherstecd.org)

#### 4th Sundays

**Sundays in Amherst English Country Dance.** 1:30 - 4:30pm. A variety of English dances with a special focus such as Engl/Contra, advanced dances, highlights of particular collectors, etc. Various callers with live music. \$12 regular admission, \$8 students. Info: (413) 549-4123 Joyce Crouch, [www.amherstecd.org](http://www.amherstecd.org)

### Rhode Island

#### Saturdays

##### Kingston English Country Dance

South Kingstown Land Trust, 17 Matunuck Beach Rd, South Kingstown, Rhode Island.

2018 Dates remaining:

9/8 Sue Rosen w/Bruce Rosen & Friends;

10/13 Caller TBD w/Jean Monroe & Bill Ouimette; 11/10

Linda Nelson w/Jean Monroe & Cindy Ladd.

Potluck at 6pm, dancing 7:30 to 10:30pm. General

admission: \$12; \$10 with subscription card. More Info:

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

### New Hampshire

#### 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](mailto:dave@NHECDS.org). Directions at [www.nhecads.org](http://www.nhecads.org).

## Contra Dance

### Massachusetts

**Amherst, most Wednesdays (except 2nd)**  
7:30-10:30PM, lesson 7PM. Bring your friends  
Masonic Lodge, 99 Main St. Amherst. \$10-15, Students  
\$8, High School \$6. [www.amherstcontra.org](http://www.amherstcontra.org)

**Cape Cod, All Four Saturdays, 8-11 pm**

**Dancing continues through summer**

[www.capecontra.org](http://www.capecontra.org) or contact [shabam@ais.net](mailto:shabam@ais.net)  
3rd Fridays, Sept. - June

**Greenfield, Fridays, Saturdays and some Sundays**

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

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

8-11PM, \$9; \$8 students; \$5 ages 16 and under; \$20  
max 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)

More info: (413) 256-0673; [lindapiano@gmail.com](mailto:lindapiano@gmail.com)

**Worcester, 2nd Saturdays, Sept. - June**

Beginners Lessons 7pm, Dancing 7:30-10:30pm.

Wesley Methodist Church, 114 Main St. Worcester.

\$8-12. \$6-8 students w/ID, \$18-20 family, under 12 free

[www.worcesterdance.org](http://www.worcesterdance.org)

### New Hampshire

#### Manchester, 3rd Fridays

**Mill City Contra** Various callers & musicians. Beginners

Wkshp 7:30pm. Dance 8-11pm \$8, \$5 students. 106

Lowell St, Manchester, NH; Info: Paul Lizotte 603.595.4484

[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. Potluck

at the break. Bring snacks to share and water to drink.

Please bring clean soft-soled shoes to dance in.

Sept. 22: Caller Marcie Van Cleave w/Reelation

Oct. 27: Gale Wood w/Concepdance; Nov: NO DANCE

Dec. 29: Peter Yarensky and Sarah Mason w/Lamprey

River Band (Annual Seacoast Holiday Dance)

Info: [www.contradancelinks.com/scheduleNH.html#KingstonNH](http://www.contradancelinks.com/scheduleNH.html#KingstonNH)

More information, call Glenn: 772-5355 or [glenncopp@rcn.com](mailto:glenncopp@rcn.com),

Claire: 778-1514, Gale: 679-5448, or Sarah: 659-5612.



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

### 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)

Boston Centre's website: [www.cds-boston.org](http://www.cds-boston.org) Office telephone: **781-591-2372**