

CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Summer 2018

**This summer: ESCAPE to
ESC WEEK at PINEWOODS!
July 2-6, 2018**

ESC WEEK offers one of the most FUN, FRIENDLY, and AFFORDABLE sessions for dancers! Enjoy a selection of familiar favorites and new experiences, including:

English Country Dance with Joanna Reiner Wilkinson

Scottish Country Dance with Terry Harvey

Contra Dance with Alexandra Deis-Lauby

Couple Dance

Percussive Step Dance with Aaron Marcus

Ritual Dance with Lisa Heywood

Music Workshops

Singing, Games, and MORE!

Music by: Aaron Marcus, Terry Traub, David Knight, Katie McNally, Daniel Beerbohm, Dan Emery, and Kristen Planeaux and Andrew Taylor from The Ripples!

Information, scholarships, and registration:
<https://www.cds-boston.org/summer-dance-camps/>
<http://rscdsboston.org/pinewoods-esc.html>

We'd love to share this week with you!

**Join Us This Labor Day Weekend
at Pinewoods
August 31 - September 4th**

So many questions, so many choices, so little time!

For instance: Should I go to Pinewoods this summer? (Is that really a question?!) Which session should I attend? There's English, American, Scottish, International; there's Early-Music-Making, harmony singing, and Cape Breton playing. There is so much I want to do – but I can't spend all summer at camp (Oh, would that we could!).



photo: Sue Flint

Here's a solution for you: Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods! Running Friday afternoon through

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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.

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 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

Our next newsletter deadline is July 27th.
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)

Tuesday breakfast, this session is a perfect length, affordable, and chock-full with callers and musicians from a dizzying array of dance and music genres. You want contras and squares? How does Tony Parkes sound to you? You want English country dancing – we’ve got Mary Jones! Try your feet at international dancing, and I’ll get you moving and laughing.

Then there’s the music-making with our inimitable staff of musicians, the gorgeous grounds, and ultimately the euphorigenic energy that comes with being amidst friends, flora, and fauna at Pinewoods Camp.

Won’t you join us? The online registration form is ready to accept your application now: <https://tinyurl.com/PW-Labor-Day-2018>.

- Marcie Van Cleave

Thank You!

Dear CDS-Boston Community: Thank you so much for honoring me with a Life Membership at the 2018 Annual Meeting. It always means a lot to be recognized by the community one has danced with, and served (on the Board and as a volunteer). Although I’ll miss the Summer dancing season, I plan to be dancing with you all again in the Fall. Happy Dancing!

- Judy Erickson

*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*

Scenes From the 2018 Boston Playford Ball

Saturday, March 3rd at Nevins Hall, Framingham. Photos by David Cornelius.



Linda A. Leslie 1947-2018



Linda A. Leslie of East Falmouth, MA and New Bedford, MA died suddenly and unexpectedly on February 11, 2018 at the age of 70 years. Linda is survived by her husband, Robert Golder of Falmouth, MA and New Bedford, MA, her sisters Roberta Smith and Frances Kneeshaw, her children, Ian M. Leslie of Redondo

Beach, CA and Neyla Bajoras of Gloucester, MA, and her beloved grandchildren Alexander Bajoras, Catherine Bajoras, and Gabriella Leslie. She was preceded in death by her beloved granddaughter Quinn Leslie.

Linda A. Leslie was born on March 2, 1947 in Ossining, NY to Frances E. Adams and James L. Adams. A graduate of Cornell University, Linda served for two years in the Peace Corps in Colombia before returning to earn a MS in Public Health Nursing at University of Illinois, Chicago. In 1990 Linda moved to New Bedford, MA with her children to become Director of Nursing at Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, and Clinical Assistant Professor at Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in Boston, MA. She finished her career as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Dermatology Services in New Bedford, MA and Dartmouth, MA.

An accomplished leader in traditional New England folk dancing, Linda was for many years the Program Chair for the New England Folk Festival Association. She offered traditional New England contra dance and English country dance events throughout the United States, as well as in Denmark, Great Britain, and Mexico. Sought after as a folk dance leader due to her elegance, warmth, and knowledge, Linda taught other dancers with clarity and kindness. She built up the traditional folk dance community, and leaves a lasting and valuable legacy of inclusiveness and joy. Her other interests included knitting warm and beautiful garments for her grandchildren, and sharing with her husband the joy of caring for their dog, Guapo.

A celebration of life is being planned.

Help CDS-BC Further Our Mission

Anyone wishing to donate to the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre may do so by contributing to an existing fund, detailed below, or by making an unrestricted contribution which furthers the mission of CDS, Boston Centre.

Existing Funds:

The Louise Chapin Fund

The Fund shall exist to promote and foster the goals of the Boston Centre for which Louise Chapin worked so hard. These include the promotion and fostering of Dancing and Dance Music for English Country, Morris and Sword, and New-England Contras and Squares. Grants from the Chapin Fund are available to qualified groups and people for a number of purposes involving the promotion of English, Contra, and Morris and Sword dance and dance music.

The Arthur and Helene Cornelius Fund

The Arthur and Helene Cornelius Fund is composed of contributions made in honor of Arthur and Helene, who tirelessly supported CDS, Boston Centre with their work and teaching skills. This fund is used to support the mission of CDS, Boston Centre.

Nancy Cruise Pinewoods Scholarship Fund

Donations fund scholarships to Pinewoods camp sessions awarded on the basis of need. Scholarships can be used for CDS-BC sponsored camp sessions or for other related Pinewoods sessions such as English Week.

The Bolles Memorial Fund

The sum of money given in memory of Dorothy R. Bolles shall be known as the Bolles Memorial Fund. The income of the Fund is to be used for the payment, in whole or in part, of the expenses of one or more persons at a Summer School of Folk Dancing conducted by the Country Dance Society, Inc. Partial or full scholarships are awarded from the Fund based on need or merit for attendance at CDS-BC sponsored Pinewoods Camp sessions.

Note that donations to support Pinewoods Camp scholarships can be made to either the Cruise or the Bolles Fund, but if not specified will be made to the Cruise Fund by default.

Boston Centre Program
(781) 591-2372
Info: 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

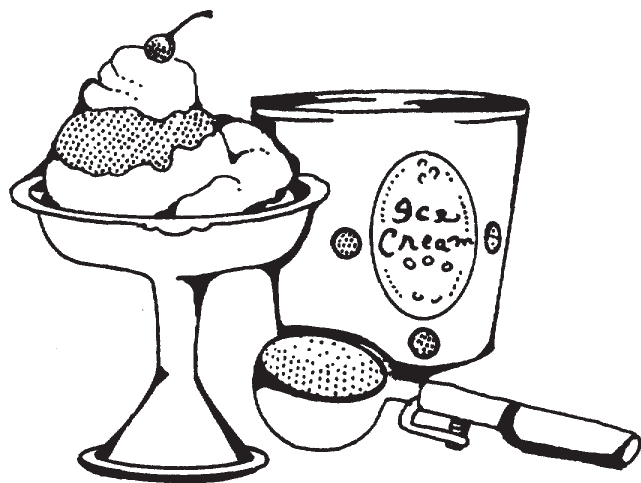
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Newton,
1326 Washington Street, West Newton, MA

Concord Scout House,
74 Walden Street, Concord, MA

Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church,
1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA

**2018 English Country Dancing
Summer Series and Ice Cream Social**

We have another great summer series planned for you this summer, for seven Wednesdays starting on July 11 and running through August 22. We'll have callers and musicians from the US and the UK to fill our summer evenings with wonderful dances and tunes. And we'll have lots of ice cream in our lovely air conditioned summer home at FUUSN in West Newton.



For the full lineup and other details, please see the enclosed flyer and our website: www.cds-boston.org/events-menu/english-dance-program/summer-series.

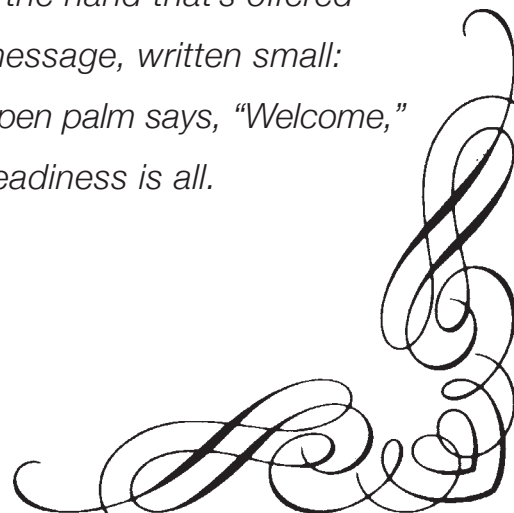
An Invitation to the Dance
by Patrick Swanson

*The dance is not for everyone;
Not all can move in time.
Yet in the hand that's offered
Is an old established sign.
The open palm says, "Welcome,"
The readiness is all.*

*Yet some decline the offer;
Not all will hear the call.
Why should they take a stranger's hand?
Why should they dance at all?*

*It's not as if we all are friends
Or relatives by blood,
Or even a community
Where things are understood.*

*Yet in the hand that's offered
Is a message, written small:
The open palm says, "Welcome,"
The readiness is all.*



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
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, 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, <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/
Info: Chris (617) 852-4042 or (781)-982-8042
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

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

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



There are many local dances in New England. For comprehensive listings of folk dances in the region visit <http://www.facone.org/calendars-folk-dancing-in-new-england.html> or www.contradancelinks.com

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

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

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

Rhode Island

Saturdays

Kingston English Country Dance

South Kingstown Land Trust, 17 Matunuck Beach Rd, South Kingstown, Rhode Island.
2018 Dates remaining: 6/9 Marcie VanCleave w/ Barbara Pixton & Elaine Winic; 7/14 Val Medve w/ Marnen Laibow-Koser & Bill Ouimette; 9/8 Sue Rosen w/Bruce Rosen & Friends; 10/13 Tom Amessé 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 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
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.

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

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, \$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

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

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

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.

May 26: Don Primrose w/Old Favorite

June 23: Rich Sbardella w/Wild Card

July: NO DANCE

Aug. 25: Tod Whittemore w/Carol Bittenson and Debbie Knight

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
More information, call Glenn: 772-5355 or glenncopp@rcn.com,
Claire: 778-1514, Gale: 679-5448, or Sarah: 659-5612.

Vermont

Brattleboro, 2nd & 4th Sundays, Sept. - June

Contra Dancing 118 Elliot St., Brattleboro.
7:15 beginner wkshp, dancing for all 7:30-10:30pm.
\$10-\$12 adults; \$8 students/seniors/low income; \$5 youth. Beginners 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

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