

CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Autumn 2019

Sign up for Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods! August 30-September 3

For me, Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods is always the perfect capstone to summer, and a beautiful way to ease into fall. Leaving the heat and bustle of the city behind for a few days to walk, sing, and dance beneath the gentle shade of towering pine trees and cool off in deep and peaceful ponds is refreshing for my soul.

My name is David Fleischmann-Rose and I'm honored to be a Weekend co-coordinator with Lizzie McLachlan this year. Labor Day Weekend is unique in offering a broad variety of music and dance, with a welcoming atmosphere and a customizable schedule to make the weekend your own.

We are excited to bring you a team of incredible dance leaders: Bob Isaacs (American), Val Medve (English), and Marcie Van Cleave (International), backed by all-star musicians including Vince O'Donnell, Laura Alexander, Jesse Ball, Eric Boodman, Andrew Marcus, Catherine Miller, Beth Murray, Barbara Pixton, Julia Poirier, and Patrick

Yacono. These talented folks will create dances accessible to all, and weave together the joyful sounds that bring us all together.



We hope you will join us for Labor Day Weekend!

Dates: Friday afternoon, August 30 – Tuesday morning, September 3, 2019

Location: Pinewoods Camp, Plymouth, MA

Details: <http://www.facone.org/labor-day-weekend/labor-day-weekend.html>

Registration is open now!

27th Annual Fall Favorites Dance October 26, 2019

The 27th Annual Fall Favorites English Country Dance Party will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 7:30 – 11:00 pm at the Concord Scout House.

Fall Favorites is a highlight of CDS-Boston's fall season and a dance you won't want to miss: fabulous music by Bare Necessities: Jacqueline Schwab, Mary Lea, Kate Barnes, and Earl Gaddis; terrific teaching by Linda Nelson and Christine Robb; and you help create the program by nominating your favorite dances.

Dancers registering in advance save on admission and may nominate five dances for consideration for

inclusion in the program. Be sure to get your votes in by October 16th.

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 Mies Boet and Hal Wagner, 350 Newton St #2, Waltham, MA 02453-5846 or 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

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 Officers

President: Clara Stefanov-Wagner (until 2021)

Vice President: Hal Wagner (until 2020)

Past President: Ruth Reiner (until 2020)

Treasurer: John Hostage (until 2020)

Clerk: Tom Roby (until 2021)

Directors

Lise Foss

Sarah Gerbick

Jean Monroe

Carole Talley

Diane Gonzales

David Kranz

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, listings, announcements, poems, photos, etc. by e-mail to: **editor@cds-boston.org**

Our next newsletter deadline is scheduled for the end of October. If you would like to be added to the contributor reminder email list, please contact the editor. 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

Swing Into Summer Reflections – June 2019

From silly games to soulful singing, original lawn games and camper led craft time, Swing Into Summer at Pinewoods was a fun filled weekend!

This year's fabulous staff included callers Dugan Murphy and Adina Gordon who brought lively, community building dance programs that kept us on our feet.

Anna Patton, Audrey Knuth and Aaron Marcus made the English Country dancing soar with their creative harmonies and joyful on-stage energy.

We celebrated the return of the powerhouse trio Nova (Kathleen Fownes, Everest Whitman, and Guillaume Sparrow-Pepin) to the beautiful dance pavillions at Pinewoods.

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

We were thrilled to have Jeremy Carter-Gordon leading us in Balfolk dancing, Chris Bracken getting us moving in Morris, and Max Newman keeping us smiling with the ever-popular All Comers Ukulele orchestra.

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 year on June 19-21 2020
Alex, Allison, Ben, Donal, and Eleanor
Swing Into Summer Committee



All photos by Maddie Freeman

ESC Recap – July 2019

ESC 2019 was a rousing success! With 126 total campers and staff, Pinewoods felt full but not bursting. Campers enjoyed the characteristic balance of English, Scottish, and Contra dancing found at ESCape, many dancing one of those traditions for the first time.

Our tremendous luck with the weather was offset by a major power outage on Tuesday, the first full day of the session, that lasted from about 5 PM till 1:30 AM. However, the dancing could not be stopped, with camp manager Carl Mastendrea and office manager Thom Yarnal collecting dozens of lanterns and flashlights to light C#. All three dance traditions that night were danced without calls as the band played acoustically,

with some musicians taking to roaming around the dance floor with their instruments. As the dusk settled and the dance floor grew darker, the atmosphere turned mystical, reminding many of the special magic that Pinewoods has. So many campers have told us how special that night was and that there should be an acoustic dance next year, whether or not we lose power.

Will it happen? I guess you'll have to come and find out! ESC 2020 will be July 6-10, 2020 at Pinewoods Camp. Staff TBA. Keep in touch at bit.ly/ESC2020 or on Facebook!



All photos by Daniel Potter

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

The seasons change, the dance goes on. Help us continue to offer great programs and grants. Please renew your membership now. We have kept the rates low and constant for many a year.

If you have just renewed, thank you! But if that renewal letter is still in a pile of papers somewhere, (oh dear where???) Recycled already? Sure you know the application is on the web, but all you really need to know is right here.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE & RATES

- ___ \$35 Regular (individual)
- ___ \$20 Senior / Student / Low Income (individual)
- ___ \$35 Senior Family *
- ___ \$55 Contributor *
- ___ \$75 Sponsor *
- ___ \$100 Patron*
- ___ \$500 Benefactor *

*These memberships can include one or two adults, plus all children, at one address. Membership amounts in excess of \$10 per adult may be tax deductible, we are a 501c3 organization. Membership year ends on August 31.

Make your selection and mail your payment to:

Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, Inc.

Membership Secretary

P.O. Box 3055

Acton, MA 01720-7055

Thank you for your support of CDS, Boston Centre. Dancing together we make the world a better place. Check out the website for news and events at cbs-boston.org

Terry Huffaker

Membership secretary

Scenes from July 4th Weekend at Pinewoods



All photos by Jeffrey Bary

Notes from the Chair: 2019 – 2020 English Country Dance Season

The Wednesday 2019-20 English country dance season will start on Wednesday, September 4 and run through to Wednesday, June 17. As usual, we'll start and end the season with our callers cavalcade parties, with many parties in between, as well as guest leaders, birthday cake on the second Wednesdays of each month, and lots of wonderful musicians playing lots of wonderful music.

The pre-dance style workshops are continuing again this year, on the second Wednesday of most months, starting at 6:30pm. They'll resume in September, starting with Barbara Finney.

Our Lost & Found hasn't been accumulating as quickly as it sometimes does, but we do have some items. It's stored at PACC in Arlington – just ask anyone on the committee if you think you might be missing something.

Even though autumn feels so far away as I'm writing this in sweltering summer, Fall Favorites is really just around the corner – so check out the flyer in this

newsletter and get your votes in now before the back-to-school busyness starts back up.

Last year the Boston Playford Ball made a small but significant change to its format, having a quick walk-through instead of talk-through of most dances in the evening. We received so much positive feedback about it that we're doing it again this year.

I'd like to send out a big thank you to all the people who help out on Wednesdays, and at all our other dances. CDS Boston Centre is a nonprofit run by volunteers, and we couldn't have all these wonderful dances, special events, and camp sessions without so many hands sharing in the work. Every little bit adds up to these events that we're so fortunate to have in our lives.

Christine Robb

Chair of the English Dance Committee

The English Dance Committee:

Christine Robb (chair), Barbara Finney (artistic advisor), Mies Boet, Lise Foss, Corinne Holroyd, Deb Karl, Lynn Milich, Ken Prince, Hal Wagner

Boston Centre Program

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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

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, Tom Roby and Miriam Newman.

Style workshops continue on second Wednesdays. Also on second Wednesdays: birthday cake, and serenading that month's birthday celebrants!

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 Rd. (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/

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/

ACE! The Advanced Challenging English Dance Series 2019-2020

Are you ready for a challenge? Try your hand at our "ACE" dances - the Advanced Challenging English Dance series - challenging evenings of the English Country Dance tradition's beloved classics and exciting newer dances, with CDS-Boston's 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 First Fridays and Saturdays from September 2019 through May 2020. Please view the flyer or the CDS-Boston website for the final schedule of dates, locations, dance leaders and musicians. Please note that all Advanced Challenging English series dances run from 7:30 – 10:30 pm.

Admission is \$10 for CDS members, \$12 for non-members, and \$5 for students. For schedule, 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. You pick a price \$5,\$10 or \$15. Volunteer options available. (\$3 after 9:00pm) Info: 978-341-4143 <http://mondaycontras.com/>

Scottish Country Dancing. Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington St, Watertown 7:45–10:15 pm. Live music \$9, F/T students \$5. Info: <http://www.rscdsboston.org> www.canadianamericanclub.com/Calendar.html cambridgeclass@rscdsboston.org,

Tuesdays

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 w/brown bag dinner & socialize! Admission \$7. Info: www.lcfd.org/bgfe, John 617-512-5554, john@gintell.org

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

Thursdays

Thursday Contras. Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord, MA. 7:30-10:30 pm. Introductory pre-dance workshop at 7:10pm \$10, (\$5 age 22 and under). (\$3 after 9:00pm) Info: NEFFA, <https://www.neffa.org/thursday-contras>

Fridays

1st Fridays, Oct – May

Challenging Contras at the Concord Scout House. 74 Walden Street, Concord, MA. 8–11PM. For experienced dancers. \$10, under 21 \$8. <http://concordscouthouse.org/pages/calendar.php> info@concordscouthouse.org

2nd Fridays, Oct – June (no April dance)

Contras, Squares, & Couple Dances. Unitarian Church, 27 School St, Carlisle MA 8-10:00 PM, potluck at 6:30. Music by 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. Various callers w/music director Debby Knight. \$7, Teens \$5, Children under 12 free with parent. \$20 family max. Info: 781-259-0753, RoaringJelly@comcast.net, <http://roaringjelly.org>

Saturdays

1st Saturdays, Oct - June

Contra Dance Berlin 1870 Town Hall, 12 Woodward Avenue, Berlin, MA, 7:30-10:30pm, Admission: \$8 per person or \$15 max per family, First timers free w/early arrival & lesson. Info: 508-863-0769, <https://berlin1870townhall.org/contras-dances>

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. Admission: \$5-\$15 sliding scale. Info: www.lcfd.org/jp, jp-dance@lcfd.org

Sundays

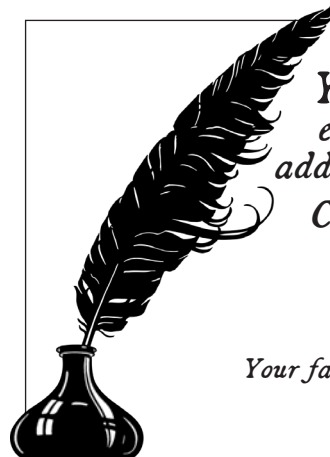
Scottish Country Dance, Sept. - May, 6:30-8:30pm The Parish House, Church of Our Saviour, 25 Monmouth Street, Brookline, MA Info: Evelyn Murray, 617-864-8945; Heather Day brooklineclass@rscdsboston.org <http://rscdsboston.org/class-massachusetts.html>

1st & 3rd Sunday, year 'round

Contra Dance. Masonic Hall in Porter Square, 1950 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA. 7:30-10:30pm Cost \$5-\$15 (sliding scale). Introductory workshop at 7pm, first night is free if you come by 7pm. Boston Intergenerational Dance Advocates. Info: www.bidadance.org

Selected Sundays, Sept-May

Mostly Waltz for Boston, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord, MA. Waltzes & other couple dances. 2–5:30pm selected Sundays, 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! Info: www.facone.org/programs/mostlywaltz.html



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enrich our newsletter,
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*An informative article?
A favorite memory?
A sketch done at Pinewoods?
Your favorite photos, poems, quotes?
Send them along! – Editor*

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

English Country Dance

Massachusetts

South Amherst

Mondays

Monday night Dance Munson Library, 1046 South East St., South Amherst 7-9:30pm. Sliding scale \$7-10. Info: <http://amherstedcd.org> or email amherstenglish@gmail.com

2nd Saturdays

Second Saturday Location Varies: Munson Library, 1046 South East St., South Amherst AND Whately Dance Barn, Intersection of Hydenville & Masterson Roads, Whately. A fun evening welcoming to all. 7:30 - 10:30pm, \$8.

Info: <http://amherstedcd.org>, www.whatelydancebarn.com, or email maryjones@pobox.com

4th Sundays

Sundays in Amherst Munson Library, 1046 South East St., South Amherst, 1:30 - 4:30pm check schedule for specific dates. A variety of English dances. Various callers with live music. \$12 regular admission, \$8 students. Info: <http://amherstedcd.org> or email amherstenglish@gmail.com

Rhode Island

Saturdays

Kingston English Country Dance

Quonochontaug Grange, 5662 Post Rd (Route 1), Charlestown RI from 7:30-10:30pm (potluck discontinued). 9/7: Martha Griffin w/music by the Vox Hunters; 10/12: Joanna Reiner Wilkinson w/music by Jean Monroe & Julia Hartman; 11/9: Rich Jackson w/music by Paradise Bird
General admission: \$12
Info: Kingstonenglishcountrydance.org or call 401-539-3009.

New Hampshire

Concord, Second Sundays, Sept-June - *New Location and Time* -

Howard Recreation Center, on the grounds of NH Hospital / Hugh Gallen State Office Park, Kent Road (off Pleasant St), Concord NH from 3-6 PM.
Info: Dave Bateman 603-397-0042, dave@NHECDS.org.
Directions at www.nhecds.org.

*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](http://www.facone.org/calendars-folk-dancing-in-new-england),

www.contradancelinks.com, or

<https://www.cdss.org/community/events-calendar/>

Contra Dance

Massachusetts

Amherst, most Wednesdays (except 2nd)

Pacific Lodge Masonic Hall, 99 Main St. Amherst. 7:30-10:30PM, Lesson 7PM. Bring your friends! \$10-15, Students \$8, High School \$6. First-timers who attend our 7pm Beginner's Lesson: FREE
Info: www.amherstcontra.org

Cape Cod, Saturdays, 8-11 pm (locations vary)

Dancing continues through summer at some locations
www.capecontra.org or contact shabam@ais.net

Greenfield, Fridays & Saturdays

401 Chapman St. www.guidingstargrange.org

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

8-11PM, \$10; \$8 students; \$5 ages 16 and under; \$25 families with children under 16; \$5 for latecomers.
Info: www.contradancelinks.com/rehoboth.html
Shawn 508-252-6375, shawnkendrick@comcast.net

South Amherst, 4th Saturday, Sept. - May

(no December) Munson Library, 1046 South East St. South Amherst. 7:30-10:30 Cost: \$10, (reduced income \$5-10 sliding scale), \$25 per family
More info: <https://fiddlersgreencontra.org/>
413-461-0445, FGinfo@fiddlersgreencontra.org

Worcester, 2nd Saturdays, Sept. - June

Wesley Methodist Church, 114 Main St. Worcester. Beginners Lessons 7pm, Dancing 7:30-10:30pm. \$8-12. \$6-8 students w/ID, \$18-20 family, under 12 free
www.worcesterdance.org

New Hampshire

Manchester, 3rd Fridays

Mill City Contra 106 Lowell St, Manchester, NH
Various callers & musicians. No partner necessary. All dances taught. Please bring soft-soled shoes. Introductory workshop 7:30pm. Dance 8-11pm \$8, \$5 students.
6/21 Medley of callers, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki (fiddle)
Info: <https://www.wordworthy2.org/>
Contact Paul Lizotte, 603-595-4484, wordworthy2@gmail.com

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. 6/22: Chris Ricciotte w/Accentricity; July: NO DANCE; 8/24: Tod Whittemore w/Carol Bittenson & Debby Knight; 9/28: Don Veino w/Carol Bittenson & friends; 10/26: Don Primrose w/Old Favorite. Info: Glenn: 603-772-5355 or gcoppelman@gmail.com, www.contradancelinks.com/schedule_NH.html

Vermont

Brattleboro, 2nd Tuesdays

Contra Dancing The Stone Church, 210 Main Street
Info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brattcontra/>

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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
www.TheDanceGypsy.com
www.dancedb.com/dancedb
www.cdss.org/community/events-calendar/

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