

CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Summer 2019

Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods – August 30-September 3

Join us this year for Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods! Our diverse, core daytime dance and music classes – led by talented callers and leaders – are supplemented by a wide range of camper-led programs, culminating in delightful evenings full of English, Contra, and International dancing! And best of all, it's brought to you with live music by some of the best musicians east of the Mississippi.

Our dance leaders are Bob Isaacs (American), Val Medve (English), and Marcie Van Cleave (International). Dance teachings will be accessible to all, so whether you're new to dancing or you've tried every style, you will find something to join!

Vince O'Donnell, our intrepid band leader, leads a group of all-star musicians including Laura Alexander, Jesse Ball, Eric Boodman, Andrew Marcus, Catherine Miller, Beth Murray, Barbara Pixton, Julia Poirier, and Patrick Yacono. These talented folks will take turns tag-teaming across all genres, weaving together joyful sounds ideal for dancing, swimming, and card-playing.



Labor Day at Pinewoods. Photo by Sue Flint

Labor Day Weekend will be here before you know it, so sign up today—registration is open now!

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>



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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) 2019 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

Pinwoods 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 July. 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

ESCape to ESC week at Pinewoods! July 1-5

ESCape offers dancers a sampling of familiar favorites and new experiences, featuring English country dance, Scottish country dance, and Contra dance, plus an assortment of ritual and step dances, songs, games, and more. It's fun, friendly, and affordable—please join us this summer!

Music by: Dave Wiesler, Susie Petrov, Aaron Marcus, Nora Smith, Susie Lorand, Josh Burdick, Laurie Tupper, and Dan Emery

Classes and calling by:

(E) Melissa Running

(S) Katherine Giacoletti

(C) Carl Levine

and David Roodman for Ritual

Information, scholarships, and registration:

bit.ly/ESC2019

<https://www.cds-boston.org/summer-dance-camps/>

<http://rscdsboston.org/pinewoods-esc.html>



All photos by Jeff Bary



Bruce Pekkala 1939 - 2019



We are very sad to report that our friend Bruce Pekkala died on Sunday, May 19th, having suffered a heart attack at the Mostly Waltz / Scandinavian Sunday dance. Bruce started folk dancing in the 1960s, and especially loved dances and music from Greece and the Balkans, although he also did contra dancing, tango and, most recently, zydeco. He was a student and teacher of world history and traveled to many countries, including Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, India, and Uzbekistan. Eileen Callahan, his long-time partner, has written:

“Thank you to everyone there who did their best for Bruce. I am so grateful that he was doing what he loved with people he loved right up until the last. So grateful for this community, which brought us together and sustained, and continues to sustain, us.”

Scenes From the 2019 Boston Playford Ball

Saturday, March 2nd at Nevins Hall, Framingham



2019 Playford Ball. Photo by Jeff Bary



2019 Playford Ball. Photo by Christine Robb



2019 Playford Ball. Photo by Nikke Herbst



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Boston Centre Program

(781) 591-2372

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

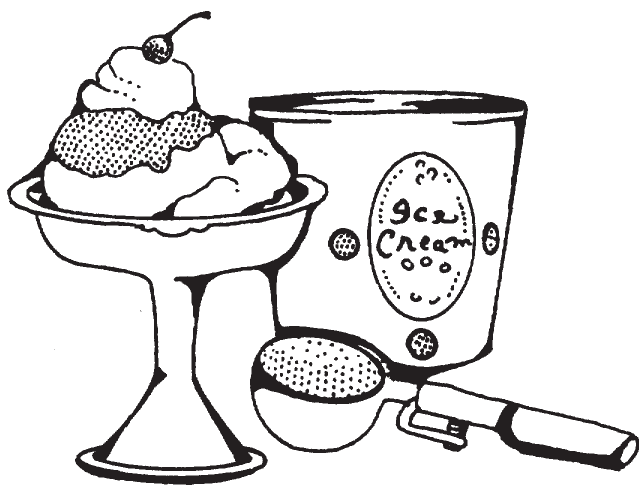
Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church,
1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA

2019 English Country Dancing Summer Series and Ice Cream Social

We have another great summer series planned for you this summer, for 7 Wednesdays starting on July 10 and running through August 21.

We have a great roster of callers and musicians 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.



The Book That Kate Built

Written by Jean Monroe to honor Kate Barnes and the release of "The Barnes Book of English Country Dance Tunes - Volume 3" ("Green Barnes")

THE BOOK THAT KATE BUILT

This is the book that Kate built.

These are the tunes set out in the book that Kate built

This is the printer who inked the tunes set out in the book that Kate built

This is the board that met upstairs
Whose grant fulfilled the publisher's prayers
and paid the printer who inked the tunes set out in the book that Kate built...

Here is the populace caught unawares
By beautiful figures of circles and squares
Invented by us and our forebears
who form the societies tabling at fairs
connecting committees that manage affairs
who schedule the people who set up the chairs
around the techs with preoccupied airs
who mic the musicians in trios and pairs
who joyfully play the dances and airs
that lift the dancers forgetting their cares
who elected the board that met upstairs
whose grant fulfilled the publisher's prayers
and paid the printer who inked the tunes set out in the book that Kate built.

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/contra-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



2019 Playford Ball. Photo by Nikke Herbst



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

*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://amherstecd.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://amherstecd.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://amherstecd.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). 7/6: Val Medve w/music by Paul Wilde & friends; 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

Concord NH, West Street Ward house
41 West St, Concord, NH from 6-9 PM.
Info: Dave Bateman 603-397-0042, dave@NHECDS.org.
Directions at www.nhecads.org.



*lightly skipping steps
in figures of rhythmic joy
dancing summer breeze*

- Cortni

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/>

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>,
www.contradancelinks.com, or
<https://www.cdss.org/community/events-calendar/>

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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
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**