

CDS Boston News

The Newsletter of the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre

Winter 2019-20

Boston Playford Ball – Saturday, March 7th, 2020 – Framingham, MA

The Country Dance Society, Boston Centre presents its fortieth annual Boston Playford Ball on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 in Nevins Hall, Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, MA. Led by Mistress of Ceremonies Barbara Finney with music by Bare Necessities: Earl Gaddis, Kate Barnes, Mary Lea, and Jacqueline Schwab, the ball will start at 7:00 p.m. There will also be an afternoon workshop for ball attendees from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day in Nevins Hall, led by Miriam Newman and Rich Jackson with music by Catherine Miller and Jean Monroe.

The Playford Ball is an evening of challenging English Country Dancing and is best-suited for dancers well-familiar with both the figures and the dances on the program. As in prior years, there will be no teaching at the ball, and once the music starts there will be no prompting. As we did last year with great success, instead of talk-throughs there will be one quick walk-through of most of the dances, to remind us how the dance goes.

Please note that this year the ball begins and ends half an hour earlier than in prior years, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., as we are required to be fully out of the Memorial Building by midnight. We will again be asking for your help putting away the tables and chairs and clearing Nevins Hall and the dressing rooms so that we can achieve this goal!

Dances will be taught at the Wednesday night dances in the weeks leading up to the ball. There will also be three pre-ball workshops: Sunday, February 2nd at the Concord Scout House, Sunday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 29th, at the Park Avenue Congregational Church, Arlington Heights. The workshops are all from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Miriam Newman will teach the February 2nd workshop,



2019 Playford Ball. Photo by Jeffrey Bary

accompanied by Jean Monroe; Rich Jackson will teach on February 23rd, accompanied by Jacqueline Schwab; and Barbara Finney will teach the final pre-ball workshop on February 29th, accompanied by Jacqueline Schwab. These intensive workshops provide an opportunity to focus on learning the ball dances; dancers unable to attend the ball are also welcome.

For more information on the workshops and the ball weekend, and to register for the ball, please see the ball flyer in this newsletter and online at www.cds-boston.org.

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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)

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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. via e-mail to: **editor@cds-boston.org**

Our next newsletter deadline is scheduled for the end of January. 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

Scenes from Jane Austen Night at Harvard Square

Many thanks to Corinne Holroyd for sharing these photos of the Harvard Square ECD's Jane Austen Night, which took place on November 8th. Tom Roby called a time-period based, Regency program. He was joined by the Blue Pearmain band.



Photos by Corinne Holroyd



Fall Favorites 2019: A Wonderful Event!

Our annual Fall Favorites Dance, on October 26 at the Scout House was an amazing event! We had 110 people dancing to the wonderful music of all four members of Bare Necessities. Dereck Kalish made sure the music and teaching were clear and at the right levels. Linda Nelson and Christine Robb put together a lovely program based on the votes that we received from all who registered early. Those who registered early had the opportunity to sift through the very long list of dances that we have recently danced in the Boston area, and to vote for their five favorites.

This year's top vote getters were Sapphire Sea by Christine Robb (13) and Bonny Cuckoo by Gail Ticknor (9). The following dances were on the program: Childgrove • Well Hall • Fandango • Trip to Provence • Lady Mouse • Bonny Cuckoo • Zither Man • Dublin Bay • Potter's Wheel • St Margaret's Hill • Easter Morn • Hudson Barn • Companions • Flora and Phaon • Smithy Hill • Sapphire Sea

Thank you all for coming and making such a delightful event. Be sure to attend next year's Fall Favorites, scheduled for September 26, 2020!

Your Registrars,
Mies Boet and Hal Wagner

Here's how the voting went:

Choices	Votes
Sapphire Sea	13
Bonny Cuckoo	9
The Fandango	8
St. Margaret's Hill	7
Smithy Hill	7
Hudson Barn	7
Easter Morn	7
Well Hall	6
Flora and Phaon	6
Zither Man	5
Trip to Provence	5
From Aberdeen	5
Miss DeJersey's Memorial	4
Lady Mouse	4
Fair and Softly	4
Dublin Bay	4
Companions	4
Childgrove	4
Wood Duck	3
Potter's Wheel	3

CDS Boston Centre Gala Holiday Party January 4th, 2020 – Save the Date!!

What better way to ring in the New Year?! Mark your calendar once again for the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre's annual English Country Dance Gala Holiday Party, to be held at the Concord Scout House on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 7:30 – 11:00PM.

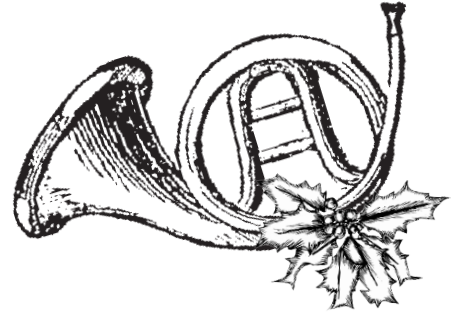
Joanna Reiner Wilkinson will lead the evening of dancing. Music will be provided by Mary Lea, Kate Barnes, and Karen Axelrod.

Festive attire is encouraged, and yes, we will again be serving an elegant dessert buffet. Contributions of desserts will be gratefully accepted!

Admission is \$15.00 at the door for members of CDS-Boston; \$17 for non-members; and \$8.00 for students with a valid ID.

No advance ticket sales.

For more information call Lynn Cornelius Jacobs at 978-505-5970.



Special Advanced Workshop and Evening Advanced Challenging English Dance Saturday, February 1, 2020

The English Dance Committee of CDS Boston is pleased to present two special sessions at the Concord Scout House on Saturday, February 1st, 2020: an afternoon English Country Dance workshop for advanced dancers and our Advanced Challenging English ACE Dance in the evening. Our Boston Centre callers will lead both events, with music by Alchemy: Karen Axelrod, Rachel Bell, and Eric Martin.



The challenging afternoon workshop, led by Barbara Finney and Rich Jackson, will be from 2:00 – 5:00 pm and will be limited to forty-eight dancers. Preregistration is required for this workshop: \$15 for members, \$17 for nonmembers. Registrants will be notified by email regarding acceptance at the afternoon workshop.

The evening Advanced Challenging English Dance will be from 7:00 – 10:30 pm. Barbara and Rich will be joined by Christine Robb, Linda Nelson, and Tom Roby. Admission for this dance is \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers, and may be paid at the door. Preregistration is not required.

Both dances are open to dancers who have complete familiarity with dance figures and are able to respond quickly to instructions.

For more information please see the flyer in this newsletter and online at www.cds-boston.org.

Labor Day at Pinewoods – September 4-8, 2020

While it might be startling to think about late next summer as we have only just been plunged into winter, we are already hard at work lining up a noteworthy staff for Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods!

To help convince you to block out the dates on your calendar (September 4-8, 2020), let it hereby be known that LISA GREENLEAF is on board and ready to set sail into Long Pond!

While we might try to keep the staff on land for a good portion of the weekend to keep all of us entertained, your options for a magical time are nearly limitless:

- frolic in the woods and ponds on a holiday weekend
- enjoy sublime meals and blissful surroundings
- laugh, play games on the Camphouse porch, and make music with friends
- dance the nights away with multiple callers and musicians regaling you with wondrous dances and tunes in American, English, and International styles

We will be ready with more staff details in the next newsletter. In the meantime, plan on joining us next September for Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods!

- Lizzie MacLachlan, David Fleischmann-Rose, and Marcie Van Cleave

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

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. 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.*

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 visit 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>

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/>

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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*An informative article?
A favorite memory?
A sketch done at Pinewoods?
Your favorite photos, poems, quotes?
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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). Jan 18, caller Val Medve, music by John Cook (guitar), Jenaabi Finlay (piano), Susie Pollock (fiddle); Feb 8, details TBD; Mar 14, details TBD; Apr 11, details TBD; May 9, details TBD; 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.nhecads.org.

Save the date for CDNY's 37th annual Playford Ball!

Saturday, April 18, 2020, Gene Murrow and Helen White will co-emcee a wonderful program of English Country dances to the music of Trio Picante (Kate Barnes, Daniel Beerbohm, Mary Lea). Location: Lincoln Center neighborhood, Manhattan. For more details, visit: cdny.org/playfordball2020/

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.
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.
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**