McQUILLEN
by Dudley Laufman

Accordion player that I know
a laughing giant with steel-gray hair,
fingers running over the row
bribing his bellows for dancing pairs.

He coaxes and listens to the Irish in it,
falls of water, the evergreen tree,
weather brown barns, hills of granite —
then roars with laughter and slaps his knee.

It blends in well with the old violin,
the bull fiddle guy and piano player,
and he sings as he plays, this happy man,
this laughing giant with steel-gray hair.
In January 2001, the Ralph Page New England Dance Weekend will be honoring the dean of New England dance musicians. Here is a reprint of a feature that appeared in March 1998 in the New Hampshire Weekly section of the Boston Globe.

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NEFFA is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. In addition to producing an annual Folk Festival, NEFFA runs a weekly contra dance, the Ralph Page New England Dance Legacy Weekend, and a series of family dances. NEFFA also supports various folk-related activities through its grants program. Our traditions and bylaws encourage member participation in a number of ways. While many of you are no doubt familiar with the role of volunteering at the Festival, you may also know that NEFFA’s goals of preserving folk traditions are actually overseen by an Executive Board, composed of elected and appointed members. Under NEFFA’s bylaws, elected Directors are expected to chair or be a member of a committee or to take on other responsibility. (Interested NEFFA members can also become actively involved in administration by volunteering to take on a position of responsibility.)

Each year, the Nominating Committee prepares a ballot listing the nominees for the elected positions on the Board. We welcome all suggestions from the NEFFA membership, and our bylaws encourage direct nomination by members: the name of any eligible person suggested by twenty-five or more members is included on the ballot, if he or she consents.

Please send all such suggestions to Nominating Committee Chair John Wojtowicz by mail (124 Bridle Way, Tiverton, RI 02878). The deadline for such nominations is January 15, 2001.

The current Elected Board members are listed below. Those positions for which the incumbent’s term ends in 2001 are to be filled in the April election. Directors and Officers serve two-year terms and may be re-elected for one additional term (the Secretary and the Treasurer are always eligible for re-election). Members of the Nominating Committee serve for a single three-year term. Except for those marked with an asterisk, incumbents are eligible for re-election. Positions to be filled are listed in italics.

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In recent years, Nominating Committees have recognized that NEFFA is a large organization with a geographically dispersed membership and that most of these members do not know each other or the candidates. Thus, there is little point to a popularity contest, with losers as well as winners. Most ballots, therefore, have presented uncontested slates. Unless a meaningful choice on some issue presents itself, we anticipate continuing this tradition.

The Nominating Committee: John Wojtowicz, Peter Olszowka and Bob Solosko
The NEFFA Board’s season of meetings leading to the April 2001 Festival began in September with our annual Board retreat. Here is the latest news.

**Youth Programs and Grants.** Some months ago, NEFFA was fortunate to receive a very generous donation which the donor hopes NEFFA will use to support grants for youth programs. We are extremely grateful to the donor for this gift and for the opportunity it provides to NEFFA. Beginning with a discussion at our Board retreat, we have been considering options on how to best use the resources provided by the donation. Some proposals have been made and the Executive Board will make decisions at a future meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know.

**Office move.** In September, NEFFA, along with the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre and the Folk Arts Center of New England, moved its offices from Cambridge to Melrose, Massachusetts (five miles north of Boston). NEFFA has been fortunate to have built a strong relationship with CDS, sharing office space and the services of George Fogg and Ellen Mandigo, who manage the office, and oversee the archives stored there. We are also glad to have a good relationship with the FAC, which subleases office space to NEFFA and CDS. During the summer, volunteers from the three groups worked together to search for new space and arrange for the move. Since the move, George and Ellen have worked hard to organize the new office. On behalf of NEFFA, I want to extend my great appreciation for the hard work and dedication that George and Ellen give to NEFFA not only every year, but especially this year with the challenges of the move.

**CDSS Affiliation.** NEFFA has become an affiliate of the Country Dance and Song Society. As we share many of the same goals as CDSS, we are happy to support that organization.

**Special Help Wanted!** We are looking for people to help in the following areas: Publicity Chair for the Festival; Archival consultation and Sound assistants. If you have experience with Sound, contact Michael Bergman, Sound Chair, at 617-964-7684 or augment@world.std.com. For Publicity or Archives, please contact me. For general volunteers, a recruitment form will appear in the next NEFFA News. Nancy Hanssen, Volunteer Chair, will schedule volunteers once that form is returned to her. Please contact her with any questions after January 1 at neh@world.std.com or 508-875-0382. NEFFA’s programs for the Festival, the Thursday Night Dance, the Family Dance and the Ralph Page New England Dance Legacy Weekend result from hours of dedicated effort by volunteers, who do it for the love of folk music and dance. The roles include preparing mailings, booking performers and halls, designing and printing flyers, among others. The feeling that we are part of a community with a wonderful cooperative spirit makes the effort easier and incredibly rewarding. Please join us!

Shelagh Ellman-Pearl, President
saep@charter.net 508-229-2854

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**From the President’s Desk**

Shelagh Ellman-Pearl

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9/12/00

To the Editor:

I was the first editor of the NEFFA News under the direction of our gone but not forgotten Theodore Sannella. Although I retired from the news biz in 1992, it never occurred to me that NEFFA News would ever be a vehicle for the type of story you lead with for the fall issue [“The Kindness of a Young Woman by Bill Cowie”]. Bravo!

Charlie Baldwin used to do it some times in New England Square Dance Caller to introduce established protocols to new western square dance enthusiasts. – Bill Patton, Jr.
Summary of the Minutes of the NEFFA Exec Board
10 September 2000

Call to Order and President’s Remarks (Shelagh Ellman-Pearl)
The meeting was called to order by President Shelagh Ellman-Pearl.
The office move went pretty smoothly. Notify me of anyone who you deal with that may need a change of address notice.

Secretary’s Report (Dan Pearl)
The minutes of 7 May 2000 were presented and approved with minor corrections.
Comments were received about a draft of the new letterhead. People who need letterhead without the NEFFA address and phone information can just cut and paste a letterhead to meet their needs.

Approval of Committee Chairs (Shelagh Ellman-Pearl)
The following people were proposed for committee chairs by the President:

GENERAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS
Advisor – Larry Jennings
Family Dance – Jacob Bloom
Grants Committee – Robert Johnson
Legal Advisor – Stephen Moor
Membership – Jean Krogh; Bob Solosko
NEFFA News – Dan Pearl
Ralph Page Memorial Committee – Dave Bateman
Thursday Night Dance Committee – Dan Pearl
Web Page – Dan Pearl

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS
Access – Rayna Tulysewski
Activity Room – Linda Palmstrom
Arrangements
    Inside Facilities – Harold Henry
    Inside Signs – Diane Biglow, Michael Resnick
    Outside Facilities – Dan Pearl
    Outside Signs – Dayle Watts
    Operations Manager – Dan Pearl
    Clocks – Rayna Tulysewski
    Early Entry – Shelagh Ellman-Pearl, Mari Young
Crafts – Mary Stafford
Folk Bazaar – Angela Taylor
Food
    Pre-Festival – Maureen Carey
    Operations – Mary Wakefield, Don Parkhurst (not confirmed)

Hospitality – Shelagh Ellman-Pearl
Housing – Diane Mathieson, Ed Budreau
Instrument Check – Michael Anthony (not confirmed)
Safety – John Wojtowicz
Program Committee – Linda Leslie
    American Participatory Dance – Lisa Greenleaf
    Dance Performances – Doris Possi Anne Gooding
    Int’l Participatory Dance
        Line Dance – Mari Young
        Couple Dance – Lisa Greenleaf, Mari Young
    Folk Music & Song – Ann Schunior, Suzanne Mrozak, Matt Fichtenbaum
    Morris and Sword Dance – Katy Burns
    Printed Materials – Janet Yeracaris
    Performer Sales Table – Susan Janssen, Beth Parkes (advisor-assistant)
    T-Shirts – Lisa Greenleaf
Sound – Michael Bergman; Peter Olszowka
Tickets – Claire Reid; David Reid
Volunteers – Nancy Hanssen

The list was approved by voice vote of the elected board.

Donation to NEFFA (Shelagh Ellman-Pearl)
A large donation to NEFFA will be discussed in a breakout session during today’s “retreat.” What the donor wishes for the money is well within NEFFA’s goals.

Grants
The reallocation of funds will be delayed until October.
Lewiston/Auburn Arts has produced a CD of children’s songs. They are looking for funds to produce 500 copies and send them to all libraries in Maine and selected schools.
They are planning on making 1000 copies now. Anne: Who are the performers? Robert: There are a dozen songs, sung by Michael Parent and accompanied by Greg Boardman and some child singers. Peter: Should we postpone this decision until we discuss the grant? Shelagh: We can award the funds now and figure out where the money comes from later. Robert: They are planning on selling 400 CDs for $10. Dan: $10 for a CD is way below average, especially for educational material. Jean: I support their proposal; they seem to have given it a lot of thought.
A motion to grant them $2000 was passed.
THE CALENDAR

Many of the listings for the Boston area appear courtesy of the Folk Arts Center of New England, 42 West Foster St, Melrose MA 02176 - 781-662-7475. They publish Folk Dancing Round Boston, a bi-monthly listing of dance events in the Greater Boston area. Many of the Northern New England listings appear courtesy of the Dance Gypsy Calendar (P.O. Box 6447, Brattleboro, VT 05302 - 802-257-4478) or the Down East Friends of the Folk Arts Newsletter (c/o Malcolm Sanders, 13 Pinkham's Flats Road, Lamoine ME 04605). All three are published monthly with much last-minute information which can't be included here - why not subscribe!

Always call to confirm before traveling great distances to get to a dance!

All of these events require that you bring clean, non-street shoes to dance in! The number of halls available for dancing has been shrinking because of the concerns of hall-owners about wear and tear on their floors. Please help dancing continue by bringing shoes which do not have street grit on them and changing into them to dance.

* Items marked with * are events which we still have not heard about this year. If you have information about them or other dances, please send mail to Jacob and Nancy Bloom, 169 Sylvia St, Arlington MA 02476 or e-mail to: bloom@gis.net. The other events have been confirmed, but the information is always subject to last minute changes. The deadline for the spring calendar is 1/15/01.

Regular Events - Eastern Mass.

All Sundays  
International, Cambridge-MIT. Instruction 7 PM, dance 7:30

All Sundays  
Israeli Folk Dancing, Cambridge-HH 8:10-30 PM. $3.00 All year

All Sundays  
Scottish, Brookline-COS. 6:30-8:30 PM $4

2nd Sundays  
Gammalands (Easy Scandinavian), Brookline-COS. 2:5 PM. $6

3rd Sundays  
Tellespringer Dance Parties Cambridge-Ry. 8-11 PM $6

Various Sundays  
Family Dance Concord 2-5 PM, $4, $15/family. Dances on 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18

All Mondays  
Contras & squares w/Yankee Ingenuity. Concord.7:30-10:30 PM.$6

All Mondays  
Israeli Brookline-KI 8:30, teaching 8:00. $4

All Mondays  
Scottish Cambridge-YV 7:45-10:15. $6

All Mondays  
Greek Folk Dancing Watertown 7 PM $10

All Tuesdays  
Scottish Fitchburg 6-8 PM

1st Tuesdays  
Contra w/Cammy Kaynor & Knights of Tunisia. Arlington-PAC. 8-10:30, teaching 7:45 $6. Sep-June

2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
Gender-free English, Boston. 7:30-10 PM $5

2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
Contra Cambridge-MIT 7:30-10 PM

3rd Tuesdays  
Contra Open Mike for callers and musicians. Arlington-PAC. 8-10:30, teaching 7:45 $6. Sep-June

5th Tuesdays  
Contra Party format. Arlington-PAC. 8-10:30, teaching 7:45 $6. Sep-June

All Wednesdays  
English Arlington-PAC 7:30-10:30, $6

All Wednesdays  
Israeli Cambridge-MIT 7:30, teaching 7:00

All Wednesdays  
Western Square Classes Danvers. 7-8:30 PM $3

All Wednesdays  
International Southboro 8-10:30, $3.50 Sep-June

All Thursdays  
Contras & Squares, Cambridge-VFW. 8-11 PM. $5.

All Thursdays  
Experienced International, Belmont. 8-11 PM. $6.

All Thursdays  
Scottish, Salem. Beginners 7:30, dance 8 PM. $2

1st Fridays  
Experienced English Brookline-COS 8:15-11, $5 Oct-June

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1st Fridays  
Western Squares Danvers. No dance 1/1.

1st 3rd 5th Fridays  
Scottish Weston 8 PM. $4

2nd Fridays  
International w/Cambridge Folk Orchestra. Arlington-SIC 8:15-11 $3.50 Sep-June

2nd Fridays  
Contra w/Walter Lenk & O'Connor's Mob. Carlisle 8-10:30, potluck 6:30 $5 Oct-June

2nd Fridays  
Renaissance Dance w/Charles Garth. Cambridge-FC 7:30 PM. $8. Sep-June. No dance 4/14

2nd & 4th Fridays  
English. Barnstable. 7:30 PM. $5.00. No dance 11/25, 12/23.

2nd & 4th Fridays  
Contra Rehoboth 8 PM $6

2nd & 4th Fridays  
Scottish Stow 8:30 $3

3rd Fridays  
Contra w/Roaring Jelly. Lexington 8-11, teaching 7:45, $5/under 12 free. Sep-June

3rd 4th 5th Fridays  

1st Saturdays  
Contra w/Woods Hole Folk Orchestra. Woods Hole. 8 PM

1st Saturdays  
Contra Medway. 7:30-10:30 $6/children under 12 free Sep-June

1st Saturdays  
Contra w/Berlin Country Orchestra. Berlin. 8-11 $5/12 family. Sep-June

1st Saturdays  
Contra Concord. 8 PM

1st & 3rd Saturdays  
Scandinavian, Brookline-COS. 8-10:30 PM. $6

2nd Saturdays  
Contra Cotuit.

2nd Saturdays  
Contras & Squares w/Tony Saletan. Concord. 8-11 $6 Oct-June

3rd Saturdays  
Contras & Squares w/Beth Parke & Swingin On A Gate. Concord. 8 PM $6 Oct-June

3rd Saturdays  
Contra w/Ami Larkin & Friends. Sandwich. 8 PM. $6

3rd Saturdays  
Contra. Northboro. Sep-June

3rd Saturdays  
Contra w/Cammy Kaynor & Knights of Tunisia. Malden. 8 PM. teaching 7:00. $5

4th Saturdays  
Contra w/Lenk, O'Connor & Knight. Concord. 8-11 Sep-June

4th Saturday  
International folk dance parties. Arlington or Belmont. Call for information: 781-662-7475

Last Saturday  
Contra. Clinton. 8PM-11:30. $7. Starts in Jan 01. No dance 4/01.

5th Saturdays  
Contra Concord. 8 PM

Various Saturdays  

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* Salsa/Swing Medford. 8-11, advanced class 6:30, beginners 7:15. $12.

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***

Dec 31, Sunday  
FACONE New Years Eve Party Friends of the Performing Arts, 51 Walden St, Concord. 781-662-7475, fac@facone.org

Jan 1, Monday  
CDS Holiday Party Boston area. Call for information. 781-662-6710, mkseller@mit.edu, www.cds-boston.org

Jan 6, Saturday  
English Dance Party Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 7:30-11 PM $12. 978-371-2290, 603-878-4332, attansiof@aol.com

Jan 7, Sunday  
Family Dance w/Tony Saletan & Judith Stames-Hamilton. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 2-4 PM. $4, $15/family. 781-662-7475, 781-662-6710, fac@facone.org

Jan 21 Sunday  
Family Dance w/Sarah Gregory Smith & Rick Mohr. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 2-4 PM. $4, $15/family. 781-662-7475, 781-662-6710, fac@facone.org

Feb 4, Sunday  
Family Dance w/Chris Ricciotti & Judith Stames-Hamilton. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 2-4 PM. $4, $15/family. 781-662-7475, 781-662-6710, fac@facone.org

Feb 4, Sunday  
Challenging Contra w/Lisa Greenleaf & Airdance. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 7:30-10:30 PM. 781-662-6710

Feb 18, Sunday  
Family Dance w/Judith Stames-Hamilton & Marcie Van Cleave. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 2-4 PM. $4, $15/family. 781-662-7475, 781-662-6710, fac@facone.org

Mar 3, Saturday  
Playford Ball Boston area. Call for information. 781-662-6710, mkseller@mit.edu, www.cds-boston.org

Mar 4, Sunday  
Family Dance w/Sarah Gregory Smith & Jacob Bloom. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 2-4 PM. $4, $15/family. 781-662-7475, 781-662-6710, fac@facone.org

Mar 4, Sunday  
Challenging Contra w/Dan Pearl. Scout House, 74 Walden St,
**Venues - Eastern Massachusetts**

**Arlington-SJC** 2nd Friday International: 781-272-0396 at St.John's Church, 74 Pleasant St.

**Arlington-COS** Balkan: 781-648-6887, 781-322-3949, at Church of Our Saviour, 21 Marathon St.


**Barnstable** English: 508-362-9570 at West Barnstable Community Hall, Rte 149 (North of US 6).

**Belmont** Thursdays International: 781-662-7475. First Unitarian, 404 Concord Ave

**Berlin** First Saturday Contras: 508-838-2104, 978-365-3883. At Town Hall, Route 62. Oct-May


**Cambridge-FC** Renaissance: 617-661-3353 at First Congregational, 11 Garden St.

**Cambridge-HH** Sunday Israeli: 617-484-3267, 617-254-HORA at Harvard/Radcliffe Hilltop, 52 Mt. Auburn St.


**Cambridge-Ry** Telespring: 617-661-3670 gdogler@aol.com. At Ryles Jazz Club, 212 Harvard Street, Inman Square

**Cambridge-VFW** Thurs contra: 781-662-6710, 781-272-0396, 508-229-2854 At VFW Hall, 689 Huron Ave

**Cambridge-YW** Scottish: 617-484-0950 to 7 Temple St.

**Carlisle** Contras: 978-369-1232, 617-547-7781 at Unitarian Church

**Clinton** Contras: 978-368-8470, jes12367@juno.com. At town hall.


**Danvers** Western Squares 978-774-8159, 978-927-8173. At Calvary Episcopal, corner Holten & Cherry Sts.

**Fitchburg** Ipswich: 3rd & 4th, Wednesdays at Town Hall.


**Malden** Contra 781-324-7355. Studio 665, 3rd Floor, 665 Salem St, Maplewood Square.


**Medway** Contras: 508-883-3443, mtvictor@juno.com, at Christ Episcopal Church, 14 School St

**Melrose** 3rd Sat Contras: 978-481-4802. First Unitarian, 40 Church St

**Northboro** 3rd Sat Contras: 508-252-6735, 508-699-5656, sheunndkk@Aol.com At Goff Hall, Bay State Rd

**Salem** Scottish: 978-745-2229 at First Universalist Church, 211 Bridge St

**Sandwich** Contras: 508-889-4968 at Grange Hall, Old County Rd, East Sandwich

**Southboro** International: 508-872-4110. At Fayville Village Hall, Central & Grove Sts.

**Stow** Scottish: 978-897-2466 at Town Hall

**Watertown** Greek: 617-547-1095 at Hellenic Cultural Center, 25 Bigelow Ave.

**Weston** Scottish: 781-259-9656, 617-235-6490 at First Church, on the Green

**Woods Hole** Contras: 508-548-6661. At Community Hall.

**Worcester** Contras: 508-755-7329. First Cong. Church, 1070 Pleasant St.

**Regular Events - Western Mass.**


All Mondays English. Amherst. 7-9:30 PM. $5.

All Wednesdays Scottish, Great Barrington. 7 PM. Sep-June

All Thursdays Scottish, Northampton. 7-9:30, Sep-May

All Fridays International. Amherst. 8-10 PM. All year

1st Fridays Contra & Scandinavian w/Fourgone Conclusions. Greenfield. 8 PM.


2nd, 4th, 5th Fridays Contra w/David Kaynor. Greenfield. 8-12 PM.

3rd Saturdays & squares. Greenfield. Teaching 8, dance 8:30 PM. $6

1st Saturdays English w/Helen Davenport. Amherst. 8:10-10:30 PM $6.

1st Saturdays Contra w/Wild Asparagus. Greenfield. Beginners 8 PM, dance 8:30 $6 All year.

2nd Saturdays Square Dance w/Ralph Sweet. Goshen. 8 PM. Sep-June

3rd Saturdays English w/PLEASES Of The Town. Amherst. Beginners 8 PM, dance 8:30-11. $7. All year.

3rd Saturdays Gender free contras. Greenfield.

4th Saturdays Contra. Amherst. 8:30-11:30 PM $6.

4th Saturdays Contra w/Joe Baker & Mountain Laurel. Sheffield. 8:30 PM. $5/adults, 2/kids. Jan-Nov

4th Saturdays Zydeco Greenfield. Teaching 8, dance 8:30 PM.

4th Saturdays Square Dance w/Bob Livingston. Bernardston. 8 PM

5th Saturdays Contra w/Soozarama. Amherst. 8:30 PM. $6.

various Saturdays Gender-free contra. Greenfield. 8 -11 PM.

**Venues - Western Massachusetts - area code 413**

**Amherst**


**Bermondston**

4th Sat. Squares: 337-4778, at Bermondston School, School St.

**Goshen**

2nd Saturday Squares: 268-7176 at Town Hall, Rte 9.

**Great Barrington** Scottish: 448-6821, 229-8096 at Fitness Express, 42 Bridge St.

**Greenfield**


**Hadley**

2nd Fri.Swing: at N.Hadley Village Hall, 239 River Drive. 585-1039

**Northampton** Scottish 586-5476; 3rd Sun. Family dance 586-7602. At Lyman Hall, First Churches, 129 Main St (Rte 9).

**Pittsfield**

2nd Friday Contra: 499-7105 at Pittsfield Grange, 1123 West St.

**Sheffield** 4th Saturday Contra: 528-9385 at Grange Hall, Route 7.

**Regular Events - New Hampshire**

2nd Sundays English Concord. Sep-May

3rd Sundays English w/Marianne Taylor. Portsmouth. 7-9:30 PM. All year.

All Mondays Contra Nelson. June-Dec

All Wednesdays International. Hanover. Oct-May
All Wednesdays Scottish. Concord. 7:30 PM. $4. All year
“middle” Wednesdays Scottish. Nashua. 7-9 PM.
1st & last Thursdays Scottish. Nashua. 7-9 PM.
All Thursdays International. East Concord.
1st Thursdays Contra w/Lamprey River Band. Dover. 8-10:40 PM. $4.
All Fridays Scottish. Keene. 7:30 PM.
All Fridays Scottish. Greenwood. 8 PM. Oct-June
1st Fridays Traditional Squares w/Dudley Laufman. Wentworth.
1st & 3rd Fridays Scottish. Sandwich. 7:30 PM.
2nd & 4th Fridays Contra. Milford. 8-11 PM. $5. All year.
1st Saturdays Country Dance. Deerfield. Nov-June
2nd Saturdays Contra. Franchestown. 8:00-11:00 PM. $5. All year.
2nd Saturdays Contra. Gilmanon Corners. 8-11 PM. $5/person, $10/family.
4th Saturdays Contra. Dover. 8:30-11:30 PM.$6. All year

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Jan 12-14 New England Dance Legacy Weekend UNH, Durham. 225-6546, 463-7771, 664-2513

**Venues - New Hampshire - area code 603**

Concord
2nd Sunday English: 934-2543. At Howard Auditorium, NH Hospital 105 Pleasant St. Wednesday Scottish: 226-2739. At Odd Fellows Hall, Pleasant St
Deerfield
1st Saturday Country dance: 463-7771. At Town Hall, Old Centre Road.
Dover
1st Thurs Contra: 664-2513. 4th Saturday Contra: 659-7038. At City Hall.
East Concord
3rd Saturday Contra: 746-2388. International: 746-3139. At East Concord Community Center
Francestown
2nd Saturday Contra: 547-2955, 847-2480, Town Hall.
Gilmanton
2nd Saturday Contra: 267-7227. At Academy Building, Gilmanton Corners.
Greenland
Friday Scottish: 436-4118. At Parish Hall, Post Road (Rte 151).
Hanover
Wednesday International: 802-633-3226, at Kendall Retirement Community
Holderness
1st & 3rd Friday Contra: 536-3887. At Town Hall.
Keene
Friday Scottish: 352-6968. At Unitarian Church, Washington St.
3rd Saturday Swing: 357-2100. At Moving Company, 76 Railroad St
Kensington
3rd Friday Contra: 770-7988, 659-5612. At Town Hall, Route 150.
Milford
2nd & 4th Friday Contra: 886-5071, 672-8252, Town Hall.
Nashua
Scottish: 891-2331, lorenrw@rwp.mv.com. At Chandler Library, Main St.
Nelson
Monday Contra 827-3455, 827-3732. At Town Hall.
Peterborough
1st Saturday Contra: 525-3883. At Town House.
Portsmouth
3rd Sunday English: 886-5071, bw@star.net, taylorgorman@juno.com. At Portsmouth Ballroom, Portsmouth & Fleet Sts.
Sandwich
1st & 3rd Friday Scottish: 284-6164. Town Hall,
Wentworth
1st Friday Traditional Squares: 744-5135. At Town Hall

**Regular Events - Connecticut**

All Sundays International, West Hartford-AL. 7-10:00 PM. $5. All year.
1st Friday Swing West Hartford-TH. 8:30-11:30, teaching 7:30. $11
1st & 3rd Fridays Contras & English w/Ed & Marjorie Potter. Norwalk. 8-10:30 $5 Sep-May
1st Saturdays Contra. Chaplin. 8-11 PM. Teaching 7:30 PM. $6.
1st Saturdays Contra New Haven. 8-11, teaching 7:30.
2nd Saturdays Round Hill Country Dances. Greenwich. Instruction 7, dance 8-11. All year
2nd Saturdays Square dance w/ Bob Livingston & Barbara's Band. Killingly 8 PM. Sep-June
2nd Saturdays Contra Wethersfield. 8-11, teaching 7:30. $7
3rd Saturdays Cajun/Zydeco Wethersfield. 8-11:30, teaching 7:15, $10.
3rd & 5th Saturdays Contra Branford. 8-11, teaching 7:30.
4th Saturdays Swing Wethersfield. 8:30-11:30, teaching 7:30, $5

**Venues - Connecticut**

Branford Contra: 203-776-1812, barbararuth@rocketmail.com, www.ctcontra.com/nhcd. At Branford Community Center, 46 Church St.
Greenwich 2nd Saturday Country Dance: 914-736-6489, 203-381-9509, bkoser@bestweb.net, bigfoot.com/~roundhill. Round Hill Community House, Round Hill Rd.
New Haven Contra: 203-776-1812, barbararuth@rocketmail.com, www.ctcontra.com/nhcd. At St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, 830 Whitney Ave. (corner of Whitney and Cliff)
Norwalk 1st & 3rd Friday Country Dance: 203-226-6681, 203-373-9320, edwine.potter@net.snet, Cranbury Comm. Chapel, Newtown Ave & Frank St.
West Hartford-AL Sunday International: 860-561-5069, 860-232-7368, At American Legion Hall, 12 Memorial Rd.
West Hartford-TH 1st Friday Swing 860-649-0482, zsdmann@eolus.com. At Town Hall, 50 S.Main St.
Wethersfield 2nd Saturday Contra: 860-233-6603, rlinдаu@attglobal.net. 3rd Saturday Cajun: 860-648-2584, tamarind1@gobi.com. 4th Saturday Swing: 860-346-7483, 860-346-7954, swingout@webtv.net. At American Legion Hall, 275 Main St.

**Regular Events - Vermont**

2nd Sundays English. Norwich. Jan-April
2nd & 4th Mondays International Brattleboro. Sep-July
Most Tuesdays Scottish w/Bernard McGrath & Joy Leland. Fairlee. 7-9 PM $3
All Wednesdays Scottish Montpelier
All Wednesdays Israeli Burlington. Sep-May
All Thursdays Scottish w/Major & Bailey. Putney. 7:30 PM. Sep-June
1st Fridays Contra Danville. Oct-May
1st Fridays Contra North Clarendon. Feb-May
1st Fridays International Norwich. Sep-June. Call to confirm
1st & 3rd Fridays Scottish Cornwall
2nd Fridays Contra Chelsea. Oct-May
3rd Fridays Contra Burlington. Sep-June
3rd Fridays Community dance North Clarendon. Jan-April
Alternate Fridays English South Burlington. Sep-May
1st Saturdays Swing West Dummerston. Sep-June
1st,3rd,5th Saturdays Contra. Montpelier. 8 PM.
2nd Saturdays Contra. Wolcott.
2nd Saturdays Contra. Burlington. Instruction 7:30 PM, dance 8:00 PM. $5.
2nd Saturdays Contra w/David Millstone & Northern Spy. Norwich. 8-11:30 PM. Sep-June.
3rd Saturdays Family dance Cornwall. Sep-May
3rd Saturdays Contra Townshend.
3rd & 4th Saturday Swing White River Jet. Sep-June. Call to confirm
4th Saturdays Contra. Bristol. 8 PM.
Last Saturdays Contra w/Fred Breunig & Tune Police. East Putney. Beginners 8, dance 8:30 -11 PM.
Various Saturdays  International  Lyndonville
Various Saturdays  Gender-Free Contra  Putney. Dances on 2/3, 4/7, 6/2
Various Saturdays  Ed Larkin Dancers' Open House  Royalten. Dances on 12/16, 1/13, 2/17, 3/10, 4/14

**Venues - Vermont - area code 802**

**Brattleboro** 2nd & 4th Monday International: 348-7463. At School of Dance, 17 Eliot St.
**Bristol** 4th Saturday Contra: 388-4548. At Holley Hall.
**Burlington** Wednesday Israeli: 878-4823. At Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, 188 N. Prospect St. 3rd Friday Contra: 660-9491. At Champlain Club, Crowley St.
**Chelmsford** 2nd Friday Contra: 883-5578. Grange Hall.
**Cornwall** 3rd Saturday Family Dance: 388-7828, 426-2548 Scottish: 987-2572. Town Hall.
**Danville** 1st Friday Contra: 426-3331. At Knights of Pythias, Hill St.
**East Putney** Last Saturday Contra: 387-5985. At Pierce's Hall.
**Fairlee** Tuesday Scottish: 603-353-4647. At Town Hall.
**Lyndonville** Saturday International: 748-3512, 748-2877, 633-3226. Bole Gym, Lyndon State College
**No. Clarendon** 1st Friday Contras: 492-3111. 3rd Friday Community: 492-3111. At Grange Hall.
**Norwich** 2nd Saturday Contras: 603-448-2950, millstone@valley.net.
**Putney** Friday International: 674-5934. English: 875-4121. At Tracy Hall, Main St.
**Royalton** 3rd Saturday Contra: 433-1283. At Royalton Academy.
**So. Bristol** Friday English: 658-4126, 862-3638, 878-4893. Municipal Bldg, 575 Dorset St.
**Townshend** 3rd Saturday Contra: 874-7141. At Town Hall.
**West Dummerston** 1st Saturday Swing: 254-5443. At West St. Arts.
**White River Jet** Saturday Swing: 603-863-6519. At Jazzercise Ctr, 27 Maple St.
**Wolcott** 2nd Saturday Contra: 748-5137. At Town Hall.

**Regular Events - Rhode Island**

All Wednesdays Scottish: East Greenwich. 7-10 PM.
Various Saturdays  Contra. Cranston. 8 PM. $6 Dances 11/25, 12/23, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 5/22, 6/16
Various Saturdays  Contra. East Providence. 8 PM, teaching 7:30 $9

**Venues - Rhode Island**

**Cranston**  Saturday Contra: 401-828-3229, jsrw@edgenet.net. At Oaklawn Grange, Wheeler St. 8 PM. $6
East Greenwich  Scottish: 401-828-9349, saranpaula@ids.net At Rocky Hill Grange.
East Providence  Contra. 401-246-2720, 508-636-2221, Acce@aol.com. At Brightridge Hall.

**Regular Events - Maine**

All Sundays  Scottish. Kennebunk. 6 PM.
All Mondays  Scottish. Belfast. 7:30-9:30 PM. $2.
2nd Wednesdays  English. Freedom. 7:30-9 PM. $3.
All Thursdays  International. Bar Harbor. 7-9 PM. $1.
All Thursdays  International. Rockland. 6:30-8:30.
All Thursdays  Scottish. Brunswick. 6:30-8:30. $3
2nd Fridays  Contra. Kittery. 8-11:30 PM. $6. All year.
3rd Fridays  Cajun. Auburn. 8-11 PM $6
3rd Fridays  Contra. w/Sheep Island Rovers. Stonington. 7-10:30 PM $5
1st Saturdays  Contra. Oakham Bay String Band. Blue Hill. 8 PM $5 All year
1st Saturdays  Contra. Skowhegan. 8 PM. $5, $10 max. per family.
1st Saturdays  Contra. With The Neighbors. Portland. 8-12 PM, teaching 7 PM. $7. First Dance 1/6/01
2nd Saturdays  Contra. Belfast. 8 PM $5
2nd Saturdays  Contra. w/Green Mountain Railway. Hollis Cove.
2nd Saturdays  Contra. w/Marsh Island Band. Orono. 8 PM, teaching 7:30, $5
2nd & 4th Saturdays  Family Dance & Contra. No. Yarmouth. Family Dance 6, Potluck 7:30, dance 8:30-12. $7
3rd Saturdays  Contra. Trenton. 8-11:30 PM. $6 Bring water.
4th Saturdays  Contra. Rockport. 8-11:30 PM. $5.

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***

Mar 16-17  Downeast Country Dance Festival  Lewiston. 568-7597, circleleft@unineats.net, w3.ie.net/laureldecdfd

**Venues - Maine - area code 207**

Bar Harbor  Thursday International: 461-6631, 288-3800, 257-4321, jra@jax.org. At Municipal Bldg.
Belfast  Monday Scottish: 469-3291. At American Legion Hall, Church St. Contra: 338-0715. First Church.
Blue Hill  1st Saturday Contra: 359-2070. At Town Hall.
Bowdoinham  3rd Saturday Contra: 948-5842, 225-2117. At Town Hall, School St. Bring water.
Falmouth  Contra: 689-9043, 772-6600, srleblanc@usa.net. At Congregational Church, 267 Falmouth Road
Kennebunk  Sunday Scottish: 967-3813, Brick Store Museum Program Center, Darn St.
Kittery  2nd Friday Contra: 603-436-8372. At Grange Hall.
Orono  2nd Saturday Contra: 942-5471. Community Center
Portland  Contra: 688-9043, 772-6600, srleblanc@usa.net. At Cathedral Church, 307 Congress St.
Rockland  Thursday International: 372-8298. Recreation Ctr, Limerock St.
Rockport  Contra: 785-5118, 568-7597. Simonson Corners Community Hall.
Skowhegan  1st Sat Contra: 566-7952, 587-4851. At Grange Hall, Pleasant St
Stonington  Contra: 367-5058, 348-2333, Deer Isle/Stonington Dance Center, Rte 15.
Winter Harbor  4th Saturday Contra: 422-9014, 461-6631. At Hammond Hall.

**Regular Events - Outside N.E.**

All Thursdays  Contra. 8 - 11 PM. $6. 716-924-4980, tblleck@msn.com At Covenant United Methodist Church, 1124 Culver Rd, Rochester, NY. No dance 11/23.
3rd Sundays  English w/Richard Sauvin. 7:30-10 PM. $6. 716-442-4681, sauvin@rochester.rr.com At Friends Meeting House, 84 Scio St, Rochester, NY.

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Feb 16-18, Fri-Sat  Dance Flurry  Sarasota Springs, NY.  www.danceflurry.org

Festivals and Dance Camps

Jan 12-14  New England Dance Legacy Weekend, UNH, Durham NH.  Contact: 603-225-6546, 603-463-7771, 603-664-2513
Feb 6-13  Tropical Dance English Week Vacation, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands.  George Marshall, PO Box 602, Belchertown MA 01007 413-323-9604 TDV@wildasparagus.com www.tropdanvac.com
Feb 15-22  Tropical Dance Contra Week Vacation, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands.  George Marshall, PO Box 602, Belchertown MA 01007 413-323-9604 TDV@wildasparagus.com www.tropdanvac.com
Feb 16-18  Dance Flurry  Sarasota Springs, New York.  Contact: www.danceflurry.org
Feb 28-Mar 7  Contra Dance Vacation, Antigua, Guatemala.  PO Box 42301, Santa Barbara, CA 93140, bailemundomaya@bigfoot.com, http://geocities.com/bailemundomaya
Mar 16-17  Downeast Country Dance Festival  Lewiston ME.  207-568-7597, circleleft@uninets.net, w3.ime.net/~laurie/docflff
May 4-6  Hands Four Spring Weekend, East Hill Farm, Troy NH.  Contact: Hands Four, PO Box 641, Bedford MA 01730, 978-670-9333, www.hands4.com

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