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think so!**

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Perils of Prosperity

Why Some Dances Are Having Low Attendance

by Dudley Laufman of Canterbury, New Hampshire via the Internet

In the 40's and 50's in rural New Hampshire there were regular weekly Friday and Saturday night dances* in Marlboro, Walpole, Richmond, Keene, Swanzey, Hancock, Bradford, Orford, Alexandria, and more. All these dances were the "place to be" for a local crowd, pulling over 100 people each night. It was what folks did. There were not many choices. Being a dance gypsy was not an option.

There are currently twelve monthly "contra" dances going on in New Hampshire. Three of them average 80-100 dancers each month, many hailing from out of state. The other nine monthly dances in New Hampshire are small, averaging maybe 25-30 at each one. Some of the same dancers can be seen each week at one or another of these venues.

Some of us here in rural New Hampshire like the small intimate dances. But there are others who are not happy with the economics of those events. Disappointed with the meager turnout, weary of trying to crank up energy from ten dancers in a cavernous hall that could handle a hundred. Not too long ago in the '70's when "contra" had become a buzz word, large crowds of teenagers filled the

town halls for monthly dances in Acworth, Fitzwilliam, Nelson, Sanbornton, Tamworth, Durham. For those of us who experienced those days the contra scene now might appear to be in a rather fragile condition.



So where is everybody? Why aren't all the dances the "place to be"? Lot's of reasons, but perhaps the biggest is the Perils of Prosperity (POP). Too much to do, and too much money to do it with. There are lots of "places to be" as the consumer surfs through the good times.

For the most part we are not doing anything wrong. Standing on our heads naked spitting wooden nickels won't change anything. POP is in charge for the time being. But have no fear, it will pass. What we need is a good old depression to bring us back to our villages and communities to party and dance. This will be called Dance Up Depression (DUD).

*These were not "contra" dances in the modern sense. One or two contras, three at the most, squares, and round dances (foxtrots, waltzes etc). The event was called a "Dance" not a contra dance.

From the President's Desk

Shelagh Ellman-Pearl



2001 Festival. As the 2001 Festival draws near, we on the NEFFA Board are excited to see the planning coming together. The enclosed grid shows that the Program Committee has once again put together a sensational program. This year we return to the typical Festival schedule of years past, after last year's modifications.

Ralph Page New England Dance Legacy Weekend. Kudos to the Ralph Page Memorial Committee! The Dance Legacy Weekend was fantastically successful this year. This weekend featured a special retrospective of Bob McQuillen's work. The centerpiece of the weekend was the premiere of *Paid To Eat Ice Cream*, a video produced by David Millstone. That video will be shown during a session of the 2001 Festival in April.

Springstep Center for Traditional Dance and Music. The Springstep Center, a new nonprofit organization is now designing and constructing a dedicated space for dance and music in Medford, Massachusetts. I am very pleased to announce that NEFFA has agreed to become a resident group, joining the Country Dance Society Boston Centre, the Folk Arts Center of New England and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Boston Branch. NEFFA will make a

one-time contribution to the center of \$10,000. Once Springstep's building is ready for use, NEFFA will move its office to the new site. There, NEFFA will continue its longstanding practice of sharing an office and staff with CDS. We will also have the opportunity to use the dance space at a reduced rate for regular or special dance events. By joining the center, NEFFA will maintain its current office relationship with CDS and will also be able to support and share in Springstep's goals which complement those of NEFFA.

We anticipate forming a strong relationship with the Springstep Center and strengthening those we already have with the other resident groups. Despite this, NEFFA will remain true to its core goal to support folk traditions and organizations throughout New England (and elsewhere). Part of that support comes from grants and loans administered through our Grants program. Check the NEFFA website for guidelines, or request them from Grants Committee Chair Robert Johnson at 508-653-0560.

Volunteering for NEFFA. I am happy to introduce NEFFA's new Publicity Chair, Jessica Holland. Thank you and welcome! We will soon need a new calendar listing coordinator. Jacob and Nancy Bloom, who have tirelessly handled this role for years, have decided to step down shortly. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Dan Pearl at Daniel_Pearl@yahoo.com or at 508-229-2854. And if you would like to volunteer for the 2001 Festival, please fill out and return the flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

See you at the Festival!

30-year-old Jelly

Save the date: Sunday, March 25th from 6 to 10 PM. Come and celebrate Roaring Jelly's 30th Anniversary with a gala dance party at the Concord (MA) Scout House.

Admission is \$7; former Jellies are free and are invited to join the band for the evening.

Roaring Jelly is a large community band, open to all, that plays for a monthly dance in Lexington, MA.



Calendar Editor Needed!

One or more people are needed to take over part or all of the dance calendar for the NEFFA News. If you would like to help publicize the dances in your state, or are willing to help put together the information about dancing in New England, please contact Dan Pearl (508) 229-2854.



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Issue	Deadlines		
	Covering	Calendar	Editorial
Apr.-Jul.	Jan. 20	Feb. 15	
Jul.-Oct.	Apr. 20	May 15	
Oct.-Jan.	Jul. 20	Aug. 15	
Jan.-Apr.	Oct. 20	Nov. 15	

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Publicize your events! Display advertising or flyer enclosures are available for qualifying folk-related organizations. For more information, contact Dan at +1-508-229-2854.

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 bimonthly listing of dance events in the Greater Boston area. Many of the Northern New England listings appear courtesy of the Dance Gypsy Calendar (2518 Sunset Lake Rd, Dummerston, VT 05301 - 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 a * 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 summer calendar is 4/15/01.

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 Gammaldans (Easy **Scandinavian**). Brookline-COS. 2-5 PM. \$6
- 2nd Sundays **Vintage Tea Dances** Newton. Dec-April
3rd Sundays **Telespringar Dance Parties** Cambridge-Ry. 8-11 PM \$6
Various Sun. **Family Dance** Concord 2-5 PM. \$4, \$15/family. Dances on 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18
- Various Sun. **Challenging Contras** Concord. 7:30-10:30 \$7. Dances on 2/4, 3/4, 4/8, 5/6.
- 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-YW 7:45-10:15. \$6
All Mondays **Greek Folk Dancing** Watertown-HCC 7 PM \$10
Various Mon. **Experienced Balkan** Arlington-COS. 8-10 \$3. Call for dates.
All Tuesdays **Scottish** Fitchburg 6-8 PM
1st Tuesdays **Contra** w/Cammy Kaynor & Knights of Tunisia. Arlington-PAC. Slow jam for musicians 6:30-8:00, teaching 7:45, dance 8-10:30. \$6. Sep-June
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays **Gender-free English**, Boston. 7:30-10 PM \$5
2nd & 4th Tuesdays **Contra** Cambridge-MIT 7:30-10:30 PM
3rd & 5th Tuesdays **Contra** Open Mike for callers and musicians. 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
- All Fridays **Balkan** Watertown-SC Children's class 6:30-8, dance 8-11 \$7
1st Fridays Experienced **English** Brookline-COS 8:15-11, \$5 Oct-June
1st Fridays **Contra** Worcester. Oct-May.

1st Fridays **Western Squares** Danvers.
 1st Fridays **Gender-Free Contra** w/Chris Ricciotti. Attleboro 8-11 PM \$5
 1st 3rd 5th Fridays **Scottish** Weston 8 PM \$4
 2nd Fridays **International** w/Cambridge Folk Orchestra. Arlington-SJC 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.
 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 **Basic International.** Arlington-PAC. 7:30-11 PM. \$6.
 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. No dances in April.
 2nd Saturdays **Contra** Cotuit.
 2nd Saturdays **Contras & Squares** w/Tony Saletan. Concord. 8-11 \$6 Oct-June
 3rd Saturdays **Contras & Squares** w/Beth Parkes & Swinging On A Gate. Concord. 8 PM \$6 Oct-June
 3rd Saturdays **Contra** w/Amy 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
 5th Saturdays **Contra** Concord. 8 PM
 Last Saturdays **Contra** Clinton. 8-11:30 PM \$7 No dance 4/28.
 Various Saturdays **Gender-Free Country Dance** Jamaica Plain, Boston. 7:30-11 PM. \$6. Dances 2/10, 3/10, 3/24, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9, 7/28
 Various Saturdays Zdravets Concert & Dance (**Balkan**). Arlington-COS. 8-11 PM. \$5. Dances 2/10, 3/10, 4/7, 5/19, 6/9..

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***

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** Concord. Workshop 1:30 PM, ball 8-12. Reservations required. 617-782-7266, mes@world.std.com, 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 **French Canadian Music and Dance Workshops** w/Pierre Chartrand and Domino. Emerson Umbrella, 40 Stow St, Concord. 2:00 and 3:30 PM, \$15. To register. 781-894-3394
 Mar 4, Sunday **Challenging Contra** w/Dan Pearl. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. Potluck 5:30-7, dance 7:30-10:30pm. 781-662-6710
 Mar 17, Saturday **Vintage Ball** w/Spare Parts. Winchester. Reservations required. 781-396-2870, ReturningHeroes@VintageDancers.org
 Mar 18, Sunday **Family Dance** w/Marcie Van Cleave & Regina Laskowski. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 2-4 PM. \$4, \$15/family. 781-662-7475, 781-662-6710, fac@facone.org

Mar 24, Saturday **Gender-Free Advanced Contra** First Church Unitarian, Centre & Eliot Sts, Jamaica Plain 2 PM. 617-522-2216, 617-522-1115
 Mar 24, Saturday **Gender-Free Modern English & Contra** First Church Unitarian, Centre & Eliot Sts, Jamaica Plain 7:30 PM. 617-522-2216, 617-522-1115
 Mar 31, Saturday **Equinox Ball** w/Wild Asparagus. Scout House, 74 Walden St, Concord. 7-11 PM. \$10. 781-662-6710, www.cds-boston.org
 April 20-22, Fri-Sun **New England Folk Festival (NEFFA)** Natick High School, Natick. Dance, music, crafts, food. The event of the year! See the accompanying flier. 781-662-6710, neffa@neffa.org, www.neffa.org/~neffa
 May 4-6, Fri-Sun **Highland Ball and Weekend.** Framingham. Reservations required, \$58. 978-807-7364, lkohn@bu.edu

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.
 Arlington-PAC **English:** 781-662-6710, 508-875-0382, **3rd,4th,5th Fridays International:** 781-662-7476. **Contra:** 781-662-6710. At Park Ave Cong. Church, Park Ave & Paul Revere Rd.
 Attleboro **Gender-Free Contra:** 617-524-4732, ricciotti@aol.com at Murray Unitarian Universalist, 505 North Main St (Rt. 152).
 Barnstable **English:** 508-362-9570, fmworrell@capecod.net 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
 Boston **Tuesday English:** 781-891-3296, 781-271-0356. **Gender-free:** 617-522-2216, 617-522-1115. At First Church Unitarian, Centre & Eliot Sts, Jamaica Plain.
 Brookline-COS **Scottish:** 617-325-6657, 617-661-5899. **English:** 781-662-6710, 508-875-0382. **Scandinavian:** 781-891-3207, Eph@ieec.org. At Church of our Saviour, 23 Monmouth St.
 Brookline-KI **Israeli:** 617-484-4282, 617-277-9155, ken_avner@harvard.edu, www.israelidance.com/playshop/afd.htm. At Temple Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard St
 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 Hillel, 52 Mt. Auburn St
 Cambridge-MIT **Sunday International, 2nd & 4th Tuesday contra, Wednesday Israeli:** 617-253-FOLK, http://web.mit.edu/fdc at MIT Student Center. Call for location on campus.
 Cambridge-Ry **Telespringar:** 617/661-3670 dgolber@aol.com. At Ryles Jazz Club, 212 Hampshire Street, Inman Square
 Cambridge-VFW **Thurs contras:** 781-662-6710, 781-272-0396, 508-229-2854 At VFW Hall, 688 Huron Ave
 Cambridge-YW **Scottish :**617-484-0950 at 7 Temple St.
 Carlisle **Contras:** 978-369-1232, 617-547-7781 at Unitarian Church
 Clinton **Contra:** 978-368-8470, JCS12367@juno.com at Town Hall, 242 Church St.
 Concord **Family dance:** 781-662-6710, 781-662-7476. **Sunday Challenging Contras:** 617-354-0864, 781-662-6710. **Monday Contras:** 781-272-0396, 781-259-8442. **Second Saturday Contras:** 978-369-4462, 781-944-3544. **Third Saturday Contras:** 978-667-7459. **Fourth Saturday Contras:** 617-547-7781, 978-369-1232. **Fifth Saturday Contras:** 781-662-6710. At Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St.
 Danvers **Western Squares** 978-774-8159, 978-927-8173. At Calvary Episcopal, corner Holten & Cherry Sts.
 Fitchburg **Scottish:** Fitchburg Library Auditorium, Main St. 978-342-1724.
 Ipswich **Contras:** Whipple Middle School, Green St, off County Rd. 978-356-1477.
 Lexington **Contras:** 781-944-3544, www.toc.lcs.mit.edu/~slonim/rjelly.

Malden First Unitarian, on the green
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 **Balkan:** 617-840-2362. Dance Studio, 466 Franklin St.
 Newton **Vintage:** 617-964-7684, Michael@VintageDancers.org.
 First Unitarian, 1326 Washington St

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

Rehoboth **Contras:** 508-252-6375, 508-669-5656, shwnkndrk@aol.com At Goff Hall, Bay State Rd

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

Sandwich **Contras:** 508-888-4968 at Grange Hall, Old County Rd, East Sandwich (near fish hatchery)

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

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

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

Watertown-SC **Balkan** 617-840-2362. Scalzi Dance Studio, 101 Bigelow Ave.

Weston **Scottish:** 781-259-9566, 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.

3rd Sundays **Family dance.** Northampton-FC. Oct-March
 3rd Sundays **Couple Dance.** Greenfield. Teaching 2:30, dance 3:30-6
 All Mondays **English,** Amherst. 7-9:30 PM. \$5.
 All Wednesdays **Scottish,** Great Barrington. 7 PM. Sep-June
 All Thursdays **Scottish,** Northampton-FC. 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 Fridays **Contras & squares.** Greenfield. Teaching 8, dance 8:30 PM. \$6
 1st Saturdays **English** w/Helen Davenport. Amherst. 8-10:30 PM \$6.
 1st Saturdays **Contra** w/Wild Asparagus. Greenfield. Beginners 8 PM, dance 8:30 \$6 All year.
 2nd Saturdays **Contra** w/Swallowtail. Amherst. Beginners 8 PM, dance 8:30 \$6.
 2nd Saturdays **Square Dance** w/Ralph Sweet. Goshen. 8 PM. Sep-June
 2nd Saturdays **Contra** Pittsfield. January-June.
 3rd Saturdays **English** w/Pleasures Of The Town. Amherst. Beginners 8 PM, dance 8:30-11. \$7. All year.
 3rd Saturdays **Contra** w/Jim Fownes & Blue Sky. Greenfield.
 3rd Saturdays **Gender-Free Contras.** Northampton-FW. Teaching 8, dance 8:30.
 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 **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.

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***

May 18-20, Fri-Sun Fried-for-All (Experienced English) Lenox.
 518-758-1645, jbgryn@aol.com

Venues - Western Massachusetts - area code 413

Amherst **Monday English:** 256-8260,

RLHAYDEN@amherst.edu **1st Saturday English:** 860-285-8694, dancershiker@yahoo.com. **2nd Saturday Contra:** 253-5638, www.swallowtail.com. **3rd Saturday English:** 549-4123, joycecrouch@pobox.com **4th Saturday Contra:** 367-9269, susan@alongtheriver.com. **5th Saturday Contra:** 367-9269, susan@alongtheriver.com At Munson Library, South Amherst **International Folk Dance.** 323-6330, 549-6748, cloiselle@lilybay.com at Bangs Community Center. Boltwood Walk.

Bernardston **4th Sat. Squares:** 648-9034, 860-436-7151 at Bernardston School, School St.

Goshen **2nd Saturday Squares:** 268-7176, flsk1@hotmail.com at Town Hall, Rte 9.

Great Barrington **Scottish:** 448-8621, 528-4061 at Fitness Express, 42 Bridge St.

Greenfield **3rd Sunday Couple Dance:** 533-6958, liseb@javanet.com **1st Friday Contras:** 549-1913, VanKaynor@aol.com. **2nd,4th,5th Friday Contras:** 367-9380, david@davidkaynor.com. **3rd Friday Contras:** 802-387-4014, bill@nrthwnd.com **1st Saturday Contras:** 323-9604, gmarshal@tiac.net **2nd Saturday Contra:** 773-1671, Acasbk@aol.com. **3rd Saturday Contras:** 774-2830, red4four@yahoo.com At Guiding Star Grange, 401 Chapman St.

Northampton-FC **Scottish** 586-5476; **3rd Sun. Family dance** 256-0673, 268-7426. At Lyman Hall, First Churches, 129 Main St (Rte 9).

Northampton-FW **Gender-Free Contras:** Northeast American Dance Studio (Fitzwilly's Bldg, 25 Main St), 585-9627, sdennis@crocker.com

Pittsfield **2nd Saturday Contra:** 499-7105, cldms@email.com 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 **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. Call to confirm.
 1st Thursdays **Contra** w/Lamprey River Band. Dover. 8-10:40 PM. \$4.
 All Fridays **Scottish.** Keene. 7:30 PM.
 All Fridays **Scottish** Greenland. 8 PM. Oct-June
 1st Fridays **Traditional Squares** w/Dudley Laufman. Wentworth.
 1st Fridays **Contra.** Wolfeboro. March dance on 3/9.
 1st & 3rd Fridays **Contra** Holderness.
 1st & 3rd Fridays **Scottish.** Sandwich. 7:30 PM.
 2nd Fridays **Contra.** Bristol.
 3rd Fridays **Contra.** Kensington. 8-11:30 PM. \$5. Sep-June.
 4th Fridays **Contra.** Milford. 8-11 PM. \$5. All year.
 1st Saturdays **Contra.** Peterborough. Instruction 7:30 PM, dance 8-11:30 PM Sep-July
 1st Saturdays **Country Dance** Deerfield. Nov-June
 2nd Saturdays **Contra.** Franconstown. 8:00-11:00 PM. \$5. All year.
 2nd Saturdays **Contra.** Gilmanton Corners. 8-11 PM. \$5/person, \$10/family. All year
 3rd Saturdays **Contra.** East Concord. 8-11 PM. \$5. Kids under 12 free.
 3rd Saturdays **Swing** Keene. Oct-May
 3rd Saturdays **Contra.** Walpole. 8-11 PM.
 4th Saturdays **Contra.** Dover. 8:30-11:30 PM. \$6. All year

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***

Venues - New Hampshire - area code 603

Bristol **Contra:** 536-3887. At Old Town Hall.
 Concord **2nd Sunday English:** 934-2543, 463-7771. At Howard Auditorium, NH Hospital 105 Pleasant St. **Wednesday Scottish:** 226-2739, janssens@mediaone.net At Odd Fellows Hall, Pleasant St
 Deerfield **1st Saturday Country dance:** 463-7771, 463-7151. At Town Hall, Old Centre Road.
 Dover **1st Thurs Contra:** 664-2513, peter.yarensky@unh.edu **4th Saturday Contra:** 659-7038, tat@hopper.unh.edu. At City Hall.
 East Concord **3rd Saturday Contra:** 746-2388, 225-4917. **International:** 746-3139. At East Concord Community Center
 Francestown **2nd Saturday Contra:** 547-2955, 487-2480, Yankee@grolen.com, Town Hall.
 Gilmanton **2nd Saturday Contra:** 267-7227. At Academy Building, Gilmanton Corners.
 Greenland **Friday Scottish:** 773-9795. At Parish Hall, Post Road (Rte 151).
 Holderness **1st & 3rd Friday Contra:** 536-3887, byronricker@fcgnetworks.net 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 **4th Friday Contra:** 487-2480, 673-5128. Town Hall.
 Nashua **Scottish:** 891-2331, lorenw@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:** 886-5071,463-7771, taylorgorman@juno.com. At Portsmouth Ballroom, Portsmouth & Fleet Sts.
 Sandwich **1st & 3rd Friday Scottish:** 284-6164. Town Hall,
 Walpole **3rd Saturday Contra:** 802-722-3379, gfs@sover.net. At Hastings House, Union St.
 Wentworth **1st Friday Traditional Squares:** 744-5135. At Town Hall
 Wolfboro **1st Friday Contra:** 539-3733, toncl@worldpath.net

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. \$7
 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 Saturdays **English** Stonington. 7:30-10:30 PM.
 3rd & 5th Saturdays **Contra** Branford. 8-11, teaching 7:30. \$7
 4th Saturdays **Swing** Wethersfield. 8:30-11:30, teaching 7:30, \$5
 4th Saturdays **Contra**. Darien. 8 PM. No dance 2/24, 4/28.

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***

March 3, Saturday **Highland Ball**. West Hartford Community Center. 203-238-0694 Joyceschase@home.com
 March 30, Friday **Family Dance** Cranbury Comm. Chapel, Newtown Ave & Frank St, Norwalk, 7:30-9:30 PM. 203-226-6681, 203-373-9320
 March 31, Saturday **ContraFest** Town Hall,50 S.Main St, W.Hartford. \$10. 860-233-6603, www.geocities.com/Heartland/4159

Venues - Connecticut

Branford **Contra:** 203-776-1812, barbararuth@rocketmail.com, www.ctcontra.com/nhcd. At Branford Community Center, 46 Church St.
 Chaplin **Contras:** 860-423-1963, 860-455-0368, john.ivan@rcn.com. At Chaplin Grange, Route 198.
 Darien **4th Saturday Contra:** 203-744-0827, dabdancegypsy@lopener.net At Congregational Church.
 Greenwich **2nd Saturday Country Dance:**914-736-6489, 203-381-9509. bkoser@bestweb.net,bigfoot.com/~roundhill. Round Hill Community House, Round Hill Rd.
 Killingly **2nd Saturday Squares:** 860-774-5865. At Killingly Grange, Route 101.
 New Haven **Contra:** 203-776-1812, paul.mcguire@yale.edu, 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, edwin.potter@snet.net, Cranbury Comm. Chapel, Newtown Ave & Frank St.
 Stonington **3rd Saturday English:** 860-535-3623. At Stonington Grange
 West Hartford-AL **Sunday International:** 860-561-5069, 860-521-6440 At American Legion Hall, 12 Memorial Rd.
 West Hartford-TH **1st Friday Swing** 860-649-0482, zelig@snet.net At Town Hall,50 S.Main St
 Wethersfield **2nd Saturday Contra:** 860-232-2504, rlindau@attglobal.net. **3rd Saturday Cajun:** 860-648-2584, tamarind1@gobi.com. **4th Saturday Swing:** 860-346-5473, 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 **Community** North Clarendon. Sept-April
 1st Fridays **International** Norwich. Sep-June. Call to confirm
 1st & 3rd Fridays **Scottish** Cornwall
 2nd Fridays **Contra** North Tunbridge. Oct-May
 3rd Fridays **Contra** Burlington. Sep-June
 3rd Fridays **Contra** North Clarendon. Sept-May
 Alternate Fridays **English** South Burlington. Sep-May
 1st,3rd,5th Saturdays **Contra**. Montpelier. 8 PM.
 2nd Saturdays **Contra**. Wolcott.
 2nd Saturdays **Contra**. Burlington. Instruction 7:30 PM, dance 8:00. \$5.
 2nd & 4th Saturdays **Contra** w/David Millstone & Northern Spy. Norwich. 8-11:30 PM. Sep-June
 3rd Saturdays **Family dance** Cornwall. Sep-May
 3rd Saturday **Contra** Townshend.
 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 **Gender-Free Contra** Putney. Dances on 10/7, 11/4, 2/3, 4/7, 6/2
 Various Saturdays **Ed Larkin Dancers' Open House** Royalton. Dances on 2/17, 3/10, 4/14

Venues - Vermont - area code 802

Brattleboro **2nd & 4th Monday International:** 348-7463, 254-2040. At School of Dance, 17 Eliot St.
 Bristol **4th Saturday Contra:** 259-3333. 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. **2nd Saturday Contra:** 658-4651, 865-9363, qccontra@cyankee.com At Edmunds School, Main & So.Union Sts.
 Cornwall **3rd Saturday Family Dance:** 388-7828, 462-2548

Danville **Scottish:** 987-2572, pburrage@zoo.uvm.edu Town Hall.
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.
 Montpelier **1st,3rd,5th Sat Contra:** 744-6163. Capitol City Grange.
Wednesday Scottish: 362-1199, pburrage@zoo.uvm.edu .
 Union School, School St.

No.Clarendon **1st Friday Community:** 492-3792. **3rd Friday Contra:**492-3792. At Grange Hall.

No. Tunbridge **2nd Friday Contra:** 883-5578. Grange Hall.

Norwich **2nd & 4th Saturday Contras:**785-4607, rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu. **Friday International:** 633-3226. **English:** 875-4121. At Tracy Hall, Main St

Putney **.Thursday Scottish:** 387-5737. At Dance Studio, Landmark College, **Gender-Free Contra:** 603-256-6995, Community Center, Christian Square.

Royalton **Ed Larkin Dancers:** 433-1283. At Royalton Academy.
 So. Burlington **Friday English:** 658-4126, 658-1063, 878-4444. Municipal Bldg, 575 Dorset St

Townshend **3rd Saturday Contra:** 874-7141. At Town Hall.
 Wolcott **2nd Saturday Contra:** 748-5137. At Town Hall.

Regular Events - Rhode Island

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

Venues - Rhode Island

Cranston **Saturday Contra:** 401-828-3229, jstw@edgenet.net. At Oaklawn Grange, Wheelock St. 8 PM. \$6

East Greenwich **Wed Scottish:** 401-828-9349, sueandpaul@ids.net At Rocky Hill Grange.

East Providence **Cajun** 401-246-2720, 508-636-2221, Aeee@aol.com. At Brightridge Hall.

Regular Events - Maine

All Sundays **Scottish.** Kennebunkport. Children 5-6 PM, dance 6 PM.
 All Mondays **Scottish.** Belfast. 7:30-9:30 PM. \$2.
 2nd Wednesdays **English.** Freedom. 7-9:30 PM, \$3.
 All Thursdays **International.** Bar Harbor. 7-9 PM. \$1.
 All Thursdays **International.** Rockland. 6:30-8:30 \$4.
 All Thursdays **Scottish** Brunswick. 6:30-8:30. \$3
 1st Fridays **Contra** w/Wake The Neighbors. Lewiston. 8:30 PM \$6
 2nd Fridays **Contra.** Kittery. 8-11:30 PM. \$6. All year.
 3rd Fridays **Cajun** Auburn. 8-11 PM \$6
 4th Fridays **Contra.** No.Whitefield. 8:30-11:30 PM. \$6.
 1st Saturdays **Contra** w/Oakum Bay String Band. Blue Hill. 8 PM \$5 All year
 1st Saturdays **Contra.** Skowhegan. 8 PM. \$5, \$10 max. per family.
 1st Saturdays **Contra** Falmouth. 8-12 PM, teaching 7 PM. \$7.
 2nd Saturdays **Contra** Belfast. 8 PM \$5
 2nd Saturdays **Contra** w/Green Mountain Railway. Hulls Cove. All year.
 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** w/Scrod Pudding. Bowdoinham. 8:30 PM.\$6. Bring water.
 3rd Saturdays **Contra.** Trenton. 8-11:30 PM. \$6 Bring water.
 4th Saturdays **Contra.** Rockport. 8:00-11:30 PM. \$5.
 4th Saturdays **Contra** w/Sheep Island Rovers. Winter Harbor. 8-11 PM. \$4.

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***

Mar 16-17 **Downeast Country Dance Festival** Lewiston. 568-7597, circleleft@uninets.net, w3.ime.net/~laurie/decdf

Venues - Maine - area code 207

Bar Harbor **Thursday International:** 461-6631, 288-3800, 257-4321, jra@jax.org. At Municipal Bldg.

Belfast **Monday Scottish:** 469-3293. 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.

Brunswick **2nd Tues International:** 729-1555. The Cellar of Fitness, 9 Cumberland St. **Scottish:** 833-2329. Longfellow School.

Falmouth **Contra:** 688-9043, 772-6690, srleblanc@usa.net. At Congregational Church, 267 Falmouth Road

Freedom **English:** 568-7597. Dirigo Grange, Rte. 137.
 Hulls Cove **Contra** 667-0260. Community Center.
 Kennebunkport **Sunday Scottish:** 967-3813 . Community House, Temple St.

Kittery **2nd Friday Contra:** 603-436-8372. At Grange Hall.
 Lewiston **1st Friday Contra:** 782-0386. Chase Hall Lounge, Bates College, 44 Campus Ave

No. Whitefield **4th Friday Contra:** 495-2331. St. Denis Parish Hall, Rte. 126.

No.Yarmouth **2nd & 4th Saturday Family Dance & Contra:** 865-9014, jeffraymond@prontomail.com. At Westcustogo Grange, Rte 115.

Orono **2nd Saturday Contra** 942-5471. Community Center

Portland **Contra:** 688-9043, 772-6690, srleblanc@usa.net. At Cathedral Church, 307 Congress St.

Rockland **Thursday International:** 372-8298. Recreation Ctr, Limerock St.

Rockport **Contra:** 785-5118, 568-7597. Simonton Corners Community Hall.

Skowhegan **1st Sat Contra:** 566-7952, 587-4851. At Grange Hall, Pleasant St

Trenton **3rd Sat. Contra:** 667-0260. At Grange Hall, Rte 3 & Rte 230. Bring water

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, tbleck@msn.com At Covenant United Methodist Church, 1124 Culver Rd, Rochester,NY. No dance 11/23.

All Fridays **Contra & Square.** Bethel Grove Community Center, 1825 Slaterville Road (Rt. 79). 8 PM. 607-273-8678, TCCD@tedcrane.com, http://tedcrane.com/TCCD/

3rd Sundays **English** w/Richard Sauvain. 7:30-10 PM. \$6. 716-442-4681, sauvain@rochester.rr.com At Friends Meeting House, 84 Scio St, Rochester, NY.

Festivals and Dance Camps

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/decdf

April 20-22 **New England Folk Festival (NEFFA)** Natick High School, Natick. Dance, music, crafts, food. The event of the year! Call for a flyer. 781-662-6710, neffa@neffa.org, www.neffa.org/~neffa

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

May 18-20 **Fried-for-All (Experienced English)** Lenox. Contact: 518-758-1645, jbgrun@aol.com

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Collage International Dance Ensemble Brings Folkdance to the Mainstream Boston Dance Community

Collage's artistic director, Ahmet Luleci, was one of five choreographers selected by Dance Umbrella to create an original piece for Boston Moves 2001. "This was a wonderful opportunity to take traditional folkdance to a whole new audience" Ahmet said. The piece combines dances from Spain, Hungary, Turkey and



Azerbaijan, with non-traditional music to create a high energy performance that retains the essence of the traditional folk styles.

"One of the most gratifying aspects of doing this show was receiving some very positive reviews from local media" Ahmet said. "This gives us more credibility with people who don't know anything about folkdance." The Boston Globe called the piece exhilarating, dazzling and beautiful. Arts Boston commended the "rousingly percussive work" and the "boundlessly energetic Collage International Dance Ensemble." BAY WINDOWS called it "an exuberant manifestation of joyousness" that was "thoroughly exhilarating to experience."

The new work will be performed at the upcoming NEFFA Festival, as well as at Collage's annual show, May 5 and 6 at Babson College in Wellesley. For more information, see the website at photon.bu.edu/collage/. — *Press Release*

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