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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The NEFFA News, a publication of the New England Folk Festival Association, Inc., is published four times a year to communicate with its membership and other interested persons. Send Calendar items to Jacob and Nancy Bloom, 169 Sylvia St., Arlington MA 02476, or to bloom@gis.net. Other submissions go to Dan Pearl, 15 Buffalo Run, Southborough, MA 01772, or to Daniel_Pearl@yahoo.com. Opinions of individuals are not necessarily the opinion of the NEFFA Executive Board.

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.
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 * 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 **Telespring 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
All Mondays **Contras & squares** w/Yankee Ingenuity. Concord. 7:30-10:30 PM.$6
All Mondays **Israeli** Brookline-KJ 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.
Venues - Eastern Massachussets

1st Fridays **Western Squares** Danvers.
1st Fridays **Gender-Free Contra** w/Chris Ricciotti. Attleboro 8-11 PM $5
1st & 3rd 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** Reheboth 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/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
5th Saturdays **Contra** Concord. 8 PM
Last Saturdays **Contra** Clinton. 8-11:30 PM $7. No dance 4/28.
Various Saturdays **2ndcurve 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, rpes@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. 781-894-3934
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 fler. 781-662-6710, neffia@neffa.org, www.neffa.org/~neffa
May 4-6, Fri-Sun **Highland Ball and Weekend.** Framingham. Reservations required, $55. 978-807-7364, ilkohn@bu.edu
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
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, shwmgndrk@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

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

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

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3rd Saturdays
English w/Pleaseat 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.

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, jgbrun@aol.com

Venues - Western Massachusetts - area code 413
Amherst Monday English: 256-8260,


5th Saturday Contra: 367-9269, susan@alqongheriver.com At Munson Library, South Amherst International Folk Dance. 323-6330, 549-6748, cloiselle@lilybay.com at Bangs Community Center. Boltwood Walk.

Bernardston

Goshen
2nd Saturday Squares: 268-7176, fskl@hotmail.com at Town Hall, Rue 9.

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

Greenfield
3rd Sunday Couple Dance: 533-6958, liseb@javanel.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@nhrwmd.com 1st Saturday Contras: 323-9064, gmarmashal@tiac.net 2nd Saturday Contras: 773-1671, Acasbhk@g.com 3rd Saturday Contras: 774-2830, reid4hour@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, 125 Main St (Rte 9).

Northampton-FW
Gender-Free Contras: Northeast American Dance Studio (Fitzwillay's Bldg, 25 Main St), 585-9627, sdennis@crockerm.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” WednesdaysScottish. 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. Greenfield. 8 PM. Oct-June

1st Fridays
Traditional Squares w/Dudley Laufman, Wentworth.

1st Fridays

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. Franconia. 8:00-11:00 PM. $5. All year.

2nd Saturdays
Gilmanton Corners. 8-11 PM. $5/person, $10/family. All year.

3rd Saturdays

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, jassens@mediane.org 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
Franctown 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@fegnetworks.net At Town Hall.
Keene Friday Scottish: 352-6096. 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.
Sandwich 1st & 3rd Friday Scottish: 284-6164. Town Hall, Sandwich.
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
Wolfeboro 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. West Hartford. 8-10:30 $5 Sep-May
1st Saturdays Contra Camp. 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 Sundays 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 Saturdays Contra Branford. 8-11, teaching 7:30. $7
4th Saturdays Contra St. John's 8 PM. No dance 2/24, 4/28.

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***
March 3, Saturday Highland Ball. West Hartford Community Center. 203-238-0694 joyescscha@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, barbaranuth@rocketmail.com, www.ctcontra.com/nhcd. At Branford Community Center, 46 Church St.
Darien 4th Saturday Contra: 203-744-0827, ddbdanceyg@lspenter.net At Congregational Church.
Greenwich 2nd Saturday Country Dance 914-736-6489, 203-381-9509. bkosserv@bestweb.net, folkhill.com Round Hill Community House, Round Hill Rd.
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)
Stoneington 3rd Saturday English: 860-535-3623. At Stoneington Grange

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. Sept-April
1st Fridays International Norwich. Sep-June. Call to confirm 1st & 3rd Fridays Scottish Cornville
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.
3rd Saturdays Family dance Cornville. Sep-May
3rd Saturdays 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

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, qcontra@cyankan.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, rbrown@cs.dartmouth.edu. Friday International: 633-3226. English: 875-4121. At Tracy Hall, Main St.

Putney

Royalton

Townsends
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
ContraRance. Cranston. 8 PM. $6 Dances 11/25, 12/3, 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@jds.net At Rocky Hill Grange.
East Providence
Cajun 401-246-2720, 508-636-2221, Aeces@aol.com. At Brightbridge 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. 6-8:30 $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. Oaktown Bay String Band. Blue Hill. 8 PM $5 All year

1st Saturdays
Contra. Skowhegan. 8 PM. $5, $10 max. per family.
2nd Saturdays
Contra. Falmouth. 8-12 PM, teaching 7 PM. $7.

2nd Saturdays
Contra. Belfast. 8 PM $5

2nd Saturdays
Contra. Falmouth. 8-12 PM, teaching 7 PM. $5

2nd Saturdays
Contra. 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

4th Saturdays
Contra. Rockport. 8:00-11:30 PM. $5.

4th Saturdays

*** SPECIAL EVENTS ***
Mar 16-17
Downeast Country Dance Festival Lewiston. 568-7597, circleleft@uninetrix.net, w3.ime.net/~laurie/decd rf

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.

Blewodinham
3rd Saturday Contra: 948-5842, 225-2117. At Town Hall, School St. Bring water.

Brunswick

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

No. Yarmouth
2nd & 4th Saturday Family Dance & Contra: 865-9014, jeffraymond@prontomail.com. At Westecastogo 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. Simonon Centers Community Hall.

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

Trenton

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

All Fridays

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, bailemandomayaya@bigfoot.com, http://geocities.com/bailemandomaya

Mar 16-17
Downeast Country Dance Festival Lewiston ME. 207-568-7597, circleleft@uninetrix.net, w3.ime.net/~laurie/decd rf

Apr 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.hands4com

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

Always call ahead before traveling great distances to go to dances!
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