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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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## The North Bay: The Contra Dance Capital of the World

The North Bay is known for grapes, apples, natural beauty and bicycles but the goal of your publicity committee is to make the North Bay the “Contra Dance Capital of the World”. Why isn’t the North Bay already the Contra Dance Capital of the World? Perhaps it is because many of our friends and neighbors have never heard of contra dancing and don’t know how much fun, fellowship, and exercise can be had dancing to live music in one of our charming dance halls. You can help change that by spreading the word of contra dance. Here are some ideas:

- \* Pick up one of our “I Love Contra Dance” bumper stickers, place on your car, and prepare for interesting conversations.
- \* Keep some contra dance flyers or introductory cards in your glove compartment and give them to people who inquire about your bumper sticker.
- \* Invite friends to contra dance. If they rsvp on our North Bay Country Dance Meetup site they will get in the first time at member prices. Remember - have them pick up a pass for a free second dance.
- \* Volunteer to distribute flyers at markets, libraries, etc.

For more ideas contact Elaine Walter at [ewalter@live.com](mailto:ewalter@live.com).

## Save the Date for Epicenter 2014!

Epicenter 2013 was such a fantastic dance party weekend that the Board unanimously decided to make it a yearly event. Next year’s fabulous talent will be: The Latter Day Lizards, Blue Ribbon Dance Band, Lisa Greenleaf, and Seth Tepper. Reserve the weekend of April 4-6, 2014. Watch for registration notices in early November.

## Special Fall Dances

The **Moving Violations** will play a special dance for us in August. One of New England’s favorite dance bands, and a rare treat on the West Coast, the four member band have a playful energy that transcends borders of countries and delights in spontaneity and improvisation. Driving double fiddle harmonies, strong rhythm, affectionate abandon and occasional silliness prevails. Original compositions as well as Celtic, Eastern European, Swedish, and Classical are all fair game. Everyone’s favorite caller, **Lisa Greenleaf**, will treat us to her high spirited, witty calling, and zesty, flowing dances. She is known for precise walk-throughs and a playful style. She makes everyone feel welcome. Join us August 8th in Marin at the Strawberry Hall for a rare treat.

The September 20th Santa Rosa dance will host the **Avant Gardeners** (Laura Light and George Paul—joined by local fiddle dynamo, Ben Schreiber). Nationally known and loved, they’ve been known to mix oldies rock music with traditional favorites—you never know what to expect from them! Well-loved West Coast caller **Frannie Marr** will lead us in some great dancing.

## Chaos in San Rafael!

Chaos! Role switching! Don’t know what’s happening? Wish you could do it, but not sure how? Or love to do it and want to talk about why? Come before the dance on September 14 at the Unitarian Church in San Rafael. Discuss and/or try it out. Potluck planned. More details later.

## A Patriotic Dance Camp Week

Vote with your feet for a patriotic and fun Fourth of July holiday. American Week, the traditional West Coast week of music and dancing in the redwoods features three outstanding bands: Notorious, the Syncopaths and the Avant Gardeners; and two great callers: Seth Tepper and Gaye Fifer. Our own Kalia Klivan will be teaching clogging. From June 30 to July 5 campers will enjoy full days of dancing, singing, jamming, relaxing, and eating wonderful food. The camp in La Honda is much less than a tank of gas away for North Bay dancers. The full camper fee is \$695 but don’t let a thin pocketbook keep you away. The sliding scale of \$125 to \$350 is available to campers under 30 or those underemployed. There is also a **Hey for 3** deal where 4 campers get in for the price of three. Join the North Bay dancers who have already signed up. More information and registration is available at [www.bacds.org/AmWeek](http://www.bacds.org/AmWeek).

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# North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Summer 2013

## Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET	1st Sun	Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 6:30 – 9:30 pm; 707-544-7036, craig@nbcde.org
SRF	2nd Sat	Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; skamato@hotmail.com Or alternate site: Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley Or alternate site: Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael
SRFE	2nd & 4th Sun	Pickleweed Community Center— <b>Dance cancelled until September 2013.</b>
SRO	3rd Fri, 5th Sat	Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-545-1274, contrabeet43@gmail.com
SEB Contra	4th Sat	Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 8:00 – 11:00 pm
SEB ECD	1st & 3rd Sun	Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 2:00 - 4:30 pm; 707-829-0168 or kalia@nbcde.org or kwoeltjen@yahoo.com

Regular NBCDS dance admission: \$12 adults, \$10 members; \$7 adults under 26, FT students with ID and financial hardship; \$2 ages 6–17; under 6 free. Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

Apple Tree Morris dancers meet weekly and welcome new members - no experience necessary. Call or email Cliff Stevens, 823-6925, cliff@kichu.com

## July

Sun 7	ECD	SEB	Brooke Friendly	<b>StringFire:</b> Erik Ievins (cello), James MacQueen (violin), Patti Cobb (piano)
Sun 7	Contra	PET	Gaye Fifer (VA)	<b>The Brian Theriault Band:</b> Brian Theriault (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (piano), Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin)
Sat 13	Contra	SRF	Warren Blier	<b>StringFire:</b> James MacQueen (fiddle), Patti Cobb (keyboard), Erik Ievins (cello, bass) Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley
Fri 19	Contra	SRO	Lea Smith	Gus Garelick (fiddle), Don Coffin (guitar)
Sun 21	ECD	SEB	Alan Winston	Jon Berger (violin), David Barnett (winds), Debra Tayleur (piano)
Sat 27	Contra	SEB	Mavis McGaugh	<b>Ruby Mountain String Band:</b> Cliff Landis (banjo, fiddle), Julia Landis (guitar), Darin Smith (fiddle, cello)

## August

Sun 4	ECD	SEB	Mary Luckhardt	David Mostardi (accordion), Susan Jensen (flute), Bill Jensen (piano)
Sun 4	Contra	PET	Yoyo Zhou	<b>Raggedy Andys &amp; Anne:</b> Anne Goess (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (keyboard), Chris Knepper (fiddle & mandolin)
Thu 8	Contra	SRF	Lisa Greenleaf (MA)	<b>The Moving Violations</b> (East Coast): Van Kaynor (fiddle), Eric Eid-Reiner (piano), Ron Grosslein (fiddle, mandolin), Chuck Corman (bass, guitar, percussion) <b>Special Pre-Balance the Bay Dance at Strawberry Hall, 7:30-10:30; Price: \$12</b>
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Mike Fynan	John Douglas (saxes, flutes), Debra Tayleur (keyboard), Erik Hoffman (fiddle)
Sun 18	ECD	SEB	Andrew Shaw	<b>Childgrove:</b> Ann Ogren (violin, viola), Martha Stokeley (winds), Debbie Jackson (piano)
Sat 24	Contra	SEB	Dance Cancelled, Hall Unavailable	
Sun 25	ECD	SEB	Scott Higgs	Open camper band led by Jon Berger (violin), Laurie Reaume (piano) Special post-Hey Days dance
Sat 31	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	<b>Rosin Doctors:</b> Erik Hoffman (fiddle, guitar), Dan Engle (fiddle, mandolin), Topher Gayle (percussion) <b>Challenging Contras—Not for Beginners</b>

## September

Sun 1	ECD	SEB	Sharon Green	Jon Berger (violin), Rebecca King (piano), Dan Reynolds (double bass)
Sun 1	Contra	PET	Mike Fynan	<b>Uncle Farmer:</b> Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Mike Sokolovsky (guitar)
Sat 14	Contra	SRF	Kalia Kliban	Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano) Unitarian Church, San Rafael * Watch for pre-dance activity details!
Sun 15	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	<b>The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a &amp; Strathspey Society Band:</b> Heather MacKay (fiddle), David Newitt (concertina), Patti Cobb (piano), Bruce Herbold (percussion, clarinet), Betsy St. Aubin (flute)
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Frannie Marr (L.A.)	<b>Avant Gardeners:</b> Laura Light (VA) (fiddle), George Paul (AK) (piano), Ben Schreiber (fiddle)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	Kalia Kliban	<b>The Julian Trio +1:</b> Julian McClanahan (fiddle), Brad McClanahan (guitar), Darin Smith (cello), Michael Charnes (cittern) Beginners Waltz Workshop before the dance, 6:30—7:20

Contra dancing and English country dancing are easy, fun, friendly and inclusive. All dances are taught and prompted, and feature great live music. No experience is necessary; come alone or bring a friend. Wear comfortable clothes and low, smooth-soled, comfortable shoes. Scent-free dancing appreciated!