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Special Dances Launch 2009!

Our **Santa Rosa** fifth Saturday Challenging Contras series just keeps getting better and better. Experienced dancers get a chance to test their mettle against a caller's most challenging patterns, and short walk throughs and lively music keep the night hopping. The last Saturday in January is another opportunity for some great zesty dancing. Warren Blier brings his spirited calling up to the North Bay. Anne McCaskey and Cole Ingraham from the young upstart band, the Fiddlerats, are joined by our very own Howard Booster and Eric Anderson. This zesty fifth Saturday dance is not one to be missed. Remember, this dance is not for beginners.

And if you enjoy the dancing on Saturday night, you will love dancing to the same caller and band the next day, Sunday, February 1st. **Petaluma** will be the site for the encore performance. Cathie Irwin suggests we all wear black and red to make the dance floor look flashy, and to kick off the beginning of Valentines Day month. We are going to call it the **Black and Red Dance** as a reminder to wear black and red. It also reminds us that those sore **black** and blue muscles, and **red** swollen feet are the result of a great weekend of dancing pleasure.

We have been bumped from our regular second Saturday date for the **San Rafael** contra dance. Marin Masonic Hall has been given to another event for Valentines Day. But we will more than make up for it by dancing our little hearts out the next day, Sunday, February 15th. Joyce Miller will artfully lead us in some magical dances to Erin Shrader's and Richard Mandel's driving rhythms. Treat your Valentine to an intimate dinner on Saturday night and then bring him or her dancing on Sunday. Make sure to mark your calendar with the special date!

Getting Involved

Have you ever thought about becoming more involved, getting to know a great group of people better, and making a difference in our dance community? Now is the time to mark it off of your resolutions list. **DANCES DON'T JUST HAPPEN**, they take a lot of work from a group of dedicated people. If more people get involved, there will be less work and more fun to be had by all. Right now we desperately need a dance manager for San Rafael, and people to train to run sound at some of our dances. If you would like to learn more about these or any other volunteer activities, just talk to any one of our Board members or dance managers.

We Will Miss You, Jeanne!

After blowing out a knee from too much dancing on a bad (non-North Bay) floor, Jeanne Bowman retires from managing the San Rafael dance. Jeanne is known far and wide for her contagious laugh and her welcoming ways. Jeanne served on the NBCDS board and has raised the bar as the refreshments maven for New Year's Eve and other special dances. She and Michael Martin catered Faultline Frolic with fresh and local food the last 3 years; and she has provided rustic accommodations for countless dance gypsies at WeBDudes Ranch in Glen Ellen. Jeanne, we will miss you. We send you healing energy for your full recovery. We want to see you again soon twirling and laughing on the dance floor.

Now is the Time to Join NBCDS!

NBCDS memberships expire on December 31, 2008. If you have not renewed yet, or have been planning to join—now is the time. Regular membership is only \$20, and a supporting member is \$36. Membership entitles you to \$2 off any NBCDS or BACDS dance. Support our organization. Join online at www.nbcds.org or at any NBCDS sponsored dance.

Board of Director Changes

Rosalie Towers has decided to finish her term on the NBCDS Board of Directors. She has been a stalwart member for two years. Her steady and agreeable nature has been appreciated by everyone on the Board. Thank you, Rosalie, for all you have done for NBCDS.

The Board voted unanimously to add Arie Niernberger as our newest member. He brings his bookkeeping experience, keen organizational abilities and a love of contra dancing to help make our dance community thrive.

End Notes

All the ills of mankind,
 all the tragic misfortunes that fill the
 history books,
 all the political blunders,
 all the failures of the great leaders,
 have arisen merely from a lack of skill in
 dancing.

---Moliere

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North Bay Dance Calendar: Winter 2009

English Country Dances (ECD) are 2:00–4:30 pm; admission is \$10 adults, \$8 members, \$3 children.
 NBCDS contra dances are 8–11 pm except as noted, with a 7:30 lesson for newcomers.
 Regular admission: \$10 adults, \$8 members, \$2 children ages 6–17, under 6 free, FT students with ID \$5.
 * dances below are not sponsored by NBCDS



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Key to Hall Locations and Contacts (all 707 except as noted)

ATM: Weekly Apple Tree Morris: 829-3478, kalia@sbcglobal.net
 PET: 1st Sun Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 6:30 - 9:30 pm, 823-4982, tom@nbcds.org
 SEB: 1st & 3rd Sun ECD 2–4:30 pm, Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol, jberger@sbcglobal.net, \$10/\$8
 SEB: 4th Sat Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol, 829-6666, elizd@nbcds.org
 SRF: 2nd Sat Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael, 415-302-9503, andy@nbcds.org
 SRO: 3rd Fri, 5th Sat Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa, 566-9684, robweeks@sonic.net
 NVL*: 1st Sat Napa Valley Contra Dance, Tucker Farm Center, 1201 Tucker Rd. at Hwy 29 just north of Bothe State Park entrance;
 7:30 - 10:30 pm, beginners' lesson 7:00 pm; Celia Ramsay, 963-5667, \$10
 UKI*: 2nd Sat Ukiah Methodist Church, 270 North Pine, Social Hall, back entrance; Ulla Brunnberg-Rand, 467-0311;
 7:30 - 10:30 pm, beginners' lesson at 7:00; \$8 adults/\$6 youths

January

Sat 3	Contra	NVL*	Lynn Ackerson	Anne Goess (fiddle), Bob Laughton (guitar, mandolin, banjo), Kristine Robin (pennywhistle, bodhran, spoons)
Sun 4	English	SEB	Lise Dyckman	Gary Thomas (piano), Janette Duncan (violin), Jon Berger (violin)
Sun 4	Contra	PET	Susan Petrick	Chris Knepper (fiddle, gadulka), Charlie Hancock (piano)
Sat 10	Contra	SRF	Adina Gordon (NC)	Raggedy Annes: Andy Eggleston (fiddle), Anne Goess (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (piano)
Sat 10	Contra	UKI*	Celia Ramsay	Flashpoint: Howard Booster (fiddle), Jon Berger (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano)
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Celia Ramsay	Pat Ryan's Celtic Junket: Morgan Meadow (fiddle), Josh Needleman (guitar), Pat Ryan (bass)
Sun 18	English	SEB	Alan Winston	Laurie Reaume (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Dan Reynolds (double bass)
Sat 24	Contra	SEB	Robin Steen	An Drochaid: Debra Tayleur (keyboard), Jonathan Goodwin (fiddle), Elizabeth Douglas (bodhran)
Sat 31	Contra	SRO	Warren Blier	Howard Booster (fiddle), Caroline McCaskey (fiddle), Eric Anderson (piano), Cole Ingraham (flute, djemba) SPECIAL CHALLENGING CONTRAS DANCE • NOT FOR BEGINNERS

February

Sun 1	English	SEB	Ric Goldman	Chuck Ward (piano), Marilyn Simpson (violin), Jon Berger (violin)
Sun 1	Contra	PET	Warren Blier	Howard Booster (fiddle), Caroline McCaskey (fiddle), Eric Anderson (piano), Cole Ingraham (flute, djemba) BLACK & RED DANCE - WEAR BLACK AND/OR RED CLOTHING
Sat 7	Contra	NVL*	Celia Ramsay	Road Oilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), Jon Pederson (banjo), Chuck Wiley (bass)
Sat 14	Contra	UKI*	Lea Smith	West Road: Laura Smith (fiddle), Darin Smith (guitar, fiddle, cello), Bob Laughton (guitar, banjo)
Sun 15	English	SEB	Sharon Green	Noel Cragg (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Michael Siemon (English concertina)
Sun 15	Contra	SRF	Joyce Miller	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar) SPECIAL DAY - SUNDAY INSTEAD OF SATURDAY
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	Chris Knepper (fiddle, gadulka), Noel Cragg (piano)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	Susan Petrick	Chris Knepper (fiddle, gadulka), Rebecca King (piano)

March

Sun 1	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Chuck Ward (piano), Judy Linsenberg (recorder), Jon Berger (violin)
Sun 1	Contra	PET	Chuck Galt	Chris Knepper (fiddle, gadulka), Eric Anderson (piano)
Sat 7	Contra	NVL*	TBD	Judy Stavely (fiddle), Dan Warrick (guitar), Maxine Gerber (banjo)
Sat 14	Contra	SRF	Warren Blier	Rebecca King (piano), and friends
Sat 14	Contra	UKI*	Karen Fontana	Contra Knots: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Roxanne Oliva (accordion), Jerry Allen (guitar)
Sun 15	English	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Rebecca King (piano), Michelle Levy (violin), Jon Berger (violin)
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Erik Hoffman	The Great Bear Trio Minus Mom (East Coast): Noel & Andrew VanVorstrand
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	TBD	Wild Hog Contra Band: Anne Goess (fiddle), Bob Laughton (guitar, banjo), Daniel Schoenfeld (guitar, button accordion), Kristine Robin (bodhran, whistle)
Sun 29	English	SEB	Mary Luckhardt	Debra Tayleur (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Erik levins (cello)

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! New dancers are encouraged to come early for an orientation, and for simpler dances early in the evening. To see what contra dancing is all about before you attend a dance you can go online to http://www.contradance.org/html/what_is.php for video lessons.