

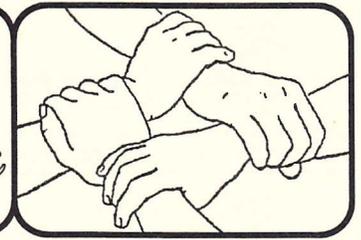
Santa Barbara Country Dance Society

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Children, Adults at Dances

I love seeing families at contra dances and children experiencing dance as a normal part of life. However, certain behaviors of both children and adults can be a danger to others at the dance. I think these behaviors should change.

A person not dancing should stay off the dance floor. Dancers are not there to be an obstacle course.

Children dancing should be respected as dancers and not treated as playthings. They should be danced with in as normal a position as their skill and size allow. Do not pick them up and swing them around—it is a danger to other dancers and the child. In addition, such behavior disorients the child, making it harder to learn the dance and teaching them the wrong thing. I have had the unfortunate experience of suddenly having to catch a child who had been taught to leap into the arms of the dancers. One unexpected missile of a child can damage my back for a month.

LAWRENCE WALLIN

Star Gazer

Fall, Dear All

The Harvest Moon Dance Festival has room for you as we go to press. Call George Cannon at (805) 563-0932 for the latest details. The festival is a joyous event under a delightful canopy on the Oak Park dance platform. It begins under the full Harvest Moon on Friday, September 27 and continues through 4 p.m. Sunday, September 29.

The Carrillo Ballroom hosts the Harvest Moon staff for our fifth Sunday dance on September 29. They are **Cathie Whitesides, Hank Bradley and Peter Langston** (the band) and **Suzanne Girardot** (the caller). The post-Harvest Moon dances never fail to profoundly and positively affect all those in attendance.

The Halloween Masquerade Ball this way comes on October 27, with Master of Ceremonies **Drew Tronvig** and the inspiring and downright spooky **Spin Cycle**.

The following month we have the pre-**Thanksgiving Potluck** on November 24. Following the feast we'll dance with caller **Susan Michaels** and music by the **Immortal Lemmings**. If you can help with potluck preparations please call Elliot at 682-1877.

Flyers for the following and other exciting events are on display in the Carrillo Ballroom lobby during our dances:

September 20-22: Echo Summit Dance Weekend, near Lake Tahoe. **Suzanne Girardot, Erik Hoffman, For Old Times' Sake, Moving Cloud Orchestra.** (916) 921-2976.

October 18-20: Monte Toyon Fall Dance Weekend, near Santa Cruz. English Country and contra dancing. **Mary Devlin, Brad Sayler, Sue Dupre, ContraBandits** et al. (415) 856-2259.

October 13: 25th Annual Old Time Fiddlers' Convention, Stow House, 304 N. Los Carneros Rd. in Goleta. Friendly competition in several categories at all levels. 10:30 a.m.—5 p.m. with barn dancing at 5. More info and tickets: Folk Mote Music, 962-0830.

A Good Deed, a Good Deal

Bring a new dancer—great! Bring one more (at the same time or later)—receive a free dance pass for yourself. Also great!

SBCDS Perpetual Schedule (until further notice)

Carrillo Ballroom: First, third and fifth Sunday. Occasional dances on other Sundays.

Goleta: The Friday after the first Sunday.

Oak Park: 1997 schedule TBD.

Always call ahead before travel to an out-of-town dance.

Goleta Dance Even Better

Speaking of Goleta, since the first dance there, the sound has improved *a lot* and the furniture has been rearranged to make more room for three sets.

And we're having lots of fun. Why not join us?

Dance Star Lite?

The Dance Star staff and all the regular contributors took the summer off. Look for a more filling issue in November.

Dancer Survey Delay

More information about, and analysis of, the survey, should appear in the next issue.



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Forward & Address Correction

You will not receive our mailings after date on label unless you sign in at a dance or notify us.



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Santa Barbara Contra Dance Calendar



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LOCation Key

CB Carrillo Ballroom, 100 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara. Co-sponsored by S.B. Parks & Recreation Dept.

GOL Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 820 N. Fairview, Goleta

Come dance on the best floor in the West at the Carrillo Ballroom, under the stars at Oak Park and in Goleta for fun on a Friday. Dance to the irresistible rhythms of live old-time string bands. We'll do the flowing contras of New England, colorful square dances, plus a few old-time couple dances such as waltz.

We hold an **Introductory Workshop** before each dance. Join us then to learn the basics. No prior experience or partner is necessary. All dances are taught and prompted. Generally, the dances are simpler earlier in the evening. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing, and have a good time!

Times & Admission (unless otherwise noted)

Admission: \$6

Dance time:
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Goleta: 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Introductory Workshop:
6:30 p.m.
Goleta: 7:00 p.m.

FOR THE LATEST DANCE INFORMATION, CALL (805) 969-1511, THE SBCDS 24-HOUR DANCE HOTLINE

DATE	LOC	CALLER • BAND • Etc.
Sept 1	Sun CB	Carl Magagnosc • Growling Old Geezers Three-day weekend, four-piece band. (Count 'em both!)
Sept 6	Fri GOL	Gary Shapiro • Strawberry Patch String Band • The berries are in season.
Sept 15	Sun CB	Jonathan Southard • Kitchen Junket The band that draws smiles from travel agents (and dancers, of course) returns as summer draws to a close; Jonathan's return makes this a real homecoming.
Sept 29	Sun CB	Suzanne Girardot • Cathie Whitesides, Hank Bradley & Peter Langston (\$7) The great Harvest Moon Dance Festival staff, great Harvest Moon energy unleashed onto the great sprung floor.
Oct 6	Sun CB	Susan Michaels • Hot Flashes • The first of two sightings of Susan this season.
Oct 11	Fri GOL	Gary Shapiro • Hot Flashes A band so hot dem twice we got.
Oct 20	Sun CB	Jonathan Southard • Growling Old Geezers
Oct 27	Sun CB	Drew Tronvig • Spin Cycle It's our annual Halloween Masquerade Ball...Boo!
Nov 3	Sun CB	Gary Shapiro • Immortal Lemmings • Not your ordinary rodents. Or citrus.
Nov 8	Fri GOL	Jean Gorrindo • Catnappers • Guest caller from parts north. No snoozing!
Nov 17	Sun CB	James Hutson • Chameleons • They really do keep changing.
Nov 24	Sun CB	Susan Michaels • Immortal Lemmings Preceding this special fourth Sunday dance is our annual pre-Thanksgiving Potluck at 5:30. Turkey provided; bring other food to share, tableware and \$1.
Dec 1	Sun CB	Erik Hoffman • TBD (\$TBD) This really goes on the next calendar, but we wanted to alert you that during the break we'll have a dessert potluck for those leftover Thanksgiving pies.



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More Fun Stuff Within 100 Miles

Ojai — Sat., Sept. 21: Chuck Galt with Michael Mendelson & Suzie Richmond. Fri., Oct. 25: Jeff Spero with the Chameleons. Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St. 7:30-10:30, intro 7:00, \$6. For info call Ginny at (805) 646-0832.
San Luis Obispo — Second Saturdays., 8-11 p.m., intro 7:30. SLO Veteran's Hall, 801 Grand Ave. near Monterey St., \$6. Usually, Int'l

Folk Dancing at 5:30, \$2. SLO Dance Hotline: (805) 541-0201.
25th annual Old Time Fiddlers' Convention — Oct. 13, Stow House, 304 N. Los Carneros Rd., Goleta, 10:30-5, \$8/adults. Barn dance at 5. Info and tickets at Folk Mote Music, (805) 962-0830.
Los Angeles area — Contra dances every weekend. L.A. Dance Hotline: (818) 951-2003.