

Another Type of Country Dance

Scottish Country Dance is a very high-energy form of dancing. The music is lively, and the endless variety of dances is very stimulating, physically and mentally.

A new Scottish Country Dance class began this fall. The classes are held on Thursday evenings, 7-9:30 p.m. at the SB Ballet School, 29 Calle Laureles (behind the Long's Drug Store on Upper State). (No class on Thanksgiving or during the last two weeks of December.)

Steps and formations are taught to newcomers from 7-7:30. Dancing begins at 7:30. Classes are \$4 a night.

Come join in the fun. For more information, call Eileen Gray, 805 967-0698.

Dances of the English Regency

Kathy Lear's Adult Ed class is back by popular demand. She'll teach dances from the period of Jane Austen's England.

Class meets for six Tuesdays beginning January 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at the Wake Center Auditorium, 300 N. Turnpike. \$30 for six classes.

Bring comfortable dancing shoes. No partner or costumes required.

For more information, please call Adult Ed's Wake Center office at 964-6853.

(The SBCDS co-sponsors English Country Dances the weeks before and after the class.)

New Country Dance Venue in SB County

Just a half block from the center of Los Olivos, the Santa Ynez Valley Grange Hall stood lifeless and empty for ten years. But in September of '98, a group of community members got inspired to reclaim it from the mice. Since then the hall has been scrubbed, painted, and host to numerous classes, meetings, and events.

The Grange is a national organization, started in 1876 by small farmers in order

to represent their interests to all levels of government. It was also a social center for the rural folks to gather and share ideas, food, and good times. So, here is a new wave of membership interested in preserving the spirit of the past and serving the community in the best way possible.

The October dance was such a success that on **Saturday, December 4**, another Barn Dance lights up the newly restored Grange Hall in Los Olivos. **Peter Feldmann** and the **Growling Old Geezers** provide music, and **Carl Magagnosc** teaches and calls a variety of circle, square, contra, and other dances, from 7-10 p.m.

Another dance has been scheduled for February 5, same time and place.

For further information, contact Lauris Phillips, 805 688-3334.



'Tis the Seasonings

Nov. 28: Post-Thanksgiving Dessert Potluck (during the break). Leave the fruitcake at home. Well, no, on second thought, do bring him.

Dec. 25-26: Holiday Dance Weekend right here in SB on the Sprung Floor. Christmas Day: 7 p.m.-midnight. Dec. 26: 1 p.m.-1 a.m. More info on reverse, on the event flyer (mailed and distributed with the *Dance Star*), and from our new web site. You'll also find a downloadable color version of the flyer there.

Dancing in the Zeroes

If you're not going to Bali to watch 1999 disappear, here's something closer to home you're sure to enjoy:

Dec. 31-Jan. 1: L.A.'s Eighth Annual New Year's Eve Dawn Dance. 8 p.m.-6 a.m. \$20-25 includes midnight dinner and 6 a.m. breakfast (yeah, right). War Memorial Hall, 435 S. Fair Oaks, South Pasadena. Contact Barbara (818 951-8255, barb@bhagd.com) especially if you can help with food or decorations, or need a place to crash Jan. 1.

Feb. 25-27: L.A.'s 12th Annual Fiddling Frog Dance Festival featuring caller **Robert Cromartie** and the bands **Uncle Gizmo** and **For Old Times' Sake**. 818 785-3839, ac515@lafn.org, <http://www.hallikainen.com/lacontra/frog/>

www.sbcds.org

That's our new address on the World Wide Web.

Did you know that an email discussion/news list exists for the SBCDS? Sign up on the web site, or even easier, send a blank email message to sbcds-subscribe@egroups.com and you're in.

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Santa Barbara Contra & EC Dance Schedule

with Ojai and SLO listings

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Come enjoy a dance to the irresistible rhythms of a live old-time string band. We'll dance flowing contras of New England, a thriving North American tradition, plus other delights. All dances are taught and prompted: no experience or partner necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

SANTA BARBARA CONTRA DANCES

Sponsor: SB Country Dance Society
Dance from 7–10 p.m. every Sunday at the fabulous Carrillo Ballroom, co-sponsored by SB Parks and Recreation Department. SBCDS 24-hour Dance Hotline: 805 969-1511.

Saturday then it's usually second Saturdays in 2000, from 8–11 p.m. International Folk Dancing precedes at 5:30.

SLO 24-hour Danceline: 805 541-0201.

SB ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES

Some Tuesdays. Westside Community Center, 7:30–9:30. \$2, \$5 when live music is provided. 805 682-5523. ECD info in italics.

INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

All three groups hold workshops 30 minutes before each contra dance evening. Also, the simpler dances are generally taught earlier in the evening.

ADMISSION

SB contra dances, \$6; Others, \$7; unless otherwise noted; subject to change.

KEY TO DANCE LOCATIONS

Carrillo Ballroom **CB** 100 E. Carrillo St., SB
Westside Center **wcc** 423 W. Victoria, SB
Ojai Art Center **OA** 113 S. Montgomery, Ojai
San Luis Obispo Veteran's Hall **SLO** 801 Grand Ave., SLO East of 101, Cal Poly exit

OJAI DANCES

Sponsor: Ojai Art Center
Dance 7:30–10:30 p.m. For more information call Ginnie at 805 646-0832, or Karin at 805 933-0660.

SAN LUIS OBISPO DANCES

Sponsor: Central Coast Country Dance Society
Dance in SLO on one more third

DATE LOC CALLER • BAND • Etc. *(English Country Dances listed in italics)*

Nov 28 Sun CB Chuck Galt • Growling OldGeezers • Dessert potluck during the break!

Dec 5 Sun CB Gary Shapiro • Under Construction (Ann Kosinsky, Jim Kosinsky, Steve Shapiro, Jeff Spero)

Dec 7 Tue wcc Kathy Lear & Gary Shapiro

Dec 12 Sun CB Susan Michaels • Growling Old Geezers

Dec 14 Tue wcc Gary Shapiro • Linelle Glass, Robert Winokur & John Sonquist

Dec 18 Sat SLO Erik Hoffman • Growling Old Geezers

Dec 19 Sun CB Drew Tronvig • Kristina & Her Right-Hand Stars

Dec 25 Sat CB Erik Hoffman • Bayou Seco & Friends Saturday: 7 p.m.–mid. (\$10)

Dec 26 Sun CB Erik Hoffman • Growling Old Geezers Sunday: 1 p.m.–1 a.m.
Holiday Dance Weekend Gary Shapiro • Bungalow Band Sunday Festival pass: \$25,
James Hutson • Michael's Mixed Nuts \$20 after 7 p.m. Sorry, no a la
Erik Hoffman • Bayou Seco & Friends carte admissions.

Jan 2 Sun CB Don Ward • Laura Light & Jeff Spero

Jan 4 Tue wcc Kathy Lear & Gary Shapiro

Jan 8 Sat SLO TBA • TBA

Jan 9 Sun CB Gary Shapiro • Chameleons • Good things

Jan 16 Sun CB James Hutson • Kitchen Junket • sometimes

Jan 22 Sat OA Reine Wonite • Chameleons • happen

Jan 23 Sun CB Reine Wonite • Kitchen Junket • in twos.

Jan 30 Sun CB Caller's Jubilee • Open Band • For calling, contact Gary Shapiro (805 682-5523, garyes@iname.com). For playing, contact Michael Gutin (563-0503).

Feb 6 Sun CB Chuck Galt • Michael's Mixed Nuts

Feb 13 Sun CB Warren Blier • Sliding Scale

Feb 12 Sat SLO TBA • TBA

Feb 20 Sun CB Martha Wild • Hot Flashes

Feb 22 Tue wcc Kathy Lear & Gary Shapiro • TBA

Feb 27 Sun CB Gary Shapiro • For Old Times' Sake • Direct from L.A.'s Fiddling Frog Festival

Feb 29 Tue wcc Kathy Lear & Gary Shapiro • TBA

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