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## Break Dancing at the Ballroom

No, not *that* break dancing, but a new activity at SBCDS contra dances. During the break, alternative dances will be offered to those who just cannot get enough dancing. For example, you might hear International, Swing, Cajun or Scandinavian music. Sometimes there might be quick walk-throughs, sometimes not. Sometimes there might be a musician or two who just want to play, and sometimes there will just be recorded material.

The format of the Break Dancing is open and flexible. Steve Davis has agreed to be the Break Dance Coordinator. If you have any specific requests, or would like to play your own music, please contact him to reserve a date. If no one has made any specific requests, he will generally play a mixture of International, Swing and Cajun music. Steve can be reached at 805 964-5591 or [sdavis@silcom.com](mailto:sdavis@silcom.com).

See you at the break!

## Sprung Floor Taking Shape

It wouldn't be spring if not for the Sprung Floor Dance Festival and the "sprung fever" that accompanies it. The 11th annual Festival takes place on May 27-28, the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. The flyer will be available by early May, but in the meantime, much of what we know is on the calendar page and in the paragraph below.

On Saturday, we're all invited to the free dance at 2 p.m., and it's your choice to participate as a dancer, a musician, and/or a caller. To play in the open band, contact Michael Mendelson (805 687-3804, [fiddle@silcom.com](mailto:fiddle@silcom.com)). To participate as a caller, contact Don Ward (818 353-8052, [dward@loop.com](mailto:dward@loop.com)).

## New SBCDS Lending Library

If you're interested in calling, or curious about calling, the SBCDS now has a small collection of books on that subject, available for loan. Contact Gary Shapiro at a dance for more information.

## Give the Sun a Push on May 1

Monarch Grove Morris invites you to join them at the top of La Cumbre Peak shortly before sunrise this and every May Day, when Morris "sides" world 'round give the sun a little push to keep it going for another year. Or something like that. Help wrap the maypole, dance, breakfast.

For more information, email [Gene.Lerner@gte.net](mailto:Gene.Lerner@gte.net) or call 685-8007.

## Sizzling Duo Flying in From North Carolina

Veteran contra dance musician Laurie Fisher (keyboard and fiddle with the String Beings) teams up with hot new talent, Cailen Campbell. No slouch herself, Laurie says "He fiddles rings around me."

Local dancer Don Higgins, who is bringing the duo to California, says, "...what he does to that fiddle makes me stand up, laugh and cry at the same time, and invoke names of the diety."

See for yourself at our special \$8 dance on May 7 which also features caller Susan Michaels.

On the days preceding our dance Laurie and Cailen will make at least two L.A. area contra dance appearances.



## Harvest Moon Lineup Revealed

The lineup for the 17th annual Santa Barbara Harvest Moon Dance Festival has been announced: Susan Kevra, caller, and the Monks. Look for a flyer and application in late May, not to mention superlatives for this lineup we are so fortunate to have.

## More Contras, Squares at Grange in Los Olivos

Dancing continues at the Santa Ynez Grange in Los Olivos—contras and squares with a real live band and caller on the first Saturday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m.

Take Highway 154 to Los Olivos. The Grange, 2374 Alamo Pintado Ave. (not Road), is just west of the flagpole, on the left.

Admission is \$10, \$7.50 for members of the Grange.

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

## SBCDS Board News: Co-sponsors, price

The SBCDS and the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department are in the process of finalizing a new co-sponsorship agreement that increases the ties between the two. This will lower some costs, and raise others. Instead of paying hall rent, we will split our net proceeds with the city.

With either this new arrangement or the old one, our \$6 admission fee has not been enough for our dances to pay their own way, so beginning March 5, admission to our regular dances is \$7.

Members of the Senior Recreation Services Club receive a \$1 discount.

## Adult Ed Class: Dances from Jane Austen's Time

"Dances of the English Regency," Kathy Lear's Adult Ed class, returns for the last time until Fall.

Class meets for six Tuesdays beginning April 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.

## One Time Only: English Country Dance in Eagle Rock

James Hutson and the California Dance Co-operative present a special, one-time Evening of English Country Dance on Friday, March 31. No experience is necessary, but do arrive promptly at 8 to review the basics. Dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission \$7.

Instruction and prompting by James Hutson; music by Frank Hoppe, Aubyn Miller and Ken Shaw.

Location: Eagle Rock Community Cultural Center, 2225 Colorado Blvd., just west of Eagle Rock Blvd.

For further information call James at 310 474-8105.



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# Santa Barbara Contra & EC Dance Schedule

with Ojai, Los Olivos 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 neces-

sary. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

## SANTA BARBARA CONTRA DANCES

**Sponsors: SB Country Dance Society & SB City Parks and Recreation Dept.**

Dance from 7–10 p.m. every Sunday at the fabulous Carrillo Ballroom. SBCDS 24-hour Dance Hotline: 805 969-1511.

## SB ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES

*Some Tuesdays. Westside Community Center, 7:30–9:30. \$5. 805 682-5523. ECD info in italics.*

## SAN LUIS OBISPO DANCES

**Sponsor: Central Coast Country Dance Society**

Dance in SLO usually, but not always, on the third Saturday, from 8–11 p.m. International Folk Dancing precedes at 5:30. SLO 24-hour Danceline: 805 541-

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## 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.

## INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

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

## LOS OLIVOS DANCES

**Sponsor: Santa Ynez Grange**

Dance first Saturdays, 7–10 p.m. For more information contact Lauris Phillips at 805 688-3334.

## ADMISSION

\$7 in SB, Ojai and SLO; \$10 in Los Olivos; subject to change.

## KEY TO DANCE LOCATIONS

Carrillo Ballroom	<b>CB</b>	100 E. Carrillo St., SB
Oak Park	<b>OP</b>	Junipero at Calle Real, SB
Westside Center	<b>wcc</b>	423 W. Victoria, SB
Ojai Art Center	<b>OA</b>	113 S. Montgomery, Ojai
San Luis Obispo Veteran's Hall	<b>SLO</b>	801 Grand Ave., SLO East of 101, Cal Poly exit
Grange Hall in Los Olivos	<b>LO</b>	2374 Alamo Pintado Ave. West of flagpole

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

Feb 29	Tue	wcc	Gary Shapiro • Thrupence ( <i>Linelle Glass, John Sonquist, Robert Winokur</i> ) <i>Sadie Hawkins Dance: only women ask people to dance.</i>
Mar 4	Sat	LO	Carl Magagnosc • Growling Old Geezers + Peter Feldmann
Mar 5	Sun	CB	Drew Tronvig • Chopped Liver • Whatcha think this band is...? (See 18th)
Mar 7	Tue	wcc	TBA ( <i>If we can't find musicians, we'll use recordings.</i> )
Mar 12	Sun	CB	Gary Shapiro • Hot Flashes • Good thing the ballroom has those fans now.
Mar 18	Sat	OA	Don Ward • Chopped Liver (Michael Mendelson, Suzanne Duffy, Jeff Spero)
Mar 18	Sat	SLO	Barbara Stewart • Paddy O'Furniture (Gary Atkinson, Carol Atkinson, Amber Roullard Mueller)
Mar 19	Sun	<b>CB</b>	Jonathan Southard • Kitchen Junket • With St. Patrick's Day-related surprises.
Mar 21	Tue	wcc	TBA
Mar 26	Sun	CB	Gary Shapiro • New Young Buzzards
Mar 28	Tue	wcc	TBA
Apr 1	Sat	LO	Carl Magagnosc • Growling Old Geezers + Peter Feldmann • No foolin'!
Apr 2	Sun	CB	Jeff Spero • Chameleons • Humans don't change colors; just clocks—today.
Apr 4	Tue	wcc	TBA
Apr 9	Sun	CB	Don Ward • Growling Old Geezers • Preceding the dance, our annual Spring Potluck at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share, tableware, and \$1. Turkey provided.
Apr 15	Sat	SLO	TBA • TBA
Apr 16	Sun	CB	Warren Blier • Sliding Scale
Apr 22	Sat	OA	Chuck Galt • Growling Old Geezers
Apr 23	Sun	CB	Chuck Galt • Kristina & Her Right-Hand Stars
Apr 30	Sun	CB	Caller's Jubilee • Open Band • If you'd like to call, please contact Gary Shapiro (805 682-5523, garyes@mac.com). To play in the open band, contact Michael Mendelson (805 687-3804, fiddle@silcom.com).
May 6	Sat	LO	TBA • TBA
May 7	Sun	CB	Susan Michaels • Laurie Fisher & Cailen Campbell (\$8)
May 13	Sat	SLO	TBA • TBA
May 14	Sun	CB	James Hutson • Kitchen Junket
May 20	Sat	OA	Gary Shapiro • Chameleons
May 21	Sun	CB	Gary Shapiro • Michael's Mixed Nuts
May 23	Tue	wcc	TBA
May 27	Sat	OP	Warren Blier • Chopped Liver • Preceding this under-the-stars dance: Free Callers' Jubilee/Open Band dance at 2:15 p.m. (more info on reverse), potluck at 5 across the creek, and contra dance orientation at 6:30. The dance runs 7–10 as usual. Party and jam session at Rusty's Pizza on Carrillo after the dance.
May 28	Sun	CB	Warren Blier, Gary Shapiro, Chuck Galt, Susan Michaels • Chopped Liver, Spontaneous Combustion, more TBA • Dance from 1:30 p.m.–1 a.m. on the sprung floor, simultaneous workshops in the afternoon. \$TBA.
May 30	Tue	wcc	Gary Shapiro • Thrupence

## March 2000

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## Sprung Floor Dance Festival