

DANCE STAR

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New Dance Location

For Several Weeks

The Carrillo Ballroom will be closed during most of December and January for a major repair job on the dance floor, and hopefully we will see the last of those chairs we've had to maneuver around. Therefore, on Dec. 11, 18, 25, and Jan. 8, our contra dances will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Constance Avenue and State Street in Santa Barbara. (Hwy 101 to Mission, north to State, left to Constance, turn right on Constance. Enter from the parking lot) There will be no dances Jan. 1 and 15, and we will be back in the Carrillo Ballroom Jan. 22. (Hwy 101 to Carrillo, north to Anacapa.)

Admission Price to Rise

After much discussion about financial matters, the SBCDS Board decided that it will be necessary to increase the admission price of the contra dances to \$8, beginning Jan. 22.

Star Attractions

Dec. 4, Meet the Wiley Canyon Boys

This talented group includes Tom Sauber on fiddle, Patrick Sauber on guitar and Steve Lewis on banjo. This will be our last dance of year at the Carrillo Ballroom. Come say farewell to the rolling floors and dance to the tunes of the Wiley Canyon Boys, with calling by Jeff Spero.

MG and the Generators Debut Dec. 11

Dance to the hot music of Michael Gutin on midi accordion, Nick

Coventry on violin, and Gary Williams on mandolin. Gary Shapiro will be the caller.

MG and the Generators will be playing for the big New Year's Eve Gala Celebration contra dance at the So. Pasadena War Memorial Hall. The band Swamp Mamas will be playing between 6 and 9 PM, and MG and the Generators will be playing from 9 PM until midnight for contra dancing, and then from midnight on for couples dancing. Callers are Brenda Goodwin and Jeremy Korr. There will be a pot luck supper starting at 4 PM and continuing throughout the night.

Dancers will be able to watch the Rose Parade floats pass by the hall's large picture windows as the floats travel up Fair Oaks Boulevard on their way up to the parade route.

Contra Carnivale

Dance Weekend in SLO

The Central Coast Contra Dance Society will be holding its first annual Contra Carnivale contra dance weekend Friday, Jan. 13 through Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at the Veteran's Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

The callers will be George Marshall, Warren Blier, and Susan Michaels, with music by Nightingale, The Syncopaths, Hillbillies from Mars, and Crabapples. There will be an evening dance on Friday, followed by afternoon-through-evening dances Saturday and Sunday.

Admission for the weekend is \$95 and pre-registration is required. As of this writing, there are considerably more women than men registrants, so male attendees are currently in high demand.

To obtain further details, visit www.cccds.org/carnivale.htm. Or you can contact Cynthia Boche at 805-783-0112 or cynthia@baileymed.com.



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DANCE SCHEDULE – Winter 2006

English Country Dances

Westside Community Center
423 W. Victoria, Santa Barbara
(Where Victoria dead-ends at Hwy 101)
805-682-5523 www.sbcdds.org/ecd
7:15 to 9:30

Admission \$3.00; whole evenings of live music TBA, \$5.00

Dances will be held every Tuesday,
except for two Wednesdays, as noted

Dec 6, 13, 20, 27

Jan 3, 11 (Wed), 17, 24, 31

Feb 8 (Wed), 14, 21, 28

Dec 20 will be a Solstice Dance and Party

Dec 27 will be a Saturnalia Dance and Party

The Dec 6 dance will be led by Ben Rotenberg – the first
guest caller in the history of this series. All other dances will
be led by Gary Shapiro and/or Alice Williams

San Luis Obispo

Odd Fellows Hall
520 Dana St, San Luis Obispo
(Hwy 101 Marsh St. exit, left on Nipomo, left on Dana)
805-541-0201 www.cccds.org

Friday, Dec 9 – 8:00 to 11:00 (7:30 workshop)

Karen Fontana/Michael Gutin Band

Saturday, Feb 11 – 7:30 to 10:30 (7:00 workshop)

Gary Shapiro/Fiddle Tunas

Contra Carnivale, Jan 13-15 — See details on Page 1

Ojai Art Center

113 S. Montgomery, Ojai
(South of East Ojai Avenue)
805-933-0660 www.ojaiartcenter.org/dance.htm

Contra Dances

7:30 to 10:30 (7:00 Workshop) Admission: \$8.00
Except for Dec. 31 Dance

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Dance 8:00 PM to 12:30 AM
Susan Michaels/Ruby's Dream \$15 incl refreshment buffet

Jan 21 Karen Fontana/Key Ingredients

English Country Dancing

www.geocities.com/ojaiecdd/

Second and fourth Mondays

7:00 to 9:00 Admission: \$5.00

Dec 12 Holiday Party and Dance led by Gary Shapiro

Dec 26 Boxing Day Party and Dance led by Annie Laskey
Music by James Hutson

Jan 9, 23, Feb 6, 20 led by Gary Shapiro

Santa Barbara Contrás

**Note: Dances on Dec 11, 18, 25 and Jan 8 will be at the
First Presbyterian Church, State & Constance (PC) .
All other dances will be at the Carrillo Ballroom, Carrillo
& Anacapa (CB). See Page 1 for directions.**

805-969-1511 www.sbcdds.org

Contra Dances Every Sunday, Except as Noted

6:30 to 9:30 (6:00 Workshop)

Dec 4 Jonathan Southard/Wiley Canyon Boys \$7 **CB**

Dec 11 Gary Shapiro/The Generators \$7 **PC**

Dec 18 Keith Connes/Porch Dogs \$7 **PC**

Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DANCE

Erik Hoffman/Bayou Seco \$7 **PC**

Jan 1 NO DANCE

Jan 8 Donna Karpeles/The Chameleons \$7 **PC**

Jan 15 NO DANCE

Jan 22 GRAND OPENING DANCE! NEW FLOOR!

Gary Shapiro/Growling Old Geezers \$8 **CB**

Jan 29 ZESTY DANCE

Susan Petrick/Chopped Liver \$9 **CB**

Feb 5 Jonathan Southard/The Chameleons \$8 **CB**

Feb 12 Donna Karpeles/Porch Dogs \$8 **CB**

Feb 19 Jeff Spero/Southern Exposure \$8 **CB**

Feb 26 Karen Fontana/Kristina and Her Hey-4-Four

\$8 **CB**

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