

DANCE STAR

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Powerless Again

Remember the winds of December 27? Weather forecasters were comparing the windstorm to that of December 31, 1995. We had a New Year's Eve Dawn Dance in Santa Barbara that night, but at 8:16 PM, the winds and falling trees became too much, and the hall went dark except for exit lights. We managed to have a dance anyway, thanks to a willingness to go acoustic until Carl Magagnosc brought a major generator from home.

On December 27, 2006, several of us arrived at the Westside Community Center for our Wednesday English Country dance, only to find the hall dark (except for exit signs). In the meantime, Jim Hudson (not James Hutson) arrived and informed us that he had AC power available from his pickup truck. So we plugged in the sound system and off we went, dancing in the dark, except for a few flashlights. Alice Williams, our caller that night, had the foresight to have a headband flashlight with her so she could see the cards. Of course, those of us who were at the Ballroom in 1995 couldn't help but tell the others all about it *ad nauseum*.

— Gary Shapiro

Star Attractions



Kate Power

Kate Power has been a contra dance caller in Columbus, Ohio since 2003. She calls at organized community contra dances as well as private events such as weddings, barn dances, birthday celebrations, and family reunions. With clear, simple walk-throughs and imaginative dance choices, dancers of all ages and skill levels are engaged, creating a fun-filled, music-driven experience. Now Kate brings her wonderful talent to Santa Barbara on April 1 as she tours through California this spring.

Colin Hume

For your dancing pleasure, we have imported caller Colin Hume from England. Well, that's a bit of an exaggeration. In truth, he's visiting a number of dance venues in the U.S. and we're happy to have him join us for our March 11 contra dance (with the oh-so-British Growling Old Geezers) and for a couple of English Country Dances as well. See the back page for details.

Special Dance Day

On April 22, the Santa Barbara Dance Alliance will sponsor a Dance Day — a wonderful opportunity for people to enjoy one-hour introductory dance classes of various types for only \$1 each. SBCDS is participating, so invite your friends to the Carrillo Ballroom at 2 PM for a full hour contra workshop with Jonathan Southard and Chopped Liver, followed by an afternoon dance in place of our usual evening dance. Details on the back page.

Santa Barbara Contra and English Country Dances are co-sponsored by SBCDS and

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DANCE SCHEDULE – Spring 2007

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
Second Saturday of every month
7:30 to 10:30 (7:00 workshop) Admission: \$8.00

Mar 10 Lynn Ackerson/Growling Old Geezers
April 14 Gary Shapiro/Paddy O'Furniture
May 12 Warren Blier/Michael Gutin Band

Ojai Art Center

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

Contra Dance

7:30 to 10:30 (7:00 Workshop) Admission: \$8.00

Mar 10 Donna Karpeles/Wiley Ramblers
April 28 Susan Petrick/Bonfire + Frank Hoppe

English Country Dancing

Fourth Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 \$5.00 Recorded music
Gary Shapiro and guests teaching
Mar 26 (Annie Laskey) • April 23 • May 28

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

Every Wednesday 7:30 to 9:30
Admission \$3.00 Recorded music

Special Dance Mar 14: Colin Hume/Thruppence
with special guest (\$6)
Other dances led by Gary Shapiro and/or Alice Williams

Senior Recreation Center
420 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura
(One block west of California St. near the corner of S. Oak St.)

Second Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 \$5 Recorded music
Special Dance Mar 12: Colin Hume/Thruppence
with special guest (\$7)
Other dances led by Gary Shapiro or guest caller

Carrillo Ballroom

100 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara
(Hwy 101, Carrillo St. exit, go north to Anacapa St.)
805-969-1511 www.sbcdds.org

Contra Dances Every Sunday
6:30 to 9:30 (6:00 Workshop)
Admission: \$8.00 unless otherwise noted

Mar 4 Gary Shapiro/Porch Dogs
Mar 11 Colin Hume/Growling Old Geezers
Mar 18 Donna Karpeles/The Arroyo Burro Symphony
Mar 25 Jonathan Southard/MG and the All Stars
April 1 Kate Power/Kristina and Her Hey 4 Four
April 8 Jonathan Southard/Growling Old Geezers
April 15 **SPRING DOUBLE DANCE & POTLUCK**
2:30-5:00 English Country Dance (\$7)
5:00-6:00 Potluck - Turkey provided, bring plenty of
food to share and tableware (\$1)
6:30-9:30 Contra dance (\$8)
Gary Shapiro/Fiddle Tunas
April 22 **SPECIAL AFTERNOON DANCE**
2:00-3:00 dance class (\$1) 3:00-6:00 contra dance (\$8)
Jonathan Southard/Chopped Liver
NOTICE! NO EVENING DANCE!
April 29 **ZESTY DANCE** 6:30-10:00 (\$9)
Susan Petrick/MG and the Generators
May 6 **FREE DANCE!**
Peg Hesley/Michael's Mixed Nuts
May 13 Erik Hoffman/TBA
May 20 Donna Karpeles/TBA
May 27 **SPRUNG FLOOR DANCE FESTIVAL**
1:00 PM - 1:00 AM
\$25 all day \$15 at 7:30 \$10 at 10:15
1:00-3:30 PM Karen Fontana/Fiddle Rats
3:30-6:00 PM Jonathan Southard/Growling Old Geezers
7:30-10:05 PM Gary Shapiro/Chopped Liver
10:25 PM-1:00 AM Martha Wild/Loose Ends
Plus a variety of workshops!