

DANCE STAR

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Harvest Moon and You House a Dancer, Dance Friday Night Free!

Hospitable folks are needed to provide hospitality for our out-of-town Harvest Mooners. Floor space, futons, guest rooms, deluxe doghouse in the backyard—it's all good. As thanks, be our guest at the Friday night opening dance on September 28. Email Donna at donnabayet@aol.com or call (805) 682-1877 if you can help.

Harvest Moon: What's That?

Harvest Moon Dance Festival, September 28-30, is Santa Barbara's yearly premier contra dance camp. Based on current enrollment numbers, this year will be the biggest Harvest Moon ever and it will be held entirely at the Carrillo Ballroom. And we still have room for more dancers!

Notorious, an outstanding six-piece band, will get you completely in the groove. Musicians include Larry Unger, guitar and banjo player extraordinaire; Eden MacAdam-Somer, an exciting and versatile fiddler; Sam Bartlett, a mandolin master; Mark Hellenburg, an incredible percussionist; Ralph Gordon, driving on cello and bass; plus special guest, Bill Tomczak, on clarinet and saxophone. Virginia caller, Shawn Brenneman, is a top-notch caller calling clear, concise, smooth dances. The East Coast dancers love her!

Besides having more contra dancing than ever, you can waltz on both mornings. On Saturday afternoon, choose between Swing dancing to legendary Rob Rio or English Country dancing to L.A.'s renowned Bonfire. And don't miss the post-Harvest Moon Sunday evening dance with Notorious and Shawn, 7-10 p.m., \$10.

Download an application by going to www.sbcads.org/hm/.

Questions? Email Kelli Butler at harvestmoon@sbcads.org or call (805) 649-5189.

Star Attractions

Guest Caller from Portland

Nationally known dance leader, caller and dance activist Mary Devlin comes to Santa Barbara for our annual Pre-

Thanksgiving Event on November 18. She will lead the English Country Dance at 2 p.m. and the contra at the usual 6:30.

She's a favorite caller in the Northwest, around the country and around the world: Monte Toyon, Mendocino, Minnesota, Brasstown, France and Denmark, among other places.

Learn more about Mary at www.mdevlin.com/dance/.

Bandemonium

We have three (count 'em) bands making their Santa Barbara debut this quarter.

More information about these bands is at our new Dance Star Online www.sbcads.org/dsonline/.

Coming Attractions

BACDS Fall Dance Weekend at Monte Toyon: Contra and English at a wooded camp near Santa Cruz. October 12-14. www.bacds.org/camps/fallweekend/

Seventh Annual Southern California English Country Dance Ball: Playford to Present. November 3. Find flyers at our contra and English Country dances.

New Year's Eve contra dance: Ojai Art Center with Warren Blier and Bonfire. www.ojaiartcenter.org/dance.htm.

More at www.sbcads.org/festivals/.



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Long Time Volunteer To Be Honored

Usually working behind the scenes, Scott Swain has tirelessly volunteered his services to our dance community, for decades. Yes, decades! Now we wish to publicly thank him and honor him for all he has done. The contra dance evening of September 9 has been designated Scott Swain Night. We will hold a ceremony in his honor during the break. Let's all be there to give a huge "thank you" to Scott.

ECD Experiment in Ventura

If you've paid any attention to our calendar, you've noticed we have an English Country Dance in Ventura on the second Monday of each month. We've heard from several people that Monday evenings are difficult, so as a sort of "trial balloon," we're offering a special Sunday afternoon dance on September 16 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The location is a padded wooden floor at the Gold Coast Fencing Center, 2300 Knoll Dr. #L. Look for "trial" balloons marking the driveway to enter.

Our Monday, September 10 dance at the usual Ventura location is still on.



DANCE SCHEDULE — Fall 2007

SBCDS English Country Dances

805-682-5523 www.sbcdds.org/ecd/

Santa Barbara Dances

Dance every Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30

Westside Community Center, 423 W. Victoria St.
(Where Victoria ends at Hwy 101 on the downtown side)

Afternoon ECD on Sunday, Nov. 18; see schedule at right

Admission \$3; evenings of live music TBA, \$6

Sept 5, 12, 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31*; Nov 7, 14, 21, 28

*October 31: Spooky Dances from the Past

Special Location: First Presbyterian Church,
21 E. Constance (at State St.)

Costumes from the past suggested

Above dances led by Gary Shapiro and/or Alice Williams.

Ventura Dances

Dance Second Mondays

Senior Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara St.

7:00 to 9:00 Admission: \$5

September 10 October 8 November 12

Special Trial Balloon Dance

Sunday, September 16, 3 to 5 p.m.

Gold Coast Fencing Center, 2300 Knoll Dr. #L, Ventura

Look for balloons marking the driveway to the Center

Admission \$5 adults, \$4 students 12-24, \$1 children 7-11

Ventura dances led by Gary Shapiro and guests

San Luis Obispo

Odd Fellows Hall, 520 Dana St, San Luis Obispo
(From SB: Hwy 101 Marsh St. exit, left on Nipomo, left on Dana)

805-541-0201 www.cccds.org

Dance on Second Saturdays

7:30 to 10:30 (7:00 Workshop) Admission \$9

Sept 8 Karen Fontana/Chopped Liver

Oct 13 Warren Blier/Crabapples

Nov 10 Lynn Ackerson/Foggy Bay

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

Oct 20 Barbara Stewart/
Michael Mendelson, Kurt MacInnis, and more

English Country Dances

Fourth Mondays

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

September 24 October 22 November 26

Led by Gary Shapiro and guests

Santa Barbara Contra Dances

Carrillo Ballroom, 100 E. Carrillo (at Anacapa)

805-682-1877 www.sbcdds.org

Dance Every Sunday

6:30 to 9:30 (6:00 Contra dance workshop)

\$8.00 unless otherwise noted

Sept 2 Barbara Stewart/Atlantic Crossing

Sept 9 **Scott Swain Appreciation Night**
Jim Saxe/Chopped Liver

Sept 16 Susan Michaels/Frank Hoppe & Bonfire

Sept 23 Gary Shapiro/Marmalade

Sept 30 **Post Harvest-Moon Dance, 7:00 to 10:00, \$10**
Shawn Brenneman/Notorious

Oct 7 Greg McKenzie/Growing Old Geezers

Oct 14 Ginger Alberti/Aolian

Oct 21 Jean Gorrindo/Michael Gutin Band

Oct 28 Annual Halloween Costume Ball
Gary Shapiro/TBA

Nov 4 Jonathan Southard/Fiddle Tunas

Nov 11 Donna Karpeles/Kristina and Her Hey for Four

Nov 18 **Pre-Thanksgiving Special Event, 2:00 to 9:30**
2:00-5:00 English Country Dance (\$8)

5:00-6:00 Festive Potluck: bring lots to share, tableware
(turkey provided) \$1

6:30-9:30 Contra Dance
Mary Devlin/Chopped Liver

Nov 26 Annual Post-Thanksgiving Dessert Potluck
(during break)

Susan Petrick/Dannsair

Santa Barbara Contra Dances are co-sponsored by
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