

DANCE STAR

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Scott Swain Letter of Appreciation

Scott Swain submitted this letter for the *Dance Star* that would have come out in November 2007.

Dear Fellow Dancers,

Thank you for honoring me at the dance last September 9. It was a great dance and I appreciate the high attendance on that wonderful evening.

I can't believe how quickly the years have passed since I first started contra dancing, and volunteering shortly afterwards. Helping to keep the dances running has been a satisfying endeavor.

I would like to thank many other "behind the scenes" volunteers who have pitched in to help over the years. Without their help, it would not have been possible for any one person to have kept the dances going. They all deserve our thanks. We all owe a special thanks to Joe Aleks, who has been setting up the contra dances for at least as long as I have been, and has often offered to help even when it was not convenient for him to do so. Our volunteers who have recently pitched in to set up the dances

include Rob Gardner, Tom Biesanz, Roxan MacDougall, Barry White, and Marty Frith. A list of previous volunteers can be found on the online *Dance Star* at <www.sbc.ds.org/dsonline/>.

Finally, a big thank you to Marty Frith for kindly assenting to take over my duties as the Event/Dance Coordinator, and to Moira Butler, who took over the duties of coordinating the front door Greeters a few years ago.

Here's to many more years of dancing for everyone.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Harvest Moon To Shine Brightly

Get ready for another great Harvest Moon Dance Festival, the 25th annual! On September 26-28, 2008, the fabulous bands, Airdance and Lift Ticket, are coming to the Carrillo Ballroom all weekend. Don't

Sprung Floor Dance Festival: 2x the Fun

Two times the dancing in a festival environment on Memorial Day Weekend.

Two (2) fun callers! Two (2) fun bands! One low price (\$15)! A festive potluck in between. On our favorite sprung floor. Sunday, May 25, from 2:30 till 10:00 p.m.

Details on reverse and at <www.sbc.ds.org/sf/>.

Dance Star Editor

Keith Connes had been the volunteer editor and producer of the *Dance Star* for several years. He has had much experience in this field, and has done a fantastic job with the *Dance Star*, the articles and the biographies.

Unfortunately, Keith has not been able to continue. Anyone interested, please contact Gary Shapiro at 805 682-5523 or garys@sbcds.org or better yet, in person. Note that this doesn't have to be a job for just one person. And ask about the perks!

miss two of the best contra bands in the country, along with the enthusiastic calling of Cis Hinkle from Atlanta, GA.

Early bird registration is \$120, and this is sure to be a sell-out! Check out the website for more info: <www.sbc.ds.org/hm/>.

Dance Star Lives

You may think there was no *Dance Star* three months ago, but you're wrong. There's been another *Dance Star*: Dance Star Online.

Just go to <www.sbc.ds.org/dsonline/> and there you are. Page-turner articles await!

New Calendar Online

Now, in addition to the *Dance Star* schedule and the online contra and English Country Dance schedules, there's a new way to keep up with what's going on: the SBCDS Calendar. Just go to our website and click on Calendar. Once there, you can view the calendar in various ways: the default "agenda" view, or by the month or week. The calendar also lists the time and place of our Board meetings.

You can also subscribe to the calendar using a calendar program on your own computer.



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DANCE SCHEDULE SPRING 2008

Santa Barbara Contra Dances

Carrillo Ballroom, 100 E. Carrillo (at Anacapa)
805-682-1877

Dance Every Sunday

\$8.00 unless otherwise noted

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLER</u>	<u>BAND</u>
Mar 2	Gary Shapiro	Kristina & Her Hey for 4
Mar 9	Donnalyn Karpeles	Growling Old Geezers
Mar 16 Featured Dance \$10.00	Susan Michaels	Notorious: Don't miss <i>Larry Unger & Eden MacAdam-Somer on their west coast concert and contra tour.</i>
Mar 23	Peg Hesley: <i>Touring from Phoenix AZ</i>	Michael's Mixed Nuts
Mar 30 Zesty Dance \$10.00	Karen Fontana: <i>San Francisco favorite</i>	Avant Gardeners: <i>Laura Light, George Paul, Dave Wiesler & Dan Sebring</i>
Apr 6	James Hutson	Chopped Liver
Apr 13	Warren Blier	The Crabapples: <i>A lively contra band from Monterey. Marta Lynch, Bob Silberstein, Sara Springer & Norm Colton</i>
Apr 20	Jonathan Southard	Dannsair
Apr 27	Susan Petrick	Chopped Liver
May 4	Donnalyn Karpeles	Contradictions: Jim & Ann Kosinski of Pasadena's famed Big Hat Open Band
May 11	Jean Gorrindo	Michael's Mixed Nuts
May 18	Gary Shapiro	Kristina & Her Hey for 4

May 25th

Sprung Floor Dance Festival

Come and dance all afternoon and on into the night

2:30 till 10:00 One low price \$15.00

Jonathan Southard / Turtle Creek

Susan Michaels / Bonfire with Frank Hoppe

Potluck (bring a dish to share)

SBCDS English Country Dances

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

All dances led by Gary Shapiro, Alice Williams or Guest.

Music is recorded (unless noted)

Santa Barbara Dances

Westside Community Center, 423 W. Victoria St.

Just east of HWY 101 [on the downtown side]

Dance every Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$3

Ventura Dances

Gold Coast Fencing Center, 2300 Knoll Dr. #L, Ventura
(Look for balloons marking the driveway to the Center)

First Sunday of every month 2 to 4:30 p.m.

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

(The floor has padding underneath!)

San Luis Obispo Contra Dances

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 (unless noted)

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

Mar 8	Donnalyn Karpeles	Foggy Bay
April 12	Warren Blier	Crabapples
May 10	Gary Shapiro	Growling Old Geezers

Ojai Contra Dances

OJAI ART CENTER, 113 S. Montgomery St

805-933-0660 www.ojaiartcenter.org/dance.htm

Introductory workshop @ 7 pm Admission \$8

Saturday March 15th 7:30-10:00 PM

Caller: Susan Michaels

Band: BONFIRE with Bonnie Insull on flute,
Rich Scher on piano, Frank Hoppe on fiddle

Santa Barbara Country Dance Society

All SBCDS dances at the **Carrillo Ballroom**
are in partnership with SB Parks & Rec.

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