

Join us October 10th thru 12th, 2025 in Santa Barbara at the Carrillo Ballroom. Dance on our legendary sprung floor at one of the best contra weekends ever! <u>Featuring two fantastic bands and callers</u>

Topspin & The Gaslight Tinkers Rick Mohr and Anna Rain

Featuring **TOPSPIN**, made up of long-time collaborators **Anna Patton** and **Owen Morrison** (Elixir, The Figments) who have teamed up with two of their favorite instrumentalists to create a dynamic contra dance experience. **Emily Troll**'s powerful fiddling are adorned by Anna Patton's nimble and inventive clarinet. Owen Morrison's masterful guitar playing and **Stefan Amidon**'s superb drumming combine for uniquely danceable rhythmic drive. This band provides a unique sonic tapestry in which dancers can delightfully interweave themselves.

And **THE GASLIGHT TINKERS** who blend of global rhythms creates a joyously danceable sound around a core of traditional New England old time and celtic fiddle music, merging boundless positive energy with melody and song. The band has lit up the East Coast, the West Coast, and the Caribbean, headlining clubs, dances, and major festivals. The Gaslight Tinkers' shows are packed with delightful surprises, elated crowds, and exuberant musicianship. The sound and energy of **Clara Stickney, Garrett Sawyer, Eliezer Martinez**, and **Peter Siegel** are universally irresistible.

RICK MOHR from Philadelphia, has enjoyed calling and writing contra dances for many years, delighting dancers near and far. His goal is always to make a fantastic experience for the dancers, so they really feel the joy of dance and music and community, which means planning programs that really shine and creating a fun welcoming vibe.

ANNA RAIN from Maryland, is a well-known caller for English Country Dance, however for many years, Anna called contra dances and is now eager to get back to her roots. Victor Garza, our sound man, recognized her incredible calling talent and enthusiastically recommended her. She is known for her engaging calling style and ability to guide dancers through intricate moves with dynamic clarity.



<u>Accommodations</u>: There are many hotels and AirBnBs around Santa Barbara. Campgrounds are available at El Capitan, Refugio, and in Carpinteria. If requested, every attempt will be made to house or tent participants from out of town with local dancers.

<u>Meals</u>: There will be an ongoing snack table with lots of goodies throughout the weekend, plus a scrumptious lunch on Saturday and Sunday. (*We will do our best with a variety of food; however, please be aware that not all diets will be accommodated.*) Dinner on Saturday and Sunday is on your own and there will be a list of many fine local restaurants.

Online registration with PayPal/Credit Card option starts June 2nd! Please go to www.sbcds.org/hm and click on link to register.

Cost \$195 Friday — Sunday evening! Under 35 \$95 or free for 5hrs work trade

Children under 18 free- please add name(s) to end of paid registration form.

All cancellations subject to a \$20 administrative fee. If you cancel after September 10th,

refund is contingent on us locating a replacement. Registration is nontransferable.

A limited number of half-off work trade scholarships are available.

The open Sunday night dance is included. \$20 at door for non-Harvest Moon participants.

If you are unable to complete the online registration, please fill out form below. To register with a check, send check *payable to SBCDS* to:

SBCDS, c/o Kelli Butler 5455 8th St. #56, Carpinteria CA 93013



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