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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

A Foggy Faultline Reprise: Notorious and Cis Hinkle Sunday, October 4

Our stellar Faultline Frolic lineup comes back out west to delight dancers for Monterey's Foggy Moon weekend. The 4-member Notorious (Eden MacAdam-Somer on fiddle, Larry Unger on guitar and banjo, Sam Bartlett on mandolin and Mark Hellenberg on percussion) will reappear with Atlanta caller Cis Hinkle for a whirlwind tour of the Greater Bay Area that first weekend of October. Come to Marin Masonic Hall in San Rafael to spin to one of the nation's best arrays of contra talent. Because we're switching to Sunday night, we're holding the dance an hour earlier, from 7-10 p.m. The gate is \$10 for members, \$12 general, \$7 for students.

Special Halloween and Day of the Dead Dances

On October 31 and November 1 we are bringing in a hot new Northwest band. This band consists of some of the most talented musicians from a few of our favorite bands: Dave Bartley of KGB, Ryan McKasson of the Syncopaths, Russell Shumsky of Lift Ticket, and Marni Rachmiel. The talented caller, Joyce Miller, keeps us entertained. The Santa Rosa dance celebrates Halloween, so dress up and compete for prizes for best costume. It is a 5th Saturday challenging contra dance — No Beginners Please! The Sunday Petaluma dance celebrates Day of the Dead, and welcomes beginners and experienced dancers. The gate at each dance is \$10 for members and \$12 general. Dave, Marni, and Ryan will also be playing the Sebastopol English Country Dance on November 1, with Sam Weiler calling.

Thank you to the NBCDS Board for supporting this experiment in bringing in hot new bands. If it is successful we will do it again.

Gala Holiday Dance

Those of you lucky enough to remember dancing to the fantastic Irish music of Driving with Fergus are in for a special treat. The holiday dance in Santa Rosa on December 18 will bring together original members from the band — our own favorite fiddler, Chris Knepper, and the rocking guitar player, Lewis Santer. Joining them on flute and concertina is the darling of the East Coast, Autumn Rhodes. These rowdy Irish rockers call themselves Driving Miss Fergus. Lynn Ackerson adds her calling expertise and extensive dance repertoire to round out a night of holiday dance bliss.

Extended hours from 8:00 to 11:30 will give us plenty of time for our annual dessert potluck. Can you think of a better cure for any holiday stress?

Swing in the New Year!

Plan ahead for another great New Year's Eve Dance in San Rafael at the Masonic Hall. The Avant Gardeners will be laying down a bed of fine music for Andy Wilson's calling to help sow the seeds for a New Year of fantastic dancing. The Avant Gardeners are Laura Light on fiddle and George Paul on piano; they will be joined by Dave Bartley on mandolin and guitar. They were out this summer to play for American Week, and the dancers were buzzing like bees about the wonderful dance music. Be sure to brush up on your favorite old rock songs to sing "My Girl" along with Laura Light. Andy Wilson will be sure to keep us moving right into the new year with smooth calling and a touch of good humor. He'll be cooking up something special for the stroke of midnight. Marty Brenneis will be minding the sound to make sure you catch every note and call. An extended break and tasty treats will keep your energy up through the end of 2009.

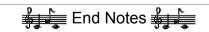
Check out www.bacds.org to find where to catch the Avant Gardeners for five more days of fabulous dancing pleasure.

Not Everything is More Expensive

Despite the fact that dance prices have not been raised in five years while the costs associated with sponsoring dances have continued to rise, the Board of Directors recently voted to keep dance admission prices the same for 2010. They also agreed to offer special prices for young adults under 25. With our difficult economy, the Board wants to make dancing affordable for everyone.

Prices for 2010 will be: \$8 Members; \$10 Non-members; \$5 Full-time Students with ID, Young Adults under 25. and those who cannot afford regular admission; \$2 children ages 6 to 17.

If you have not joined NBCDS for 2010, now is the time



"Your love for yourself is only shown when you are dancing freely."

Anonymous

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North Bay Dance Calendar: Fall 2009

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Regular dance admission: \$10 adults, \$8 members, \$5 FT students with ID, \$2 ages 6-17, under 6 free. Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

English Country Dances (ECD) meet the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays from 2:00-4:30 pm at Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol. For more information email jberger@sbcglobal.net

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts for Contra dances:

Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 6:30 – 9:30 pm; 707-823-4982, tom@nbcds.org

Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 415-302-9503, andy@nbcds.org PET 1st Sun SRF 2nd Sat Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-566-9684, robweeks@sonic.net Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-569-0565, mnfynan@sonic.net Tucker Farm Center, 1201 Tucker Rd, Napa; 7:30 – 10:30 pm; Celia Ramsay, 707-963-5667; \$10 Ukiah Methodist Church, 270 North Pine, Social Hall; 7:30 – 10:30 pm; Ulla Brunnberg-Rand, 707-467-0311; \$10 SRO 3rd Fri, 5th Sat **SEB** 4th Sat **NVL** 1st Sat

* dances are not sponsored by NBCDS

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Sat 3	Contra	NVL*	Eric Anderson	The Road Oilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), Jon Pedersen (banjo, fiddle),
				Perry Fly (guitar), Chuck Wiley (bass)
Sun 4	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Jon Berger (violin), Debra Tayleur (piano), Dan Reynolds (double bass)
Sun 4	Contra	PET	Petaluma dance cancelled for the special dance in San Rafael.	
Sun 4	Contra	SRF	Cis Hinkle (GA)	Notorious: Eden MacAdam-Somer (MA) (fiddle), Larry Unger (MA) (guitar, banjo), Sam Bartlett (IN) (mandolin), Mark Hellenberg (OH) (percussion) Special time: 7:00-10:00 p.m. \$10 members, \$12 general
Sat 10	Contra	UKI*	Lynn Ackerson	West Road: Laura Smith (fiddle), Darin Smith (guitar, fiddle, cello), Ross Walker (guitar), and John Harper (banjo) with special guests The Chinchillas
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	Ratnip: Howard Booster (fiddle), Caroline McCaskey (fiddle), Alan Snyder (piano), Cole Ingraham (flute,djemba)
Sun 18	English	SEB	Dance canceled for Fall Frolick, join us there!	
Sat 24	Contra	SEB	Karen Fontana	Contranauts: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Jerry Allen (guitar), Roxanne Olivia (accordian)
Sat 31	Contra	SRO	Joyce Miller	Dave Bartley (WA) (guitar, mandolin,cittern), Ryan McKasson (WA) (fiddle, viola) Marni Rachmiel (WA) (flute, saxophone), Russell Shumsky (BC) (percussion) CHALLENGING CONTRA DANCE – NOT FOR BEGINNERS Special Dance: \$10 members, \$12 general
November				
Sun 1	English	SEB	Sam Weiler	Dave Bartley (guitar, cittern), Marni Rachmiel (flute, sax), Ryan McKasson (fiddle)
Sun 1	Contra	PET	Joyce Miller	Dave Bartley (WA) (guitar, mandolin, cittern), Ryan McKasson (WA) (fiddle, viola) Marni Rachmiel (WA) (flute, saxophone), Russell Shumsky (BC) (percussion)
Sat 7	Contra	NVL*	Celia Ramsay	Judy Stavely (fiddle), Dan Warrick (guitar), Maxine Gerber (guitar)
Sat 14	Contra	SRF	Susan Petrick	Bobbi Nikles (fiddle), Lisa Croen (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano)
Sat 14	Contra	UKI*	Kirsten Koths	An Drochaid Jonathan Goodwin (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano), Elizabeth Douglas (bodhran).
Sun15	English	SEB	Alan Winston	Chuck Ward (piano), Beverly Jacobs (flute), David Strong (violin), Maureen Brennan (harp)
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Susan Petrick	Bandemonium: Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Eric Anderson (piano)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	Tina Fields	Flat Earth Stringband: Tom Stiles (bass), Esther Brunswick (fiddle, piano), Ron Brunswick (guitar, bouzouki, Dennis Hunt (mandolin, penny whistle), Elaine Elder (fiddle, accordion), Carlo Calabi (guitar, banjo)
Sun 29	English	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Janette Duncan (fiddle), David Barnett (winds), Rebecca King (piano)
December				
Sat 5	Contra	NVL*	Celia Ramsay	Bandemonium: Eric Anderson (keyboard), Lee Anne Welch (fiddle)
Sun 6	English	SEB	David Newitt	Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band
Sun 6	Contra	PET	Chuck Galt	Eric Anderson (piano), Lee Anne Welch (fiddle)
Sat 12	Contra	SRF	Joyce Miller	Swing Farm: Ray Bierl (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (piano), Steven Straus (bass)
Sat 12	Contra	UKI	Celia Ramsey	Gus Garelick (fiddle), Don Coffin (guitar).
Fri 18	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	Driving Miss Fergus: Chris Knepper (fiddle, gadulka), Lewis Santer (guitar), Autumn Rhoades (flute, concertina) GALA HOLIDAY DANCE! 8:00—11:30 pm DESSERT POTLUCK!
Sun 20	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Erin Vang (brass), Michelle Levy (violin), Laurie Reaume (piano)
Sat 26	Contra	SEB	DANCE CANCELLED	Have a Happy Holiday!
Thu 31	Contra	SRF	Andy Wilson	Avant Gardeners: Laura Light (fiddle) (VA), George Paul (keyboard) (VA), Dave Bartley (mandolin, guitar, bouzouki) (WA) New Year's Eve Special Dance!: 8:00 — midnight; \$20 members, \$25 general

Contra dancing and English Country Dancing are easy, fun, friendly and inclusive. All dances are taught and prompted, and feature great live music. No experience is necessary; come alone or bring a friend. Wear comfortable clothes and low, smooth-soled, comfortable shoes. Scent-free dancing appreciated! New dancers are encouraged to come early for an orientation, and for simpler dances early in the evening. To see what Contra dancing is all about before you attend a dance you can go online to http://www.contradance.org/html/what_is.php for video lessons.