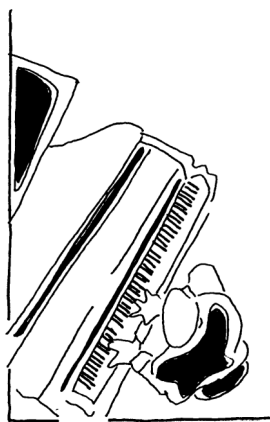


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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Free Dance for NBCDS Members!

As a gift to our devoted members and new dancers, NBCDS will have a free dance on New Years' Day! Dancers will be treated to stellar music by StringFire. Our caller, Warren Blier, will provide some fun dances to match the great music. The dance will be on Friday, January 1 in Petaluma, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm; a newcomers lesson will be at 6:00. Everyone is invited, but NBCDS 2017 members and brand new dancers get in free. If you have not joined yet, come to the dance and join—then dance for free!

New NBCDS Website

January 15 is the projected launch date for NBCDS' new website. The Board hired a website designer to make our site more attractive and user friendly. The calendar will be easier to navigate and registration for camps can be done online. Big thanks to Sarah Lee for organizing this. Check it out when we announce the launch.

Volunteers Make It All Happen

Our dances could never happen if it was not for the help of our volunteers. Whether it is help on the Board of Directors, publicity & marketing, helping with mailings, managing dances, keeping track of membership, writing newsletter articles, helping at our dance weekends and special events, or just pitching in to help at a local dance, all of this work is done by volunteers. NBCDS is grateful to have a dedicated group of volunteers who are always there for us, but we always need more help. If you would like to help, talk to any Board member or dance manager to see how you can put your skills & interests to work, and get more involved.

Epicenter Urban Contra Dance March 31– April 2, 2017

NOW is the time to sign up for our huge Contra dance party weekend in Mill Valley. Check out this lineup:

GENTICORUM FRANNIE MARR

TRIPLE A+ SARAH VANNORSTRAND

The original and energetic music of Quebecois band **Genticorum** blends dynamic, contemporary North American and European folk styles. Original band members Pascal Gemme on fiddle & feet, and Yann Falquet on guitar & jaw harp are joined by Nicholas Williams (formerly of Crowfoot) on flute, accordion & piano. The band is already established as a legendary concert ensemble, and is now making their mark as an equally outstanding Contra dance band. ~ What do you get when you mix 2/3 of the Great Bear Trio with 2/3 of the Free Raisins.... An A+ dance band! **Triple A+** is a foursome of extremely talented young players combining forces for a new & energetic dance experience. ~ Our popular dance weekend callers will be **Frannie Marr** and **Sarah VanNorstrand**. They are both loved for their cheerful and easy going styles. They are also known for their quick walk-throughs, clear calling, and letting the dance and music flow. ~ It might be dangerous with so much great talent on a known Fault zone—be at the Epicenter! Don't procrastinate! Go to <http://www.nbcds.org/epicenter/index.html> & print a registration form. If you can't make the weekend, come on Sunday night to the public dance where you can catch both bands.

Family Dance

We held our first Family Dance last Fall and it was such a success that we decided to host another one in March. The experience of sharing the joy of dance with children, families and older adults is a treat that should not be missed. Our next Family Dance will be March 25 from 5:00—6:30 pm at Sebastopol's Wischemann Hall. Roxanne Oliva will play her accordion with an accompanying fiddler. Celia Ramsay will call playful, fun Contra and circle dances. There will be raffle prizes and snacks. No dancing experience is required. The fee for the dance is \$5/person or \$10/family. The Family Dance precedes the Sebastopol Contra dance, and NBCDS members can attend for free if they pay for the regular evening dance.

Save the Date for Faultline Frolic!

The date for Faultline Frolic 2017 is June 16-18. This popular Contra dance weekend at Monroe Hall will feature Riptide and Lindsey Dono. Save the dates on your calendar ~ don't miss the fun!

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Winter 2017

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET ~ 1st Sun, 6:30 – 9:30 pm; Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 707-544-7036, craig@nbcds.org

SRF ~ 2nd Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin (Unitarian Church), 240 Channing Way, San Rafael

Or alternate site: Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley; skamato@hotmail.com

SRO ~ 3rd Fri, 5th Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 707-545-1274, contrabeet43@gmail.com

SEB Contra ~ 4th Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; andy@nbcds.org

SEB ECD ~ 1st & 3rd Sun, 2:00 - 4:30 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 707-829-0168, kalia@nbcds.org
or kwoeltjen@yahoo.com

Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

Regular dance admission: \$12 adults, \$10 members; \$5 adults under 30, FT students w/ ID and financial hardship; \$2 ages 6–17; under 6 free.

Special Dance prices: \$14 non-members (Strawberry Hall \$15); \$12 members; \$7 adults under 30, students & financial hardship

Apple Tree Morris dancers meet weekly and welcome new members - no experience necessary. Cliff Stevens, 823-6925, cliff@kichu.com

Go to <http://www.nbcds.org/> for more information on North Bay Country Dance Society, membership and events.

January

Sun 1	ECD	SEB	Alan Winston	Debra Tayleur (piano), Roxanne Oliva (accordion), Janette Duncan (violin)
Sun 1	Contra	PET	Warren Blier	StringFire: Shira Kammen (fiddle), Erik Ievins (cello), Patti Cobb (piano)
Sat 14	Contra	SRF	Mavis McGaugh	Whimsical: Debra Tayleur (piano), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Janette Duncan (fiddle), Beth Christian (cello)
Sun 15	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Bill Jensen (piano), Susan Jensen (flute), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Kalia Kliban	Swinging Chickens: Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano), Topher Gayle (guitar, mandolin, percussion)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	Kelsey Hartman	Loose Newts: Chris Knepper (fiddle & mandolin), Noel Cragg (piano), Del Eckels (percussion)
Sun 29	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Advanced English Dance with recorded music

February

Sun 5	ECD	SEB	Sharon Green	Valerie Peters (piano), Christopher Jacoby (accordion), Clara Stefanov-Wagner (violin)
Sun 5	Contra	PET	Andy Shore	Tripleplay: Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Chris Knepper (mandolin), Charlie Hancock (piano)
Sat 10	Contra	SRF	Yoyo Zhou	wiNgNuts: Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin), Will Wheeler (guitar, feet), Isele Phoenix (flute)
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Susan Petrick	Contra In-Tent-City (ID): Seth Richards (piano, bass), Betsy Richards (fiddle), David Richards (rhythm), Graham Richards (guitar) SPECIAL DANCE AND PRICES
Sun 19	ECD	SEB	Alisa Dodson	Gary Thomas (piano), Priscilla Essert (flute), Maggie Moore (violin)
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Celia Ramsay	Whimsical: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Roxanne Oliva (accordion), Beth Christian (cello), Debra Tayleur (piano) Pre-Dance Group Singing (6:50—7:30); musical instruments encouraged

March

Sun 5	ECD	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Rebecca King (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Lisa Doyle (violin)
Sun 5	Contra	PET	Yoyo Zhou	Swing Farm: Ray Bierl (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (piano), Markie Sanders (bass)
Sat 11	Contra	SRF	Andy Shore	Adrianna Ciccone (fiddle) & friend
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Robin Steen	Madeira: Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Christopher Jacoby (mandolin, concertina), Josh Van Vliet (guitar)
Sun 19	ECD	SEB	Lise Dyckmann	Gary Thomas (piano), Clara Stefanov-Wagner (violin), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Sat 25	Family	SEB	Celia Ramsay	Roxanne Oliva (accordion) & friend Family Dance, 5:00—6:30 pm ~ \$5 individual/\$10 family
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Mike Fynan	Ruby Mt String Band: Cliff Landis (fiddle, banjo), Julia Landis (guitar), Christina Thompson (fiddle) Pre-Dance Workshop Intermediate Folk Waltz (6:40—7:30); Andy Westbom, Instructor

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!