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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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NBCDS Welcomes Marin English Dance

This Summer, NBCDS President, **Craig Meltzner**, and ECD Liaison, **Elizabeth Gould** welcomed the fledgling **San Rafael English Country Dance** group into the fold. Begun just a year ago, SRF ECD has already gained reputation as a dance for beginning ECD. With **Kalia Kliban** as principal caller and **Noel Cragg**, principal musician, Bay Area dancers from contra, folk, Scottish, Longsword and Morris traditions have a unique opportunity to add English to their repertoire.

The astute triumvirate of **Gillian Wheelock**, **Marilyn Freund**, and **Valerie Taylor** takes the helm of SRF ECD as founders **George and Gayle Mills** move to Los Angeles for a year. SRF ECD is also part of the San Rafael Recreation Department and can be found in the Recreation Department's Fall/Winter catalogue. Discounts for the dances are best if you register with the SRRD for the full 4-dance series (fall) and 4-dance series (winter). Dances are held at the convenient and beautiful Pickleweed Community Center, 50 Canal Street, San Rafael, 2-4:30 PM, second and fourth Sundays, except November (only the second Sunday) and December (none).

SRF ECD begins its Fall Series September 9 with the talented **Mary Luckhardt** calling, **Bill Jensen** on piano and **Maggie Moore**, violin. Bill has played frequently at dances throughout the Bay Area and is the lead house musician for the BACDS Peninsula ECD series. Maggie Moore hails from the Irish Music enclave in Marin. With a strong dynamic and a lyrical touch, Maggie blends beautifully with the dance pace.

SRF ECD Dance Dates

Fall: 9/9, 9/23, 10/28, 11/11
Winter: 1/13/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24

Special Fall Contra Dances

The Fall dance quarter has many special dances, so get out your calendar:

October 7 is a post Foggy Moon dance at the **Marin Masonic Hall** with legendary caller, **Lisa Greenleaf** and the dynamic music of **Dr. Groove**. With this fabulous line-up, on a scale of 1 to 10, your dancing pleasure will jump off the charts at 11... or even 12.

October 27 come celebrate Halloween at our **Sebastopol** dance. Dance to local favorites, the **Roadoilers** and **Lea Smith**. Costumes encouraged.

November 4 **Petaluma** features **KGB**, one of the best West Coast Contra dance bands. We have enjoyed dancing to their seminal avant-garde music since 1993. We welcome back our own **Tina Fields** to call. We've missed her and look forward to dancing to her infectious enthusiasm again.

December 16 in **San Rafael** and the **21st** in **Santa Rosa** hosts **Sassafras Stomp** from Montana. This high-energy Contra dance band weaves together diverse fiddle traditions with a strong rhythmic sensibility and driving foot percussion. Don't miss them!

Our **December 31st New Year's Eve Gala** will rock Monroe Hall in **Santa Rosa** with **Joyce Miller** and **The Whoots**. Two young, Bay Area rising star fiddlers propel this band with their traditional New England Contra Dance music, blending Irish, Scottish, French Canadian and Old Time music. Fabulous food, festive decorations and great calling and music make this a New Year's Eve party not to miss!

SAVE THE DATE!

Official announcements are just starting to go out, but already the buzz is in the air. NBCDS is planning a huge dance party weekend at the Marin Masonic Hall in San Rafael. Announcing **Epicenter**, an urban contra dance camp **April 5-7**.

We've booked two fantastic dance bands and three great callers. The Blue Ribbon Band could be called the Contra All-Stars with "Master Fiddler" Rodney Miller, Sam Bartlett (Notorious), "Pokey" Hellenberg (every dance camp's favorite percussionist) & Owen Marshall (Riptide). For their West coast debut, Mean Lids will only be as mean as they need to be to keep the grit in their tones & the edge on their tunes. Check out their fresh, new music at www.myspace.com/meanlids. Veteran callers, George Marshall, Lynn Ackerson and Susan Petrick are all well known for their smooth, concise calling, and their interesting, varied dances.

This promises to be the most exciting urban dance camp on the West Coast in 2013! Look for more info and registration in November, online at nbcds.org.

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North Bay Dance Calendar: Fall 2012

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET	1st Sun	Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 6:30 – 9:30 pm; 707-544-7036, craig@nbcds.org
SRF	2nd Sat	Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; andy@nbcds.org
	Or alternate site:	Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael
SRFE	2nd & 4th Sun	Pickleweed Community Center, 50 Canal Street, San Rafael, 2:00—4:30 pm; \$10
SRO	3rd Fri, 5th Sat	Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-545-1274, contrabeet43@gmail.com
SVBD*	3rd Sat	Barn Dance, Grange Hall, 18627 Sonoma Hwy, Boyes Springs; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Under 26 free, all others \$5-7 Lauren 707-939-9999, lauren.sonoma@gmail.com
SEB Contra	4th Sat	Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-569-0565, mike.fynan@gmail.com
SEB ECD	1st & 3rd Sun	Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 2:00 - 4:30 pm; 707-829-0168 or kalia@nbcds.org or kwoeltjen@yahoo.com
UKI*	2nd Sat	Ukiah Methodist Church, 270 North Pine, Ukiah; 7:00 - 10:00 pm; Ulla Brunnberg-Rand, 707-467-031

Regular NBCDS dance admission: \$12 adults, \$10 members; \$7 adults under 26, FT students with ID and financial hardship; \$2 ages 6–17; under 6 free
Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

* dances are not sponsored by NBCDS

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

October

Sun 7	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Debra Tayleur (piano), Stan Kramer (violin), Susan Kramer (winds)
Sun 7	Contra	SRF	Lisa Greenleaf (MA)	Dr. Groove: Nat Hewitt (fiddle) (NH), Seth Houston (keyboard, guitar) (L.A.), CJ Johnson (mandolin) (VA), Mark Hellenberg (percussion) (OH) Special Petaluma/San Rafael dance Special time, location and price: 7:30-10:30—Masonic Hall, San Rafael—\$12
Sat 13	Contra	UKI*	Michael Fynan	Ruby Mountain String Band: Julia Landis (guitar), Cliff Landis (banjo, fiddle), Dane Miller (fiddle)
Sun 14	English	SRFE		Dance Cancelled—See you October 28
Fri 19	Contra	SRO	Kalia Kliban	Gus Garelick (fiddle), Don Coffin (guitar)
Sat 20	Contra	SVBD*	Mavis McGaugh	Honeysuckle Sisters: Debra Tayleur (piano) & Friends
Sun 21	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Debra Tayleur (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Michael Siemon (English concertina)
Sat 27	Contra	SEB	Lea Smith	Roadoilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), Jon Pederson (banjo, fiddle), Perry Fly (guitar, bass) Halloween Dance—Costumes encouraged
Sun 28	English	SRFE	Mary Luckhardt	Maggie Moore, Jon Berger

November

Sun 4	Contra	PET	Tina Field (CO)	KGB (WA): Julie King (piano), Claude Ginsberg (fiddle, concertina), Dave Bartley (mandolin, guitar, cittern) Special Dance ~ \$12 member/non-member; \$7 under 26/FT student/financial hardship
Sun 4	English	SEB	Alan Winston	Rebecca King (piano), Jon Berger (violin)
Sat 10	Contra	SRF	Kalia Kliban	Roadoilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), John Pedersen (banjo, fiddle), Perry Fly (guitar) Alternate Location: Unitarian Church, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael
Sat 10	Contra	UKI*	Celia Ramsay	The Skelton Crew: Andi Skelton (fiddle), Rod Skelton (guitar), Elinor Cook (fiddle)
Sun 11	English	SRFE	Mary Luckhardt	Maggie Moore (violin), Jon Berger (violin)
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Lea Smith	StringFire: Patti Cobb (keyboard), Erik Ievins (bass), Chris Knepper (fiddle)
Sat 17	Contra	SVBD*	Jerry Allen	Debra Tayleur & Friends
Sun 18	English	SEB	Melissa Running	Jon Berger (violin), David Barnett (winds), Gary Thomas (piano)
Sat 24	Contra	SEB	Lynn Ackerson	TBA

December

Sun 2	English	SEB	David Newitt	The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a Band
Sun 2	Contra	PET	Mike Fynan	Dane Miller (fiddle), Rusty Holleman (banjo), Lauren Leverone (fiddle), Dan Lockshon (guitar)
Sat 8	Contra	SRF	Chuck Galt	Kilarney Boys: Chris Knepper (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (keyboard, accordion), Richard Mandel (guitar) Alternate Hall: Unitarian Church, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael
Sat 8	Contra	UKI*	Jim Saxe	Whimsical: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Beth Christian (cello), Dera Tayleur (piano), Roxanne Oliva (accordion, flute)
Sun 9	English	SRFE		Dance Cancelled—Happy Holidays!
Sat 15	Contra	SVBD*	Mike Fynan	Whimsical: Debra Tayleur, Janette Duncan, Regan Hemphill, Roxanne Oliva
Sun 16	English	SEB	Sam Weiler	Laurie Reaume (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Dan Reynolds (double bass)
Sun 16	Contra	SRF	Jean Gorrindo	Sassafras Stomp (MT): Johanna Davis (fiddle), Adam Nordell (guitar, bass & feet) Special Dance at a special time: 7:30-10:30
Fri 21	Contra	SRO	Susan Petrick	Sassafras Stomp (MT): Johanna Davis (fiddle) Adam Nordell (guitar, bass & feet)
Sat 22	Contra	SEB		Dance Cancelled—Happy Holidays!
Sat 29	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	TBA — CHALLENGING CONTRA DANCE — NOT FOR BEGINNERS
Mon 31	Contra	SRO	Joyce Miller	The Whoots: Michelle Levy (fiddle), Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Jim Oakden (piano, guitar) NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA ~ \$20 members, \$25 non-members, \$15 students/under 26/hardship

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!