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# HANDS FOUR



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

## San Rafael Contra - On the Move

Tuesday, Thursday, & Sunday, oh my! The San Rafael contra dance is on-the-move to bring you the finest talent available. On TUESDAY, JULY 3, we're hosting our first-ever live techno contra dance with Julie Vallimont (Nor'Easter) and Andy Reiner. On SUNDAY, JULY 8, from BACDS American Week, we've got Contra Fresco. These three talented musicians: Rodney Miller on fiddle, Elvie Miller on keyboard and accordion, and Clyde Curley on mandolin and guitar are in high demand around the country. On THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, warming up for BACDS Balance the Bay we've got the dynamic Great Bear Trio, with legendary caller, George Marshall. These dances are all in downtown San Rafael at the Marin Masonic Hall.

## Location Change

On SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, the San Rafael Contra dance will be back at the beautiful UNITARIAN CHURCH in north San Rafael, at 240 Channing Way. Our fabulous talent for the evening will be Stringfire and Lynn Ackerson calling. Come for a pre-dance potluck and music jam! Details online (see calendar entry for 9/8) and by email. Sign up at any dance to receive NBCDS e-mail announcements, and check the calendar at <http://www.nbcds.org/calendar.html> Contact Susan Amato at [skamato@hotmail.com](mailto:skamato@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## Goodbye and Welcome

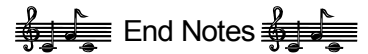
The NBCDS Board of Directors bid a fond farewell to Susan Amato, who formally left the Board as of May 2012. She has been such a strong leader and organizer for our community, it's hard to know how we will continue without her. For now, at least, we are lucky enough to have her continue as programmer for our San Rafael dance. Two new members have joined our ranks on the Board: Michael Martin and Elizabeth Gould. Michael is a returning Board member, who has been a valuable and committed NBCDS member and volunteer for many years. Elizabeth is an English Country Dancer who will be a strong advocate and liaison for the needs of our ECD community.

Mike Fynan and Sue Wendrow resigned as managers of the Sebastopol Contra dance. They have put much hard work and commitment into the Sebastopol dance. Laura Tighe has graciously stepped up and will begin managing this dance after July 2012. Jim Todd resigned as editor of Hands Four. Stacy Carr will resume as editor until a new volunteer steps forward. If you are interested, please contact a Board Member.

Thank you to Susan, Mike, Sue and Jim for all of your time, work and dedication! It is our volunteers that keep our community thriving.

## Live Techno Contra

Our first-ever NBCDS live techno contra, Tuesday, July 3 at Marin Masonic in San Rafael, features Firecloud, with Andy Reiner on fiddle, vocals & mandolin; Julie Vallimont on piano, synths, loops, samples and beats. Our favorite caller, Lynn Ackerson, will guide our feet through the beats & rhythms. Live Techno is a contra form that is gaining popularity from the East Coast to the Northwest Coast and we are lucky to have caught the wave! Come see for yourself what the buzz is about. Check it out.



*The truest expression of a people is in its dance and in its music. Bodies never lie. ~Agnes de Mille*

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# North Bay Dance Calendar: Summer 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
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, 707-467-0311
UUM (alternate SRF site)		Unitarian Universalist Cong. of Marin, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael (see story on page 1 for details)

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

## July

Sun 1	Contra	PET	CANCELED	COME TO THE LIVE TECHNO CONTRA TUESDAY JULY 3 IN SAN RAFAEL
Sun 1	English	SEB	Ric Goldman	David Barnett (winds), Jon Berger (violin), Debra Tayleur (piano)
Tues 3	Contra	SRF	Lynn Ackerson	<b>Firecloud (MA):</b> Andy Reiner (fiddle, mandolin), Julie Vallimont (piano, synths, loops, samples, beats) <b>SPECIAL DANCE – LIVE TECHNO CONTRA;</b> 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Price - \$12 member & non-member; \$7 U26/FT student/financial hardship
Sun 8	English	SRFE*	Kalia Kliban	Jon Berger (violin)
Sun 8	Contra	SRF	Susan Petrick	<b>Contra Fresco:</b> Rodney Miller (fiddle) (NH), Elvie Miller (accordion, piano) (IE), Clyde Curley (mandolin, guitar) (WA); <b>SPECIAL DANCE;</b> 7:30 - 10:30 pm; \$12 M/NM; \$7 U26/FT student/hardship
Sat 14	Contra	UKI*	CANCELED FOR JULY AND AUGUST	
Sun 15	English	SEB	Alan Winston	Rebecca King (piano, winds), Noel Cragg (piano, accordion)
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Spider Vetter	<b>Howard Booster</b> fiddle, Debra Tayleur (keyboard)
Sat 21	Contra	SVBD*	Mavis McGaugh	TBD
Sun 22	English	SRFE*	Bruce Hamilton	Noel Cragg (piano)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	TBD	<b>West Road:</b> Laura Smith (fiddle), Darin Smith (cello), Michael Charnes (cittern), Kenny Blackhawk (guitar)
Sun 29	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Beverly Jacobs (flute), Jon Berger (violin), TBA (piano)

## August

Sun 5	Contra	PET	Mavis McGaugh	Erik Hoffman (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano), Del Eckels (percussion)
Sun 5	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Debra Tayleur (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Riggy Rackin (English concertina)
Thur 9	Contra	SRF	George Marshall (MA)	<b>Great Bear Trio (NY):</b> Andrew VanNorstrand (fiddle, guitar), Noah VanNorstrand (mandolin, fiddle, feet), Kim Yerton (piano); <b>SPECIAL DANCE;</b> 7:30 - 10:30 pm; \$12 M/NM; \$7 U26/FT student/hardship
Sat 11	Contra	UKI*	CANCELED FOR JULY AND AUGUST	
Sun 12	English	SRFE*	Sharon Green	Rebecca King (piano)
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Mary Devlin (OR)	Paul Hutchinson (accordion) (UK), John Hymas (fiddle) (UK)
Sat 18	Contra	SVBD*	Mike Fynan	<b>Plaid Menagerie:</b> Nanette Fynan (violin), Ben Fynan
Sun 19	English	SEB	Brooke Friendly	Michelle Levy (violin), Jon Berger (violin), Gary Thomas (piano)
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	CANCELED DUE TO HALL USE CONFLICT	
Sun 26	English	SEB	Mary Devlin	Paul Hutchinson (accordion) (UK), John Hymas (violin) (UK)
Sun 26	English	SRFE*	Kalia Kliban	Jon Berger (violin)

## September

Sun 2	Contra	PET	Robin Steen	Dane Miller (fiddle), Rusty Holleman (banjo), Lauren Leverone (fiddle), Dan Lockshon (guitar)
Sun 2	English	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Jon Berger (violin), Noel Cragg (piano), Dan Reynolds (double bass)
Sat 8	Contra	UKI*	Lea Smith	<b>The Julian Trio:</b> Julian (fiddle) and Brad McClanahan (guitar), Michael Charnes (cittern), Darin Smith (cello)
Sat 8	Contra	UUM	Lynn Ackerson	<b>Stringfire:</b> Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Patti Cobb (keyboard), Erik Ievins (bass) - <b>NOTE NEW LOCATION!</b>
Sun 9	English	SRFE*	Mary Luckhardt	Maggie Moore (fiddle), Noel Cragg (piano)
Sat 15	Contra	SVBD*	Celia Ramsay	<b>Honeysuckle Sisters:</b> Debra Tayleur (piano), Janette Duncan (fiddle), Regan Hemphill (fiddle)
Sun 16	English	SEB	Sharon Green	Janette Duncan (violin), Michael Siemon (English concertina), Rebecca King (piano)
Fri 21	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	<b>Rosin Doctors:</b> Erik Hoffman (fiddle, guitar), Dan Engle (fiddle, mandolin), Topher Gayle (bass)
Sat 22	Contra	SEB	Lynn Ackerson	TBD
Sun 23	English	SRFE*	Ric Goldman	Noel Cragg (piano)
Sat 29	Contra	SRO	Woody Lane (OR)	<b>The Nettles (OR):</b> Laura Brophy (fiddle), Kevin Johnsrude (guitar), Michael Proctor (bass) NO BEGINNER'S LESSON - CHALLENGING CONTRAS
Sun 30	English	SEB	David Newitt	<b>The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a &amp; Strathspey Society Band</b>

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!