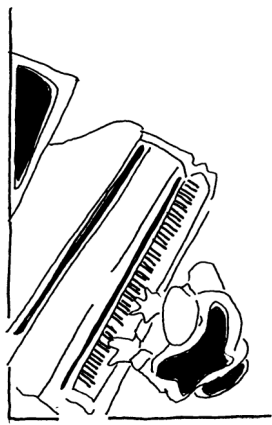


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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Conversation with Rodney Miller

We've planned a special Petaluma contra dance for the 4th of July holiday weekend with a pre-dance potluck and conversation with Rodney Miller on Sunday, July 3. The potluck begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Petaluma Woman's Club. We'll provide chicken and vegetarian lasagna—you can bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. At about 5:45 p.m. Rodney and Erik Hoffman will share a conversation with us about music & dance, reflecting on their 30+ years preserving and innovating traditional music and dance styles. In 1983 Rodney was designated a "Master Fiddler" by the National Endowment for the Arts. He is widely considered to be the foremost exponent of New England style fiddling, a uniquely American blend of French Canadian and Celtic influences. Erik Hoffman is a caller, musician, and writer about the traditional music and dance we love. You don't have to be part of the potluck to come listen to Erik and Rodney, and there is no charge for this special activity. The contra dance runs from 7:00—10:00 pm to accommodate the pre-dance activities. Rodney will play for the dance with local favorites, Chris Knepper and Charlie Hancock.

It's Never Too Late To Join!

Support our community by becoming a member! You'll receive a \$2 discount to most NBCDS and BACDS dances and a nifty NBCDS name badge. A half year membership costs only \$10 after July 1, which more than pays for itself if you go to only one dance a month! To join, print out our online membership form or pick one up at any of our dances. Mail your check and completed form to our address listed on our website or hand it in to the admission table at any dance. More info at www.nbcds.org

Amato Means Beloved

With heavy hearts, NBCDS—and greater Bay Area—dancers say an extended goodbye to Susan Amato, who has moved to Port Townsend with new love Rodney Miller. Notwithstanding the separation anxiety, our community sends a big loving thank you to Susan, who this summer leaves the board (where she has served two stints as president for a total of about 5 years) and turns over the programming of the Marin dance, having done that masterfully even longer.

While dancers know her primarily for her joyous and energetic presence on the floor, board & committee members bow to her organizational abilities, resourcefulness and creativity. Putting her legal expertise at our service, Susan drafted policy, led meetings, negotiated hall agreements & managed liability insurance and — always with skill, humor and a light hand. Even more important than these behind-the-scenes underpinnings of NBCDS, Susan was key to the success of our signature dance weekends, taking on every possible volunteer role of both Faultline Frolic and Epicenter. Indeed, Epicenter was her brainchild, kicked off in 2013 and flourishing ever since, with this spring's weekend adding a childcare option so parents with young children could be part of the fun.

We'll do our best to entice her back to the North Bay as frequently as possible, but we have another opportunity to thank her and wish her well as she flaunts her versatility again by catering this year at Faultline. Tell her how grateful you are for all she's done to provide us countless tickets to Dance Heaven.

A Sad Farewell to Don Bradley

NBCDS mourns the death of fellow dancer Don Bradley. Don was a friend of many in the local contra dance and folk music communities. He was a founding member in 1993 of the North Bay Country Dance Society. A Memorial, planned by his family and friends, will be held on Wednesday, July 6, from 3-7 p.m at the Grange Hall in Sebastopol. A potluck reception follows the Memorial.

NBCDS is planning a short ceremony at the next Santa Rosa Contra Dance on Friday, July 15. During the break we will have a time to tell stories and remember a dear friend of our dance community.

We will miss you Don.

Pete's Posse Rides Back to Town!

Pete's Posse returns from New England for a Contra Dance round up August 13 in San Rafael! They describe their dance music as "Twin fiddles in tight, wild harmony over high-powered guitar and pounding footwork with mandolin, clawhammer banjo, jawharp and rocking keyboards." To which I say, "YeeHaw! I'll see you on the dance floor, Pardner!"

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Summer 2016

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

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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.

July

Sun 3	ECD	SEB	Alan Winston	Bill Jensen (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Maurette Foster (flute)
Sun 3	Contra	PET	Erik Hoffman	Rodney Miller (fiddle), Chris Knepper (fiddle/mandolin), Charlie Hancock (piano) Special time 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. preceded by a potluck dinner & conversation between Erik & Rodney about music & dance (see online calendar for details)
Sat 9	Contra	SRF	Susan Pleck	Switching Protocols: Ruthie Byers (fiddle), Christopher Jacoby (accordion, mandolin), John-Michael Seng-Wheeler (piano) Unitarian Church. Extended intro lesson at 7:00 - experienced & new dancers; Larks & Ravens, Switching Roles (See online calendar for details)
Fri 15	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	Whimsical: Debra Tayleur (piano), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Rozanne Oliva (accordion), Janette Duncan (fiddle), Beth Christian (cello)
Sun 17	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Debra Tayleur (piano), Clara Stefanov-Wagner (violin), Christopher Jacoby (accordion/mandolin)
Sat 23	Contra	SEB	Alan Winston	Roadoilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), John Pedersen (banjo, fiddle), Chris Carney (guitar) Pre-Dance: Beginners' Waltz Workshop
Sat 30	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	Tripleplay: Charlie Hancock (piano), Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin) CHALLENGING CONTRAS—NOT FOR BEGINNERS

August

Sun 7	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Stringfire: Patti Cobb (piano), Erik Ievins (bass), Annie Rodier (violin)
Sun 7	Contra	PET	Kalia Kliban	Erik Hoffman (fiddle), Roxanne Oliva (accordion, flute & whistles), Michael Harmon (guitar)
Sat 13	Contra	SRF	Lynn Ackerson	Pete's Posse (New England): Pete Sutherland (fiddle, piano), Oliver Scanlon (fiddle), Tristan Henderson (guitar, mandolin) Unitarian Church; Special Dance Prices \$15/12/7
Fri 19	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	Gus Garelick (fiddle), Don Coffin (guitar)
Sun 21	ECD	SEB	Gary Thomas	Rebecca King (piano), Michelle Levy (violin), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Sat 27	Contra	SEB	Kelsey Harmon	TRAX DANCE CANCELLED

September

Sun 4	ECD	SEB	Cancelled (hall double-booked)	
Sun 4	Contra	PET	Celia Ramsay	Switching Protocols: Ruthie Byers (fiddle), Christopher Jacoby (accordion, mandolin), John-Michael Seng-Wheeler (piano)
Sat 10	Contra	SRF	Charlie Fenton	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar), Charlie Hancock (accordion) Unitarian Church
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Erik Hoffman	Caffeinators: Jon Berger (fiddle), Noel Cragg (piano), Tony Blake (percussion)
Sun 18	ECD	SEB	Ric Goldman	The Jews of Barley: Jon Berger (violin), Shira Kammen (violin), Michelle Levy (violin)
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Lea Smith	Jon Berger (fiddle), Rebecca King (keyboards), Topher Gayle (mandolin, guitar) Pre-Dance: Group Singing 6:50 - 7:30

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!