

Country Dancers of Rochester

Newsletter: March – April - May 2008

Date	Caller	Band
Thursday, Feb 28	Bob Nicholson	Confluence <i>Top-notch calling from Bob Nicholson, and music from a fabulous mother-daughter duo, with Nadine Dyskant-Miller on flute and foot percussion and Barbara Dyskant on piano.</i>
Sunday, March 2	Carmen Giunta	Pat Hanley Consort <i>English Country Dance. Recorders, piano, and a surprising & delightful variety of other instruments will be in the consort, with Syracuse caller Carmen at the helm. At Friends Meeting House, 84 Scio St., 7:30–10 pm.</i>
Thursday, March 6	Dave Brown	Kathy Selby, Hope Greitzer and Tom Hodgson <i>Dave is a great caller from Westfield, NY. Kathy and Hope play double fiddles supported by Tom's excellent guitar rhythms.</i>
Thursday, March 13	Katy Heine	Kitchen Chair <i>Kitchen Chair is the very talented musical duo of Jennifer Dotson on fiddle and Gail Blake on guitar. Katy is an excellent caller and dance organizer from Ithaca.</i>
Sunday, March 16	Richard Sauvain	Rupier-Capron, DeGolyer & Sørensen <i>English Country Dance. At Friends Meeting House, 84 Scio St., 7:30–10 pm. Richard will be teaching some of the dances to be done at the Jane Austen Ball in May to exciting music by Lynn on fiddle (she's a Scottish fiddling champion), Chris on accordion & keyboard, and Silvia on flute.</i>
Thursday, March 20	Kathy Fox	Oxymorons <i>The Oxymorons is one of Rochester's long-standing bands, with Jeff Folkins on concertina & hammered dulcimer, Mark Dumont on flute, Chris DeGolyer on accordion, Rebecca McCallum on fiddle and Jane Knoeck on piano. Fredonia caller Kathy Fox returns to us to call fun dances.</i>
Thursday, March 27	Richard Sauvain	Arugula <i>Great tunes from Silvia Sørensen on flute, Mike Hoeschele on fiddle, Chris DeGolyer on piano, and Fred Filbrich on bass -- and a nice mix of dance styles from Rochester's own Richard Sauvain.</i>
Thursday, April 3	David Kaynor & Nancy Spero	Too Much Fun <i>Jennifer Dotson on fiddle and Gail Blake on guitar joined by David Kaynor on fiddle and Nancy Spero on double bass.</i>
Sunday, April 6	Pamela Goddard	TBA <i>English Country Dance. At Friends Meeting House, 84 Scio St., 7:30–10 pm.</i>
Thursday, April 10	Pamela Goddard	Chuck Abell & Friends <i>Chuck Abell on guitar, joined by Jane Knoeck on piano and Rebecca McCallum on fiddle with calling by Pamela Goddard from Ithaca.</i>
Thursday, April 17	Bob Nicholson	George Wilson & Tom Hodgson <i>It's a rare treat to hear the wonderful fiddling of George Wilson! His bow absolutely dances on the strings. His supremely rhythmic playing is equally matched by the rhythm guitar of Tom Hodgson.</i>
Sunday, April 20	Richard Sauvain	TBA <i>PIE NIGHT English Country Dance. At Friends Meeting House, 84 Scio St., 7:30–10 pm.</i>
Thursday, April 24	Eric Rounds	Geneseo String Band <i>Students from SUNY Geneseo, led by the inimitable Jim Kimball, dance master extraordinaire.</i>
Thursday, May 1	Jerry Carmen	Miss Marty & SGB <i>Fun-loving music from Ithaca, NY, with Marty Blodget on fiddle, Jess Youngquest on mandolin, Tod Sukontarak on mandolin, and Joe Krum on bass.</i>
Saturday, May 3	Fine Companions	<i>Experienced English Country Dance. At Covenant Church, 8-11 pm</i>
Sunday, May 4	Joanna Reiner	Firefly <i>Jane Austen Ball. At Cutler Union, Memorial Art Gallery. See other side for details.</i>
Thursday, May 8	Sharon Perry	Hearts Delight <i>David Smukler, Laurel Sharp, Zeke Smukler, Eileen Nicholson and John Wobus play fine music with calling by our own Sharon Perry.</i>
Thursday, May 15	Ted Crane	Riverbend <i>Jane Knoeck on piano and accordion, Rebecca McCallum on fiddle, and Tom Santasiero on mandolin guitar, banjo, and foot percussion.</i>
Sunday, May 18	TBA	Arugula <i>English Country Dance. At Friends Meeting House, 84 Scio St., 7:30–10 pm.</i>
Thursday, May 22	Nancy Spero	Wildroot Stringband <i>Hot old-time music with Tom Owens, Stephen Bland, Bruce Brown, and David Fransell with dances called by one of our favorite Ithaca callers.</i>
Thursday, May 29	David Smukler	TuneScape <i>Great calling combined with high energy music by Rachel Bell on accordion, Jodi Austen on piano and Peter Blue on percussion and button accordions, joined by Rebecca McCallum on fiddle.</i>



2nd Annual Jane Austen Ball

On Sunday, May 4, 2008, Philadelphia's Joanna Reiner will lead English Country dances of the Jane Austen era for one and all. Sweet music will be provided by *Firefly* (Rebecca McCallum, Silvia Sörensen, Chris DeGolyer, and Jane Knoeck). The Ball will be held at the elegant Cutler Union Ballroom of the Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Ave., Rochester. There will be a morning practice session from 10-noon, with lunch either at the hall or on your own. The Ball will be from 2-5:30 pm. Subscription: \$30, students \$20, and non-dancing observers \$15) includes the practice, delicious period refreshments, and the Ball. Period or dressy clothing is encouraged. Optional period clothing workshops will be held at 6:00 pm before the local dance on March 2 and during one of the newcomer classes on March 30.

Newcomers to English dancing who are interested in attending the Ball are encouraged to come to a series of English Country dance classes for beginners. They are at the First Baptist Church (175 Allens Creek Road) Sunday afternoons, 3 – 4:30 pm starting February 24 and running for 8 weeks.

For more information and a registration form, visit rochestercontra.com/english.html

About Country Dancers of Rochester

Country Dancers of Rochester (CDR) is a group affiliate of the *Country Dance and Song Society* (www.cdss.org). Our dances are participatory: New England contras, traditional squares and English country dances featuring live music and a variety of callers. Beginners are always welcome. Dances are taught and prompted, with more teaching at the beginning of the evening. Dances are alcohol free and smoke free.

Contra dances are held every Thursday at Covenant United Methodist Church, 1124 Culver Road (corner of Parsells) from 8:00 to 11:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

English Country dances are first and third Sundays, 7:30 – 10 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 84 Scio St.

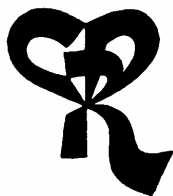
Please wear soft-soled, low-heel shoes for your comfort and for the good of the hall. Dress is casual and you do not need to come with a partner.

Admission:

- \$7 for contra dances and \$7 for English country dances
 - \$6 for members and full-time students
 - Children 13 and under free
 - Annual CDR memberships are \$10.00 individual or \$15.00 household.
Join at a dance or send a check made out to CDR to Bob Fabinski, 96 Stonybrook Dr, Rochester, NY 14618.
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