



Country Dancers of Rochester

Dance Calendar for October 2011

Check for updates at CDRochester.org

| Date | Caller | Musicians |
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| English Sunday, Oct 2 | Various | NEWCOMER CLASSES BEGIN <i>A series of three classes in English Country dancing, Oct. 2, 16 & 23, especially for beginners or those who need a refresher before the Masquerade Ball on Oct. 29. At the First Baptist Church, 3 – 5 pm, \$5 per class or \$12 for all three.</i> |
| English Sunday, Oct. 2 | David Smukler | Good Fortune <i>Excellent English Dance caller paired with Margaret Ball on violin, Barb Seppeler on piano, and Laurel Sharp on winds.</i> |
| Contra Thursday, Oct 6 | David Smukler | Amarillis <i>A traveling band from Pittsburgh on stage tonight with Syracuse dance caller, David Smukler.</i> |
| Contra Thursday, Oct 13 | Nancy Spero | Tempest <i>Exciting music and fun dances tonight! Well-matched caller and band with Chuck Abell on guitar Tim Ball on fiddle, Geoff Saunders on bass, and Barbara Dyskant on piano.</i> |
| English Sunday, Oct 16 | Val Medve | Barb Seppeler, Kathy Zager & Laurel Sharp <i>Val has been teaching and organizing English dances for years and is the mainstay of the wonderful Across the Lake dance weekend in Burlington, VT. Beautiful music on piano, oboe & cello.</i> |
| Contra Thursday, Oct 20 | David Kaynor | David Kaynor & Friends <i>Smooth dances called with panache by well-known New England caller, David Kaynor. He calls and plays fiddle simultaneously! And he has the best musical friends.</i> |
| English Sunday, Oct 23 | Richard Sauvain | Tim Ball & Friends <i>The program will include many dances to be included in the upcoming Masquerade Ball. Outstanding music led by violinist, Tim Ball.</i> |
| Contra Thursday, Oct 27 | Bob Nicholson | Howard Blumenthal & Friends <i>Syracuse caller Bob Nicholson is known for his engaging, attentive calling which is great for newcomers and experienced dancers alike. Howard Blumenthal coordinates our Thanksgiving Weekend music jams and is well-connected to many fine musicians.</i> |
| English Saturday, Oct 29 | Pamela Goddard Richard Sauvain | Special Masquerade Ball with Happy Endings. <i>Our annual English Masquerade Ball, at Harmony House in Webster 7 -10 pm, with an afternoon practice 2-5 pm. Costumes, masks, and spooky dances – plus great refreshments. Proceeds benefit English dancing in Rochester. Admission \$25.</i> |

Are you a Member of CDR?

(that's us! Country Dancers of Rochester)

It's our fall membership drive! All membership renewals are due this month so if you've been checking the "member" box when you sign in at the dance, be sure you have actually paid your dues! You'll get \$1 off your weekly admission while making a contribution to the support CDR. Go to cdrochester.org where you can pay your membership dues on line with **PayPal** or pick up a membership form at the dance. Annual dues are \$12 for an individual or \$18 for a family.

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English Country Masquerade Ball

How often do you get to dress up in costumes and masks and dance spooky English dances? On Saturday, October 29, come on out for the annual Masquerade Ball at Harmony House in Webster (58 East Main Street). There will be a practice session in the afternoon from 2-5 pm with just enough time to grab a bite to eat and change into your finery for the start of the ball at 7:00 pm. Check out the details at CDRochester.org (where you can even pay in advance with PayPal).

Great Contra Dancing this Month!

Sharon Perry has booked some great bands and callers for October. If you haven't heard of **Amarillis** it's because they're not from around here. Three talented musicians from Pittsburgh play our dance early in October. Then there's **Tempest**, a hot band lead by swinging Chuck Abell on guitar and fabulous fiddler, Tim Ball. **Tempest** is so good that they'll be playing at our annual Thanksgiving Dance Weekend. And what can we say about **David Kaynor**? A long-time fiddler and dance caller, he has literally written the book on Contra Dance calling. His dances are smooth, fun, and in all ways delightful. Rounding out the month, we have **Howard Blumenthal** and friends. Howard is such an all-round nice guy that his wonderful musical friends join him from far and wide. Come on out to see the band he's assembled for the last dance of October.

Rochester's Thanksgiving Dance Weekend

The advance registrations are beginning to arrive and the excitement is beginning to build! Plan now to enjoy a high-energy weekend dance festival without having to travel! **The Groovemongers** guarantee the very best in contra music. **Tempest** will get you moving right off the bat on Friday night with Happy Hour Contras beginning at 6:00 pm. **Rebecca Lay** and **Katy Heine**, two of the best callers around, will be our dance callers. There will be lots of contra dancing plus workshops in hambo and waltz, as well as a workshop for callers AND music jams going on all day Saturday. And to fill out the weekend, you may also decide to attend an **English Country Dance** on Sunday from 1 to 4 pm at the First Baptist Church at 175 Allens Creek Road. Check **CDRochester.org** for details.

Here's how you can help:

- Donate your gently-used dance clothes for our sale.
- Provide housing to out of town dancers. Contact Kathleen Robbins, housing@cdrochester.org
- We'll need helpers for set-up, take-down, food chopping, snack setting-out, etc. To volunteer, send email to thanksgiving@cdrochester.org or speak up at the dance!

| Contra Dances | English Country | Information |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday nights• Covenant United Methodist Church, 1124 Culver Road (corner of Parsells)• 8:00 to 11:00 pm• \$7, \$6 for members & students, kids under 13 free | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First, third & fourth Sundays• First Baptist Church, 175 Allens Creek Rd, Rochester, 14618• 6:30 to 9:30 pm• \$8, \$7 for members and students, ages 17 and under free | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual CDR memberships are \$12 individual or \$18 household. Join at a dance or send a check made out to CDR to Bob Fabinski, 96 Stonybrook Dr, Rochester, NY 14618.• Check for updates to the dance calendar at cdrochester.org |