



EUGENE CONTRA DANCE CALENDAR

November. 12 Thursday Dance

Music by Wild Asparagus with George Marshall calling

NOTE: This is a special mid-week dance, which starts at 7:30 pm.

Wild Asparagus from Massachusetts

The most-toured and best-known contra dance band in the country, Wild Asparagus has delighted dancers for decades. Caller George Marshall plays in the band, so ensures that every dance gets matched with the best choice of tunes. Tonight's talent comes all the way from Greenfield Massachusetts to perform for your dancing pleasure. They will move on to the Danceable Feast weekend, and provide a post-weekend encore in Corvallis.
Special Price for this dance: \$10 members, \$12 general public

Potluck: Thursday, November 12, 5:30 pm (Note: early potluck time due to special dance/time)
Hosts: Ken & Jane 912 Van Buren, 541-344-7615

Saturday, November. 14 Saturday
No regular dance tonight.

November. 28 Saturday Dance

Music by The Steeltones with William Watson calling

Steeltones from Portland

The Steeltones are another new combination of experienced Portland dance musicians. Dave Hamlin is best-known for his crisp mandolin in Full Moon.

William Watson, a resident of Eugene, danced his first contra in 1989 and began calling in Texas in 1992. Having called numerous contra events in 18 cities coast-to-coast, William's extensive experience and soothing voice project a calm confidence. His vigilant and thoughtful dance programming ensures a variety of figures, transitions, and sequences to entertain and support new dancers while offering the occasional challenge for the more advanced. His calling proficiency and sensitivities ensure everyone has a good time.

Potluck: Saturday, November 28, 6:00 pm
Host: Barbara 1450 Quaker, 541-345-8903

Hungry at the Break?

Bring easy finger foods such as fruit, cookies, cheese and crackers, veggies or chocolate to keep us dancing till the end of the evening.

FOLK CALENDAR (*Eugene unless otherwise noted. * indicates EFS event.*)

Sat, Oct 31: 5th Saturday Newport Contradance. Band: **Stainless**, from Portland, caller is **Rich Goss**. Costumes with judging, possible prizes. Lesson 7:30 pm Newport High School, 4th and Eads (SW corner), Newport, OR. Info: Erik, 541-757-7211.

Sat, Oct 31: Cascade Zydeco Annual Halloween Dance with Mark St. Mary Band. Norse Hall, NE 11th. & Couch (Portland). 7pm Lesson, Dance 8-11:30pm. CZ Members-\$13; Non-Members-\$15. Costumes are encouraged. Costume judging contest.

Sun, Nov 1: Acoustic Blues Day of the Dead Celebration, 4pm-7pm. Cozmic Pizza. \$6-\$8 + one can of food for Food for Lane County; kids under 12 free. Featuring Al Rivers, Jerry Zybach, Walker T Ryan, Adam Scramstad. www.rainydaysblues.org

Sun, Nov 1: Steve Martin, Bluegrass, The Shedd. 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$43.

Sun, Nov 1: Free Social Dance Hour, ballroom, swing, waltz, fox trot, rumba, polka, cha-cha at 2-3pm every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Taped music. Upstairs loft, Reach Center, 2520 Harris, <http://www.reachcentereugene.com>

Sun, Nov. 1, FULL DAY Cajun-Acadien Event, Free and Family friendly. Portland Police Athletic Association, 618 S.E. Alder Portland. Workshops: 1pm **Quebecois Fiddle, Lisa Ornstein**; 3pm **Quebecois Step Dance Workshop, Ann Trail**; 4:30pm **Cajun Waltz Workshop Adam and Ali Grimshaw**. Music by **Too Loose Cajun Band**. Info: quebeccajunevents@yahoo.com

Tue, Nov 3: Registration starts for the Corvallis urban Contradance Weekend on Feb 12-14, 2010. **Footloose, KGB** with callers **Rick Mohr and Susan Petrick**. Info: <http://cfs.peak.org/ccw/2010/overview.html>

Tue, Nov 3: Bluegrass Jam with the Green Mountain Bluegrass Band, Sam Bonds, 407 Blair, 9pm. Free.

Wed, Nov 4: Skandia Dance Class, Fiddle music-David Elliker-Vagsberg. 8pm. Sons of Norway Sonja Lodge, 710 McKinley, Eugene.

Wed, Nov 4: 1st Wednesday Contradance with Kathy Anderson, music by **Joyride**. 7:30 to 10 PM. This is a fragrance-free event. Polish Hall, 3832 N. Interstate Ave, (Portland). www.kluberg.com/Joyride.html or call 503-246-2219.

Wed, Nov 4: Ashleigh Flynn. Front act **Sneakin Out**, Sam Bonds, 407 Blair, 9pm. Free.

Wed, Nov 4: 1st Weds Portland Contra Dance, featuring **Kathy Anderson** calling with **Joyride**. Polish Hall, 3832 N Interstate. \$7.

Fri, Nov 6: Dan Jones & the Squids, with **Norman and Brian Free**, Sam Bonds, \$5, 9:30 pm.

Tue, Nov 7: Eugene Folkdancers, St Mary's Church, 166 E 13th. 7pm instruction, 7:30-10pm dancing. \$1.50. Every Tues.

Sat, Nov 7: Corvallis Contra Dance with Stacey Rose calling. Music by Calico.

Sat, Nov 7: Cats and Dogs Contra Dance. Woody Lane with Unleashed! Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles, (Portland). Off Barbur Blvd, at light just east of Terwilliger. Teaching 7:30, dancing 8-11pm.

Sat, Nov 7: Fall Has Sprung. 12 hour Contradance Festival. Great Bear Trio with Erik Weberg calling. SW Passage with Joe Michaels calling, and Hot Cider with Joyce Miller calling. Vets Hall, 255 S. Auburn, Grass Valley, CA. Info:foothilldancers.org

Sun, Nov 8: Celebration of Life for Dot Leland, EFS dancer who died unexpectedly at the age of 91, dancing and singing just the weekend before. Optional - Bring food to share, sing a song, dance a dance, perform a skit or whatever to honor Dot. Call Joyce Craven, her daughter, at 360-577-9004. to be put on the program or just do it spontaneously. Spiritual Growth Center, 390 Vernal St, Eugene, OR, 1:30pm.

Sun, Nov 8: Peter Mulvey and Krista Detor, singer songwriters, Sam Bonds, 407 Blair, \$10. 8:30pm.

***Thurs, Nov 12: EFS Special Contra Dance. Wild Asparagus with George Marshall. Cesar Chavez School. Earlier start time, check elsewhere in newsletter for details. \$10 members, \$12 general.**

Fri, Nov 13: Dana & Susan Robinson concert at Silvan Ridge / Hinman Vineyards. Tickets \$15 call 345-1945

Dana's instrumental "Crossing the Platte" is heard on Ken Burns' latest special, "Our National Parks: America's Best Idea." Wine bar open. 541-367-8485 (phone/fax) <http://home.earthlink.net/~redwine5>

Fri-Sun, Nov 13-15: Danceable Feast Dance Camp featuring contradancing to Wild Asparagus, with George Marshall calling; and swing music by The S Curves. Swing workshops by local teacher Laura Taylor. Cooking by Annie Johnston.

www.danceablefeast.org

Fri, Nov 13: Dorian Michael, Fingerstyle acoustic guitarist. House Concert at Diane Arney's house. (541) 753-0762

Sun, Nov 15: Free Social Dance Hour, ballroom, swing, waltz, fox trot, rumba, polka, cha-cha at 2-3pm every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Taped music. Upstairs loft, **Reach Center**, 2520 Harris. <http://www.reachcentereugene.com>

Mon, Nov 16: Corvallis Special Dance with Wild Asparagus and George Marshall calling. FCC Gatton Hall, 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis. Teaching 7:30, dancing 8pm.

Tues, Nov 17: Wild Asparagus with George Marshall, Portland contradance

Weds, Nov 18: Hot Buttered Rum, Bluegrass. WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln. 7pm. \$13 advance tickets, \$15 door.

Sat, Nov 21: 3rd Saturday Portland Contra Dance. Fulton Park Comm Center, 68 Miles. 7:30 teaching, 8-11pm dancing.

***Sat, Nov 28: EFS dance with William Watson calling to music by The Steeltones, a Portland based band. Cesar Chavez School. 7:30pm teaching, 8pm dance. Usually potluck beforehand at 6pm.**

EFS Song Circle

November's EFS Song Circle will be hosted by Don Baldwin. It will be held Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 7-9 PM. Don's Address is 2263 37th St. in North Springfield. His phone is 736-5180. FMI call Jerry Wood at 461-3786.

Morris Dance - We're in the midst of starting up Morris Dancing in Eugene. Morris is a fun ritual traditional dance that has its roots in England. We meet on first and third Thursdays. Come try it out! Call Barbara at 345-8903 or Patricia at 686-6117 for more information.

Newsletter Poll!

EFS is considering going to an electronic newsletter. If you can only access the newsletter via mail, or simply prefer a paper copy let us know! Send an email to newsletter@eugenefolklore.org with your comments.

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Dance Classes

Scandinavian Schottisches, Waltzes and Hambos taught every Wednesday 7 pm at Sonja Lodge, 710 McKinley and 7th in West Eugene. Live music. \$15 Month/ \$5 per time. jrburger1@gmail.com

Scottish country dance lessons every Monday at 7 pm at Veterans' Hall Green Room, 1625 Willamette, Eugene, \$15 Month/ \$5 per time. jrburger1@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for the 16th annual **Cascade Contras**, April 9,10,11 2010 at glorious SKY Camp in the Cascade foothills outside of Eugene. Applications available mid-November. Check eugenefolklore.org. Annie Johnston will provide incredible, tasty, and wonderful meals. Alan Roberts will be our amazing sound engineer. Our talent line-up will knock your socks off...

The Great Bear Trio is quickly becoming one of the most exciting and talked about contra dance bands in the nation. Brothers Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand are still in their early 20's but display a mature and seasoned musicality beyond their years. The core of Great Bear's instrumentation has always been twin fiddles and piano supplied by mother Kim. However it is frequently augmented by mandolins, guitars, banjo, and an assortment of percussion including the African djembe and the Australian didgeridoo. Great Bear's distinctive sound has won them fans all over the continent.

With Celticladda you will hear and dance to exciting tunes from the Irish, Scottish and New England music traditions, played with joy and incredible drive. Based in New Hampshire, Celticladda is a band of devoted and experienced instrumentalists who will inspire both dancers and musicians alike! Master fiddler Randy Miller, Bill Thomas on flute & uilleann pipes and Gordon Peery on piano. Melodic, vibrant, compelling music with a Celtic twist!

The only thing larger than Lynn's amazing assortment of colorful, patterned socks is her huge collection of great contras and exciting squares. El Cerrito, California is her home, so she predominantly calls all over the West Coast, but makes frequent trips to call (and dance) on the East Coast. Lynn has been on staff at many weekend and week-long dance camps including Pinewoods. She is known for creating a warm, friendly atmosphere and for choosing wonderfully flowing dances that are both interesting and accessible.

Hailing from New Jersey, caller Bob Isaacs is well known for his ability to invent creative dances while remaining true to the traditional roots of contra dancing. Bob Isaacs has written well over 2000 contra dances, and its likely you have danced one of his at a dance recently. Bob also writes some amazing "grid squares" which is a cross between contras and squares, you can move about the room during these dances in ways you could not image! Bob has called at Mendocino week, and also other west coast dances, and its a real treat to have him at Cascade Contras!



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Help needed to publicize dances

Help is needed to distribute and post contra dance flyers around our community, so that more people will learn about and come to our contra dances. EFS has produced an 8-1/2 x 11-inch flyer that lists all the dances for the fall season, and provides information about location, cost, and other details. You can get a supply of flyers from Steve Goldman (stevenjgoldman@gmail.com or 541-686-3056), or you can print them yourself from an e-mail message that EFS will be sending to all members. Steve can also provide a map of places around town that have bulletin boards for posting.

We would also like help distributing the flyer via e-mail. When you receive the message from EFS with the flyer attachment, you can simply hit "Forward" and type in some addresses. This e-mail will also contain a text message with the same information that is on the flyer, for the benefit of people who cannot open a PDF file.

Please help us attract new people to the joys of contra dancing!

Check out the new EFS Website! Visit "EugeneFolklore.org" for dance schedules, potluck info, and more. The newsletter is also available in electronic format on the website.

Did you know that the Eugene Folklore Society is made up of volunteers? It's folks like you that help make our dance community, healthy, vibrant and a strong organization. Thanks to ALL our wonderful volunteers! We couldn't do it without you.

EFS current needs:

- Coordinate carpools to the Corvallis Dances
- Sit out 1 dance to sit at the table
- Potluck host
- Hosting song circles
- Open the dance and get in for free
- Bring a snack for the dance break
- Lost and found person
- Sweep and put away chairs after the dance

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Patricia at 686-6117.

The Contra Dance Committee is looking for a few members...this great group of folks pulls off a great event Cascade Contras in April each year.

We are also taking on Midsummer Madness (that odd camp in the odd years) So the next one will be July on 2011. Consider joining us and contributing to the community, contact Jacque at 302-2628.