



HCD Contra Bulletin

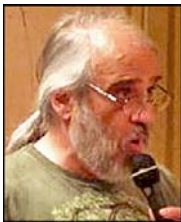
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This month's **HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra dance** will be **March 10** at the **Griffith Academy**, 275 Main Street, Wethersfield. The new-dancer workshop will begin at **7:15**, followed by the dance from **7:30–10:30**. Live music will be provided by **Wry Bred**, with caller **Rich Sbardella**. If you play an instrument join us for the **jam session** from **5:45–7:15**, and if you've come just for the dance there will be a free **new-dancer workshop** from **7:15–7:30**. If you're new to contra dancing, the workshop will have you dancing in no time. And even if you're a contra pro, come to the workshop to brush up on your moves and show the newbies a thing or two.



Wry Bred



Rich Sbardella

Admission: Seniors (65+), \$10; students, \$5; volunteers, free; everyone else, \$12. To make contra dancing accessible to all, we will work with anyone who cannot pay.

Directions: Take I-91 to Exit 26, "Old Wethersfield." If you're coming from the north, turn right at the bottom of the ramp onto Great Meadow Rd.; if you're coming from the south, turn left at the bottom of the ramp onto Great Meadow Rd. Then take an immediate left onto Marsh St. and follow Marsh St. to Main St. (landmark: flagpole). Turn right onto Main St., then drive one block to the **Griffith Academy**, 275 Main St., Wethersfield, a white churchlike building on the left.



Wear what makes you feel like dancing, as long as it includes clean, comfortable, flat-soled shoes.

Future HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra Dances:

- Apr 14 Wild Notes, with caller Bill Fischer
- May 12 Dogtown, with caller Ted Crane
- Jun 9 Gotham Gals, with caller Steve Holland
- Jul 14 The French Connection, with caller Jim Gregory
- Aug 11 Band TBD, with caller TBD
- Sep 8 Eric Eid-Reiner & Friends, with caller TBD
- Oct 13 Old Town Trio, with caller Melanie Axel-Lute

March Get-In-Free Promotion: In order to increase attendance at our monthly 2nd-Saturday Contra dances, if you bring a friend to the March dance who has never danced at one of our contra dances before, we will admit both you and that person **free of charge**.





Not Enough Contra? If the **HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra** dance doesn't provide enough contra dancing for you, join us for our other monthly contra event—the **HCD Quiet Corner Contra** dance, on the first Friday of each month (except summer months) at Patriots Park Lodge, Coventry. Find out more about our other monthly contra dance and view the schedule of upcoming Quiet Corner Contra dances [here](#).

Dance Cancellations: With winter well upon us, remember that there is always a chance we will have to cancel one of our dances because of dangerous driving conditions and parking bans at our Wethersfield venue. If we are forced to cancel a dance, we will let you know in a number of ways: if you are on our list to be emailed the *HCD Contra Bulletin* each month, we will send you a cancellation notice via email by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the dance; also by 3:00 p.m. on the dance date there will be a cancellation notice on the homepage of the [Hartford Community Dance website](#); and cancellation notices will appear in lists of cancellations broadcast by local radio and TV stations.

A Word From the Contra Committee Chair



March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. For our March contra dance will we have cold and snow, or will spring have begun? Either way, a warm welcome awaits you at our monthly dance. This month we feature the music of old friends Wry Bred (Julie Sorcek on flute and saxophone, Mickey Koth on fiddle, and Robert Messoro on guitar), with the great calling of Rich Sbardella. This combo was spectacular the last time they were with us, and we're looking forward to yet more great music and calling.

HCD is a 100% volunteer organization. We bring you our monthly dances—swing, swing jam, Cajun/zydeco, mostly waltz, and two contra dances—because we love traditional American dance, and because we want to share it with you. But we need your help: (1) Our attendance has not been enough to cover our expenses. We can run at a loss for a while, but not forever. Please spread the word about our dances and encourage your friends to join. To encourage you to do so, we are offering a limited-time promotion: If you bring someone who has never danced at one of our 2nd-Saturday contra dances we will admit both you and that person for free (and your guest will, as always, receive a get-in-free coupon for a future dance). (2) We can always use willing hands to help in all capacities (ranging from staffing the admission desk or bringing refreshments, to a long-term position on our Contra Committee or even the HCD Board). For more info please speak with any of our Committee members at the dance.

Rob Lindauer, Contra Committee Chair

Our latest flyer:



January–June 2018

HCD Contra

Second Saturday of Every Month

Griffith Academy

275 Main Street, Wethersfield • Minutes off I-91 Exit 26

Jam Session 5:45–7:15 (no charge; bring your instrument)

New-Dancer Lesson 7:15–7:30 • Dance 7:30–10:30

Seniors (65+) \$10 • Students \$5 • Volunteers Free • All Others \$12

→ Our dances are smoke-, alcohol-, and fragrance-free.

→ First time at our dance?
Receive a get-in-free-next-time coupon.



→ Wear clean, comfortable, flat-soled shoes.

→ All dances taught and prompted.

January–June 2018

January 13

Band: Fifers Delight
Caller: Derek Kalish

February 10

Band: Chicks 'n Sync
Caller: Don Heinold

March 10

Band: Wry Bred
Caller: Rich Sbardella

April 14

Band: Wild Notes
Caller: Bill Fischer

May 12

Band: Dogtown
Caller: Ted Crane

June 9

Band: Gotham Gals
Caller: Steve Holland

HCD Contra is part of **Hartford Community Dance**. Learn more about us online at <http://www.hcdance.org>. Call us for info, including cancellation notices, at 1-860-232-2504, or email HCD.Contra@gmail.com.



The *HCD Contra Bulletin* is emailed to subscribers on the Wednesday preceding each HCD Contra dance (which is held on the second Saturday of each month). If you are not a subscriber but would like to be one, [reply to this email](#) with SUBSCRIBE ME in the subject line and your full name in the body of the email.

Questions? Call 1-888-423-0423 or [email us](#).

For more info, [reply to this email](#) with INFO in the subject line and your question(s) in the body of the email.

Volunteers at our dances receive free admission in exchange for 30 minutes of their time. To be added to our list of prospective volunteers, [reply to this email](#) with VOLUNTEER in the subject line and your full name in the body of the email.

This contra dance series is part of [Hartford Community Dance \(HCD\)](#). [Sign up here](#) to receive info about all our dances, including cancellation notices.

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