

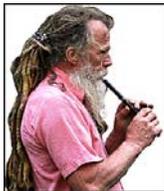


HCD Contra Bulletin

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This month's HCD contra dance will be **April 13** 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**.



Bill Fischer

Live music will be provided by the **Please & Thank You Stringband**. The caller will be **Bill Fischer**. 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 help us introduce the joy of contra dancing to newcomers.



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Admission: Students, \$5; volunteers, free; everyone else, \$12. If you haven't danced with us in 2016–18, we'll admit you for free. If you have danced with us but bring a friend who has not, we'll admit both of you for free. These are all part of our **Get-In-Free Promotion**. In order 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 church-like building on the left.



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

Future HCD Contra Dances:

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| May 11 | The Fiddleheads, with caller Ted Crane |
| June 8 | Chicks 'n Sync, with caller Steve Holland |
| July 13 | Gotham Gals, with caller Michael Kernan |
| August 10 | Wry Bred, with caller TBA |
| September 14 | Wild Notes, with callers George Thompson & Jen Jasenski |
| October 12 | The French Connection, with caller Yaron Shragai |
| November 9 | O'Wryly, with caller TBA |

HCD Contra on YouTube: Want to entice your friends to try our dance by showing them what it's like? [Here's a video](#) of one of our past dances, including a look at the beginner workshop.



HCD Website: Have you had a chance yet to check out the all-new [HCD website](#)? If you haven't, you're in for a pleasant surprise when you do because it's jam-packed with all the information you need about not only our contra dances but all of HCD's other monthly dances—swing, swing jam, mostly waltz, and cajun/zydeco. The new site has lots of pictures, videos, and colorful cyber doodads to make it even more appealing. We hope you'll visit our new site every month to keep up-to-date on all of HCD's goings-on.

A Word From the Contra Committee Chair



The April winds are magical,
And thrill our tuneful frames;
The garden-walks are passionate
To bachelors and dames.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

I'm not sure the entirety of Emerson's couplet fits (aren't you glad I didn't use TS Elliot), but April is here, the flowers are coming up, and it's time to bring your tuneful frames to dance.

I have some good news to report: our dance attendance has been creeping upward for several months, with comfortably full halls and energetic new dancers. I'd like to thank all the new dancers who've joined us, and our regulars who've brought new dancer friends with them. We're still not quite at break-even, so please support your community dance by coming out to dance with us, by spreading the word about how much fun and good exercise contra dancing is, and by inviting others to join you. We continue to offer free admission to first-time dancers, and to you regulars who bring first-timers with you.

Rob Lindauer, Contra Committee Chair

Our Latest Flyer: Feel free to print copies and display them on bulletin boards at your church, school, or wherever. You can access a printable pdf file of the flyer below [here](#).



January–June 2019

HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra Second Saturday of Every Month

Griffith Academy

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

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

Students \$5 • Volunteers Free • All Others \$12

→ All dances are taught and prompted.

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

→ Wear clean, comfortable, flat-soled shoes.



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January–June 2019

January 12 Band: New Haven Jammers Callers: George Thompson & Jen Jasenski	February 9 Band: Fifer's Delight Caller: Don Heinold	March 9 Band: Eric Eid-Reiner & Friends Caller: Rich Sbardella
April 13 Band: Please & Thank You Stringband Caller: Bill Fischer	May 11 Band: The Fiddleheads Caller: Ted Crane	June 8 Band: Chicks 'n Sync 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.



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