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This month's HCD 2nd-Saturday contra dance will be **September 14** at **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 the all-new **Boom Chicks**, with callers **George Thompson** and our very own **Jen Jasenski**. If you're new to contra dancing, don't miss the free **new-dancer workshop** from **7:15-7:30**. The workshop will have you dancing before you can shake a tail feather. Even if you're a contra pro, come to the workshop to help us introduce the joy of contra dancing to newcomers.



The Boom Chicks



Jen & George

Admission: Students, \$5; volunteers, free; everyone else, \$12. If you haven't danced with us in the past two years, 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 **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:

- October 12 The French Connection, with caller Yaron Shragai
- November 9 O'Wryly, with caller Sandy Lafleur
- November 29 Wild Asparagus, with caller George Marshall
- December 14 Dogtown, with callers Liz Nelson & Hannah Johlas



Summertime HCD Dancing. Not all HCD dances are held during the summer months, but two are—1st-Friday Swing and the 2nd-Saturday Contra dances. So do your beaching and take those long-awaited vacation trips, but don't forget to keep in shape the HCD way: swing and contra dance with us this summer.



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



Ah, September. I've always thought of it as the start of the new year—a new academic year, a new season for the Farmington Valley Symphony (which I am a member of), and a new season for HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra as well. This month's dance will be “very fun,” as fiddler and contra caller David Kaynor says, with calling by two upcoming callers and music by a new band (made up of old friends). Do join us for the dance.

And now it's broken-record time. (Do younger people even know what that means?) HCD is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, and to keep providing the dances you love, we need your help. Come to our dances, spread the word about how much fun contra is, and invite your friends to come, too. Also, we have a continual need for volunteers. Let me highlight two needs (that could be fulfilled by one person): We need someone to join our sound team. It requires both a bit of muscle to move equipment around, and a bit of finesse to play the sound board like a musical instrument. (We'll even train you). And we need an energetic lover of contra to join our Contra Committee. Interested in one or both of these roles? Speak to one of our Committee members at one of our dances.

Rob Lindauer, HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra Committee Chair

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Hartford Community Dance

September 2019 – January 2020 Schedule

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1st Friday Swing (WH. Town Hall)

Lesson: 7:30–8:30 • Dance: 8:30–11:30
Admission: \$12 (\$10 for 62+ & students)

DATE	MUSIC
Sep. 6	Roger Ceresi's All Starz
Oct. 4	Eight To The Bar
Nov. 1	The Cartells
Dec. 13	The Hot Cat Jazz Band (Note 2nd Friday)
Jan. 3	Roger Ceresi's All Starz



Mostly Waltz (Griffith)

Lesson: 2:30–3:00 • Dance: 3:00–5:30
Admission: \$15 (\$10 for students)

DATE	MUSIC (INSTRUCTOR)
Sep.	No Dance
Oct. 6	Stanistreet, Sparrow-Pepin, & Sheets (TBA)
Nov. 3	TBA (Kent Koeninger)
Dec. 1	Eid-Reiner, Lester, & Grosslein (Marc Casslar)
Jan. 5	Barnes & Lea (Charlie Mandelberg)



Swing Jam (Griffith)

Lesson: 7:15–8:15 • Dance: 8:15–11:00
Admission: \$10 (\$8 for students)

DATE	DJ (LESSON: INSTRUCTOR)
Sep. 28	Tricia Lea (West Coast Swing: Tricia)
Oct. 26	Janie Dumont (Nightclub 2-Step: Janie & Savio)
Nov. 23	Joni Fraser (Foxtrot: Joel Silvestro)
Dec. 28	Dave Elwell (Line Dances: Savio Cheng)
Jan. 25	Bobby Frione (Salsa: Jason Pepin)



2nd Saturday Contra (Griffith)

Lesson: 7:15-7:30 • Dance: 8:30-11:30
Admission: \$12 (\$5 students)

DATE	MUSIC (CALLER)
Sep. 14	Boom Chicks (George Thompson & Jen Jasenski)
Oct. 12	The French Connection (Yaron Shragai)
Nov. 9	O'Wryly (Sandy Lafleur)
Nov. 29	Wild Asparagus (George Marshall) Black Friday Dance at WestHfd. Town Hall
Dec. 14	Dogtown (Liz Nelson & Hannah Johlas)
Jan. 11	Fifer's Delight (Don Heinold)



Cajun/Zydeco (Griffith)

Lesson: 6:30–7:00 • Dance: 7:00–10:00
Admission: \$18 (\$10 for students)

DATE	MUSIC
Sep.	No Dance
Oct. 19	River City Slim & The Zydeco Hogs
Nov. 16	Otis & The Hurricanes
Dec.	No Dance
Jan. 18	TBA



Quiet Corner Contra (Patriots)

Lesson: 7:30–8:00 • Dance: 8:00–11:00
Admission: \$12 (\$6 for students)

DATE	MUSIC (CALLER)
Sep. 6	Fifer's Delight (Paul Wilde)
Oct. 4	The Cicadas (Rich Sbardella)
Nov. 1	Wild Notes (Don Veino)
Dec. 6	Chics 'n Sync (Ron Blechner)
Jan. 3	Fifer's Delight (Rich Sbardella)

Venues: West Hartford Town Hall, 50 S. Main Street, West Hartford, CT; Griffith Dance Academy, 275 Main St., Wethersfield, CT; Patriots Park Lodge, 172 Lake St., Coventry, CT. For more details: <http://hcdance.org/venues>.

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