



HCD Contra Bulletin

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This month's HCD 2nd-Saturday contra dance, **Saturday, November 12, from 7:30–10:30 at Temple Beth Torah, Wethersfield**, we'll be dancing to a new—well, new to *us*—musical group, **French Toast** (Anna Bosnick,

fiddle; Helen White, flute; and Robin Russell, keyboards), three jolly ladies from the New York metro area who play high-energy contras with an emphasis on great French Canadian tunes—hence, French Toast. **Rich Sbardella** will be the caller.. 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 like a pro in no time. Even if you *are* a contra pro, come to the workshop to help us introduce the joy of contra dancing to newcomers.



French Toast

Admission: Students (with student ID, please), \$5; volunteers and kids under 13, free; other attendees, \$13 (with a \$30 family maximum). In order to make contra dancing accessible to all, we will work with anyone who cannot pay.

COVID Precautions: HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra dances are limited to those **fully vaccinated against COVID-19**. Attendees must show **proof of vaccination** (copies and photos are acceptable), with at least two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of J&J (and, though not required, we would prefer that attendees be boosted). Alternatively, **a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of the beginning of the dance is also acceptable**. Whether vaccinated or PCR-negative, attendees must sign a waiver/contact tracing sheet, providing their name, signature, and contact info (telephone or email) and confirming that they're vaccinated or PCR-negative, that they're not ill today, that they understand they're attending at their own risk, and that they'll comply with HCD's safety requirements. Finally, **masks are optional but recommended**, so if you wish to be masked please bring one with you. **Note:** be sure to check [our website](#) the day of the dance to see whether we've been forced to re-institute more rigorous safety measures (e.g., mandatory masking).

Where We Dance: Unless otherwise indicated, HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra dances are held at **Temple Beth Torah, 130 Main Street, Wethersfield**. Entrance to the hall is on the right side of the temple, in the back. For full directions and parking tips, see [here](#).



HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra Committee: (from left) Steve, Rob (chair), Pam, Jen, Sal, Jay, Brad, Victoria, Haley, and Bill. Have a suggestion on how we can make our dances even better? Want to be part of our volunteer team? Speak to any of our Committee members at an upcoming dance.

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