



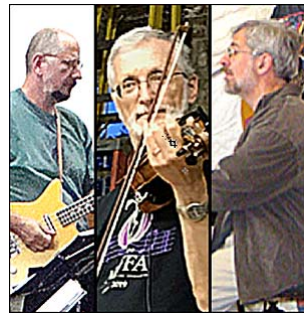
HCD Contra Bulletin

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This month's HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra dance will be **Saturday, November 11**, when we'll start jumping with joy as we contra dance to **Jumpstart** (Gene Albert on the bass, Paul Lizotte on the fiddle, and Victor Troll on the piano). This trio has been the house band at

the Mill City Dance in Manchester, NH, since 2008, and you'll understand why when you enjoy a sample of their music [here](#). They'll be joined by caller **Tod Whittemore**. If you're new to contra dancing, don't miss the newcomer's 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.



Jumpstart

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.

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](#).

Join the Sound Team: We are seeking a third person to join our sound team. The sound system is absolutely essential for our dances: no sound = no dance. No experience is needed; we'll teach you all you need to know. Interested? Talk with our sound mavens, Sal or Bill, at one of our dances, or let them know by completing the contact form at the bottom of [this page](#).

New Year's Eve: For all those who have asked, yes, we *will* be celebrating the new year on the contra dance floor once again this year, with the **Wee Merry Banshees** providing the music and **Don Heinold** and our own **Jen Jasenski** doing the calling. This special event will again be held at **First Church of Christ in Middletown** from 8:00–12:15, with plenty of free parking. Come for the dancing, bring finger foods for the potluck, enjoy free coffee throughout the evening and a nonalcoholic toast at midnight, and welcome in the new year in *contra* style.





HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra Committee: (from left) Steve, Rob (chair), Pam, Jen, Sal, Jay, Brad, 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, or complete the form at the bottom of [this page](#).

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