



HCD Contra Bulletin

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This **Saturday, February 14**, we'll be contra dancing to **The Dead Sea Squirrels**, a trio that plays the traditional instrumental and vocal contra dance music of the American south. They are Cathy Mason (fiddle and vocals), Craig Edwards (fiddle, banjo, mandolin, and vocals), and Henry Yoshimura (guitar). Meet them on Facebook [here](#), and enjoy their music [here](#). The caller will be **Jim Gregory**.



Admission: Students (with student ID, please), \$5; volunteers and kids under 13, free; other attendees, \$15 (with an up to four-member family maximum of \$35). 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 Our Team: We're looking for "new blood" on the committee that puts our dances together. The only requirement is that you believe, as we do, that contra dancing is "the bomb," and that making contra dancing available in our area is a good in and of itself. If you're interested talk with a committee member at one of our dances, or let us know by completing the contact form at the bottom of [this page](#).



HCD 2nd-Saturday Contra Committee: (from left) Matt, Pam (chair), 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](#).

**West
Hartford
Swing**

1st or
2nd Fri

Contra

1st Fri &
2nd Sat

Mostly Waltz

1st Sun

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HARTFORD
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Swing Jam

4th Sat

Scandi

Sundays
Bi-monthly



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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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