

Playshop Descriptions 2019



OPEN TO ALL AGES



MUSICIAN/BAND/INSTRUMENT



SINGING

BASICS PLUS PLAYSHOP

*****Saturday Playshops*****

Go with the Flow Contras Beth will offer a series of dances that capitalize on flow and let you learn about the fine art of merging and other tools for making the most of good flow and timing. You will learn to glide around the dance floor!!

Contra & Square Potpourri Jeremy will share a lovely collection of squares and contras that will get your juices flowing and leave you wanting more!

Waltz Ahhh, the potential for elegance (or just plain fun)!! If you can count to three you can learn to waltz! Sara and Larry will guide you in learning this simple and wonderful dance. Open to beginners and to those who want to touch up their style.

Modern Contra Classics What makes a dance a classic? Jeremy will share the secrets of these special and beloved dances...and you get the extraordinary pleasure of dancing them!

Cajun Dancing Betsey and Robyn will teach the basics...a little two-step, a little waltz...mmm mmm good! Open to beginners and to those who want to add a bit of finesse. And, oh yeah, *live* music with Weasel Gras...



Holly Ding Band Playshop...Play and Sing with Holly Ding Not just for musicians! The band will share some of their music as well as their singing talents. They will entertain you and answer questions about your instrument of choice. Come to learn or just to listen!

Get Squared Away: Squares for All Even if you are new to squares (or even a bit square-phobic!), Beth promises to start with easy dances and then keep us moving right along with some wonderful squares that will be just too much fun!

Contra Quest: Seeking the Perfect Dance David S. will share several finesse points that are quintessential to mastering that marvelous flow that makes contra dancing so glorious (e.g. giving weight, being on time, dancing to the music, caring for your partner). Let's make our dancing a true pleasure for our partners, our line, and ourselves!



Anybody Can Sing!! Has anybody ever told you *not* to sing? Do you think you can't carry a tune? Mary and Shonti will help you discover your inner singer! By the end of this playshop you will amaze yourself with your "new" and/or refined abilities! Open to all singers...those known and those yet to be discovered!



Shape Note Singing: Free Time in the Chapel Charley and David K-T will bring you a session with that soul touching sound—shape note song. Come join in the singing or just listen to the sweetest of music.

Late Night Dance: Cajun and Zydeco Dancing!! Come and practice your Cajun stylings with DJ Brian who will provide terrific Cajun and Zydeco tunes for your dancing pleasure.

*****Sunday Playshops*****

Friends Meeting (Not a playshop) 8:30-9:00 AM Some of our Bears conduct a quiet Sunday worship time for those who want to join in a Friends meeting. It is open to all. Gather in the Arts and Crafts Building unless otherwise notified.

THE SILENT AUCTION BEGINS SUNDAY AT 10:35 AM IN THE CHAPEL...HURRY TO GET THE FIRST PICK!

Hambo for Beginners! Maybe you have seen it danced and wanted to try it but didn't know how. Here is your chance. Bart and David will team teach this wonderful, traditional Scandinavian dance. Come learn with us! Experienced hambo dancers welcome, too.



Three-legged Stool: Dance Synergy (A Conversation for Callers, Musicians, and Dancers) Jeremy and Toss the Possum will lead a discussion for callers, would-be callers, musicians, and dancers to help us all understand the dynamics that combine the special qualities from each "leg" of the stool to make a dance something really special. Come and share your perspective, ideas, and questions. There might be some dancing to help demonstrate skills and clarify concepts. Something for everybody!!

*******Sunday Playshops Continued*******



Fiendish/Quirky Contras Who can resist dances with an unexpected twist or two?? Jeremy will guide us through fun contras that may be a wee bit challenging but are satisfyingly achievable!

East Coast Swing Sara and Larry really know how to put the FUN in the fundamentals of East Coast (6 Count) swing. You will have a grand time with these terrific teachers who will help you learn the basics of this wonderfully enjoyable dance.

Caller Conversation with Beth This playshop on teaching/calling dances is aimed at supporting callers of all levels of experience or inexperience (wanna-be callers welcome) in building and improving their skills and will serve as a forum to discuss topics such as effective teaching and walk-throughs, the vocal skills required for clear calling, planning dance programs, collecting dances, being a dance leader, and much more.



Red Hot Turbo-Charged Squares Dancers who think that they don't like squares will be surprised by Beth's high-energy dances. She will change the mind of even the most diehard contra dancer. This playshop will focus on souping-up your square dance experience with choice squares, many fast-paced, some challenging, but always fun, and certain to improve your timing and enjoyment!

Club Contra Bob H. will bring you contras danced to club, pop, disco and Latin music, with their danceable, solid beats. Think Lady Gaga, Enrique Iglesias, Pitbull, and Katy Perry. Not your mother's contra! (*a primer for tonight's late night dance "touch of techno"...*)

Swingy Thingy *Weather permitting*, Sara will help you add to your swing repertoire...add a few new moves and a touch of flair. Or maybe she'll even teach a new kind of swing dance. She'll have you stylin' in no time. (in the Pavilion)

REMINDER!! THE SILENT AUCTION IN THE CHAPEL CLOSSES AT 3:37 :)



VERY SPECIAL EVENT!! For your listening pleasure...each of our guest bands, Holly Ding and Toss the Possum, will each offer a "mini-concert" that will let them strut their stuff!! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



Lemmy Sticks (Free time: in the Gazebo) An annual favorite...Peg will teach a fun game in which you'll be singing & tossing & catching & rhythmically "hitting" lemmy sticks with a partner. We recommend that kids be at least upper elementary school age.



Juggling with Jim Kerr (Free time: in the Pavilion) Jim always delights young and old alike when he shares the secrets to becoming a master juggler!! Jugglers & wannabe jugglers of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Late-Night Dance—Dance Party with Sara! One of our favorite dancers/teachers has selected a wonderful assortment of those couple dance favorites for your dancing pleasure! But, wait! First there will be a **touch of Techno Contra** (about 1/2 an hour's worth) with David M. calling! Come and check it out...and then stay for couple dancing.

*******Monday Playshops*******

XL Contras and Squares Most contras and square dances, and their accompanying tunes, are 32 bars of music long. Jeremy offers this rare chance to hear and dance to great 40-bar and 48-bar tunes, which have their own set of special, infrequently-called dances with longer choreographies.

No Walk-through Contras Beth offers a big helping of no walk-through contra dances. We don't need no stinkin' walk-through!!

Hopefully, you have already paid for your Auction Items and Decadent Desserts, but if not... Monday morning is the time to make that happen!! Please don't make us have to come look for you!