



**SPECIAL LOCAL DANCES! HOT OUT-OF-TOWN TALENT!**



# AMERICAN WEEK



## **An Extravaganza of Contra Dance!**

**Friday, July 1:** Contra dance with **The Avant Gardeners** and **Will Mentor** in **Felton** (near Santa Cruz, presented by TDSC)

**Saturday, July 2:** Contra Dance with **Erik Weberg** and **Hammer & String** in an American Week Warm-Up Dance at St. Paul's Church in **San Francisco**

**Sunday-Friday, July 3-8:** BACDS American Dance and Music Week with all three bands and both callers at Jones Gulch YMCA Camp in **La Honda** (in the hills southwest of Palo Alto) [www.amweek.org](http://www.amweek.org)

**Friday, July 8:** Special Contra Dance with all three bands and both callers in a post-American Week Spectacular Blow-Out Dance at the Lucie Stern Center in **Palo Alto**

**Saturday, July 9:** Contra Dance with **Will Mentor** and **Crowfoot** at First United Methodist Church in **Palo Alto**

**Sunday, July 10:** Special Contra Dance with **Will Mentor** and **Hammer & String** at the Masonic Hall in **San Rafael** (presented by NBCDS)

★ **CROWFOOT**, from Québec, weaves musical influences from England, Ireland, Québec, and the Appalachian Mountains along with their own original compositions into a captivating fusion that delights dancers and listeners alike.

**Adam Broome:** *Guitar, Cittern*  
**Jaige Trudel:** *Fiddle, Cello*  
**Nicholas Williams:** *Flutes, Accordion, Bodhran*

[www.crowfootmusic.com](http://www.crowfootmusic.com)

★ **HAMMER & STRING**, from New York, explores the cross-Atlantic boundaries between Appalachia and Ireland, conducting a musical conversation with all the texture, sparks and improvisation of virtuosic performers, spanning continents and centuries.

**Rhys Jones:** *Fiddle, Banjo, Guitar*  
**Cleek Schrey:** *Fiddle, Piano*  
**John Herrmann:** *Claw Hammer Banjo, Guitar, Fiddle, Bass*

[www.cdbaby.com/cd/hammerandstring](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/hammerandstring)

★ **THE AVANT GARDENERS** are the creative collaboration of Virginia fiddler, singer, and composer **Laura Light** and Alaskan wild man and keyboard wizard **George Paul**. They delight dancers everywhere with traditional American fiddle styles, swing influenced improvisation, and eclectic compositions.

**Laura Light:** *Fiddle, vocals*  
**George Paul:** *Piano, Accordion*

[www.theavantgardeners.com](http://www.theavantgardeners.com)

★ **ERIK WEBERG**, from Portland, OR, is equally adept at contra and English calling, and chooses dances that are tailor-made for the occasion at hand. Erik's ability to connect with dancers and his sly sense of humor insure an upbeat, congenial atmosphere on the floor as well as a terrific dance experience.



★ **WILL MENTOR**, from Vermont, is a popular caller whose clarity and energy will delight you. Will has been described as "a great teacher, endlessly amusing, and someone who has all his calling priorities straight!" With over 15 years of experience, he has built an excellent contra and square dance repertoire.