



Special August Contra Dances!

This year, three local dances provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the fabulous bands and callers staffing our fourth annual Balance the Bay event. Hardy dancers attending the weekend have an opportunity to dance five days in a row! See www.bacds.org/btb for more information about Balance the Bay.

Schedule

Thursday, August 11: Warm-up for the weekend with **Steve Zakon-Anderson** and the **Groovemongers** at the Masonic Hall in **San Rafael** (*presented by NBCDS*)

Friday-Sunday, August 12-14: Balance the Bay dance weekend at the Janet Pomeroy Center in **San Francisco**

Sunday, August 14: Prolong the weekend groove with **Steve Zakon-Anderson** and the **Groovemongers** at St. Paul's Church in **San Francisco**

Monday, August 15: Begin the week with a special dance with **Deb Comly** and **Contra Sutra** at the First United Methodist Church of **Palo Alto**

(Note: There will be no Palo Alto dance Saturday, August 13.)

The Callers

STEVE ZAKON-ANDERSON, from Massachusetts, has been calling contras, teaching couples dance, and leading workshops for callers for over 25 years. Steve's clear teaching, precise calling, and sense of humor have made him a favorite of dancers of all ages and abilities.

DEB COMLY, from Arizona, is known for her bright, clear teaching and her smooth contralto calls. As an avid dancer, organizer, and occasional musician, Deb brings a fresh scrubbed sultry playfulness to her dances. From her beaming smile to her happy feet, Deb's energy is contagious.

The Bands

The **GROOVEMONGERS**, based in upstate New York, have been thrilling contra dancers with a world beat approach to dance music for the past 14 years. From Celtic to Calypso, Southern to Salsa, Old England to New England, Motown to Cape Town, plus a liberal dose of American Rock 'n' Roll, their memorable tunes and driving rhythms fuse into a spicy mix that is irresistibly danceable.

Rebecca McCallum: fiddle

Jane Knoeck: keyboard, accordion

C.W. Abbott: mandolin

Mark Hellenberg: percussion

CONTRA SUTRA, from the Pacific Northwest, offer a mix of familiar favorites with a funky twist and new tunes, many by band members and friends, infused with pop moments, African rhythms, swing, and a wicked sense of humor.

Dave Bartley: guitar, mandolin, and other fretted instruments

Ryan McKasson: fiddle and viola

Marni Rachmiel: flute, sax, piccolo, and other woodwinds and reeds

Russell S: percussion