

Special Local Dances! Hot Out-of-Town Talent!



# American Week



An Extravaganza of Contra Dance!

**Saturday, June 30:** Contra Dance with **Carol Ormand** and **Contra Fresco** in an American Week Warm-Up Dance at **First United Methodist Church in Palo Alto**

**Sunday-Friday, July 1-6:** 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 6:** Special Contra Dance with all three camp bands (**Contra Fresco**, "AGB", and **Avant Gardeners**) and both camp callers (**Carol Ormand** and **Nils Fredland**) in a post-American Week Spectacular Blow-Out Dance at the **Lucie Stern Center in Palo Alto**

**Saturday, July 7:** Contra Dance with **Susan Petrick** and **Contra Fresco** at **St. Paul's Church in San Francisco**

**Sunday, July 8:** Special Contra Dance with **Susan Petrick** and **Contra Fresco** at the **Masonic Hall in San Rafael** (presented by NBCDS)

★ **CONTRA FRESCO** is a new name for familiar faces (and fingers). **Rodney Miller** is an official National Treasure and exponent of New England style fiddling. **Elvie Miller** is the All-Ireland champion in traditional accompaniment. **Clyde Curley** is co-author of The Portland Collection bible of contra tunes.

**Rodney Miller:** *Fiddle*  
**Elvie Miller:** *Piano, Accordion*  
**Clyde Curley:** *Guitar, Mandolin*

★ Our spies tell us that we have a new configuration of favorite musicians infiltrating from Seattle. **KGB** members **Dave Bartley** and **Claude Ginsburg** come in from the cold and join **Anita Anderson** of **Roguary** and **Tricky Brits** to intrigue us with unique and irresistible rhythms. Will we be interrogated, tortured, or shot if we call this band "AGB"??

**Anita Anderson:** *Piano*  
**Claude Ginsburg:** *Fiddle*  
**Dave Bartley:** *Mandolin, Guitar, Cittern/Bouzouki*

★ **THE AVANT GARDENERS** (Virginia fiddler, singer, and composer **Laura Light** and Alaskan wild man and keyboard wizard **George Paul**) are joined by our very own **Jim Oakden**. They delight dancers everywhere they go with traditional American fiddle styles, swing influenced improvisation, and eclectic compositions.

**Laura Light:** *Fiddle, vocals*  
**George Paul:** *Piano, Accordion*  
**Jim Oakden:** *Mandolin, Clarinet, Bagpipes, Banjo, Bombard, ...*

★ **CAROL ORMAND** is beloved throughout the dance community for her smooth and unflappable style, wickedly fun dances, and penchant for keeping all the dancers on the floor smiling. Her delightful dance selections and concise, relaxed teaching style will have you coming back for more.



★ **NILS FREDLAND** is the dance caller and trombone player for **Elixir**, and has been making music, leading dances, and bringing people together for twenty years as a teacher; singer and song leader; trombonist; contra, square, and community dance caller; story teller; and workshop leader.