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Fall Frolick: How do I love thee? Let me count the ways

By Sharon Green

1) Fall Frolick is an unabashedly English country dance weekend. No ifs, ands, or buts about it. Sure, there's a fun contra hour, and this year we'll have Carol Friedman teaching international folk dancing, including some late-night shenanigans, but if you're not passionate about ECD or at least seriously intrigued by it, this may not be the best weekend for you.

2) Fall Frolick engages our young people. With youth scholarships and work-trade awards, we make it possible for young people—teenagers, twenty-somethings, thirty-year-olds—not only to attend camp but also to take on responsibilities for running it. Kenneth Grotjohn and Joey Charters, our work-trade coordinators, started out as teenaged youth scholars and wound up running the work-trade program. Megan Wolf and Jordan Uggla, who organize the ice cream social, teach dance to school children in Willitts. This past summer Megan brought four of her students to BACDS's Family Week. Some will join us at Fall Frolick in October.

3) Fall Frolick preserves our English country dance heritage. This year program director Kalia Kliban has imported two world-renowned teachers of English country dance: Brad Foster and Beverly Francis.

Artistic and Director Emeritus of CDSS, Brad Foster needs no introduction to the Bay Area dance community, having begun his teaching career out here before moving East to lead CDSS into the 21st century. His joy in country dancing is infectious.

Beverly Francis, an expert on the dances of Jane Austen's time (and a regular master teacher at gatherings of the Jane Austen Society of North America), combines a love for the great historical dances of our repertoire with a passion for new choreographies. Look to her for clear teaching and impeccable taste.

4) Fall Frolick fosters musical creativity. Charlie Hancock, David Mostardi, Emily O'Brien, Jim Oakden, Jon Berger, Rebecca King, Shira Kammen. What great musicians, and what fun they have playing together! What is more, they share their fun with us, spicing up the dances with bits of improvisation and happily teaching camper-musicians the tricks of the trade.

5) Fall Frolick builds community. At Fall Frolick we celebrate the many regional and local dance groups whose members attend the weekend. During Saturday's Happy Hour photographer Paul Bestock takes group photos of attendees. Looking back at last year's photos, we see groups from Napa, from San Diego, from Sacramento, from Sebastopol. We see dancers from Georgia, from Massachusetts, from New York, from Oregon—all enjoying the fellowship to be found in country dancing.

That's my Fall Frolick. I hope it will be yours as well. It's time to sign up—do it now!

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Be Part of BACDS Playford Ball 2019! With Bruce Hamilton!

By Heather MacKay

Do you love the Playford Ball? The wonderful program and exceptional music? The elegant hall filled with festively adorned people? The bounteous buffet? The workshops and rehearsal that prepare us to dance with grace and confidence?

Just how does this all happen? Well, it really does take a village! And the more villagers we have, the easier it is. Please consider joining the committee this year -- we have a role for you that matches your skill set, geographic location, and time constraints. To volunteer or get more information, contact Heather MacKay at (510) 653-7507 or hmackay@sbcglobal.net.

Oh, and did we mention this? -- This year's Playford Ball programmer this year is our much-loved Bruce Hamilton! And our fabulous Ball musicians are Bill Jensen, Audrey Knuth, Tom Lindemuth & Christopher Jacoby!

Hooray for more Family Dances!

By Claire Takemori

We are growing the next generation of musicians, dancers, callers. Hope you will join & share the info with families you know.

If you are able to volunteer at the Nov 12 or 15 dances, please contact me!

Sep 15 Big Sur Grange community dance 5-8pm
Part of a full day Grange anniversary celebration.
(contact me for details)

Sep 23 at Google 3-5pm
(if you are a Googler, contact me for details)

Sept 30 Family dance at Ashkenaz 3pm, part of the Berkeley Oldtime Music Convention:
<http://www.berkeleyoldtimemusic.org/kids-families>

There are occasional family dances before the North Oakland Square dance at the Niebyl Proctor Marxist Library (regular dances happen 1st & 3rd Friday).
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthOaklandSquareDance>

Sep 22 & Oct 27 Sebastopol Family Dance, followed by a contra dance after.
<http://nbcds.org/event/sebastopol-community-dance/>

Nov 12 Peninsula Family Dance in Belmont 3-430pm with InTentCity from Idaho!
RSVP: bit.ly/PeninsulaFamilyDance
Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/664688790569146/>

Nov 15 San Jose Family Dance 5-6pm with InTentCity from Idaho!
RSVP: bit.ly/SanJoseFamilyDance
Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/296050580949627/>

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New Sacramento Area English Country Dance

We have great news for those who live relatively close to downtown Sacramento! The Sacramento Country Dance Society is adding a second monthly English Country Dance, on the third Sunday afternoon of each month beginning October 21. Lovely hall and floor, easy parking, and on the American River Bike Trail. Come join us at Camp Pollock from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Each dance is preceded at 1:30 pm by an Introductory Workshop for newcomers. This is in addition to our long-running dance in Roseville that continues on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. Details about both dances, including callers, music, locations, and date changes, can be found on our Web site: <https://sactocds.org>.

Upcoming Events

Fri-Sun October 19-21	Fall Frolick English Weekend	<i>Beverley Francis, Brad Foster, Kalia Kliban, Sharon Green</i>
Fri-Sun November 2-4	Foggy Moon Contra Weekend (MCDC)	<i>Cis Hinkle, Yoyo Zhou, Elixir, DynaMix</i>
Saturday November 17	1718 Ball (<i>limited enrollment</i>)	<i>Mary Luckhardt, Sharon Green, Kalia Kliban</i>
TBA in December	No Snow Ball	<i>TBD</i>
Monday, December 31	New Year's Eve at the Palo Alto Contra	<i>Kalia Kliban with StringFire</i>

See bacds.org for more information. For events sponsored by our neighbors, see nbcds.org (NBCDS), sactocds.org (SCDS), sffmc.org (SFFMC), santacruzdance.org (TDSC), montereycdc.webs.com (MCDC), cccds.org (CCCD), haywardcontradance.org (TDOGS), lcfid.org/sf (QCD)

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