

Letters and Announcements

SUBMITTING ARTICLES, PHOTOS & ADS

Articles, letters, poems, and photographs about contra and traditional square dance, English country dance, morris and sword dance, dance tunes, folksongs, and the dance and music community are welcome. Newly-composed dances and tunes also are welcome, as are new looks at historical dances and tunes. Please contact the Editor for guidelines or send submissions to news@cdss.org (maximum size for most articles: 1,100 words, 600 words for essays and event reviews). We may edit for length and clarity. Photos should be 300-600 dpi (print resolution).

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DEADLINES

Spring—February 1st (issue mailed early March)
Summer—May 1st (issue online only in June 2019)
Fall—August 1st (issue mailed early September)
Winter—November 1st (issue mailed early December)

The **EVENTS CALENDAR** is online at cdss.org/events. To include an event, navigate to the bottom of that page and click on the words "Add an Event" in the blue box. You can also email events@cdss.org.

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LEGACY OF JOY SOCIETY

Does your will include the Country Dance and Song Society? Please consider ensuring that the programs, publications, and services that matter to you continue in the future with a bequest. Read more about the CDSS Legacy of Joy Society and sign up at cdss.org/legacy.

CDSS Member Directory Returns!

The much-missed CDSS Member Directory is back!

The searchable Online Directory is now LIVE on The Commons. If you are a CDSS member, you should have received an email from us with your Commons username and instructions for how to log in. If you did not get that email, you can go here to reset your password: cdss.force.com/commons/s/login/ForgotPassword.

Members logged in to The Commons can view the Online Directory.

We realize, however, that many of you want to have a Directory you can *hold in your hands*, so we are currently preparing a print edition, which will be available for sale to members in March. Stay tuned for details about how to get your copy.

Questions? Contact us at commons@cdss.org or 413-203-5467 x103.

Larks and Ravens

I very much appreciate Les Addison's letter "Contra and Consent," in the Winter *CDSS News*. Les says, "In dances that call 'larks and ravens,' I expect dancers of any gender may be dancing any role, and I'm agreeing to swing or be swung by anyone of any gender."



I would take this a step farther, with Les's permission.

The principal of "dance with who's coming at you" should apply regardless of the role terms being used. Those who are not willing to do that should find some other sort of community.

~ Liz Sturgen, Easthampton, MA

Summer Issue Will be Digital Only

In order to lessen our environmental impact (and also decrease postage costs), CDSS has committed to having one issue of the *CDSS News* each year be **digital only**. In 2019, that will be the Summer issue.

Here's how it will work: If you are a CDSS member, and we have a correct email address for you, we will email you a link to the issue as an online flipbook in early June. The digital issue will be in full color and has the added advantage of allowing you to click through from the event ads directly to the organizers' websites.

We are making arrangements for on-demand printing for the issue so if you would prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please email news@cdss.org by May 1st and let us know. We'll send you a link to a section of the CDSS Commons where you can purchase a printed copy for a modest fee.

The Fall and Winter issues of the *News* will be mailed to all members as usual. Thanks for your support and understanding.

Lifetime Contribution Award Celebration for Sue Songer

Folks from all over the country are coming to Portland, OR, in late March to celebrate and honor 2018 CDSS Lifetime Contribution Award recipient Sue Songer's contributions to the dance and music community across the nation. Your presence is requested to help make this a celebration of the ages, worthy of songs, poems and stories told through the generations 'till the end of time.



The event will be held from 4 - 11 pm March 30th, at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy in Portland, OR. Aside from the presentation of the Lifetime Contribution Award, there will be a potluck and tons of space for jamming and singing throughout the evening.

An open band will be led and managed by Betsy Branch (fiddlefrau@gmail.com) and tunes will be selected from the *Portland Collection* volumes. Please contact Betsy if you'd like to participate. Open calling will be managed by Erik Weberg (erik@erikweberg.com), so contact him if you'd like to call a dance and what dance/type of dance you have in mind. Please contact Betsy and/or Erik by March 15th about playing/calling so that plans and programs can be created. Sound engineering will be provided by John Oorthuys.

Admission is free, but donations will be gladly accepted to offset costs of the event. For answers to questions (or to let them know you're coming), write to: Betsy (fiddlefrau@gmail.com), Erik (erik@erikweberg.com) or Marfa (zebra@peak.org).

Next CDSS Web Chat: Family/Community Dance Organizers Unite! APRIL 4, 2019



Do you know any organizers of dances that include young children and all ages? If so, please share this announcement about our next web chat on **Thursday, April 4 from 8:30-9:30 pm EDT**. Organizers of thriving family and community dances from far and wide will share their stories and advice, including time for Q&A.

To join the web chat (by computer or phone), go to <https://goo.gl/Yo25Bu> to submit an online RSVP form by March 28. Several days prior to the web chat we'll send instructions via email about how to join the call on April 4th. Even if you can't join us on this date, send an RSVP to receive announcements about future web chats.

For recordings of previous web chats, check out cdss.org/resources/how-to/organizers#cdss-web-chats to hear tried-and-true stories about Boosting Attendance, Creating a Thriving Open Band, and Increasing Youth Involvement. Questions? Contact Linda Henry at linda@cdss.org.

Here are a couple of "take-aways" from previous web chat participants:

From the Increasing Youth Involvement web chat:

"I'm going to see if I can invite college professors and high school teachers to our dances and perhaps they will tell their students about the dances." ~ Catie Condran Geist, Palm Bay, Florida

The Creating a Thriving Open Band web chat

reinforced what I really already knew: We need to have a spearheading person to start it and keep it going. I am more inspired to try and form an open band here now." ~ Linda Nieman, Phoenix, Arizona