

Recent CDSS Outreach Fund Grants



Funding offered in October 2011

- 15th annual Pourparler (gathering for teachers of traditional dance in schools and/or communities, TX)
- Contra Affair (new contra dance series for college students and local community, OK)
- Cracking Chestnuts (historic presentation and evening of dance chestnuts in conjunction with monthly gender-free dance series, San Francisco Bay Queer Contra Dance, CA)
- Catapult! The National Contra Showcase (festival to showcase callers and bands, GA)

Funding offered in January 2012

- Spring Dance Weekend (English country and contra dance weekend with new aspect of including workshops for callers of both genres, Sun Assembly Country Dance, NC)
- Swan's Island Community Dance (new contra dance to revive dancing on remote island, ME)
- Contra Callers' Workshops (series of mentorship workshops for new callers with opportunities to call at local dances, NM)
- Mountain Dance Trail (revitalizing dances in ten communities, Heritage Arts Program, WV)
- Impropriety Weekend (English country dance and music workshops in three cities in the Bay Area, CA)
- Contra Culture (contra dancing included in weekend Ecovillage event, Dance Rabbit Dance, MO)
- 2nd annual Dare to Be Square (weekend of square dancing and calling workshops, VA)
- Northampton Family Dance (supporting a monthly family dance series during change of venue, MA)
- Contra Dance Music and Calling Workshops (pre-dance workshops led by caller and musician, NH)
- Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp (adding contra dance to existing weeklong music camp for families, Northeast Oregon Folklore Society, OR)
- Open Contra Dance Band Practice/Workshops (several workshops for musicians leading up to playing for final dance, RI)
- Bicentennial Concert and Barn Dance (dance and concert in honor of Red Hook, NY bicentennial, NY)

Swan's Island photo courtesy Kate Webber; see article on page 22.

Upcoming funding deadlines are April 1, July 1, and October 1. Download a grant application or contact Linda Henry, linda@cdss.org, 413-203-5467 x 105. [Click here to donate.](#)

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