

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: 1,200 words, 600 words for essays and event reviews). We may edit for length and clarity. Photos should be 300-600 dpi (print resolution).

PERSONAL ADS (75 words maximum) are free for CDSS members and \$5 for nonmembers.

DISPLAY AD SIZES & RATES

full page, 7-1/8" wide x 9-1/4" high, \$440
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half page vertical, 3-3/8" wide x 9-1/4" high, \$250
quarter page, 3-3/8" wide x 4-3/8" high, \$175

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SENDING ADS

Ads must be black and white or grayscale and in PDF format. Send electronically to news@cdss.org, with check or Visa/Mastercard info sent the same day.

DEADLINES

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

The UPCOMING EVENTS calendar is online at <http://www.cdss100.org/events>. To include an event, send date, name of event, town/state, sponsoring group, website to events@cdss.org.

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SUPPORT

CDSS is a 501(c)3 organization; dues and donations are tax deductible. For the many ways you can support us and the community at large, visit www.cdss.org/join-renew#ways-to-give. Your help is much appreciated.

PLANNED GIVING

Does your will include the Country Dance and Song Society? If not, please consider ensuring that the programs, publications and services that matter to you continue in the future with a bequest. It's practical and tax deductible. For information, go to <http://www.cdss.org/join-renew#planned-giving>.



Interim Director Named

CDSS President David Millstone is pleased to announce that Tom Colligan has joined us as Interim Director. Tom has 40 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and is known for being a transformational leader with multiple strengths, including organizational development, philanthropy and fund development, strategic planning, capacity building, board and leadership development, and financial management. He has worked as interim consultant to a number of organizations in the Northeast, including MathPOWER, Elizabeth Peabody House, Child Advocates of Connecticut, Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice, Mystic Community Center, The House of Seven Gables, and Waterfire Providence, among others. Tom comes to us through Third Sector New England with whom we worked successfully five years ago. (The job description for Executive Director will be posted later this year.)

Board Nomination Deadline is June 30!

The CDSS Governing Board will have positions to be filled next year and would appreciate your nomination suggestions. Think about yourself and the people you know in your community and beyond. We're always looking for great people who have the appropriate mix of skills, experience, time, energy, teamwork style and have a passion for traditional dance music and song. Skills that are always needed are fundraising, accounting/financial expertise or business acumen, or other board experience. There are also opportunities to serve CDSS on committees and task groups as community members.

If you know someone who fits any of these criteria, please send your suggestions to us with the following information:

- Person's contact information (email address and phone number),
- How they are involved in CDSS traditions (e.g., singer, dancer, musician, organizer, etc.),
- Professional and personal skills they would bring to the Board (or committees/task groups),
- Why they would be a good Board (or committees/task group) member.

Send suggestions *by June 30, 2017* to the CDSS Nominating Committee via email to cdss_nomcom@gmail.com or by mail to Pam Paulson, 235 S. Greenfield Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186.

2017 CDSS Lifetime Award Announced

The Country Dance and Song Society is pleased to announce that Sandy Bradley of Raymond, WA is the 2017 recipient of the CDSS Lifetime Contribution Award.

Sandy exemplifies the power of inclusion and collaboration in developing and nurturing dance communities and high-quality musical talent. She, along with stellar old time musicians, brought about Seattle's trad square dance revival, and she developed a welcoming, supportive and appreciative dance culture that still characterizes the Northwest scene today. A superb caller of squares, and a superb old time musician, she greatly influenced many callers across the U.S. through her tours, teaching at camps, and her weekly live radio program. She will be honored at an Award celebration on Saturday, September 16, in Seattle.

We'll have more about Sandy and the celebration this summer in our newsletter and website. For information about past LCA recipients, go to <http://www.cdss.org/community/lifetime-contribution-award>.



Carol Nedler, 2009

Amazon Smiles—Buy Books, Donate to CDSS

CDSS can receive donations from amazon.com. Go to <http://www.smile.amazon.com>, where you'll be prompted to choose a charitable organization. (Be sure to select Country Dance and Song Society in *Easthampton, MA.*) For eligible purchases, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to CDSS. Every 0.5% helps!

SUMMER CAMP FLIPBOOK

WWW.CDSS.ORG/CAMP



TIME to REGISTER for 2017!

Details at www.cdss.org/camp.
camp@cdss.org, 413-203-5467 x 2
See you this summer!

Farewell Party for Rima and Bob

In late February, the CDSS staff officially said goodbye to Rima Dael, former Executive Director, and Bob Blondin, former Business Manager. We had a good lunch, presented presents, and talked with Bob and Rima about their new lives. Rima is now Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Foundation at Springfield Technical Community College, and Bob, who has retired, will be working with hospice patients and their families at a regional hospital. The dedication they brought to their jobs at CDSS are now enriching others in profound ways.



photo by Nina Boyd

We'll miss their laughter and company, but are grateful we had the opportunity to work with them the last five years.