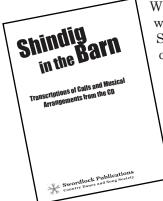
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New CDSS Publication: Shindig in the Barn



We're happy to announce the book *Shindig in the Barn* is now available. While working on editing *On the Beat with Ralph Sweet*, the seminal collection of Ralph Sweet's singing squares, Nils Fredland and I decided that a transcription of Ralph's calls on the CD "Shindig in the Barn" would be a great additional tool for aspiring singing square callers. Included are Nils's word-for-word transcriptions of Ralph's twelve calls, plus Bill Tomczak's three-part musical arrangements from the CD. The words and music combo make this book an incredible resource for anyone who wants to bring the unique charm of traditional singing squares to their dance community. Dances are: The Auctioneer, Nelly Bly, Jambalaya, Hello Mary Lou, Golden Slippers, If You Knew Susie, Louisiana Swing, Marianne, I Don't Know Why, Shindig in the Barn, Oh! Johnny, and Alabama Jubilee.

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Shindig in the Barn (book), \$20.

Shindig in the Barn (CD): Recorded live at the Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield, MA. With Ralph Sweet, Lee Blackwell, David Cantieni, Stuart Kenney, Dave Langford, Ann Percival, Pete Sutherland, and Bill Tomczak, \$15

On the Beat with Ralph Sweet: Singing Squares and Patter Calls from the Collection of an American Master (book), by Ralph Sweet and Nils Fredland, \$30



Daron Douglas: Apple Seed and Apple Thorn



Daron Douglas' new recording, "Apple Seed and Apple Thorn," comprises more than thirty traditional ballads collected from her great-grandmother, Jane Hicks Gentry, by Cecil J. Sharp, during his travels in the mountains of western North Carolina in the early part of the twentieth century. The CD itself is lovely; the cover features a reproduction of a painting that once hung on Daron's great-grandmother's wall, and there are close-ups of two colorful bedspreads Gentry wove over a hundred years ago. Douglas, who weaves on a loom that once belonged to her grandmother, still has the blankets.

The a cappella songs on the CD are early English ballads of romance, murder, singing games and children's songs, performed in Daron's lyrical style. Jane Gentry sang the songs her father taught her, she sang them to

her family, and her great-grandaughter carries on the tradition.

Apple Seed and Apple Thorn (CD), \$16

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