

NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCES HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Contra callers:** This list has been quite active, as usual! Recent topics of discussion include dancing while remaining physically distant, creating a quality setup for performing from home, sharing of specific dances, and much more.
- **ECD:** The ECD list has also been very active. There are discussions on how to hold virtual dances, the history of racism and colonialism in dance, etiquette around tempo adjustment, and what makes a dancing master.
- **Trad callers:** Current discussions include when to call to the phrase (and when not to!) and choreography for distanced dances.
- **Organizers:** Organizers are discussing how to recognize and/or compensate day-of volunteers.
- **Dance Musicians:** Musicians are discussing some of the complexities around key signatures for tunes.

- **5 Things...about Global Terminology/Positional Calling with Brooke Friendly:** The Historical Tea and Dance Society has been hosting online discussions with ECD leaders since March. Darlene Hamilton's discussion with Brooke Friendly focuses on teaching dances using global terminology and positional calling.
- **Breaking Down the Legacy of Race in Traditional Music in America:** This NPR radio piece and associated article explores the intersection between racism and traditional music. The piece features musician Jake Blount and Youth Traditional Song Weekend.
- **Village Green English Country Dancers ECD Manual:** This recently-updated manual meticulously describes figures, formations, and steps in English country dancing. It also includes descriptions of common difficulties in executing steps and figures.

Find these and loads more at cdss.org/portal.

We welcome resource submissions for all sections, and we are especially looking to expand the sections for singers and song leaders, ritual dancers, classroom teachers, and families. Suggest new resources to be featured at cdss.org/share-your-resource.

