CDSS Web Chat #3 on 1/16/19
Increasing Youth Involvement

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Web Chat Format
8:30 pm EDT  Introduction: Katy German and Linda Henry
8:35 pm  Web Chat Guests:
Louise Siddons: English country dance organizer from Stillwater, OK
Bradley Smith: contra organizer from Louisville, KY
Lisa Faryadi and Clara Jones: contra organizers from Charlotte, NC
Max Newman: co-organizer Youth Dance Dance Weekend from Boston, MA
9:00 pm  Q & A with responses from all guests
9:25 pm  Wrap-up: Linda
9:30 pm  End of web chat
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First Guest:

Louise Siddons, Stillwater, OK
President, Scissortail
Traditional Dance Society

Scissortail runs dances in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Stillwater, and Norman, Oklahoma, including English country, contra, and Irish set dances. They also have an open band, offer caller workshops, and run dance weekends.

www.scissortail.org, facebook.com/groups/scissortail/
dance@scissortail.org
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Second Guest:

Bradley Smith, Louisville, KY
Former Chairperson, Louisville Country Dancers and Caller since 2015

The Louisville Country Dancers hold contra dances every Monday (with open calling on third Mondays), every 3rd Saturday, and on New Year’s Eve. Each year this group also hosts one all-day dance (Dancestravaganza) and one dance weekend (Fleur de Lis Fling).

www.LouisvilleCountryDancers.org, facebook.com/louisevillecountrydancers
Bradley: centimani4@gmail.com
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Third Guests:

Lisa Faryadi & Clara Jones, Charlotte, NC

The Charlotte Country Dancers sponsor a weekly Monday night dance, a free waltz once a month, and a dance weekend in March.

Lisa, former board Secretary: lisafaryadi@hotmail.com
Clara, current board Co-Treasurer: claraijones@gmail.com

facebook.com/groups/charlottecontra/
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Fourth Guest:

Max Newman, Boston, MA

- Youth Dance Weekend (2011-present): a next generational leadership event
  www.youthdanceweekend.org
- Swing into Summer at Pinewoods (2012-2017): an intergenerational fun weekend
  www.swingintosummer.org
- CDSS Youth Intern (2009-2010): traveled the US and Canada talking to groups and building resources.

Max: max@maxnewman.com
To open chat bar, click “Chat” in the meeting controls at the bottom of your screen. Type in your name and brief question. During the Q&A everyone except our guests will continue to be muted. Please do not share your webcam.

We will have about 20 minutes for our guests to answer questions.
Organizer resources available through CDSS:

- Organizers Resource Portal
- Web Chat Series (recordings posted in Portal)
- Community Outreach Grants (next deadline Feb 1st)
- Quarterly Shop Talk e-blasts
- Quarterly e-blasts for CDSS Affiliates
- CDSS News articles
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FEATURED RESOURCE: Shared Weight for Organizers of traditional social dance... sponsored by CDSS

Got questions that weren’t answered during this web chat? Join the Shared Weight organizers list and continue the conversation! CDSS is now sponsoring this long-running email listserv – an online resource where organizers can exchange ideas and discuss a wide range of topics relating to organizing traditional social dance. You can also search past posts.

To sign up, visit the Shared Weight website - www.sharedweight.net. Then start a conversation by emailing the list with any questions/ideas you want to share. You’ll be connected with organizers throughout North American and beyond!
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Wrap Up

• **Survey:** Your valuable feedback will help us continue to improve this web chat series. While this experience is fresh in your mind, please reply to the survey you will receive via email tomorrow.

• **Recording:** We’ll also send you a link to the web chat recording that will be posted on the CDSS website. Feel free to share with others.

• **Next Web Chat:** April 4, 8:30 - 9:30 PM EDT - Family Dance Organizers Unite!

• **Keep in Touch:** Send questions and comments to Linda at linda@cdss.org