

Princeton Country Dancers

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Call for Volunteers

Volunteer? But I paid at the door!

Money taken at the door pays for the hall rental, insurance, flyers, refreshments, equipment maintenance, and allows us to pay our musicians and callers a small token amount (about minimum wage; no one is giving up their day job yet!). Volunteers provide the other services and infrastructure that make each dance a success. Much of this work takes place behind the scenes: volunteers plan the schedule, book callers and musicians, produce financial reports, maintain the PCD website, publish the PCD dance schedule, shop for refreshments, design flyers for special dances and events, e-mail dance reminders, e-mail schedules to local papers, maintain sound equipment, and plan and organize special events. Others arrive early and stay late each dance, to set-up and manage the sound system, set out chairs, flyers, and refreshments, make punch, and staff the reception table. Volunteers also help with outreach events and publicity efforts. Yes, it is work, but fun, creative and fulfilling, and we get to meet and work with great people. And we ensure that the PCD dances continue to happen, and that the dances are affordable to the community.

Please consider helping out in some way – Many hands make light work! It is a great way to really get to know other dancers.

New Contra Dance Committee

This is your opportunity to participate in planning and running the Wednesday and 4th Saturday evening Contra Dances. The group will meet once a month before a dance, starting Feb. 4th at 6:30. See the contra dance committee flyer, or contact Barbara Vadnais (973-476-6389) for additional details.

Executive Committee Elections

There are seven seats on the PCD Executive Committee (EC). One seat is currently open, and other EC members may decide not to seek re-election due to other commitments. Please contact Larry Koplik (lkoplik@patmedia.net or 908-359-4837) if you are interested in learning what being an EC member is all about, or if you're considering running for the EC. Elections will be held in April. The EC meets once a month to ensure that PCD is functioning properly (meeting all mission related, community, and financial requirements), set policy and goals, and form and oversee the various PCD committees.

PCD Considers Obtaining 501c(3) Status

To better serve the community, the Executive Committee is considering obtaining 501(3) (non-profit) status for PCD. If you are an accountant or lawyer familiar with non-profit corporation issues, or have grant writing experience, please see any EC member. We value your input!

Sunday, January 28 – Handsome Molly performs at Terhune Orchards

Handsome Molly, one of PCD's ritual dance teams will perform at the orchard's annual "Wassailing the Apple Trees" event. Call 609-924-2310 or see www.terhuneorchards.com for more information.

English Country Dance Class

The Princeton Adult School is offering "English Country Dancing: Austen & Beyond", taught by Sue Dupré and Judi Rivkin. The focus is on dancing. Dance figures, style, timing, and ways to enhance one's enjoyment as a dancer are taught. Live music! The seven-session class starts Feb.13. For more information, and to register, see www.princetonadultschool.org.

Saturday, April 21 - NEFFA weekend

The R&O XXVII band has applied to play at NEFFA, the New England Folk Festival in Mansfield, Mass. This road trip is a cherished tradition for dancers and musicians. See www.neffa.org for details.

PCD Help Wanted

R&O XXVIII Committee - Help plan this year's dance! Contact Sandra Johnson (srjohn3@verizon.net).

2nd Saturday English Dances - Contact Sue Dupré to volunteer: 609-844-0459 or dupres@comcast.net.

PCD Publicity Team – e-mail Schedules
Once a quarter, e-mail the PCD schedule to publicity distribution list (provided). See any EC member.

Mail PCD flyers to various dances and PCD members 4 times/year. Envelopes, labels, and flyers provided; postage reimbursed. See any EC member.

PCD Sound Crew - Learn how to setup or put away the sound system. See Marie to schedule training.

PCD Newsletter - If you have news for the PCD community, please forward to any EC member or dance manager. Also seeking writers and editor!