



Country Dancers of Rochester

Dance Calendar for December 2014

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Date	Caller	Musicians
Contra Thursday, December 4	Nancy Spero	The Flying Squirrels Jonathan Watterson (winds), Paul Morris (guitar), and David Deacon (fiddle), a group of young musicians from Syracuse have a great collection of dance tunes for us. Nancy Spero comes to us from Ithaca, with a load of fun dances.
English Sunday, December 7	Bob Nicholson	Eileen Nicholson & Jane Knoeck Superb music on violin & piano from two very experienced musicians who love working together. Syracuse caller Bob Nicholson, a local favorite, is wonderfully helpful and attentive to the dancers.
Contra Thursday, December 11	Mary Wesley	Sassafras Stomp brings high-energy folk music from the Maine/Montana border. Johanna Davis sings and plays fiddle and sometimes banjo. Adam Nordell plays guitar, sings, stamps his feet in syncopated patterns and sometimes plays the banjo. Our caller, Mary Wesley is a native of Vermont, she travels throughout New England and beyond to follow and share her love of dance.
English Sunday, December 14	David Smukler	Happy Endings Danceable and inventive music by Eileen Nicholson, Rachel Bell & Jane Knoeck, superb musicians all, and a caller with excellent teaching skills. This dance is at Covenant United Methodist Church, NOT First Baptist. Usual time, 6:30 – 9:30.
Contra Thursday, December 18	Sharon Perry	The Oxys aka the self-described “New Original” Oxymorons. Started in 1992, the band has had various personnel over the years, tonight will have the starting lineup of Chris DeGolyer, Mark Dumont, Jeff Folkins, and Bob Berch playing tunes in the “new tradition”. Sharon Perry is one of our favorite local callers, with an ever-expanding repertoire of great dances.
English Sunday, December 21	Pamela Goddard	Laurel Sharp & Jane Knoeck What a treat for late December. A mellow and funny caller, with sparkling music from Laurel’s impressive array of wind instruments and Jane’s skilled piano playing. It’s also Cookie Night!
Merry Christmas Thursday, December 25	HO! HO! HO!	NO Contra dance
English Sunday, December 28	Carmen Giunta	Serendipity Our elegant celebration of a year of great dancing, the Turning of the Year Ball, in a spectacular dance space in the historic Jonathan Child House. See website for details

Come to the **FIRSTNIGHT** contra dance on January 1 to start to fulfill those pesky New Year Resolutions for more exercise and more fun.

ADMISSION prices for the **CONTRA** dances will be increasing beginning in January Regular -\$9, members- \$8, students-\$2.

VOLUNTEERS make our dances happen. If you enjoy the dances please consider volunteering to help. We can use help with set up, sound, admission/greeting, clean-up & closing. And, of course, any contributions to the weekly pot-luck snacks are always appreciated. If you have any suggestions or questions please talk to any board member. **CONTRA PLANNING COMMITTEE** meets on the second Thursday of most every month at 6:30PM at the Golden Fox Restaurant on Culver Rd right across the street from where we dance. Come on over and join us for dinner or coffee and find out what it takes to organize and run these wonderful dances. Your fresh ideas and enthusiasm are just what we need to keep on bringing it.

Marcia Locke is the current editor of this calendar; our [web page](#) has details about times, places, and admission fees.