



# News from Sun Assembly

Summer 2017

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## Once and Future DanceFest!!!

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers who helped make this year's Spring DanceFest—featuring caller **Gene Murrow**, with musicians **Julie Gorka, Dean Herington, Atossa Kramer, Joey O'Donnell, Walt Robinson, and Mara Shea**—a wonderful success! The weekend, full of fun and lively workshops and dances (as well as fabulous music!), was our biggest crowd yet. In addition to learning about how the music drives different steps and movements and a callers' workshop with Gene, we had a workshop of Scottish for English dancers. We had delicious refreshments throughout the weekend. Special thanks to our organizers: Co-Chairs **Leah Hefner, Mary McConnell** and **Donald Hughes**; Refreshments Coordinators **Sharon Bottesch and Heidi Dorfman**; hosting, **Pat Petersen and Doug Young**; Publicity Guru **Jim Tynen**; Sound Operator **David Prins**; Flower Arranger **Carol Rogers**. It takes a village to put on such an event. We really appreciate everyone who contributed time, talents, food, and other in-kind donations!

**Mark your calendar** for next year's Spring DanceFest, **March 10-11, 2018**, at the Murphey School, featuring caller Kalia Kliban from CA. The event will be co-chaired by Leah Hefner, Donald Hughes and Mary McConnell.

## Dances of the Month

Since this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of inimitable Pat Shaw, we're dancing many of his choreographies, and including them in our Dances of the Month. June's choice is [Mr. Ganiford's Maggot](#). We have 5 weeks to perfect it! See a great demo video [here](#).

## Save the Date!

On Sunday, September 10, 2017, join us at a pot luck and dance community meeting, 4-8 pm, at Gail and Donald's. We want to hear from you and share ideas. There will be good food, fellowship, and dance. Y'all come!

## Dancing with the Highlanders

**Julie and Mara** brought their student band, the **Highlanders**, for another great performance in May. We so look forward to the presentations of these enthusiastic kids and their families! After their short concert, they played a couple of tunes for our dancing pleasure, then stayed on to dance a bit.

## Open Mike Great Fun!

Thanks to **Eric** for organizing a truly inspired Open Mike Night in May, our second with live music! Eric and the other guest callers—**Sharon, Valerie, Vic, Carol, Leah, and Judith**—led us through “olde favourites” like *Childgrove*, *Hole in the Wall*, and *The Black Nag*; difficult dances, like *Rural Sports*; and new dances, like *The Prince of Westborough*. We ended the evening with *Orange Nan*. Thanks again to Eric and to our musicians, and especially to all the callers (especially the first-timers) who contributed their talents and made the evening a success.

## Changing Venue

Starting in **January of 2018**, the Beth El Synagogue will be undergoing major renovations expected to take 18 months. Due to that our current dance space at the Freedman Center will not be available. We are currently **looking for another venue**. Do you know one? We are taking into consideration location, parking, acoustics, and most importantly, a **good dance floor**. If you know of a space that might meet our needs, please let a member of the Steering Committee know.

## Summer camp—register NOW!

Imagine yourself immersed in a week of dancing and music in a rustic setting between 2 ponds in a glorious New England summer—then imagine yourself immersing yourself in one of those ponds at the end of the day! **English Week** at [PineWoods Camp](#) still has a few open spaces...

## ECD Online

Paul Ross's YouTube channel [Childgrove](#) has some of the best dance videos we've found online.

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 Support the dancing you love! Join the **Country Dance and Song Society**, the umbrella organization that provides all kinds of English & American dance & dance camps and scholarships, publishes materials, & much more. Go to [CDSS.org](http://CDSS.org) for info (and shop their [store](#) for great tunes and other dance-related items).  
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I'm in! Here's my check to SUN ASSEMBLY for \_\_\_\$20 (annual regular membership)

Send newsletter by  e-mail  regular mail. Enclosed is my (tax-deductible) contribution of \_\_\_ to the Celia Wright Live Music Fund.

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**DANCE CALENDAR and teaching schedule**  
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Dances are held at the **Freedman Center of Beth El Synagogue**, Watts St. at Green, Durham, 7:30-9:30 p.m., **unless otherwise specified**. Suggested donation: \$7/night or \$25/month. For more info, call 919-286-2202 or 919-683-9672.

WHEN	WHERE	TEACHERS	SPECIAL INFO
Thurs., Jun. 22	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	<b>Live Music!</b>
Thurs., Jun. 29	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Thursday—</b>
Thurs., Jul. 6	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Jul. 13	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	<b>Live Music! Beginners' lesson at 7:15</b>
Thurs., Jul. 20	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Jul. 27	Freedman Center	Leah Hefner	<b>Live Music!</b>
Thurs., Aug. 3	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	
Thurs., Aug. 10	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	<b>Live Music! Beginners' lesson at 7:15</b>
Thurs., Aug. 17	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	
Thurs., Aug. 24	Freedman Center	Leah Hefner	<b>Live Music!</b>
Thurs., Aug. 31	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Thursday—watch for special topic</b>
Thurs., Sep. 7	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Sep. 14	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	<b>Live Music! Beginners' lesson at 7:15</b>
Thurs., Sep. 21	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	
Thurs., Sep. 28	Freedman Center	Mary McConnell	<b>Live Music!</b>