



Foundation News

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Challenges & Opportunities Ahead for 2010!



President's Message

The SDFNE Officers and Board of Directors embrace the joys and adventures in life. Their open-minded way of approaching the preservation of square and round dance history makes visitors to the Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Library and Museum amazed and unmistakably receptive to the many varied displays.

This will not change. The SDFNE relocation to Rm 2009 and Rm. 2009B in the Waumbec Mill will be completed by December 31, 2009.

If anyone is interested in helping us with this tremendous task, please call Dick Severance at 603-623-2692 or Anna Dixon 781-944-4416.

"Many hands make light work!"

We are partially moved into our new 200 sq.ft Administration Room-2009B and the 1,100 sq.ft. new Library and Museum Room 2009. Naturally, not everything fits into the new space. Dick & Judy Severance, Art & Marge Dugas, Dennis Coruth, Jim Mayo, Joe Casey, Walt Bull, Dorothy Gulliford, and Anna Dixon are working overtime downsizing artifacts and clothing. Not an easy job! "Special Thanks" to these "Do-ers"

Assembling the look of our new Library and Museum space under the direction of the Archives Director, Dick Severance, will take three to four

months into the year 2010. When all is ready, the SDFNE is planning a Gala Grand Opening. SDFNE Members will receive an invitation to attend this very special event.

Anna K. Dixon



Looking for "Do-ers"

SDFNE is actively seeking people who like to be with other busy persons doing worthwhile activities.

"Do-ers" will volunteer an hour, a day, or any amount of time that fits into their busy schedule.

"Do-ers" believe in the importance of preserving Square and Round Dance History.

"Do-ers" enjoy promoting the benefits these social dances provide.

"Do-ers" needed. Do you know one? Are YOU one?

"Do-ers" call 603-623-2692 Dick S. or 781-944-4416 Anna D.

WHY DID SDFNE MOVE? (see p. 3)

ANNUAL MEETING

As always, the key to the SDFNE's success is people – people who respond to our requests for contributions, "Do-ers" who keep the Baldwin Library and Museum's displays and program running smoothly, and the Officers and Board of Directors, and Library Associates who spend countless hours researching the SDFNE needs.

On a beautiful sunlit day, May 16 2009, the SDFNE held their Annual Meeting. Many members and friends of Jo Yakimowski came to show their support for her receiving the SDFNE's Hall of Fame award. Kitty Charron, Nomination Chmn., presented a Slate of Officers for 2009-2010 who were unanimously approved. The elected officers expressed their thanks for the continued vote of approval and promised to work towards SDFNE goals.

"Thank you" to all who have played a role in helping the SDFNE reach this significant point in history – 35 years!

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HALL OF FAME AWARD

Josephine (Jo) Yakimowski (MA)



Jo started square dancing in 1973 with the Spares 'n Squares in Milton, MA. Archie Howell was the caller. During the gas crunch of the 1970's, Jo saw Round Dancing and decided that she would like to try it. So she went by public transportation to Charlestown, MA where Frank Campbell was giving lessons. She was the only single in the class. Since she didn't have a partner, and because she like to sing, she decided to learn to cue rounds. That way she could be part of the square dances. The rest is history.

Thirty-six years later, Jo is still doing a beautiful job of cueing rounds. She travels far and wide doing this. She has attended and taught rounds at 22 National Sq.&Rd. Dance Conventions, and initiated an "Introduction to Round Dancing" at the New England Sq. & Rd. Dance Conventions. Jo has conducted Pinnacles Round Dance Leaders' School. She also taught at 4 Canadian Sq.& Rd. Dance Conventions. She also has been a Panelist at many conventions, National, New England, and Legacy. Her list of achievements is long. Contributing editor to the Northeast Square Dancer magazine; Past Roundalab Classics/Round of the Quarter Chairman; Past Founder and Editor of The New England Round Dance Leaders' Newsletter; Past President and Secretary for Mayflower Round Dance Teachers Association and Past President of SEMCA, just to name a few. Jo is a Charter Member of Roundalab. She is a member of the Vermont Round Dance Teacher Association, NECORTA, and SDFNE.

Her community involvement is also stellar. In June 2009, she became the 2nd Vice President of the Dept. of Massachusetts American Legion Auxiliary. Jo is a past Secretary of the Friends of the Council on Aging. As you can tell, Jo likes to keep busy, and enjoys helping others. On May 16th, the Square Dance Foundation of New England, Inc. was pleased to induct Josephine (Jo) Yakimowski into the Square Dance Foundation of New England's Hall of Fame.

YANKEE CLIPPER AWARD

On April 25, 2009 at the 51st NESRDC held in Sturbridge, MA,

Sandra (Sandi) Simmons Toth (MA) was presented with the New England Square & Round Dance Cooperation Committee's Yankee Clipper Award. She has been involved in New England square and round dancing for more than 3 decades. Sandi has been a dancer, teacher, founder, and leader of dance clubs and an active participant and leader of many organizations. For more information about Sandi, please check out "Awards" on the SDFNE web site www.sdfne.org.



TRIBUTE to MARTYN VANWART

Square Dance Caller for 55 Years.

Marty has shared his love of Square Dancing with thousands during his 55 years of Square Dance Calling. He has enriched dancers' lives by showing them that Square Dancing is a Way To Celebrate Life! Marty and his wife, Marion, have played a significant role in the shaping of Modern Western Square Dance. New England, and especially Maine, is fortunate in having such a dedicated Caller. It is impossible not to admire, respect, and like him.

"Congratulations", Marty, on your 55 years of Square Dance Calling.

LOCAL LEGEND AWARDS

The following people are recipients of our **LOCAL LEGEND AWARD**. Congratulations to these Special Preservers, Promoters and Perpetuators of Square & Round Dance History.



Bill & Norma Fulton



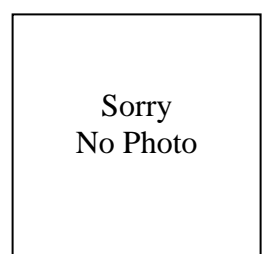
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May Banks



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WHY THE SDFNE MOVED JUST THE FACTS, MAM!

1996	SDFNE sold its property in So.Weymouth, MA. Vital papers & artifacts were put in temporary storage.
1997	At the invitation of Norm Poisson, owner of the Mill-A-Round Dance Center, in Manchester NH, the SDFNE moved into part of his space at the Waumbec Mill. SDFNE members planned and developed the area for the Baldwin Library and Museum.
1997	Sub-lease Rental: \$ 275.00 per month
11-98 to 10-01	Sub-lease Rental: \$ 531.30 per month
12-2001	SDFNE was running out of their available space Norm Poisson sub-leased more space to SDFNE Sub-lease Rental: \$ 699.00 per month
01-02-to 03-04	Sub-lease Rental: \$ 770.00 per month
01-2005	Sub-lease Rental: \$ 928.13 per month
01-2006	Sub-lease Rental: \$1,025.00 per month
01-2007	Sub-lease Rental: \$1,200.00 per month
01-2008	Sub-lease Rental: \$1,300.00 per month
10-29-2008	Norm Poisson called a meeting to discuss the future of his Mill-A-Round Dance Center. Due to his escalating rental costs, Norm announced he would not renew his lease with the Waumbec Mill for the Yr. 2010. He asked if the SDFNE could continue to pay the new increase in rent until Dec. 2009. Even though the SDFNE was using its "savings account" to pay the past years' high sub-lease rent, the SDFNE did not want to leave Norm Poisson high and dry. The members of the SDFNE Board of Directors said, "Yes". He was told that immediate action would be taken to look for new rental space where the cost would be lower.
01-09 to 12-09	Sub-lease Rental: \$1,365.00 per month
10-10-2009	Norm Poisson told Anna Dixon he had renewed his lease with Brady-Sullivan at the Waumbec Mill, Manchester NH.

The SDFNE has been sub-leasing from Norm Poisson for 12 years. Accolades are due him. He has been a fine landlord. A Million Thanks, Norm, for helping the SDFNE to promote, preserve, and perpetuate square and round dancing by welcoming the SDFNE's Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Library and Museum.

When people are made aware of the History of Square Dance, they are surprised and feel proud of this social activity that brings dancers so much enjoyment. The SDFNE has tremendous challenges and opportunities ahead. We want to challenge YOU, the members, to get actively involved. Your talents will make a real difference.

SDFNE'S NEW LOCATION

The new location is on the same 2nd floor of the Waumbec Mill. Room 2009 and Room 2009B are halfway down the long hallway. It is near the passenger elevator and the rest rooms.

01-2010 Waumbec Mill Rental: \$952.00 per month. A \$5,000.00 annual saving.

WELCOME

NEW Annual Members

Dan Foust (NY)
Hazel Markwell (VT)
Edward McDuff (VT)
Erich Nitzsche & Linda Outlaw (MA)
Kathleen Nugent (NH)
Jack & Jackie O'Leary (IA)
George & Tabby Rappolt (MA)
Connie Russell (NH)
Ron & Debbie Sargent (NH)
Carol Souza & Ernest Stander (AR)
Jo-Ann Sullivan (MA)
Peter & Debra Tobin (VT)
Dorothy Waite (MA)

NEW Life Members

Barry & Pam Clasper (ON)
Marlene Hayes (NH)
Sally Humphrey (RI)
John Clay Marshall (VA)
Darrell Sprague (NH)

MANY THANKS! To Members Who Have Renewed -2009.

*If your name is not listed, please
Call France Rouff, 978-975-2619
to straighten things out.*

WINNEPESAUKEE SQS (NH)

Gervase Arndt	Paul Barnum
Sam Baumgarten	Frank Boyer
Lisa Breault	Gloria Brunt
Richard Champagne	Sandy Corey
Nancy Cornier	Gloria Courtois
Helen Dagenais	Evelyn Dougherty
James Farquhar	Daniel Foley
Norman Gorden	Bob Haupt
Kathleen Hoyt	Sally Hoyt
Diane Kelly	Bertha Kenney
Richard Lane	Richard LeClerc
Robert MacKay	Althea McNie
C.Bill Miller	Donna Opalak
Stephen Park	Dorothy Pike
Judy Plantier	Marilyn Rivenburg
Allan Seroll	Ardis Smith
Ada Suydam	Eleanor Sturges
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Carl & Louise Arvidson	
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ROCKING ROOSTERS(CT)

Bill & Carol Casey
Paul & Barbara Chase
CHESHIRE CATS SDC (CT)
CT Assoc SDC (CASDC)
Tom & Sue Crowther
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Jim & Carol Guy
Fred & Alma Hagman
Joan & Bill Hayes
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Ron & Georgette Heroux
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Eleanor Latawiec
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Tom & Carol Ann Ort
Larry & Sally Ann Parks
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Roger & Linda Poyant
Pat Push & Peg Millar
Kenneth & Margo Quinlan
Jim & Joyce Schell
Peter & Anne Schwind
Richard & Christina Serwetman
SINGLES SQUARES SDC (MA)
Richard & Rita Soini
Ed & Phyllis Sullivan
Marilyn & Stanley Szpakowski
Leo & Josephine Thibodeau
Melvin & Skip Tyler
Bob & Linda VanAntwerp
Frederick & Cynthia Webb
Dick & Shirley White
Jack & Madeline Whitney

Square Dancing by Shirley Smuckler

Swing your partner, do-si-do.
Keep on dancing, let it flow.
Keep the rhythm, hum the tune,
Take more lessons, learn it soon.

Square dance callers sing it out.
It's great fun, without a doubt.
Peasant blouses, lacy skirts,
Fluffy petticoats, western shirts.

Promenade around the ring.
Dancing makes you want to sing.
Allemande left, take your partner's hand.
Dance to records or to a live band.

Names of clubs like "Swinging Singles"
Beckon to all to mix and mingle.
Visit a club called "Rocking Roosters"
Or you can go to "Southern Boosers".

Dancing brings out lots of joy.
and all the energy we employ.
Clap your hands, give a shout.
Whirl and twirl for a fun night out.

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL DONATIONS \$\$\$

Without the continued support of members, organizations, sq. & rd. dance clubs, the SDFNE would not be able to provide New England with a place for sq. & rd. dance research, nor have a uniquely visible and interesting museum and library for all to visit and enjoy. The SDFNE is a 501 (c) 3.

We "Thank" these great supporters:

\$ - ACCORD INC.
\$ - EDSARDA INC.
\$ - Scrambled Eights SDC (MA)
\$ - Side Splitters SDC (MA)
\$ - Barbara Brooks (RI)
\$ - Walter Soule (MA)
\$ - John Swindle
\$ - Leo & Josephine Thibodeau (CT)
"THANKS" also to those who make Memorial Donations & Tributes and participate in SDFNE Fundraisers.

...AND THE WINNER IS...

20/50 MONTHLY RAFFLE

As those of you know who participate in this 20/50 fundraiser the cost of one Ticket is \$20.00 – and it gives you the chance to win in each monthly drawing for 12 months. The remainder 20/50 drawing is held at the SDFNE Annual meeting held on the 3rd Sat. in May. You do not have to be present to win. Your winner's check is sent to YOU!

Year 2008

12=Roland Vincelle (MA)

Year 2009

01=Allan Dean (CT)

02 =George & Shirley Pope (ME)

03=Ruth E Johnson (MA)

04=Harvey S. Buckland (MA)

05=Ed Rutty (CT)

06=Barbara C. Brooks (RI)

07=Pauline Smith (FL)

08=Lillian Letourneau (MA)

09=Jerry & Selma Shulman (MA)

10= Roger & Linda Poyant(MA)

20/50 winners @ Annual Meeting

\$100.00 Florence Lewis (CT)

\$ 50.00 Elizabeth Bennett (NH)

\$ 25.00 Joan Hayes (MA)

2009 'SPECIAL DRAWING' Winners

On April 25, 2009 at the 51st NESRDC's Celebrity Hour, the following persons had the surprise of their life!

\$1,000.00 Leo&Josephine Thibodeau (CT)

\$ 300.00 Stephanie Gulla (MA)

\$ 200.00 Bill Zantow (MA)

The SDFNE "SPECIAL DRAWING" is the annual fundraiser that helps to preserve square and round dance history. Your tickets for the drawing will be mailed in February 2010. Do plan to participate –tickets cost: \$

In April 2010 during the Celebrity Hour of the 52nd NESRDC's in Biddleford, ME, your name could be drawn. Don't miss this chance! Wishing everyone "Good Luck".



2009 GLASS ART WINNER is Jane A. Carlson (MA).

Her name was drawn at the SDFNE Trail-Out Dance following the 51st NESRDC in Sturbridge, MA on 04-26. This custom made Square Dance Glass Plate (11.5"), A One-of-A Kind Design by artist Moishe Ragieme of Manchester, NH, on rave reviews from 2 upcoming art shows who would have liked it as a Juried Piece in their shows. Juried Pieces are judged on their technique and use of glass, and the artistic outcome of those techniques. Moishe's glass art works can be found in the Waumbec Mill on the 2nd FL. This very attractive plate was a wonderful fundraiser.

SEMCA KING & QUEEN - 2009 - 2010

At SEMCA's King & Queen Ball on May 17, 2009, Larry & Chris Gordon members of the Nau-Sets SDC (MA) were selected as the new King & Queen. Happy Dancing to the Gordons!

DUDLEY LAUFMAN

2009 NEA NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS AWARD

In May, SDFNE member, Dudley Laufman, musician and barn dance caller from Canterbury, NH was named National Heritage Fellow. This is the nation's highest Honor in the folk and traditional arts. At 78, Laufman has been involved in the contra dance and barn dance community in NH for over 60 years. He called his first dance in 1948 and started his own musical group for the dances, which later became the Canterbury Country Dance Orchestra. As longtime members of the NH State Council on the Arts' Traditional and Folklife Listing, Laufman and his partner, Jacqueline Laufman – the two perform together in the group "Two Fiddles" – are sought after to conduct barn dance residencies in schools and at community centers.

Planning To Upgrade Your Membership?

Here is the info you need.

LIFE - Membership

Individual	\$125.00
Couple	\$250.00
Club	\$275.00
Organization	\$275.00
Corporate or Business	\$300.00

"500 CLUB"

Individual/Couple/Club \$500.00

(Name is inscribed on a brass plate & attached to a plaque displayed in Library & Museum.)

GRAND SQUARE SOCIETY

Individual/Couple/Club \$1,000.00

Dues are tax deductible. SDFNE is a 501 (c) 3.

IN MEMORIAM

Year 2009

*There are those whose lives death cannot diminish
For their light shines on
In the lives of their families and friends.*

	Norma Kaplow	Helen Page	Shirley Pope
Alexander Demos	Basis (Bill) Galatis	Elena Gulloti	Howard Hunter
Joan Jutras	Sandra Laplante	Alice McDonald	Francis (Frank) Murphy
Larry Parks	Lorena M. Rose	Marie Amber Nickerson	Dorothy Waterman

Continuing To Be Remembered...

Charlie & Bertha Baldwin

Gladys & Charlie McDonald Ken & Fran Ringland

When you make a donation in memory of someone, the SDFNE will send a card to his or her family acknowledging your gift. This memorial gift expresses a deep regard for others, and helps support the educational efforts of the Baldwin Library and Museum. To make your contribution in memory of someone write to the SDFNE office or fill out the form on insert page.

Bolded names indicate SDFNE Officers, Board of Directors, Hall of Famers.

COLLECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

The SDFNE is delighted and grateful to have been given these historical items in year 2009:

- A beautiful 1956 red print design square dance dress donated by Jacqueline Morgan of Standish, ME. It will be on display May 15, 2010.
- Many photos of Callers and Cuers donated by Edna Brown, Plainville MA that were in the B & E Hall.
- Side Splitters SDC's banner (MA). It was delivered to the SDFNE by Betsy Dakin.
- Yankee Twirlers' banner (MA), and Letter of Club's Dissolution. Delivered to the SDFNE by Bob & Doris Moore.
- 50th Anniversary Club banner from the Stratford SDC, CT was mailed to the SDFNE by James Maloney of Trumbull, CT. He also donated a scrap book, the Club's 45th Anniversary booklet, 20th Anniversary flyer, a list of the Club's Presidents and the history of the Club, as well as a Manchester SDC pennant.
- Signature Quilt belonging to Edith Selby that contains embroidered signatures of Callers & Cuers who called/cued for the North Country Swingers (VT) over the years. Also the club's photo albums, badges, and Class signature plaque. Donated by Hazel Markwell and brought to SDFNE by Betty & Larry Williams.

Happenings

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

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|---|---------------------|
| 30 th - Singles Squares SDC (MA) | - on Oct. 23, 2009 |
| 50 th - Heel & Toe SDC (NH) | - on Oct. 17, 2009 |
| 60 th - Seacoast Region SDA (NH) | - on Oct. 31, 2009. |
- It was their final dance. Seacoast was the oldest club on the East Coast.

Happenings cont.....

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY:

Bill Sutherland, SDFNE Clerk, turned **90** years old in September.

VARIOUS OTHER EVENTS:

Ken Ritucci and **Norm Poisson's** Northeast Callers School (Oct.) held in the Mill-A-Round Dance Center, Manchester NH, had a record - 32 people - in attendance.

NSSARDA's Friendship Festival in Manchester NH and **SEMCA's** Harvest Ball in Plymouth MA were both held on the same day, Sunday, November 08, 2009. Both events were enjoyed by many dancers.

All the way from Florida, **Jerry Reed**, Executive Director of the Callerlab Foundation, and his lovely wife, **Del**, surprised the SDFNE with a visit in October. **Dick Severance** and **Mil & Anna Dixon** showed them around the old and upcoming new rooms. They complimented the SDFNE on doing such a wonderful job. The Callerlab Foundation has been digitizing documents and caller note services this year for the SDFNE's library. We truly appreciate their help.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP:

The SDFNE's Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Museum offers a variety of great items, including tees, planners, cook books, dangles, pens, and not all are pictured here. Your purchase supports the preservation of Square Dance History. Please place your order by filling out the Order form. Thank you.

Two of our most popular items



#102 - SDFNE logo Tee = \$10



#103 - 35th Anniversary Tee =
One Tee = \$20
Two for \$35

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State _____

Zip _____

Item# _____

Quantity _____

Size _____

Total Amount Included \$ _____



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NEW MEMBERSHIP:

Annual – Indiv. \$12.50 p.p.

Couple \$25.00

Club or Organization \$40.00 ea.

Corporate or Business \$150.00 per Co

"500 Club" \$500.00 Indiv/Couple/Group

Life – Indiv. \$125.00 p.p.

Couple \$250.00

Club or Organization \$275.00 ea.

Corporate or Business \$300.00 per Co.

Grand Square Society \$1,000.00 Indiv/Couple/Group



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To make a **TRIBUTE** to honor the special person, fill in this form & send to SDFNE Office, 238 Woburn St., Reading MA 01867-2838
Please make check payable to SDFNE, Inc.

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By _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please provide the name of the person being recognized:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Wisdom Lamp



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To make a **MEMORIAL DONATION** for a loved one, fill in this form & send to SDFNE Office, Attn: Memorials Chairman
238 Woburn St., Reading MA 01867-2838

In Loving Memory of _____

A Memorial Contribution Is Herewith Made To: Square Dance Foundation of New England, Inc.

Please make check payable to SDFNE, Inc.

By (Donor Name) _____

Donor's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please provide the address of deceased's family below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



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KITCHEN JUNKETS MEMORIES

by Loraine Bedor (VT)

Earliest memories of dancing in the 1940's are of my parents teaching me and my sister Janice to dance at home. Music came from a battery radio in the living room, or from Grampy (Charlie Cox) playing fiddle and Grammie (Flora Cox) playing the Jew's harp. We would stand on Daddy's feet as he would dance around the living room. At the time Dad was waltzing us on his feet, we didn't know it, but this was so we could enjoy the fun of dancing even though we were only 5 or 6 yrs. old.

We learned the basic box step, the two-step, fox trot, schottische, and galop.

Vermont kitchen junkets were a way to have a good time for very little money. Each week dances would be held in a different home and anyone who could play an instrument was always welcome. As far as that goes, anyone was welcome as long as you and your clothes were clean. The instruments included fiddle, banjo, Jew's harp, bones or spoons, and accordion. If the house had a piano or organ, it was also used, and sometimes, but not often, drums and horns. This was all acoustic because at that time there weren't any electrical instruments. Dancing usually started around 8:00 p.m. Remember, these were farming communities and chores had to be done before the fun began. There were very few cars at this time and gas was also rationed. It was war time and people usually came in horse and buggy, or in wintertime with horse and sleigh. You wrapped yourselves in buffalo robes and had heated bricks to put your feet on.

Wherever the junket was held, the furniture was pushed back to the walls. Sometimes the living room and front parlor were used. The whole family came, even Grampa and Gramma and anyone who lived in the same house. There were no babysitters, so the kids came too. This was a family oriented event. All coats were put in a bedroom. Babies, if there were any, were put in the middle of the bed surrounded by all the coats so they wouldn't fall off. The women who weren't dancing would check on them every so often. Smaller children

would sleep on the coats thrown on the floor until it was time to go home.

All the ladies going to these outings would bring all kinds of cakes, brownies, cookies, etc., and the host and hostess would serve the coffee, tea, and lemonade, and maybe some ginger tea. The ginger tea and lemonade would be made in the afternoon and put in the milk cooler to cool until refreshment time. After the dancing, it would taste so good. At these junkets, the men made frequent trips out to the woodshed, or in warmer weather out to the cooler air. Later on I learned they were taking nips of hard cider. If the men got a little too tipsy from embibing the hard cider, they were inclined to use rough language. They were asked to clean up their language, and if they didn't they were asked to leave and not come back until they cleaned their mouth.



Grampy Cox played fiddle, Grammie played the Jew's harp, and Daddy called the square dances without a mike – no electricity, no amps. He spoke loudly and enunciated clearly. He could make himself heard in the next room if it wasn't too large and noisy. If it was a large house, and there were several rooms, sometimes a young man would stand in the doorway and relay the calls to the dancers. Who knows how many callers got started this way. Some of the dances were "Wabash Cannon Ball", "Hinky Dinky Parle Vous", "Red River Valley", "Honest John", "Beautiful Ohio, and "Anniversary Waltz. There was also the "Berlin Polka" and foxtrots like "Dark Town Strutters Ball" and "Alexander's Ragtime Band". For the last dance or waltz of the evening, it was always "Goodnight Sweetheart", "Home Sweet Home", or "Till We Meet Again". Sometimes the party lasted until 2:00 or 3:00 a.m., then it was time to drive home and maybe get there in time for chores.

These dances were always held on Saturday nights. As

Sunday was a day of rest, only the chores got done. If a special party was held, like at Halloween, someone asked to use the one room schoolhouse in the neighbor-

hood. Then it was time for bobbing for apples and other party games, after which the dancing began.

These weekly get togethers later evolved into larger places like the town halls and barn dances. The makeup of the bands stayed about the same during the rest of the 1940's. Then in the 1950's and 1960's, the band players formed more formal bands and began playing for money. In the 50's and 60's, there were a lot of dance halls in the area or within 50 miles of where you lived. If you wanted, you could go dancing 3-4 nights a week. On the weekends, you had a choice of where and what type of dancing – ballroom or square dancing. Anyone remember Robinson's Dance Hall in Passumpsic, The Pythian Hall in St. Johnsbury, Nichol's in East Concord, Fat's in Lunenburg? How about Sunny Valley in Lyman, NH or Granger's Pavilion on Harvey's Lake in West Barnet? Remember these dance bands, Chet Howard and the Rodeo Wranglers, Don Fields and the Pony Boys, Bar X Cowboys? Like everything else, these have gone the way of time. Now, there's only one place that I know of that still has the old fashioned square dances with the old songs and music. That is in West Newbury, VT.

I still have fond memories of the kitchen junkets when my sister and I played with the children of the neighbors until it got too dark to play outside, then we went inside and danced with the grownups. Wish we could have more of them, but there is too much going on today, and of course there's TV.



BIG E INTERACTIVE SQUARE DANCE PRESENTATIONS



Tuesday, Sept. 22, **Rhode Island State Day** had an abundance of sunshine. Not only in the sky, but in the smiles of the RI Volunteer dancers and the visitors to the Rhode Island Building who were watching the square and round dancing as well as participating. Of course,

our ever smiling Callers, Art Anthony and Lori Morin kept the Interactive Square Dance Performance "fun". Cuer, Pat Anthony, allowed the round dancers to show off their dancing talent. RI dancers, in colorful square dance attire as well as casual dance attire, were: Dave Morin, Concetta Williams & Paul Barnum, George & Marge Barrett, Lisa Breault & Jim Wainwright, Sally Humphrey & Ken Burton, John Page, Beverly Lefebvre, Wayne Eva, Ken & Sheila Moody, Robert Keith & Denise Caniglia, Dana & Trudy Heckendorf, Bob & Dot Sandberg, John & Terry Sousa and Randy & Debbie Halbach.

The **CT State Day** Interactive Square Dance Performance on Sept. 23, 2009 was held on a beautiful sunny day. Many visitors stopped and watched the wonderful square dancing, and some even participated. An outstanding job of calling was done by Ed Rutty and Dave Hass. The CT volunteer dancers, in colorful square dance attire, were: Joy Rutty, Barbara Hass, Ellie Sturges, Dan & Norene Foley, Hugh & Marjorie Humiston, John Goodman & Brenda Sherwin, Harvey & Calla Selnor, Shirley & Buz Smuckler, Evy & Allan Dean, John Sherman & Judy Plantier, Armand & Betty Catelli, Hazel Meehan and Ken & Sheila Moody.



(Sorry – no picture available)

The Interactive Square Dance Performance on **Massachusetts State Day**, Sept. 24, 2009, also was lucky to have perfect weather. Caller, Gene King, had interesting square dance figures; and Cuer, Beverly MacKay, pleased the on-lookers with her round dances. MA volunteer dancers, in their bright colored square dance attire, were: Lori King, Robert MacKay, Jude Houle, Diane Allis, Bill Dalrymple & Lucille Bissette, Stan & Marilyn Szpakowski, Lin & Sandy Rowland, Vickie Dana & Mike Wilczak, Pete & Sandy Schryver, Jay & Penny Bickford, Dave & Sally Campbell, Bud Goodrow & Mary Lou Gagliardi, Andy & Nancy Kasznay.

51ST New England Square and Round Dance Convention

37 Happy Models in "Celebrate With Club Spirit" Fashion Show



(In Alphabetical Order) Pauline & Tom Barkalow, Marge & George Barrett, Loraine Bedor, Bud Clifford, Christine Curley, Marla Curley, Sharon & Chris Davis, Evy & Allan Dean, Anna & Mil Dixon, Alice & David Howe, Dick Lane, Carol Lang, Diana & John Maurice, Marilyn Medler, Barbara Parker & Al Gauthier, Liz Prescott, Marion Rooney, Doug Ross, France Turgeon Rouff, Jean Stahl, Gwen Tucson & Leonard Morse, Marge & Doug Washburn, Barbara Wedge, Shirley & Dick White, Concetta Williams & Paul Barnum.

Photograph by Neil Hawley

50-51st NESRDC Chmn: Sandi & Jay Silva of Northwood, NH

Waltz Presentation: Veronica McClure, Cuer

Vagabond Dancers: Bill Freeman & Lori Jeromin, Cal Perham & Marcie Roland.

The audience viewed very attractive Club Costumes described by Commentator, Anna Keenan Dixon, from the following Clubs:

Baldwin Apple, Woburn MA – The Carriage Set, Amesbury MA – Checkerboard Squares, Melrose, MA – Checkmates, Reading MA – Cheshire Cats, Middletown CT, - The Cosmopolitans, Wakefield MA – Country Corner Squares, Lyndon VT - Fairs 'N Squares, Framingham MA – Friendly Mixers, Cranston RI, - Glastonbury SDC, Glastonbury CT - Great Plain Squares, Needham MA – Heel & Toe, Manchester NH – Hickory Hills, Hudson MA – Lamoille River Swingers, Morrisville VT - The Lancers, Salem MA – Minuteman Squares, Lexington MA – Norwood Squares, Norwood MA – Queen City Promenaders, Manchester NH – Riverside Squares, Danvers MA – The Sage Swingers, Bath-Brunswick ME – Scrambled Eights, Walpole MA – Side Splitters, N.Attleboro MA – Square Riggers, Natick MA – Swinging Squares, Esmond RI – Twin State Squares, Hartford VT - Yankee Twirlers, Woburn MA.



Other delightful costumes that were seen: European Folk Dance Costume, Veronica's Vagabonds, American Bandanna, CT State Costume, MA State Costume, NJ State Costume, & "great looks" from Claudia's Western Shoppe in Gardner MA.

In all, 37 beautiful models showed the audience 54 attractive square dance costumes

Here is a collage from the pictures of the models taken by Photographer, Neil Hawley of E. Longmeadow, MA.





YEAR 2009-2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place/Contact</u>
1 st & 3 rd Sat. of the month	SDFNE Do-ers' Sessions	10:00am -	Rm 2009/Dick Severance 603-623-2692
2 nd & 4 th Wed. of the month	SDFNE Do-ers' Sessions	10:00am -	Rm 2009/Dick Severance 603-623-2692
[You need to call Dick Severance to let him know you want to help. Sometimes these days need to be cancelled]			
11-28	Support Mill-A-Rd Dance Center.	7:45-11:00pm	250 Commercial St., Manchester NH Norm Poisson 617-306-8023
12-12	Baldwin Apple SDC 45 th Anniversary	8:00pm	Dan Perry 781-438-2363
02-08	Mailing of Tickets for SDFNE Annual "Special Drawing"		France & Al Rouff 603-957-1527
02-15	Deadline for Hall of Fame Applications		SDFNE Office
03-28 to 04-02-2010	Callerlab Convention		Niagara Falls, NY
04-23&24	52 nd NESRDC, Biddeford, ME		Judy & Bud Clifford 802-563-2777 www.nesrdc.org
04-23&24	SDFNE Exhibit Boot (If anyone wants to sit @ booth)	Your Choice	Biddeford School Complex Anna Dixon 781-944-4416
04-25	SDFNE "Trail-Out" Dance, Biddeford Sch. Complex	9:30am-noon	Art & Pat Anthony 401-434-2309
05-15	SDFNE Annual Meeting Gala Opening of Library and Museum	2:00-3:00pm	Waumbec Mill, 250 Commercial St, Manchester NH – 2 nd FL – Room 2009
05-15	Memorial Plaque Dedication for Norma Kaplow	3:30-3:50 pm	SDFNE Room 2009
05-15	Memorial Plaque Dedication for Helen Page	3:00-3:20pm	SDFNE Room 2009
05-15	Memorial Plaque Dedication for Shirley Pope	4:00-4:20 pm	SDFNE Room 2009
05-15	SDFNE Annual Membership Renewals start on this day for the Yr. 2010-2011		
06-23 to 06-26	59 th National Square Dance Convention—Louisville, KY		www.59thnsdc.com
06-30	Deadline for Local Legend Applications		SDFNE Office

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