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MAY AT THE MUSEUM!



***SDFNE OPENS NEW EXHIBIT AREA
36TH ANNUAL MEETING DRAWS RECORD ATTENDANCE!***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On May 15, 2010, the SDFNE Officers and Board of Directors joined with members and guests in a celebration marking the opening of the new exhibit area of the SDFNE's Charlie and Bertha Baldwin Library and Museum. The new location is still in the Waumbec Mill, 250 Commercial Street, Manchester, NH – only now, it is in Rm 2009 on the 2nd floor.

At the Square Dance Foundation of New England's 36th Annual Meeting, the ceremony to formally present the individual Memorial Plaque Dedications by Archives Director, Dick Severance, and President, Anna Dixon, for Norma Kaplow, Helen Page, and Shirley Pope, welcomed 100 visitors. Along with the visitation of the new Library and Museum, the afternoon offered the opportunity to make new friends and to renew old friendships.

This past summer Dick & Judy Severance, Art & Marge Dugas, Anna & Mil Dixon, Dorothy Gulliford, Ken & Sheila Moody, and Dennis Coruth experimented with new gallery displays to create an enjoyable educational experience for SDFNE members and visitors. Combined volunteer hours totaled more than 4,000 hours to present these new arrangement displays of Square and Round Dance History. "Many Thanks" and "Congrats" to them. Members and their friends expressed enjoyment after their visit. Since exhibits will change with the seasons, many new items will be displayed. We welcome your return visits!

During the past 5 years, we truly appreciated the volunteer Archive support and involvement from the following people, organizations, and businesses: Dick & Judy Severance, Art and Marge Dugas, Anna & Mil Dixon, Sheila & Ken Moody, Dorothy Gulliford, Paul & Pat Channell, France & Al Rouff,

Tammy Dorris, Bob & Barbara Graybill, Jim & JoAnn Mayo, Johnny & Barbara Wedge, Joe & Phyllis Casey, Bob & Norma Silva, Jay & Sandi Silva, Dennis Coruth, Bob Brundage, Tri-State Callers Association, Chris Pinkham, Walt Bull, Paul Cote, and Webmaster Patty Greene. The distinctive clothing display was assembled by Dorothy Gulliford and Anna Dixon.



Sheila Goodwin and Paula Allen, owners of Claudia's Western Shoppe of Gardner, MA, positioned the SDFNE's multi-colorful, square dance petticoats on the perfect "Petticoat Tree" designed and built by Dick Goodwin. Steve Schevis, owner of Majestic Badge of Lynn, MA, made the identification stands that established the year the clothing was worn. Paul DeStefano, owner of DeStefano Store Fixtures of North Reading, MA, volunteered to put 4 completely dressed beautiful

women mannequins, 2 dressmaker forms, and 3 men's shirt forms up on the narrow loft. He then attached new short brackets to the walls of the exhibit so that 2 attractive quilts could be hung – the striking NESRDC Yr. 2002-2003 Sturbridge MA Convention Traveling Banner and Vermont's North Country Swingers SDC's unique and delightful Selby's gift quilt. A "Special Thank You" to All!

Another new addition to the Library and Museum is the Digital Imaging program. This new equipment is set up, thanks to the dedicated work of Johnny Wedge and Jim Mayo, with a wide variety of the SDFNE collections that can be viewed either on the monitor screen or projected on the wall. Because of its

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portability, it can be used at conventions, and at both club and organization meetings. Just contact us if your group is interested. This traveling exhibit will commence in the year 2011.

If you have not visited our web site, www.sdfne.org, plan to be amazed. Our Archives Director, Dick Severance, has researched and assembled 50 educational display boards depicting major events and the evolution of square and round dancing. These important boards, as well as many interviews by Oral Historian, Bob Brundage, will keep you interested and entertained. Of course, photos abound. View SDFNE Hall of Fame, Local Legend and CO-OP Yankee Clipper award recipients. Also, a monthly historical dance article is provided by Dick Severance. We are developing our web site to provide a continuous insight into the square & round dance activity.

To further share our dance information, we have established an affiliation with the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH. Selected materials from the SDFNE Library have been donated to UNH's Milne Library, Special Collections. Period square dance clothing has been donated to UNH's University Museum in the Dimond Library. These donations make our square and round dance materials available to researchers who have an interest in folk and square dancing. A listing of these donated books can be viewed on UNH's web site: www.library.unh.special/index.php/square-dance-foundation-of-new-england

The SDFNE's Founder, Charlie Baldwin, the great communicator for square dancing, used his talents, spirit, energy, and enthusiasm as a Caller and Teacher to create togetherness in square dancing. His vision of protecting significant square and folk dance materials is now being realized on a major scale.

In celebrating our pride in the SDFNE's many accomplishments, we gratefully acknowledge the support, both financial and physical, of our nine-hundred current members. "Kudos" to everyone!

Anna Keenan Dixon

TREMENDOUS TRAIL-OUT

Trail-Out Chmn. Art & Pat Anthony, with the help of the volunteer callers and cuers, held a successful SDFNE Fundraising Trail-Out Dance with 15 squares attending. Besides great dancing, other side features were: Silent Auction, Split-the-Pot, Super-Duper and a sale of leather sq.dance shoes for the unheard of price of \$10.00. What a deal! The SDFNE's Museum Gift Shop provided 35th SDFNE Anniversary serene green Tees with members' names printed on them (orders were taken if size needed was not available), white commemorative Polos, grey SDFNE Tees, and white SDFNE Tees. If you are interested in ordering any of these Museum Gift Shop items, please call Anna Dixon at 781-944-4416.

Many, many Thanks to the following Callers: Bill Ackerman (MA), Art Anthony (RI), Walt Bull (ME), Mil Dixon (MA), Dave Hass (CT). Paul Letourneau (MA), Al Rouff (MA),

Darrell Sprague (NH), Betty & Larry Williams (VT) and Cuers: Pat Anthony (RI), Harriett Clarke (MA), Margene Jervis (MA) and Bernadette Porter (NH).

BENEFIT DANCE FOR S.D.F.N.E.

"SUMMER SIZZLE" on Sun. August 22, 2010.

Square Dance Attire Optional

Location: Mill-A-Round Dance Center

250 Commercial St, Room 2006

Manchester, NH

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Donation: \$7.00 p.p.

Alternating MS & Plus w/Rounds

Early Rounds 1:30pm Phase ¾

Cuer: Marilyn Rivenburg

Callers: Jay Silva, Darrell Sprague, Will Larsen, Peter Tobin, Steve Park, Norm Poisson.

OFFICERS FOR 2010/2011

President	Anna K. Dixon
Vice President	Sheila Moody
Clerk	Sheldon "Kappy" Kaplow
Treasurer	France T. Rouff
Recording Secretary	Catherine Persson

Special **Thanks** to the following officers who recently resigned: **Bill Sutherland**, Clerk, who has been a truly dedicated volunteer since the very beginning of the SDFNE, and to **Dorothy Gulliford**, Recording Secretary, who has faithfully recorded all the vital SDFNE information for the past 7 years. We wish them "Good Health".



Two Sq.Dance History Display Boards by Dick Severance.



Wear this 35th Anniversary Tee with Pride. Your name is printed on it.



"Traveling Dolls" donated by CT SDC "Lads and Lassies"



Paula & Sheila position petticoats.

...AND THE WINNER IS...

20/50 MONTHLY RAFFLE

How it works:

Cost: \$20.00 per ticket. Chance to win 12 times. There are 12 monthly drawings. Remainder 20/50 drawing is held at SDFNE Annual Mtg on 3rd Sat. of May. No need to be present. Check will be mailed to You. This raffle is a needed fundraiser to help with expenses. Please participate. Many Thanks to 20/50 Raffle Chmn, Jean Stahl.

Annual Meeting Winners

\$75.00 Helen Mayall, AL

\$50.00 Frank Boyer, MA

\$25.00 Lois Willard, FL

Yr. 2009 Winners

(since Fall newsletter)

11= Josephine Thibodeau (CT)

12= Don & Marlene Davis (RI)

Yr. 2010 Winners

01= Gloria Courtois (RI)

02= Harvey Buckland (MA)

03= Richard Lane (MA)

04= Paul & Barbara Chase (MA)

"SPECIAL DRAWING" 2010 WINNERS

The SDFNE "Special Drawing" is the annual fundraiser that helps to preserve square and round dance history. Winning tickets are drawn at the annual NESRDC. This past April in Biddeford, ME the following people became lucky winners: **\$1,000.00 Sadie MacKinnon (NH)** **\$300.00 Rita Soini (MA)** **\$200.00 Wayne Harris.**

"A Million Thanks" to supporters of this vital preservation fundraiser!

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS WHO "RENEWED".

"WELCOME" NEW LIFE MEMBER

Joseph Fabian (ME)

And.....NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Buck & Cathy Grimes (CT)

Ron Schoen (IN)

Laura Knight (MA)

Eleanor Neil (MA)

Al Hipkins (ME)

Kevin Bersing (MO)

Alice Daugherty (NH)

Ken Burton (RI)

At the MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION on May 15th, 2010

John Page



by Ernest Mari

Kappy Kaplow



by Marcia Soldan

George Pope



by Marcia Soldan

A Celebration of the Lives of 3 wonderful women, Helen Page, Norma Kaplow, and Shirley Pope was held after the SDFNE's Annual Meeting. Their husbands are holding the Memorial Plaques that were put into place on the wall in the Baldwin Library and Museum. In order to have a Memorial Plaque for your loved one, or friend, one thousand dollars needs to be donated in that person's memory. This past year, Family, Friends, Dancers, and Clubs have made that donation in their honor.

IN MEMORIAM

There are those whose lives death cannot diminish, for their light shines on in the lives of their families and friends.

2009 (since the Fall newsletter)

George Adcock

Arline Jacobsen

Arthur Jacobsen

Vinny Sorano

Doc Tirrell

Larry Werner

2010

Bob Howell

Richard Knowlton

Gloria Rios Roth

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.

2010 LOCAL LEGEND AWARDS

ARLO and NORMA BURNS
Bradford Country Squares
North Sutton, NH

PAUL HOWARD
Great Plain Squares
Needham, MA

BOB LIVINGSTON
Middletown, CT
Caller since 1970's

"CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE LEGENDS!"



YEAR 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]			
05-15	SDFNE Annual Membership Renewal begins as of this date		SDFNE Office France Rouff, Membership Chmn.
06-05	Local Legend Award Presented to Paul Howard	8:00 p.m.	Carter Church, Needham, MA Ruth Orenstein 781-444-2433
06-19	Local Legend Award Presented to Arlo & Norma Burns	9:00 p.m.	Kearsarge Regional Bradford Elementary School, Bradford NH Warren Sherburne 603-863-6394
06-23 to 26 th	59 th National Sq. Dance Convention		Louisville, KY/www.59thnsdc.com
06-30	Deadline for Local Legend Applications		SDFNE Office Bob & Barbara Graybill, Awards Chmn
08-22	Benefit Dance for SDFNE (see p.2)	2:00-5:00pm	Mill-A-Round Dance Ctr., Manchester NH
09-10	Local Legend Award Presented to Bob Livingston	9:00 p.m.	Durham Cogin-Chuggers SDC, CT Evy & Allan Dean 860-346-4948
09-21	Square & Round Dance Demos On Rhode Island Day Callers Art Anthony & Lori Morin, Cuer: Pat Anthony	1:00 p.m.	The Big E, W. Springfield, MA Anna Dixon 781-944-4416
09-22	Square Dance Demo On Connecticut Day Callers: Dave Hass & Ed Rutty	10:00 a.m.	The Big E, W. Springfield, MA Anna Dixon 781-944-4416
09-23	Square & Round Dance Demos On Massachusetts Day Caller: Gene King Cuer: Beverly MacKay	10:00 a.m.	The Big E, W. Springfield, MA Anna Dixon 781-944-4416
09-24	Square Dance Demo On New Hampshire Day Caller: Jay Silva	2:30 p.m.	The Big E, W. Springfield, MA Anna Dixon 781-944-4416

If you are an SDFNE member please let the Editor know the dates of your special events.

WEBSITE SPONSORS- www.sdfne.org

SDFNE is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Have you visited the website? All you have to do is type in www.sdfne.org to see lots of great photos, read some new interesting interviews by SDFNE Historian, Bob Brundage, and get information about SDFNE activities and Outreach Programs.

To have your name or service, or to remember someone's birthday or celebration, or to announce any Special Club/Organization event on the website for 1 month=\$30.00. Contact: Johnny Wedge 978-441-4126 or jbwedge@comcast.net.

FOUNDATION NEWS: A newsletter for SDFNE members is published twice a year. -- Editors, Anna & Mil Dixon, Production Assistance, France Rouff. We welcome your submissions of letters, articles, and news, by & about SDFNE members/clubs/organizations. Please include your name, address, email address, tel.number. Send to SDFNE Office, 238 Woburn St., Reading MA 01867-2838.