

English Country Dance



English country dance consists primarily of the dances and music from England in the 1600's and 1700's. Also included are some early American dances from the Colonial and Revolutionary War eras. It is one of the dance forms from which modern contra and square dance are descended. If you've seen any of the recent Jane Austen movies then you've seen examples of English country dancing. The **Central Illinois English Country Dancers** hold monthly dances. We also hold a Ball twice a year, in December and June. All dances are taught and then danced to live music. Partners, costumes and experience are not required. **To protect the dance floor we ask that everyone bring a pair of clean tennis shoes or leather soled dance shoes to change into.** Newcomers and all lovers of English country dance and music are welcome.

Summer and Fall 2017 Schedule:

Most dances will be held at the Phillips Recreation Center, 505 W. Stoughton in Urbana. We ask for a \$3.00 donation at these dances to pay for the use of the facility. Some dances will be held in the Ballroom or room 314 of the Illini Student Union, 1401 W. Green, Urbana. There may be an extra admission charge for special events.

Sunday, July 23: Dance from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Botanical Gardens at the Museum of the Grand Prairie in Mahomet. Admission is free. Followed by a potluck picnic.

Saturday, September 23: Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center. The first hour will feature an introduction to English Country Dance.

Saturday, October 28: Halloween Masquerade Ball from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.
Admission \$5 (\$4 with contribution of a snack or dessert)

Sunday, November 19: Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Sunday, December 3: Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Saturday, December 16: 23rd Annual **Christmas Ball** from 7:00 to 10:00 at the Illini Student Union. See separate flier for details.

For further information:

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The Central Illinois English Country Dancers are affiliated with the Urbana Park District
and the Country Dance and Song Society