

The Newsletter of the Central Illinois English Country Dancers

Fall 2009



As you can see in these pictures taken by Susan Burt and Larry Stout, one of the special events we held in the spring was our Festival of the English May at the Anderson's. We had a Maypole and Morris dance outdoors in the afternoon. Then there was a potluck dinner followed by English country dancing in the barn in the evening. It was a very enjoyable event and we plan to do it again next year. If you weren't able to join us this year I hope you will plan to be there next spring.

Please make note of the fact that we have had to change both the date and location for our first dance of the fall, on Saturday, September 12. Due to a conflicting dance scheduled by the Urbana Country Dancers we switched the date of the dance from the 11th to the 12th. This resulted in our having to also move the location to the Illini Union due to a Tango event already scheduled at the Phillips Center. In addition we have had to move the dance in the gardens on Sunday, September 20 from Allerton Park to the Botanical Gardens in Mahomet. The reason for this is that the U of I now charges \$600 for any group that wants to use the gardens for an event.

In addition to our regular dances there will be a festival of music, dance and other arts at the end of September. This will be the first annual Folk and Roots Festival on September 25 and 26. Events will be taking place at various locations around Champaign and Urbana. On the afternoon of Saturday the 26th, at the Phillips Center there will be a Morris dance performance at 2:30 p.m. followed by English country dancing from 3 to 5. You can find out more, including the full schedule, on the web site at www.cufolkandroots.org. Mark your calendars and be sure to check out all of the great activities during the weekend.

Planning has begun for the dance weekend next spring. The dates for the weekend will be March 19-21, 2010. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend next March.

We have a very busy fall with a lot of local dance events scheduled. I hope everyone is ready to get back to dancing and will plan on attending all of the great dances this fall..

Fall 2009 Schedule:

Most dances will be held at the Phillips Recreation Center, 505 W. Stoughton in Urbana. We ask for a \$2.00 donation at these dances to pay for the use of the facility. There may be an admission charge for special events.

Saturday, September 12: Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in room 314 of the Illini Student Union. The first hour will feature an introduction to English Country Dance.

Sunday, September 20: Dance and picnic in the Botanical Gardens at Early American Museum in Mahomet. Picnic from 1:00 to 3:00. Dancing from 3:00 to 5:00 in the gardens. Admission free. In case of rain, go to the Anderson's barn, 2206 Brownfield Rd., Urbana. Phone 344-6802.

Saturday, September 26: Dance from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center as part of the Champaign-Urbana Folk and Roots Festival.

Saturday, October 10: Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Saturday, October 24: Evening of couple dancing from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. in room 314 of the Illini Student Union. Dance workshop at 7:00, dancing from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Admission free.

Saturday, November 7: Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Sunday, December 6: Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Saturday, December 19: 15th Annual Christmas Ball from 8:00 to 11:00 in room 314 of the Illini Student Union.

For further information:

Jonathan Sivier at 217/359-8225 (jsivier@illinois.edu); Jane Hobgood at 217/328-1708

The CIECD web page: <http://www.CentrallIllinoisECD.org>