

The Newsletter of the Central Illinois English Country Dancers Spring 2010



Jane Hobgood is crowned Queen of CIECD at the Christmas Ball on December 19, 2009. Photo by Jonathan Sivier.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to hold our annual dance in the gardens at Allerton Park this year. The University of Illinois has changed its policies and all events at the park have to pay a \$600 fee. Obviously this is beyond our budget so we have had to find an alternate location for the September dance. Luckily we were able to make arrangements with the Botanical Gardens at the Early American Museum in Mahomet to hold our dances there. Unfortunately this year, as sometimes in the past, there was rain, so we moved the dance to Tom and Kathy Anderson's barn. Despite the confusion over the change of location we still had a good crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy dancing in the barn.

The schedule this spring will be similar to last year. In addition to our monthly English dances we will have a few special events. In February we will hold another evening of couple dances at the Illini Union with the Illini Folk Dancers. The theme for the evening will be Geometrical Shapes, so we will have dances in a variety of formations such as lines, circles, squares and triangles. In March there will be another English/American/Folk dance weekend. These are always a great time to learn new dances and experience some top-notch dancing, so I hope everyone will make plans to attend.

In May we will be holding another Festival of the English May at Tom and Kathy Anderson's barn. Like last year this will include a Maypole dance, Morris dancing and English country dancing. We may also add

some new features this year. It will be a busy spring, with lots of dance activities. I hope everyone will make plans to join us.

Spring 2010 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 extra admission charge for special events.

Sunday, January 24: Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Saturday, February 13: Couple Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Illini Student Union, Room 314.

Saturday, February 20: Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Sunday, March 14: Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Friday-Sunday, March 19-21: Marchfest Traditional Dance & Music Weekend at the Illini Student Union.

Sunday, April 11: Dance from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Saturday, May 8: 2nd Annual **Festival of the English May** at the Anderson's Barn.

Saturday, May 22: Dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Phillips Center.

Saturday, June 5: 15th Annual **Playford Ball** from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Illini Student Union.

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