Join us for the twelfth annual **Corvallis Contra Weekend 2016**

An Urban Contra Dance Camp



February 12 - 14, 2016 Corvallis, Oregon

The Bands

The Great Bear Trio, based in upstate New York, is one of the hottest bands in the country. Featuring Andrew VanNorstrand on fiddle and guitar, his brother Noah on fiddle, mandolin, didgeridoo and percussion, and mom Kim Yerton on piano, they create a big sound, sure to get your feet moving. Driving rhythm and a uniquely rocking style have given them a loyal following.

Contra Sutra hails from Seattle and plays original and traditional tunes with a hearty dose of groove. The members of the band include Dave Bartley on guitar, mandolin and cittern, Ryan McKasson on fiddle and viola, Marni Rachmiel on flute, sax and piccolo, and a special guest percussionist.

The Callers

Bob Isaacs is from New Jersey and is a popular caller in the east coast circuit as well as the author of many well-known dances. We are lucky to have enticed Bob to join us on the west coast.

Frannie Marr resides in Southern California. Having been a dance gypsy and grade-school teacher, she knows what dancers want and how to bring it to them. Her hallmark is quick walkthroughs, clear calling, and letting the dance and music flow.

The Sound

We are pleased to have Alan Roberts back to expertly engineer our weekend sound.

We **STRONGLY p**refer you register online. But if you need to register by mail: ****Registration Form - CUT HERE - fill out **both** sides and return by mail to address on reverse side **********

For people registering together: If contact information is identical, use one form. Use one form for each person if contact information is different.

Name/Role (lead = 'guy', follow = '	gal')	/
Name/Role (lead, follow)		/
Address		
Phone	Email	

Program

Sign-in begins at 6 pm on Friday, with the first dance starting at 7:30. The weekend ends at 5:00 pm on Sunday. Evening sessions feature both bands and callers with a selection of great contras and a waltz or two. During the day on Saturday and Sunday, dance workshops will feature more contra, including higher difficulty dances, and a variety of music workshops taught by the callers and band members. The Sunday morning session will feature open waltzing to live music. There will be a public contra dance (separate admission, same venue) Sunday evening featuring both bands and both callers.

Facilities

All contra dance sessions take place in Gatton Hall at the First United Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Road in Corvallis. The Sunday morning waltz session will be held in a separate venue. Both halls have nice wood floors, so please plan to wear clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing.

Food

There will be a snack potluck during evening breaks on Friday and Saturday; please bring finger food to share. On Saturday and Sunday, our ever-popular lunch potlucks hosted by local dancers will be featured. Potluck attendees are encouraged to bring something to share. A comprehensive list of local eateries will be available for those who prefer to dine out.

Accommodations

If you register online, you can log into our website to view contact information for arranging your own home stay. For a comprehensive listing of Corvallis hotels, motels, and campgrounds, see: <u>http://www.visitcorvallis.com</u> (click 'Lodging').

Registration

Registration opens November 15, 2015. (Any registrations mailed before Nov 15 will be returned. So don't do it!) We STRONGLY prefer you register at http://corvallisfolklore.org/ccw/register/. Please mail in the form below ONLY if you cannot register online. If capacity is exceeded, we will use a lottery with all applications received or postmarked between November 15 and December 7, 2015. Results will be sent by December 21, 2015 by email (or by regular mail if you have no email). If you do not hear from us by then, please inquire. Contact the registrars by email or phone if you need early acceptance. If you register online, your priority is by date registered, but you will not be accepted until we get your check. Those not making the lottery will be placed on the waiting list. We will hold your check until you are accepted. Registration will end on Feb 1, 2016, or earlier if the waiting list gets too long. Register at the website or mail the application below and send full payment (payable to CFS) to:

Corvallis Contra Weekend c/o Frank & Karen Griswold

6575 NW Mt. Laurel Place, Corvallis, OR 97330

There are a few work exchanges available for those who need help with the fee. Contact the registrars for more information.

Cancellation

Admission cost will be refunded (less \$10) if canceled on or before February 3. After that date, the full fee may be retained. We will attempt to fill vacancies from our waiting list and issue refunds at our discretion. Please do not find your own replacement. Please do not bring illness to share with other dancers, but do let us know if it is the reason for your cancellation.

Have questions or need more information?

Check <u>http://corvallisfolklore.org/ccw/</u> for updates, schedule details, more information about the bands and callers, and an online registration form. You can e-mail us at <u>cfs.dance.registrar@CorvallisFolklore.org</u> or call (541) 250-0213.

_____ dancer x \$90 =

_____ Non-dancer button x \$ 5 =

After 21 January 2015, add \$10 late registration fee PER DANCER =

Total

I can offer housing for _____ people in beds/ couch/ floor (circle all that apply).

I will need housing for _____ people. Please list any other special needs or concerns on a separate sheet of paper.