

54<sup>th</sup> New England  
Square & Round Dance Convention  
in Hartford CT, April 27-28, 2012

**NEWSLETTER**

Feb 2012



Fellow Dancers in New England and beyond,  
As General Chairs for the 54<sup>th</sup> New England Square &  
Round Dance Convention, we thought it would be nice to  
publish and distribute a Newsletter informing dancers of  
upcoming convention related events. As we approach the  
Convention we will publish in Mar and Apr before the 54<sup>th</sup>  
and 55<sup>th</sup> NESRDC. If you have any question [Email--  
ccgrimes@yahoo.com](mailto:ccgrimes@yahoo.com), or phone--(860) 454-4525. Square  
up-here we go

Cathy & Buck Grimes



**WE HAVE A WINNER...**

The winner for the Early Bird drawing is Kathy Serre, a  
dancer from Adams MA and a member of Pittsfield  
Squares. If you want to get into the next drawing for one  
free night at the Marriott to be used during convention  
2012, you must register for Convention by March 15,  
2012. Since callers and cuers have already registered they  
are eligible to win. All dancers who have already  
registered are in the drawing. You can download a  
registration form at [www.NESRDC.org](http://www.NESRDC.org).

**PARKING INFORMATION**

We have some new information about parking in  
downtown Hartford. At the Convention Center Garage  
parking will be: THUR \$7 FRI \$13 (over 10 hours)  
SAT \$13 (over 10 hours) SUN \$7

These special rates are for self-park all day with no in and  
out privileges. If you leave you must pay again in come  
back in. The regular rates are \$3 for the first hour and \$2  
for every hour after that. If you are staying at the Marriott  
you may purchase a \$19 Special 24 hour pass with in &  
out privileges at the garage office. Rates for Event Parking  
varies from \$5-\$9 at CT Science Center, State St Parking  
Garage, & Morgan Street Garage. Free meter parking on  
the street as **available** on Friday & Thursday after 6:00  
PM & all day Saturday and Sunday.

**LIVE MUSIC--SATURDAY NIGHT**

We have a new band this year for your live music  
dancing pleasure. The band is the Eight Mile River Band  
from Bristol CT. They have been performing for over 30  
years and have played for square dancing many of those  
years. The live music will be in the Mainstream Hall at  
the Convention Center on Saturday night from 8-11PM.  
You will really enjoy this band so stop by Live Music.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

To help make the Convention a great success, the  
Convention Committee needs your help. We need 200  
man (or woman) hours of volunteers to man the 3  
hospitality tables, Split the Pot, Tea Cup Auction and  
two Registration tables. If you can volunteer an hour or  
two we would appreciate it. Clubs could volunteer four  
hour blocks or more and fill them with club member  
volunteers. Please contact Martha & Marty Maciag  
(Hospitality Chairs) at [mjmilllett@aol.com](mailto:mjmilllett@aol.com).

**CELEBRITY HOUR**

The Capital Squares of Washington DC will be  
performing at the Celebrity Hour in the Mainstream  
Hall. The Mainstream Hall will be moved from the  
Marriott Ballroom to the Convention Center Ballroom B  
starting at 6:30PM Saturday night. We are trying to  
break a recent record by dancing a 100 square tip  
immediately after the Celebrity Hour. Join us and be part  
of history.

**ATTRACTIONS**

The Wadsworth Anethem, the oldest museum in the US,  
was founded in 1842 and houses a collection of over  
50,000 works of art, spanning 5,000 years of history. It is  
at 600 Main St. Bushnell Park, the first municipal park  
in the nation was conceived in the 1860's. Come visit.

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