



# Ottawa Contra Dance Schedule

## SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2018

### \*NEW\* THIS SEASON!

**NEW OPTIONS FOR BEGINNERS!** Starting this fall, the first half of the Tuesday dances will focus on supporting newer dancers in building skills. AND our new Saturday community dances are a fantastic place for new folks to get comfortable. Remember though - brand new dancers are ALWAYS welcome at our regular Saturday night contra dances and we try to make these as beginner friendly as possible.

**POTLUCKS!** We have added a few more potlucks this year as they are fun, yummy and a great way to meet folks! Everyone welcome at 5:15pm whether you are attending a family, community, or contra dance. Bring some tasty and filling food to share, and your own plate and cutlery.

**NEW COMMUNITY DANCE!** We are really excited about the new 'community dances' with the goal of including everyone!!! Teens, pre-teens, kids, parents, seniors & experienced contra folks. Varied and accessible dances chosen for max fun.

**AFTERNOON EXPERIENCED DANCES!** This season, all of our afternoon dances are geared towards experienced dancers (i.e., not for relative beginners). If you can comfortably dance our evening dances, please join us!

**ZESTY ENGLISH!** This is yet another new initiative.... we are having Zesty English Country Dances for an hour before the contra starts on the last three dates of the season. English dance is similar to contra dance, with some delightful differences. Come learn some new figures, formations and ways to move your body. This will be lively ECD dancing!

**SAT SEP 8 PEACH JAM** (Ottawa) with **CATHERINE BURNS** (Ottawa) **Buy your membership & seasons pass at one of the first dances!**

**SAT SEP 22 OLD SOD** (Ottawa) with **JUNE HARMAN** (Ottawa) **Join us for 'welcome back potluck (5-6pm) and our AGM (6-730pm)** **POTLUCK**

**TUE SEP 25 STOLEN GOODS** with **THE OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE**

**SAT OCT 6 LAKE EFFECT** (New York) with **ESTHER FRASER** (Ottawa)

**SAT OCT 20 OLD SOD** (Ottawa) with **PETER SIMONYI** (Ottawa)

**TUE OCT 23 STOLEN GOODS** with **THE OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE**

**FRI NOV 2 to SUN NOV 4 HEY FEVER 2018!** Awesome weekend of dancing planned with two fantastic bands: **GENTICORUM** and **SEAGLASS** with two amazing callers: **LISA GREENLEAF** and **DUGAN MURPHY**.  
**OTTAWA'S CONTRA DANCE WEEKEND** For more info & to register: [www.ottawacontra.ca/heyFever](http://www.ottawacontra.ca/heyFever)  
**NOTE: Saturday night dance only open to weekend Hey Fever pass holders - no regular attendance!**

**SAT NOV 17 LES QUATRES COINS** (Ottawa/QC) with **SARAH VANNORSTRAND** (New York) **Special YOUTH DANCE - Under 30 FREE!**  
+ **FAMILY DANCE 3:30-5pm** with **GREG BROWN, PAUL HAWTIN & RICHARD FOREST** and **SARAH V.** **POTLUCK**

**TUE NOV 27 STOLEN GOODS** with **THE OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE**

**SAT DEC 1 MAIVISH** (Quebec) with **MARY WESLEY** (Vermont) **POTLUCK**  
+ **FOR EXPERIENCED DANCERS - CHALLENGING CONTRA DANCE 3-5pm** Come have your brain and body challenged with an afternoon session full of advanced dances! This will both stretch your abilities and be fun!

**SAT DEC 15 OLD SOD** (Ottawa) with **CATHERINE BURNS** (Ottawa) **Seasonal dance with carols at the break ... wear RED & GREEN!**  
**DESSERT POTLUCK AT THE BREAK**

### SATURDAY CONTRAS!

**What:** Our Saturday evening contra dance series for all ages and experience levels!  
**Time:** Introduction to contra lesson @ 7:30pm, dance 8-11pm  
**Venue:** Churchill Recreation Centre, 345 Richmond Road, Ottawa  
**Cost:** Evening --- \$14 regular, \$12 members, \$10 students, free ages 15 and under (membership is \$35 for the year)  
Special afternoon dances--- \$12 regular and member, \$10 students, free ages 15 and under  
Afternoon & evening combo (+bonus get into community dance free if there is one that day) --- \$23 regular, \$20 students and members, free ages 15 and under.

### SATURDAY COMMUNITY DANCES!

**What:** Think big barn dance party! Varied programming with dances catering to a multigenerational crowd (e.g., great for families with school-aged kids including youngsters, pre-teens and teens as well as regular contra attendees and others). Also, an open band you can join. Fantastic potlucks before the dance.  
**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm, with potluck starting at 5:15pm.  
**Venue:** Churchill Recreation Centre, 345 Richmond Rd.  
**Cost:** \$5 ages 3-99, free under 2. \$20 family rate (max2 adults). Free for dancers who pay for the evening contra (\$14) & for drop-in musicians playing in the open band.

### SATURDAY FAMILY DANCES!

**What:** Young kids dancing with parents, friends, and others!  
There is always live music and the dances are explained and guided by a caller. Everyone welcome including those without kids too. Plus a yummy potluck after!  
**Time:** 3:30 - 5pm  
**Venue:** Churchill Recreation Centre, 345 Richmond Rd.  
**Cost:** \$10 ages 16+, \$5 ages 3-15, free under 2. \$20 family rate (max2 adults)

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## JANUARY - JUNE 2019

- SAT JAN 5** EVEREST WITMAN, CAPUCINE MALDAGUE & MARTIN AUCOIN(VT/QC) with ADINA GORDON (Vermont)  
**NEW YEAR'S CONTRA BALL - Dress up in your finery!**  
**LOCATION CHANGE! For this date only, we will be dancing at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Westboro, 470 Roosevelt Ave. Parking in the rear & on street.**
- SAT JAN 19** LES QUATRES COINS (Ottawa/Quebec) with ESTHER FRASER (Ottawa) **Let's celebrate Robbie Burns - Wear PLAID!**  
 + **FAMILY DANCE! 3:30-5pm** with GREG, PAUL & RICHARD and CATHERINE BURNS **POTLUCK**
- TUE JAN 22** STOLEN GOODS with THE OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE
- SAT FEB 2** MAIVISH (Quebec) with LUKE DONFORTH (Vermont) **POTLUCK**  
 + **FOR EXPERIENCED DANCERS - WALTZ FLOURISHES 3-5pm** Luke will show us intermediate and advanced waltz moves focusing on different holds and flourishes. Learning will be peppered throughout the 2hr dance session so you can learn and then practice your new moves.  
 + **COMMUNITY DANCE! 6:30-7:30pm** hosted by ESTHER FRASER & EMILY ADDISON.
- SAT FEB 16** PEACH JAM (Ottawa) with JUNE HARMAN (Ottawa)
- TUE FEB 26** STOLEN GOODS with THE OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE
- SAT MAR 2** JOY COMPASS (Maine) with ALEXANDRA DEIS-LAUBY (New York) **POTLUCK**  
 + **FOR EXPERIENCED DANCERS - CONTRA FLOURISHES! 3-5pm** In this 2hr session, you will learn a number of contra dance flourishes and have a chance to practice them while dancing awesome contras! Alex has many moves in her back pocket and loves teaching them so this should be a super-fun afternoon.  
 + **COMMUNITY DANCE! 6:30-7:30pm** hosted by ESTHER FRASER & EMILY ADDISON.
- SAT MAR 16** LES QUATRES COINS (Ottawa/Quebec) with DAVID SMUKLER (New York) **Let's celebrate St. Patrick's - Wear GREEN!**  
 + **FAMILY DANCE 3:30-5pm** with GREG, PAUL & RICHARD with DAVID S. **POTLUCK**
- TUE MAR 26** STOLEN GOODS with THE OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE
- SAT APR 6** CLOUD TEN (Massachusetts & Vermont) with NILS FREDLAND (Vermont) **POTLUCK**  
 + **FOR EXPERIENCED DANCERS - SquaresPLUS=SURPRISE, FUN & CHALLENGE! 3-5pm** Expect an awesome afternoon of dancing in formations that are rarely seen during a typical evening contra dance. Squares will be the starting point but we will move quickly into partner-less dances, double quadrilles and more. All dances geared for challenge and fun!  
 + **COMMUNITY DANCE! 6:30-7:30pm** hosted by ESTHER FRASER & EMILY ADDISON.
- SAT APR 20** OLD SOD (Ottawa) with PETER SIMONYI **Special YOUTH DANCE - Under 30 FREE.. We'll be using gender-neutral terms!**
- TUE APR 23** STOLEN GOODS with THE OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE
- SAT MAY 4** ALEX KEHLER, RYAN MCKASSON, & ERIC MCDONALD (QC/US) with WILL MENTOR (Vermont) **POTLUCK**  
 + **FOR EXPERIENCED DANCERS - CHALLENGING CONTRA DANCE! 3-5pm** Come have your brain and body challenged with an afternoon session full of advanced dances! This will both stretch your abilities and be VERY fun!  
 + **COMMUNITY DANCE! 6:30-7:30pm** hosted by ESTHER FRASER & EMILY ADDISON.
- SAT MAY 18** PEACH JAM (Ottawa) with CATHERINE BURNS (Ottawa) + **ZESTY ENGLISH 6:30-7:30pm** hosted by JUNE HARMAN
- TUE MAY 28** STOLEN GOODS with THE OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE **Our volunteer party - THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS !!!**
- SAT JUN 1** SISTER HAGGIS (New York) with BOB NICHOLSON (New York) + **ZESTY ENGLISH 6:30-7:30pm** hosted by JUNE HARMAN
- SAT JUN 15** STOLEN GOODS (Ottawa) with OTTAWA CALLERS' COLLECTIVE (Ottawa) **POTLUCK**  
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### TUESDAY LOCAL TALENT CONTRAS!

**What:** A great mid-week dance held in a beautiful century hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. This season, each evening starts with a short workshop for beginners (7:25pm) and the first half will focus on building skills - a great way to learn more!

**Time:** 7:30-10pm. Sometimes Esther will organize a dinner meet-up before hand at a local restaurant. This will be posted on our email list.

**Venue:** 41 Rosemount Ave, Ottawa - lots of parking in the school lot across the street

**Cost:** \$8 regular, \$6 students & members, free ages 15 & under

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**Venue:** Churchill Recreation Centre, upstairs hall!

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