



Web Chat | Oct. 25, 2022

Building Cultural Equity in Communities

Welcome!



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Web Chat Format

7:00 Introduction (Linda Henry), tech tips (Nicki Perez)

7:05 Comments from Katy German, CDSS Executive Director

7:10 Web Chat guests

Cindy Culbert and Rich Dempsey (Country Dancers of Rochester)

Lauren Keeley (DanceFlurry Organization)

Janet Yeracaris and Vince O'Donnell (NEFFA)

Q&A (moderated by Sarah Pilzer)

8:25 Resources and follow-up

8:30 Farewells

Cindy Culbert and Rich Dempsey



Country Dancers of Rochester, Rochester, NY

The Country Dancers of Rochester have held contra dances with live music every Thursday night since 1976 (except during the pandemic) and English country dances since the 1980s. It has also sponsored an annual dance weekend since 1980 and a Jane Austen Ball for the last 15 years. Cindy Culbert has been contra dancing since 2016 and English Country Dancing since 2018 and was elected President of CDR in 2020 during the pandemic. Rich Dempsey has been dancing contra since 1994, and has served several roles for CDR including previous treasurer and current webmaster and sound tech. cdrochester.org

Lauren Keeley



DanceFlurry Organization Upstate New York Region

The DanceFlurry Organization Inc. is a non-profit dedicated to connecting and inspiring people through traditional music and dance. Located in the Upstate New York/Capital Region of Albany and Saratoga, NY, it hosts a yearly Flurry Festival and [several local dances](#) that include contra, swing, cajun/zydeco, and community dances. Lauren is a Board member who is the head of Media Management and Community Culture Committees.

danceflurry.org

Janet Yeracaris and Vince O'Donnell



New England Folk Festival Association (NEFFA) New England region

NEFFA is a non-profit educational and cultural organization, founded to encourage, sponsor, and preserve high standards of performance of the folk arts and traditions in New England and elsewhere. It supports an annual Festival, weekly contra dance, annual Ralph Page weekend, grants program for folk artists, educational programs, and more. NEFFA and its programs are organized and run almost entirely on volunteer effort, and encouraging participation in the folk arts is a central part of our mission. Currently Janet is the President of NEFFA, and Vince is on the Board of Directors. Both have been involved with NEFFA, in various capacities, for decades. neffa.org

Resources Suggested by Web Chat Guests

Articles and Reference Materials

- [Addressing Racism as a Dance Community](#), from Portland Intown Contra Dance
- [LGBTQ+ Definitions](#), from Trans Student Educational Resources
- [LGBTQ+ Learning Resources](#), from Safe Zone Project
- [“May We Have This Dance?”](#) (history of Lindy Hop), from NPR’s Rough Translation, featuring LaTasha Barnes
- [Anti-racism resources](#), from Sarah Sophie Flicker and Alyssa Klein

Training and Consultants

- [Think Again Training and Consulting](#)
- [THRYVE Courses](#), from Crystal Rozelle – Bennett
- [Move Together](#) *Dancing Towards An Inclusive Community & Global Social Justice*

Videos

- [5 Tips for Being an Ally](#), by Franchesca Ramsey
- [How microaggressions are like mosquito bites](#), from Fusion Comedy
- [Why this instrument explains Black American folk music](#), from Vox, featuring Jake Blount

Q&A

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Type your questions into the chat. Our Web Chat guests will answer selected questions.



Coming Soon

Coming Oct. 27

From the Mic, episode 8

Mary Wesley interviews caller Chris Ricciotti



Nov. 30, time TBA

Online Town Hall Meeting

Join us for a special online discussion about CDSS and cultural equity work. Details announced via email soon.

Jan. 15, 22, 29, 2023

3-week online course

Positional Calling for Contra Callers with Louise Siddons

This sold-out course will be repeated in January. Details at camp.cdss.org/online-programs. (January registration opening soon.)

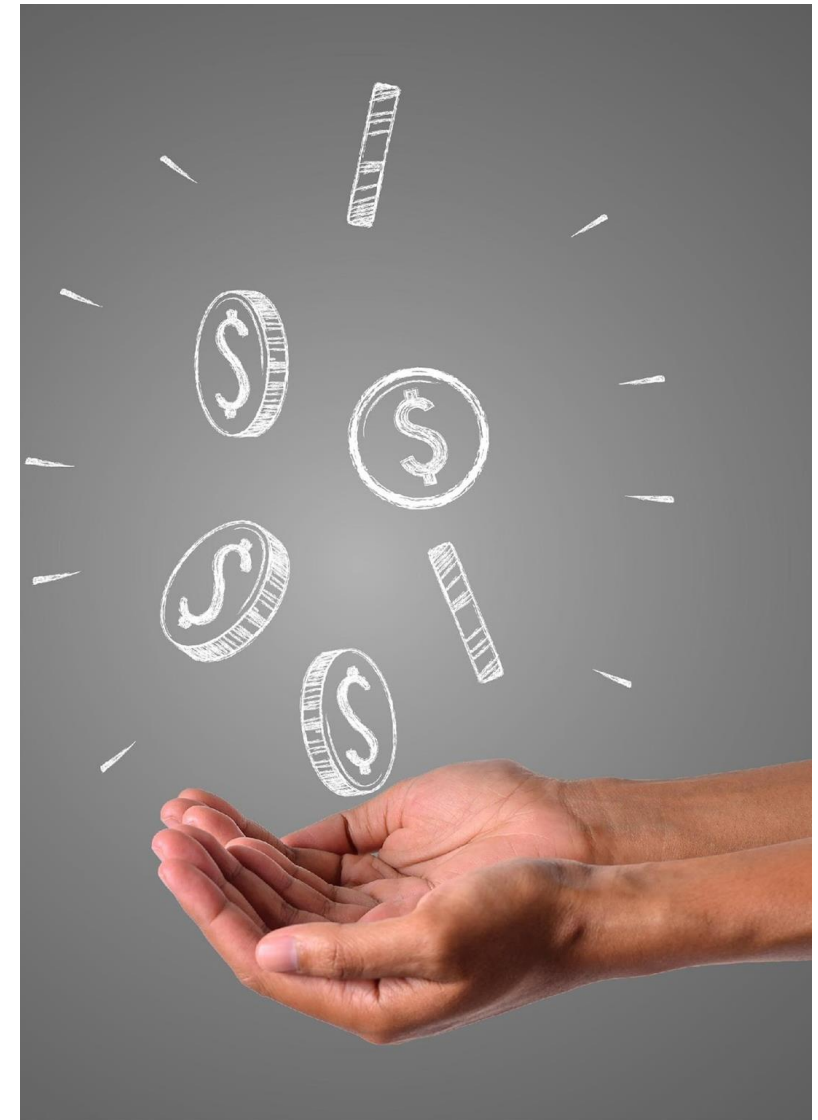


2022 Community Grants Available Now

- **train** callers, musicians, singers, and/or organizers (including cultural equity and anti-racism training)
- **create** a new music, dance, and/or song event (series, weekend, week-long program, etc.)
- **encourage youth** involvement
- **publish** instruction materials (print, web, audio, video)
- **attend** non-CDSS programs to grow your skills
- **create** related endeavors that will have a lasting effect on dance, music, and song communities

If you need funding for any event or project to support your group, check out cdss.org/grants.

We have currently offered five grants to help groups hire consultants for cultural equity and anti-racism trainings.



COVID Resources from CDSS

COVID Section of the CDSS Resource Portal

cdss.org/covid19

See latest updates to **Reentry Resources for Organizers**, a compilation of considerations from an attorney, epidemiologist, public health professional, organizers, and more!

cdss.org/reentry

Events Calendar


cdss.org/events

A crowd-sourced list for and from dance, music, and song communities. Submit your event!

Groups That Have Resumed In-person Events

cdss.org/inperson

This new resource provides easy access to firsthand experiences from groups who have reopened their events.

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More CDSS Resources for Organizers



**CDSS RESOURCE
PORTAL**
[CDSS.ORG/PORTAL](https://cdss.org/portal)



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(FOR MUSIC, DANCE, AND
SONG ORGANIZERS)
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- Topics are based on requests from participants like you.
- We continue to offer Web Chats free of charge for everyone.
- Membership and donations make this possible.

Follow-up

Your feedback is very valuable! To help us plan future Web Chats, *please reply to the survey you'll receive soon.*

In a few days, visit cdss.org/web-chats to access the video recording, powerpoint, and transcript of tonight's Web Chat. *Please share with your friends!*

Stay tuned for updates about our next Web Chat—
topic TBD.

We welcome your questions, comments, and requests for ways CDSS can best support **your** community.
Keep in touch! resources@cdss.org



Farewell from CDSS!

