

CONTRA DANCE

Nils Fredland will call to music by Ethan Hazzard-Watkins and Brendan Taaffe at the Nelson Second Saturday Contra Dance on December 12th.

Known as the caller's caller, Nils Fredland has been making music, leading dances, and bringing people together for 20 years as a teacher, singer, instrumentalist, contra, square, and community dance leader, and workshop leader. He shares his skill, charisma, grace and goofiness with contra dancers coast to coast every weekend.

Fiddler Ethan Hazzard-Watkins performs traditional and original music with infectious energy, passion and grace. His fiery, lyrical fiddling fuses elements of Irish, French Canadian and New England styles, along with influences

from swing, blues and classical music. Based in Brattleboro, VT, Ethan tours extensively, playing for dancing and listening audiences throughout the US.

Lauded for "playing with heart as well as virtuosity," Brendan Taaffe is a prominent guitarist, fiddler and singer in New England's thriving contra dance and Irish music community. Brendan honed his driving guitar style and deep knowledge of the Irish tradition while living in Limerick and playing regularly in sessions. Now based in Vermont, Brendan has played at festivals, concerts and dances throughout North America and Europe with his band Magic Foot and other ensembles. He is also the author of *Handy with the Stick*, a book about Irish fiddling, and the founder of Turtle Dove, an organization that sponsors harmony singing for adults.

The dance opens with a new dancer orientation at 7:30 PM, and dancing

starts at 8:00. Beginners and singles are welcome and all dances are taught throughout the evening. Admission is \$8, \$6 for senior citizens and students. For more information call 603.762.0235 or visit <http://www.monadnockfolk.org>.



Munsonville Ladies Group Bazaar

Your friends in the Munsonville Ladies Group would like to personally invite you to a Christmas Country Bazaar on Saturday, December 20, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Chapel by the Lake in Munsonville.

There will be handmade gift items, baked goods, jellies, jams, fudge, ornaments, table linens, and polar fleece vests, hats, mittens, and scarves.

A lunch of soup, chili and sandwiches will be served.

Come along and bring a friend. There will be plenty of good Christmas Cheer!



Winter came down to our home one night
Quietly pirouetting in on
silvery-toed slippers of snow,
And we, we were children once
again.

~Bill Morgan, Jr.

MONADNOCK FOLKLORE SOCIETY CONTRA DANCES

The Monadnock Folklore Society Second Saturday Dances in the Nelson Town Hall will be continuing throughout the winter.

The hall opens at 7:30 p.m. with a workshop for newcomers to learn some basic steps or a refresher for folks who might not have danced for a while. The main dance starts at 8:00 p.m. and goes until 11:00 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and students. Questions about the dance? Call Lisa Sieverts at 827-3044.

Upcoming Schedule

Date	Caller	Musicians
December 12	Nils Fredland	Ethan Hazzard-Watkins Brendan Taaffe
January 9	Adina Gordon	Danny Noveck Gordon Peety
February 13	Lisa Sieverts	Carey Bluhm Gordon Peety
March 13	Rebecca Lay	TBD

Check out the MFS web site for calendar information for many folk music & dance events in the greater Monadnock Region (not just Nelson activities). The site is regularly updated with new articles, local lore, profiles of musicians, and recordings. <http://www.monadnockfolk.org>

Other MFS concert in Nelson

Nelson Solstice Party December 19, 2009, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
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### MFS concert in Dublin

*Nowell Sing We Clear* Friday, December 11 at 8:00 PM at the Dublin Community Church. \$15/\$12(senior, youth & advance internet sales)