

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL

The unique Hands Across the Border Square Dance will be at the world famous Haskell Library a building split by the Canada/US border (Stanstead, QC/Derby Line, VT). As we circle or promenade we continually cross the demarcation line painted on the floor of the reading room in this historic international library/opera house. Overflow dancers will dance in a large very attractive church hall about 600 feet away with piped in music and sound, and take turns with the four square maximum in library's reading room. With the enhanced border security it was difficult to arrange this event, and it is fortunate that that we can once again offer this extraordinary event. It may be a unique experience for you!

Sunday June 20, 2010 from 4 to 6 PM Note time change from earlier flyers

Cory Lowden calling

Mainstream and Plus

Come early to help set up at 1:30

Attend a play upstairs in the Opera House from 2 to 4

After the dance, dine out at area restaurants, or Potluck in the Weller Workshop- the rustic top floor of the hanger building on our farm. Great views and cool breezes.

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More info:

Coming from the Canadian side, park on Church street on the Canadian side. Go to the Haskell library front door walking through the US. Come out when done and back to your car in Canada without going through customs. No passport required. Check out: <http://www.haskellopera.org/>

However, as there will be many attending, we have set up an overflow hall to give everyone a chance to dance right on the border. The library reading room can only hold four sets at a time. Over flow dancers will dance at the Derby Line UU church, across the street from the Irving Station, which is about 500 feet from the library. If attending there, then one must go through the US Customs (passport or proper id required) on the way to the church hall, which is only one building away. People can walk back and forth between the two event locations.

However, if you leave your car in Canada, dance in the library, go through US customs to dance in the church hall too, then you must go through Canadian Customs down the small hill on the way back to your car, a small but necessary detour.

See you there!

The official wording from the border official is:

2) IBET (Integrated Border Enforcement Team) is not involved in the operation of the Haskell Library and Opera House. There has been a long standing understanding with local area Customs officials on how the Haskell is to operate in respect of the law. The only concern that we share with the other agencies involved in securing the border is that people attending from the Canadian side park on the Canadian side. People attending from the American side park on the American side. People walking across the border to attend events at the Haskell is tolerated. People driving across the border via unguarded roads is not. If someone wants to drive their vehicle into the other country they must proceed through Customs.

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George Weller

