

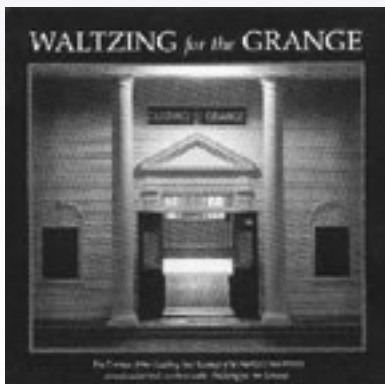
FGSG Sponsored Events

- ◆ *Fall Frolic*
- ◆ *Special Dances*
- ◆ *Workshops*
- ◆ *Spring Cleaning Day*

Please check out our web site and view our items for sale as well as the Friends membership information. Our site also provides GSG information including an event listing.

Proceeds support the Guiding Star Grange building and activities sponsored by the Friends.

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Who are the Friends of the Guiding Star Grange?

The Friends of the Guiding Star Grange is an organization whose purpose is to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Grange building, to promote and support the development of cultural programs that encourage music and dance in the building, and to facilitate cooperation between music and dance community members and the Grange. We are a separate organization from the Grange itself, but work closely with the Grange to accomplish a number of common goals.

We do this in several ways: raising money, by means of benefit dances and other fundraisers, which will be used by the Grange to improve and maintain the Grange hall; sponsoring a variety of dances, workshops and other events which promote music, dance, and other arts in the community; physically helping maintain the Grange facilities by organizing the annual spring cleanup day; and raising awareness of various issues of interest to the dance community.

Recent and upcoming projects supported in part by funds from the Friends include the upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, heating and ventilation systems, improved accessibility, and the eagerly awaited new dance floor!



Voices from FGSG members

"Dancing at the Grange is so special to me, I wanted a way to give something back and help keep the music and dancing going. Joining the Friends seemed like a natural way to do that - helping improve the Grange building, sponsoring fun dances, reaching out to the community so more people can enjoy the wonderful experience that we have every week at the dances.....everybody wins!" **Liz Sturgen**

"Being involved with the Friends allows me to hang out with dancers outside of dancing and to give back to the greater dance community." **Brian Gallagher**

"With the Friends I have helped the Greenfield contra dance thrive, and I have enjoyed that chance to contribute to something so important to myself and others in our dance community." **Jordy Williams**

"The Friends sponsors wonderful Sunday afternoon dances and functions as an invested advocate for the dance community. As the Friends consist of, well, friends, they are very approachable and always interested in hearing from their fellow dancers!" **Meredith Doster**

"I've got a sense that the Friends do a lot of behind the scenes work for the Grange, including a lot of fundraising. As I travel around the country playing contradances, I hear again and again that Greenfield is the epicenter, the core, and the Camelot of contradancing. I think the Friends deserve a good chunk of the credit for nurturing the Grange and the dance scene there. Many thanks to all the Friends, its a joy to be a part of it!" **Ron Grosslein**

Who becomes a member?

Anyone! If you love the Guiding Star Grange because you have spent happy hours dancing or playing here, and want to help support it and the community that has grown up in and around it, then consider becoming a Friend of the Grange. We have members from all over the country – dancers, musicians, callers, and others who know about the Grange and believe in its community and its goals.

What are membership benefits?

Your membership fee is a tax-deductible contribution which will be used to help enhance your and everyone else's experience at the Grange.

You will receive a newsletter filled with information about events, issues, and people of interest to the dance and music community.

You can also choose to receive email updates about current events, meetings, etc. of interest to members.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the work and planning of the Friends by attending our annual meeting, as well as any of the monthly meetings of our Board.

Most importantly, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting your dance and music community and the very special place it calls home.

