

# *The Sugar on the Floor Barn Dance Society*

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## End of 2006 Newsletter

Hey Barndancers,

What a year we had! We had 6 Contra Dances and 2 Family Dances. Over 400 people attended these 8 dances. Local callers led our Family Dances. Also, The Sugar on the Floor Barn Dance Orchestra gained at least 8 new musicians. Thanks to everyone (new and old) who helped by dancing, playing, calling and supporting our dances. These dances provide community building opportunities that support intergenerational, healthy, "do it yourself" entertainment and fun. A big thanks to those who helped underwrite the dances this year, including: The Pinkert Law Firm, The Artists Guild, Lake Michigan Wind and Sun, The Gibraltar Historical Society, The Sturgeon Bay Family Center, The Sturgeon Bay YMCA, St. Peters Lutheran School, The Sturgeon Bay Masonic Temple, The Senior Resource Center, and The Dancing Bear.

We are now in our 12<sup>th</sup> year and in 2007 I am going to try to have 4 Family Dances and 6 Contra Dances. I am trying to finalize a schedule for the entire year. You will be the first to hear about it, promise. I am also exploring the possibility of the Barn Dance Society becoming an official not for profit organization. I will fill you in on the details when they become final.

Two of my favorite memories of this past year were the dance at the Sawyer Park Shelter with the sun setting and the view of the bay and the last Contra Dance at The Maple Grove Farm in a real barn with a packed dance floor and a cookin' band.

As always, I am open to suggestions, ideas and your thoughts. We have run on a shoestring all these years and I am hoping we will be able to take a leap forward this year. With your continued help and support I am excited about another great year of dances.

Stay Well, Be Safe, Keep in Touch

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*Our Motto is: "You can't beat fun for a good time"*