



Xopo



Steve & Susan Kotansky



Trei Arcuși

The Roundhouse
69 Van Nuys Road
Colrain, Massachusetts

This marvelous facility was purpose-built as a retreat center by the owner, storyteller ReBekka Tippens. The 14-sided building is filled with ingenious and fanciful detail work. The main room is round, a fabulous music & dancing space with an encircling balcony, 3-story domed ceiling, and ample nooks and corners for reading, relaxing and socializing. Attendees are asked to bring clean non-street shoes or slippers for wearing inside the house. There are overnight accommodations for approximately 30 people. The majority of the beds are in small sleeping cubbies resembling ships' berths, radiating off a second floor circular hallway. There are also a number of private sleeping rooms, both in the house and in the adjacent small cottage. Bekki is a gracious host, and the food served is largely organic, local, and bountiful.



Becky Ashenden
47 Bassett Road
Shelburne, MA 01370



Roundhouse Transylvanian and Balkan Weekend

with
Steve & Susan Kotansky

Music by
Trei Arcuși &
Xopo

February 27 -
March 1, 2009
at
The Roundhouse
Colrain, MA

Steve and Susan Kotansky are well-known for their expertise and enthusiasm in Transylvanian dance. Steve has made many research trips to the Balkans and has taught at major folk dance camps throughout North America and Europe. He also has performed and choreographed for many performing ensembles throughout the U.S. and abroad. Steve brings a lively, in-depth knowledge to his teaching and an intense joy to his dancing.



Trei Arcuși (Three Bows), a trio of bowed string instruments, consists of Miamon Miller on violin, Chuck Corman on kontra, and Becky Ashenden on bass. Their music from Transylvania is a fine complement to Steve and Susan's dance classes. With some instrument changes, they transform into a Greek island band.



Xopo includes Miamon, Becky, and Chuck (violin, accordions, tamburas, & trombone), and adds musicians Anna Patton (clarinet), Joe Blumenthal (bass & drums), and Barbara Blumenthal (tambura). Xopo will play for evening parties and may spontaneously appear for your dancing pleasure at other times during the weekend.

Program

Friday, February 27

Late afternoon arrival
Dance party
(includes special mid-evening candlelight dinner)

Saturday, February 28

Dance workshops with Steve & Susan
Music jam session with Miamon
Balkan rhythms workshop with Joe (dumbeks provided)
Transylvania culture session with Steve & Miamon
Group sing
Evening dance party (open to the public)

Sunday, March 1

Review with Steve & Susan
More dancing
Goodbyes at noon

Snacks & dinner provided on Friday, all meals on Saturday, breakfast only on Sunday.

Cost

Full weekend, including overnight accommodations & meals:
\$295 per person
(if paid after 1/15/09: \$310)

Full weekend, commuters (including meals):
\$180 per person

A non-refundable deposit of \$150 per person reserves your spot. The balance is due by February 15, 2009.

Saturday night party only:
\$20 per person in advance (\$25 at the door)

Mail registration form (with a check payable to Becky Ashenden) to:
Becky Ashenden
47 Bassett Road
Shelburne, MA 01370

More information at:
www.xopoandfriends.com
413-625-6057

Registration

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Special dietary needs?

Housing single or couple?

____ @ \$295 \$ _____

____ @ \$310 (after 1/15/09) _____

____ @ \$180 (commuter) _____

Total due \$ _____

Enclosed:

____ @ \$150 (deposit) \$ _____

____ Saturday night party
only @ \$20 _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Balance due by 2/15/09: \$ _____