



# Bay Area English Regency Society



The Bay Area English Regency Society (BAERS) celebrates the spirit of the English Regency. Newcomers are always welcome at our events.

## Friday Dance Parties

Do you enjoy Regency dancing and want to do more of it? Do you want to try it out in a friendly, supportive environment? Come to our informal (casual clothes, no period costume) dance parties, on **the second Friday of the month**. (We generally skip August and December; check our web site at [www.baers.org](http://www.baers.org).)

Our dances include country dances, cotillions, and waltzes with figures in the spirit of the early nineteenth century, from English Country tradition, from Regency-era dance manuals such as Thomas Wilson, and from occasional modern choreography done in the manner of the time. They are set to music by classical composers such as Mozart, Schubert, and Beethoven, or to traditional country dance tunes.

All dances are taught, and you may come alone or with a partner. No experience is required. Dances are generally taught by **Alan Winston**, music by **James Langdell**, **William Allen**, **Paul Kostka** and **Craig Martin**. Sit in musicians (who can sight-read or can pick up tunes by ear readily) are welcome, and may attend without charge if they play for several dances that evening. People at all levels of dance experience are encouraged to attend. Contributions of refreshments are also very welcome.

Dance parties are held at **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Avenue**. You can find more detailed directions as well as a map at [www.baers.org/fridays.html](http://www.baers.org/fridays.html).

Doors open at 7:30, dancing starts around 8:00, and music ceases at 10:30. The subscription is \$10 (or more if you wish to support BAERS).

## Balls

We also put on three somewhat more formal balls every year at various venues in the San Francisco Bay Area. Check our website for upcoming ball dates. At these balls, many people dress in period costume (although any formal clothes are appropriate). Dances and music are varied for each ball, according to its theme, which may range from the elegant to the rowdy. All dances are taught at the balls, and called during the dance.

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See our website, [www.baers.org](http://www.baers.org), for an events calendar, photo gallery, information about the Regency and costume and fiction links. You can also join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/baers/>.

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