

# *Soldiers & Sweethearts*

*A Civil War Era Valentine's Ball*



*Saturday, February 4, 2012*

*8:00 to 11:00 p.m.*

*Pratt Hall ~ 311 Temple St. ~ New Haven, Connecticut*

*with the delightful music of*

*Spare Parts*

*and dance precepting by*

*Susan de Guardiola*

### **Dress**

This is a formal event. Please make your best attempt at evening attire (ballgown over hoops/white tie) or military uniform of the 1860s. Modern formalwear or military uniform or day attire of the 1860s is also suitable. Please bring indoor-only or freshly-cleaned shoes to avoid damaging the beautiful dance floor in Pratt Hall. Gentlemen: hobnailed shoes, boots, and spurs are *not permitted* in the ballroom. Ladies, spike-heeled shoes are *not permitted* in the ballroom. Limited changing space is available at the hall at 7:00 pm the day of the ball.

### **Dances & Afternoon Workshop**

The evening will include a mix of 1860s couple dances (waltz, polka, schottische, galop) and set dances (contra dances and quadrilles). Ball cards will be provided. All set dances are accessible for beginners and will be taught at the ball.

A workshop focusing on the couple dances of the Civil War era will be held on the afternoon of the ball for those who would like to improve their dance skills. The workshop is included free with ball registration and will be held at the Center for the Arts Undercroft at Christ Church, 84 Broadway, New Haven from 2:00-4:30 pm. The Undercroft is five blocks from Pratt Hall or about eight blocks from the New Haven Hotel, in the historic church at the fork of Elm and Broadway. The entrance is on the Elm Street side through an iron gate. Driving and walking directions are available on the ball website.

### **Refreshments**

Food and drink (no alcohol) will be provided -- delicious treats baked from authentic Civil War era recipes!

### **Hotel Block**

A small block of rooms has been arranged at the lovely New Haven Hotel, located across the New Haven Green three blocks from the ball site, with a special discounted room rate for Friday and Saturday nights of **\$109.00/night** for two people, with up to two more people at an additional \$10/person/night. Call the New Haven Hotel at (203) 498-3100 **by January 18th** and use the code "Vintage Dance Northeast" to get the special rate. After January 18th, rooms may not be available at the special rate but may be reserved at the normal (higher!) rate if available. Parking at the hotel costs \$18/day. Street parking is free in New Haven after 7:00 pm on Saturday evening.

### **Advance registration**

\$30 per person through January 24, 2012; student price \$20 for ages 13-21. Under 13 free with parent/guardian and will be expected to behave as young ladies and gentlemen. At-door pricing will include a \$10 surcharge and will be available only if space permits.

**\*\*\* Note that due to the size of the hall this ball is strictly limited to 70 people. \*\*\***

Checks should be made payable to ***Susan de Guardiola*** and mailed to: ***Susan de Guardiola, P.O. Box 8997, New Haven, CT 06532***. Please provide an email address as well as a postal address to receive further information regarding the event.

For online registration, please send your payment via Paypal to **[susan@LSE.org](mailto:susan@LSE.org)**. **A \$3 handling fee per person must be included**. Please include the names of all registrants, mailing address, and email address.

In the event of a cancellation, registration is refundable through January 24th only.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 24TH!**

**For more information:**

**website: <http://www.blank.org/susan/valentine> OR email: [susan@LSE.org](mailto:susan@LSE.org)**