## THE MERRILL GATHERING

## A 40 Bar Reel for 3 Couples in a 3 Couple Set

- Bars 1 8 First couple, giving right hands, cross down below second couple, cast round 3's, cross back up below second couple and cast round them into place. (On bar 8 all three couples move in ready for allemande.)
- Bars 9 16 All three couples dance an allemande. Finish 3,2,1.
- Bars 17 24 First couple set and cross giving right hand, 1's and 2's set and dance 1/2 right hands across.
- Bars 25 32 3's, 1's, and 2's set (joining hads onf the side) and cross giving right hands. 3's and 1's set and dance 1/2 right hands across. Finish 1,3,2.
- Bars 33 40 First couple cross giving right hands, cast off one place, and dance 1/2 figure of eight round the 3's who stepped up on bars 35-36. Finish 3,1,2.

Repeat with new top couple.

Devised by Fiona S. Miller, October, 1999

This dance was devised for the 31st annual weekend workshop of the San Francisco Branch of the RSCDS. It is dedicated to all those who gathered in The Merrill Hall on Sunday October 31, 1999.

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