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The weekend for which we had been planning more than a year has come and gone. We created opportunities to honor the original Stonewall Uprising of 1969, celebrate the dancers who keep the art and joy of modern square dancing alive, and inspire new folks to learn and become dancers themselves.

The Pride Square Dance at the end of June welcomed dancers from across the United States, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Anne Uebelacker called a wonderful evening at John Jay College. Many thanks to all Times Squares members and friends who helped organize, transport, decorate, promote, and welcome dancers.

The WorldPride/Stonewall 50 New York City Pride March a few days later was memorable for so many reasons. About 78 dancers, ready to show the world what fun square dancing can be, had to wait an astonishing four hours (for reasons likely unknown)! While not everyone could stay, we had a blast dancing down Fifth Avenue past the Stonewall Inn and AIDS Memorial. And we know now that people do remain to watch the end of the march.

Knowing they are irresistible, we passed out 5,000 Mardi Gras beads attached to an information card about the benefits of square dancing. Gratitude goes out to all the fine folks who made their way to Kian and Warren's apartment to assemble them and all the fabulous dancers who handed them out.

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Beyond the march-dancing and bead-passing, thanks to Fred Loehr and Ed Zeigler for facilitating an information page on the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) website (<https://iagsdc.org/stonewall50>).

After all our hard work was finished, it was great to attend the IAGSDC Convention in Philadelphia, where all we had to do was dance and have fun!

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