Dancing Back In Time

River Road Performance Society recreates the steps and the styles of 19th-century dances

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In the 1800s, popular new confections from "four rooms and a gin" and your daddy drank with the men. They probably didn't mind it, especially if they might now, and not just because.

River Road Performance Society has re-created the step and style of the dance in their 19th-century dances. The group has about 35 members, including some from the River Road area, who gather to dance and enjoy each other's company.

At the event, a ballroom of period dance and costume that was loved and enjoyed by the group. The men and women wore traditional period costumes and were dressed in period-like attire. They danced to music that was played on period instruments.

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For those who were fortunate enough to have appropriate attire to match the period, they put on their best and headed for the ball. They gathered in pairs or small groups to perform various dances, both formal and informal.

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