

# Wild Asparagus

**Wild Asparagus** is a five-person band from Western Massachusetts. Drawing upon music from New England, the British Isles, and Canada, as well as classical sources, Wild Asparagus takes an original approach to the traditional dance music of our folk heritage. Using their unique blend of instruments, creativity, and skills, they offer a sensitive and powerful performance. Since 1984, Wild Asparagus has been highly successful in bringing their music to dances and concerts throughout the United States.

The heartbeat of Wild Asparagus is **Ann Percival** on piano, guitar, and vocals. Ann's playing is highly inventive while still maintaining an irresistible rhythm. **David Cantieni**, a woodwind wizard, pours forth lively melodies and liquid harmonies on his flutes, tin-whistle, oboe, saxophone and bombard. **George Marshall** is an accomplished English concertina



*Photo by Doug Plummer*

player and also provides driving rhythms on bodhran and bones. **Stuart Kenney** on bass is a dynamo of musical energy. **Becky Tracy**'s masterful fiddling is that rare combination of energy and beauty. George also provides excellent instruction and calling for New England style contras.

Wild Asparagus has appeared at numerous major festivals and dance events throughout the United States, Canada, and Alaska. Upcoming special events include the Tropical Dance Vacations and Dance-a-Rama. Check out their schedule at [www.wildasparagus.com](http://www.wildasparagus.com) for other upcoming appearances.