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December 1st:

Jef Hodge with Phoenix

Our last regular dance of the year will be this Saturday, and **Jef Hodge** will be the caller. **Chuck & Katrina Weber** will be joined by **Steve Nix** to form **Phoenix**. A new name for a group we have enjoyed before.

December 15th:

Special Holiday Dance!

featuring Susan Kevra & Carnival Knowledge

Internationally known caller and dance teacher, **Susan Kevra** will make her first appearance with us, and one of our favorite bands, **Carnival Knowledge**, will play for our special Holiday Dance. The price of this dance is \$8 per person. For this dance, the beginners workshop will begin at 7:30, and the dance itself will be from 8 to 11.

December 29th:

Blue Moon with Feet First

A fifth Saturday means an open mike or blue moon dance. **You** can call a dance or **you** can play with the band or *both*. Callers should show up early to coordinate with each other & the host caller(s).

The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays of the month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg at Airport Rd. in Huntsville. Come to the refresher workshop at 7PM, then dance until 10:30 for \$6 (\$5 for members, \$3 for teens.) Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes to dance in and please wear a name tag. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

Special Holiday Dance

You won't want to miss our Holiday dance this year! **Susan Kevra**, who spent much of last year in Western Europe, teaching American folk dancing and now makes her home in Nashville, will be here to lead us in some contras and hopefully a few squares as well.

For music we'll welcome back **Carnival Knowledge**. They have recently completed a CD, but it may not be available by the 15th.

The members, who have a wide variety of musical experience, are:

Jeff Hersk	- upright bass, guitar
Mike Baugh	- guitar, mandolin
Gretchen Priest	- fiddle
Al Goll	- dobro
Brian Christianson	- fiddle, mandolin

Visit their website:

<http://userweb.nashville.com/~carnivalknowledge/>

Needed for this dance:

We'll need some volunteers to pull this dance off! The schedule for the dance, in terms of people and items needed, is as follows.

- Prior to December 15th we need folks who can donate items for a door prize or two, or who can arrange to get gift certificates for a restaurant etc.

Some members of the band and perhaps a few out-of-town dancers would like a place to spend the night. If you would be willing to have an overnight guest or two, please let us know.

If you can help in any of these ways, contact Carol Mebane - 883-7016 - ASAP!

- On Saturday the 15th, several people are needed to help decorate the gym. If you can loan or donate

some greenery (wreaths and garlands) or other items to "deck the hall" bring them at noon.

If you have a poinsettia or three that you can loan us for the evening, bring them in the early afternoon, *or* as you arrive for the dance.

- In the mid-to-late afternoon, Faith is having their annual clothes for the homeless drive again this year. We will need a few folks to come to the church at 7:00 to help cart the donated clothing out of the gym, take down tables, set up the sound equipment and finish the decorations.

- Finally, we'll need a bunch of seasoned dancers to help with the beginners class at 7:30. New folks get to be good dancers by dancing with and getting tips from more experienced partners. We were all novices once, and patient, skillful people gently helped us over our rough spots and assisted us in reaching the lofty pinnacles of perfection where we dance now!

Admission for this dance: \$8.00.

Time: 8:00-11:00 P.M.

Beginners orientation at 7:30.

Blue Moon V

Needed: Artwork for the flyer and the button. We need the design by January 5. If we have more than one submission, the steering committee will decide on the one we will use. Give your submissions to Natasha Kunin, Bryan Walls or Carol Mebane.

Also needed: Chairs and members of committees for the weekend - Decorations, Flyer, Buttons, T-shirts, Registration, Housing, Set-up, Take-Down and Hospitality.

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$8, payable to me at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you and all your kin will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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Susan Kevra



Carnival Knowledge

Calendar

*Local events in **bold**; contact Bryan Walls (256 837-0656; bwalls@pobox.com) for more info.*

- Dec. 1 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jef Hodge with Phoenix - (C & K Weber & S Nix)**
Dec. 3 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Beverly Smith (Philadelphia) with Danny Gammon & The Love Muffins
KCD dances Mondays at the Laurel St. Theatre (at 16th Street); for info: <<http://www.kornnet.org/kcd/kcdsched.htm>>.
Dec. 7 (Fri.): Nashville: John Sharlet calling with Five O'Clock Somewhere *Note:* at Norman Binkley School
NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriel, near I-440 & Nolensville Rd.
Instruction at 7:30, dance at 8:00. For more info, contact Chrissy (615-210-6808) or John (DanceFools@aol.com).
Dec. 8 (Sat.): Birmingham: Christmas Dance with Asheville, NC's Out of the Woods and caller Gary Nelson
BCDS dances 2nd & 5th Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$6. Info: <<http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>>
Dec. 8 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Heitzo with Contraband - *Note:* This dance will be at Split Tree Farm!
CTDS dances occasional Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.
For info contact: Steve at 706-937-4991 or Claire & Bryant at 423-876-7359
Dec. 10 (Mon.) Knoxville: - Nick Boulet calling with music by The Nightcrawlers
Dec. 14 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp calling with Mark and Sally Wingate
Dec. 15 (Sat.): NACDS Holiday dance - Susan Kevra with Carnival Knowledge
Dec. 17 (Mon.): Knoxville: - Tim Klein calling with music by Contraindicated
Dec. 21 (Fri.) Nashville: No Dance
Dec. 22 (Sat.): Chattanooga: No Dance
Dec. 22 (Sat.): Birmingham - No Dance
Dec. 24 (Mon.): Knoxville - No Dance
Dec. 28 (Fri.) Nashville: TBA calling with TBA
Dec. 29 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Blue Moon Calling with Feet First hosting the Open Mike Band
New Year's Eve:
Dec. 31 (Mon.): Birmingham - New Year's Eve Dance and Cabaret featuring Bill and Libby Hicks.
YWCA, 8:30 PM. \$10 (includes food).
Dec. 31 (Mon.): Chattanooga - Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson
Dec. 31 (Mon.): Knoxville - Nick Boulet calling with music by Atomic City Rhythm Rascals

To get your dances on the schedule, e-mail us with the particulars by the 20th of the month. - Doug & Bryan

Special Holiday Food

Bring your favorite Holiday food item - cookies, cake, pie, baked Alaska (yum!) - to share at the Special Holiday Dance. With music and calling of this caliber, we'll need lots of sustenance. Also, there are rumors, which could not be independently confirmed at press time, of an after-dance party at a local dancer's home.