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May 3rd: Archie Faulkner with Bob & Cathy White & Curt Lewis

Birmingham's Archie Faulkner will teach and call as our own Bob, Cathy and Curt (fiddle, guitar & bass) make the music. Come hone your dancing skills in preparation for our big weekend.

May 17th: Jane Ewing with Tom Kat & the Fiddle

The tunes will be provided by **Tom Green and Katrina & Chuck Weber** and **Jane Ewing** will return to call. Note: If you register for the Blue Moon weekend after the date of this dance you'll pay \$5 more per person!

May 30 - June 1 Blue Moon Dance Weekend featuring **Robert Cromartie with Flapjack** plus Seth Tepfer and the Avant Gardeners

Here are the details: Cost - \$50 per person until May 17, \$55 thereafter. Venue - the University Center on the UAH campus in Huntsville. Come and dance Friday night, attend your choice of workshops during the day on Saturday & enjoy an optional picnic box lunch. You can attend a concert by Flapjack before dancing all evening Saturday night. After the big dance you'll party 'till the wee hours at the Wall's just off campus. Wake up with waltzes on Sunday morning, then dance through mid-day at the Farewell dance.

See <u>http://secontra.com/bluemoon.html</u> for more info & registration (256 880-8740). The best dance weekend in the Tennessee Valley of Alabama is this one right here! Ya'll come!

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 \$7 (\$6 for members, \$4 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!

Blue Moon News

The Blue Moon Weekend is almost here! Has your registration form been mailed/turned-in? Better hurry, after the 17th the price goes up to \$55 per dancer.

There will be sign up sheets at our regular dances this month where you can volunteer to house out-oftown dancers, or help with: decorations, water, lunch on Saturday or a variety of other easy & fun tasks.

And just to make sure we have all the loose ends tucked in, we have scheduled a ...

NACDS Steers Meeting

At 6:30 on May 6th, Diane and Bryan Walls are hosting a potluck Blue Moon preparation celebration! They'll provide lasagna and beverages. Feel free to bring your favorite appetizer, bread, salad or desert. We'll chow down as we finalize our plans for the big dance weekend.

For coordination purposes they would like to know: 1) Can you attend? and 2) What do you plan to bring so we don't end up with all salads. Contact Diane at 837-0656 or creative@dianewalls.com.

Mark your calendars. Come even if you can't bring something to share, we'll have plenty.

FoOTMaD to host Waltz Workshop

The Birmingham Friends of Old-Time Music and Dance are having a special Waltz workshop on Saturday, May 10 from 4 to 6 PM. Cost: \$3. It will be lead by Steve Gester from Baltimore.

They hope folks will come and waltz in the afternoon, go out to dinner together somewhere, then come back to their dance at the YWCA that night at 8 - calling by Barb Kirchner with Magic Truck from Atlanta.

Dance News and Rumors

Not much has been reported to me on the dance gypsy front this past month. I'm aware that some people danced in Chattanooga, and some Huntsville folks were spotted at the April "Unplugged" dance in Birmingham. Remember, you can get your name in a future issue by reporting your dance news to me. Anonymous dance-related gossip is also cheerfully accepted.

Now is the Time for All Good Dancers to **Come to the Aid of Their Society!**

See the NACDS Officer nomination item on the other side of this page, then volunteer!

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$10 (\$15 for families), payable to me at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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Calendar

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

May 2 (Fri.): Nashville: John Sharlet with Melmac Lickers

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).

- May 3 (Sat.): NACDS dance Archie Faulkner with Bob & Cathy White and Curt Lewis
- May 9 (Fri.): Nashville: Ed Wilkinson with Nashville Weather
- May 10 (Sat.): B'ham FoOTMaD Barb Kirchner with Magic Truck also: Waltz workshop from 4-6 PM B'ham FoOTMaD dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$8. Info: http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm
- May 10 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Chrissy Davis-Camp with TBA CTDS dances 2nd and 4th 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 or: http://contranooga.org
- May 16 (Fri.): Nashville: Jim Coode with Wingates

May 17 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Tom, Kat & the Fiddle

- May 23 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson <- Huntsville band
- May. 24 (Sat.) : B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged Open mike calling & music
- B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged dances are held at the Unitarian Church on Cahaba Rd. near the Zoo in MountainBrook. \$3
- May 30 (Fri.): Nashville: No Dance Huntsville Blue Moon
- May 30 June 1: NACDS Blue Moon dance weekend register now!
- Robert Cromartie Flapjack Seth Tepfer Avant Gardeners at UAH Univ. Center June 6 (Fri.): Nashville: Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg & Friends
- June 7 (Sat.): NACDS dance Chrissy Davis-Camp with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson
- June 13 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Nashville Ceili Band
- June 14 (Sat.): B'ham FoOTMaD Archie Faulkner with Curley Fries & the Idaho Boises
- June 14 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Barb Kirchner with Magic Truck
- June 20 (Fri.): Nashville: John Sharlet calling with Nashville Weather
- June 21 (Sat.): NACDS dance TBD with the Nashville Ceili Band
- June 27 (Fri.): Nashville: No Dance
- In Atlanta they dance on Fridays and Tuesdays see http://contradance.org
- In Knoxville they dance every Monday see <u>http://www.korrnet.org/kcd/</u>
- In Memphis they dance 1st and 3rd Fridays see http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html
 - To get your dances on the schedule, e-mail us with the particulars by the 20th of the month. Doug & Bryan

NACDS Officer Nominations Needed

A proposed slate of officers is below. Call me (882-6378) or Natasha (880-8740) with more nominations. President: Diane Walls? Producer: Carol Mebane President Elect: You? Property Manager: Steve Nix Secretary: Katrina Weber? Membership: Basil Pinker?

Treasurer: Chuck Weber

Newsletter Editor: Doug Roth

Enjoy dancing with us? Help ensure that NACDS continues to thrive. Consider nominating yourself for one of these positions. None are time consuming, and each is a great way to give back to the dance community.