

Newsletter of North Alabama Country Dance Society • Group Affiliate, Country Dance & Song Society • Established 1982 http://secontra.com/NACDS/html • Linda NcAllister, Editor • email: wmca@hiwaay.net • (256) 534-8354

I Want You – Yes You!



You know this old picture of Uncle Sam in his very best top hat with the earnest expression pointing out at the poster reader— and the big print saying "I WANT YOU!" Well, now NACDS is recruiting, too.

First, we are an organization run by volunteers. A nominating committee has been appointed to match skills and interests of our members with several jobs that need doing to keep the organization running so we can all enjoy the dances. If you would consider devoting some volunteer time to the organization, please contact Natasha, Jane, Shelly, or Mark. (See the NACDS handbook for phone numbers.)

Second, our Blue Moon dance weekend is coming up May 18-20. Blue Moon has a reputation of being one of the most hospitable and friendliest of all dance weekends. To make sure that tradition continues, we need many hands to make our dance weekend as much fun as we can—and we'll have fun ourselves. If you are like most of us, you are busy and cannot devote a lot of time volunteering. However, we hope you have <u>some</u> time to devote, and could help do something. The saying is: "many hands make light work," so the more hands the merrier. Here are a few tasks and work dates you can consider when you call to volunteer.

- Making Buttons April 15 in the afternoon
- Helping Bryan and Diane prepare for the after-dance party Saturday night May 16 or 17
- Getting the drinks and fruit for the Lunch on Saturday May 16 or 17
- Picking up Mark Hellenberg from the Airport Friday, May 18
- Calling in the lunch order to McAlister's Deli and being at Union Grove location on UAH campus to supervise lunch Saturday, May 19
- Filling a time slot at the registration Table Dance Weekend
- Sweeping the floor after dances
- Keeping the water coolers filled
- Helping to decorate the hall Friday, May 18
- Hosting an out of town dancer

There are ideas that we have not thought of yet,---tell me yours and don't forget to call and volunteer. *Carol Mebane, Blue Moon Weekend Chair*



- Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., South, (corner of Whitesburg Dr. & Airport Rd.). Beginners Workshop is at 7:00 PM then the regular dance is from 7:30 10:30 PM.
- Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for teens, free for ages 12 & under. Remember to bring comfortable, **non-scuffing shoes** for dancing. Bring someone new to a dance this month.
- Contact Bryan Walls (256) 837-0656 or email: bwalls@pobox.com or visit http://secontra.com.NACDS.html for more info.

Date	Caller	Band	
April 7	Harry Delugach	Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson	
April 21	Nick Boulet, Knoxville	Kaleidoscope	
May 5	Jane Ewing	The Furies	
May 18-20	BLUE MOON DANCE WEEKEND Susan Kevra & Seth Tepfer	Notorious + 2 and Wolves A Howlin'	



Area Dance Gypsy Calendar

Date	Location	Caller	Band
April 27	Sewanee 8 pm CST	Emme Anderson	The Furies
April 6	Nashville	TBA	Plaidgrass
April 13	Nashville	TBA	Owen Morrison Band
April 15	Nashville (English at Friends Meeting House 4:00-6:30 PM)	Susan Kevra	The Contrarian Ensemble
April 20	Nashville	ТВА	Small Time String Band featuring Gretchen May-Priest
April 27	Nashville	TBA	Nashville Weather
April 14	Birmingham	Jane Ewing	Wolves A Howlin'
April 14	Chattanooga	Vicki Herndon	Mountain Creek Boys
Mar 30-Ap 1	Chattaboogie 07 (Dance Weekend)		

FoOTMaD (Birmingham) dances 2nd Saturdays at the YMCA, 3rd Ave & 23rd St, 7:30 PM. <u>http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm.</u> CTDS (Chattanooga) dances 2nd & 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or http://contranooga.org

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN) dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN. For details, call (931) 598-0814 or check <u>http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/</u>

NCD (Nashville) dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at NEW LOCATION -- Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Blvd one block south of Woodmont - on the corner of Graybar. Sept 8 at Cohn Adult Education Center, 4805 Park Ave. Contact Chrissy at (615) 210-6808 or John, email: <u>DanceFools@aol.com</u> or <u>http://dancenashville.org/</u> Flat Creek dances - 2 & 4th Tues, Flat Creek Community Center - seven miles south of Shelbyville, TN. http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontradances.htm

A Bit Farther Away, But Well Worth The Travel

CCD (Atlanta) dances on Fridays & alternate Tuesdays. <u>http://contradance.org</u>

KCD (Knoxville) dances every Monday. <u>http://www.kornet.org/kcd/</u>

MCD (Memphis) dances on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. <u>http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html</u>

Sautee Community Dances (N. GA) once a month from Sept - May. http://sauteecontra.home.mindspring.com/

Getting To Know You

Danielle Beardsley

Danielle is currently enrolled at UAH in the She Nursing Program. began contra dancing two years ago and her first impression was, "Oh dear, how am I going to keep up with these people!" But in fact what she particularly enjoys is the high energy wonderful dancing, the music and people....and she says, "It's fun!" She also enjoys ballroom and swing dancing. And we will all agree that she brings a lot of energy to our group.



Marvin Rocker

Marvin is а relative newcomer to our dance group, but his jovial disposition has caught our attention. He is an engineer aerospace at enjoys roller NASA, marksmanship skating, and science fiction books and movies. He has three children ages 9-20 and can do a mean James Earl Jones imitation. His first impression of contra was "electrifying." He enjoys highly aerobic the choreography shared with lots of folks to good music.



Nobody cares if you don't dance well. Just get up and dance....Dave Barry





We're fools whether we dance or not, so we might as well dance....Japanese Proverb



More Dates to Put on Your Calendar

April 15—Button making and decoration planning for Blue Moon at Jane and Terry Ewing's new (nearly) finished house in beautiful Grant, AL. Come at 4:00 PM and bring a pot-luck dish to share . We'll make the buttons, plan the decorations, and eat. It is also Terry's birthday, so come help him celebrate. We'll have directions at the April 7th dance.

April 21—NACDS Anniversary Celebration—This year marks 25 years of contra dancing in Huntsville—So we're going to celebrate with-- what else—a pot luck and some fine dancing. The pot luck will be at the church and we'll start at 5:00 PM. Bring a dish to share-- plates, cups, drinks, and eating utensils will be provided. An anniversary cake will be provided. Invite someone to come be a part of the celebration. Invite some one who hasn't been to the dance for a while. The advantage is that you can eat guilt free because we'll be doing all that dancing afterwards!

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