

**Saturday
December 16**

8:00 PM

**Adults - \$10
Students - \$7
Children - Free
(under 12)**



HOLIDAY DANCE

Featuring

**Diane Silver
Caller**

**&
Red Mountain
White Trash
Band**

Diane Silver is a bright, energetic, playful caller from Asheville who has called from Virginia to Florida. She not only calls for contra and square dances, but also teaches clogging/flat footing and swing (jitterbug and Lindy). We are pleased to have her call our special Holiday Dance.

Red Mountain White Trash is a six-member Birmingham band that has been playing together for dances, clubs and festivals across the USA since 1985. They are a hootin', fun-loving group that enjoys playing high energy versions of dance tunes collected from older fiddlers from Tennessee and Alabama. Many of us enjoyed dancing with them again at the Mentone Weekend Dance this past August.

This is a **dance/party** – so bring your favorite holiday **snacks** to share. Be sure they are not messy and are of the finger food variety. (We don't want to have to steam clean the carpet after the dance!)

There will be **door prizes**, so if you can donate an item, please bring it to the dance.

The gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, our dance venue, will be **decorated** for the dance at noon. **Set up** (tables, chairs, sound system) will occur at 7:00 PM. If you can **help** with either, it will be appreciated.

No free passes will be accepted for this dance.

Getting To Know You



Gail and Howard Williams

Gail and Howard Williams have two grown children. Owen lives and works in Atlanta and Rachel teaches school at Ridgecrest Elementary School in Huntsville. Gail says, “They are both out of the house and on their own but they enjoy coming home.” What a compliment to the parents!

Gail worked with homeless families as a social worker for nine years and then began working in dialysis clinics seven years ago. Howard is a contractor and specializes in renovations and remodeling as well as adding on to current structures. Before doing contracting work, he logged over one million miles in tractor trailer trucks and his last co-driver was Gail! In his spare time he enjoys disc or Frisbee golf as well as plays acoustic guitar and piano in a band. Gail enjoys crafts, sewing, reading and the great outdoors – perennial flower gardening, wildflower identification and birding.

They began contra dancing only a couple of years ago but are regulars now. Howard enjoys the “live music, exercising and meeting very nice folks.” At first he wondered how long it would take to catch on, but it seems much easier now. Gail loves the energetic, friendly people and also says, “The music is always great.” Her first impression was “Fun, fun, fun! I had a smile on my face the whole dance and have kept it ever since.”

Gail and Howard have been to dance at Mentone, Chattanooga, Nashville, Atlanta and Sewanee and they also enjoy swing and Cajun dancing.

This and That

Maple Hill Band members want us to know about their new website – www.maplehillband.com. Check it out.

Jane Ewing suggests that anyone who may like to go out of town to a dance should make this known on our Yahoo site and try to connect with other active dancer in the group “Nothing is better than a group of dancers gypsy-‘ing’ to another dance together!”

Many heard our own Fred Kolchin on *What’ya Know* recently. He was great and gave us national publicity.

Carol Mebane has finalized the fabulous line up of callers and bands for our tenth anniversary Blue Moon Weekend on May 18-20. Be sure you have those dates reserved on your calendar already.

Happy Holidays! There may not be a newsletter at the end of December due to the editor’s holiday plans. Our January dates and callers are listed in this newsletter and you can check websites for other dances in the area.

Pumpkin Dip

8 ounces of cream cheese, softened

2 cups confectioners’ sugar, sifted

1 15 ounce can solid pumpkin

1 T. cinnamon (maybe a bit less if cinnamon isn't your favorite spice)

1 T. pumpkin pie spice (or 1/2 t. ground ginger, 1/2 t. ground nutmeg, 1/2 t. ground cloves)

Mix all ingredients together. Serve with gingersnaps and/or graham cracker sticks (any flavor). Keeps in the refrigerator.

Linda Harmon shared this special dish that we enjoyed at a recent dance.

? 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
Dec 2	Seth Tepfer	Kaleidoscope
Dec 16	Diane Silver – Special Holiday Dance (See article on front page)	Red Mountain White Trash
Jan 6	Vicki Herndon	Maple Hill
Jan 20	Jane Ewing	Fiery Gizzard



Area Dance Gypsy Calendar

Date	Location	Caller	Band
Dec 22	Sewanee 8 pm CST	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Toss The Possum
Dec 1	Nashville - 2 nd Presbyterian Church	Susan Kevra	Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson
Dec 8	Nashville “	Eddie Doss	Contrarian Ensemble
Dec 10	Nashville (Friends Meeting House)	Susan Kevra	Cantrells & Kent Martin
Dec 15	Nashville - 2 nd Presbyterian Church	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Calliope
Dec 22	Nashville “	TBA	TBA
Dec 29	Nashville “	Ed Wilkinson	TBA
Dec 9	Chattanooga	Harry Delugach	Force of Nature
Dec 31	Birmingham New Year’s Eve Dance	Scott Russell & Susan Davis	Jamie Laval & Ashley Broder

FoOTMaD (Birmingham) dances 2nd Saturdays at the YMCA, 3rd Ave & 23rd St, 7:30 PM. <http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>.

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 <http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/>

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: DanceFools@aol.com or <http://dancenashville.org/>

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. <http://contradance.org>

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

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

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



Check Out These Swings

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(mailing label shows renewal date)

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2 guest passes, and a \$1 DISCOUNT to
each regular dance!