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Blue Moon 2006

What a great weekend of dancing! The Latter Day Lizards and the Evil Twins played to the calling of Becky Hill and Barbara Groh. Everyone had a great time and we had a lot of people dancing. Dancers came from D.C., St. Louis, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and a group of students from Tuscaloosa. Just like magic!

Well, not really. The efforts of a great many people made the dance appear as if by magic. I want to tell you more about the dance, but I have to start thanking people for all of the hard work or I will run out of space. So here goes.

Steve Whitmore helped me set up bands and callers. Diane Walls created the flyers, buttons, and other graphics and hosted the after dance party with Bryan Walls. Natasha Kunin handled registration and steered dancers towards rooms and lunches. Jeannie Peters coordinated the picnic lunch. Carol Mebane found rooms for dancers in some of our members' homes. Shelly Vann headed up decorations. Jerry Mebane worked with UAH to get us into the UC and Union Grove Gallery. Chuck Weber ran the lift to hang banners from the ceiling in the UC. Donna Deaton housed the Lizards and took care of them. Wayne Hitt loaned us his keyboard. And what about the sound crew? Steve Nix, Pat Camp, and Jeff McClure (our new addition to the sound crew) took care of sound.



I cannot list everything every individual did so I will tell you what the next group of people did as a whole. They made buttons, mailed flyers, decorated the hall, tore down the hall, provided room in their homes for out of town dancers, sat at the table for registration, swept the floor, and made sure everyone had water. Thanks to Jane Ewing, Sarah Jenkins, Nancy Evans, Katrina Weber, Max, Linda and Hannah Harman, Danielle Beardsley, Doug Roth, Linda and Bill McAllister, Maureen Sumera, Tim and Theresa Miller, Cher Piette, Clara Welch, Evan McDade, Marilee Keim, Vicki Herndon, Fred and Linda Kolchin, Judie Snipes, and Marcy Robinson.

I know I have left out a few people but as you can see most everyone from Huntsville who danced the entire weekend helped out in some way. And it took all of them to do it! Thanks to everyone for the effort. It would not have been the same dance without your help. – mark mohon

Annual Membership Meeting and Elections

Our annual meeting each year is supposed to be in May. Well ... it will be in June this year. Between procrastinating, dealing with the dance weekend, and having problems filling all of the positions for officers, it just did not happen in May. So, the annual meeting will be at the June 17th dance during the break. This year we would like to vote on one amendment and then elect officers. The amendment is described below and followed by the nominated slate of officers.

For many years now Steve Nix has been acting as Property Custodian and running sound for us. Because our constitution limits anyone from holding this office for more than two consecutive terms, there have been times where we elected someone else to the position but Steve still performed the duties. We would like to amend the constitution to allow individuals to hold this office without term limits.

A few of us have some recollection that we may have already done this in a previous year but we cannot find any evidence of it, so maybe we have lost our mind. So ... we would like to amend the second sentence of Article 6 to include Property Custodian. Below I will list the first two sentences of Article 6 as it currently reads and then as we would like to amend it.

Current Amendment

Article 6 . Elected Officer's. The elected officers of the NACDS are President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Property Custodian, Membership Chairman, and dance series Producer. All terms of office are one year, and with the exception of the Newsletter Editor, dance series Producer, and Treasurer, no individual may hold any given office for more than two terms consecutively.

Submitted Amendment

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Nominations for Officers

Getting someone to sign up to be an officer is not always an easy task. This year most of the officers agreed to continue on for another term. However, since Steve Whitmore currently has more work duties, he declined to move from President-Elect to President. That left us with two positions to nominate: President and President-Elect. Carol has agreed to be President-Elect next year. She has had a lot of experience with our group and I think she will do a fine job. I did not want to run for President again, but two things drove me to it. First, there was not a crowd beating down the door to take it on. Second, I think there are a lot of things that our group needs to look at and I did not get a chance to examine much of it this year. So I am reluctantly agreeing to be nominated again. Here is the list of nominees:

President:	Mark Mohon
President-Elect:	Carol Mebane
Secretary:	Shelly Vann
Treasurer:	Bryan Walls
Newsletter Editor:	Linda McAllister
Dance Producer:	Doug Roth
Property Manager:	Steve Nix
Membership Chair:	Linda Harm a n

Let me stop here and ask that everyone thank these people for putting in the time to keep our dances going. Hopefully you read the list of what they do in May's newsletter, it was a lot!

Nominating is the key word. These are the nominations of the nominating committee. The committee was Jane Ewing, Donna Deaton, and me (Mark Mohon). At the election, you may nominate someone else. Then we vote. Please be there to support the democratic process and to support all of our officers! And plan to be an apprentice this year, learn the ropes and be willing to assume an office next year. — mark mohon



- 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	
June 3	Jane Ewing	Mountain Creek Boys	
June 17	Doug Singleton	Whistlin' Rufus	
July 1	Vicki Herndon	Wolves a Howlin'	
July 15	Jane Ewing	Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson	



Area Dance Gypsy Calendar

Date	Location	Caller	Band
June 13/27	Flat Creek, TN	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Inge Wood & anyone who wants to play
			(Usually 20-30 pickers and 100 dancers!!)
June 23	Sewanee	Diane Silver	Crosstown Traffic
June 2	Nashville (See below - new location.)	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Calliope
June 9	Nashville	Eddie Doss	Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson
June 16	Nashville	Kendal Broadie	Nashville Weather
June 23	Nashville	Susan Kevra	Wingates
June 30	Nashville	Ed Wilkinson	Calliope
June 10	Birmingham	Vicki Herndon	Herb Trotman's Band
June 24	Chattanooga – Waltz Workshop	Diane Silver	Crosstown Traffic

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://www.mistycontra.zoomshare.com/0.html

NCD (Nashville) dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at NEW LOCATION – June 2 will try new place – Glendale United Methodist Church, 900 Glendale Lane. Conveniently located just off I-65 - exit 78; go west on Harding Place; cross Franklin Rd; continue .8 mile; right on Soper Ave; .2 mile – church is on left corner. After June 2 call or check Web site to confirm location..... 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 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. <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/

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