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THE GYPSIES ARE COMING!

The Blue Moon dance May 15-17 will attract dancers from all over, and many will look for local dancers willing to host them. If you have room, we hope you'll consider letting a dancer or two (or more!) stay with you for the weekend.

WALTZ WORKSHOP MARCH 7

Gary Nelson and his wife Rebecca will be teaching a waltz workshop March 7 starting at 2pm. The free workshop will be in the theater space of the Flying Monkey Arts Center at Lowe Mill during the Saturday Arts Market.

MEMFEST

The Memfest dance weekend is **March 20-22**, 2009 featuring the Latter Day Lizards and Seth Tepfer.

Coordinator:

Ron McDonald, mcdonaldron@comcast.net

Registration:

Barbara Belzer, memfest.09.barbara@gmail.com

Friday Night	Contra Dance with the Latter Day Lizards and Seth Tepfer calling
Saturday Morning	Waltz Workshop and Contra Dance with Reel McCoy and Joan Kelly calling
Saturday Afternoon	Workshops and Contra Dance with the Latter Day Lizards and Seth
Saturday Night	Memfest Dance with the Latter Day Lizards and Seth
Saturday Late Night	Party and couples dancing at nearby home
Sunday Morning	Waltzing with the Latter Day Lizards
Sunday Afternoon	Contra Dance with the Latter Day Lizards and Seth



HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

- Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., (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!

• Gen'l info, bwalls@pobox.com or www.secontra.com; Schedule info, Doug Roth: hdroth@pobox.com.

MARCH 7: HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — GARY NELSON

BAND — ED BAGGOTT AND ELSIE PETERSON

MARCH 21: HUNTSVILLE

Callers — Harry Delugach

BANDS — KALEIDOSCOPE

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

MARCH 6: NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — DAVID COE AND JIM PRENDERGAST

MARCH 8: NASHVILLE

ENGLISH DANCE AT FRIENDS MEETING

CALLERS — MELISSA & ED WILKINSON

BANDS — CALLIOPE

MARCH 10: FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

MARCH 13: NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — ELIZABETH FITCH, WES LANGLOIS, & ANDY SMITH

MARCH 13-15: LAKE WYLIE, SOUTH CAROLINA

GYPSY MELTDOWN

CALLERS — GEORGE MARSHALL AND ROBERT CROMARTIE

BANDS — WILD ASPARAGUS AND ELFTONES

MARCH 14: BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — BECCA IMPELLO

BAND — THE MEGAHURTS

MARCH 14: CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — ROB HARPER

BAND — THE FORCE

MARCH 20: NASHVILLE

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — THE CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

MARCH 20-22: MEMPHIS

CALLER — SETH TEPFER

BAND — THE LATTER DAY LIZARDS

March 22: BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — ARCHIE FAULKNER

BAND — ED BAGGOTT AND ELSIE PETERSON

MARCH 22: SEWANEE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — OLD FACTORY PICKER

MARCH 24: FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

MARCH 27-29: NASHVILLE

PLAYFORD BALL DANCE WEEKEND. COHN LEARNING CENTER

CALLER — JOSEPH PIMENTEL

BAND — BARE NECESSITIES

MARCH 27-29: CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

PALMETTO BUG STOMP

CALLER — CIS HINKLE

BAND — AVANT GARDENERS AND ANNA'S BANANAS

MARCH 28: CHATTANOOGA AT RUMC

CALLER — GEORGE SNYDER

BAND — CROSS TOWN TRAFFIC

To LEARN MORE

FoOTMaD (Birmingham)

bamalong.com/bcds.htm.

CTDS (Chattanooga)

(706) 937-4991 or (423)876-7359

contranooga.org

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN)

(931) 598-0814

mistycontra.zoomshare.com

NCD (Nashville)

(615) 210-6808

nashvillecountrydancers.org

Flat Creek

nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontradances.htm

2009 PLAYFORD BALL

The Nashville Country Dancers Proudly present their 28th Annual Playford Ball the weekend of **March 27-29**, 2009, in Nashville, TN.

The 2009 Nashville Playford Ball brings together some of the country's most acclaimed English Country Dance talent. Bare Necessities has been praised by the Boston Globe for their "...liberal sweeps of improvisation, giving them a sound unlike any other on either side of the Atlantic." Joseph Pimentel, one of the nation's most in demand callers for English and contra alike makes his Nashville debut. Please join us for wonderful dancing on a lovely hardwood floor in the festively decorated Cohn Adult Learning Center in exciting Music City!

PERFORMERS:

JOSEPH PIMENTEL, a New Englander now of Houston, TX, is a popular caller at dance events from Alaska to Florida. He draws on a broad repertoire of contra, English country, and community dances, all presented with crisp teaching, impeccable taste, and respect for tradition.

BARE NECESSITIES:

Mary Leah has been playing fiddle for countless dance groups over the last 30 years. She arrived on the Boston dance scene in 1977 and has been a major part of that community ever since. A musical globetrotter, Mary plays music from all over the world, including New England contras, Vintage dances, English, and South American tangos and waltzes. She is also a member of Dark Carnival, Crazy Quilt and Paradiso.

Peter Barnes has been playing piano, flute & assorted other instruments for traditional dancing since 1971. In constant demand, he has performed at most major contra, square, British Isles and vintage dance events in the US and abroad. He also works with the bands The Latter-Day Lizards, Yankee Ingenuity, Big Bandemonium, to name a few. He has numerous recordings and publications to his name, including the classic, English Country Dance Tunes.

Earl Gaddis, the consummate dance musician, has been playing fiddle and viola for a mixture of English, Scottish, American, and international dancing for well over 40 years. He plays for dance camps, workshops, balls and other dance events throughout the US and abroad. In addition to his work with Bare Necessities, he also performs with Woodlark.

Jacqueline Schwab plays the piano "as if she has an orchestra at her fingertips" (Sing Out Magazine) . Chosen by

filmmaker, Ken Burns for numerous public television documentaries, she can be heard on the soundtracks for the Grammy award-winning Civil War, the Emmy awardwinning Baseball and Mark Twain, among others. In 1977, she performed at the White House for President Clinton. An authority on English Country dancing, Jacqueline has toured the United States and England for years in her guise as musician and dance caller.



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http://secontra.com/NACDS.html

There is an announcement list for everyone and a Yahoo Group discussion list for those more involved. E-mail nacds@pobox.com if you'd like to be on either.

Yahoo group:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity/



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