

MAY 16 DANCE LOCATION

As usual, we will dance the first and third Saturdays of May. The first Saturday dance will be at the usual location, Faith Presbyterian Church, at the intersection of Airport Road and Whitesburg Drive. However, on May 16, the third Saturday, we will not dance at Faith Presbyterian Church; rather, we will be in the middle of our annual dance festival, the Blue Moon Dance at the UAH University Center.

BLUE MOON AT LAST!

We don't know about you, but all of us here at the NACDS News Room are breathless with anticipation for Blue Moon 12, featuring Wild Asparagus!

Please bring bags of wrapped candy to be put in the baskets around the dance area.

We are booked to capacity. So if you have not already registered, unless you are a single guy, we're sorry, but there just isn't any more room to dance. We will not sell tickets at the door for individual dances or for the weekend.

PARTY AFTER THE DANCE

Bryan and Diane Walls will host an "After the Dance Party" Saturday night with Swing and Cajun dancing and a musicians' jam, just down the street from Blue Moon.

If you come to the party, won't you please bring food - preferably a little more than a bag of chips? There may be a large crowd and we guess the Walls depend on all of us to help provide.

WAXWING MAY 9TH AT BIRMINGHAM

Waxwing (formerly the Full Moon Consort), with calling by Seth Tepfer of Atlanta, will be playing the Birmingham dance on May 9.

Waxwing is Andrew Levin from Clemson SC on fiddle, Wayne Hitt from Huntsville on keyboards, Robin Behn from

Birmingham on tin whistle and flute, Steve Nix From Huntsville on guitar and cello, and John English from Birmingham on bodhran and congas.

Robin tells us, "We love to play for the dance almost as much as we love to dance. We hope to see lots of Huntsville folks at the Birmingham dance on May 9!"



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.

MAY 2 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JEF HODGE
BAND — WOLVES A HOWLIN'

MAY 15 - 17 : HUNTSVILLE

NACDS BLUE MOON DANCE WEEKEND
WITH WILD ASPARAGUS

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

MAY 1 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA
BAND — CALLIOPE

MAY 3 : NASHVILLE

ENGLISH DANCE AT FRIENDS MEETING
CALLERS — SUSAN KEVRA
BANDS — CALLIOPE

MAY 8 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON
BAND — PLAIDGRASS

MAY 9 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — SETH TEPFER
BAND — WAXWING

MAY 9 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — FRED PARK
BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

MAY 12 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

MAY 15 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — ED WILKINSON
BAND — DAVID COE AND JIM PRENDERGAST

MAY 22 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — CUMBERLAND TENDERFOOTS

MAY 26 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

MAY 23: CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON
BAND — PEAVINE CREEK

MAY 29 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON
BAND — WHISTLIN' RUFUS

MAY 29 : SEWANEE

CALLER — TBA
BAND — TBA

TO LEARN MORE

Footmad (Birmingham, AL)

sites.google.com/site/bfootmad
205-822-0505

2nd Saturdays at the YWCA in downtown Birmingham
4th Sunday afternoons (except May-August)

CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)

contranooga.org
All Saints Academy
310 East 8th St. - Chattanooga, TN

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN)

931-598-0814
mistycontra.zoomshare.com
American Legion Hall
36 University Avenue, Sewanee, TN

NCD (Nashville, TN)

615-356-3869
nashvillecountrydancers.org
Contra dance most Friday nights
English Country Dance 2nd Sunday of each month
See web site for locations

Flat Creek, TN

jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm
Flat Creek Community Center south of Shelbyville, TN

NACDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 9, 2009

The meeting was held at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Attending were Doug Roth, Bryan Walls, Mark Mohan, Kevin Riggs, Erin Mc Quire, Jane Ewing, Carol Mebane, Natasha Kunin, and Claire Davies. Carol Mebane called the meeting to order.

Current business:

Committee needs to discuss the upcoming Blue Moon weekend. Reservations are running higher than previous years. We currently have 105 reservations. Jane presented information obtained from other dance groups as to the required space needed for a comfortable dance. The hall has been measured and we can fit 4 lines with 11 sets in each line. The estimate is that 176 dancers can be accommodated comfortably on the floor. Discussion followed as to whether we should set this as the limit and at what point to impose gender balancing. It was agreed to delay a decision until we have 160 reservations. Single women's forms will be processed as single guys sign up.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with set up at around 3:00 pm the day of the dance: decorations (Claire for quilts, Carol for plants, & etc.), sign-in (Natasha), housing (John Barnum), and working the table during the dances. Encourage members to get involved and help in some area. Members who want to help can contact committee heads at upcoming dances.

Natasha has noticed a higher request for housing in people's homes. She requested that we start polling members for those willing to provide sleeping space.

Scholarship requests have come in for the three positions. These positions have been given to Carl Shaddox, Judy Snipes, and Harriet Bugle by unanimous approval. These three will be permitted to attend the weekend at no cost for work done.

Food is again limited to small individually wrapped items. The concessions at UAH are all contractually controlled. The snack stand will not be open this year due to problems at the university. We will again provide water and candies but it is limited to that.

Button party will be held later in April, probably at Jane's in Grant. The necessary supplies are on hand. Mark is working on the art work and will have it soon.

New business:

Doug raised the question as to whether or not to schedule a band and caller for the first Saturday in July as it falls on the 4th. After discussion the board voted to go ahead with a dance on the 4th of July.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Claire Davies, Secretary



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Visit the NACDS web site:

<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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and a \$1 DISCOUNT to each regular dance!*