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# CEILIDH IN WETUMPKA

Maureen Patrick asked me to pass this along:

There's a wonderful "chance to dance" on Friday, November 5, 2010. Pooka - a traditional Irish and Scots band - will be playing (in period dress, of course!) at Ft. Toulouse (Wetumpka, AL) for a ceilidh (music and dance party) from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The event will be in the Pavilion on the grounds of Ft. Toulouse, one of Alabama's historic treasures, a restored c.1710 French Fort.

Maureen Patrick of the band will teach/call Scots and Irish social dances and, as well, some American and English Country Dances.

For more information, please contact Maureen at info@historicguides.com or the Fort at fttoulousejackson.org (Ned Jenkins is Program Director).

# NOVEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE

The November meeting of the NACDS Steering Committee is scheduled for 4:00, November 6, in the gym of Faith Presbyterian. Feel free to join us, but check the time with an officer a day or two prior to the meeting.

## SEWANEE CONTRA DANCERS

We heard from Stephanie Loria who is in charge of advertising for the Sewanee contra clan. They don't have a website, so it's hard for people to find out about their dances. They'd love to have more community folks come, so they're reaching out to sister organizations and dance gypsies in the area. The Sewanee dancers have something very important going for them, though -- all of their dances are FREE!

We show the next Sewanee Contra Dancers event, November 19, on page 2.

Sewanee Contra Dancers dance at:

Women's Center Sewanee: The University of the South 735 University Ave. Sewanee, TN 37383

To get there, take 41 A to University Ave. Stay on University Ave until you see Mississippi Ave. Turn onto Mississippi, go pass the parking lot, and right after the lane turns, there will be a building on your right with two large red doors.

On Facebook, look for Sewanee Contra Dancers. You can connect with fellow dancers there and see their dance schedule at a glance.

If you want to know more, contact Loria: loriasf0(at)sewanee.edu

## NASHVILLE CEILI BAND

The Nashville Ceili Band is coming to Huntsville for the first time this month, November 20, with calling by Jane Ewing.

The Nashville Ceili Band has been delighting dancers and performance audiences in Nashville, Alabama, Kentucky and Georgia for years with their uplifting traditional music. Jigs, reels, waltzes, and hornpipes get people dancing and clapping and are played with a strong attachment to the Irish, Scottish, and French Canadian traditions.

They're a group of musicians dedicated to performing exciting arrangements of traditional music.

Fiddle, flute, tenor banjo, piano, accordion, bouzouki, mandolin -- but it's not just the instruments. "Nashville Ceili is a very fun band... high energy when we needed it, jazzy on demand, smooth and sultry when it fit. Everyone had a good time." - Woody Lane, caller from Portland Oregon.

Check them out at nashvilleceiliband.com, and get ready for a great night of dancing November 20!

## **HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR**

- Huntsville dances are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, and 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.

## **NOVEMBER 6: HUNTSVILLE**

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — WAXWING

#### **NOVEMBER 20: HUNTSVILLE**

CALLER — JANE EWING

BAND — NASHVILLE CEILI

# AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

#### **NOVEMBER 5: NASHVILLE**

CALLER — JOHN SHARLET

BAND —RUSHTON, HOOS, ROHRBOUGH, KERSEY

## **NOVEMBER 9: FLAT CREEK**

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

## **NOVEMBER 12: NASHVILLE**

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — ELIZABETH FITCH & FRIENDS

#### **NOVEMBER 13: BIRMINGHAM**

CALLER --- VICKI HERNDON

BAND — HERB TROTMAN BAND

## **NOVEMBER 13: CHATTANOOGA**

CALLER --- DEENA KUSHNER

BAND — THE MOUNTAIN CREEK BOYS

## **NOVEMBER 14: NASHVILLE**

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — NASHVILLE WEATHER

## November 12 - 14: ATLANTA

WEST SIDE CONTRA

CALLERS - DIANE SILVER AND SUSAN KEVRA

BANDS — PERPETUAL E-MOTION AND TIDAL WAVE

#### **NOVEMBER 19: NASHVILLE**

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — DAVID COE & FRIENDS

## **NOVEMBER 19: SEWANEE, TN**

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — ED BAGGOTT AND ELSIE PETTERSON

## **NOVEMBER 23: FLAT CREEK**

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

#### **NOVEMBER 26: NASHVILLE**

CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

BAND — THE CUMBERLAND TENDERFOOTS

#### NOVEMBER 27: BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — STEVE GESTER

BAND — RED MOUNTAIN WHITE TRASH

#### **NOVEMBER 27: CHATTANOOGA**

CALLER --- VICKI HERNDON

BAND — FREE ASSOCIATION

#### TO LEARN MORE

Footmad (Birmingham, AL)

www.footmadbirmingham.org 205-822-0505

CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)

contranooga.org

• NCD (Nashville, TN)

615-356-3869

nashvillecountrydancers.org

Flat Creek, TN

jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm

## A BIT FURTHER BUT WORTH THE TRAVEL

CCD (Atlanta, GA)

Fridays & alternate Tuesdays contradance.org

KCD (Knoxville, TN)

**Every Monday** 

discoveret.org/kcd

MCD (Memphis, TN)

1st, 3rd, &5th Fridays

midtowners.webs.com

Sautee Community Dances (North-East GA)

Once a month, Sept – May

sauteecontra.com

## UPCOMING DANCES

Look at this calendar of great upcoming dances!

#### **WEST SIDE CONTRA**

The Chattahoochee Contra Dancers will host their 34th annual Atlanta Festival Weekend November 12-14. The dance will be held at:

Decatur Recreation Center (Dec Rec) 231 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030

Friday night and Saturday morning, Diane Silver will call to the music of Perpetual e-Motion. Then, Saturday Afternoon, Saturday Night, and Sunday Susan Kevra will call to the music of Tidal Wave. Visit contradance.org to learn more about the schedule, location, and to download a registration form.

#### Cost:

\$65 - postmarked by Monday, October 18

\$75 - postmarked between October 19 - November 8

\$80 - after November 9th or if paid at the door

## **HUNTSVILLE HOLIDAY DANCE**

Our annual Holiday Dance is December 18, 2010, with calling by Janet Shepherd and the music of Red Mountain White Trash.

Set aside the date! Scour your attic for gifts to donate! Send your finest attire off to the dry cleaners! (Well, OK, run that favorite T-shirt through the wash and set it aside...)



#### **CHATTABOOGIE 3**

The Chattanooga Traditional Dance Society will host a contra dance festival weekend, Chattaboogie 3, January 7-9 2011. The weekend will be held on the floating random pine floor at Allemande Hall, a facility built for dancing by dancers.

Allemande Hall 7400 Standifer Gap Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421

Music will be provided by Prepetual e-Motion with original waltzes by Waxwing. Callers will be Seth Tepfer and Vicki Herndon. Visit contranooga.org to learn more about the schedule, location, and to download a registration form.

#### Cost:

\$120.00\* balanced couple before 12/10/10
\$65.00\* per person before 12/10/10
75.00\* all registrants after 12/10/10
50.00\* per student before 12/10/10
\*Full refund minus \$20.00 handling fee before 12/10/10.
No refund after 12/10/10.

## **CABIN FEVER**

The The Knoxville Country Dancers will host a contra dance festival weekend, Cabin Fever, February 18-20, 2011. The dance will be held at:

> Maryville College 502 East Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Maryville, TN

Music will be provided by Syncopaths and Contrazz, and the caller will be Carol Ormand. Visit knoxvillecontradance.org to learn more about the schedule, location, and to download a registration form.

Cost: Not yet published

## **BLUE MOON 14**

Details for our next annual dance festival weekend, Blue Moon 14, are taking shape! Save the date, May 20-22, 2011. The dance will be held on the campus of UAH. Music will be provided by The Sevens, and the caller will be Seth Tepfer. More information will be announced as it become available.

# GET CONNECTED, STAY CONNECTED

# 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/

# Facebook page:

Search on Facebook for the "North Alabama Country Dance Society" group. Connect with friends and get invitations to events.



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Members receive monthly newsletter, and a \$1 DISCOUNT to each regular dance!