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↑ Rustic Open-Air Dance Hall

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## Fabulous Mentone Dance Weekend -August 18-20



# Getting To Know You

## Max Harman

Max has a B.S. degree in Zoology from Auburn University and is a Master Gardner, handyman, naturalist and guide, substitute teacher and a musician. He plays trombone, sings bass in his church choir and also plays handbells. One wonders how he has time for dancing.

He began contra dancing only three years ago but is an avid dancer now and attends local dances regularly. As a matter of fact in only three short years, he has danced in Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Nashville, Sewanee and North Carolina. Recently Max and his wife, Linda, and daughter, Hannah, attended the Birmingham sponsored dance weekend in Mentone and enjoyed good dancing and good music as well as good fellowship and meals with Huntsville folks and friends from all over the southeast. Max said, "My first impression of contra dancing was good and I enjoyed the interaction with like-minded people."

Max and Linda's daughter, Hannah, is a student at Huntsville High School and she too is an active dancer. The Harmans also have a son, Hill, who is in graduate school in California and another daughter, Sara, who lives in Birmingham with her family....which includes their first grandchild.

Max enjoys whitewater kayaking and canoeing. When asked if there was anything unusual about him, he said, "I have hitchhiked over 100,000 miles." Maybe he found those green dancing shoes on one of his trips!

## Bill McAllister

Bill has recently retired from the Department of Community Planning and Urban Studies at Alabama A & M University. He came to Huntsville in 1982 by way of Florida and South Carolina, but was born and reared in Worcester, Massachusetts. Bill has degrees in geography, urban planning and public administration, but his real passion is bird watching. His birdscape in the backyard keeps him busy filling feeders on a regular basis.

Bill began contra dancing in 1988 and has been a regular dancer since then. "I saw the listing of the dances in the newspaper for months before I developed enough courage to go to the old church at Burritt Museum to check it out. Trying to sit and observe was not an option for this first outing. Friendly folks immediately got me onto the floor dancing. I was relieved, however, that my square dancing from teen age years proved to be very helpful," Bill said.

Weekend dances and the four summers of great dancing at Glen Echo in Washington D.C. were highlights of his early dancing experiences. "And who can forget the wonderful memories of dancing in Nashville and meeting my lovely wife there," Bill said. (Of course, the editor agrees.) "Together we have enjoyed introducing dancing to several friends and family members including my brother and several grandchildren. In the near future, we look forward to dancing and traveling more"

### McAllisters & Harmans

Linda & Hannah



Bill, Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson



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- 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., 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](mailto:bwalls@pobox.com) or visit <http://secontra.com.NACDS.html> for more info.

Date	Caller	Band
Sept 2	Jef Hodge	Crosstown Traffic
Sept 16	Jane Ewing	Maple Hill
Oct 7	Janet Shepherd	Kaleidoscope
Oct 21	Bob Dalsemer	Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson



## Area Dance Gypsy Calendar

Date	Location	Caller	Band
Sept 12 & 26	Flat Creek, TN	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Inge Wood & anyone who wants to play
Sept 22	Sewanee	Eddie Doss	Calliope
Sept 1	Nashville	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Crosstown Traffic
Sept 8	Nashville	Susan Kevra	Jim Nelson/Stephanie Coleman/Jim Collier
Sept 15	Nashville	Kendal Broadie	TBA
Sept 22	Nashville	Ed Wilkinson	The Cantrells with Kent Martin
Sept 29	Nashville	John Sharlet	Frances Cunningham & Friends
Sept 9	Chattanooga	Bob Dalsemer	The Scallywags (Brasstown)
Sept 23	Chattanooga	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Calliope

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

**CTDS (Chattanooga)** dances 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or <http://contratooga.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](mailto:DanceFools@aol.com) or <http://dancenashville.org/>

**Flat Creek** dances – 2 & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays. <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

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

## Special Invitation

The September 8, Nashville contra dance will feature a trio of great old-time musicians from St. Louis and North Carolina. A junior at Duke University, **Stephanie Coleman**, has been playing fiddle since she was ten years old. She's played dances and dance weekends throughout the Midwest for the past five years and has a number of fiddle competition awards to her name. **Jim Collier** is a multi-instrumentalist currently living in Durham, North Carolina. He has been playing old-time music for over 35 years and plays in the award winning string band, Big Medicine. **Jim Nelson** played guitar and recorded with the Chicago-based stringband, the Volo Bogtrotters, with the Ill-Mo Boys, Ozark square dance fiddler Bob Holt, and Indiana dance fiddler, Lotus Dickey. He plays regularly with numerous dance bands in the Midwest and Upper South. They will be joined by Nashville based, but nationally known caller, **Susan Kevra**. The Friday, September 8 dance will be held at the Cohn Adult Learning Center at 4805 Park Avenue in Nashville. See the website for more details: [www.dancenashville.org](http://www.dancenashville.org).



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