

# Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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## March 1<sup>st</sup>: **Becca Impello with Tom Kat & the Fiddle**

Our own **Chuck & Katrina Weber** and **Tom Green** return to provide the tunes when we welcome Birmingham's **Becca Impello** to call for our first dance of a "contra-active" month.

## March 15<sup>th</sup>: **Open Mike calling with Bob & Cathy White & Curt Lewis**

It isn't an oracle but a scheduling opportunity that declares our open mike dance be celebrated on "the Ides of March!" There's no need to "beware" though, because the band will be hosted by **Bob, Cathy** and **Curt**, who invite you to bring your instrument and sit in with them. Wanna-be callers should arrive a bit early to coordinate with **Harry Delugach** and each other. Don't forget your dance cards!

## March 29<sup>th</sup>: **Seth Tepfer with Up in the Air**

Hot music and hot calling from Hot'lanta. **Seth Tepfer** is known for his high energy and clear teaching. **Up in the Air** consists of: **Jenny Dukes** on fiddle, **Brian Baker** on guitar, **Bill Porter** on flute, and **John Dixon** on mandolin and percussion. You won't want to miss this dance.

The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays of the month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg at Airport Rd. in Huntsville. Come to the refresher workshop at 7PM, then dance until 10:30 for \$7 (\$6 for members, \$4 for teens.) Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes to dance in and please wear a name tag. Bring someone new to a dance this month!
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## CTDS Dance Deemed A Success

A band of eighteen NACDS dance gypsies wended their way to Gorham's Bluff near Pisgah last month to dance in the meeting hall of the community there. Seth Tepfer called and ContraIndicated made the music. The crowd was big enough to warrant two lines for much of the evening. There were also dancers from Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tn.; Rome and Atlanta, Ga.; and even a group of professionals from Chicago!

The Dance COLEctive, a modern dance company, had performed "Reel to Real, a work in progress" that afternoon. The group was delighted to discover how much fun they had learning traditional dance in the evening.

Kudos to Nancy Moore and Wayne Hitt as well as all the folks from the Chattanooga dance society for putting the event together. Let's do it again sometime!

## Another Dance Gypsy Opportunity

An hour's drive north-east of Huntsville is the campus of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tn. (It's near Monteagle.) They are having their second contra dance on Friday March 28th in Craven Hall. Chrissy Davis-Camp will call and the Estill Springs String Band will play. Be there at 7:30 to help with the beginner's workshop - the dance starts at 8.

Ron Lee, a long time member of NACDS who lives up there, is one of the organizers. He says that this dance is "especially scheduled on Friday so folks from Huntsville can come!!" He'll bring flyers to our March dances. Thanks, Ron!

## Blue Moon VI News

A copy of our Blue Moon VI Weekend flyer and registration form is enclosed with this issue. Fill it out now and send it in before you lose it as I am increasingly prone to do.

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$10 (\$15 for families), payable to me at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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## Calendar

Local events in **bold**; contact Bryan Walls (256 837-0656; [bwalls@pobox.com](mailto:bwalls@pobox.com)) for more info.

Feb. 28 (Fri.): Nashville: Nashville Weather with John Sharlet

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriol, near I-440 & Nolensville Rd.

Instruction at 7:30, dance at 8:00. For more info, contact Chrissy (615-210-6808) or John (DanceFools@aol.com).

**Mar. 1 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Becca Impello with Tom Kat & the Fiddle**

Mar. 7 (Fri.): Nashville: John Sharlet with the Wingates

Mar. 8 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Diane Silver (Asheville) with Up in the Air (Atlanta)

CTDS dances 2nd and 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.

For info contact: Steve at 706-937-4991 or Claire & Bryant at 423-876-7359 or: <http://contranooga.com>>

Mar. 8 (Sat.): Birmingham: Becca Impello with Flying Jenny - CD Release Party!

B'ham FOOTMAD dances 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$8. Info: <http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>>

Mar. 14 (Fri.): Nashville: Jane Ewing with Nashville Weather

**Mar. 15 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Blue Moon open calling with Bob, Cathy & Curt**

Mar. 21-23 (Fri.-Sun.): Nashville: Playford Ball Weekend - English & Contra (50-50)

Mar. 22 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Jane Ewing with Tom Kat & the Fiddle <- *Huntsville band and caller!*

Mar. 22 (Sat.): B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged - Open mike calling & music

B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged dances are held at the Unitarian Church on Cahaba Rd. near the Zoo in MountainBrook. \$3

Mar. 28 (Fri.): Nashville - No Dance!

Mar. 28 (Fri.): Sewanee, Tn. - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Estill Springs String Band - See note

**Mar. 29 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Seth Tepfer with Up in the Air**

Apr. 4 (Fri.): Nashville: Susan Kevra with Russ Barenburg & Friends

**Apr. 5 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Tom Kat & the Fiddle**

Apr. 11 (Fri.): Nashville: Eddie Doss with Nashville Weather

Apr. 11-12 - B'ham FoOTMaD - Old-Time Music & Dance Institute - Workshops & Dance

Apr. 12 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Vicki Herndon with Fletcher Bright String Band

Apr. 18 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Tom Kat & the Fiddle <- *Huntsville band*

**Apr. 19 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Harry Delugach with Ed Baggott and Elsie Peterson**

Apr. 25 (Fri.): Nashville: No Dance

Apr. 26 (Sat.): Chattanooga: TBA with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson <- *Huntsville band*

In Atlanta they dance on Fridays and Tuesdays - see <http://contradance.org>

In Knoxville they dance every Monday - see <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/>

In Memphis they dance 1st and 3rd Fridays - see <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

*To get your dances on the schedule, e-mail us with the particulars by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. - Doug & Bryan*

### Upcoming Dance Weekends & Events

Nashville Playford Ball - March 21-23 - Susan Kevra with Bare Necessities - Cohn Center

Dance in Sewanee, Tn (UotS) Chrissy Davis-Camp with Estill Springs String Band - 7:30

Our own Blue Moon VI - May 30 - June 1, 2003 - UAH University Center

Robert Cromartie - Flapjack - Seth Tepfer - Avant Gardners -- flyers are in this issue!