

## **UPCOMING AREA DANCES**

**Huntsville 12-4:** The Kaleidoscope String Band will play for our dance, December 4. The band plays a variety of music, including American old-time, French Canadian, Celtic, and jazz-based tunes. They have played in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and even Costa Rica!

Kaleidoscope's core members are Katrina and Chuck Weber. They have played together since the late 1990s. A special addition to the band for this dance will be fiddle-player Steve Byers of Nashville. We are in for a treat!

Gary Nelson will be our caller. He started calling at The Burritt in 1986, before moving to Asheville, NC. While in Asheville, he called dances in the area, in addition to dances along the southern and eastern coasts, including a dance at Glen Echo Park in D.C. He moved back to the area several years ago when he married his sweet wife, Rebecca Holbrook. Gary and Rebecca produce our Fifth Saturday series, and he serves on our Steering Committee as Special Series Dance Producer. We are lucky to have him in our area!

Don't miss this great evening of driving dance tunes matched with an exciting caller!

**Huntsville 12-18:** You don't want to miss our **Holiday Dance**, December 18! The Red Mountain White Trash band is coming from the Birmingham area to play. The dance will be from 8:00-11:00.

"The Trash", which started as a band playing old-time dance music in 1986, consists of Jim Cauthen on fiddle, Joyce Cauthen on guitar, Bill Martin on autoharp, Philip Foster on mandolin, Jamie Finley on harmonica and banjo uke, and Nancy Jackson on bass. They have received invitations to dance festivals across the country.

The following is a quote about their music: "Totally groove-enhancing, dance-entrancing music. Each tune is lively, vibrant, and played with such spirit and exuberance, it's a thrill just to sense their energy and enthusiasm."

Janet Shepard is coming from Atlanta to call for us. She is an energetic, fun caller, who says she thinks of herself as the host of a big party, where the main goal is simply to follow Rule #1: Have Fun! She has been calling since the early 90's and has called dances as far west as Utah and as far north as New York City and at the New England Folk Festival. She says she is looking forward to bringing a few surprises to Huntsville! With Janet, it will always be fun! She will teach a beginner's class at 7:30.

This special dance is a wonderful time to celebrate the holiday season with music, laughter, and dance!

**Huntsville 1-1-2011:** Late-breaking news! **Another holiday special!** Shake off those early morning blues and start the new year right with a contra dance in Huntsville!

Music will be provided by Kaleidoscope, with calling by our own Erin Maguire.

### **CHATTABOOGIE 3 JANUARY 7-9 2011**

Allemande Hall  
7400 Standifer Gap Road,  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Music: Prepetual e-Motion, Waxwing  
Callers: Seth Tepfer and Vicki Herndon.  
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.

More info: [contranooga.org](http://contranooga.org)

### **CABIN FEVER FEBRUARY 18-20, 2011**

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

Music: Syncopaths and Contrazz  
Caller: Carol Ormand  
More info: [knoxvillecontradance.org](http://knoxvillecontradance.org)

## 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](mailto:bwalls@pobox.com) or [www.secontra.com](http://www.secontra.com);  
Schedule info, Doug Roth: [hdroth@pobox.com](mailto:hdroth@pobox.com).

### DECEMBER 4 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — GARY NELSON

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

### DECEMBER 18 : HUNTSVILLE

HOLIDAY DANCE!

CALLER — JANET SHEPHERD

BAND — RED MOUNTAIN (THE TRASH!)

### JANUARY 1 : HUNTSVILLE

NEW YEAR'S DAY!

CALLER --- VICKI HERNDON

BAND — FREE ASSOCIATION

## AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 3 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY-DAVIS CAMP

BAND — CHRISTIANSON, O'BRYANT, BARENBERG, & TODD

### DECEMBER 10 : SEWANEE, TN

CALLER — EDDIE DOSS

BAND — BOB AND CATHY WHITE

### DECEMBER 10 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — PLAIDGRASS

### DECEMBER 12 : BIRMINGHAM

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

AT THE BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

### DECEMBER 12 : NASHVILLE

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — RUSHTON, HOOS, AND ROHRBOUGH

### DECEMBER 14 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

### DECEMBER 17 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — THE CANTRELLS

### DECEMBER 28 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

### DECEMBER 31 : BIRMINGHAM

NEW YEAR'S EVE! CONTRA, SWING AND CAJUN DANCING

CALLER — JEF HODGE

BAND — MICK KINNEY AND JAMBIANCE

## TO LEARN MORE

- **Footmad (Birmingham, AL)**  
[www.footmadbirmingham.org](http://www.footmadbirmingham.org)  
205-822-0505
- **CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)**  
[contranooga.org](http://contranooga.org)
- **NCD (Nashville, TN)**  
615-356-3869  
[nashvillecountrydancers.org](http://nashvillecountrydancers.org)
- **Flat Creek, TN**  
[jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm](http://jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm)

## A BIT FURTHER BUT WORTH THE TRAVEL

- **CCD (Atlanta, GA)**  
Fridays & alternate Tuesdays  
[contradance.org](http://contradance.org)
- **KCD (Knoxville, TN)**  
Every Monday  
[discoveret.org/kcd](http://discoveret.org/kcd)
- **MCD (Memphis, TN)**  
1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays  
[midtowners.webs.com](http://midtowners.webs.com)
- **Sautee Community Dances (North-East GA)**  
Once a month, Sept – May  
[sauteecontra.com](http://sauteecontra.com)

## **STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES, NOVEMBER 6, 2010**

### Committee Members Present:

President - Trey Brakefield  
President Elect - Wayne Hitt  
5th Saturday Dance Series Producer - Gary Nelson  
Secretary - Eric Pohl  
Treasurer - Doug Roth  
Newsletter Editor - Kevin Riggs  
Membership Committee Chair - Liz Seifried  
Set-up Committee Chair - Claire Davies  
Webmaster - Bryan Walls

### Blue Moon 14

- Waxwing - No for Waltzes
- Sevens for Waltzes
- Prices: \$70 early registration and \$80 after that
- Need to check with McAlister's Deli to get an idea on lunch prices
- Need to check with UAH on cost of using dorm rooms

### Holiday Dance

- Flyers to be printed and mailed out soon

### Promotions

- Radio spots aren't happening
- Kevin Riggs to do spots for the rest of 2010
- Idea of doing black & white business cards
- Claire has a big box of "Would you like to dance?" flyers that could be used
- Fred & Linda putting info in "Valley Planet"

### New Year's Day Dance

- Decided to still have even though it is on New Year's Day
- Kaleidoscope for the band
- No caller as of yet

### Next Meeting

- Will be held on a weekday evening on the week of Saturday, Jan. 15th

### Sound

- Steve Nix is retiring
- Need place to store sound equipment
- Way to transport sound equipment
- Need someone new to learn sound for when Jeff can't come and do it

## **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 becomes 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](mailto: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.



**North Alabama Country Dance Society  
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**Please Join Us!  
Or Renew Your Membership!**

*Send just \$10 for one, or  
\$15 per family, to the address above.*

*Make checks payable to NACDS.  
(mailing label shows renewal date)*

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