

NACDS Newsletter

January 2011

Huntsville 1-1: Continue the New Year celebrations with a contra dance with music by Kaleidoscope and calling by Erin Maguire!



Kaleidoscope's core members are Katrina and Chuck Weber. They have played together since the late 1990s. They play 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!

Erin Maguire, former president of the NACDS and current dance producer, music teacher and performer, has been contra dancing since she was a child. She learned how to call when I was 16 as a mother's day present. This way her mother, who was the only caller in Memphis, could have a chance to dance too!



Huntsville 1-15: Music by Ed and Elsie and calling by Jane Ewing.

Ed Baggot and Elsie Peterson play music from all over, with a particular fondness for the Missouri-style breakdowns and hornpipes out of the pages of M. M. Cole's 1000 Fiddle Tunes. They've played dances in Chattanooga, Nashville, Asheville NC, Greenville SC, Brasstown NC, Atlanta, and many others.

Jane Ewing is from the Huntsville area and calls here and in other locales across the South and sometimes in other parts of the United States.



Huntsville 1-29: The first program in the Special Event Dance Series of 2011, with music by Cocks of the North, and calling by Cis Hinkle.



Hailing from Bloomington, Indiana, one of the epicenters of traditional American music in the United States, the Cocks of the North is anchored by Claudio Buchwald on piano. To his right stands Eric Schedler on accordion. Occasionally the two of them switch, with Buchwald going over to his fiddle, and

Schedler the 88. Sam Bartlett plays an intricate and propulsive tenor banjo that electrifies musical arrangements and ignites the groove. Though they don't look that old, the band members combined have 80 years of dance playing experience! While the Cocks are a dance band, they love nothing more than to entertain a sitting audience with medleys of tunes from Celtic lands, seductive piano compositions, musical humor, and outrageous stunts. This is Vaudeville and dance hall rolled into one. Not to be missed.



Cis Hinkle has delighted contra and square dancers since 1985 with her skilled teaching, welcoming manner, playful enthusiasm, and masterful selection of dances. She is in great demand at music and

dance festivals all over the US, England, and Denmark. When not on the road, Cis teaches t'ai chi classes in her native Atlanta, Georgia.

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, and then the regular dance is from 7:30 – 10:30 PM.

• Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for students, 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.

JANUARY 1: HUNTSVILLE

NEW YEAR'S DAY!
BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE
CALLER --- ERIN MAGUIRE

JANUARY 15: HUNTSVILLE

BAND — ED AND ELSIE
CALLER — JANE EWING

JANUARY 29: HUNTSVILLE

SPECIAL EVENT DANCE SERIES, DANCE AT 8:00
BAND — COCKS OF THE NORTH
CALLER — CIS HINKLE

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 31: BIRMINGHAM

NEW YEAR'S EVE! CONTRA, SWING AND CAJUN DANCING
BAND — MICK KINNEY AND JAMBIANCE
CALLER — JEF HODGE

JANUARY 7: NASHVILLE

BAND — PLAIDGRASS
CALLER — CHRISSY-DAVIS CAMP

JANUARY 8: BIRMINGHAM

BAND — RENEWABLE ENERGY
CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON

JANUARY 11: FLAT CREEK

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

JANUARY 14-16: CHEAHA STATE PARK, AL

GEORGY ALABAM SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND
BANDS — RED MOUNTAIN AND THE YAHOOOS
CALLERS — BOB DALSEMER AND SCOTT RUSSELL

JANUARY 14: NASHVILLE

BAND — THE CANTRELLS
CALLER — ED AND MELISSA WILKINSON

JANUARY 21: NASHVILLE

BAND — SOUTHWIND
CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

JANUARY 25: FLAT CREEK

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

JANUARY 28: NASHVILLE

BAND — DAVID COE & ANNE HOOS
CALLER — CIS HINKLE

JANUARY 28: SEWANEE, TN

BAND — NATHAN BOWMAN'S STUDENT BAND
CALLER — CHRISSY CAMP-DAVIS

JANUARY 30: BIRMINGHAM

SPECIAL SUNDAY DANCE, DANCE AT 3:30
BAND — COCKS OF THE NORTH
CALLER — CIS HINKLE

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



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By popular demand, and with the help of Diane Walls, we're bringing back this wonderful series of introductions to some of our newer members, in a fashion started by Linda McAllister, the previous newsletter editor. First this year is one of our own board members, Elizabeth "Liz" Seifried.

Liz is an art teacher and comes from an artistic and literary background. Her mother is a retired English literature teacher, and her father is a free lance photographer, known for his books, [Alabama Simply Beautiful](#) and [Alabama's Canyons: The Bankhead National Forest](#). She lives with an orange tabby, Brother Seifried.

In addition to contra dancing, Liz's hobbies are painting, singing and writing lyrics, writing short stories and poetry, cloth basket making and other crafty things, hiking and yoga.

For a year Liz lived and volunteered in India teaching art and English at a home school at a yoga ashram. She was also part of a green project that eventually broke a world record for planting the most trees at one time – ever!

Liz has been contra dancing for about 5 years. She loved it from the very beginning! She didn't know about the newcomers' lesson, and was thrown into the crowd without knowing any of the calls. Steve Nix was her first contra dance partner and "kept her from stepping on too many toes!" To Liz, "Contra dance is like the ebb and flow of an ocean to me. It is the joining of hands and hearts. Most of all – I always have a blast! Great music, too." She has also contra danced in Asheville, NC. Occasionally Liz joins in salsa and swing dancing.

There is an assortment of instruments to choose from at her house, including: piano, bowed psaltery, harmonium, guitars, Native American flute, djembe (African drum), trombone, flute, and rainstick. Of these, Liz plays piano and djembe the best, but can easily play the psaltery and harmonium. She played trombone and trumpet in her high school band.

Liz started her own band a couple of years ago with a guitarist, drummer, flute player and cellist. She wrote lyrics and sang, as well as played an instrument at times. The band isn't currently active and Liz would love to be a part of a band again. She has been in many choruses over the years, such as the Feminist Chorus, and is now in the Huntsville Community Chorus. She loves all types of music, yet is partial to folk and old, hippie rock music!

BIG DANCES NEARBY

CHATTABOOGIE 3 JANUARY 7-9

Music: Prepetual e-Motion, Waxwing
Callers: Seth Tepfer and Vicki Herndon.
More info: contranooga.org

Georgy Alabam Square Dance Weekend

January 14 – 16: Cheaha State Park, AL
Music: Red Mountain and the Yahoos
Callers: Bob Dalsemer and Scott Russell
More info: sites.google.com/site/bfootmad/georgy-alabam

CABIN FEVER FEBRUARY 18-20

Music: Syncopaths and Contrazz
Caller: Carol Ormand
More info: knoxvillecontradance.org

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 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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*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!*