

# nacds news

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**Nashville Dance Weekend – Music City Masquerade – October 27-29**  
Photos by Richard Connors

# Getting To Know You



**Fred Kolchin**

Fred is an item manager at Redstone Arsenal and holds a BS in Communications from Towson University in Baltimore, MD. He began dancing at the church at Burritt Museum in 1990. He and his wife, Linda, attend Huntsville contra dances regularly and they have also danced in Nashville, Asheville, Chattanooga, Sewanee, Mentone and Birmingham. He says that he used to go to punk clubs in Baltimore years ago and “laughed while watching people slam dance.” When asked what he particularly likes about contra dancing, he replied, “I like the music and dancing fast.”

Besides dancing he has attended a few hundred concerts – everything from Merle Haggard to Marilyn Manson. He enjoys tennis and traveling. He and Linda have been to Mexico, Spain, Chile and Ecuador.



**Dustin Bruce Ford**

Bruce is a junior at Asbury College studying English, Classical Languages, and Philosophy. He enjoys reading and hanging out and especially enjoys reading an unjustly neglected writer, G. K. Chesterton. His parents live in Ardmore and his girl friend is a student at UAH, so we are privileged to see him dancing when he is in town.

He began contra dancing earlier this year and thinks that it is a lot of fun but he says that “it was more exercise than he’d gotten in years.” He also enjoys meeting interesting people.

He has not ventured to a dance weekend yet, but he and his girlfriend have taken some swing lessons and he would like to learn to play a folk instrument like the banjo or fife. Watch out – one of the local bands will be picking you up as soon as you are proficient.

## This And That

Mark Mohon, NACDS President, wants to announce a steering committee meeting for 5:00 PM on November 18 at Faith Presbyterian Church prior to the regular Saturday night dance. This meeting is to discuss and further plan our big Blue Moon Dance Weekend in May and our December Holiday Dance.

On November 12 the Birmingham dance group will sponsor a Sunday evening concert featuring John McCutcheon. John is known around the world as a powerful folksinger, songwriter, storyteller, and master of the hammer dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, autoharp, mountain dulcimer and jew harp. The concert is at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens at 7:00 PM and the cost is \$15. Check <http://folkmusic.com/> for more details.

# 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., 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
Nov 4	Jane Ewing	Wolves a Howlin'
Nov 18	Harry Delugach	Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson
Dec 2	Seth Tepfer	Kaleidoscope
Dec 16	Diane Silver – <b>Special Holiday Dance</b>	Red Mountain White Trash



## Area Dance Gypsy Calendar

Date	Location	Caller	Band
Nov 14 /28	Flat Creek, TN	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Inge Wood & anyone who wants to play
Nov 17	Sewanee	Janet Shepherd	The Furies
Nov 3	Nashville (Cohn Adult Learning Center)	John Sharlet	Plum Creek String Band
Nov 10	Nashville (Cohn Adult Learning Center)	Susan Kevra	Small Time String Band
Nov 12	Nashville (Friends Meeting House)	Chrissy Davis-Camp	Calliope (English Dancing – not contra)
Nov 17	Nashville	Kendal Broadie	Frances Cunningham & Bill Verdier
Nov 24	Nashville	Emma Rushton	House Red
Nov 11	Chattanooga	Vicki Herndon	Trinity
Nov 25	Chattanooga	Adina Gordon	Free Range Turkeys
Nov 11	Birmingham	Becca Impello	Sons of Anak
Nov 25	Birmingham	Doug Singleton	Turkey Trot with Red Mt White Trash

**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/bcnds.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://conranooga.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/>

## Random Thoughts

*Life is too short to dance with ugly men...however, if the ratio is 2-1 you may have to sacrifice. I think that is why they dim the lights!*

DANCING IS JUST DISCOVERY, DISCOVERY, DISCOVERY..... *Martha Graham*

*Talk about dance? Dance is not something to talk about. Dance is to dance..... Peter Saint James*

*We're fools whether we dance or not, so we might as well dance.... Japanese Proverb*

(Send the editor a quote or a poem to be printed in this space.)

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