

NACDS HOLIDAY DANCE!

Our annual Holiday Dance will be December 19th, at 8:00 p.m. The caller will be Susan Kevra, and music will be provided by Waxwing.

Susan Kevra lives in Nashville, Tennessee, teaches dance and plays music on both coasts and both sides of the Atlantic. She began calling and teaching traditional dances in 1991, appearing in New England grange halls in tiny, snow-covered villages as well as major festivals and dance camps throughout America. She spent 2000 - 2001 in France and traveling throughout Western Europe teaching contras, squares and English Country Dancing – and learning French dances.

Susan is noted for her charm, wit and respect for the traditions she shares. Dancers on both sides of the Atlantic appreciate her clear teaching and diverse repertoire of singing squares, Western patter calls, contras and English Country dances. She has choreographed a number of well loved contra and square dances and is the author of "Trip to Phan Reel" and "The Country of Marriage."

A fine clarinetist and singer, Susan is also a member of the English Country Dance Band, "Meeting House." Her calling and singing can be heard on the critically acclaimed CD, "Full Swing" featuring some of New England's finest contra dance musicians. The CD contains a lengthy and entertaining booklet she wrote tracing the roots of New England contra dancing and a guide for new callers.

Susan teaches French and American Studies at Vanderbilt University.

We hope you know Waxwing – contra-dance music from musicians who love to contra dance!

Based in Huntsville and Birmingham, Alabama, and Clemson, South Carolina, Waxwing plays for dances all over the southeast and beyond. Their music spans many styles,

including Celtic, Up East, Quebequois, Old Time, and contemporary tunes with a little classical, jazz, pop, and reggae stirred into the mix.

The Waxwing players are:

Andrew Levin: fiddle

Robin Behn: flute, penny whistle, C-tenor sax

Steve Nix: guitar and cello

Wayne Hitt: keyboard

Andy Kruspe: percussion

So set the date aside, and let's throw ourselves a dance party to celebrate the end of a year, holidays, family, and the pleasure of one another's company!



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 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 or www.secontra.com;
Schedule info, Doug Roth: hdroth@pobox.com.

NOVEMBER 7 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — ERIN MAGUIRE

BAND — ED BAGGOTT AND ELSIE PETERSON

NOVEMBER 21 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON

BAND — PEAVINE CREEK

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 6 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JOHN SHARLET

BAND — ALLISON WILLIAMS & FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 8 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — NASHVILLE WEATHER

NOVEMBER 10 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

NOVEMBER 13 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — ED AND MELISSA WILKINSON

BAND — THE HOT CLUB OF DERBYTOWN

NOVEMBER 14 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — BECCA IMPELLO

BAND — THE YAHOO'S

NOVEMBER 14 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — JANE EWING

BAND — THE DOGTROTTERS

NOVEMBER 20 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — CALLIOPE

NOVEMBER 24 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

NOVEMBER 27 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

BAND — BILL VERDIER, ANNE HOOS & BILL WOLFE

NOVEMBER 28 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — JEF HODGE

BAND — WAXWING

NOVEMBER 28: CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

TO LEARN MORE

Footmad (Birmingham, AL)

www.footmadbirmingham.org

205-822-0505

2nd Saturdays at the YWCA in downtown Birmingham

4th Sunday afternoons (except May-August)

CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)

contranooga.org

All Saints Academy

310 East 8th St. - Chattanooga, TN

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN)

931-598-0814

mistycontra.zoomshare.com

American Legion Hall

36 University Avenue, Sewanee, TN

NCD (Nashville, TN)

615-356-3869

nashvillecountrydancers.org

Contra dance most Friday nights

English Country Dance 2nd Sunday of each month

See web site for locations

Flat Creek, TN

jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm

Flat Creek Community Center south of Shelbyville, TN

A BIT FARTHER AWAY, BUT 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 1st & 3rd Fridays.

<http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

Sautee Community Dances (N. GA) once a month from Sept

– May. <http://sauteecontra.home.mindspring.com/>

5TH SATURDAY DINNER CONCERT & DANCE EVENT

Hot Rock Hollow Productions and North Alabama Country Dance Society present **Steamshovel** in a 5th Saturday Dinner Concert & Dance Series Event at Flying Monkey Arts Center, January 30th, 2010 5-7 pm.

Tickets for the Dinner Concert are \$25, and you can buy them online at RockTheHollow.com or at The Fret Shop/Kenny Mango's.

The Flying Monkey Arts Center is at:

Lowe Mill
2211 Seminole Drive

Dinner will be catered by Walter Thames. There's a link to the menu at RockTheHollow.com.



STEAMSHOVEL

Steamshovel, made up of Roger Gold (guitar, foot drum) and David White (fiddle and banjo) is indeed a dynamic duo in the contra dance world. Roger is well known as one of the finest guitar players on the contra dance circuit, supplying a wonderful combination of intricate melodies, powerful rhythms and big bass sounds, often at the same time! While he has played mostly with fiddlers of the Celtic/New England style in many other bands (Elftones, Land of Sky, Skytones, Goosebone Prophets, Tribal Tune Twisters, and more) Roger has found a powerful rhythmic accomplice in David White. David's selections of unique old time tunes – from driving to groovy and 'flowey' – as well as several tunes he has created for banjo and fiddle, present a great diversity of tunes for dancing and for Roger to play off of. Having played together for 4 years now, their synergy is obvious, and the style that has emerged from this union continues to evolve. They love playing together and inspiring dancers w/ their music. Steamshovel has played regularly at venues in the Carolinas, Tennessee and Georgia, (Atlanta, Sautee, Jonesboro, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Winston Salem, Charlotte, Charleston, River Falls, Asheville- Gray Eagle/Old Farmers Ball, Columbia and more), recently led the Sunday dance music at the Splash Dance Weekend 09 in Black Mt., NC, played at the Contrathon III (Glendale Springs, NC near Boone) and play regularly for weddings and other special dance and non-dance events.



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/>



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Address Correction Requested



*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!*