

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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October 4th:

Janet Shepherd with Avant Gardeners

Janet is calling. Laura Light & George Paul provide the tunes. Ya'll come!

October 20th: Jane Ewing with Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis Jim Holland

Our own B&C&C&J (who still need a name) will play as the irrepressible Jane Ewing calls.

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!

Fifth Saturday Dances

Usually our fifth Saturday dances are a chance to encourage wannabe callers and musicians. The vagaries of the calendar have conspired against us this year. August 30th was the Saturday before Labor Day & we couldn't drum up a host band.

November 29th is right after Thanksgiving (another long holiday weekend!) and conflicts with Birmingham's popular Turkey Trot dance. So we won't have a dance then. And it turns out that there's a dance at Gorham's Bluff on January 31st, so we may not dance then either.

If you have any thoughts or ideas about our open mike dances, please share them with us.

Dance News and Rumors

A sizable contingent of Huntsville dance gypsies traveled up to Sewanee on Sept. 19 to dance with the Misty Mountain dancers. It was a fun evening.

The NACDS swinging scarecrows are still dancing at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Drop by and check 'em out. Thanks to Steve Nix for spinning armature.



Another Steers Meeting Report

Well, the dates we picked for next year's Blue Moon Dance Weekend fall just prior to Memorial Day and UAH won't rent us the University Center then. Sooo... another steering committee meeting was called and held on Sunday, Sept. 28.

It was decided to stay with the Univ. Center venue by moving to the weekend of May 21-23. However, Domino, the band we had chosen, can't come those days. So we're shopping for a band again. We'll get first crack at Domino in 2005.

Several other band and caller possibilities were discussed - more info as it develops.

Other items discussed: our Holiday dance in December; fifth Saturday dances (see above); the need for a housing coordinator for the weekend; and who's doing what for publicity.



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 NACDS 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) for more info.

Oct. 3 (Fri.) Nashville: Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg & Friends

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriel, 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).

Oct. 4 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Janet Shepherd with Laura Light and George Paul (Avant Gardeners)

Oct. 10 (Fri.) Nashville: John Sharlet with the Wingates

Oct. 11 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Beth Molaro with the Avant Gardeners

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

Oct. 11 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Doug Singleton with Peavine Creek

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.org>

Oct. 17 (Fri.) Nashville: Melissa & Ed Wilkinson with the Cantrells

Oct. 18 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis and Jim Holland

Oct. 24 (Fri.) Sewanee - Misty Mtn. Dancers - Diane Silver with Marty & Jonnie Kay

Oct. 24-26 Nashville: Music City Masquerade at Joe Davis 'Y' Camp

Kathy Anderson with the Monks plus Chrissy D-C with the Nashville Ceili Band

directions: <http://www.ymcamidtn.org/joecdavis/map.htm>

Oct. 25 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged - No dance unless a new venue can be found

Oct. 31 (Fri.) Nashville: No Dance

Nov. 1 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Becca Impello with Tom, Kat and the Fiddle

Nov. 7 (Fri.) Nashville: Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg & Friends

Nov. 8 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD: The Melmac Lickers with Chrissy Davis-Camp

Nov. 8 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Vicki Herndon with Tom Kat & the Fiddle <- at Gorham's Bluff!

Nov. 15 (Sat.) NACDS dance - Barb Kirschner with Bob & Cathy White, Curt Lewis and Jim Holland

Nov. 14 (Fri.) Nashville: Barb Kirschner with Nashville Weather

Nov. 21 (Fri.) Nashville: Emma Rushton & Kendal Broadie with Melmac Lickers

Nov. 22 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Chrissy Davis-Camp with the Melmac Lickers

Nov. 28 (Fri.) Nashville: Ed Wilkinson with Playin' Possum

Nov. 29 (Sat.) NACDS - No Dance!

Nov. 29 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Turkey Trot - Red Mountain White Trash with Barb Kirchner

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 20th of the month. - Doug & Bryan

Other Dance Events of Note

Our friends from Chattanooga will dance at Gorham's Bluff again on November 8th. These are always fun dances and just over an hour's drive from Huntsville.