

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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April 2th [sic]:

Jane Ewing with Maple Hill

The **Maple Hill Band** is a Huntsville area group of musicians who play Irish, Old Time and other acoustic music. Featured instruments include fiddle, guitar, banjo, dulcimer, flute, mandolin, bass, and whistle. **Jane Ewing** will be on the caller's stand.

April 16th:

Chrissy Davis-Camp with Cross Town Traffic

Shake off those tax time blues at our second dance in April when we welcome caller **Chrissy Davis-Camp** of historic Bell Buckle Tennessee. The music will be provided by **Brian Baker, Bill Porter & Brian Donahue** from historic Atlanta Georgia and **Mike Robinson** from historic Brasstown North Carolina.

The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st & 3rd 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!

Blue Moon 2005

Our 2005 dance weekend is less than two months away! If you haven't sent in your registration, do it soon. The new Blue Moon shirts and bags have been ordered and may be available at a dance in April.

NACDS Officer Nominations

Here is the proposed slate of officers at press time:

President	Mark Mohon
President-Elect	Doug Roth
Secretary	Shelly Vann
Treasurer	Bryan Walls
Producer	Diane Walls
Property Custodian	Steve Nix
Newsletter Editor	<i>Open</i>
Membership	<i>Open</i>

A real election implies multiple candidates for the various jobs. If you have talent or an interest in any of the board member positions, please tell us. To volunteer or nominate someone for a slot, contact: Mark Mohon - 533-5956; Diane or Bryan Walls - 837-0656; Doug Roth - 882-6378.

Yahoo Group Reminder

To find out about dance gypsy opportunities and discuss dance related issues, join our yahoo group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity/>

Protect the Floor

Faith Presbyterian has allowed us to use their gym for our dances for many years. The church recently had some warped floor areas repaired, and expressed

concerns about our dances being hard on the floor's surface condition. Ideally, every dancer would bring a pair of dance shoes to change into that they never wear outside - in reality, few of us are that conscientious.

Remember to wear soft soled shoes to dance in. Please do not wear high heels or boots. We are looking into ways to clean the dust and dirt from our shoes before walking on the wood floor. A brush or mat will be provided for this purpose.

Maple Hill Band

Our band on April 2nd started in 2003 as a small, informal group of folks who gathered on Sunday evenings to play for several hours together. Their first public performance was in May 2004 at the "Voices from Past Times" Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll.

Since that time they have played at Burritt Museum, Constitution Hall Park, the Salvation Army and Rescue Mission; and have a regular gig on the first Tuesday of the month at The Corner on Bailey Cove.

Contra Corner Etiquette & other Stuff!

What do you have in common with Joe Louis and Walter Payton? all of you are (were) dancers! Joe Louis could tap dance and Walter Payton did ballet. Our favorite kind of dance is great exercise.

As athletes, we need to be aware of the dangers of dehydration. Experts recommend that, for every 20 minutes of aerobic exercise, we should consume about 8 ounces of water. Are you drinking enough?

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.*

Apr. 1 (Fri.) Nashville - Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg, Fred Carpenter & Brian Christianson

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).

Apr. 2 (Sat.) NACDS - Jane Ewing with Maple Hill - local musicians!

Apr. 8 (Fri.) Nashville - John Sharlet with Plaidgrass

Apr. 9 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Susan Kevra with James & Rachael Bryan & Bill Martin

FoOTMaD dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 3rd Ave. & 23rd St. in Birmingham. 7:30 - \$8.

Apr. 9 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Vicki Herndon with Chuck & Katrina & Ian <- *Huntsville band!* Silent auction

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>

Apr. 15 (Fri.) Nashville - Ed Wilkinson with In the Woods

Apr. 16 (Sat.) NACDS - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Cross Town Traffic

Apr. 22 (Fri.) Nashville - Chrissy Davis-Camp with Notorious (Larry Unger & Eden MacAdam-Somer!)

Apr. 22 (Fri.) Sewanee - Barb Kirchner with Chuck & Katrina Weber and Ian Panton <- *Huntsville band!*

This Misty Mountain Dance starts at 8 in the Legion Hall in Sewanee TN. Call 931 598-0814 for more info.

Apr. 23 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Bob Dalsemer with TBA

Apr. 29 (Fri.) Nashville - Emma Rushton & Kendal Brodie with Nashville String Kings

May 6 (Fri.) Nashville - TBA

May 7 (Sat.) NACDS - Jane Ewing with Cattywampas - Tim Cape and Scott Russell

May 13 (Fri.) Nashville - TBA

May 14 (Sat.) Chattanooga - Jane Ewing with Humble String Band (Brasstown) <- *Huntsville caller*

May 14 (Sat.) B'ham FoOTMaD - Janet Shepherd with Wolves A'Howling <- *Huntsville band*

May 20 (Fri.) Nashville - TBA

May 20-22 NACDS - Blue Moon 2005! David Kaynor Cis Hinkle Naomi Morse Elvie Miller

May 27 (Fri.) Nashville - TBA

May 28 (Sat.) Chattanooga - TBA with Grey Mountain (Nashville)

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

Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson will play in Atlanta on Friday April 9, and at the John C. Campbell Folk School "Learn to Contra Weekend" in Brasstown NC on April 9 & 10.

"What the Hey?" is April 29 - May 1 in Atlanta. Reckless Ramblers Beth Molero Rocket Boys & Seth! Chattanooga's dance weekend is called Chattaboogie - Sept. 23-25

See: <http://chattaboogie.com/> for more info.