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NACDS Newsletter

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MONEY MUSK

On April 18th, starting at 6:30 (before the beginner's workshop) there will be a workshop on the dance "Money Musk."

This traditional dance is several hundred years old (it is on the dance card for President Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural Ball) and is fast becoming very popular again.

After learning and enjoying this dance this past summer at dance camp, Jane Ewing decided to attempt to teach it to her fellow Huntsville dancers. She has had two very short lessons/demos during dances so far. On April 18th, she will have a half hour workshop on it. There are just a few concepts that are very different from what we are used to in today's dances.

Anyone who is interested in learning, please show up early for the April 18th dance and partake of "Money Musk". If Jane's instruction is good enough that we master it during the workshop, we will dance it during the break later in the evening.

JANE EWING CALLING WITH FLYING JENNY APRIL 18

Flying Jenny is an old-time string band that has been together since 1995, starting with Jim (fiddle) and Joyce (Guitar) Cauthen and Duncan Blair (banjo). Over the years, they've added a bass, played by Rachel Turner (who lives next door to the Cauthens). Recently, Duncan has switched to banjo ukulele, and they've added his nephew, Charlie Hunter, as banjo player and fiddler. They have a special treat for the Huntsville dance. Roger James, a fiddler (and violinist with

the Alabama Symphony), will join them. So it will be a big band with two and sometimes 3 fiddles. They have a big collection of nice tunes ready for our dancing pleasure. In case you don't already know, Joyce & Jim Cauthen are part of Red Mountain White Trash, and Roger James lives in Birmingham and is an active dancer there - his wife Linda is President of the Birmingham dance group. Roger & Linda James are both members of NACDS, also.



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, 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.

APRIL 4 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSEY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — ED BAGGOTT AND ELSIE PETERSON

APRIL 18 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLERS — JANE EWING
BANDS — FLYING JENNY

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

APRIL 3 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA
BAND — NASHVILLE CEILI BAND

APRIL 5 : NASHVILLE

ENGLISH DANCE AT FRIENDS MEETING
CALLERS — KENDAL BROADIE
BANDS — THE CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

APRIL 10 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — MELISSA & ED WILKINSON
BAND — NASHVILLE WEATHER

APRIL 11 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — FREDERICK PARK
BAND — HILL COUNTRY HEMHAW

APRIL 11 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — JANE EWING
BAND — CHRISTIE BURNS AND FRIENDS

APRIL 14 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSEY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDAY

APRIL 17 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE
BAND — ALLISON WILLIAMS AND THE HAYWIRE FAMILY

APRIL 17-19 : BRASSTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA

JOHN C. CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL DANCE WEEKEND
CALLER — BOB DALSEMER
BAND — ED BAGGOTT AND ELSIE PETERSON

APRIL 24 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — EDDIE DOSS
BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

APRIL 28 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSEY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDAY

APRIL 24-26 : BREA, KENTUCKY

HANDS FOUR SPRING DANCE WEEKEND
CALLER — DIANA SILVER AND CHRIS "MADDOG" BISCHOFF
BAND — THE GROOVEMONGERS

APRIL 27-29 : CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

PALMETTO BUG STOMP
CALLER — CIS HINKLE
BAND — AVANT GARDENERS AND ANNA'S BANANAS

APRIL 25: CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — CHRISSEY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — FLETCHER BRIGHT FIDDLE BAND

APRIL 11 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — JEF HODGE
BAND — THE YAHOO'S

To LEARN MORE

FoOTMaD (Birmingham)
bamalong.com/bcds.htm.

CTDS (Chattanooga)

(706) 937-4991 or (423)876-7359
contranooga.org

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sequatchie, TN)

(931) 598-0814
mistycontra.zoomshare.com

NCD (Nashville)

(615) 210-6808
nashvillecountrydancers.org

Flat Creek

nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontradances.htm

OUR PAL RON LEE

You may already know this, but we only learned recently that Ron Lee is planning on moving to Ashville, NC, probably by the second week in June.

Ron is a terrific friend and valued member of our group - we will sorely miss him! Here is a "Getting to Know You" piece that Linda McAllister wrote about him in the December '05 newsletter:

"Ron, the bandana man, was born in Manhattan, NY, and attended the School of Organic Education in Fairhope, Alabama. He then attended Quaker colleges in Iowa and Ohio. While at Fairhope he danced English Country and Morris dances for 10 years and danced in an International Folk Dance Festival in St. Louis in 1948.

"During 40 years of marriage he fathered six children, but did not dance. A year after becoming a widower he discovered NACDS (1995) and has since danced in 16 states and on the Isle of Wright in the English Channel. He's been to the British Isles five times and hiked the 'coast to coast' trail across England.

"Ron is a member of five dance clubs across TN and in Huntsville. As a matter of fact, he helped to start the Sewanee dance group. When not dancing, he enjoys crossword puzzles, walking, hiking, visiting children and grandchildren, attending his book club, being a lay reader at St. Mary's Episcopal chapel, supporting the Sewanee Summer Music Festival, and guzzling coffee at the Blue Chair Coffee Shop and Bakery.



"There are at least two things you may not know about Ron. He has a long-haired outdoor black cat named 'Ebony.' Ron says, 'This cat likes to hunt even though I feed it well. Right now there are two chipmunks sprawled on my front porch – gifts from Ebony.' And, the other tidbit Ron shares, 'I was a tax return examiner (known by some as an IRS agent and others as a plague) for the IRS for 30 years.'

"We know Ron as an excellent dancer who faithfully makes the drive to Huntsville from Sewanee and shares his cheerful enthusiasm on a regular basis. We promise we'll not hound you for the secrets of how to avoid IRS audits!"

Ron, we'll miss you! Please visit often!

BLUE MOON COUNTDOWN

Are you registered for the Blue Moon dance May 15-17?

Can you host visiting dancers?

Have you signed up yet to help set up, run the reception table, or help clean up the hall?



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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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