

MEMBERSHIP DUES

With the start of the new year, we are changing the way annual dues are collected. Rather than collecting dues based upon the date when you became a member, annual NACDS dues for all members will be due in January. We hope this new arrangement will help us avoid memberships lapsing due simply to oversight when anniversary dates pass unobserved.

Membership costs will now be \$12 for individuals and \$20 for families.

Membership privileges include:

- \$2 discount each dance
- Free dance for Members Jan. 21
- Members & Friends Directory
- Supports a wonderful community organization
- Membership dues are tax deductible.
- Donations are tax deductible.

To kick off this new process, entrance to the January 21 dance is free to those who renew their membership dues at the door. Please remember to bring cash or a check payable to NACDS.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We will be publishing a Membership Directory in February that will include the name, home phone numbers, home addresses, and email addresses of all members or people that have been members since 2009 unless they opt out. These directories will ONLY be given to current members (a membership benefit) and will not be made available to non-members. If you do not want some or any of the information published in the directory, you will need to opt out. You can select which information to exclude.

We will be sending an email to non-members in the NACDS distribution lists inviting them to be added to the directory. This email will come out after the membership drive in January.

We will also send email to each member reminding you of the upcoming publication and reminding you of the opportunity to opt out. As a former caretaker of the membership database, we're aware that email addresses change often, and mailings such as these occasionally fail. Please feel free to proactively contact the membership coordinator, Trey Brakefield, to update any information about you stored in the database and/or to opt out of the directory.

You can email Trey at: nrprise@gmail.com



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 students, 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.

DECEMBER 3: HUNTSVILLE

BAND — ED BAGGOTT & ELSIE PETERSON
CALLER — JANE EWING

DECEMBER 17: HUNTSVILLE

HOLIDAY DANCE
BAND — WAXWING
CALLER — ROBBIN MARCUS

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 25: NASHVILLE

BAND — THE CUMBERLAND TENDERFOOTS
CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

NOVEMBER 26: BIRMINGHAM

BAND — HERB TROTMAN BAND
CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

NOVEMBER 26: CHATTANOOGA

BAND — FREE ASSOCIATION
CALLER — DONNA CALHOUN

DECEMBER 2: NASHVILLE

BAND — ED BAGGOTT & ELSIE PETERSON
CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

DECEMBER 9: NASHVILLE

BAND — THE TENNESSEE WILDFLOWERS
CALLER — HEATHER SEVCIK

DECEMBER 10: BIRMINGHAM

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BLUFF PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
CALLER — JEF HODGE

DECEMBER 10: CHATTANOOGA

BAND — WAXWING AND FRIENDS
CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

DECEMBER 11: NASHVILLE

BAND — SOUTHWIND
CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

DECEMBER 16: NASHVILLE

BAND — NASHVILLE WEATHER
CALLER — CHRISSEY DAVIS-CAMP

DECEMBER 23: NASHVILLE

BAND — THE CANTRELLS
CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

DECEMBER 31: BIRMINGHAM

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
BAND — FREE ASSOCIATION
CALLER — JANET SHEPHERD

TO LEARN MORE

- **Footmad (Birmingham, AL)**
www.footmadbirmingham.org
205-822-0505
- **CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)**
contranooga.org
- **NCD (Nashville, TN)**
615-356-3869
nashvillecountrydancers.org
- **Flat Creek, TN**
jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm



HOLIDAY DANCE

This year's annual holiday dance is December 17. We're thrilled to have Waxwing playing and Robbin Marcus calling! With many kids home from school, friends visiting, and holiday buzz in the air, this dance always brings a big turnout and fabulous energy. You really want to be there, so be sure to put the date on your calendar!

Beginner's workshop: 7:30

Dance: 8:00-11:00

Admission: \$10 adults, \$7 students, 12 & under free (no passes accepted for this dance, no member-discounts)

Set up

We like to go all-out for this dance, and we could use a little help from you to get everything done right. We need volunteers to help decorate the hall - you can bring greenery and holiday decorations, and you can help arrange and install these beautifications. If you can help decorate, please plan to arrive at the church at about noon; but since we're not absolutely certain of the schedule of other events at the church, please check with a board member to confirm the time a few days ahead.

Door Prizes

We also need people to donate items for the door prizes - some of you might especially enjoy donating something you've created or cooked yourself! Others might appreciate the opportunity to pass along those gifts that are simply too special and unique to keep for yourself. Please bring prizes that you'd like to donate to the dance, prepared for celebratory presentation.

Waxwing

We think most of you know and love Waxwing. But in case you've forgotten, they're 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.

Waxwing members are:

Andrew Levin: fiddle

Robin Behn: flute and penny whistle

Wayne Hitt: keyboard

Shawn Webster: percussion

Robbin Marcus

Robbin Marcus is based in Atlanta, and she has a tremendous following of grateful dancers who appreciate her energy, sense of adventure, and sensitivity to the needs of dancers and musicians. We're in good hands with Robbin, and we can look forward to an exciting evening of soul-satisfying dances!



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/>

Facebook page:

Search on Facebook for the "North Alabama Country Dance Society" group. Connect with friends and get invitations to events.



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Address Correction Requested

Please Join Us!
Or Renew Your Membership!

*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!*