

THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IS ENDING

At the June 24 meeting of the steering committee, it was decided to cease publication of the printed monthly newsletter. We will transition to distributing all information about our community through direct email, posts to the seontra.com web site, and the North Alabama Country Dance Society Facebook page.

There will be a period of transition as we establish new patterns of communication through these channels: we expect to print this newsletter quarterly through 2011 to help everyone find the new ways of receiving information. As we do so, it will be important for you to let us know what works best for you; please contact an officer to let us know your concerns.

To view the schedule of dances in Huntsville and surrounding areas, visit the NACDS web site, seontra.com.

To receive email notification of dances and information about our community, send an email message to nacds@pobox.com, asking to join the announcement list.

Join the Yahoo Group discussion list for a more interactive message forum, visit the web site:
groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity

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MAX HARMAN MEMORIAL

Our dear friend Max Harman died last month, following a brief illness. Many of us knew Max as a dancer, but he was also a teacher, naturalist, musician, birdwatcher, and kayaker; Max was a friend to everyone he met, and he will be missed by many in these communities. Our thoughts go out especially to his wife, Linda, and children Hill, Sara, and Hannah.

But Max loved life, and he wanted to be remembered joyfully, not sorrowfully. So his family will have a party in his honor, where we are invited to celebrate Max's life with music, memories, and a potluck (his favorite).

The event will be held at Monte Sano Pool on Saturday, July 30 (Max's birthday is July 28).

SPECIAL DANCE SERIES: JULY 30

The Special Dance Series performance July 30 features Mock Turtle Soup (Pearl Mueller Shirley, Willie Repoley, Chris Holleman, and Laurel Davis Willoughby) with calling by Charlotte Crittenden.

This Asheville, NC band has been touring the southeast contra dance circuit and the greater world beyond since 2002. Mock Turtle Soup strives to blur the line between the energy and groove of a dance band and the rich soul of folk songs.

With the wide-ranging backgrounds of each of its members and a veritable truckload of instruments, every song and every tune has its own distinct flavor, from Mexican waltz to Gypsy dance tune, from brass to a cappella.

For details about the Huntsville performance, see www.rockthehollow.com. The full tour includes:

- Jul 28 - Old Farmers Ball, Swannanoa, NC
- Jul 29 - Chattahoochee Country Dancers, Atlanta, GA
- Jul 30 - Concert & Dance, Huntsville, AL
- Jul 31 - FOOTMAD, Birmingham, AL
- Aug 1 - Grey Eagle, Asheville, NC



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.

JULY 2: HUNTSVILLE

BAND — WHISTLIN' RUFUS
CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON

JULY 16: HUNTSVILLE

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE
CALLER — JANE EWING

JULY 30: HUNTSVILLE

SPECIAL EVENTS DANCE SERIES
BAND — MOCK TURTLE SOUP
CALLER — CHARLOTTE CRITTENDEN

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

JULY 1: NASHVILLE

BAND — ROUSTABOUT
CALLER — ED WILKINSON AND HEATHER SEVCIK

JULY 8: NASHVILLE

BAND — SOUTHWIND
CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

JULY 9: BIRMINGHAM

BAND — YAHOO'S
CALLER — JEF HODGE

JULY 12: FLAT CREEK

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD, WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY
CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

JULY 15: NASHVILLE

BAND — THE CUMBERLAND TENDERFOOTS
CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

JULY 22: NASHVILLE

BAND — ELIZABETH FITCH & FRIENDS
CALLER — EDDIE DOSS

JULY 23: CHATTANOOGA

BAND — AVANT GARDENERS
CALLER — ANDREA NETTLETON

JULY 26: FLAT CREEK

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY
CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

JULY 29: NASHVILLE

BAND — THE NASHVILLE CEILI BAND
CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

JULY 31: BIRMINGHAM

BAND — MOCK TURTLE SOUP
CALLER — CHARLOTTE CRITTENDEN

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

A BIT FURTHER BUT WORTH THE TRAVEL

- **CCD (Atlanta, GA)**
Fridays & alternate Tuesdays
contradance.org
- **KCD (Knoxville, TN)**
Every Monday
discoveret.org/kcd
- **MCD (Memphis, TN)**
1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays
midtowners.webs.com
- **Sautee Community Dances (North-East GA)**
Once a month, Sept – May
sauteecontra.com





GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Rebecca Holbrook

Rebecca is a massage therapist and owner of Healing Arts Center since 1990. She is married to Gary Nelson, has a sister, three brothers, two cats and two dogs. Dancing, playing music, songwriting, gardening, hiking and carpentry are hobbies of Rebecca's. She has lived in an 1830s log cabin on 77 acres in Tennessee for the last 25 years.

Her first impression of contra dancing, 36 years ago, was the shared laughter, friendliness and great music. These are still the qualities Rebecca enjoys about contra. The furthest she has traveled to dance is West Virginia. Other dances she enjoys are waltz, swing, Cajun, Zydeco, and rock and roll!

Rebecca loves all types of music, and plays the banjo, guitar and ukulele. She loves putting on concerts, and is trying to get brave enough to perform her own music.

She and Gary produce the much-appreciated, four times per year, dinner concert and contra dance evenings for NACDS, known as the 5th Saturday Dance Series.



Robin Behn

Robin is a writer and Professor of Creative Writing at University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She is the mother of Simon, who is fourteen.

Her hobbies are cooking, weight lifting, and long walks. She lives in Birmingham but loves coming to Huntsville to contra dance.

Contra dancing for about three years, Robin's first dance was in Montpelier, Vermont to the band "Elixir". She got knocked to the floor twice and was almost trampled! There was no beginner session! After that, she was so amazed by how warm, welcoming, and catering to newcomers, the dances are in Huntsville and Birmingham. Robin mostly enjoys the feeling of being in motion, to live music, and of being one small part of a big human community. The farthest she's traveled to contra dance is Lexington, KY. Robin also swing dances occasionally.

Robin plays flute and penny whistle as a member in one of our much-acclaimed bands "Waxwing". They love to play in Huntsville! www.WaxwingBand.com

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