

THE 10TH ANNUAL BLUE MOON DANCE A HUGE SUCCESS!

As I write, my legs still tingle from the dances and my ears still echo with the music of the 10th annual Blue Moon dance, held on the UAH campus May 18-20. Musicians

Notorious +

and Seth Tepfer led those in attendance through fantastic dances to music that ranged from simple, old-time jigs and reels to complex, exotic pieces from out of this world.

I met partners from Iowa, Florida, Atlanta, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. I learned interesting variations on familiar steps and wonderful flourishes that I hope I can remember long enough to try them again! Dance weekends bring fun-loving, energetic, experienced dancers that elevate contra dancing to new heights of fun do it soon!

The Blue Moon Dance was the product of many dedicated people. What follows is a partial list:

Carol Mebane organized the dance weekend, so she had her hands in all of it.

Jerry Mebane coordinated with UAH for the University Center and the Union Grove Gallery.

Bryan and Diane Walls opened their home to everyone and hosted another great after dance party.

Natasha Kunin handled registration and helped dancers with any requests.

Stevie Nix, Jeff McClure, and Pat Camp did a great job with sound. I think it was the best I remember.

Claire Davies coordinated decorating with the quilts (they looked great!)

Jane Ewing helped gather everything for the lunch in Union Grove and for band hospitality.

Mark Mohon made the flyers and button designs.

Bob Bennett and Judith Burkett kept the floors clean and the water jugs filled.

Chuck and Katrina Weber, Ed Baggot and Elsie Peterson, Linda and Bill McAllister, Jerry and Carol, Clara Welch, Marcy Robinson, and Trey Brakefield all opened their homes to house out-of-town guests.

Max & Linda Harmon, Shellie Vann, Donna Deaton, Wayne Hitt, Doug Roth, Nancy Evans, others already mentioned, and others helped with set up and tear down, with setting up Union Grove for lunch, with hand-coloring buttons, and with getting flyers to other cities.



HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., South, (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.

Contact Bryan Walls (256) 837-0656 or email: bwalls@pobox.com or visit <http://secontra.com.NACDS.html> for more info.

JUNE 2 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER BECCA IMPELLO
BAND ED BAGGOTT & ELSIE PETERSON

JUNE 16 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER HARRY DELUGACH
BAND WOLVES A HOWLIN

JULY 7 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER TBD
BAND TBD

JULY 21

CALLER TBD
BAND TBD

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

JUNE 1 : NASHVILLE

CALLER KENDAL BROADIE
BAND CALLIOPE

JUNE 8 : NASHVILLE

CALLER ED & MELISSA WILKINSON
BAND THE CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

JUNE 9 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND ROCKY HOLLOW STRING BAND

JUNE 15 : NASHVILLE

CALLER SUSAN KEVRA
BAND DAVID COE, RUSS BARENBERG & OWEN MORRISON

JUNE 22 : NASHVILLE

CALLER JANE EWING
BAND NASHVILLE CEILI

JUNE 23 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND CROSSTOWN TRAFFIC

JUNE 29 : NASHVILLE

CALLER CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND KALEIDOSCOPE

FoOTMaD (Birmingham) dances 2nd Saturdays at the YMCA, 3rd Ave & 23rd St, 7:30 PM.
<http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>.

CTDS (Chattanooga) dances 2nd & 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or <http://conranoooga.org>

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN) dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN. For details, call (931) 598-0814 or check <http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/>

NCD (Nashville) dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at **NEW LOCATION** -- Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Blvd one block south of Woodmont on the corner of Graybar. Sept 8 at Cohn Adult Education Center, 4805 Park Ave.

Contact Chrissy at (615) 210-6808 or John, email: DanceFools@aol.com or <http://dancenashville.org/>

Flat Creek dances 2 & 4th Tues, Flat Creek Community Center seven miles south of Shelbyville, TN.
http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra_dances.htm

A BIT FARTHER AWAY, BUT WELL WORTH THE TRAVEL

CCD (Atlanta) dances on Fridays & alternate Tuesdays.
<http://contradance.org>

KCD (Knoxville) dances every Monday.
<http://www.komet.org/kcd/>

MCD (Memphis) dances on the 1st & 3rd Fridays.
<http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

Sautee Community Dances (N. GA) once a month from Sept - May. <http://sauteecontra.home.mindspring.com/>

GETTING TO KNOW ME

fill the shoes of Linda McAllister, the outgoing editor. Kudos to Linda for accomplished in the past two years!

I love contra dancing! After a slow start, my wife Kathy and I have been dancing for about three years. We often bring our (nearly) teenage daughter, but our teenage son so far still remains uninterested.

photography, and I hope using them together here will be have a grand view of what this newsletter will

initiative of introducing local dancers through the newsletter, and I plan to follow her suggestion of introducing the musicians and callers as well. The technical writer in me is interested in documenting as many basic dance moves, flourishes, traditions, and variations as I can; the realist in

wonders who in their right might would want to read boring stuff like that. Above all else, this newsletter must serve you, our



UPCOMING EVENTS

NACDS OFFICER ELECTION

We will have an election at the break in the first dance in June for officers. We still have not found a person to nominate for President-Elect (aka Vice President) so we will just leave this open until we can find someone. The nominations are:

President	Carol Mebane	President Elect	Please Volunteer!
Treasurer	Jane Ewing	Secretary	Claire Davies
Producer	Doug Roth	Equipment	Steve Nix
Membership	Mark Mohon	Newsletter	Kevin Riggs

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday June 24th at 3pm at Jane's house in Grant, AL. The incoming and outgoing officers may need to transition some items, so it would be great if they all could make it.

Everyone else is invited to attend as well, it is a great chance to help plan for the future. We will probably cookout or have a pot-luck. Jane will post details on the Yahoo site when she irons them out





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/>

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Or Renew Your Membership!

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\$15 per family, to the address above.*

*Make checks payable to NACDS.
(mailing label shows renewal date)*

*Members receive monthly newsletter,
2 guest passes, and a \$1 DISCOUNT to
each regular dance!*

