

NACDS HOLIDAY DANCE!

Our annual Holiday Dance is December 20, at 8:00 p.m., with Janet Shepherd calling to the music of Crosstown Traffic. This event usually draws a large crowd, with kids home from college and long-time friends reuniting to celebrate the season. The gathering is an opportunity to wear your finest seasonally appropriate apparel, share your favorite snacks, dance with all the grace and energy you can muster, and laugh away the winter blues.

We create a party twice a month just by coming together to dance – but let's raise this event to another level! You can help by bringing donations for door prizes, bringing snacks, and by volunteering to help decorate the hall. This is a great opportunity to re-gift, to let go of white elephants, to share the fruits of your labor – anything that might help lift the spirits of your fellow dancers. Bring your favorite party snack.

If you would like to help in any way, please get in touch with one of the officers.

Who: Janet Shepherd calling
with Crosstown Traffic
and You, dancing!

When: Saturday, December 20, 8:00 pm.

Where: Faith Presbyterian Church
5003 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville

Cost: \$10 member and non-member adults
\$6 students

MONEY MUSK

Our dance traditions have deep roots. While many of the tunes we dance to are very old, and though most of the steps we dance are old, the tradition also grows and adapts over time. But did you know that there is a dance called Money Musk that has survived for some two hundred years? And, unlike other chestnuts (such as British Sorrow) that had faded from use, but were

later revived, one version or another of Money Musk appears to have been beloved and danced in New England continuously from that time to this. What's more, the dance is always accompanied by a tune with the same name.

At the October steering committee meeting, Jane Ewing taught the dance to everyone, and it was a great hit. We all thought it would be great fun to try teaching the dance to more people and try it at one of our regular Saturday dances. We think it's a dance that's sure to catch on!



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!

• For more info Contact Bryan Walls (256) 837-0656 or email: bwalls@pobox.com or visit www.secontra.com.

NOVEMBER 1 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON

BAND — WHISTLIN' RUFUS

NOVEMBER 15 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLERS — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BANDS — WOLVES A HOWLIN'

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 2 : NASHVILLE

MUSIC CITY MASQUERADE AT COHN ADULT LEARNING CENTER

CALLER — SUE ROSEN AND SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — RAZ DE MAREE (TIDAL WAVE) FROM QUEBEC

NOVEMBER 7 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JOHN SHARLET

BAND — CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

NOVEMBER 8 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — CALLIOPE

NOVEMBER 8 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — ROB HARPER

BAND — SHAKE RAG RAMBLERS

NOVEMBER 9 : CHATTANOOGA

CHATTANOOGA CITY MARKET

SUNDAY, 12:30 TO 3:30 : FREE ADMISSION!

CALLER — ROB HARPER

BAND — SHAKE RAG RAMBLERS

NOVEMBER 9 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

BAND — CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

NOVEMBER 11 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

NOVEMBER 14 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — ED WILKINSON

BAND — CUNNINGHAM, ANDERSON, AND WOLFE

NOVEMBER 21 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — KGB

NOVEMBER 21 : SEWANEE

CALLER — TBA

BAND — TBA

NOVEMBER 22 : CHATTANOOGA

RINGGOLD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CALLER — SETH TEPFER

BAND — KGB

NOVEMBER 25 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

NOVEMBER 28: NASHVILLE

CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

BAND — CUMBERLAND TENDERFOOTS

NOVEMBER 29 : BIRMINGHAM (8:00 PM)

BIRMINGHAM TURKEY TROT

CALLER — STEVE GESTER

BAND — RED MOUNTAIN WHITE TRASH

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<http://www.bamalong.com/bcads.htm>.

CTDS (Chattanooga)

(706) 937-4991 or (423)876-7359

<http://www.contranooga.org>

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN)

(931) 598-0814

<http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/>

NCD (Nashville)

(615) 210-6808

<http://www.nashvillecountrydancers.org/>

Flat Creek

<http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra dances.htm>

OCTOBER 19 NACDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendees: *Jane Ewing, Kevin & Kathy Riggs, Carol Mebane, Doug Roth, Erin Maquire, Claire Davies, John, Mark Mohon, James Hildreth, Bryan Walls and Steve Nix.* The meeting was held at the home of *Jane Ewing.*

Meeting was called to order by *Carol Mebane.*

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Jane presented a spread sheet showing a breakdown of attendance for the dances since the start of the year, along with an expense breakdown. We are still breaking about even on dances. Low attendance weekends seem to be due to conflicting events. A motion to accept the financial report was made. The motion carried.

A discussion was held about trimming the newsletter to fewer pages, but since it would still require the same postage, it would not furnish a substantial savings. The ability of emailing newsletters has not been setup as yet.

Old Business:

NACDS organized a concert event at the start of the month to take advantage of a great band being in town with a free performance day due to a schedule cancelation. The Notorious concert on October 3rd was held at the Unitarian Universal Church on Governor's Drive. Thanks to everyone involved with the project and to Steve and Jeff for setting up the sound equipment. A good time was had by those who attended.

New Business:

One of the floor fans has been retired due to a squeaking problem. There is a need to replace the fan and to purchase another to provide the needed air circulation in the gym. A motion was made to purchase two fans similar to the one we have. The motion carried. Carol agreed to research prices at local stores and purchase the fans.

Carol mentioned that Jerry has contacted UAH in regards to reserving the dates for next year's Blue Moon for the hall and Union Chapel. It was suggested that we have Jim & Inge Wood for the second band as they have not performed on a Blue Moon weekend. The price for the dance weekend was discussed. Other area dance weekends run between \$60 – \$90. Last years dance was \$65. It was mentioned that the hall will comfortably hold 150 dancers. Discussion on the need to adopt a policy on gender balancing was held. It was

suggested that we should include a line stating that the dance is in "appreciation and memory of Mr. Richard Stutzke" in the programs, and that his wife and a guest be invited to attend at no charge.

A volunteer to chair a housing committee will need to contact UAH about using the dorms again this year. Last year the cost for a dorm room was \$19 a night.

Production – Doug reported that the November dance will be Whistlin' Rufus, with Doug Singleton calling. The Christmas dance band will be Crosstown Traffic with Janet Shepherd calling. Ticket prices were discussed and a motion made to set the price at \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. The motion carried. Due to a possible earlier function at the church, the dance start time will be 8:00 pm, instead of the usual 7:30 pm, and will go until 11:00 pm. There will not be an after dance party due to the closeness to Christmas.

No other business was raised.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Davies, Secretary



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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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each regular dance!*