

OUR READERS WRITE

Susan Kevra writes:

We've assembled another wonderful line-up for this year's Music City Masquerade, featuring Nils Fredland (of NH) and Rodney Miller's Airdance.

Rodney Miller is widely considered to be the foremost exponent of New England style fiddling and was named "Master Fiddler" by the National Endowment for the Arts. He will be joined by a terrific ensemble: his daughter, Elvie Miller on piano and accordion, Owen Morrison on guitar & mandolin and Mark Hellenberg on percussion.

Nils is one of the nation's most sought-after callers and will share with us his great repertoire of contras and squares.

Workshops will include contras, squares, band, singing (with Suzannah Park), calling (with Fred Park), Irish sets (taught by Owen Morrison) and back by popular demand, Sunday morning open waltzing with music by Nashville's own Calliope. Local legend, Russ Barenberg is also on staff, adding to the fine musical line-up.

You can find out more about the weekend by visiting www.dancenashville.org <<http://www.dancenashville.org/>> .

Hope to see you in Nashville for some of the finest, most friendly dancing in the South!

Donna Deaton writes:

You're Invited to a NACDS Gathering on Monte Sano Mountain

Leave your dance shoes at home but bring yummy sweets, finger foods, musical instruments, chairs, singing voices (of any kind!), good conversation, friends, and family to the FIRST NACDS FRIENDS SOCIAL GATHERING at Monte Sano State Park, Sunday, October 14, 2-5 P.M. Look for us somewhere behind the front pavilion by the parking lot. NACDS will provide ice, paper goods, and drinks.

Get to know your fellow dancers off the dance floor in the setting of a beautiful fall day on the mountain. Don't be left out of the fun!!

Thank you, Readers, for your participation!

Here are two simple ways to give us your input:

Email: k-riggs@mchsi.com

Telephone: 256-859-9281



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 <http://secontra.com.NACDS.html>

OCTOBER 6 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — ED BAGGOTT & ELSIE PETERSON

OCTOBER 20 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 5 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — NASHVILLE CEILI BAND

OCTOBER 12 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — OWEN MORRISON & FRIENDS

OCTOBER 13 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — ROB HARPER

BAND — FIDDLIN' BOB AND BANJER JIM

OCTOBER 19 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JOHN SHARLET

BAND — THE CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

OCTOBER 26 : SEWANEE

CALLER — GEORGE SNYDER

BAND — CROSS TOWN TRAFFIC

OCTOBER 26-28 : NASHVILLE

NCD MUSIC CITY MASQUERADE CONTRA DANCE WEEKEND

AT COHN ADULT LEARNING CENTER

CALLER — NILS FREDLAND

BAND — RODNEY MILLER AND AIRDANCE

OCTOBER 27 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — CIS HINKLE

BAND — CROSS TOWN TRAFFIC

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://contraooga.org>

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN) dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN, 8:00 PM. 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.

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



SEPTEMBER NACDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

[Following are abbreviated minutes from the Sep 16 meeting. The full minutes are public and available by request, but too long to print here. Editor]

Meeting was called to order by Carol Mebane.

A motion to accept the minutes of the June 26 meeting was made by Carol, Mark seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Jane presented a spread sheet showing a breakdown of attendance for the dances since August, along with an expense breakdown. We have been making a small profit at dances except for the last two or three. Low attendance figures are attributed to conflicts with the Mentone Dance weekend and the Labor Day weekend. Jane figures that we need approximately 70 people per dance to make a profit.

Old business: Carol has yet to find a willing candidate to serve as vice president. She is still looking and would appreciate leads.

New business: Carol related that she likes to have planned meetings on a regular schedule. The dates of upcoming steering committee meetings will be the Sunday following the third Saturday dance every other month. (Future meeting dates will be Nov. 18, Jan 20, and March 16.) Meetings will be at members homes, Donna Deaton volunteered to host the Nov. meeting.

A suggestion to have more social events was made and discussed. A cook out at the pavilion on Monte Sano was suggested for sometime in October. Possible dates are to be researched and relayed to the board.

A pressing need for next May's Blue Moon is the contracting of a band. Suggestions for the band in 2008 were Hotpoint Stringband, Air Dance and Lift Tickets. Carol offered to research the availability of these bands, their costs, and their preferences in callers, the tentative list being Joseph Pimentel and Beth Molaro, and report back to the board. For the 2009 dance, the group expressed a preference to secure Wild Asparagus.

Jane Ewing proposed that we join a group that is researching ways to recruit and retain members. She would like us to be a test market group for this area of the country. She encouraged everyone to visit the web site for the group: <http://danceambassadors.googlepages.com>. It suggests and organized approach of greeters to work with new comers and e-mail surveys to evaluate newcomer satisfaction.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Davies,

Secretary



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