

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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NACDS home page: <http://secontra.com/NACDS.html> (new URL!)

May 31st thru June 2nd: Once In A Blue Moon - V

Featuring: **Susan Kevra** with

Larry Ungar, Marco Brehm & Lissa Schneckenburger plus

Janet Shepherd & the Atomic City Rhythm Rascals

and Couple Dances with **Feet First**

June 15th: Jane Ewing with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

Two weeks after the big weekend is over, we'll be all rested up for one of our regular dance events. From high atop Monte Sano our own **Ed & Elsie** will come with their scrumptious stylings of old time dance music. And **Jane Ewing** from over in Grant will be on hand to select a few dances from her collection and call them for us. The 2002-2003 NACDS officers will be elected during this dance. See the list of candidates elsewhere in this issue. Nominations from the floor are welcome. You can't vote if you're not there - Ya'll come!

June 29th: Blue Moon calling with **Feet First** hosting the band

"Oh, what is so rare as a fifth Saturday in June?" Not much, but this year there is one, so we have the occasion for yet another **open mike** dance. Start practicing your square fiddle tunes, or pick out a few dances to call and come on down. Musicians and callers should arrive early to tune up & coordinate with the hosts.

The fine print: NACDS dances the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays of the month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg at Airport Rd. in Huntsville. Come to the refresher workshop at 7PM, then dance until 10:30 for \$6 (\$5 for members, \$3 for teens.) Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes to dance in and please wear a name tag. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

Blue Moon V

As this is written, our fifth dance weekend, "Once In A Blue Moon V", is in the final stages of preparation. We have about a hundred dancers registered. If you are reading this Friday afternoon, put it down and come over to the UAH University Center to help us decorate the hall, set up sound, etc. The more the merrier!

Fifth Annual Fantastic After-dance Party

Don't forget the traditional party Saturday night after the UAH center closes at 11. Plan to bring a favorite beverage and/or an *hors d'oeuvre* to share.

The venue, as usual, will be the house of Bryan Walls. It's just off campus at 4304 Holmes Ave.

Contra Courtesy

As we host our fifth annual dance weekend, keep in mind these tips for making it fun for everyone:

1. Ask people who are sitting out to dance
2. Always join the shortest line
3. Take hands four promptly
4. Have fun; smile at your partner and the others in your foursome or square
5. If a mistake occurs and you are left hanging in the middle a dance, come in at the bottom of the set.
6. Don't forget to thank your partner.

Upcoming Dance Weekends

Summer Soiree - Asheville, NC - June 14-16

BCDS Weekend at Mentone - August 16-18

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$8, payable to me at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you and all your kin will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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Chuck, Katrina & Tom of Feet First

Calendar

Local events in **bold**; contact Bryan Walls (256 837-0656; bwalls@pobox.com) for more info.

May 31 (Fri.): Nashville: - No Nashville Dance

May 31-June 2: NACDS - Blue Moon V - Susan Kevra - Larry, Marco & Lissa - at UAH

June 3 (Mon.): Knoxville: Donna Calhoun calling with music by Contra Amazons

KCD dances Mondays at the Laurel St. Theatre (at 16th Street); for info: <<http://www.kormet.org/kcd/kcdsched.htm>>.

June 7 (Fri.): Nashville: Eddie Doss calling with Feet First

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriel, near I-440 & Nolensville Rd.

Instruction at 7:30, dance at 8:00. For more info, contact Chrissy (615-210-6808) or John (DanceFools@aol.com).

June 8 (Sat.): Birmingham: Martha Phillips with the Stripling Brothers II (includes Joyce C. & Nancy J.)

BCDS dances 2nd Saturdays at the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North; 7:30 \$8. Info: <<http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm>>

June 8 (Sat.) Chattanooga: Janet Shepherd calling with Danny Gammon

CTDS dances occasional Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown; 8-11 P.M.; \$5.

For info contact: Steve at 706-937-4991 or Claire & Bryant at 423-876-7359 or: <<http://conranooga.com>>

June 10 (Mon.) Knoxville: Tim Klein calling with music by Mumbillies

June 14 (Fri.): Nashville: Ed & Melissa calling with Nashville Ceili Band

June 15 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson

June 17 (Mon.): Knoxville: Nick Boulet calling with music by Chicken Scratch (from Asheville)

June 21 (Fri.) Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp calling with Nashville Weather

June 22 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Doug Singleton calling with Peavine Creek (both from Atlanta)

June 22 (Sat.): Birmingham - Unplugged - Open Mike calling plus you can sit-in & play

BCDS Unplugged dances are held at the Unitarian Church on Cahaba Rd. near the Zoo in MountainBrook. \$3

June 24 (Mon.): Knoxville: Vicki Herndon calling with music by Atomic City Rhythm Rascals

June 28 (Fri.): Nashville: NO DANCE

June 29 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Blue Moon calling with Feet First hosting - you can call or play

June 29 (Sat.): Chattanooga @ Split Tree Farm: Vicki Herndon calling with Magic Truck

To get your dances on the schedule, e-mail us with the particulars by the 20th of the month. - Doug & Bryan

New Officer Candidates

It's election time for NACDS. Here is the proposed slate of officers for 2002-2003. We'll vote on June 15th.

President: Natasha Kunin
President Elect: Bob Bennett
Secretary: Katrina Weber
Treasurer: Chuck Weber

Producer: Carol Mebane
Property Manager: Steve Nix
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