

Newsletter of the North Alabama Country Dance Society

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April 5th:

Jane Ewing with Tom Kat & the Fiddle

All the way from Grant Alabama comes **Jane Ewing** to call an evening of dances for us. **Tom Green** (guitar) and **Chuck & Katrina Weber** (fiddle & piano) will play. Come on down!

April 19th:

Harry Delugach with Bob & Cathy White & Curt Lewis

Bob, Cathy and **Curt** (fiddle, guitar & bass) return from high atop Monte Sano mountain to make our feet move while our own **Harry Delugach** teaches & calls. This dance marks 21 years of contra dancing in North Alabama. Don't miss it.

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 \$7 (\$6 for members, \$4 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!

Birmingham FOOTMAD Institute

Our friends in Birmingham have announced an Old-Time Music and Dance Institute featuring dance musician, caller and sound system workshops. The events start Friday evening and continue on Saturday. The highlight of the weekend will be a dance Saturday night featuring *Stars of the Future!* There will also be a wrap-up brunch Sunday morning.

The faculty will include caller and teacher Susan Davis, fiddler Ann Whitley and rhythm guitarist Scott Russell. Phil Foster and Reggie Bolton, the experts who run the sound for the B'ham FoOTMaD dances, will teach the sound system workshop.

The cost is \$30 per person (\$10 for the sound system workshop - includes dinner) and the venue is the YWCA, 2300 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham.

It may still be possible to arrange overnight hospitality. Contact Joyce Cauthen at 205-822-0505 or joycecauthen@charter.net to do so. A registration form, full schedule & much more info is available on their web page: <http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm> (Joyce says to ignore the 'send by April 1st' restriction - all workshops still have openings.)

Address and Email Updates

Has your address or e-dress changed? There will be a membership list on the table at our April dances. Please check your contact info and make any needed corrections. A new NACDS directory is in the works, and we don't want any stale data to be perpetuated.

If you can't make it to an April dance, contact Chuck Weber at 536-1397 with your particulars. Changes in email addresses should also be sent to Bryan Walls - bwalls@pobox.com - our 'net guru.

Dance News and Rumors

An item reported as a rumor in this space a couple months ago has been confirmed! The Traditional Music Center of Cleveland Tn. is sponsoring monthly contra dance classes to help form an old-time dance group in their area. Click: <http://www.traditionalmusiccenter.org> for more information.

Several NACDS gypsies traveled up to Chattanooga for the CTDS dance March 22. There were two lines going for most of the evening.

"A good time was had by all," at the dance in Sewanee on March 28 according to one of our dancers who attended. A few more experienced dancers, especially males, would have made the evening great.

Plans are already being made by some of our members to gypsy over to Atlanta for the Friday dance on May 16. Why? Because the legendary **Wild Asparagus** will be there! They are arguably the best known traditional dance music band in the country.

Ask about these and other dance gypsy events at any of our dances or by joining our nacds-steers email list. See the previous article.

Blue Moon VI News

The registration forms are starting to come in. Is yours among them? Now is the time to step up and help make this dance weekend our best ever. Can you provide sleeping-bag space for an out-of-town dancer or two? Contact Bob Garrett, our housing coordinator at 864-8140. Volunteer now & avoid the May rush!

Also, talk up the weekend to any of your dancing friends who haven't been to a dance recently. They may want to polish their skills at some of our regular dances in the next two months.

You may join us or renew your membership (check date on mailing label) at any of our dances, or by sending \$10 (\$15 for families), payable to me at the address below. You will receive this monthly newsletter & 2 free guest passes, plus you will pay \$1 less to get into each of our regular dances.

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Calendar

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

Apr. 4 (Fri.): Nashville: Susan Kevra with Russ Barenberg & Friends

NCD dances almost every Friday at the Woodbine Community Center, Burbank & Oriol, 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).

Apr. 5 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Tom Kat & the Fiddle

Apr. 11 (Fri.): Nashville: Eddie Doss with Nashville Weather

Apr. 11-12 - B'ham FoOTMaD - Old-Time Music & Dance Institute - Workshops & Dance

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

Apr. 12 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Vicki Herndon with Fletcher Bright String Band

CTDS dances 2nd and 4th 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://contranoooga.org>

Apr. 18 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Tom Kat & the Fiddle <- *Huntsville band*

Apr. 19 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Harry Delugach with Ed Baggott and Elsie Peterson

Apr. 25 (Fri.): Nashville: No Dance

Apr. 26 (Sat.) : B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged - Open mike calling & music

B'ham FoOTMaD Unplugged dances are held at the Unitarian Church on Cahaba Rd. near the Zoo in MountainBrook. \$3

Apr. 26 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Nils Fredland with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson <- *Huntsville band*

May 2 (Fri.): Nashville: John Sharlet with Melmac Lickers

May 3 (Sat.): NACDS dance - TBA with Bob & Cathy White and Curt Lewis

May 9 (Fri.): Nashville: Ed Wilkinson with Nashville Weather

May 10 (Sat.): Chattanooga: Chrissy Davis-Camp with TBA

May 16 (Fri.): Nashville: Jim Coode with Wingates

May 17 (Sat.): NACDS dance - Jane Ewing with Tom, Kat & the Fiddle

May 23 (Fri.): Nashville: Chrissy Davis-Camp with Ed Baggott & Elsie Peterson <- *Huntsville band*

May 24 (Sat.): Chattanooga: TBA

May 30 (Fri.): Nashville: No Dance

May 30 - June 1: NACDS Blue Moon VI dance weekend - register now!

Robert Cromartie - Flapjack - Seth Tepfer - Avant Gardners

In Atlanta they dance on Fridays and Tuesdays - see <http://contradance.org>

In Knoxville they dance every Monday - see <http://www.kornet.org/kcd/>

In Memphis they dance 1st and 3rd Fridays - see <http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

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

NACDS Officer Elections Coming Soon

Support your local dance community: Contact Natasha Kunin (880-8740) to volunteer for the nominating committee, or any office. We'll print a proposed slate of officers in the May issue, and vote at a dance in June.