



Once In A Blue Moon

BLUE MOON 14

The annual NACDS dance festival weekend, Blue Moon 14, is May 20-22, 2011, on the campus of UAH. This is our opportunity to host the Southeast dance community, to pull out all the stops and put on a party for our nearby sister organizations and out-of-town guests. For the contra dances Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday afternoon, music will be provided by The Sevens, and the caller will be Seth Tepfer. Saturday afternoon you can dance to Intriguing Contras with Jim & Inge Woods and Friends, with calling by our own Gary Nelson and Erin Maguire. Music for Sunday morning's waltzes will be provided again by The Sevens.

THE SEVENS – A CELTIC GROOVE BAND

The Sevens are a high-energy Celtic ensemble that unites traditional Irish tunes with world rhythms and American songs in a highly original and exciting mix. The Sevens' arrangements and inspired choice of material rest on a bedrock of powerful rhythm and outstanding musicianship. The band's roster of seasoned performers is equally at home playing for dancers or concert audiences. No matter what the venue or event, The Sevens convey the power of traditional music with immediacy, honesty and fire.

Mark Roberts (flute, banjo, whistle, guitar), Stuart Kenney (bass), Sarah Blair (fiddle), Sam Bartlett (banjo, mandolin), and Mark Hellenberg (percussion) are all seasoned contra musicians with decades of combined experience, who come together in this exciting combination for our weekend!

SETH TEPPER

Seth Tepfer is "Atlanta's Dance Magician," calling dances for adults and children like you've never seen before. Known for his infectious energy, his short walk-thru's, and his 'hash-contras', Seth's warm enthusiasm is contagious, and gets everyone moving, smiling, and having a great time. Whether squares, contras, or other folk dances, you can be certain that all involved - novices and experienced dancers alike - will amble away happy and eager to dance more!

Jim & Inge Wood & Friends share their musical talents by teaching, coordinating and playing music for the contra dance group in Flat Creek, TN, not far from Nashville.

Jim Wood (fiddle), a Nashville native, began playing fiddle at age 10, surrounded by many professional musicians. A formal jazz music college education gives even further dimension to his music. His wife, Inge Wood of Costa Rica (guitar), Hillary Bevels (fiddle), and Nate Strasser (keyboard) are some of the talented musicians that make up the young and energetic Flat Creek contra community.

Erin Maguire, calling since the age of 16, is known for calling dances that flow with energy. She learned to call as a Mother's Day present to her (caller) mother to give her a chance to dance.

Gary Nelson, started calling in Huntsville in 1986, and then moved to Asheville, NC and continued calling throughout the southeast. Known for his clear directions and interesting dance selections, we're glad to have Gary now living back in Huntsville.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

The Blue Moon festival is the chance for the NACDS members to give back to the dance community with meaningful actions. You can help by:

- Helping set up and take down
- Working the registration table
- Hosting visiting dancers.

Please contact an officer if you are willing to help.

REGISTER TODAY!

Go to secontra.com/bluemoon

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, and then the regular dance is from 7:30 – 10:30 PM.

• Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for students, free for ages 12 & under.

Remember to bring comfortable, **non-scuffing shoes** for dancing. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

• Gen'l info, bwalls@pobox.com or www.secontra.com;
Schedule info, Doug Roth: hdroth@pobox.com.

APRIL 2: HUNTSVILLE

BAND — JIM AND INGE WOOD
CALLER — GARY NELSON

APRIL 16: HUNTSVILLE

BAND — DAVID COE AND NATE STRASSER
CALLER — JANE EWING

APRIL 30: HUNTSVILLE

SPECIAL EVENTS DANCE SERIES
BAND — LAND OF SKY
CALLER — GAYE FIFER

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

APRIL 1: NASHVILLE

BAND — DAVID COE & NATE STRASSER
CALLER — JANE EWING

APRIL 8: NASHVILLE

BAND — ED BAGGOTT & ELSIE PETERSON
CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

APRIL 9: BIRMINGHAM

BAND — HERB TROTMAN BAND
CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

APRIL 9: CHATTANOOGA

BAND — MAPLE HILL
CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON

APRIL 10: NASHVILLE

BAND — SOUTHWIND
CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

APRIL 12: FLAT CREEK

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD, WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY
CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

APRIL 15: NASHVILLE

BAND — THE NASHVILLE CEILI BAND
CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

APRIL 15: SEWANEE, TN

BAND — FREE ASSOCIATION
CALLER — ANDREA NETTLETON

APRIL 22: NASHVILLE

BAND — ELIZABETH FITCH & FRIENDS
CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

APRIL 23: CHATTANOOGA

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE
CALLER — DONNA CALHOUN

APRIL 26: FLAT CREEK

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY
CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

APRIL 29: NASHVILLE

BAND — JIM WOOD & FRIENDS
CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

TO LEARN MORE

- **Footmad (Birmingham, AL)**
www.footmadbirmingham.org
205-822-0505
- **CTDS (Chattanooga, TN)**
contranooga.org
- **NCD (Nashville, TN)**
615-356-3869
nashvillecountrydancers.org
- **Flat Creek, TN**
jimwoodmusic.net/fcc.htm

A BIT FURTHER BUT WORTH THE TRAVEL

- **CCD (Atlanta, GA)**
Fridays & alternate Tuesdays
contradance.org
- **KCD (Knoxville, TN)**
Every Monday
discoveret.org/kcd
- **MCD (Memphis, TN)**
1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays
midtowners.webs.com
- **Sautee Community Dances (North-East GA)**
Once a month, Sept – May
sauteecontra.com



SPECIAL EVENTS CONCERT

NACDS will host a special events concert April 30, from 8-11 pm, featuring music by Land of Sky and calling by Gaye Fifer.

Land of Sky brings together some of the best contra dance musicians south of the border - the New England Border, that is! Fiddler Laura Lengnick is joined by Roger Gold of the Elftones fame on guitar and accomplished pianist and composer Paul Moore on accordion and piano in this band equally at home playing contra, English or swing.

Gaye Fifer is an accomplished contra caller from Charlottesville, Virginia who calls contra dances throughout the USA and Canada. An active dancer herself, she understands the subtleties of making contra dances particularly satisfying for dancers. A teacher by profession, her instructions are clear and concise. An easy smile and delightful sense of humor are part of her relaxed, pleasant style at the microphone.

In conjunction with the dance, Hot Rock Hollow Productions presents Land of Sky in concert at the Flying Monkey Arts Center prior to the dance, from 5-7 pm. Before the concert, you might also arrange to purchase a box dinner by The Happy Tummy.

FOR DETAILS-WWW.ROCKTHEHOLLOW.COM

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Cara Stein

Cara is a researcher in computer science, but is working on becoming self-employed with writing. Her parents, sister and two of her grandparents live in Pennsylvania (Johnstown and Pittsburgh).

She has an internet blog called "17000 Days: The quest for a satisfying life." It's about how to live a more satisfying life and make every day count. Check it out at <http://17000-days.com/>

Cara has just published an eBook about how to be happy - you can download it from <http://17000-days.com/how-to-be-happy/>.

In addition to contra dancing, Cara's hobbies are writing, cooking, yarn (spinning, dyeing, crochet, knitting), and autocross.

In 2002, Cara discovered contra dancing at the Blue Moon weekend due to a friend's relentless encouragement. At that time, she was a starving grad student and not that convinced it was an appealing idea. Cara says, "I agreed due to the free admission for students, had a semi-confusing two minute lesson, was shoved at a partner, and off I went! Everyone was super nice, and all the smiling and spinning and music got me all blissed out. I was just going through a divorce, and it was the best possible thing I could have done." Busy with school, she attended only the annual Blue Moon dance weekends. Cara began contra dancing regularly four years ago and hasn't stopped since!

These days, she mostly enjoys the community, music, and spinning, and says, "I'm an introvert, so I tend to stay home and be quiet most of the time. Contra gets me out, gets me moving, and reminds me that people can be fun, too." She has danced in Atlanta, Meadville, PA, and Lexington, KY. Previously she tried ballroom, swing, and Zydeco, but prefers contra.

Cara used to play the clarinet, saxophone, and viola. She enjoys attending concerts on the dock at the Flying Monkey and the Huntsville Traditional Music Association coffee houses. Her primary musical involvement is "rocking out to CDs from the library while I sweep the floor every morning."



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/>

Facebook page:

Search on Facebook for the "North Alabama Country Dance Society" group. Connect with friends and get invitations to events.

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(mailing label shows renewal date)*

*Members receive monthly newsletter,
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