

OUR READERS WRITE

Carol Mebane asked us to include the following announcement about the upcoming 2008 Huntsville Blue Moon Dance:

"NACDS has the opportunity for 2 working scholarships to this year's Blue Moon. The recipients need to be at the University Center on Friday to assist in setting up and on Sunday afternoon to help with the take down. Additional duties include sweeping the floor when necessary, running errands, and helping with setting up and serving Saturday's lunch. If you are interested in more information on the scholarships please contact Natasha Kunin."

Susan Kevra of Nashville asked us to help spread the word about the upcoming 27th Annual Nashville Playford Ball to be held March 28-30, 2008 in Nashville, TN:

"Please join us in sunny Nashville for a weekend of exquisite English Country dancing with internationally known and universally revered caller Philippe Callens from Antwerp, Belgium and the enchanting music of A Joyful Noise (Barbara Greenberg, Daniel Beerbohm & Kathy Talvitie). The weekend begins Friday night with a mix of contras and English, followed by workshops on Saturday, the Playford Ball Saturday night, a delightful after dance party, and a final farewell workshop Sunday morning/afternoon. Experience southern hospitality only the Nashville Country Dancers can serve up!

"For more information and a downloadable registration form, visit www.dancenashville.org or call Ed Wilkinson at (615) 385-1129."

THE LATEST WORD

No less than 6 times in the past 2 months, different people have mentioned Jim and Inge Wood and their Flat Creek Tn. Dances to me. I have not yet been to

one of their dances, but Jim and Inge Wood have played for dances in Huntsville many times, and I always enjoy both their music and the fact that they often bring young new players with them. I understand that the Flat Creek dances are great fun, with a very high energy level. I gleaned the following tidbits from Jim's web site, jimwoodmusic.net:

Jim, five-time Tennessee Fiddle Champion and twenty-eight year veteran of the professional Nashville music scene, performs on fiddle, mandolin, banjo, and guitar with the highlight being virtuoso fiddling in the contest, old-time, Celtic, and swing styles. Inge, a native of Costa Rica, performs on guitar, bouzouki, and fiddle, and sings a wide range of both original and traditional folk songs in English and Spanish.

Jim and Inge and caller Chrissy Davis-Camp host a contradance at the Flat Creek Community Center (south of Shelbyville, Tennessee) on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a very family-oriented dance with a large contingent of teenagers. Jim and Inge and anybody else with an acoustic instrument who wants to join in the fun provide the live music (which usually means fifteen to thirty local pickers). If you are in the area, please join us to dance or play or just to listen.

If you're looking for some high-energy fun, and maybe the first new sounds from fresh players getting their start with Jim and Inge, you might try a visit to Flat Creek.

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>

FEBRUARY 2 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — WOLVES A HOWLIN'

FEBRUARY 16 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JANE EWING
BAND — ED BAGGOTT AND ELSIE PETERSON

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — THE CANTRELLS (EMILY & AL)

FEBRUARY 2 : ART CENTER IN ATHENS

CALLER — TBA
BAND — TBA

FEBRUARY 8 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JOHN SHARLET
BAND — PLAIDGRASS

FEBRUARY 9 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — JANE EWING
BAND — WOLVES A HOWLIN'

FEBRUARY 9 : CHATTANOOGA (ECD)

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE
BAND — CALLIOPE

FEBRUARY 10 : NASHVILLE

4-6:30 PM AT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE FOR DIRECTIONS GO TO DANCENASHVILLE.ORG
CALLERS — ED & MELISSA WILKINSON
BAND — THE CANTRELLS & KENT MARTIN

FEBRUARY 15 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA
BAND — DAVID COE AND OWEN MORRISON

FEBRUARY 22 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JANE EWING
BAND — NASHVILLE CEILI BAND

FEBRUARY 23 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON (RINGGOLD)
BAND — CHRISTIE BURNS AND BUTCH ROSS

FEBRUARY 24 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP
BAND — FIDDLE IN THE PARLOR

FEBRUARY 24 : SEWANEE

CALLER — BRYANT HAYNES
BAND — MAPLE HILL

FEBRUARY 29 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE
BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

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://contranooga.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 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

JANUARY NACDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at the home of Jane Ewing.

In the absence of Carol Mebane, Jane Ewing called the meeting to order.

Jane motioned that the minutes of the September meeting be accepted. Doug seconded the motion.

Production – Doug Roth - Bands and callers are committed for dances through March 15, 2008. He is working on the next three months.

Newsletter – Kevin Riggs - Kevin had nothing new to report. Costs are in line with previous months. He reported that he may need to up the print amount of newsletters due to an increase in membership role.

Financial report – Jane reports that currently have approximately \$12,700 in bank deposits. Income is covering the current expenses but not the longer term costs. A preliminary Treasures Report was reviewed. Jane received a note from Faith Presbyterian thanking us for letting a group of kids who were staying overnight at the church into our dance. They enclosed a \$25 donation. Carol & Jerry had been paying the entrance fees for these groups for the past couple of years. Jane suggested that we make it a stated policy that the NACDS should underwrite these groups in the future. Kevin made the motion. Doug seconded.

Responses to the new dancer survey indicate that they wanted a waltz class. Therefore, Jane taught one during the break at last night's dance. Hopefully, useful info will help us retain more newcomers.

Jane reported that CDSS willing to contribute 50% of the cost of a camp and airfare scholarship for a worthy musician or caller. The recipient must attend a CDSS sponsored camp which cost approximately \$850 for a week. Jane asked for nominations of worthy candidates.

Blue Moon – Carol has confirmed Hotpoint and both callers for the weekend. For the second band we need confirmation from Ed and Elsie. The box lunch on Saturday is to be provided by McAllister's at a cost of \$8. The Bevill Center and the dorms at UAH will be providing rooms as in past years. Flyers are in the works. Jane handed out samples for all concerned to proofread. It was discussed to shorten the waltz workshop to start at 10:00am since turnout on Sunday morning is typically slow.

Steve mentioned that he did not rent a couple of extra

speakers for the Christmas dance. However, as in the past, he will be renting extra speakers for the Blue Moon dance. The cost will be around \$100. The expense was approved by the board.

Kevin tentatively offered to host the next steering committee meeting at his house. The meeting will be March 2, 2008. Conflicts on March 16 were cited as reasons for adjusting the date.

[Kevin has since realized that he will not be able to host the meeting. Ed.]

Jane motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Doug seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire B. 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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