

NACDS Newsletter

February 2011

Huntsville Dance February 5: Music by The Pigweeds and calling by Vicki Herndon.

The Pigweeds are a knockdown Southern old-time band that likes good fiddling, and loves good dancing. Jim Holland on fiddle is a North Alabama local coming from generations of musicians. He and his son have received regional and national music competition awards, and enjoy giving workshops, but mostly they just like to collect and make interesting music. Cole Holland on open-back banjo is a local college student who also enjoys a variety of music. Mike Baugh on guitar makes his home in Nashville, where he is a bedrock of the old-time and dance community. Mike has recorded several projects, is a songwriter and is active in the Nashville Old-time String Band Association.



Vicki Herndon began calling in 2000, and has called all around the southeast. She is an active part of the dance community in Chattanooga, TN. Her specialty is welcoming newcomers and giving them confidence.

Huntsville Dance February 19: Music by Maple Hill and calling by Harry Delaguch.

The Maple Hill Band formed in 2003 and currently has ten talented members. The band has played at over 50 sites in North Alabama and Southern Tennessee. They play wild, driving Celtic jigs and reels, contra dance music of the northeastern and northwestern U.S., and ballads of Ireland or Appalachia.



Harry Delaguch began contra dancing in 1987 in Charlottesville, Virginia. He believes that dances don't have to be complicated to be fun. As a caller, he tries to help beginners relax so they can enjoy the dance. Harry teaches computer at UAH.



UPCOMING DANCE WEEKENDS:

CABIN FEVER FEBRUARY 18-20, KNOXVILLE, TN

Music: Syncopaths and Contrazz
Caller: Carol Ormand
More info: knoxvillecontradance.org

MEMFEST MARCH 18-20, MEMPHIS, TN

Music: Perpetual E-motion
Caller: Jack Mitchell
More info: memphiscontra.webs.com/memfestregistration.htm

GEORGY-ALABAM SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND FEBRUARY 4-6, CHEAHA STATE PARK

Music: Red Mountain, and the Yahoos
Caller: Phil Jamison

JANUARY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Trey Brakefield, Wayne Hitt, Erin Maguire, Gary Nelson, Eric Pohl, Doug Roth, Kevin Riggs, Liz Seifried, Claire Davies, Bryan Walls, Steve Nix

- Blue Moon 2011
 - Band to arrange their own travel & we reimburse them.
 - Pat Camp for sound
 - Jason's Deli for lunches
 - Flyers to be mailed in February
 - Mailing & Button-making Party: Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 6pm, at Donna & Wayne's house
 - Location of last year's Blue Moon evaluation forms is still unknown
 - Claire will supply quilts and their stands. Cost to rent stands \$50
 - Erin Maguire will create Facebook event
 - Kevin Riggs will do Blue Moon's radio spot
 - Fred Smith will do "Valley Planet" ad
 - Donna Deaton will do "Go!" ad
 - Need to get it up and/or check "Dance Rhapsody" and "Gypsy Jordan" site
- Blue Moon 2012
 - Decided to confirm Perpetual e-Motion & Diane Silver
 - Thinking of doing a New Year's Eve dance
 - Ask Pat Camp to do sound when needed at regular dances
 - Accepted new pay system

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.

FEBRUARY 5: HUNTSVILLE

BAND — THE PIGWEEDS
CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

FEBRUARY 19: HUNTSVILLE

BAND — MAPLE HILL
CALLER — HARRY DELUGACH

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 4-6: CHEAHA STATE PARK, AL

GEORGY ALABAM SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND
BANDS — RED MOUNTAIN AND THE YAHOOOS
CALLER — PHIL JAMISON

FEBRUARY 4: NASHVILLE

BAND — EYE OF THE MONKEY STRINGBAND
CALLER — CHRISSY-DAVIS CAMP

FEBRUARY 8: FLAT CREEK

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

FEBRUARY 11: NASHVILLE

BAND — ROUSTABOUT
CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

FEBRUARY 12: BIRMINGHAM

BAND — WAXWING
CALLER — GARY NELSON

FEBRUARY 12: CHATTANOOGA

BAND — THE DOGTROTTERS
CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

FEBRUARY 13: NASHVILLE

BAND — PRIEST-MAY, KEVRA, AND TAYLOR
CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

FEBRUARY 18: NASHVILLE

BAND — BRIAN CHRISTIANSON & FRIENDS
CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

FEBRUARY 25: FLAT CREEK

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

FEBRUARY 25: NASHVILLE

BAND — THE NASHVILLE CEILI BAND
CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

FEBRUARY 26: CHATTANOOGA

BAND — SOUTHWIND
CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

FEBRUARY 27: BIRMINGHAM

BAND — ED AND ELSIE
CALLER — BECCA IMPELLO

FEBRUARY 28: SEWANEE, TN

BAND — NATHAN BOWMAN'S STUDENT BAND
CALLER — CHRISSY CAMP-DAVIS

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



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Ed Goad

Ed grew up in the Virginia Mountains on the Blue Ridge Parkway. He is a poet, is married and has four children. His interests are songwriting, walking, wondering, wandering, exploring, collecting, creating, re-utilizing, re-conceptualizing, minimizing, optimizing, thinking, feeling, dancing, touching, and badminton. He hasn't owned a television for 33 years.

Contra dancing was Ed's first group dance experience here, four years ago. Although he was scared at the first dance, Ed has fully embraced contra dancing. He says, "Sometimes it's the most freeing feeling, and the most fun I ever have. I enjoy my inner flirt coming out—the one held captive for so long inside. Contra has helped me so much on seeing my fears of rejection for the frauds they often are." He has danced in Oklahoma City and plans to dance in other cities.

Ed does a bit of flat footing, from his upbringing. He also enjoys Carolina Shag, Cajun/Zydeco, Lindy Hop. His next dance lessons will be Blues, Argentine Tango, and Contact Improvisation.

In his elementary through high school years, Ed was an accomplished percussionist, including tympani. He regularly joins in a drum circle in downtown Huntsville. Other musical instruments Ed plays are fiddle, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer, harmonica, and most recently, an octave mandolin and tenor banjo. Occasionally, on Wednesday evenings, you may hear Ed playing and singing his own songs at Coffee Tree Books and Brew.

Eric Pohl

A Huntsville native, Eric is a Test Engineer at Futaba. He graduated from UAH in 2008 with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. His immediate family, parents and a younger brother, all live in Huntsville.

His hobbies include contra dancing, hiking, canoeing, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and nature photography. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout, requiring focus and perseverance.

Eric began contra dancing three years ago. His first impression was that it was both easy to learn and fun to do. Once he realized how much he enjoyed contra, he wished it had been introduced to him sooner. The great music and the balance and swings are what appeal to Eric the most. Now that he has "the contra bug" he travels to dance weekends, such as Memfest and Atlanta's. Eric also enjoys waltzing.

He played the trumpet for seven years, and greatly enjoyed his four years of marching band at Buckhorn High School.

We're glad to have Eric serving on the Board of NACDS.

BLUE MOON 14

Blue Moon 14 is May 20-22, 2011, on the campus of UAH. Music will be provided by The Sevens, and the caller will be Seth Tepfer. You can help by hosting visiting dancers! If you like the idea of meeting and helping fellow dancers from out of town, please contact Donna Deaton.

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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*Send just \$10 for one, or
\$15 per family, to the address above.*

*Make checks payable to NACDS.
(mailing label shows renewal date)*

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