

## THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLUE MOON DANCE A HUGE SUCCESS!

As I write, my legs still tingle from the dances and my ears still echo with the music of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Moon dance, held on the UAH campus May 18-20. Musicians

Notorious +

and Seth Tepfer led those in attendance through fantastic dances to music that ranged from simple, old-time jigs and reels to complex, exotic pieces from out of this world.

I met partners from Iowa, Florida, Atlanta, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. I learned interesting variations on familiar steps and wonderful flourishes that I hope I can remember long enough to try them again! Dance weekends bring fun-loving, energetic, experienced dancers that elevate contra dancing to new heights of fun do it soon!

The Blue Moon Dance was the product of many dedicated people. What follows is a partial list:

**Carol Mebane** organized the dance weekend, so she had her hands in all of it.

**Jerry Mebane** coordinated with UAH for the University Center and the Union Grove Gallery.

**Bryan and Diane Walls** opened their home to everyone and hosted another great after dance party.

**Natasha Kunin** handled registration and helped dancers with any requests.

**Stevie Nix, Jeff McClure, and Pat Camp** did a great job with sound. I think it was the best I remember.

**Claire Davies** coordinated decorating with the quilts (they looked great!)

**Jane Ewing** helped gather everything for the lunch in Union Grove and for band hospitality.

**Mark Mohon** made the flyers and button designs.

**Bob Bennett and Judith Burkett** kept the floors clean and the water jugs filled.

**Chuck and Katrina Weber, Ed Baggot and Elsie Peterson, Linda and Bill McAllister, Jerry and Carol, Clara Welch, Marcy Robinson, and Trey Brakefield** all opened their homes to house out-of-town guests.

**Max & Linda Harmon, Shellie Vann, Donna Deaton, Wayne Hitt, Doug Roth, Nancy Evans,** others already mentioned, and others helped with set up and tear down, with setting up Union Grove for lunch, with hand-coloring buttons, and with getting flyers to other cities.



## HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., South, (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.

Contact Bryan Walls (256) 837-0656 or email: [bwalls@pobox.com](mailto:bwalls@pobox.com) or visit <http://secontra.com.NACDS.html> for more info.

### JUNE 2 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER BECCA IMPELLO  
BAND ED BAGGOTT & ELSIE PETERSON

### JUNE 16 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER HARRY DELUGACH  
BAND WOLVES A HOWLIN

### JULY 7 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER TBD  
BAND TBD

### JULY 21

CALLER TBD  
BAND TBD

## AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

### JUNE 1 : NASHVILLE

CALLER KENDAL BROADIE  
BAND CALLIOPE

### JUNE 8 : NASHVILLE

CALLER ED & MELISSA WILKINSON  
BAND THE CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

### JUNE 9 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP  
BAND ROCKY HOLLOW STRING BAND

### JUNE 15 : NASHVILLE

CALLER SUSAN KEVRA  
BAND DAVID COE, RUSS BARENBERG & OWEN MORRISON

### JUNE 22 : NASHVILLE

CALLER JANE EWING  
BAND NASHVILLE CEILI

### JUNE 23 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP  
BAND CROSSTOWN TRAFFIC

### JUNE 29 : NASHVILLE

CALLER CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP  
BAND KALEIDOSCOPE

**FoOTMaD (Birmingham)** dances 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at the YMCA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & 23<sup>rd</sup> St, 7:30 PM.  
<http://www.bamalong.com/bcnds.htm>.

**CTDS (Chattanooga)** dances 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or <http://contranoooga.org>

**Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN)** dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN. For details, call (931) 598-0814 or check <http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/>

**NCD (Nashville)** dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at **NEW LOCATION** -- Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Blvd one block south of Woodmont on the corner of Graybar. Sept 8 at Cohn Adult Education Center, 4805 Park Ave.

Contact Chrissy at (615) 210-6808 or John, email: [DanceFools@aol.com](mailto:DanceFools@aol.com) or <http://dancenashville.org/>

**Flat Creek** dances 2 & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Flat Creek Community Center seven miles south of Shelbyville, TN.  
[http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra\\_dances.htm](http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra_dances.htm)

## A BIT FARTHER AWAY, BUT WELL WORTH THE TRAVEL

**CCD (Atlanta)** dances on Fridays & alternate Tuesdays.  
<http://contradance.org>

**KCD (Knoxville)** dances every Monday.  
<http://www.komet.org/kcd/>

**MCD (Memphis)** dances on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays.  
<http://hometown.aol.com/horselovers/index.html>

**Sautee Community Dances (N. GA)** once a month from Sept May. <http://sauteecontra.home.mindspring.com/>

## GETTING TO KNOW ME

fill the shoes of Linda McAllister, the outgoing editor. Kudos to Linda for accomplished in the past two years!

I love contra dancing! After a slow start, my wife Kathy and I have been dancing for about three years. We often bring our (nearly) teenage daughter, but our teenage son so far still remains uninterested.

photography, and I hope using them together here will be have a grand view of what this newsletter will

initiative of introducing local dancers through the newsletter, and I plan to follow her suggestion of introducing the musicians and callers as well. The technical writer in me is interested in documenting as many basic dance moves, flourishes, traditions, and variations as I can; the realist in

wonders who in their right might would want to read boring stuff like that. Above all else, this newsletter must serve you, our



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NACDS OFFICER ELECTION

We will have an election at the break in the first dance in June for officers. We still have not found a person to nominate for President-Elect (aka Vice President) so we will just leave this open until we can find someone. The nominations are:

<b>President</b>	Carol Mebane	<b>President Elect</b>	Please Volunteer!
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jane Ewing	<b>Secretary</b>	Claire Davies
<b>Producer</b>	Doug Roth	<b>Equipment</b>	Steve Nix
<b>Membership</b>	Mark Mohon	<b>Newsletter</b>	Kevin Riggs

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday June 24th at 3pm at Jane's house in Grant, AL. The incoming and outgoing officers may need to transition some items, so it would be great if they all could make it. Everyone else is invited to attend as well, it is a great chance to help plan for the future. We will probably cookout or have a pot-luck. Jane will post details on the Yahoo site when she irons them out





## **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](mailto:nacds@pobox.com) if you'd like to be on either.

Yahoo group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity/>

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**Or Renew Your Membership!**

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\$15 per family, to the address above.*

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

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

