

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tates Creek Branch, Lexington Public Library and everyone is welcome to attend. If you have an item for the agenda, please contact Henry Stephens prior to the meeting.

Upcoming USA Dances:

January 7, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Ron & Judith Gariepy
Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM – Argentine Tango
Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music Susan Blanchett

February 5, Sunday Tea Dance

[Temple Adath Israel](#)

Open Dance 2:00 to 6:00 PM – No lesson
Music Susan Blanchett

Members: \$6: Non-members: \$8: Students: \$2

February 18, Saturday

USA Dance "Newcomer's Dance"

[UK Student Center Grand Ballroom](#)

Instructor: Anthony & Nichole Lewis
Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM - Waltz
Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music Susan Blanchett



Admission: Members: \$7.00, Non-members: \$10.00,
Full-Time Students: \$3.00

Area USA Dance Chapters

USA Dance of Greater Louisville

Dance last Saturday of month. See website
www.lousabda.org for location and details.

USA Dance of Cincinnati

Saturday January 21 and February 18
See website www.dancecincinnati.org for location and
details. Phone: 513-961-0136

Welcome New Members

Jerry W. Campbell (November)
Veva J. Campbell (November)
Bill Downing (November)
Laura Downing (November)
Liza Levy (November)
Virginia May (November)
Ollie T. Smith (November)
Elaine Vitatoe (November)

New members for December and January will be reported in the March / April Newsletter. Sometimes new members are inadvertently assigned to other chapters. If your membership card does not list your Chapter as # 2028, please let us know by email at bluegrassusabda@yahoo.com or telephone (Henry Stephens at 223-1389).

America's Ballroom Challenge - PBS

The Ohio Star Ball is one of the largest amateur and pro/am competitions held in the world today. This 6-day event was held last November 15 - 20, in Columbus, OH with competitions for every age group and skill level. Watch for a prime time PBS special featuring the Saturday evening finals hosted by Marilu Henner (Taxi, Evening Shade), scheduled to run in 2 one-hour episodes on February 1st and 8th at 8 pm. (Who knows - you might see some local club members in the audience). For more information about the competition, see www.ohiostarball.com. For more information about the TV special, see www.pbs.org/wgbh/ballroomchallenge.

A Bit of Wisdom....

"You don't stop dancing from growing old; you grow old from stopping to dance."

--Unknown

USA Dance Calendar of Events

Admission for all dances (unless noted):

USA Dance Members: \$7.00
Nonmembers: \$10.00
Full Time Students: \$3.00

March 25, Saturday

USA Dance
[EKU Keen Johnson Ballroom](#)
Instructor: Marianne McAdam & Katrina Martir
Lesson: 8:00 to 9:00 PM - Merengue
Open Dance: 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music: Marianne McAdam

April 15, Saturday

USA Dance
[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)
Instructor: TBD
Lesson: 8:00 to 9:00 PM - Foxtrot
Open Dance: 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music: TBD

May 13, Saturday

USA Dance
[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)
Instructor: TBD
Lesson: 8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rumba
Open Dance: 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music: Susan Blanchett

June 17, Saturday

USA Dance
[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)
Instructor: TBD
Lesson: 8:00 to 9:00 PM – Quick Step
Open Dance: 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music: Tony & Tanna Rimkus

July 15, Saturday

USA Dance
[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)
Instructor: TBD
Lesson: 8:00 to 9:00 PM - ChaCha
Open Dance: 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music: Jack Meinking

August 19, Saturday

USA Dance "Newcomer's Dance"
[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)
Instructor: TBD
Lesson: 8:00 to 9:00 PM - TBD
Open Dance: 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music: Susan Blanchett

Mark your calendar for these dates;
September 9, October xx,
November xx and December 9.

Favorite Dance Places While Traveling

Let Us Know

If you have discovered exciting and interesting places to dance while traveling, please let us know. Write a brief description, including contact information, and send to bluegrassusabda@aol.com. If you do not have email, give the information to Susan Ellmann or Henry Stephens.

2005 - Great Year for Ballroom Dancing

Attendance at our dances during 2005 exceeded expectations. Average attendance at dances held at Oleika and UK was 138 wherein four dances had an attendance of over 164. Two dances had an attendance of 180 and higher. The December dance had the highest attendance with 189.

Our Chapter continues to gain membership. In November and December, respectively, 8 and 15 new members joined, raising our membership total to 121.

Ballroom dancing has always been popular, and its' popularity continues to increase. It's fun and great exercise. As always, non-members are welcomed and encouraged to attend our dances. **Keep on Dancing!**

Etiquette – Asking or Being Asked to Dance

Always accept an invitation to dance unless you don't know the dance or if you are sitting out and taking a break. If you have declined an invitation, you should not accept one from another person. You may decline an invitation if you have already promised the dance to someone else or for any other good reasons. You should never feel obligated to dance with anyone. If you decline an invitation, it is common to provide a reason. You may suggest dancing the next dance or a later dance instead. If you do, make sure you reserve that dance.

Requests to dance should be polite and simple such as "May I have this dance?" or "Do you tango?". Smile, offer your hand, make eye contact and ask your intended partner in a direct manner. Do not interrupt a conversation to make your request. If there is a group of people together, make direct eye contact with your desired partner, call them by name and hold out your hand to make your intentions clear.

Try to avoid monopolizing a partner, particularly ones of a higher skill level than yours. Almost everyone likes to dance with a more advanced dancer. While advanced dancers usually dance with anyone, beginners included, they also like to dance with others of their own level or higher as well.

See USA Dance's Amateur Dancers Magazine, Nov/Dec. 2005, Issue 158, page18, 'Elements of Dance Etiquette'.

Unaffiliated Local Dancing

All That Dance! Lexington

Dance Instructors for Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa and Country. For more information:

Contact: Anthony and Nichole Lewis

Phone: 1-877-283-4289 (Toll Free)

Email: info@lexingtondance.com

www.lexingtondance.com

Argentine Tango Practica

Wednesdays at ArtsPlace, Lexington, KY

Contact Judith Gariepy at 252-0012 or

Lynda Matusek at 266-4818.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio

Open Dance Party on some Saturdays, call for information.

1801 Alexandria Drive, Ste 132, Lexington, KY

www.LexingtonArthurMurray.com

Contact: Dance Studio or Hunter Lisle

Phone: 859-278-7711

Bluegrass Bop Club

Dances on most Sundays (except Holiday weekends) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with Professional DJ.

Dance lesson from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Admission: Non-members \$4; members \$2

Arts Place, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington, KY

For information contact:

Rose Douglas (859) 253-6206

rdouglass@centralbank.com or

Carol Stump (859) 223-1463

cstump@Fayette.k12.ky.us

Dance-A-Lot

Social and Ballroom Dance Instructors

Dance Party with lesson on the 4th Friday of the month

Dancer's Studio, Clays Mill shopping Center at 7:45

Lexington, KY

www.dance-a-lot.com

Contact: Michael and Stacy Hinchey

Phone: 859-278-7214

Franklin Cottrell Dance Center

Open Dance Party every Friday, call for information.

2573 Richmond Road,

French Quarter Square, Lexington, KY

www.franklincottrell.com

Contact: Dance Center

Phone: 859-266-3966

Lexington Dance Club

Next dance is January 21, 2006

8:00 – 11:30 p.m.

UK Student Center Ballroom

Lexington Vintage Dance Society

ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington, KY

www.lexingtonvintagedance.org

For information, call 420-6780.

Step N Out Studio

Workshops and Dances, Covington, KY

www.stepnoutstudio.com

www.cincyswing.com

Contact: Dance Studio

Phone: 859-291-2300

Tango, Waltz, Foxtrot, Samba, Mambo, Rumba



UK Swing Dance Club

Swing Dances, Saturday, January 28 and February 25

Time: 8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Location: Arthur Murray Studio

Swing Dance Lessons and Workshops. See club web

site for details: www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC

For tickets or information, contact: Mike Richardson,

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Hospitality: Dorothy Stephens

Membership: Phil Thornton

Newsletter Publisher: Susan Ellmann

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Bluegrass Chapter 2028

The Bluegrass Chapter of USA Dance, formerly the [United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association](#) (USABDA), is a non-profit organization devoted to the enjoyment and improvement of ballroom dancing.

The public is welcome at the chapter's monthly dances. Although [membership](#) in the national association is encouraged, it is not required to attend any of these dances. Yearly membership dues in the national association are \$25 for the amateur dancer and \$15 for students. Visit our web site at www.geocities.com/blusabda

Information and notices of general interest are welcome. To be considered for inclusion in this newsletter, send articles by email to dcellmann@worldnet.att.net. All articles are subject to review by the chapter staff and may be edited as necessary. ■

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