

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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July / August 2005

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2005, at 7 P.M and everyone is welcome to attend. However if you have an item you wish to bring up, please contact Henry Stephens prior to the meeting.

Upcoming Dances:

July 16, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Doreen Beatrice with Rumba

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Susan Blanchett

August 13, Saturday

USA Dance 'Newcomer's Dance'

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: TBD with TBD

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Susan Blanchett



USA Dance Admission:

USA Dance Members: \$7.00

Nonmembers: \$10.00

Full Time Students: \$3.00

Most of us remember how hard it is to enter a dance floor filled with experienced dancers, so please try to make these new dancers welcome. Introduce yourselves and ask one to dance. It's a great way to give back and help keep our chapter strong.

Summer 2005 Lessons

Introductory USA Dance Lessons

A 5-week series of introductory ballroom dance lessons are offered twice a year, once in the summer and again in the winter. Summer dance lessons start on Sunday, July 17, 2005 and continue every Sunday through August 14, 2005 at Arts Place, 161 N. Mill Street, Lexington, KY.

The Ballroom class, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:25 p.m., includes instruction in Foxtrot, Swing and Waltz. The Latin class, from 4:30 p.m. - 5:55 p.m., includes instruction in Cha Cha, Rumba and Tango.

The cost for each 5-week class is \$40 per person and includes admission to the Saturday, August 13th USA Dance at the Oleika Temple.

Advance registration starts on June 1 and ends on July 15, based on availability, with no refunds after July 15, 2005. Contact Kathy or Mike Marra (m.marra@insightbb.com or 223-2617) or Jerry (269-6730) for more information.

Send check payable to Bluegrass USA Dance to:
Bluegrass USA Dance
c/o 803 Cindy Blair Way
Lexington, KY 40503

Dancing With The Stars ABC

Look at these ratings. The show on June 1 was # 2 for the entire week in the Neilsen TV ratings. The June 8 show was # 1 for the entire week. The June 15 show had even better ratings. At the time of publication, the show's position in the ratings for the week was 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

July 16, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Doreen Beatrice with Rumba

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Susan Blanchett

August 13, Saturday

USA Dance "Newcomer's Dance"

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Stacy, Mike Hinchey with E. Coast Swing

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Susan Blanchett

September 10, Saturday

USA Dance "Dance for the Heart"

Fund Raiser and Silent Auction

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: F. Cottrell Dance Center with Cha Cha

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Jack Meinking

October xx, Saturday

USA Dance

[Eastern Kentucky University Keen Johnson Ballroom,](#)

Richmond (Driving Directions Follow)

Instructor: Marianne McAdam with TBD

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Marianne McAdam

November xx, Saturday

USA Dance

[University of Kentucky Student Center Ballroom](#)

Instructor: Mike & Mary Richardson

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Mike & Mary Richardson

December 10, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Hunter Lisle with Bolero

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Susan Blanchett

EKU Driving Directions:

From Lexington, take I-75 south to Richmond Exit 87. At the end of the exit ramp turn left onto the Bypass. At the sixth stoplight, turn left onto Lancaster Avenue (Highway 52). At the first street to the right, turn on Park Drive. Turn left at the first short drive into the Martin parking lot (just past the crosswalk). Park and look for the signs to the Keen Johnson Building.

A Bit of History.....

Bluegrass USABDA hosted its first monthly dance in October 1994 at Southern Hills Methodist Church. It was a success, and for the next few years, dances were held at Adath Temple located on North Ashland Avenue. We began dancing at Morton Middle School in July 1996, and Oleika in 1999.

The format of our dances has remained the same ...one hour of dance instruction followed by general dancing. Average attendance during the first few years was about 65. Beginning in 1995, two dances have been held each year at the University of Kentucky Student Center Ballroom. In October 1996, our college program was extended to Eastern Kentucky University and has continued with two dances annually on the campus.

Throughout the years, Bluegrass USABDA has given back to the "community". Our performance team has performed in nursing homes and health care centers since July 1996. The first "Dance for the Heart" was on September 13, 1997, and \$450 was donated to the American Heart Association. The "Dance for the Heart" has become an annual event, and with the addition of the silent auction, we have been able to donate much more.

It doesn't stop there. In 1998 and 1999, we had dances to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The first "Newcomer Dance" to encourage more community participation in ballroom dance occurred in August 1999, and in the following year, we began offering beginner lessons twice a year.

The founder and first president of Bluegrass USABDA was Linda Reece (1995-1996). The next presidents were Susan Blanchett (1997-1998), Kathy Marra (1999-2000), Janet Thompson (2001-2002), Ed Fenton (2003-2004), and now Henry Stephens. The national organization has in the last few months changed its name from USABDA to USA Dance, so our chapter is no longer Bluegrass USABDA but USA Dance-Bluegrass Chapter.

The success of our local chapter reflects the continued growth and interest in dancing nationwide. The number of chapters has grown from 12 in 1986 to a current number of 155. There are currently 23,000 registered USA Dance members

Unaffiliated Local Dancing

All That Dance!

Dance Instructors (Ballroom, Latin, Swing & more)
For more information, contact:
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 Sunday (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

July 9, Saturday
Oleika Temple, Southland Drive
Contact: Jim Holmes
Phone: 859-257-1947

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 Dance Lessons, Mondays at Tates Creek
Ballroom (see club web site for details)
Swing Dances on July 9 and August 27
8:15 P.M. – 12:00. at Arthur Murray Studio.
www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC
Contact: Mike Richardson, email at
mrich2@email.uky.edu
Phone: 859-257-5303 x81307.

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

- July 16, Saturday

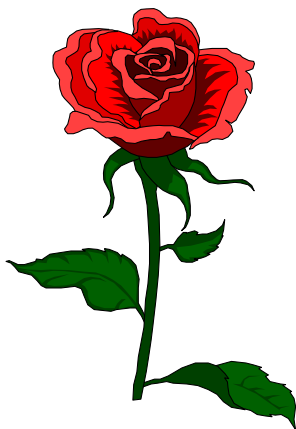
- July 30, Saturday

See website www.dancecincinnati.org for location and details. Phone: 513-961-0136

Dance Performance Group

Once every three months, several Bluegrass Chapter dancers will entertain residents of a local nursing home with a demonstration of ballroom dancing. Organized by Barbara Mostert, future exhibitions are expected to occur on average of once a quarter, and during the evening hours.

If you would like to participate and interject some cheer into the lives of others, please contact Barbara at 223-1490. We would like to develop a roster of available dancers.



Favorite Dance Places While Traveling

Casaloma Ballroom, St. Louis

For over 78 years the St. Louis Casa Loma Ballroom, a landmark of entertainment in St. Louis, has provided a wide range of popular music and dancing. Offering the music of such greats as Artie Shaw, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Frank Sinatra, The Harry James Orchestra, the Dorseys, and Bill Haley and the Comets, this unique ballroom has served the young and the young-at-heart of St. Louis. Currently the St. Louis Casa Loma Ballroom features many great touring acts in addition to the area's best top-name bands. Ballroom, Rock 'n Roll, Imperial Swing Dancing, and many other activities ensure a schedule of excitement at the St. Louis Casa Loma Ballroom.

Visited by: Joe Buckman

Casa Loma Ballroom, 3354 Iowa Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118, (314) 664-8000.

Website www.casalomaballroom.com

Tango, Waltz, Foxtrot, Samba, Mambo, Rumba

Coney Island Amusement Park, Moonlight Pavilion, 6201 Kellogg Ave., Cincinnati, OH.

Click on link above for a schedule of dances. Several are scheduled for the summer months. Offers Big Band Dances with live music, normally twice a year, with a huge dance floor and great atmosphere.

Visited by: Mike & Mary Richardson

Website www.coneyislandpark.com

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@yahoo.com, or if you do not have email, give the information to Susan Ellmann or Henry Stephens.

September “Dance for the Heart”

In planning your late summer schedule, include our “Dance for the Heart” on September 10th. The dance will include a silent auction with all proceeds going to the American Heart Association. We depend on donors for the items to be auctioned; merchandise, gift certificates, etc. If you have contacts with area businesses and can assist in soliciting items, or would like to personally donate an item, please contact Janet Thompson (Janet.Thompson@ky.gov), John Hartman (jhartman@uky.edu), or Henry Stephens (he_steph1261@yahoo.com). Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sympathy

The Chapter extends its most sincere sympathy to Ernest Triplett on the passing of Maurine Triplett, his wife of 54 years. Maurine and Ernest have been members since August 1, 1994.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Ron Lacy on June 18th. Ron had been attending our Chapter dances for approximately the past two years, and as you know, had a passion for the Swing. Most of us were probably unaware of his Mr. America title in 1957 and 2nd place finish in the Mr. Universe contest the same year. We will miss him. Sympathy is extended to all his friends in the Chapter.

Bluegrass Chapter Sponsors Dance Scholarship

Through a contribution of \$100, our chapter sponsored a scholarship at the North Central Regional Championship held in Louisville. Congratulations to Chapter members Marta Nilsen, Pam West, and Andrew Harris who participated in the competition.



Welcome New Members

Theresa Anderson (February 2005)

Baron Johnson – Ballroom Dancer (April 2005)

Gail Austin-Ellman – Social Dancer (May 2005)

Charles Ellman – Social Dancer (May 2005)

Vince Borres – Social Dancer (May 2005)

Charlette Herbert – Social Dancer (May 2005)

David Raisor – Social Dancer (May 2005)

Patricia Raisor – Social Dancer (May 2005)

If you know of other new members who joined our chapter since January 1st of this year, please let us know by email at bluegrassusabda@yahoo.com or telephone (Henry Stephens at 223-1389).

The Foundation of a Successful Chapter – Volunteers!

Many thanks to our volunteers! The foundation of successful dances and continuity of our chapter is members giving their personal time and energy. Needless to say, the only compensation is personal satisfaction, knowing that you have promoted an activity that you really enjoy and desire to share.

The functions of a chapter involve numerous activities, many behind the scene. We always need volunteers, and hopefully, as we expand our organizational structure, you will be willing to serve.

Board Members, Officers

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MOOR425@HOTMAIL.COM

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John Hartman

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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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