

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. All members are welcome to attend. If you have an item for the agenda, please contact Henry Stephens prior to the meeting.

Upcoming USA Dances:

July 15, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Andy & Nikki Blakemore
Lesson: 8:00 to 9:00 PM, East Coast Swing
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: Mike & Stacy Hinchey
Lesson: 8:00 to 9:00 PM, Mambo
Open Dance: 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music: Susan Blanchett



Area USA Dance Chapters

USA Dance of Greater Louisville

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

Dance Cincinnati

Saturday July 15, 29 and August 19
See website www.dancecincinnati.org for location and details. Phone: 513-961-0136

USA Dance Maysville

Contact Steve Doster (606) 759-7457 or email: tangoman@maysvilleky.net for information.

Dance for the Heart

Join us September 9th.

In planning your late summer schedule, include our "Dance for the Heart" on September 9th! The dance will include a silent auction with all auction proceeds and the profit from the dance going to the American Heart Association. Last year the annual fundraising dance was attended by 166 dancers whose generosity enabled the Chapter to donate \$2,000 to the Association.

We depend on donors for the items to be auctioned; merchandise, gift certificates, etc. If you have contacts with area businesses such as a favorite restaurant that you frequent and can assist in soliciting items, or would like to personally donate something, please contact Janet Thompson (Janet.Thompson@ky.gov), Henry Stephens (he_steph1261@yahoo.com) or other members of the Board of Directors. Janet has graciously volunteered to chair the fundraising effort again this year. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. A letter of introduction to present to a potential donor and explain the event will be available at the July dance.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members: In May: Hope Stoll, Nancy Tapp, and William Tapp

Occasionally members are inadvertently assigned to the wrong chapter when joining or renewing a membership. 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).

USA Dance Calendar of Events

Admission for all dances (unless noted):

USA Dance Members: \$7.00

Nonmembers: \$10.00

Full Time Students: \$3.00

September 9, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: TBD

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM, Cha Cha

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Jack Meinking

October 15, Saturday

USA Dance

[EKU Keen Johnson Ballroom](#)

Instructor: Marianne McAdam

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM, TBD

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Marianne McAdam

November 18, Saturday

USA Dance

[UK Grand Ballroom](#)

Instructor: Mike & Mary Richardson

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM, 1930's Vintage Swing

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Mike & Mary Richardson

December 9, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: TBD

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM, Tango

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music Susan Blanchett

Tidbits

New Dance Studios Opening in Central Kentucky.

[Fred Astaire Dance Studio](#) will be opening soon in Lexington, and [Bluegrass Dance Center](#) in Richmond had its ribbon cutting on July 8th. See [Unaffiliated Local Dancing](#) column for additional information.

2007 USA Dance National Championships To Be Hosted by Louisville Chapter. Galt House Hotel - August 3 - 5, 2007

National Ballroom Dance Week – September 15-24, 2006 – For more information: www.usabda.org and click on "National Ballroom Dance Week Sept 15 – 24, 2006"

Dance Places While Traveling

USA Dance Chapters

As you travel this summer, you can dance at chapter dances across the nation and be treated as a member. There are over 150 chapters, and some offer weekly and even week-day dances. The easiest way to locate the chapters and dances is to use the Internet. Log on to www.usadance.org and click on "Find a Chapter". Click on the chapter of your choice and send an inquiry. Remember to take along your USA Dance membership card for the member admission rate.

Chicago SummerDance Festival

If you are traveling to Chicago this summer, check out Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs community dance program. Chicago SummerDance is an eleven-week festival featuring one-hour dance lessons by professional instructors, followed by two hours of live music and dancing on a newly expanded 4,600 square foot open-air dance floor, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, 6 to 9:30 pm, and Sunday afternoon, 4 to 7 pm, weather permitting. For information, call the Chicago SummerDance hotline at (312) 742-4007 or go to www.google.com and type in "Chicago Summerdance".

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.

Shoe Vendor at July Dance

Marcia Hemmingway of Ballroom Etcetera, a Louisville dance accessories vendor, will be present at our July dance with shoes (men and women's), CDs, and other items. If you are in the market for dance shoes, this will be a great opportunity to shop. Come as early as 7:00 p.m. to try on shoes and look over her merchandise.

Unaffiliated Local Dancing

All That Dance! Lexington

Dance party on Thursday nights in July. For August, see Calendar on website.
Instructors for Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa, Country.
Contact: Anthony and Nichole Lewis
Phone: 1-877-283-4289 (Toll Free)
www.lexingtondance.com

Argentine Tango Practica

Wednesdays, 8-10:00 p.m. at ArtsPlace, Lexington
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 or see website.
1801 Alexandria Drive, Ste 132, Lexington
www.LexingtonArthurMurray.com
Contact: Dance Studio or Hunter Lisle
Phone: 859-278-7711

Bluegrass Bop Club

Dances on 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
ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington
Contact: Carol Stump (859) 223-1463
cstump@Fayette.k12.ky.us or
www.travelinmic.com & click on "Upcoming Events"

Bluegrass Dance Center

Instruction in Ballroom, Latin, Rhythm, Country & Other Practice Dance Parties!
2187 Lexington Rd, Bldg. B – Ste. 3, Richmond, KY
Contact: Dance Center (859) 625-9393
www.bluegrassdancecenter.com

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
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
www.franklincottrell.com
Contact: Dance Center
Phone: 859-266-3966

Fred Astaire Dance Studio

Opening soon! Ballroom & Social Dancing
4750 Hartland Pkwy, Ste. 190, Lexington
Contact: Wes Bratcher
(859) 245-0522 or (859) 576-5150
www.fredastaireoflexington.com

Lexington Dance Club

Next dance TBD
Contact: Jim Holmes
Phone: 859-257-1947

Lexington Vintage Dance Society

ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington
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, July 22 and August 26
Time: 8:00 p.m. to Midnight
Location: Arthur Murray Studio

Swing Dance Lessons and Workshops.

For event information, see web site:
www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC
For tickets or information, contact: Mike Richardson,
email at mrich2@email.uky.edu
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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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