

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tates Creek Branch, Lexington Public Library and everyone is welcome to attend. However if you have an item for the agenda, please contact Henry Stephens prior to the meeting.

Upcoming USA Dances:

November 12, Saturday

USA Dance

University of Kentucky Student Center Ballroom

Instructor: Mike & Mary Richardson
Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM – 1930's Lindy Charleston
Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music Mike & Mary Richardson

Admission: Members - \$7; Non-members - \$10; Full Time Students - \$3

December 10, Saturday

USA Dance

Members Appreciation Dance

Admission:

Nonmembers: \$10.00

Full Time Students: \$3.00

Members Free

Oleika Temple on Southland Drive

Instructor: Hunter Lisle
Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM - Bolero
Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music Susan Blanchett



Semi-formal, Black Tie Optional Dance in December

Many of our dancers have requested an occasional semiformal dance. To add more spice to the holiday festivities, our December dance will be Semi-formal, Black Tie Optional. Let's dress up and have a great time!

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Winter 2005 Lessons

Introductory USA Dance Lessons

A 5-week series of introductory ballroom dance lessons are offered twice a year, once in the winter and again in the summer. Winter dance lessons start on Sunday, January 8, 2006 and continue every Sunday through February 5, 2006 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 4:00 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, February 18, 2006 USA Dance at the UK Student Center Grand Ballroom. GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE.

Advanced registration is required by December 22. To register or for more information, please contact Kathy or Mike Marra at 223-2617 or email at m.marra@insightbb.com.

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

Tidbit – a new stamp recognizing ballroom dancing was issued on September 17th.

USA Dance Calendar of Events

Admission for all dances (unless noted):

USA Dance Members: \$7.00

Nonmembers: \$10.00

Full Time Students: \$3.00

January 7, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor:

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music

February 18, Saturday

USA Dance "Newcomer's Dance"

[UK Student Center Grand Ballroom](#)

Instructor:

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music

March Tea Dance – March XX, Sunday

March 25, Saturday

USA Dance

[EKU Keen Johnson Ballroom](#)

Instructor:

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music

April 15, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor:

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music

May 13, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor:

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music

June 10, Saturday

USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor:

Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Music

Mark your calendar for these dates; July 15, August 19, September 9, December 9 too.

Dance for the Heart

A Successful Fundraiser

Our annual "Dance for the Heart" held in September, chaired by Janet Thompson and highlighted by a silent auction, was attended by 166 dancers. The auction proceeds and profit from the dance provided the funds for a \$2,000 donation to the American Heart Association. Joey Maggard, an executive with the American Heart Association, making a quick attire change after leaving the University of Kentucky football game, attended and voiced inspirational comments related to the progress in the treatment of heart disease and gratitude of the Association.

A very special thank-you is extended to the area businesses and others who donated forty-eight items of gift certificates and merchandise. The generosity of the donors was the backbone of the fundraising effort. Our appreciation cannot be expressed enough!

The generous spirit of the bidders cannot go unrecognized. Your bidding brought the effort to a successful conclusion. Thank-you!

Donors

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Lynda Matusek (Afghan)
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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

Next dance is January 21, 2006
UK Student Center Ballroom
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

Big Band Swing Dance, Saturday, November 19
Music by the Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra,
Co-directed by UK Music Professors Miles Osland and
Dick Domek.
Swing dance instruction from 7:30 - 8:30 pm,
Location: UK Student Center Grand Ballroom

Swing Dance Lessons and Workshops. See club web
site for details: www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC
For tickets or information, 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

- November 12, Saturday

- December 10, Saturday

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

Etiquette – On the Floor

When there are many dancers on the floor, some general guidelines can make things work smoothly.

Follow the line of dance - For traveling dances, stay in the counter-clockwise flow of the dance and go with the line of dance.

Use the concept of lanes – Faster moving couples dance on the outside of the floor, with slower moving couples dancing on an inner lane. Stationary dancers stay in the center portion of the dance floor.

Get on and off the floor safely – Exercise caution when entering the dance floor, especially if the dance is already underway. It is your responsibility to watch out for those already dancing. If you're not dancing, move off the floor.

Don't teach on the floor – Provide instruction only if asked. Let the instructors do the teaching.

Share the floor – Try to avoid others and watch for potential collisions. While this is generally the responsibility of the lead, the follower can assist as necessary – a gentle squeeze of the arm at first, but stopping if absolutely necessary.

Happy dancing

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website: www.astro.umd.edu/~marshall/dance/etiquette.html#floor



Favorite Dance Places While Traveling

Dancing to the Music of the Big Band Era
by Janet Thompson

Until two years ago, I had never danced to a full orchestra playing music of the '30s and '40s ... music that was written especially for ballroom dancing. My first introduction to music of the big band era was at the [Indiana Roof](#) in downtown Indianapolis. A live orchestra plays on Sunday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m. six times a year. (See article in September/October Newsletter.) They seem to be drawing a larger crowd at the Indiana Roof every time I go!

I have also attended three big band dance weekends sponsored by [Southern Rhapsody](#) in Tunica, MS, Nashville, TN and St. Louis, MO. In addition, I attended the **22nd Midwest Big Band Festival** over Labor Day weekend in Decatur, IL. At these weekend events, different bands play for three or four dances, and big band aficionados come from faraway states to enjoy dancing and meeting friends who share in their passion for big band music. Lexington is unusual in not having any venue for ballroom dancing for big bands. I will note that the [UK Swing Dance Club](#) has sponsored a big band event at the UK Student Center once a year. See the notice in this newsletter about the upcoming big band swing dance on **November 19 featuring the [Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra](#)**. In some cities, big band music is offered every weekend in a large ballroom!

I urge you to treat yourself to the pleasure of dancing to a live orchestra! The most affordable venue is the Indiana Roof where admission is only \$13. Also affordable is the annual Labor Day big band dance at **Coney Island's [Moonlite Pavilion](#)** where the [Pete Wagner Band](#) plays. The big band dance weekends are more expensive because they are a package with a price that includes the dances, hotel stay and meals. Although paying separately for an individual dance is also available. Additional information on the organizations I have mentioned is available through the links or below:

Indiana Roof; tickets 317-236-1877

Midwest Big Band Festival – Perfect Impressions Entertainment, Inc. – 217-422-3733

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, or if you do not have email, give the information to Susan Ellmann or nrv Stephens.

Member Appreciation Dance

Saturday, December 10 at Oleika

What better way to end the year than by showing appreciation of the members of our Chapter! In recognition of your support of ballroom dancing through your membership in USA Dance - Bluegrass Chapter, members will be admitted free to the December dance.

To add a holiday flavor, the attire will be Semi-formal, Black tie optional.

Our Chapter is one of over one hundred and fifty chapters of USA Dance, Inc., (formerly United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc. or USABDA), a nationwide nonprofit organization with the mission of promoting ballroom dancing, social and competitive. Its mission includes encouraging ballroom dancing at all age groups through its Youth and College Programs. Through your membership, you are contributing to the accomplishment of the national organization's goals, supporting our Chapter, and enjoying a fun activity.

As with all our dances, non-members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Dance Performance Group

Several Bluegrass Chapter members entertained the residents of North Point Lexington Health Care Center on September 19th with a demonstration of ballroom dancing.

Organized by Barbara Mostert, future exhibitions are expected to occur on average of once a quarter 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.



Welcome New Members

Mike Burnside (August)
Patti Burnside (August)
Donna Durbin (August)
Leslie Durbin (August)
Jackson Smith (August)
Charles Wise (August)

The Chapter had no new members during September. New members for October and November will be reported in the January/February 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).

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.

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President: Henry Stephens, 859-223-1389

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Hospitality: Dorothy Stephens

Membership: Phil Thornton

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Next Board Meeting: December 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

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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