

# USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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## Next Board Meeting

The date and location of the next board meeting will be announced on the Chapter website and at dances. Board meetings are open to all members.

## Upcoming Bluegrass Chapter Dances

### November 17, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

Where: Oleika Temple on Southland Drive  
Instructor: Mike & Mary Richardson, Swing  
Music: Mike Richardson

### December 8, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

Where: Oleika Temple on Southland Drive  
Instructor: Hunter Lisle, Foxtrot  
Music: Jack Meinking

**Put on your best and let's dress-up for the  
Holiday dance!**



## Area USA Dance Chapters

**USA Dance of Greater Louisville** - Dance last Saturday of the month normally.

See [website www.lousabda.org](http://www.lousabda.org) or call (502) 896-6909 for additional details.

**Dance Cincinnati** - See [website www.dancecincinnati.org](http://www.dancecincinnati.org) for details. Phone: 513-961-0136

**USA Dance Maysville** - Contact Steve Doster (606) 759-7457 or email: [tangoman@maysvilleky.net](mailto:tangoman@maysvilleky.net) for information.

**Cumberland Valley USA Dance** - Dances are held at the Levi Jackson State Park clubhouse on Friday nights. For information, call (606) 528-9450

## In Step with the President

**Who is USA Dance?** We are a nationwide nonprofit organization of volunteers who love ballroom dancing. We greatly appreciate the excitement and romance, as well as the social and health benefits that ballroom dancing brings into our lives.

Annual membership in the United States National Governing Body for ballroom dancing and DanceSport, the competitive version of ballroom dancing, is \$25 for a social dancer, a little over \$2 per month. If you attend all 12 dances in 2008 you would save \$11 by becoming a member. In addition, this December the Chapter has decided to show its appreciation to members by inviting them to attend the dance without paying admission, an additional savings of \$7. Those who become members at the December dance also have their admission waived.

Other benefits are supporting social and competitive ballroom dancing throughout the country. Our local Chapter provides outreach to the community such as dance demonstrations and introductory lessons. While you travel USA Dance is there as a network to provide information on dance organizations around the country.

So, if you share our appreciation of the excitement and romance of ballroom dancing, consider joining us by becoming a member of USA Dance.

## Winter Introductory Dance Lessons

A 5-week series of introductory ballroom dance lessons begin in January, 2008 and continue every Sunday at Arts Place, 161 N. Mill Street, Lexington. Beginning date will be announced on the Chapter website when finalized. [www.usadancebluegrass.org](http://www.usadancebluegrass.org). The Ballroom class, from 3:00 - 4:25 p.m., includes instruction in Foxtrot, Swing and Waltz. The Latin class, from 4:00 - 5:55 p.m. includes instruction in Cha Cha, Rumba and Tango.

The cost for each 5-week class is \$45 per person and includes admission to the February USA Dance. Gift certificates are available.

Advanced registration is required. To register or for information, please call 885-1217; or [philt Thornton@windstream.net](mailto:philt Thornton@windstream.net).

## USA Dance Calendar - 2008

### Admission for all dances (unless noted):

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

**Lesson** 8:00 to 8:45 PM  
**Open Dance** 8:45 to 11:30 PM

**Location for all dances unless otherwise stated is the Oleika Temple on Southland Drive, Lexington**

### January 12, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### February 9, 2008 Saturday -USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### February 17, 2008 (Sunday Tea Dance)

Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Ave, Lexington  
No Lesson  
Music: Chapter  
Admission: Members - \$6; Non-members - \$8; Students - \$2

### March 8, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### April 19, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### May 10, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### June 21, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### July 19, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### August 9, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### September 13, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance Dance for the Heart

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### October 11, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### November 8, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

### December 13, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD  
Music: TBD

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Dance for the Heart"

Our Chapter's 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Dance for the Heart" was held Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Oleika Shrine Temple. Proceeds of the silent auction and profit from the dance provided the funds for a donation of \$1500.00 to the American Heart Association.

A very sincere Thank You from the Bluegrass Chapter of USA Dance and the American Heart Association to the donors AND bidders! The donors are listed in the September/October edition of the Chapter newsletter, viewable on the Chapter website.

[www.usadancebluegrass.org](http://www.usadancebluegrass.org)

## Election Time for Chapter Directors

The Bluegrass Chapter is having an election later this year for four Director positions on the Board. No officer positions are included in the election as the Board elects the them. The term for the Directors is two years, January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. The Board meets approximately two hours, four times a year. Directors are encouraged, but not required to volunteer to head up a program such as Nursing Home Demonstrations. The primary role of the Directors is to share their passion for ballroom dancing by overseeing Chapter operations and finances.

If you would like to learn more about serving the Chapter as a Director, please contact Joe Buckman. Contact information for Joe appears on page 4. Also, if you know someone you believe would be a good choice for Director, please let Joe know. A Board member will contact the person to determine if he/she would be interested.

Don't be concerned if you may not be able to serve a full term. The Board has procedures to replace Directors who need to resign. If you are not currently a member, it will be necessary to join USA Dance. Yearly dues are \$25.00 for a social dancer.

## Nursing Home Demonstrations

We performed at Tanbark on October 24<sup>th</sup> and The Breckenridge on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Since so many organizations have activities during December, we will start again in January. If you would have an hour or so once a month and would like to join us, please contact Marilyn Geren at [mgeren@insightbb.com](mailto:mgeren@insightbb.com) or 881-4306. You do not have to participate each month.

Be thankful and joyful for our ability to get out and dance throughout the holiday season.

## Music Donation to Chapter

Thanks to Ballroom Etcetera, the Louisville business that sold shoes at our October dance, for a donation of four CDs to the Chapter (total value at over \$125.00) There are two-CD sets.

## Unaffiliated Local Dancing & Lessons

### Argentine Tango Practica

Wednesdays, 8-10:00 p.m. at Arts Place, Lexington, KY  
Contact Judith Garipey at (859) 252-0012 or  
Lynda Matussek at (859) 266-4818.

### Arthur Murray Dance Studio

Private & Semi-Private Dance Classes  
Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa, Tango, & Others  
Open Dance Party on some Sat: Call or see website.  
1801 Alexandria Drive, Ste 132, Lexington  
Contact: Dance Studio or Hunter Lisle --- (859) 278-7711  
[www.LexingtonArthurMurray.com](http://www.LexingtonArthurMurray.com)

### Big Ballroom Dance

Monthly Dances - 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.  
December 22, January 19, February 23  
Beaumont Center Club House  
Admission \$6  
Contact Jerry Campbell 859.396.4992,  
[www.bigballroomdance.com](http://www.bigballroomdance.com)  
[BBD-info@bigballroomdance.com](mailto:BBD-info@bigballroomdance.com)

### 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  
Arts Place, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington  
Contact: Carol Stump (859) 223-1463

### Bluegrass Dance Center

Instruction in Ballroom, Latin, Rhythm, Country  
Practice dance parties!  
2187 Lexington Rd, Bldg B - Ste. 3, Richmond, Ky  
Contact: Dance Center --(859) 625-9393  
[www.bluegrassdancecenter.com](http://www.bluegrassdancecenter.com)

### Dance-A-Lot

Social and Ballroom Dance Instructors  
Dance Party with lesson on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month Dancer's  
Studio, Clays Mill shopping Center at 7:00  
Contact: Michael and Stacy Hinchey -- (859) 278-7214  
[www.dance-a-lot.com](http://www.dance-a-lot.com)

### Franklin Cottrell Dance Center

Private & Group Instruction in Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa,  
Argentin Tango & Others  
Open Dance Party every Friday, call for information.  
2573 Richmond Road, French Quarter Square, Lexington  
(859) 266-3966  
[www.franklincottrell.com](http://www.franklincottrell.com)

### Fred Astaire Dance Studio

Dance Instruction: Ballroom, Latin, Social Dances  
4750 Hartland Pkwy, Ste. 190, Lexington  
Contact: Wes Bratcher (859) 245-0522 or (859) 576-5150  
[www.fredastaireoflexington.com](http://www.fredastaireoflexington.com)

### Hector Quiles

Dance Instruction: Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa, Tango  
(859) 420-7468  
[www.LexingtonDanceSport.com](http://www.LexingtonDanceSport.com)

### Lexington Vintage Dance Society

Arts Place, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington  
For information: (859) 420-6780.  
[www.lexingtonvintagedance.org](http://www.lexingtonvintagedance.org)

### Shawn Benton

Group dance lessons: Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa,  
Tango, (859) 552-9569,  
email: bentondancer@yahoo.com

### Step N Out Studio

Dance Lessons, Workshops, and Dances, Covington, Ky  
[www.stepnoutstudio.com](http://www.stepnoutstudio.com)  
[www.cincyswing.com](http://www.cincyswing.com)  
Contact: Dance Studio  
Phone: (859) 291-2300

### UK Swing Dance Club

#### Swing Dances:

December 1, 15 at Arthur Murray Studio  
Time: 8:00 p.m. to Midnight

#### Swing Dance Lessons and Workshops.

For event information, see web site  
[www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC](http://www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC)

For information, contact: Mike Richardson, email at  
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Phone: (859) 323-3633  
401C College of Pharmacy  
725 Rose Street, Lexington, KY 40536-0082



## Board Members, Officers, Chairs

**President:** Joe Buckman, (859) 255-2751

[president@usadancebluegrass.org](mailto:president@usadancebluegrass.org)

**Vice-President:** Ray Clark

**Secretary:** Janet Raider

**Treasurer:** Henry Stephens

### Board Members:

Jerry Campbell, Marilyn Geren, Linda Baber, Brenda Hill, Kathy Marra, Ed Moore, Jeanne Sturgill, Phil Thornton

### Chairs:

Beginner Dance Class: Jan and Phil Thornton  
Dance Set-up, Refreshments, Decorations: Jean Campbell

Hospitality: Dorothy Stephens & Jan Thornton

Membership: Ray Clark

Music: Ed Moore

Newsletter Editor: Henry Stephens

Newsletter Publisher: Susan Ellmann

Nursing Home Performances: Marilyn Geren

Webmaster: Jeanne Sturgill

YCN Coordinator: TBD

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## Out-of- town Places to Dance

**Looking for a USA Dance Chapter dance or other place to dance when out-of-town?** You can locate all chapters on the USA Dance website - <http://www.usabda.org/>

Scroll down on the Home Page and click on "Find a Chapter". Click on the state you will be visiting, and all chapters in the state will be listed along with their website. Most websites list the chapter's dance schedule, and identify other places in the area to dance.

Several of our members have visited other chapters when traveling, and had very enjoyable experiences. It's a way too of comparing our chapter to others, and picking up new ideas to make our chapter better.

## 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 \$20 for students.

Information and notices of general interest for the Chapter's newsletter are welcome. To be considered for inclusion, send articles by email to:

[dcellmann@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dcellmann@worldnet.att.net) or  
[he\\_steph1261@yahoo.com](mailto:he_steph1261@yahoo.com). All articles are subject to review by the chapter staff and may be edited as necessary.

## USADANCEBLUEGRASS.ORG

If you haven't visited the chapter's new website, take a look. It's attractive and has some new features.

Send any Web site comments to  
[admin@usadancebluegrass.org](mailto:admin@usadancebluegrass.org)

## Lost and Found

A sweater was left at Oleika after the October dance. If it's yours, please contact Joe Buckman at [usadancebluegrass@gmail.com](mailto:usadancebluegrass@gmail.com) or 255-2751. If you know the person who lost it, please let them know how to contact Joe.

## 2008 National DanceSport Championships

The USA Dance National DanceSport Championships are moving from August to April, so it's only six months till the next one, to be held in Baltimore, April 4-6, 2008.

