

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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Upcoming USA Dances

September 8, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

Oleika Temple on Southland Drive

Instructor: Harold Cottrell, Hustle

Music: Chapter

Admission: Members \$9; Non-members \$12; students \$4

October 27, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

Oleika Temple on Southland Drive

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD

Music: Chapter

Newcomers at September Dance

Welcome the dance students who completed the Chapter's Beginning Ballroom/Latin Class this month by introducing yourself and asking for a dance. They will be our guests and seated at several tables reserved for them. Give them a word of encouragement! We were all beginners once.



Shop for Dance Shoes
At October 27th
Dance!

Do you need new dance shoes? or maybe you have never owned dance shoes and want to improve your dancing.

Marcia Hemingway of Ballroom Etcetera, a Louisville business, will be present at our October 27th dance with a good selection of competitive and social dance shoes for women and men and some ballroom dance CDs.

She will be setup and open for business at **6:00 P.M.** Come early and try on shoes prior to the dance, even if you cannot attend the dance, but would like the opportunity to purchase shoes. **All credit cards and personal checks will be accepted.**

**National Ballroom Dance Week
September 14 - 23**

Condolences to Family and Friends of Russ Clark

Russ Clark, a dedicated member of our Chapter since November, 1994 passed away in July. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Sue and their many friends in the Chapter.

10th Annual "Dance for Heart"

Our Chapter's 10th annual "Dance for Heart" will be held Saturday, September 8, at Oleika Shrine Temple.

Make plans now to be part of this important charity event! Our donation to the American Heart Association will come from the proceeds from our silent auction and profits from dance admissions. Let's make this year's donation the largest donation yet!

Don't forget to bring your checkbook or cash for the silent auction – which will include gift certificates to restaurants, cultural events, and dance studios, as well as items from specialty stores ... and much more! Businesses in central Kentucky are partnering with our chapter by making donations to the silent auction. Now it is up to us to bid on these items! Chapter volunteers have spent many hours soliciting donations. Let's make their efforts worthwhile.

Listed on the insert are the donors to our silent auction (as we go to print on the newsletter) according to category of the donation. Please remember to patronize these organizations and businesses and make a point of telling them that we appreciate their generosity.

A very sincere THANK YOU from the Bluegrass Chapter of USA Dance and the American Heart Association to the following donors to the silent auction:



USA Dance Calendar - 2007

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

November 17, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

Oleika Temple on Southland Drive

Instructor: Mike & Mary Richardson, Swing

Music: Mike Richardson

December 8, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

Oleika Temple on Southland Drive

Instructor: Hunter Lisle, Foxtrot

Music: Jack Meinking

In Step with the President

The Chapter relies almost entirely on volunteers. The only person the Chapter chooses to pay is the cashier at the dances. We do this so volunteers can enjoy the lessons and dances.

Volunteers do all of the other work of the Chapter. Otherwise, there would not be any information provided by the newsletters and website. Residents of nursing homes would not have the entertainment provided by the Chapter. Of course, there would be no dances if volunteers didn't step forward to prepare the tables, refreshments and snacks, notices of dances, and the music.

One volunteer who I would like to recognize is Dorothy Hall. Dorothy has moved out of the Lexington area and decided she could no longer serve on the Board. Dorothy has been a great supporter of the Chapter and regularly attended dances before she joined the Board. She served as Secretary and most recently she was responsible for setting up for the dances, including purchasing the refreshments and snacks. I would like to thank Dorothy for her work. Also, I would also like to thank Linda Baber for agreeing to complete Dorothy's term.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, the Chapter has set up an email address, volunteer@usadancebluegrass.org, so you can contact us to discuss volunteer opportunities. Finally, I want to thank all those who have volunteered.



Share the Joy of Dance by Marilyn Geren

Many of us think of nursing homes as places for our aging loved ones (or eventually ourselves). Because we care for these people, members of our chapter are voluntarily giving dance demonstrations to brighten their day or at least give them an alternative to "Wheel of Fortune".

In May, we went to Mayfair Manor's SENIOR PROM. The room was decorated with 50's prom dresses, corsages and boutonnieres for the guests, and a variety of refreshments were available. The DJ was wonderful. He sang and played music everyone enjoyed. We danced for those who couldn't. One gentleman was able to dance and loved the swing. I danced with him once and the attendants were his partners long after we left. The smiles and applause were heart warming.

In July, our dancers went to Lexington Country Place. The residents were warm and gracious. Several remembered the group that came a few years ago. We are pleased to renew that legacy. Some of the resident's family members were visiting that night and one sweet little 5 year old boy said he would dance with us the next time we were there.

August was at Pine Meadows. This was another tender experience. We did several rhythm and smooth dances, and they definitely liked the slow songs better.

In September, we will be going to Sayre Christian Village. Our goal is to go to one of these homes each month. It's a fun diversion for the residents and a heart warming experience for the dancers.

Thanks to all those who are willing to participate. We can only use 2-4 couples each time because of space limitations, so if you have already signed up, I will be calling for your availability. If this is something that you'd like to try, contact me at 859-881-4306 or mgeren@insightbb.com. Leave you name, phone and email. Any level of dance experience is welcome. It only takes about an hour per visit.

Sharing the gift of dance with others brings joy to the giver and receiver – we'd love to have you join us. KEEP DANCING!!!

Area USA Dance Chapters

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

See website www.lousabda.org or call (502) 896-6909 for additional details.

Dance Cincinnati - See website www.dancecincinnati.org for details. Phone: 513-961-0136

USA Dance Maysville - Contact Steve Doster (606) 759-7457 or email: 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

Unaffiliated Local Dancing & Lessons

Argentine Tango Practica

Wednesdays, 8-10:00 p.m. at Arts Place, Lexington, KY
Contact Judith Gariepy 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

Big Ballroom Dance

Monthly Dances - 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.
Sept 22, Oct 13, Nov 3, Dec 22
Beaumont Center Club House
Admission \$6
Contact Jerry Campbell 859.396.4992,
www.bigballroomdance.com
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

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 7:00
Contact: Michael and Stacy Hinchey -- (859) 278-7214
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

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

Hector Quiles

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

Lexington Vintage Dance Society

Arts Place, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington
For information: (859) 420-6780.
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
www.cincyswing.com
Contact: Dance Studio
Phone: (859) 291-2300

UK Swing Dance Club

Swing Dances,
Saturday September 15, October 27 at Arthur Murray Studio
Time: 8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Swing Dance October 6 at UK student Center Grand Ballroom
Time: 7:30 p.m. to Midnight

Swing Dance Lessons and Workshops.

For event information, see web site
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



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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; www.usabda.org. Scroll down on the Home Page and click on "Find a Chapter". Click on whichever 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, & many 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 or
he_steph1261@yahoo.com. All articles are subject to review by the chapter staff and may be edited as necessary.

WWW.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

Chapter Members Compete by Ed Moore

The USA Dance National DanceSport Championships were held in Louisville, Aug. 3-5. It was a great event with about 370 amateur couples from throughout the country. There were some fantastic dancers in all skill levels and age categories, but the kids and youth events were especially fun to watch. The Louisville Chapter did an excellent job putting this on. Competing from the Bluegrass Chapter were Kevin Snead and Lee Anne Walmsley, Mickey Mcguire and Mary Michaels, and Ed and Melissa Moore. All of our amateur couples danced well and should be commended.

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





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Dance Lessons/Events

Arthur Murray Dance Studio
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Vintage Dance Society
Mike and Stacy Hinchey
Bluegrass Dance Center - Richmond
UK Swing Dance Club
Big Ballroom Dances
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Cultural Events

Kentucky Opera Theater
Lexington Children's Theater
Broadway Live at the Opera House
Kentucky Ballet Theatre
Actor's Guild of Lexington
Paragon Music Theater
Studio Players

Gift Certificates

Huntsman Photography
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Dance Essentials
O'Neill's Irish Pub
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Sharp's Candies
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Flag Fork Herb Farm restaurant

Miscellaneous

YMCA of Central KY
Joseph Beth Booksellers
Shaker Village
Ruth Hunt Candies
Kentucky Theater
Alfalfa's Restaurant
Don Clarke from Custom Cartoons
McKenney Floor Covering
Ballroom Etcetera in Louisville
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