

Old Farmers Ball  
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## THE BARE BONES—DETAILS INSIDE:

- Reunion Dance Weekend - August 22-24, 2008. Registration Form is on the website.
- Don't forget the carpool wiki — now more than ever, carpooling will keep your dance habit affordable.
- Bryson Hall Update.

the Old Farmers Ball News is published bi-monthly by the Old Farmer's Ball, and includes the Asheville Area Dance Flyer, project reports, contact info, announcements, and more.

Deadline for the next *Old Farmer's Ball News* is August 8. Consider contributing an article. Send to [newsletter@oldfarmersball.com](mailto:newsletter@oldfarmersball.com).

## COMING UP: THE OLD FARMER'S BALL REUNION

Mark your calendars, dust up your tune list or memorize your favorite dance cards, and shine those shoes for the weekend of August 22-24, 2008 and the Old Farmer's Ball Reunion. Once again Camp Merrimac in Montreat will be the scene for sharing music, dance, food and the great outdoors with fellow OFB oldtimers, newtimers, and out-of-towners.

As always, the Reunion draws on the talents of the community for its bands, callers, cooks, workshop organizers, childcare folks, cleaner-uppers - even first aid personnel - in a spirit of mutual caring and encouragement. There's always good music, good dancing, and good fun.

Diane Silver will organize callers' activities, and this year will feature an expanded volunteer staff of music coordinators. Workshops and jams will be posted at the

weekend, and anyone with a talent to share is encouraged to reserve a time and place on the schedule board. Remember, live music honors us all, so try to line up musicians in advance to play for workshops.

The spirit of the Reunion lives in the open mic dances and benefits regularly scheduled through the year. This year, opportunities will happen June 19, and also in August and September (see calendar). Reunion benefits help support scholarships and keep the cost of attending the weekend as low as possible.

Go to [oldfarmersball.com](http://oldfarmersball.com) and click on Reunion for flyer and registration forms.

See you there!

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## BRYSON HALL UPDATE - *DIANE SILVER, OFB PRESIDENT*

As most folks know by now, we had a major incident in May with the collapse of the ceiling in our dance hall, Bryson Gym at Warren Wilson College.

We are so thankful that the building was empty at the time and no one was hurt. If you haven't heard all the details, you can find the running updates on the website: [www.oldfarmersball.com](http://www.oldfarmersball.com). Click *Bryson Update* at the top.

Since the collapse of the ceiling on May 24, we have been dancing in the Pavilion just east of Bryson. We have been very lucky with good weather, and the dances seem to be going well. Many dancers have commented on the beautiful setting and the pleasure of dancing outdoors on these nice summer evenings. The lawn surrounding the pavilion has turned out to be a nice space for socializing and enjoying the music for folks who aren't dancing, and it's been a nice enhancement of the overall evening's enjoyment.

We owe a lot of thanks to many people who have helped make the pavilion a workable dance space for us. So, many thanks to:

- Weogo Reed, our chief sound engineer. Weogo has taken a ton of initiative and has served as a representative to the college, working with several staff people with whom he has established strong working relationships. Those personal contacts have helped us remain informed and have helped ensure that our interests have been heard and considered.

Weogo also put in a lot of time working out the sound set-up for the Pavilion to ensure that our dances continue with high quality.

- John Culp, organizer of the Summer Soiree. John had great ideas for making the Pavilion better for contra dancing, and spent a lot of time and energy pursuing those ideas with the college. Our dances have benefited from those changes, the biggest of which is the new stage that was added on to the Pavilion. We don't know at this time whether it will be permanent or not, but it is a tremendous improvement. Hank Morris was contracted to build the stage, and his knowledge of our needs as well as his dedication in getting it done in record time (3 days!) made it a reality.
- Many folks in the Warren Wilson administration and staff, especially Jon Vernor and Tom Lamuraglia. Their attention to our needs in the face of this crisis has been very gratifying. We certainly value our partnership with Warren Wilson College, and we appreciate their efforts to ensure that the dance has been able to continue.
- Jim Magill, Director of the Swannanoa Gathering. Jim's input to the college regarding needs for summer programming has included strong support for the continuation of our dances, and we appreciate that alliance.

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### OFB Contact Information:

Telephone Info Line:  
828 258-4809

Website:  
www.oldfarmersball.com

**Volunteer sign-up:** linked on the website - sign up for when you want to help, and get in free that night.

ListServe:  
Send a blank e-mail to:  
ofb-subscribe@yahoo.com  
View archives at:  
groups.yahoo.com/group/ofb/

**Car Pool Wiki:** linked on the website. Post a call for car-poolers or see what has already been organized.

Comments, concerns,  
compliments, } president@oldfarmersball.com  
constructive suggestions }

Membership Updates:  
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### 2008 Board of Directors

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Reunion Weekend

*The Old Farmer's Ball is more than just the Thursday night dance. Be involved in YOUR dance community. Join a committee and help shape and implement the larger vision for music and dance in our region.*

## BRYSON HALL UPDATE - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

- Many Board members and volunteers have done lots of behind-the-scenes work to keep the dances running smoothly at a different site. (See Board list above).
- Finally, DANCERS. Dancers have done a great job of managing the smaller dance space, taking turns on the floor and working out the disorienting nature of dancing in straight lines on a round space. Thanks to everyone for their positive attitudes, suggestions, and community spirit.

The FUTURE: We will continue to keep the community informed of developments as we get news from Warren Wilson College. Everyone wants to know if Bryson will be repaired, what the time frame will be, and where we will be dancing when it gets too cold to continue at the Pavilion. We will continue to work with the college as these decisions get made, and we'll keep information updated on the website. If the time comes for a work-party, fund-raiser, or other kind of community-wide effort to help recover from this incident, you can be sure we'll put out the call. In the meantime, we'll keep working to have a high quality and SAFE dance each week.

# Asheville Area Dances Jul - Aug 2008

## Grey Eagle

**Mondays - 8pm** Beginners Always Welcome  
185 Clingman Avenue - Asheville NC (828) 232-5800

- 7-7 **Celticladda** .....w/ Hank Morris  
Randy Miller, Eric Anderson, Tom Hodgson
- 7-14 **Land of Sky** .....w/ Diane Silver  
Laura Lengnick, Roger Gold, Paul Moore
- 7-21 **Fiddlewitch**..... w/ Beth Molaro  
Laurie Fisher, Karen Gaughan, Art Shuster, Chester Roduhl
- 7-28 **Dancing Bears**..... w/ Margaret Mathews  
Lew Gelfond, Mark Langner, John Culp, Skip Metheny
- 8-4 **Far Horizons**.....w/ Jack Mitchell  
Julia Weatherford, Barbara Davis, Art Shuster
- 8-11 **Bob Kogut and The Kruger Brothers**  
w/ Jennie Wakefield  
Bob Kogut, Jens & Uwe Kruger, Joel Landsberg
- 8-18 **The Red Wellies**.....w/ John Combs  
Beanie Odell, Duncan Wickel, Vincent Fogarty
- 8-25 **Cailen Campbell & Friends**  
w/ AnneMarie Walter

### OFB BOARD MEETINGS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays – Grey Eagle - 6:30pm**

- 7-14, 8-11 Before the Monday dance - Everyone Welcome

## Old Farmer's Ball

**Thursdays - 8pm** (lesson 7:30pm) (828) 258-4809  
Warren Wilson College - Morris' Pavilion - Swannanoa NC

- 7-3 **House Red**..... w/ BethMolaro  
Shawn Brenneman, Jonathan Theiland, Owen Morrison
- 7-10 **Swannanoa Gathering - Fiddle Week staff**  
w/ Hank Morris
- 7-17 **Swannanoa Gathering - Celtic Week staff**  
**Ceili**.....w/ Rodney Sutton
- 7-24 **Swannanoa Gathering – Old Time Week staff**  
**Old Time Square Dance**.....w/ Phil Jamison
- 7-31 **Land of Sky** ..... w/ Anne Marie Walter  
Laura Lengnick, Roger Gold, Paul Moore
- 8-7 **Swannanoa Gathering - Dulcimer Week staff**  
w/ Beth Molaro
- 8-14 **Far Horizons**..... w/ Charlie Harvey  
Julia Weatherford, Barbara Davis, Art Shuster
- 8-21 **Reunion Fund Raiser** – Community Open Band  
> > Welcome Back Warren Wilson Students < <  
Open Mic for Callers – led by Phil Jamison and  
John Combs
- 8-28 **Cornstalkers**.....w/ Diane Silver  
Laura Lengnick, Matt Turino, Megan Cornett ++

**OFB Thursday Dance Hot-Line (828) 258-4809**

## Other Regional Dances & Instruction

### Asheville Community Dance

**Second Saturday** - 8:15pm - Calvary Episcopal Church - Fletcher  
on hiatus until September Info: 828.298-7084

### Family Dance

w/ Diane Silver

**Saturday** - 5pm Brown Bag Supper – 6pm to 7:30 Dancing  
www.diane-silver.com/familydance.html info: (828) 298-7084  
on hiatus until September Calvary Episcopal Church – Fletcher

### English Country Dance

Karen – (828) 230-8449

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Afternoons – 3pm – 5pm - \$6  
Asheville Arts Center – 308 Merrimon Ave. - Asheville

**River Falls Dance** – Greenville SC..... www.harvestmoonfolk.org

Dates: (Saturdays) 7-5, 7-11, 7-19, 7-26, 8-2, 8-8, 8-16, 8-23

### Traditional Square Dances

Asheville Arts Center - 7PM to 10PM  
308 Merrimon Avenue - Asheville, NC  
Info: romejrecords@yahoo.com

**Swing Dance Information**.....www.swingasheville.com

**Celo Dance** – most Fridays 8pm.... rlevin@trccomputing.com  
"Green Cay" at Arthur Morgan School \$3 (828) 675-4331  
Music by **Bruce Greene & Friends**

Find current information and other dance links at:

**oldfarmersball.com**