

Old Farmers Ball  
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FIND YOUR MAY/JUNE 2009 DANCE FLYER ON THE BACK

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS - DETAILS INSIDE:

- SPLASH DANCE! **The All NEW-but-Old weekend Reunion Dance!**
- The Board meeting: **New members, new energy, new goals**
- A Heartfelt Thank you, from the English Country Dance Society

\*\*\*\* To Move, or Not to Move\*\*\*\*

The Board has decided to MOVE the regular Thursday night dance back to the pavilion at Warren Wilson College on the first Thursday of May. We will continue to dance at the Fairview Community Center thru the last Thursday of April. We will move back into Bryson Gym as soon as the repairs are completed. We anticipate that to be about the beginning of July. We would like remind everyone of the amazing job that Weogo Reed did with the sound at Fairview. The transformation of sound quality was incredible. Please take time to thank him personally. We are fortunate to have him.

**M-O-V-I-N-G**

## THE NEW YEAR

### Annual Membership Meeting

The annual OFB membership meeting was held on 1-25-09 at the Grey Eagle. President Diane Silver gave a recap of the 2008 accomplishments. The list was sizeable. Treasurer Joe Karpen gave the annual financial report. All is well financially. Election of the new board was held. The slate of new 3 year term members included Marvin Ashburn, Danaan Henry, Holly Hixson, Dennis Merritt, and M.J. Taylor. The meeting was adjourned and al present moved to a delicious Pot Luck dinner anchored by entrees from Twin Cousins Café. A free community dance followed the dinner with an open band and open mic format. The 8-9 piece Band on stage played some of the high-est energy dance music I've heard in sometime.

## START-UP

The annual OFB board retreat was held at the home of Joe Karpen on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting began about noon with a fine Pot Luck lunch. Thanks to Jonathan Gilbert for organization and to Joe and Allen Bergal for the preparation. Following lunch and getting to know each other better, we broke into 3 groups to brainstorm ideas for goals for this year. Each idea was put on a sticky note. Later, input from the membership at the annual meeting was gone over and added to these ideas. All ideas were grouped according to similarities and used for the basis of establishing the committees and committee goals for this year. The Committees have been formed and the work is under way.

## Mark your calendars now for SPLASH Dance '09!!

The Old Farmers Ball summer dance weekend, August 21-23 at Camp Merri-Mac, in Black Mountain, NC. Similar to Balance and Swim, Sugar Hill, and Kimmswick, this weekend adopts the idea of the old-time house party, where neighbors bring their potluck suppers, instruments, dance calls, and dance shoes and make a party

at someone's house. Now we're the home family, and we're holding it at Camp Merri-Mac! Hosted by our local callers, musicians and dancers, we extend the invitation to callers, musicians and dancers everywhere who appreciate a week-end of dancing, swimming, jamming, swimming, eating, dancing and swimming. Cost is kept low by having every participant pitch in on a task, and hiring only the services we can't provide ourselves. This event carries on the BEST traditions of the OFB Reunion. Look for details in the next newsletter, website, facebook and flyer!"



### "The Old Farmer's Ball cultivates traditional folk and social dance in our community."

*The Asheville English Country Dance leadership is indeed grateful to the Old Farmer's Ball for it's partial, financial support. ECD has been happening here in Asheville for a couple of years after being on hiatus.*

*The tradition of English Country Dance has written references dating as far back as the 1400's. Upon traveling to America via settlers, the dance tradition gave rise to such traditions as New England Contra Dance with added figures (Contredanse: a French derivation of the word Country Dance,) Appalachian square dancing (from the quadrilles) and waltzes.*

*The Asheville English Country Dance happens each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoons at the Asheville Arts Center, 3 - 5:30PM, with a dance caller/leader and live music from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries performed by our very own wonderful area musicians. The Appalachian Square Dance has also benefited greatly from partial financial support of The Old Farmer's Ball. The dance is held the last Sunday of the month at the Asheville Arts Center.*

*Come out and experience our great heritage of traditional dance events.*

*Thank you OFB!*

*~ Karen Gaughan ~*

## THE MOVE! CHECK OUT THE CHANGE!

## 2009 Board of Directors

### Officers

President .....David Stalnaker  
 President-Elect .....Karen Gaughan  
 Secretary .....Linda Mitchell  
 Treasurer .....Joe Karpen  
 Past President .....Diane Silver

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| Marvin Ashburn   | David Hayes      |
| Allen Bergal     | Danaan Henry     |
| John Combs       | Holly Hixson     |
| Karen Gaughan    | Dennis Merritt   |
| Jonathan Gilbert | MJ Taylor        |
| Lacy Hagan       | Genevieve Vesley |

## OFB Contact Information:

Telephone Info Line  
 828 258-4809

Website:  
[www.oldfarmersball.com](http://www.oldfarmersball.com) - includes links for:

**Volunteer sign-up, Car Pool Wiki**

ListServe:  
 Send a blank e-mail to:  
[ofb-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ofb-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

View archives at:  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/ofb/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ofb/)

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 Old Farmers Ball,  
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 Asheville, NC 28815

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## Committee Chairs

Finance .....Joe Karpen  
 Marketing & PR ...Jonathan Gilbert  
 Booking .....Beth Molaro  
 Newsletter .....Holly Hixson  
 Volunteers .....MJ Taylor  
 Sound.....Jonathan Gilbert

Governance .....Joe Karpen  
 Long-range Vision .....David Hayes  
 Community Outreach .....David Hayes  
 Dance Development.....Diane Silver  
 Reunion Weekend .....John Combs  
 Technology .....MJ Taylor

The Old Farmer's Ball is an ***all volunteer*** organization. Be a part of the dance *community*. Join one (or more) of these committees to help with behind-the-scenes work that makes the contra dance happen week after week and supports other forms of social dance in our community. Contact

## 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 June 8.

## REGIONAL CONTRA DANCE CARPOOLING WEBSITE

Don't let the price of gas keep you from going to your favorite regional dances. Use the OFB wiki-webpage to connect with other travelers.

A wiki is a webpage that anyone can edit. Go to the page and follow the easy directions to log-on. Then add your text to list the dance you want to go to and your contact info so others can call you to carpool. OR, call someone else who listed their name.

<http://ofb-events.pbwiki.com/carpooling>

# Asheville Area Dances May - Jun 2009

## Grey Eagle

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

- 5-4 **Fiddlewitch** ..... w/ John Combs  
Laurie Fisher, Karen Gaughan, Art Shuster, Skip Metheny
- 5-11 **Elixir** ..... w/ Nils Fredland  
Anna Patton, Owen Morrison, Ethan & Jesse Hazzard
- 5-18 **Fly By Night** ..... w/ Diane Silver  
Laura Lengnick, Beth Magill, Julia Weatherford,  
Karen Gaughan
- 5-25 **Dancing Bears** ..... w/ Barbara Groh  
Lew Gelfond, Mark Langner, John Culp, Skip Metheny
- 6-1 **Spring Chickens** ..... w/ Jennie Wakefield  
Rob & Beth Mangum, Art Shuster, Ben Harvey, McLean Bissell
- 6-8 **The Red Wellies** ..... w/ Beth Molaro  
Beanie Odell, Duncan Wickel, Vincent Fogarty
- 6-15 **Cailen Campbell & David Brown**  
w/ Keith Cornett-Eustis
- 6-22 **The Great Bear Trio** ..... w/ Hank Morris  
Andrew, Noah and Kim VanNorstrand
- 6-29 **House Red** ..... w/ AnneMarie Walter  
Shawn Brenneman, Jonathan Theiland, Owen Morrison

### OFB BOARD MEETINGS

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

5-11, 6-8 Before the Monday dance - Everyone Welcome

## Old Farmer's Ball

**Thursdays - 8pm** (lesson 7:30pm)  
Warren Wilson College – Swannanoa NC

**The Dance Returns To Warren Wilson College,  
Morris Pavilion, Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> (NOW)**

- 5-7 **Elixir** ..... w/ Nils Fredland  
Anna Patton, Owen Morrison, Ethan & Jesse Hazzard
- 5-14 **New Southern Ramblers** ..... w/ Phil Jamison  
John Herrmann, Gordy Hinnars, Phil Jamison,  
Meredith McIntosh
- 5-21 **Ice Water** ..... w/ Keith Cornett-Eustis  
Kyle Smith, Bill West, Cary Fridley, Thomas Watson,  
Barry Benjamin
- 5-28 **Magic Foot** ..... w/ Jesse Edgerton  
Colin Lindsay, Christian Stevens, Brendan Taaffe,  
Stephan Amidon
- 6-4 **Community Open Band** ..... w/ John Combs MC  
led by Laurie Fisher and Karen Gaughan  
Open Mic for Caller led by John Combs
- 6-11 **Avant Gardeners** ..... w/ Beth Molaro  
Laura Light, George Paul
- 6-18 **The Great Bear Trio** ..... w/ Barbara Groh  
Andrew, Noah and Kim VanNorstrand
- 6-25 **Fire Fly** ..... w/ Diane Silver  
Julia Weatherford, Pearl Mueller, Barbara Davis,  
Laurel Willoughby

## Other Regional Dances & Instruction

**English Country Dance** Karen – (828) 230-8449  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Afternoons–3pm–5pm - \$6 (No dances Jun-Jul-Aug)  
Asheville Arts Center – 308 Merrimon Ave. - Asheville

**Appalachian Square Dances** Last Sunday of each month  
Asheville Arts Center 7:30pm – 10:00pm \$5  
308 Merrimon Avenue - Asheville, NC (no dances in Jun-Jul-Aug)  
ashevillesquaredance@yahoo.com

**Asheville Community & Family Dances**  
**Second Saturday** - 8:15pm - Calvary Episcopal Church - Fletcher  
**on hiatus** Info: 828.298-7084

Appalachian State (ASU) Contra Dance – Boone NC  
Info: <http://apps.appstate.edu/index.php?module=pagesmith&id=7>

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

**River Falls Dance** – Greenville SC ..... [www.harvestmoonfolk.org](http://www.harvestmoonfolk.org)  
Dates: (Saturdays) 5-2, 5-16, 5-30, 6-6, 6-13, 6-27

**Swing Dance Information** ..... [www.swingasheville.com](http://www.swingasheville.com)

**More Dance Information** ..... [www.DanceAsheville.com](http://www.DanceAsheville.com)

**Zydeco, Cajun & Two Step Info** ..... [Dswanson@aol.com](mailto:Dswanson@aol.com)

Find current information and other dance links at:  
**[oldfarmersball.com](http://oldfarmersball.com)**