

AN ARABIAN NIGHTS NEW YEARS EVE

Shake out your flying carpet, brush off that old magic lamp, spruce up your turban and sari and prepare for a New Years Eve Celebration to beat all New Years Eve Celebrations! Make plans to cheer in the New Year with your friends at WWC Bryson Gym for the Old Farmers Ball Annual New Years Eve Bash. This year's theme is Arabian Nights and costumes are encouraged!

The 2006 New Years Eve Dance brings you a double feature of some of Asheville's best Homegrown Dance Music. The first half of the night will be the music of CURIOUS GEORGE (Laura Lengnick on fiddle and Paul Moore on piano and drum) with HANK MORRIS calling the dances. We'll break for a veritable feast to fortify everyone for a few more hours of dancing with the STRING BEINGS (Laurie Fisher on fiddle, Tom Trozak on guitar and drum, Art Shuster on mandolin) with BETH MOLARO calling. Watch for the official New Years Eve Dance Flyer and www.oldfarmersball.com for more details.

Your Casbah Queens, Jennifer Horrocks and Harriette Bugel welcome your assistance in making this magical event a reality. Call 712-8278 or email badancer2@yahoo.com to lend a hand.

Thank You to Steve Dodd for the donation of mic cables and the loan of some direct boxes! Anyone who wants to know more about sound and in particular Old Farmers Ball sound years ago, get in touch with Steve. Thanks also to Steve for starting the Old Farmers Ball e-mail list years ago. groups.yahoo.com/group/ofb/

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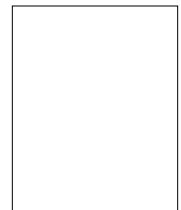
News is published bimonthly by the Old Farmers Ball Dance and includes the Asheville Area Dance Flyer, *Dance Thoughts* column, *Dear Dancing Darla*, Project Reports, contact info and much more. Deadline for next *Old Farmers Ball News* is December 8. Please send your submissions: ideas, photos, jokes, letters, thoughts, etc. beth@bethmolaro.com

OLD FARMERS BALL
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ASHEVILLE, NC 28815

BE A MEMBER

- ◆Be a supporting and voting member of the Old Farmers Ball community.
- ◆Be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.
- ◆Be listed in the *Old Farmers Ball Membership Directory*.
- ◆List your occupation in the Directory... another way to connect with our community.
- ◆Get a copy of the *Old Farmers Ball Membership Directory*.
- ◆Get our Official Newsletter, *the OLD FARMERS BALL NEWS*.
- ◆Get \$1 off dance admission with your Membership Card.

Join anytime. Renewals due each January.
Membership Forms are available online or at the Old Farmers Ball Thursday dance.



FIND YOUR NOV/DEC DANCE FLYER ON THE BACK COVER

HEY, GET CONNECTED!

groups.yahoo.com/group/ofb/ Open to all. Join the Old Farmers Ball List Serve Discussion Group.

The Pre-Dance Beginner/Intermediate Music Jam is back from Summer break. Thursday evenings in Room 25 in Kittredge Music Building at Warren Wilson College before the dance. Bring your instruments and join us from 6:30-8:00 to learn tunes and play with other nervous musicians. There is no cost. For more info contact: Suzanne Hosch 686-1777 suzhosch@charter.net

Morris Dancing. New dancers and musicians are welcome to join the Asheville Morris Men or one of the women's teams, Ashgrove Garland and Loafer's Glory Northwest Morris. These groups meet to practice and perform. All dances are taught. For more info: 994-2094 or visit www.ashevillemorris.us

Be a Member of the Old Farmers Ball. It is time to renew your membership or become a member. You can join at any time... but membership renewals are due every January. See Membership Box for Benefits of Membership. www.oldfarmersball.com

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Old Farmers Ball Membership Form

The Old Farmers Ball will not distribute any of this information for commercial purposes.

Check the box at left of each line if you **DO NOT** want that particular line of information in the directory. Submit Membership Form by January 15 2007 to be included in the 2007 Membership Directory. Join anytime in the year... Renewals are due in January 2008.

Date: ____/____/____

**** PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY ****

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (w/ area code) (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Occupation (max. 25 characters): _____

Annual Dues.....**\$5.00**

Mail to OFB, PO Box 9000 WWC Box 6278, Asheville, NC 28815 or Bring to a Thursday Night Dance.

The OLD FARMERS BALL BOARD – What, Why, How, Who-me?

Fall is here, and it is time to begin gathering a slate of nominees to serve on the 2007 Old Farmers Ball Board of Directors.

If you think the Board is a mysterious body of high-level managers and you don't belong, think again. Our dance community is surprisingly diverse, with a wide range of ages, occupations, lifestyles, and other interests. On the Board, we seek to represent that diversity. So whether you're young or old, a student, office-worker, doctor, artist, businessperson, service-provider, retiree, or whatever, your skills and perspective are important. Consider volunteering to serve on the Board.

So, what exactly does the Board do? The Board meets once a month and works together both in that meeting and on their own time to do the work needed to have a smooth and successful dance each week, and to carry out a few special events. Here's a run-down of just some of the behind-the-scenes work the Board carries out:

- * Liaison with Warren Wilson College—keep the college informed of our doings; seek approval when we want to make changes to Bryson gym or to request use of the gym on additional dates (such as New Year's Eve).
- * Volunteer coordination – recruiting and maintaining an army of volunteers to staff the door, and to set up and clean up for the dance each week. This includes scheduling, communication, troubleshooting their concerns, and working to make their job easy, efficient and fun.
- * Booking! Hiring the bands and callers for our weekly dances, managing the details of their contract – especially for out-of-town bands, making sure they know when to arrive, how to get here, agreement on how much they will be paid, etc.
- * Hosting the dance each week: Folks want to know who is in charge in case something goes wrong. Also, counting the money, paying the performers, and documenting our financial transactions for tax purposes.
- * Management of our sound system – our biggest capital asset. Continual upgrading and care for our system, and discussion of what else could be done to have the best possible sound for our dances. We also get various requests during the year to borrow our equipment. Decisions and management need to be addressed.
- * Managing membership – keeping the membership list updated; working with the door volunteers to make the joining process efficient.
- * Newsletter – produce a bimonthly newsletter.
- * Plan and conduct the Annual Meeting.
- * Produce and mail Membership Directories
- * Annually review and renew insurance policy.
- * Work with WWC to plan for the massive crowds during Swannanoa Gathering.
- * Plan and carry out our annual Reunion Dance Weekend and New Year's Eve Dance.
- * Address any concerns or complaints expressed by members of the community; facilitate problem solving. (ie: we are currently in the middle of the great fan project -- working to replace our ancient fans that finally were removed for safety reasons, and to address overall concerns about cooling in the gym).
- * Officers Job Descriptions:
 - > Treasurer: manage our bank account, file our tax forms, keep us financially responsible.
 - > Secretary: take notes at meetings and send out minutes each month; keep archives of past minutes, policies, etc.
 - > President and VP: provide overall leadership: plan agenda for monthly meetings; keep track of what needs to happen when, and make sure it is covered. Delegate, organize, and problem solve.

Sound like fun? Maybe not. But our fabulous dance would not happen without all this behind-the-scenes important work, and management. It IS a lot, but many hands make light work. We seek to have a pretty big board – about 16 members -- specifically because we know that not everyone can make it to every meeting, and to divvy the workload among more people so no one is overburdened. We also seek committee members who would like to help out with any piece of this work, even if they don't want to serve on the Board.

So how do you get to be on the Board? The current board creates a nominating committee. That committee seeks individuals who want to serve and creates a slate of nominees. That slate is then approved at the annual meeting in January. If more people want to serve than there are slots available, then a competitive election process would be used.

If you are interested, talk to any Board member (or write a note, send an e-mail, call, whatever), and they will submit your name to the nominating committee. Someone from the committee will then contact you to answer your questions and discuss it further.

Please consider running for the Board. Your skills, views, and efforts make all the difference.

Asheville Area Dances

Nov-Dec 2006

Grey Eagle

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

- 11-6 Dancing Bears.....w/ Barbara Groh
Lew Gelfond, Mark Langner, John Culp, Skip Metheny
- 11-13 The Euphoria String BandW/ Gary Nelson
- 11-20 David Bass and the Bassmasters
w/ Beth Molaro
- 11-27 Goosebone Prophets w/ Diane Silver
Laura Lengnick, Roger Gold, Jeff Hersk
- 12-4 Crowfoot w/ Anne Marie Walter
Jaige Trudel, Adam Broome, Nicholas Willimas
- 12-11 The Ninth Annual Benefit Waltz
Bring Hors D'oeuvres to share - Dress relentlessly elegant.
Contribute generously to families and people in need.
- 12-18 Far Horizons..... w/ Hank Morris
Julia Weatherford, Barbara Davis, Art Shuster
- 12-25 **Dance Cancelled** The Grey Eagle will be closed for
the holiday - Merry Christmas
- 1-7 Dancing Bears.....w/ Barbara Groh
Lew Gelfond, Mark Langner, John Culp, Skip Metheny

OFB Board Meetings

6:30pm - Warren Wilson - Kittredge - Rm 15A

- 11-2, 12-7 Before the Thursday dance - Everyone Welcome

Old Farmer's Ball

Thursdays - 8pm (lesson 7:30pm) (828) 258-4809
Warren Wilson College - Bryson Gym - Swannanoa NC

- 11-2 Open Community Band..... w/ Mark Langner
Led by Laura Lengnick & Jeff Hersk
Come play with the band or call a dance
- 11-9 Rhythm Method String Band w/ Laurie Fisher
Cathy Mason, Larry Unger, Dedo Norris, Erica Weiss,
Paul Boyd
- 11-16 Celticladda from New England w/ Adina Gordon
Randy Miller, Tom Hodgson, Eric Anderson
- 11-23 Thanksgiving Dance..... w/ Ann Marie Walter
Steam Shovel David White, Roger Gold
- 11-30 Crowfoot from Maine and Canada w/ Beth Molaro
Jaige Trudel, Adam Broome, Nicholas Willimas
- 12-7 Evil Twins w/ Beverly Smith
Laurie Fisher and David Knight from DC from PA
- 12-14 Dancing Bears..... w/ Barbara Groh
Lew Gelfond, Mark Langner, John Culp, Skip Metheny
- 12-21 Goosebone Prophetsw/ Diane Silver
Laura Lengnick, Roger Gold, Jeff Hersk
- 12-28 Family Reunion w/ John Combs
Mark Mueller, Pearl Mueller, Laurel Willoughby,
Georgie Donovan

Other Regional Dances & Instruction

Asheville Community Dance Scene

Second Saturday - 8:15pm - Venue Varies
Info: 828.582.9222 828.216.5115

Nov 11 Steam Shovel w/ Hank Morris at the Bryson Gym
Dec TBA

Family Dance

w/ Diane Silver

Saturday - 5pm Potluck - 6pm to 7:30 Dancing
www.diane-silver.com/FamilyDance.html info: (828) 298-7084

Nov 11 At the Bryson Gym JCC - before the ACDS dance
Dec TBA

advanceDANCE

w/ Beth Molaro

We Are Looking For A New Hall Info: (828) 277-4068

English Country Dance

Julia - (828) 669-5907

1st Wed of the month 7:00PM to 9:00PM with beg. class at 6:45PM
Black Mountain Center For The Arts
225 West State Street in downtown Black Mountain

Celo Dance - Friday 8pm rlevin@trccomputing .com

"Green Cay" at Arthur Morgan School \$3
Music by Bruce Greene & Friends (828) 675-4331

Cross-Step Waltz Tom (828) 298-4688
synergycenter@bellsouth.net

Webster Dance Sylva/Cullowhee at Webster2nd Fridays
call Kathy (828) 497-4709 or Ron (828) 586-5478

Swing Dance Information www.swingasheville.com

River Falls Dance - Greenville SC www.harvestmoonfolk.org

Dates: 11-4, 11-18, 11-25, 12-2, 12-16

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

Find current information and other dance links at:

oldfarmersball.com