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2008 Board of Directors

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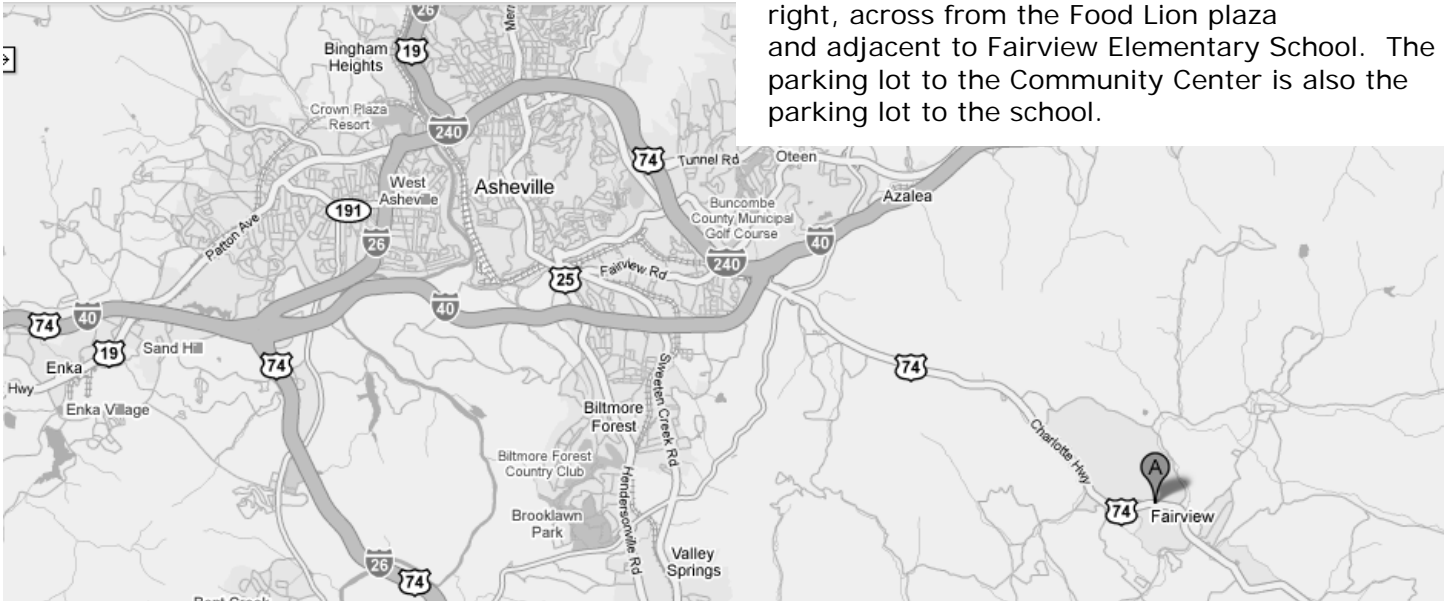
NEW WINTER LOCATION!!

The Old Farmer's Ball is moving for the winter!!

Due to the continued un-availability of Bryson Hall while it is under repair, we are moving indoors to the FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, beginning Nov. 6, and continuing at least through the end of March, and maybe into April.

DIRECTIONS to the Fairview Community Center:
1355 Charlotte Hwy, Fairview, NC 28730.

- From I-40 take Exit 53A toward "Bat Cave" & "Blue Ridge Parkway" OR
- From 240 go East to exit 9 toward "Bat Cave" & "Blue Ridge Parkway".
- FCC is about 6 miles out on Rte 74A. It is on the right, across from the Food Lion plaza and adjacent to Fairview Elementary School. The parking lot to the Community Center is also the parking lot to the school.



CDSS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VISIT - NOV. 13 - 16

The Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) is a national association of people and groups with a common interest in English and Anglo-American folk dance, music and song. The Old Farmer's Ball is an affiliate member of CDSS. We get our non-profit status through them.

The Executive Committee of CDSS is coming to Asheville for their Fall 2008 meeting, November 14-16. We are planning a weekend of hospitality, dancing, and socializing to host them for the weekend.

Besides our regular events (Thursday dance at FCC, Saturday dances at River Falls and Jonesborough, English Dance on Sunday), special events include:

Friday, Nov. 14

- BONUS DANCE at the Swannanoa 4-H Center— see OFB website for directions.
Admission: \$1 plus a potluck dish.
Dinner: 6:30
Dance: After Dinner (7:30 or 8:00)

Sunday, Nov. 16

- Potluck brunch at Joe & Jean Karpen's home, 11:00 a.m. RSVP by noon on Nov 14 to jkarpen@lpcutting.com

We hope to see lots of OFB dancers at these various events throughout the weekend. Come get to know our national leaders.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Support our sense of community — become a member! \$5 dues. Attend just 5 weekly dances, and your membership discount pays for itself.

Other benefits are: inclusion in and receipt of the membership directory, voting privileges, and newsletter by mail or e-mail.

- Visit the membership table at a Thursday night dance, OR
- Download the membership form from the OFB website at www.olderfarmersball.com, send it in with your fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope, and receive your keytag by mail.

SAVE-THE-DATE: ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 25, 2009

The Old Farmer's Ball Annual meeting will take place on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, at 4:00 p.m.**, at a location still to be determined.

As required in our by-laws, a meeting of the full membership of the OFB is held at least once a year, at which time new Board members are elected and other business is conducted.

This year's meeting will include Board elections, a report on the "State of the OFB," and a financial report for 2007. It will also include a vote on an amendment to the OFB by-laws to add our mission statement to the by-laws. Last year the Board did a major revision of the by-laws, which was approved at the 2008 annual meeting. However, the mission statement was yet-to-be-revised, so a blank section was inserted into the by-laws at that time. Now the Board has approved a mission statement that will be recommended to be inserted into that section. So we will be voting to amend the by-laws to read: *"Section 2.2 Mission: The Old Farmers Ball cultivates traditional folk and social dance in our community."*

JOIN THE BOARD

The nominating committee is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors for 2009.

The nominating committee is made up of both board-members and non-board members. The nominating committee receives nominations from the community, including self-nominations from anyone interested in serving, and also identifies and contacts individuals who they think would be good candidates. From this list of possible candidates, the nominating committee recommends a slate of new Board members to the Board as a whole. The Board as a whole then considers the committee's recommendation and votes on a final slate of candidates to be recommended to the membership. The membership then votes on the recommended slate at the annual meeting in January. **The 2009 annual meeting will be Sunday, January 25th.**

The meeting is also an opportunity for general input from members regarding the OFB — quality of the weekly dance, ideas for the future, etc.

As a "thanks" to the community as a whole, a free dance is held following the meeting. The dance is open to all, members and non-members, but only current **2008-09** OFB members may vote at the annual meeting.

Schedule for the day:

3:00-4:00	Set-up — consider coming early to help
4:00-6:00	Annual meeting
6:00-7:30	Potluck supper — please bring something yummy to share
7:30-10:00	FREE dance, with open band and open mic — bring your instrument to play in the band, or consider calling a dance.
10:00	Clean up — please plan to stay and help.

Five positions on the Board of Directors will be up for election in January.

Serving on the Board is a great way to make a serious contribution to the dance community. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that makes the dance run smoothly and keeps us legal and accountable. If you've been dancing for a few years (or even just for a little while but you feel strongly about the health and continuance of the OFB), consider serving on the Board.

If you'd like to know more about what it actually involves, or if you wish to nominate yourself or anyone else for consideration, please speak to any Board member. They would love to talk with you about it.

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

Asheville Area Dances Nov - Dec 2008

Grey Eagle

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

- 11-3 **Wild Goose Chase**..... w/ AnneMarie Walter
Bob Kogut, Karen Gaughan, Art Shuster, Skip Metheny
- 11-10 **The Spring Chickens**w/ Rodney Sutton
Beth & Rob Mangum, Ben Harvey, McClain Bissell, Art Shuster
- 11-17 **KGB**w/ Adina Gordon
Julie King, Claude Ginsberg, Dave Bartley
- 11-24 **Land of Sky**w/ Bob Dalsemer
Laura Lengnick, Roger Gold, Paul Moore
- 12-1 **Fiddlewitch**.....w/ John Combs
Laurie Fisher, Karen Gaughan, Art Shuster, Skip Metheny
- 12-8 **Eleventh Annual Benefit Waltz**
Dress relentlessly elegant – bring Hors D'oeuvres – and
contribute generously to people in need
- 12-15 **The Morrison Brothers**.....w/ Diane Silver
Owen, Will and Jim Morrison
- 12-22 **** NO DANCE **** (Grey Eagle Closed for Holidays)
- 10-29 **Dancing Bears** w/ Barbara Groh
Lew Gelfond, Mark Langner, John Culp, Skip Metheny
- 1-5 **The Sporting Pitchforks**..... w/ Beth Molaro
Hanna Seng, Jack Deveraux, Duncan Wickel

OFB BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Mondays – Grey Eagle - 6:30pm

- 11-10, 12-15 Before the Monday dance - Everyone Welcome

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Thursdays - 8pm (lesson 7:30pm) (828) 258-4809
Fairview Community Center, Fairview NC

- 11-6 **Blue Eyed Girls**w/ Tom & Myra
Ellie Grace, Pearl Mueller, Annie Fain Liden
- 11-13 **Community Open Band**
Open Mic for Callers – Diane Silver MC
band led by Laurie Fisher & Karen Gaughan
- 11-14 **"Bonus Dance" Friday Night**
Open Band and Open Callers
at Swannanoa 4-H Center, 170 Woodland Dr. Swannanoa.
Potluck 6:30pm; Dancing from 8:00 - 11:00. \$1 ish! Come
meet the CDSS Exec. Committee. CDSS committee members
will also be participating in the open band and open mic
- 11-20 **KGB**.....w/ Beth Molaro
Julie King, Claude Ginsberg, Dave Bartley
- 11-27 **Thanksgiving Dance**
Chicken Tractor.....w/ Jennie Wakefield
Adam Masters, Jono Altheiser, Laurie Fisher,
Lawrence Dillingham
- 12-4 **Fly By Night**.....w/ Paula Bishop
Julia Weatherford, Laura Lengnick, Beth Magill,
Karen Gaughan
- 12-11 **Elftones**..... w/ Mark Langner
Mara Shea & Roger Gold
- 12-18 **The Morrison Brothers**w/ Barbara Groh
Owen, Will and Jim Morrison from Virginia
- 12-25 **Christmas Dance**
Blue Ridge Roundersw/ Diane Silver
Rob and Amy Buckingham, Dan Wood
- 12-31 **NEW YEARS EVE BALL – (Wednesday)**
Fiddlewitch..... w/ AnneMarie Walter
Laurie Fisher, Karen Gaughan, Art Shuster, Skip Metheny
8:00pm – 12:30am – Fairview Community. Center
\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

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

Other Regional Dances & Instruction

English Country Dance

Karen – (828) 230-8449

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

Traditional Square Dances

Asheville Arts Center

308 Merrimon Avenue - Asheville, NC: romegrecords@yahoo.com

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

Find current information and other dance links at:

oldfarmersball.com