



News from Sun Assembly

<http://www.sunassembly.org/>

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Welcome to our newcomers!

A BIG welcome to all the new folks who have joined us recently! Take the extended hand, keep smiling, and remember that we were all beginners once. We're glad you're sharing our love of this fun and beautiful dance form. Don't be shy about asking for help when you need it—keep learning!

Spring DanceFest—past and future!

As we wrote the last newsletter, the DanceFest was upon us. Now it seems long ago; we're already planning the next one! HUGE thanks go out to all those who organized, registered, brought snacks, put people up, danced, played, and generally helped out! Our “village” really stepped up to the plate. We broke even financially, a big success for us.

We're already planning for next year! Put the date on your calendar NOW—**March 14-15, 2015**. We're thrilled to have secured **David Millstone**, noted caller and teacher and current President of CDSS, lead our **DanceFest** in this CDSS Centennial year. And, speaking of which...

CDSS Centennial coming up

2015 is the 100th anniversary of the Country Dance and Song Society! Check out www.CDSS.org to see what's being planned so far across the country. If you have ideas about how **Sun Assembly** can join with other local dance groups to celebrate this monumental occasion, talk with someone on the **SA Steering Committee**.

Open mike night

Thanks to Eric, Leah, and Mary for leading us in dances on our open mike evening. We'll have another one soon, probably in the fall, so be thinking about whether you'd like to try your hand—er, voice—at leading a dance. You can also request of one of the regular teachers to program a slot for you on a regular Thursday. Contact the teacher a week beforehand if you'd like to do this.

Interesting link...

www.rscds-swvs.org/doc/MoveToBeatOfMusic

Highlanders!

We were treated to a rousing performance not only of tunes but also of Irish dances by Mara and Julie's young group **Highlanders**. It's great to see the next generation coming along so well. Parents and youngsters stayed on for a few dances—great fun!!!

Dance on Sundays!

If Thursday dances just aren't enough for you, come on out to Carol Woods on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 7-8:30 pm. **Alan Troxler** leads dances in the Assembly Hall (enter at the main door and turn left; look for the large auditorium with a wood dance floor at the front). Cost is \$4 after the first session.. We welcome beginners and experienced dancers. Information: Sylvia Hubbard 919-918-3644.

Weekend and Summer Camps

It's not too late to sign up for summer dance weekends and weeks—there's still space at most all of them! Flyers are out at our regular dances, or check the web. **Summer schedule**

Dancers—we want your feedback!

•What do you like or dislike about Sun Assembly's weekly dances? What can we do to make the dance more fun for you? Are there too many/not enough easy dances? slow dances? fast dances? Longways/set/old/new? Would you like more/fewer style tips? More/less historical information about the dances? What else would you like us to know?

The more specific you can be, the more helpful it is to our Steering Committee and dance teachers. Just drop your written comments in the cash box, submit your comments to sunassembly@gmail.com, or use the “Contact Us” link at www.sunassembly.org.

•Sun Assembly is run by its **Steering Committee**, a small group of dancers who meet once a month or so before a dance to plan and confer; the next one is Aug. 7. We also have occasional longer planning sessions. If you'd like to come listen in, or share your thoughts/ideas, talk with us at the dance: Gail, Donald, Doug, Judy, Sharon, Pat, Leah, Allan, Mary. We'd love to have your input!

Join Sun Assembly!

Support English Country Dance in our community! **1. Come to dances**, and bring your friends. **2. Become a member** of Sun Assembly. Your membership helps us sponsor regular Thursday dance classes as well as special events. We're now tax-exempt, so your contributions are deductible to the extent provide by law. Many thanks for your support!

AND... consider joining the **Country Dance and Song Society**, the umbrella organization that supports all kinds of English & American dance & dance camps, provides scholarships, publishes materials, & much more. If Sun Assembly inspires 8 new people to become CDSS members, we will get a free year of affiliate membership; if 10, we'll get a free ad in the CDSS newsletter!!! CDSS.org

SUN ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP 2014

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL _____

I'm in! Enclosed is my check to SUN ASSEMBLY (ck w/ someone at the dance for pro-rating)

Send newsletter by ___e-mail ___regular mail. Enclosed is my contribution of _____ to the Celia Wright Live Music Fund.

DANCE CALENDAR and teaching schedule

Classes are held at the **Freedman Center** of **Beth El Synagogue**, Watts St. at Green, Durham, 7:30-9:30 p.m., unless otherwise specified. Suggested class fee: \$7/night or \$25/month. (No one will be turned away for lack of funds.) For more info, call 683-9672 or 286-2202.

From Raleigh: take I-40 to the Durham Freeway; exit at Duke St. Turn right; go through town, past the high school on the left, thru the lights at Trinity & Markham. Go one more block, turn left on Green, go to the 2nd stop sign, turn left on Watts, & left into the parking lot. **From Chapel Hill:** take 15-501 to I-85 north. Exit at Gregson St. The 3rd light is Markham; turn right, right at the next corner onto Watts, & right into the parking lot. The building is to the left of the parking lot.

WHEN	WHERE	TEACHERS	SPECIAL INFO
Thurs., July 3	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	First Thursday!
Thurs., July 10	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	Live Music!
Thurs., July 17	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	
Thurs., July 24	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	Live Music!
Thurs., July 31	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Aug. 7	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	First Thursday! Come early for basics intro/brushup.
Thurs., Aug. 14	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music!
Thurs., Aug. 21	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	
Thurs., Aug. 28	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	Live Music!
Thurs., Sep. 4	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Sep. 11	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	Live Music!
Thurs., Sep. 18	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Sep. 25	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	Live Music!