



News from Sun Assembly

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

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HEADS UP! LOCATION CHANGE

September 25, October 2, 9, 16

On the dates above, our regular dance will be at **Binkley Baptist Church**, 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill. Please join us there. See link to directions in calendar.

Halloween Dance Oct. 30

We've had lots of fun over the years coming to the dance nearest to Oct. 31 **dressed as an English Country dance**. This year, we'll have **live music** for 5th Thursday, so it's no holds barred as you contemplate your costume! If you let Pat know *by email* a week ahead of time, she'll put it on the program for that night.

Save the Date! Spring DanceFest with David Millstone

March 14-15, 2015 is the weekend! Our musicians will provide the usual superbly divine accompaniment.

Lots of nearby events!

- Fri-Sun, Sep. 25-28: Fandango, Atlanta**
- Sat. Oct. 4: Third Annual Salem Ball**, Winston-Salem; live music by our own Julie & Walt. Email karenbchandler2@aol.com or call [336.871.9111](tel:336.871.9111).
- Sat. Oct. 4: Trafalgar Ball**, Wakefield, VA; music by Mara & Dean. www.varegency.org
- Sat. Dec. 6: Mr. Fezziwig's Ball**, Durham; <http://historicinterpretations.org/Events.html>

What's New with Sun Assembly?

Your **Steering Committee** met recently to discuss some broader topics we never seem to have time for at our regular pre-dance meetings. You'll see a few changes, all aimed at improving our community!

- No more 1st Thursday Fun & Easy Night; we'll offer instead a **beginners' lesson** at 7:15 on 2nd Thursdays. Would any experienced dancers like to help out?
- 5th Thursdays** will have a theme (see Halloween, below) in place of a challenge.
- Instructions and music for the **Dance of the Month** will be sent to all on our e-mail list. (See Judy to sign up!)
- We're delighted that some of you bring **refreshments** to share from time to time. Let's plan to do this *after* the dance, so we can dance longer! Please remember: they need to be kosher, or else served on the porch.

Night of Dancing Maggots, Oct. 9

Russell will once again teach an entire evening of maggots, some of the most wonderful dances in the repertoire—don't miss it! 14th annual? 15th?

Open Mike Nov. 20

•Our May Open Mike evening was such a success that we've decided to do it again, on **Thursday, Nov. 20**. Contact **Eric** him at econrad003@gmail.com, 614-900-7759 if you'd like to try your hand!

•If you would like to teach one of the scheduled teachers a week or so before the dance.

New Year's Eve!

Dance in the New Year with Sun Assembly! Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Report from summer camp

Pat and Doug attended **Pinwoods English-American Week** this summer, experiencing the best of both dancing worlds. Bruce Hamilton led us to explore our dancing more deeply in his usual thoughtful style. We both exercised our brains and feet with a Quebecois step dance routine (ask us for the video!), and Doug furthered his longsword skills. The weather could not have been more perfect! Try it some time! **Mary & Pete** attended **Pinwoods English Week**—fabulous dancing & music, & fine weather, aside from the hail! **Lucy** went to Hey Days in California, which she says “was everything you could want in a dance experience...they even threw in an earthquake on the last morning, no extra charge! The gatherings before lunch each day let campers show off their skills and senses of humor, and demonstrated just how diverse English Country dancers can be. And the evening dances were magical, with wonderful live music.”

CDSS Centennial coming up

In 2015, the Country Dance and Song Society will celebrate its 100th anniversary! Go to [<CDSS.org>](http://CDSS.org) to see what's being planned across the country. **Sun Assembly** and **Triangle Country Dancers** will collaborate to explore a weekend of dancing in celebration of this momentous event! They'd appreciate your input. Talk with Lucy at the dance if you have ideas or would like to be involved!!!

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, beautiful dance form. Don't be shy about asking for help when you need it.

Join Us!

You can support English Country Dance in our community in several important ways:

1. **Come to dances!**
2. **Bring your friends!**
3. **Become a member** of Sun Assembly.

Your membership helps us sponsor regular Thursday dances as well as special events. You'll find membership and renewal forms at the dance. You can also use the form to donate to our Live Music Fund. Many thanks for your support. And while you're at it, 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.

DANCE CALENDAR and teaching schedule

Dances 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 donation: \$7/night or \$25/month. For more info, call 919-286-2202 or 919-683-9672.

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.

Directions to **Binkley Baptist Church:** <http://www.binkleychurch.org/about/directions>

WHEN	WHERE	TEACHERS	SPECIAL INFO
Thurs., Sep. 25	Binkley Baptist	Allan Troxler	Live Music!
Thurs., Oct. 2	Binkley Baptist	Leah Hefner & Mary McConnell	
Thurs., Oct. 9	Binkley Baptist	Russell Herman	Live Music! Night of Dancing Maggots Beginners lesson at 7:15
Thurs., Oct. 16	Binkley Baptist	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Oct. 23	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	
Thurs., Oct. 30	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music! Halloween! Come as an English country dance. (Bring your leftover candy...)
Thurs., Nov. 6	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Nov. 13	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	Live Music! Beginners lesson at 7:15
Thurs., Nov. 20	Freedman Center	OPEN MIKE!	Contact Eric Conrad to sign up
Thurs., Nov. 27	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	Come dance off that turkey!!!
Thurs., Dec. 4	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Dec. 11	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music! Beginners lesson at 7:15
Thurs., Dec. 18	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	
Thurs., Dec. 25	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	YES, Virginia, there will be a dance!!!
Wed. Dec. 31	The Ark		New Years Eve Dance—watch for details!

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