



News from Sun Assembly

Winter 2014-15

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'Tis the Season!

Fall is drawing to a close, even here in the South. We've had great fun with maggots (thanks, **Russell!**), Halloween (thanks to all costumed dancers!) and our 2nd Open Mike night (thanks **Eric** and all neophyte teachers!!!). Hope everyone has survived the opening round of the winter holidays. Keep on dancing to assuage the guilt of yet another piece of pie or candy!

Dates of note:

- Sat. Dec. 6:** **Mr. Fezziwig's Ball**, Durham; <http://historicinterpretations.org/Events.html>
- Thurs. Dec. 25:** **YES, there will be a regular dance!**
- Thurs. Jan. 1:** **NO DANCE!**

Dance with the Highlanders!

Mara and Julie's student dance band will again regale us with their energetic tunes for a few minutes before the **Dec. 11** dance. Come at **7:15** to cheer on these up-and-coming youngsters, and stay to dance to holiday-themed music both serious and silly.

Dance on New Year's Eve!!!

Allan and Russell will lead our annual New Year's Eve celebration, starting at 8:30 pm at the Ark on Duke's East Campus. Invitations are forthcoming; hope you can make it! **Live music** by the **No-Bow Lobos** (Julie, Walt, Dean). **Jana** is coordinating volunteers for before, during, and after the dance; do contact her at janabananafromtexarkana@gmail.com if you can pitch in. We'll break for refreshments midway through the evening, so bring a finger food to share (no alcohol please). Wear non-marking shoes or socks to dance in. Everyone is welcome, all dances will be taught, and no partner or experience is necessary. Admission is \$18 members; \$20 non-members; FREE for kids under 12 and Duke students. Questions? Call 919-286-2202, or e-mail sunassembly@gmail.com.

CDSS Centennial coming up

The Country Dance and Song Society will spend 2015 celebrating its 100th anniversary! Go to 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!!!

Save the Date! Spring DanceFest with David Millstone

[David Millstone](#), current president of the Country Dance and Song Society, will preside over 2 wonderful days of English dancing on **March 14-15, 2015**. (If you're a **contradancer**, you can make it 3 days—he'll be calling the Friday contra on the 13th!) David is a beloved teacher, well-known around the country for his clear, supportive teaching style and his sense of humor. **Syllabub and Friends** will provide terrific music. Flyers with registration forms will be available soon.

Dances of the Month

In **December** we will **review** dances we've worked on in the past. Look for recent directions or links at sunassembly.org.

It's not too soon...

...to be thinking about **summer camp**! As a CDSS affiliate, Sun Assembly may nominate one or two of its members for **priority** at its (often over-subscribed) summer camps. Would YOU like to be nominated this year? Contact Gail, or sunassembly@gmail.com, by mid-February.

Time to Renew Your Membership!

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.

Regular membership: \$20 (includes discounts to New Year's Eve dance and Spring DanceFest, coupon to bring a guest free to the Thursday night class, and mailed newsletter).

Sustaining membership: \$250 (includes class fees for all weekly dance classes and to New Year's Eve dance, discount to Spring dance weekend, coupon to bring a guest free to the Thursday night dance class, and mailed newsletter).

RENEW! Send the form below with your check, made out to **Sun Assembly**, to **Judy Strickland, 1102 Infinity Rd., Durham, NC 27712**. All memberships are for the calendar year. Your membership helps us sponsor regular Thursday dance classes as well as special events. You can also use the form to make a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation to the **Celia Wright Live Music Fund**. Please note that fees to the weekly dance classes are suggested rates; no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Many thanks! (If you've been donating to the Fund and would like a receipt, let us know.)

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. 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!!! It's a great way to celebrate the **CDSS Centennial Year**. Go to **CDSS.org** for info (and shop their [store](#) for great holiday gift ideas).

SUN ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP 2015

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL _____

I'm in! Here's my check to SUN ASSEMBLY for ___ \$20 (annual regular membership) ___ \$250 (annual sustaining membership; includes fees for all regular dance classes and New Year's Eve).

Send newsletter by ___ e-mail ___ regular mail. Enclosed is my (tax-deductible) contribution of ___ to the Celia Wright Live Music Fund.

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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.

WHEN	WHERE	TEACHERS	SPECIAL INFO
Thurs., Dec. 4	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Dec. 11	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music! No beginners' lesson; the Highlanders will perform starting at 7:15 . Holiday theme!
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	Russell Herman & Allan Troxler	<i>New Years Eve Dance, 8:30 until...!</i>
Thurs., Jan. 1	-----		NO DANCE TONIGHT!
Thurs., Jan. 8	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Jan. 15	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music! Beginners' lesson at 7:15
Thurs., Jan. 22	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	
Thurs., Jan. 29	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	Hey! Y'all... special topic on heys of all kinds, with Live Music!
Thurs., Feb. 5	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Feb. 12	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music! Beginners' lesson at 7:15
Thurs., Feb. 19	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Feb. 26	Beth El Social Hall	Gail Lacy	Live Music!
Thurs., Mar. 5	Freedman Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Mar. 12	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music! Beginners' lesson at 7:15
Thurs., Mar. 19	Freedman Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Mar. 26	Freedman Center	Allan Troxler	Live Music!