



News from Sun Assembly

Winter 2018-19

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It's Community!

Thanks to the wonderful hospitality of Gail Lacy and Donald Hughes, we had a delightful community meeting in October. Although fewer dancers were able to come compared to last year, we had a great time visiting, eating, and dancing. We also talked about ways to enhance our dance community.

Membership for 2019 will include a name tag and a "bring a friend" coupon. We do plan to continue the directory, so check off what you are willing to share on your membership form.

It's Reality!

We're delighted to have signed a one-year lease to dance at the Reality Center, at a price much better than what we've been paying there. Keep your eyes open, though, for evenings that we won't be able to use it. The next one will be Feb 28, 2019, when we'll be dancing at Binkley. We should know their spring schedule soon; keep checking sunassembly.org for updates. We're very happy that our 2019 dance home can continue to be in this oh-so-danceable space!

Once Again—The Highlanders!

These marvelous kids and their folks will join us again on **Dec. 13. Come at 7:15** for a short concert, with dancers; stay for Lovely Nancy, Duke of Kent, Childgove, and Female Saylor, and more; welcome back to MARA, with Dean & Julie. A fun evening!

Dance on New Year's Eve!!!

A **Cavalcade of Callers** will lead our annual New Year's Eve celebration, starting at 8:30 pm at the spacious and beautiful Murphey School. Hope you can make it! Live music by **Hey Fever** (Julie, Walt, Joey). We'll be asking for volunteers at Thursday dances. Bring a finger food to share at the break (no alcohol please), and 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 \$20 members; \$25 non-members; FREE for kids under 12 and Duke students. Questions? Call 919-286-2202, or e-mail sunassembly@gmail.com.

Spring DanceFest with Bruce Hamilton

Be sure to make plans for **DanceFest 2019!** The dates are **March 16-17**, the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Our guest caller is the splendid, famed, Bruce Hamilton, from California. Also, dance musician Becky Ross, from the D.C. area, will be joining Walt Robinson, Dean Herington, and Joey O'Donnell, providing inspiring music. We will again be at the beautiful Shared Visions Retreat Center at the Murphey School. This fun weekend attracts dancers from far and wide as we bring in top talent. We need plenty of local volunteers! Be thinking of how you can help. Set up? Clean up? Sweeping? Setting out refreshments? Kitchen duty? Desk monitoring? Arranging flowers?

And speaking of dates...

- February 8-10, Mid-Winter Weekend, Asheville.
- January 26, Holiday Dance, Williamsburg.
- March 9, George Washington Ball, Williamsburg.
- March 22-24, Playford Ball, Nashville.

Halloween!

Our Halloween dance this year was delightful, as always. Leah, our dauntless caller, managed to get through about half the dances! Vivian perhaps gets the prize for the most creative costume--she carried a box of groceries from Aldi's and wore a "pair of dice" on her skirt. Get it? Viv-Aldi-in-pair of dice! (Vivaldi in Paradise by Gary Roodman). One Joe turned over "A New Leaf," and the other Joe showed up with a Hole in his Wall. Heide lit up the dance floor (at least half of it) with "Look On the Bright Side." We all had fun guessing and dancing and enjoying the wonderful costumes. Be thinking about what you want to be next year!

Sharon Spangler

It's not too soon...

...to be thinking about **2019 summer dance 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 Mary, or sunassembly@gmail.com, by mid-February.

Time to Renew Your Membership!

Support English Country Dance in our community! Come to dances, bring your friends, and **become a member!** Your membership helps us sponsor regular Thursday dances as well as special events. See the membership and renewal form below, or pick up one at the dance. You can also use the form to donate to our Live Music Fund. Many thanks!

Regular membership: Membership rates remain the same, \$20. Your annual membership includes a **name tag**, **discounts** to Spring DanceFest and other special events, **newsletter**, and a **coupon** to bring a guest free to the Thursday night class.

Sustaining membership: \$250—includes all the above, plus **class fees** for all weekly dances, and a great feeling about supporting our dance community!!!

RENEW! Send the form below with your check, made out to **Sun Assembly**, to **Vic Corell, 7521 Cove Point Dr. #31, Raleigh, NC 27613**. Memberships are for the calendar year. You can also make a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation to the **Celia Wright Live Music Fund**. 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. Go to CDSS.org for info (and shop their [store](#) for great holiday gift ideas).

SUN ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP 2019

NAME _____ PHONE (best) _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL _____

I'm in! Here's my check to **SUN ASSEMBLY** for _____ \$20 **Regular Membership** (newsletter; guest pass; special event discount).

_____ \$250 annual **Sustaining Membership** (admission to all weekly dances; newsletter; guest pass; special event discount).

I'm including a (tax-deductible) contribution of _____ to the **Celia Wright Live Music Fund**.

It's **OK** **not OK** to list my _____ name _____ email _____ phone in our new **directory**. Send **newsletter** by e-mail regular mail.

DANCE CALENDAR and teaching schedule

Dances are held 7:30-9:30 p.m. The [Reality Center](#) is at **916 Lamond St.**, Durham, or at [Binkley Baptist](#) in Chapel Hill. Suggested donation: \$7/night or \$25/month. For more info, call 919-286-2202 or 919-683-9672.

| WHEN | WHERE | TEACHERS | SPECIAL INFO |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Thurs., Dec. 6 | Reality Center | Leah Hefner | |
| Thurs., Dec. 13 | Reality Center | Pat Petersen | Live Music! Highlanders (come at 7:15) |
| Thurs., Dec. 20 | Reality Center | Pat Petersen | Live Music! Mara, Dean, & Joey!! |
| Thurs., Dec. 27 | Reality Center | Gail Lacy | |
| Sun. Dec. 31 | Murphey School | Cavalcade of callers | New Year's Eve Dance! Julie, Joey, & Walt |
| Thurs., Jan. 3 | Reality Center | Pat Petersen | |
| Thurs., Jan. 10 | Reality Center | Allan Troxler | Live Music! |
| Thurs., Jan. 17 | Reality Center | Leah Hefner | |
| Thurs., Jan. 24 | Reality Center | Pat Petersen | Live Music! |
| Thurs., Jan. 31 | Reality Center | Gail Lacy | |
| Thurs., Feb. 7 | Reality Center | Pat Petersen | |
| Thurs., Feb. 14 | Reality Center | Gail Lacy | Live Music! |
| Thurs., Feb. 21 | Reality Center | Pat Petersen | |
| Thurs., Feb. 28 | Binkley Baptist | Leah Hefner | Live Music! |
| Thurs., Mar. 7 | Reality Center | Gail Lacy | |
| Thurs., Mar. 14 | Reality Center | Pat Petersen | Live Music! |
| Mar. 16-17 | Murphey School | DanceFest!!! Bruce Hamilton | Becky Ross, with Dean, Joey, & Walt |
| Thurs., Mar. 21 | Reality Center | Allan Troxler | |
| Thurs., Mar. 28 | Reality Center | Mary McConnell | Live Music! |