



News from Sun Assembly



Summer 2019

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July, August Venue Changes

HEADS UP! July 25, [Binkley](#); August 15 & 22, [Triangle Dance Studios](#), 2306 So. Miami Blvd, Durham.

Congratulations—to US!

Our pre-DanceFest event, "I support CDSS," was a terrific success! The Triangle area dance communities came together March 14 for a fantastic event. With Donald Hughes spearheading the event and acting as emcee, Julie, Dean Joey, Pete, Pat, Gail, Valerie, plus Katy German and Gaye Fifer all put together a fun and informative evening event. With TCD and SA covering costs of the hall and musicians, teachers forgoing their stipends, and a generous anonymous donation, the event raised \$6,200. Every dancer that night (nearly 100) was a contributor. We danced English, contras, and squares, with a festive mood and a great sense of togetherness and community. Let's all feel proud about the outcome!

Spring DanceFest

THANK YOU to all of the Sun Assembly organizers, talent, and volunteers who helped make this year's Spring DanceFest with Bruce Hamilton a big success! It takes a full year, as well as many hands, to coordinate and run the workshop weekend. Over 80 dancers from NC and 7 other states attended some portion of the event--our largest turnout yet. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to enhance their ECD skills, learn new repertoire, and socialize with dancers from other communities. Look for photos on Facebook soon!

Leah Hefner

Save the Date: Spring DanceFest 2020

We are excited to announce that next year's Spring DanceFest, featuring caller Melissa Running from the D.C. area, will take place March 14-15, 2020, at the Shared Visions Retreat Center in Durham, NC.

Try Out Your Calling Voice

If you want to call a dance at Sun Assembly, consider yourself invited! Check the dance schedule, here or on our website www.sunassembly.org, and contact the upcoming caller at least a week in advance to let them know what you want to teach. Written or recorded music is needed depending on if it is a live music night or a recorded music night. The caller responsible for the evening dance will want to know how to fit the dance into the evening program and has final say.

Celebrate July 4—Dance!

Yes, there WILL be a dance on Thursday, July 4, at our regular time of 7:30-9:30 at the Reality Center. We will have a "cavalcade of callers" from Sun Assembly Outreach. There is no charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Come join us and bring your friends--dancing is even better than fireworks!

SASC Update

Just what happens at those Steering Committee meetings? We take care of ongoing needs for our Thursday dances: venue (we now have a contract with the Reality Center as our usual dance venue, even though there are times when it is not available), renewed our liability insurance through CDSS (required by many hall rentals including the Murphey School), reserved the Murphey School for New Year's Eve 2019 and **DanceFest March 14-15, 2020** (with Melissa Running). We pay our callers, musicians, and hall rental from the evening collections. Some dancers who are not on the SC take care of other items, like our email list and website. Nametags for Sun Assembly members are still in progress. We are so fortunate to have an increase in the number of dancers on a regular basis, putting us in a good financial situation. If you have some ideas or concerns, please talk to a Steering Committee member. We strive to address the needs of our community.

Mary McConnell

Summer Dancing!

Many groups take a break in the summer; we are fortunate that our venue has good air conditioning, and that we have a critical mass of dancers who don't take off for the whole summer! That said, several of our dancers will head off to one or another dance camp. Most still have openings. Go north this summer! enjoy lakeside dancing, transporting music, and starry nights with a community of friends. Check out these July and August CDSS camps [here](#):

- Pinewoods, Massachusetts
- Ogontz, New Hampshire
- Camp Louise, Maryland
- Camp Cavell, Michigan

...and where have we been?

Pat and Doug hopped “across the pond,” where they enjoyed dancing with Brit friends old and new at the **Eastbourne Folk Dance Festival**, near the south coast of England. They strongly recommend this delightful 4-

day festival, planned for **Evesham** next year. (Check out [May HeyDays](#).) Afterwards, they headed north for a lovely visit with **Mara Shea** in Aberdeen, then further north to the Orkney Islands, where they did not embarrass themselves at a Scottish dance.

SUN ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP 2019

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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).

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

Send newsletter by e-mail regular mail.

DANCE CALENDAR and teaching schedule

Dances are held every Thursday, 7:30-9:30 pm, usually at the [Reality Center](#), 916 Lamont, Durham, unless otherwise noted, with live music generally on 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Check sunassembly.org for updates. Suggested donation: \$7/night or \$25/month. More info? Call 919-286-2202 or 919-683-9672.

WHEN	WHERE	TEACHERS	SPECIAL INFO
Thurs., June 6	Reality Center	Leah Hefner	
Thurs., June 13	Reality Center	Mary McConnell	Live Music!
Thurs., June 20	Reality Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., June 27	Reality Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music!
Thurs., Jul. 4	Reality Center	Various	
Thurs., Jul. 11	Reality Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music!
Thurs., Jul. 18	Reality Center	Leah Hefner	
Thurs., Jul. 25	Binkley	Mary McConnell	Live Music!
Thurs., Aug. 1	Reality Center	Gail Lacy	
Thurs., Aug. 8	Reality Center	Pat Petersen	Live Music!
Thurs., Aug. 15	TRIANGLE DANCE STUDIOS	Leah Hefner	
Thurs., Aug. 22	TRIANGLE DANCE STUDIOS	Allan Troxler & others	Live Music!
Thurs., Aug 29	Reality Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Sep. 5	Reality Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Sep. 12	Reality Center	Gail Lacy	Live Music!
Thurs., Sep. 19	Reality Center	Pat Petersen	
Thurs., Sep. 26	Reality Center	Leah Hefner	Live Music!