



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing. . .

Your Pres Says

*Fellow Dancers,
August is shaping up to be a terrific month for dancers in Piedmont NC!*

To complement our two tea dances, we will be hosting a music seminar and sponsoring our Fourth Annual Showcase of Dancers.

We have received a grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation to expand the appreciation and understanding of ballroom dance music. In addition to the music seminar, ballroom music will be purchased for the Clemmons Library starting in August and should be available for borrowing by early September. Similar grant proposals are being written for Greensboro and High Point.

Our Fourth Annual Showcase of Dancers will be on August 23. We hope to have professional Showcases as well as Amateur and Pro/Am ones this year.

Between dances, remember to reserve your September 27 Black Tie Dinner /Dance tickets.

Take advantages of these great August opportunities! See you on August 10, 21, 23, and 24 – and hopefully at other times in between!

Marcia Barney



President's Salute for July

To Treasurer **Tim Stinson** (right) for:

- Ø Being a steady source of reason in a sea of emotion during years of outstanding service keeping our Chapter funds straight.
- Ø An exceptionally cooperative attitude and delightful sense of humor.



Music Seminar

Piedmont NC USABDA will be hosting a ballroom dance music seminar on August 21 at South Fork Community Center in Winston-Salem. Dr. Peter Collins, Musicologist, will instruct the seminar. Peter is also a former US Amateur Champion ballroom dancer who now owns a dance studio and competes in Pro/Am competitions with his students. The seminar is designed to help both the DJ and the dancer understand and appreciate ballroom dance music. Registration information inside.

Showcase of Dancers

Our Fourth Annual Showcase of Dancers will be held on August 23. The event starts at 8 PM with general dancing and Showcase numbers until 10. From 10 – 11 PM we'll just dance.

This is a great time to bring friends and relatives to see outstanding ballroom dancing. The evening should be a delight to both those who dance and those who do not yet dance.

Admission is \$10 and no reservations are required to attend.

August Tea Dances (Details inside)

August 10 – The Grange, Greensboro
August 24 – Skateland, Clemmons

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Directions to the Grange from Interstate 40: Take Exit 213 (Guilford College Rd). Go N app. 1 mile, cross Market St. Turn left onto Lindley Rd., Turn rt. onto Guilford School Rd. Grange is on the right.

Directions to Skateland: From I-40 on the west side of Winston-Salem take the Clemmons exit. Go south into downtown Clemmons. Turn right onto Cephis Dr. at the "Bronze Plaza" sign beside Dockside Seafood Restaurant. Turn left onto Neudorf Rd. Skateland is just ahead on the right.

Welcome New Members:

Linda and Don Rankin, (right) Lite Fantastic students and friends of the MacKeens, the Barneys, Bob McHone, Brona, and Sally, joined us on July 27.



Please come again!

Welcome Guests

Bill Caspary, a USABDA member from the Triange Area, visited us on July 13.

Lydia Endy, a USABDA member from Florida, visited us again on July 27.

Adina Harper came with her mother Virita to our July 13 dance.

Linda and Larry (left with Peggy Jennings)

Jackon, long time friends, visited again on July 13.

Virginia Miner danced with us first on July 27.



August Tea Dances

August 10 at the Grange:

Jim Brady will present a Fox Trot Lesson at 4:30 We'll dance to Bob and Lib Johnson's music from 5 – 7 PM.

August 24 at Skateland

Alan Berryhill will teach West Coast Swing at 5:30 Dancing to Hubert's Harmonies from 6 until 8 PM

What do YOU Think....

One dollar prize to each of the top 10 completions to this sentence: *If you want to lose a dance partner_____* Send entries to your editor.

2003 Calendar

Tea Dance and lesson - Every second Sunday
4:30 –7:00 PM at the Grange in Greensboro

Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth (except November) Sunday 5:30 – 8:00 PM,
Skateland, Clemmons

August 21 – **Music Seminar**, South Fork
Community Center, Winston-Salem

August 23 – **Showcase of Dancers**,
South Fork Community Center, Winston-Salem

September 19-28–National Ballroom Dance Week
Sept. 22, 23, 24, 25 – Introductory Ballroom
Dance Lessons

September 27 – Black Tie Dinner/Dance,
Benton Convention Center, WS

September 28 – Beginners/Newcomers Ball
October 26 – President's Day

November 30 – Holiday Premier Promenade
December 14 – Christmas Party

December 28 – Early New Year's Party and
Officer Installation, Skateland

The Music Seminar

Our August 21 Music Seminar is designed to enhance the appreciation and understanding of ballroom dance music for all dancers and all who select or play music for ballroom dancers. The cost to attend the 2½ (½ hour for refreshments and socializing) seminar is \$10 until August 15, \$12 after that. The event will be held at South Fork Community Center, 4403 Country Club Road in Winston-Salem, beginning at 7 PM.

The purpose of this seminar is to help insure that all dancers enjoy the music as much as Lucy Chambers and Henry James (right).



To register for the seminar, Send your name, address, and phone number – include your e-mail address if you'd like to get on our e-mail update list - along with your check (payable to "Piedmont NC USABDA") to:

Piedmont NC USABDA
PO Box 24022,
Winston-Salem, NC 27114-4022

*Partners don't live by bread alone. They need
buttering up once in a while.
The first rule of dancing is to make your partner
happy.*

Footnotes:

Ø Randy and Sue James (right at our Black Tie 2002) have become Gold Sponsors in our Friends and Sponsors Program.



Ø Hilda Forrest has become a Bronze Sponsor in our Friends and Sponsors Program.

Nominating Committee Elected

The Piedmont USABDA Board has selected the committee to nominate officers for 2004. The past presidents of our Chapter will comprise the committee: Hubert Barney, Bob Johnson, Martha Plyler, Will Parker, and Wayne Crowder with Immediate Past President Ellis Pardue as Chair. The committee will choose nominees for the following offices:

Vice President/President elect
Secretary
Directors-at-Large (3)

Each of these officers will serve for one year in the office to which they are elected.

The current Vice President/President-elect Homer Mason will automatically succeed to President and the other officer, Treasurer Tim Stinson, has one more year left in his 3-year term.

If you are interested in being a nominee for an office or if you have questions about the duties of an officer, call Ellis (right) at 760-3404.



Check our wonderful – and newly updated - web site: www.ballroom-dancing.org for regular dance opportunities.

Plan for this one:

Mtn. Empire USABDA Charity Ball – November 15, 2003 – to benefit the National Arthritis Foundation. Wytheville Community Center. Cost: \$10 per person. Information: (276) 783-5349

Get Involved Opportunities

- The Greensboro Jaycees have agreed to allow Piedmont USABDA to use their Greene Street building for dance classes if we will help them with administrative details during the GGO months of August, September, and October. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours (up to 4 every 2 weeks during those months) call Trudy Atkins at 454-3516 (daytime).
- Hosts for our monthly Tea Dances – call Lynette Smitherman at 454-3378 for 2nd Sunday or Michelle Darnley at 595-8317 for 4th Sunday.
- Assistance with decorating for the Showcase (decorate the afternoon of August 22) and for the Black Tie (decorate the morning of September 27). Call Marcia @712 -8183 or Max @945-4260.

Dance Truisms

- Dancing is a bit like a garden. If it isn't feed and cultivated, weeds take it over.
- Dancing – the triumph of form over patter.
- You don't have to be a great dancer to start, but you have to start to be a great dancer.
- Dancing keeps us physically fit. That's why we want to sit as close to the dance floor as possible.
- Patience is the best remedy for every difficult dance figure.
- Dance is a riddle. Unfortunately, the answer isn't written on the back of anything.

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Notes of Appreciation:

Ø To Mary Beth (left with Joe Lira) and Bob Jordan for hosting our July 13 Tea Dance.



Ø To Michelle Darnley for hosting our July 27 Tea Dance. To Henry James, Sally Wiese, Homer Mason, and Ellis Pardue for “pitching in” to help with clean up and water pitcher refills.

Ø To Ellis Pardue, Will Parker, and Hubert Barney for their help with the music seminar. To Hubert, Ellis, and Natasha Nimmons for their help with the Grant application.



Ø To Hugh and Sheila Walker (right) for the fun Shag/Swing lesson on July 13.

Ø To DJs, Bob & Lib Johnson on July 13 and Hubert Barney on July 27 for the music that makes us move and moves us.

Ø To Marilee Pardue, our smiling July 13 receptionist.



Ø To Zanida Ortiz (left with Music Chair Will Parker) for the Tango technique tips and nifty Aztec throw out figure on July 27.

Ø To Marcia Barney for voice, proofreading and help with the music.

Ø To our superb Web Master John Clark – when John plays we look better and better.

Ø To Dot and Homer Mason for taking good care of our Video Library and name tags.

Ø To Jim & Ann Astin, Trudy Atkins, Franzi Brown, Ellie and Joe Dolata, Ellis and Marilee Pardue, Lib Johnson, Peggy Jennings, Martha Plyler, Dot and Homer Mason, John Dorosk, Mary Beth Jordan, Gene and Donna McDonald, John and Maril Longinotti, Henry James, Linda and Don Rankin, Michelle Darnley, and the Barneys for the tasty Tea Dance treats.

Ø To all members who bring a positive, enthusiastic attitude to our dances and leave with a big smile, a warm glow and tired feet.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

New Video coming on August 24: “International Style Advanced I Quickstep” with Victor Veyrasset and Heather Smith. Another of Dance Vision’s outstanding videos.

Exhibit your expertise in our 4th Annual **Showcase of Dancers** on August 23. Reservation forms on website. No reservation required to attend – just plan to bring friends.

Make your reservations for the September 27 **Black Tie Dinner and Dance** early – forms on www.ballroom-dancing.org or call your Pres.

Register for the **Music Seminar** on August 21 at South Fork Community Center.

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