



# Ballroom Beat

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*We Promote Ballroom Dancing!*

## Your Pres Says

*Fellow Dancers,*

*The latter part of this year has many dance opportunities to enjoy! Our annual Showcase of Dancers on August 26<sup>th</sup> will be very exciting with exhibitions to view, group dancing, and great food. Put on your dressy attire and come prepared to have a good time.*



*Ballroom Sunday on the 27<sup>th</sup> is the best event in town for the money. You'll get a free Rumba lesson, 2 hours of dancing, a lot of friendship, and refreshments for a mere \$5 (\$10 for non-members) admission tab.*

*September 23 is our annual big event – a time for formal dress, a candlelight dinner, and dancing to an outstanding live orchestra. We'll also celebrate National Ballroom Dance Week in September.*

*Piedmont USA Dance is a fine dance group and the people are the reason. We hope you will bring new people to our dances and invite them to become a member.*

*I'll see you at the Showcase on August 26 and on the 27th at Ballroom Sunday!*

*May Neal*

## Under the Harvest Moon at The Millennium Center

The Millennium Center will be the site for our annual formal Big Band Night. Chair Linda Rankin has arranged an extravagant meal as well as free and convenient parking! In typical Linda fashion, no detail has been overlooked to ensure that this event will be a joy for all who attend.

The event will be on Saturday, September 23 from 6:30 until midnight. We'll start with a Latin cocktail dance. A dinner of prime rib and roasted turkey will culminate with a 4-foot chocolate tower dessert. Dancing from 8 PM until midnight will be to the big band sounds of Leon Jordan and The Continentals. We'll have a huge wooden dance floor right in front of the band stage.

A reservation form is enclosed. If you'd like to reserve a table, just note your choice of table companions at the bottom. Feel free to copy the form or obtain copies from [www.ballroom-dancing.org](http://www.ballroom-dancing.org).

### Showcase – August 26

South Fork Community Center Ballroom  
Details inside.

### Ballroom Sunday August 27, 2006

Skateland, Clemmons

5:30 PM Lesson – Rumba with Jim Brady

*General Dancing – 6:00 - 8:00 PM -THE floor  
Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney  
Hosts: Linda & Tom Siaton*

**National Ballroom Dance Week  
Beginner Lessons - September 18 – 21 & 24**

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## 2006 at a Glance

August 26 – Showcase of Dancers – 8 – 11 PM  
South Fork Community Center, Winston-Salem

August 27 – Ballroom Sunday, Skateland  
5:30 – 6 Rumba Lesson with Jim Brady  
6 – 8 Dance, Dance, Dance

**Ballroom Sunday** Monthly Dance & Lesson –  
Every fourth Sunday (Except December on the  
third Sunday) - 5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland,  
Clemmons on September 24, October 22,  
November 26, December 17.

Sept. 16 – 24 – National Ballroom Dance Week  
Sept. 18, 19, 20, 21, & 24 – NBDW Beginner  
Lessons, 8 – 9 PM, Flyer enclosed

September 23 – Big Band Night – *Under the  
Harvest Moon*, Winston-Salem

September 24 – Beginner’s Ball, Skateland  
November 26 – Holiday Premier Promenade  
December 17 – Christmas Dance

### Truisms

- Corrections, like rain, should be gentle enough to  
nourish a dancer’s growth without destroying  
their self-esteem.
- If you want to improve your dancing, improve  
your mindset.
- Bring all the happiness you can to the dance floor  
and watch it grow.
- You can chatter or dance, but not both at the  
same time.
- A lead is an invitation, not a command.
- When I was a beginner I admired good dancers  
most, now that I am experienced I admire  
considerate and happy dancers even more.
- May the best day of your past dancing be the  
worst day of your future dancing.
- If you’re not dancing, you’re wasting time.
- Dancing is the art of taking music for a stroll.
- Dancing cannot be inherited, but the desire to  
dance can.
- It’s true that hard work never killed anybody –  
it’s just that I’d rather dance.
- Dancing is like taking a shower in music.
- My greatest strength is that I try to keep my  
partner from discovering my weaknesses.
- You can seldom control your partner, but you can  
always control yourself.
- Don’t be afraid to invest your heart in your  
dancing.

**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

**Bill Roberts** (*right with Ann*), a friend of Ann Seats, joined us on July 23.



**Mary Beth Stanley** (*left*), daughter of Max and Polly Toney, joined us on July 23 also.

**Jane**

**Crouse** (*right with Jesse Anderson*), a friend from numerous Winston-Salem dance clubs, visited as a guest of Ann Seats.



**Todd Smith and Jo Ellen Carson** (*left*) joined through our Introductory Ballroom Dance classes.



**Ilse Watkins** (*below right*) also joined through our Introductory classes.



**Dee Schaffer** (*left*) joined through the August



Introductory classes.

## Welcome Guests

*Please come again!*

**Zach and Zenaida Lawrence** delighted us with a visit on July 23! Zach and Zenaida are the owners/instructors of All the Right Moves Dance Studio.

We are always delighted to see Carolina Heartland members **Wes and Lynette Smitherman** visit.

**Footnotes:**

Polly Toney are the first to win free admission tickets by sponsoring a new member of USA Dance. She sponsored her daughter Mary Beth. Now there's an example of a great family endeavor!

Ann Seats brought Jane Crouse to USA Dance. And that's a real example of friends helping friends have fun!

**Tidbit:**

A limited number of drink tickets are available for Big Band Night. The tickets are \$3 each and can be ordered when you send in your reservations by simply making a note and adding the cost of these tickets to your total. (At the dance wine will be \$5 per glass, imported beer \$4.) Tickets will be attached to your seating card when you arrive at the dance.

The  
**Showcase of Dancers**

Want to see and participate in some great dancing all in one evening? Saturday, August 26 is the day to do so! That's the date of our annual Showcase of Dancers.

The Showcase will happen at the South Fork Community Center Ballroom on Country Club Road in Winston-Salem. The time is 8 – 11 PM.

You'll get to dance to some all-time favorite dances accumulated from our music chair's extensive library of ballroom dance music. Then you'll get to see some exhibitions of ballroom dancing by both amateurs and professional dancers. After that we'll repeat the process again until 11 PM. The refreshments will be tasty and the atmosphere will be festive.

This is a great time to bring friends who are curious about ballroom dancing to see you dance, to see exhibitions, and to maybe even try a few steps themselves.



The cost is \$10 per person for a great evening of dancing.

Jim and Dianna Saddler (*above*) will show us just how much fun dancing can be with their Showcase Cha Cha.

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### National Ballroom Dance Week

National Ballroom Dance Week is September 16 – 24 and we'll be celebrating with something for the experienced and the beginning dancer:

September 18, 19, 20, 21, and 24 – Beginner Ballroom Dance classes with Waltz, Fox Trot, Cha Cha, Rumba, and Swing for those who would like to “get their feet wet” in ballroom dancing – a different instructor and different dance each night – flyer enclosed

September 23 – Big Band Night – see enclosure

September 24 – Beginner's Ball, Skateland

During September USA National is running a membership contest. The Chapter that increases their membership the most and the Chapter that has the greatest percentage increase will receive recognition and monetary rewards. Our Chapter has plenty of space to accommodate new dancers and we're always delighted to make new friends. In addition to the great feeling one gets from sharing a fun experience, remember, too, that members who bring a new member to our dances will receive a free admission to the next Ballroom Sunday. Someone introduced you to ballroom dancing and USA Dance – pass the favor along!

## Special Invitations and Happenings:

**Mt. Empire USA Dance** – Saturday, August 19, Tango Workshop with Wayne and Marie Crowder 2-5 PM, \$15 for USA Dance members. Evening dance with Quickstep lesson by Crowders 7:30 – 11 PM. \$7.50 for members. Information: (276) 783-5402 or (276) 783-5349.

**Winston-Salem Dance Forum** – Saturday, August 19, South Fork Community Center, Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, Ballroom dancing 8 – 11 PM; \$5 admission. 712-8183.

**Mambo Workshop** – Will cover Bornze Mambo syllabus, sponsored by Wayne and Marie Crowder 2-5 PM, August 26, Guilford Grange, Greensboro, \$30 per person. (336) 228-8037.



Ø To Tony Econ for the great Tango lesson on July 23. Tony gives private lessons by appointment. He can be reached at 407-2634.

Ø To Martha Plyler for arranging such great dance lessons for us!

Ø To Don and Linda Rankin, John Dorosk, Linda and Tom Siaton, Brenda Davis, BJ and Roy Foster, Al and Ivete Narizzano, May Neal, Wes and Lynette Smitherman, Dick and Helen Heck and the Barneys for treats at our July Ballroom Sunday Dance.

Ø To all members (*such as Linda Rankin and Charlie Goode above*) and guests who brought a spirit of camaraderie and fun to our July Ballroom Sunday!

Check our fabulous web site: [www.ballroom-dancing.org](http://www.ballroom-dancing.org) for regular dance opportunities, registration forms, and other valuable information.

## Notes of Appreciation:

Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance.

Ø To Tim and Debbie Moore (*right*) for taking such good care of our ever-growing Video (and DVD) library!



Ø To Tom and Linda Siaton (*left*) for hosting our July Dance.

Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music,

lights, camera, proofing, inspiration...

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Another outstanding Dance Vision videos will be added to our extensive video library on August 27: *American Foxtrot – Advanced I Technique & Principles*. David and Carrie Kloss are the instructors.

Invite at least one non-dancing acquaintance to our National Ballroom Dance Week Beginner Classes on September 18 – 21 & 24.

See you at the **Showcase** on Saturday, August 26 at South Fork Community Center.

Get your reservation in for **Big Band Night** on September 23.

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