

The Arkansas Country Dancer

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The Arkansas Country Dance Society was founded in 1978 to develop and promote American folk dancing and the music to which it is danced. The Society is a non-profit educational organization open to the general public. ACDS holds dances on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday nights of the month in North Little Rock, sponsors dance events throughout the year, and performs at special events around the state. ACDS is a group affiliate of the Country Dance and Song Society.



Fall Dance Weekend



The Fall Dance Weekend which has been held at Mt. Nebo for the last 14 years will be held at Petit Jean Mountain this fall. We will miss some of the beauty and rustic atmosphere that was apart of Mt. Nebo. We hope that the accommodation availability will make up for some of that loss. Petit Jean will have its own pleasurable times.

Information, registration information, and a schedule are available on an inside page.



New Membership & Newsletter Editor

We welcome Cynthia Henderson who has volunteered to become Membership and Newsletter Editor for the upcoming year. Your membership for 2009 and election ballots will be sent to her at 2807 N. Ekie Ave., Russellville, AR 72802.



President's Corner:

from Carolyn's desk

We have an ACDS election coming up and if your dues are paid for 2008, you should find your ballot enclosed. Please take the time to vote and either drop off your ballot at a dance between now and the Semi-Annual Membership Meeting on November 21st or mail it back to us before then. It means a lot to the dance community that you take the time to express your interest in ACDS as an organization and participate in the election and the semi-annual meetings.

Well, Mt. View Dance Festival on September 12-14th had some great dancing and a few surprises! The feedback I got was that everyone thought the clog dancing was great again this year – thanks to all the teachers, the dancers and musicians and especially to the Parking Lot Cloggers! And I heard likewise about the other dance performances: the Romanian troupe, the Ceili dancers, the Scottish performers, etc. And the workshops were all big hits as well so thank you instructors. Phil Jamison did a great job as our main guest instructor/caller and the Old 78's (Curly and Carole Anne) were fantastic as was the ACDS band and the Leatherwoods too!

We had the evening dances on the auditorium stage and that was a popular with the dancers too! And, then there was the storm! Sorry we all had to finish so abruptly due to the power outage Sunday morning and not have the traditional hymn sing and last dance! And, Steve and Joanie's Hidden Creek party had to be cancelled too. The cancellations cut short our usual goodbyes so email hugs to all our distant friends that we see too infrequently. I hope you all got home safely and hope to see you again soon. Please let us know what we can do to improve the Festival for next year, other than not having another storm (!), and we will try to accommodate!

Next big event will be the November 7-9th Dance Weekend at Petit Jean. Fran and Joseph LaFace have put together the accommodations, booked the Petit Jean Rec Hall, and planned for the band. The dance programs and the other details are available in the newsletter and on the website: www.arkansascountrydance.org. If you need accommodations, please contact Fran at fclaface@swbell.net. We are excited to have the event at Petit Jean this year instead of Mt. Nebo because P. J. offers so many more options for accommodations, food, and hiking during non-dance hours. Please make your plans now for another fun weekend dancing in the Arkansas State Parks and enjoy our mountains and natural sights!

Carolyn Shearman

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Petit Jean November Dance Weekend

November 7th – 9th, 2008



Join us at Petit Jean State Park for great dancing, music, fellowship, hiking, and plenty of fresh mountain air. We will have Contras, Squares, English Country Dance, Waltzes, Style sessions, and much more.

Friday, November 7th there will be a social dance at the Petit Jean State Park Rec Hall in the evening from 8-10pm.

Saturday, November 8th there will be workshops during the day with an evening social dance from 7-10pm. There will NOT be a potluck before the dance but you may bring snack foods if you wish for munching during the dance.

Sunday, November 9th there will be a workshop in the morning and a social dance to top off the weekend.

Accommodations:

Fran LaFace has booked blocks of rooms at Mather Lodge and Winthrop Rockefeller Conference Center. Plus, camping is available in Petit Jean State Park. Please contact Fran at 501-327-5739 or fclaface@swbell.net if you wish to stay at either the Lodge or "WinRock." Mather Lodge rooms run about \$70 per night and require a two night stay. Winrock rooms run about \$75 per night and only require a one night stay. For camping, contact PJSP at 501-727-5441.

Food:

There are restaurants on Petit Jean Mountain at both the Mather Lodge and Winrock. Mather Lodge serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7am to 8pm. Winrock has a nice restaurant with a well-known chef and fine cuisine and it also serves breakfast, lunch, and dinners. For Saturday night, there will NOT be a potluck but dancers may bring a snack to share during the social dance from 7-10pm.

Weather:

The weather in November is variable so bring layers. It is typically 60's in the day time and 40's at night.

Hiking:

There are a number of great scenic hiking trails in Petit Jean State Park with hikes ranging from 1 ½ to 10 miles. Pick up a trail guide at the PJSP Visitor's Center and enjoy!

Registration:

Cost is \$20 per person. You don't have to pre-register but it helps us get a count of participants and pay for the Hall!

Please send checks to:

Joseph LaFace
29 Smoking Oaks
Conway, AR 72034

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____



ARKANSAS COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY



2008-2009 SCHEDULE
Park Hill Presbyterian Church
3520 JFK Blvd.

ACDS dances are held each 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday at 8 p.m. at Park Hill Presbyterian Church 3520 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock. Admission is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Annual membership, which includes the newsletter, is \$7.50 per adult member.

The Arkansas Country Dancer is published during the year. Articles, letters, and artwork are welcome and appreciated. Please send them directly to Cynthia Henderson at 2807 N. Ekie Ave., Russellville, AR 72802 or cylassie@gmail.com. All submissions are subject to editing and all opinions are those of the author only.
Submission deadline:
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OCTOBER 2008

- 17 Regular Dance
- 24 English Dance
- 31 Dance Party Night

NOVEMBER 2008

- 7 - 9 *Petit Jean Dance Weekend
- 7 No Regular Dance in NLR (all activities are at Petit Jean Mountain)
- 14 English Dance
- 21 Semi Annual Meeting 6:30 PM
- 21 Regular Dance

DECEMBER 2008

- 5 Regular Dance
- 12 English Dance
- 19 Holiday Dance Party

JANUARY 2009

- 2 NO DANCE
- 16 Regular Dance
- 23 English Dance
- 30 Dance Party Night

FEBRUARY 2009

- 6 Regular Dance
- 20 Regular Dance
- 27 English Dance

MARCH 2009

- 6 Regular Dance
- 20 Regular Dance
- 27 English Dance

All dances are at 7:30 P.M.

* Dances NOT held at Park Hill Presbyterian Church .

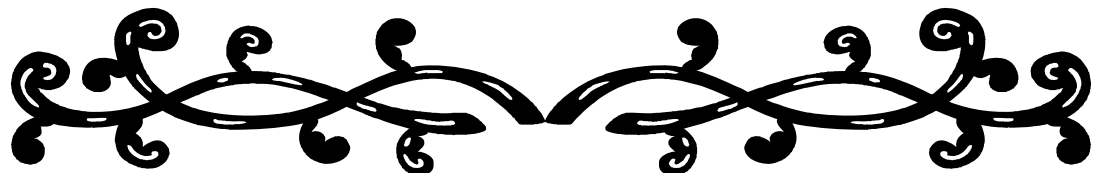
Tax Deduction!

Remember that your contributions to ACDS are tax deductible!

ACDS WEB PAGE

The ACDS web page is located at:
www.arkansascountrydance.org

The Country Dance and Song Society web page can be found at:
<http://www.cdss.org>



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Good News!!!

We are certainly thankful to have David and Donna back with us after his heart attack while they were visiting Chris in Austin, Texas.

Friday Dance Party October 31, 2008

Friday night October 31, 2008 is another Dance Party Night. It seems very appropriate to dress in costume and bring a treat for all.

!!HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!

ATTENTION ALL ACDS MEMBERS

It's that time again to elect ACDS officers for a two-year term. Nominations have been submitted by the committee of Keith Klosky, Rebecca Austin, and Charles Mullins. . Please return the ballots included with this Newsletter before the General ACDS Meeting to be held before the dance on November 21,2008.

The committee has nominated Carolyn Shearman as President, Patricia Pennington for Vice President, David Peterson as Secretary, and Murph Hughs for Treasurer. The new officers will be sworn in (not at) soon after the ballots are counted.