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President's Message Unavailable This Month



Upcoming Carolina Heartland Events

August 12— American Cha Cha Workshop, Guilford Grange, 2:00-4:00 pm, taught by Jordan Jewell from Raleigh, \$20. Includes free admission to evening dance. Reserve a spot by contacting Melanie at infvivi@aol.com or 919-563-0350.

Important: to hold the workshop, we must have at least 9 people registered by evening of Thursday August 11.

August 12— Monthly Dance, Guilford Grange, 7:00-10:00 pm. **Note the day and time change.** (No pre-dance lesson). Free admission for those who attended the cha cha workshop, otherwise \$5 for USA Dance members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students, free for first-time guests. Dance will still be held if workshop is not.

September 10—Monthly dance. Shag lesson with Marsha & Less Rose at 2:30, followed by social dancing 3:15-5:00 pm.

September 29 through October 1— Carolina Fall Classic dance competition in northern Charlotte, partly sponsored by Carolina Heartland, in northern. For more information see www.carolinafallclassic.com. As usual volunteers will be needed to help produce the event.

NBDW Showcase Returns!

Back by popular demand, the National Ballroom Dance Week Fall Showcase will return this year on September 17 for its 12th consecutive year.

As usual it will be held at the spacious Greensboro Shrine Club from 4 until 7 pm, for a low admission price. And as usual there will be several exciting dance performances, over 2 hours of great social dancing to specially selected recorded music, and great refreshments.

Also as usual, members are stepping up to help produce the event. Lib Johnson will again be the event chairperson, assisted by Victoria Paterline as co-chair, Mel Paterline (enlisting performers) and several others. And there will be a need for additional volunteers; you do not need to be a Carolina Heartland member to volunteer.

Below is a note from Lib, summarizing some of the volunteer efforts needed.

Performers: We need our favorite dancers performing again. You will soon be receiving the entry form along with the reservation form, via email. Urge your favorite performers to sign up.

Publicity: We are looking for a few volunteers with fresh ideas about attracting people to the event, people to place posters in strategic places about town, and to place event notices at various online sites as well as newspapers.

Set up: Need people to help the decorating committee on day of the event. We will need a few people to cover the tables and arrange the decorations on the tables, lay out the printed programs, and a few to usher guests to the tables.

Refreshments: Many volunteers are needed to provide "finger foods" for the food table. ("Finger foods" because it is hard to keep things like meatballs hot). Contact Lynette Smitherman to let her know what you would like to bring, at lwsmitterman@gmail.com.

Also we need a few people to accept the food as it comes in and place it on the serving table, to serve punch, and to keep refreshing the food on the tables.

Take down: we need people to help take down decorations, food service area, and any equipment that was set up.

Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact Lib at libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

This year, our showcase will not be a part of the Greensboro 17Days arts festival, which has been moved to late October. We still expect large attendance. When flyers/reservation forms become available, send them to your friends in other parts of NC and surrounding states. This is a great Sunday day trip event, and it ends early enough that the people can get back to the Triangle and other areas before late night.

Important Chapter News

The Carolina Heartland election for board of directors will be held prior to the **November 12** monthly dance. The USA Dance by-laws require an election at least every 2 years. The term of office for the 9 directors will start in January 2018 and end in December 2019.

All eligible members (current in their dues) can vote for the board, as well as volunteer to run for the board. The by-laws require the chapter members to elect the members of the board, and then the elected board will decide who the 4 officers will be as well as who will handle the other important jobs. Those jobs include membership director, as well as directors of volunteers, publicity, communications, etc.

USA Dance suggests voting for people with business and leadership abilities, as well as artistic, creative, and financial abilities. That is to ensure success of our monthly events as well as special events, such as the Black Tie and NDBW showcase, and to make sure the revenue that these events produce is well spent. Your annual dues go to support the activities of USA Dance as a whole.

As the by-laws require, a nominating and election committee has been appointed, which will handle the nominating process. By-laws allow the nominating process to be open until as late as October 2.

If you want to volunteer to be on the new board, please contact one of the committee members:

Linda Jackson, chair (lj dances7@gmail.com, 336-210-0324)

Trudy Atkins (trudy@newhomeguides.com, 336-235-3095)

Jan Yarborough Coats (jan_coats@jyarborough.com, 919-493-7695)

Treasury Balance for July 15: \$3179.05

Great Position Still Available!

There is still a job opening for newsletter chief editor. See Lib Johnson or Trudy Atkins if you are interested. Perhaps a team can be put together to produce the newsletter, with someone writing and editing and someone else doing layout work.

Other Chapter News

A host is needed for the **August 12 Saturday night dance**. As our current rules allow, the host will receive free admission to the dance. See Linda Jackson (contact info above) if you want to volunteer. Hosts and tellers are also needed for dances later this year., Linda also has the information on those.

Dance Opportunities

Friday, July 21 – Step Set Dance Club, River Landing, 7:30-9:30 pm. Wes, 336-454-3378.

Saturday, July 22– 4th Saturday Horizon Dance. Guilford Grange, 8-10 pm. Lib Johnson, 336-299-7412

Sunday, July 23 – Piedmont USA Dance, Jerry Long YMCA, Clemmons. 4 pm lesson, 4:30-6:30 dance. Marcia, 336-712-8183

Friday, August 4– 1st Friday Dance, Guilford Grange 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro. 8-10 pm. Great dance floor. Lib, 336-299-7412.

Saturday, August 5—1st Saturday Dance, Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem. 8-10 pm. 336-659-4305.

Sunday, August 6 —Tim Saunders 1st Sunday Dance, Guilford Grange, 3:30-5:30 pm. Tim, 336-324-1924.

Friday, August 11 - 2nd Friday Dinner Dance, High Point Elks, 700 Old Mill Rd., 7-10 pm. Music by Rodney & Carolyn Williams, Reservations: Carolyn 336-945-3635, cvkw@twc.com.

Saturday, August 12 – Greensboro Social Dance Club, Lewis Recreation Center, 8:00 pm. Eileen Leggio 336-643-6088.

Friday, August 18 – Step Set Dance Club, River Landing, 7:30-9:30 pm. Wes, 336-454-3378

Saturday, August 19– Piedmont USA Black Tie Dinner/Dance, Lexington, NC, 6:30-11. Info: Marcia 336-712-8183

Saturday, August 26– 4th Saturday Horizon Dance. Guilford Grange, 8-10 pm. Lib Johnson, 336-299-7412

Classes – Southfork Rec. Center, Winston-Salem, with Allen Berryhill. Wed: Beginner Ballroom 7:30 pm, Non-beginner 8:30; Thur: Non-beginner 7:30, Beginner 8:30. 336-659-4305.

June dance photographs by professional photographer Steve Raeford

L: Tim Saunders & Virita Harper R: Your chief editor (aka The Giant Lime) & Doris Kiser



July Dance photos by Linda Jackson



Left:
Jordan Jewell &
Jessica Baltos

Right:
Mel Paterline &
Robin Borsos



June/July Heartland Report

The small group in attendance for the **June 11** dance were treated to a couple of rumba amalgamated patterns in the great pre-dance lesson taught by Tim Saunders. Then they enjoyed dance music programmed by Charlie Hafer.

We thank Al Kamperman and Lynda Williams for their great decorating and hosting, including setting up the tables and chairs, and also thank Al for acting as teller. Also thanks to Al and Lynda, Mary Beth Jordan, and Cherrie & George Wheaton, for bringing refreshments.

The attendance at the **July 9** dance was much larger, about 30 dancers, and followed a special board meeting attended by a total of 22 members. The Tango dance lesson by Jordan Jewell was an excellent mix of body frame, technique, footwork, and patterns, and we thank Jordan for staying for the social dance and dancing with many appreciative ladies. Then we had social dancing to great music provided by Rockie Troxler.

We thank Lib Johnson for being host and designing very pretty patriotic flower arrangements, Linda & Larry Jackson for setting up prior to the meeting and dance, and also the following people for bringing refreshments: Lib Johnson, Charlie Hafer, Linda Jackson, Jan Yarborough, Mary Beth Jordan, Mary Lou Troxler, Ken Lommel, and Lynette Smitherman.

Our next monthly event will be on Saturday August 12, starting with a Cha Cha workshop, taught by Jordan Jewell at 2 pm. And then there will be a social dance at 7 pm. See article at top of page 1 for more details.

