

The Grapevine

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HELLO, HELLO, HELLO



IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE

I hear the Moose Promenaders are dancing every Thursday night at 7PM.



Note from the Grapevine Editors



First off I want to give a big thank you and job well done to Jim and Laura. They did a great job with the Grapevine for three years.

My name is Stephen F Bigelow and I have been square dancing for over 30 years. I enjoy this activity that brought me to Northeast Florida to dance with a beautiful young lady named Marie. Unfortunately she passed 10 years ago. I continue to enjoy this activity that has so many

memories. I look forward to continuing the bright and informative past of the Grapevine editors before me including Charlie and Val Newsome, Charlie and Sara Beth Pergrossi, Bill and Angie Morgan, Chuck and Mary Giera, Jim and Laura and many other editors over the decades.



Dance Club News

(For clubs that are dancing or planning to dance)

The Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville – Caller Bill Chesnut



The Moose Promenaders resumed our regular Thursday night dances on June 18th with Bill Chesnut as our caller (see picture to the left). Dance attendance was relatively small at first, but we have grown to where we are now dancing with three squares much of the time and with always at least two squares. Please join us on a Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

We have restarted our Advanced Square Dance Lessons. These lessons are open to all interested dancers who are proficient in Plus Square Dancing. Lessons are offered before our regular dance. They typically start about 6:15 pm and end at 7:00 pm. There is no extra cost for these lessons.

We have two scheduled theme dances. The first will be on December 3rd when we will host our annual Kay Walker Dance, and we will also celebrate December birthdays. Kay Walker was a longtime member of our club who died tragically in an automobile accident a few years ago. Kay sponsored an annual dance at the Moose Promenaders where she collected Christmas toys for local needy children and cash donations which she used to purchase additional toys. We have continued to host these dances after Kay's death. Several other local dance clubs have joined the crusade with similar collections. Susan Snider has taken over the management of this worthwhile charity for Kay.



JACKSONVILLE

Moose Promenaders

Mainstream & Plus Square Dancing
with
occasional Round Dancing
and Line Dancing
Advanced Square Dance Lessons
6:15 – 7:00 PM
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 - 8:30
PM
Club Dance 8:30 - 9:30 PM

Moose Lodge 2020
5051 Collins Road
Jacksonville, Florida
Caller - Bill Chesnut

Presidents

Jim Maroldo 904-215-7922

jcmaroldo@gmail.com

& Laura Martin 941-928-8994)

whitedog67@netzero.net

Banner Chair - Kathleen Lovorn

katrinerober@aol.com

We will be having our annual Christmas party on December 17th. The Moose Lodge kitchen staff will be preparing a Christmas dinner for us featuring turkey and ham plus the normal side dishes. The dinner will start at 6:15 pm and will be free for all Promenader members who have paid their \$10 dues for 2021. We Promenaders will still need to pay the dance admission. The dinner cost for each guest will be \$8; the \$5 dance admission. If guests prefer, they can come to the dance at 7:00 pm for the normal dance donation of \$5. Bill Chesnut will be our caller and Margaret Newberry of Palm Bay, Florida will cue at this dance.

We are going to start a new introductory dance class on January 7th. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning to square dance, please have them call Jim Maroldo on 904-215-7922.

We hosted Part II of our annual Amateur Caller night with Adrienne Faris (shown with Bill Chesnut on the left) and Laura Martin (with Bill on the right). Both were exceptionally good, and everyone enjoyed dancing to their calling.



We combined two dances on October 29th – our annual Halloween Dance and our planned Cowboy-Cowgirl dance. The later dance was originally scheduled for the period when our club was temporarily closed. It proved to be a very fun evening.







Please join us for a fun evening.

Pictures and article by Jim Maroldo

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- November 19, 2020 – Club meeting at 9:00 pm (including election of officers)
- November 26, 2020 – Thanksgiving (no dance)
- December 3, 2020 – Kay Walker Dance and December Birthdays
- December 17, 2020 – Christmas Dinner Dance
- December 24, 2020 – Christmas Eve (no dance)
- December 31, 2020 – New Year’s Eve (no dance)
- January 7, 2021 – First Night of Lessons
- January 14, 2021 – Second Night of Lessons

The Grand Squares – Gainesville – Callers Lon Ligon & Jim Duncan

The Dixie Dancers – Lake City – Caller Bill Chesnut & Cuer Ralph Beekman

The Dixie Dancers are working on plans to restart their club. Stay tuned for future announcements

Square Wheels Camping Club - Caller Bill Chesnut & Cuer Ann Hadsall

Mary Chesnut
(352) 475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880

Don MacGregor
904-375-1252

Gail or Gary LaRue
352-861-1583

Hello Square Wheels members,

The Christmas camping weekend Dec 4th and 5th is quickly approaching and I don't know about you but we are ready for a fun time. If you plan to attend, you must call and make your own reservation at Lake Oklawaha RV Resort, (352) 546-5500. The rally rate is \$29.70 per night. You may be required to make a one night deposit. There are new owners of the park and they are very interested in us coming.

Obviously Covid-19 has caused some concern, but we felt that with several changes we would still be able to have a weekend of camping and socializing. In order to accomplish this, we have to eliminate the dinner and any potluck eating. Everyone will be responsible for their own food or sharing with friends you feel comfortable eating with. We will still have the bagged dinner on Friday but space ourselves accordingly in the hall or if the weather cooperates, we may just sit around outside and eat together.

The same would go for Saturday and there will be no Sunday breakfast. Please bring you own drinks because we will not provide water, coffee or any other drinks. There will be after parties for those that wish to attend, but you must bring your own drinks and snacks.

There will be square and round dancing for those that wish to partake. We encourage masks use but it will not be required. Bill will have a clinic on Saturday afternoon for those that wish to dance and Ann has agreed to have a round dance clinic. Everyone is encouraged to bring games that they wish to play. We will still have the gift exchange but with a blind exchange and surprise reveal that will be different than we have done in the past. I promise it will be fun and safe. Please bring a \$10.00 unisex or generic gift if you wish to participate in the exchange as either a couple or individual. If you have already purchased a gift, don't worry about it, it will just make it more fun.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their Christmas attire and having a weekend of safe fun.

I am also attaching the calendar for next year. As you read through it, you will notice that there is no camp out in February at this time. The Olustee Battle Festival in February has been cancelled and we have not been able to find a campground that will take us at that time of year. If anyone has any ideas, let me know. We will have a short Club meeting on Saturday at 1:00.

If you have any questions, please contact me at:
dmacgr@comcast.net or call (904) 314-7210

Before you come to the camp out, please consider your health. If you have any signs of illness including, fever, temperature, feeling a cold coming on, sore throat, coughing, sneezing, flu like symptoms, etc., please do not come. We will miss you but we must protect others as well as ourselves.

Sincerely,

Don and Sherry MacGregor

SQUARE WHEELS
Chapter 128
CAMPING SCHEDULE - 2021

(Subject to change – Please verify – Revised 11/03/2020)

Jan 15-16 Eagle Roost RV Resort, 5465 Mill Store Road, Lake Park, Ga 31636, (229) 559-5192 Rate is \$38.34 including all taxes. There is no cable but 14-15 channels are available from Valdosta and Tallahassee. Must make your own reservation, deposit required.

Feb 19-20 OLUSTEE BATTLE FESTIVAL Cancelled

Mar 19-20 Red Oaks RV Resort – 5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, Fl.33513 (352)793-7117
Rally rate - \$30.00 Must call campground and pre-register with a deposit.

Apr 16-17 Lake Oklawaha RV Park - 15991 NE 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, Fl. 32134 (352) 546-5500 Rally Rate \$29.70 per night. Must call campground after Jan 1st to make your reservation and give one night deposit. This is requirement of KOA.

May 21-22 Southern Oaks RV Resort – 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, Fl. 34491 (352) 347-2550. Rally Rate \$34.00 (subject to change). Make your own Reservations at campground

Jun 23–26 70th National Convention – Jackson, MS Fairgrounds
Follow the Rayne Train camping and dancing to the International Camporee

Jul 6-8 63rd NSDCA International Camporee – Rayne Civic Center, City of Rayne RV Park, 210 Frog Festival Drive, Rayne, Louisiana 70578 – Roaring Into “The 20’s”

Aug. 20-21 Wild Frontier Campground, 3101 NW 16th Ave. Ocala, Fl 34475 (352) 629-3540
Campground is on US 441N just behind American Choice RV. The Rally rate \$35.00 including tax. Make your own reservations. All of the campsites are 50 Amp. Bring a 30 Amp reducer if needed.

Sep 24-25 Cedar Key RV Resort – Cedar Key, Fl. 32625 Campground is located on Hwy 24, about 7 miles before Cedar Key. (352) 543-5097. Make your own reservations Rally rate 35.00

Oct. 21-24 **FANSDC 45th Annual State Camp-O-Ree** – Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avacado Lane, Eustis, Fl. 32726 “Halloween Haunting” will be the theme. See Flyer

Nov 19-20 NEFSARDA Fall Festival in Jacksonville Beach - Camping at Hanna Park or Mayport Naval Base

Dec 3-4 SQUARE WHEELS/GYPSY SQUARES CHRISTMAS PARTY Lake Oklawaha R.V. Park- 15991 N. E. 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, Fl. 32134. 352-546-5500. Rally rate \$29.70 per night. Must call campground to make reservation and give one night deposit. This is requirement of KOA.

For additional information please contact one of the following:

Mary Chesnut
352-475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880

Don MacGregor
904-375-1252

You can also dance to Bill on Tuesday nights, with the Dixie Dancers in Lake City or
Thursdays nights with Moose Promenaders in Jacksonville.

The Salty Bobbers – Steinhatchee – Callers Charlie Pergrossi

A quick update from the Salty Bobbers! Our facilities in Steinhatchee are still in lockdown status so we're just bobbing along, waiting for the opportunity to get back in a square. Several clubs in our area have tried to restart but most of our dancers are still cautious and refrain from socializing in public. It looks like many are waiting for that wondrous vaccine now in the making before stepping out to dance. We want to wish everyone a joyous Thanksgiving, and here's hoping we can announce in December that we've back dancing again.

KAY WALKER TOY DRIVE DANCE

As you know we usually have dances to collect toys to be donated to the Clothes Closet of Orange Park to be given to children during the Christmas season. This tradition was started by Kay Walker who danced with The Moose Promenaders and The Seabreeze Singles. Kay loved square dancing and donating toys to children whose parents might not be able to afford them. This year as a result of the Covid Pandemic this problem could be even worse for those children. In a effort to continue this tradition, I plan to be at St. Catherine's to collect toys from those who want to donate. I will be in the Parrish Hall Saturday November 28th and Saturday December 5th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The square dance community has always been very generous when it comes to supporting worthy causes and I don't want this virus to stop that tradition.

I miss seeing everyone and hope that you are doing well.

Susan Snider

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

2021

June 23-26

70th National Square Dance Convention, Jackson, Mississippi www.70nsdc.org
register70@yahoo.com 921-412-8140

July 19-21

17th US Handicapable Square Dance Association Convention, The Edgewater Hotel at the Aquarium and Conference Center, 402 River Road, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 800-277-0362 – Rick Yates 386-734-2110 – note the dates are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

September 3-5

The 50th Dance-a-Rama Festival of Single Square Dancers in the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines, Iowa. For further information contact the dance's chairman, Susan Lee, at rflxsue@aol.com or call 515-244-3247.

2022

June 22-25

71st National Square Dance Convention, Evansville, Indiana, www.71nsdc.org
register70@yahoo.com 765-662-2553

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ULTIMATE FUN IN 2021 - WELCOME TO JACKSON!

HOME OF THE 70TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

Our Soul Team board was so looking forward to going to Spokane for dancing fun and getting more registrations for our convention. Also getting to sell all the Ways and Means we have because we



must raise money to put on our convention. Dan and I were looking forward to traveling this last year like we have for the last three years across the USA promoting the 70th NSDC. As all of you are stressed by all the Covid-19 issues so is our board. We want to get people registered and have a big "Reunion" dance next year in Jackson.

We sure hope we get to see all of you in Jackson because our board has been working hard to plan you a fun convention. They can hardly believe there is only ten months till our Convention. There are ten great tours planned to take you all over the state. The Everything Elvis tour is a four-day tour before the Convention starts to take you into the life of Elvis that was born in Mississippi. You want to get registered for the Wednesday night special event that has an Elvis Tribute artist that has won Elvis contests. You will thoroughly enjoy his performance along with the great meal that will be right after the opening ceremony that occurs at 5:00 pm. After the convention you can make plans for Dancing Fun in the Sun on the "Glory" ship going to Eastern Caribbean with Justin Russell and Mike Hogan.

Our Education Chairman, Barbara Read, has developed a program that you will enjoy. The theme for the Education Program in Jackson will be Educate with Soul. She will help those that started the Leadership Certification Program (LCP) in Atlanta to get it finalized in Jackson. The Sew & Save program will provide Make & Takes with Beads & Buttons being the theme. Beaded zipper pulls, Beaded T-shirts, Beaded Pictures, and Jewelry. Look for more plans for Education programs in upcoming E-Magazine editions.

Our Convention center will have dance halls for all our regular dancing. There will be a clogging competition in the Hilton Garden on Friday and Saturday. Wood floors will be provided where needed. There are 6 dance halls on the first floor for different levels of square dancing and round dancing. The second floor has more dance halls for clogging, contra (with live band at night), line dancing, youth, and more squares and rounds, all the education rooms and storage areas for callers and cuers and exhibitions, the NSDC Archive room and the Showcase of Ideas. The third floor has more square and round dance halls and the theater that will be used for the USDA meeting on Wednesday, the Round Table on Thursday, the bid session and Key Note Speaker, Mike Seastrom, on Friday and the Fashion Show on Saturday. Our Vice-Chairman for the Fashion Show, Linda Carlile, has planned National Fashion Shows before so you know you are going to enjoy it very much.

In the next nine editions of the E-Magazines you will hear from our different board members all the plans they are making for you so that you can plan the dances, tours, special events, education sessions and all the other things that will be going on



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in Jackson the "City with Soul". So be sure to check out the E-Magazine each month to see what is available at the 70th NSDC.

Psst - have you heard Patsy Cline may be there along with Elvis?

Dan and Glinda Torvik

General Chairman - 70th National Square Dance Convention®

NEFSARDA and the Florida Federation

We still plan to have our annual Kay Walker Children's Christmas Gift Collection in December. If the local clubs remain closed into December, collections will be held at the December 3, 2020 Moose Promenaders' dance or at designated collection sites that will be identified later.

Susan Snider

Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

The 67th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention has been POSTPONED – NOT CANCELLED – *only POSTPONED!!!* But--the dates have been changed. The 67th Florida State Convention will now be held on March 4th and 5th of **2022**. Everyone has agreed to remain on board and everything will remain the same. Carol and Richard Douget have graciously agreed to continue chairing the convention, and they are carrying through with their original theme: "LIGHTING THE WAY TO FRIENDSHIP AND FUN" featuring Lighthouses.

Carol and Richard want to convey that there is no need to worry about having bought items that are "dated" as they will be not reordering replacements until the present inventory runs out. There are still plenty of shirts available – maybe they will become collector's items, you never know. Also, a reminder that if you have already purchased raffle tickets for the beautiful Lighthouse Quilt and/or the two (2) beautiful 5-foot Lighthouses, don't toss them away as the drawings will still be held at the convention in 2022. Remember your name and phone number is on the ticket half that the Douget's kept, so you won't lose out either way.

Hotel and campground reservations cannot be made now. Most places will not accept reservation this far in advance even under normal conditions. We will just have to wait to see what the future holds. There will be more information in the ensuing months. In the interim, please stay safe, as directed. Wear your masks, as directed. Keep social distancing, as directed. Wash your hands, as directed. And above all, keep in contact with your friends by phone, facebook or email, let them know you're thinking of them and wishing them well. A little LOVE goes a long way---so spread a little L-O-V-E!!!

Judy Anderson, Publicity

News and Happenings

Our next square dance cruise will sail from New York City on the Carnival Magic on September 11, 2021 and return on September 18, 2021.

- This is the same basic itinerary as the cancelled 2020 cruise, but it is a seven day cruise.
- The Booking number is H03JF0 - BOB 6 Square Dance Cruise.
- The Deck 6 mid-range price estimate (before insurance and gratuities) is \$1,311 for an interior cabin; \$1,831 for an ocean view cabin; and \$2,291 for a balcony cabin.

We have until the end of December 2020 to make our reservation and use the full refund from the cancelled 2020 cruise, including our \$600 room credit. The amount you paid for the last cruise will be credited to this cruise. Paul and I have already made our reservation. Manny is currently working from home, but he has the same telephone number, 800-819-3902, extension 85172. Leave him a message and give him a couple of days to respond. We look forward to another wonderful cruise



with "BOB." If you have any questions, please give call me or send me an email. Thanks again,
Marilyn Scott 904-264-9392 mjanescott@bellsouth.net

Dances & Dancing Events That Have Been Recently Cancelled

(This is the first time that these cancellations have been reported in the Grapevine)

November 13-14, 2020 – The 46th Annual Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, Florida

February 20-21, 2021 – The Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in Daytona,
Beach, Florida

March 18-20, 2021 – The WASCA Spring Festival in Alexandria, Virginia

Farewells and Concerns

We have several dancers in our community who are not well. Their situations are sometimes temporary and sometimes serious. We ask that you keep these dancers in your thoughts and prayers, plus we hope for speedy recoveries for all. Please notify us about all dancers who should be on this list by contacting us on squaredancejax@gmail.com.

Dale Fredrickson of the Moose Promenaders

Linda Knapp of the Moose Promenaders

Bobbie Luke of the Moose Promenaders

George Tower of the Moose Promenaders

Maxine Thomas of the Seabreeze Singles

Bud Taylor of the Moose Promenaders

In Loving Memory



Note from our editor: "On October 25, 2020 the square dance community lost a valued friend, mentor and caller when Art Wilson passed away. I personally considered Art a true friend. When I was thinking about resuming becoming a caller Art was my mentor in that journey."

Art enjoyed golfing and traveling but his passion was being a Square Dance Caller and Instructor, which he did for 35 years. He started a club called the Sweet "Art" Squares and became President of the Northeast Florida callers Association and the Florida Callers Association.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Fred Wilson, his sister, Helen Wilson Journigan and his son John Wilson.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lucille Martin Wilson,
If you would like to make a memorial gift in Art's name, please consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society or Community Hospice.

Cards can be sent to Lucille Wilson 481 Wilson Lane, Yulee FL. 32097

Art and Lucille served:

1986 – Committee for Spirit of '86 – 50 years of Square Dancing

1983 - President of Florida Callers Association

They were members of:

Fun n' Frolic

Gator Promenaders

Moose Promenaders

Sweet Art Squares



Gene & Bonnie Nardi

Obituary from funeral home: "Gene R. Nardi, 83, passed away on November 9, 2020. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana and retired from the US Air Force. Mr. Nardi enjoyed golfing, square dancing, playing piano, NASCAR and the Seminoles football team. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Bonnie Nardi; 2 daughters: Suanne (Mike) Duff and Michelle (Mark) Morig; step-son: Jamie Rhodes; 2 brothers: Ronnie (Kay) Nardi and Richard Nardi; sister: Regina Nardi (aka Princess) and her husband, Bob; 5 grandchildren: Zach, Jake, Clayton, Micayla, Haley; 2 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Ron (Vicki) Baugh; and a host of extended family and friends. Funeral services will be held 11 AM, Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL with visitation held 1 hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in procession to Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, FL (Lane 2)." Gene served in the military during the Vietnam War. To send cards: Bonnie Nardi, 2086 Farm Way, Middleburg, FL 32068

They were members of:

Clay Allemanders

Moose Promenaders

Special Dances Outside of Northeast Florida

(Please check with the contact person(s) listed below for the latest information.)

2021

January 16

January Shine, Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, Fl. – callers Nancy & Ted Kennedy and cuers Terri & Tim Wilaby – contact Terri Wilaby 850-712-5230 terriwilaby@hotmail.com