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Health & Sympathy

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations and Federation officers and any others who are well known to the Florida square and round dance community. Listings for others can be found on the website (www.dancergram.com – Health & Sympathy).

Don't forget to go to www.dancergram.com for additional information on West Coast dancers!

Sue Reardon, wife of caller **Ron Reardon**, has injured her back and is waiting for an appointment with a spine specialist. If you would like to send cards, her address is 4635 Olive Drive, Zephyrhills, FL 33452.

Art Springer is healing nicely and will start calling again December 1.

Dave Muller, a caller for the Northwest Association, has had a heart attack and a blockage of 99% in one of his arteries. A stint has been inserted to alleviate further issues (from that particular artery) and he is doing well at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, AL. Well wishes can be sent to his home at 300 Apache Drive, #3B, Enterprise, AL 36330.

A forwarded email I received from **Dave Muller** on Sunday:

Hi Everyone,

I am sending out this email to all you compassionate and generous friends who were so kind to call and email me. Short and sweet..... (Susan is finishing dinner), I got home today (Sat.) around 4:30 PM from the hospital. Walking from the insertion of the wire for the stint is bothersome but that is all I have to complain about (isn't that great!!). That will take care of itself within days.

Thank you all for your love and prayers at a time that was scary for me.

Dave

How do I get in touch with....??

This contact list can also be found at

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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

November 6, 2011 – **26th Annual MacDonald Training Center Benefit Dance** – Strawberry Square

November 11 – 12, 2011 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow, FL

November 18 – 19, 2011 – **Northeast Association's Wild Wild West Fall Festival** – Jacksonville

January 26 – 28, 2012 – **Florida Winter Festival** – Lakeland

March 16 – 17, 2012 – **Central Association's 12th Annual Shamrock Swing** – The Villages

May 25 – 27, 2012 – **58th Florida State Convention** – Lakeland

If you see a flyer that has my name and contact information stamped on it, I have ribbons for that dance.

Northeast Association's Fall Festival

GET ON YOUR HORSE AND RIDE TO NEFSARDA'S FALL FESTIVAL NOV 18—19

The final countdown has begun. In one month's time, we'll be hoopin' and hollerin' in Jacksonville Beach at the Northeast Fall Festival Wild*Wild*West! Break out your best western duds, shine up your cowboy (or girl) boots, dust off your hat and hitch up your horse as you mosey into Jacksonville Beach.

This shindig will be held on Friday & Saturday, November 18 & 19, 2011

at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 428 2nd Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach 32250.

Our sheriffs, Jack & Kathy McKinney have ambushed

"Get Yer Gun" Roland Morin and "Round 'Em Up" Lisa Wall to serve as our guest caller and cuer.

Things You Need to Know about the Fall Festival

Food will be provided for both evenings. NEFSARDA will provide Pizza on Friday night and an Ice Cream Social on Saturday evening. Arrangements have been made with a local Girl Scout troop to serve refreshments. So come out and plan to relax all weekend!

Each of our Northeast clubs are making their plans for **decorating their table** at the event. The decorations may be simple in keeping with the western theme, but will definitely add to the atmosphere of the Wild Wild West.

Motel rooms at Comfort Inn & Suites Oceanfront sold out quickly, but our quick thinking Chairs were able to secure a few additional rooms at the same price of \$79 for a poolside room and \$99 for Oceanside. **The deadline for this fantastic offer is November 1st**, so act quickly if you still need accommodations. All After Parties will be held at the host hotel. Comfort Inn & Suites Oceanfront, 1515 1st Street North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 (904-241-2311)

Our **camping dancers** haven't been forgotten. Our host campground is Hannah Park, 500 Wonderwood Dr., Atlantic Beach, 32233, 904-249-4700. The discount rate is \$25.43 if you indicate that you are a square dancer. If you have military privileges you may elect to stay at Mayport Naval Base. Both campgrounds are only a short distance from St. Paul's Catholic Church and the host hotel, so you won't be missing any of the action. In fact, knowing many of our camping dancers...there's bound to be lots of action at the campgrounds! Jerry Wright is serving as wagonmaster for this year's event, so give him a call at 904-284-7544 if you have any questions.

A **Gifts Galore & More Basket** will be raffled off on Saturday night. Linda Tester has attained gift cards to such spots as Starbucks, Winn Dixie, Longhorn Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Bahama Breeze, and Petco. There are 2 ribbons to the 2012 FL State Square & Round Dance Convention, admission to the fantastic dinner theater Alhambra, and a subscription to the Bow & Swing. This is only a partial listing of items in this basket. The gift cards are for national chain locations, so you don't have to use them in Jacksonville either! Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. They are available at our local club dances and will also be available at the dance Friday & Saturday of the festival. You do not have to be present to win, but who would want to miss this terrific weekend of fun?

Wild Wild West T-shirts will be available for purchase at \$8.00 each. These shirts originated with caller Mark Fetzer as he promoted this year's festival. The idea has been a big hit and you don't want to be left out...so pick up your Wild Wild West T-Shirt soon. The 2012 FL State Convention will be drawing the winning raffle ticket for the **3G Kindle wireless reader**. You need to act fast as the drawing will be held on Friday evening, November 19th. Only 300 tickets are being sold for this wonderful item. Raffle tickets for the Kindle are available through each Association President or Ways & Means Chairman. You do not have to be present to win.

Ribbons are still available at the low advance price of \$15 per person. If you wait until the event, you'll have to hand over additional \$\$ - price at the door is \$18 per person for the weekend. One day ribbons will only be sold at the door - \$10 per person. Penny Green is carrying ribbons in the West Coast area.

Our **Program Book** is packed full of information about this year's event as well as ads from all our supporters. This valued resource will help point you to the services and products available throughout Northeast Florida. We certainly appreciate the support of our advertisers and ask that you consider them when you have need of their services, and tell them that you saw their ad in the Program Book. This will assist our Ad Chairmen visit again for their renewal.

Our Chairmen have organized a terrific line up of **talent for your dancing pleasure**. Our guest caller will be Roland Morin of Central Florida, and our guest cuer will be Lisa Wall of Jacksonville. Maxine Thomas and Billy Luper will be on hand for your Line Dancing sessions as well. On Saturday afternoon we will be able to dance to our own Northeast callers. It doesn't get much better than this!

For general info on the Fall Festival, please contact Jack and Kathy McKinney at 904-249-3224 or jacknkathy1@bellsouth.net. New dancers are invited to come and watch for free.

Sara Pergrossi, Editor, *The Grapevine*

2012 National Square Dance Convention



61st National Square Dance Convention®
 June 27 - 30, 2012
 Spokane, Washington

Circulate in

**Washington State
 Spokane, Washington
 June 27 – 30, 2012**



Educational Opportunities

In addition to all of the dancing scheduled in the four days of Convention, here are some of the educational opportunities that you may not want to miss.

<p>Keynote Speaker: Tom Miller</p>	<p>Tom is a full-time modern western Square Dance caller who has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He has recorded with several record labels and is currently recording with ESP Records. He is a member of the Appalachian Callers Association of Western Pennsylvania, and CALLERLAB.</p>
<p>Leadership Certification Program</p>	<p>A combination of Panels, Seminars, and the Keynote address. It is intended to enrich a dancer's knowledge. Get fun ideas, materials you can use, and help for challenges you face in your local clubs.</p>
<p>Clinics</p>	<p>There will be various 'intro' sessions to different levels of Square and Round Dancing, such as Hexagon Squares, Progressive Squares, and Intro to Latin Dancing.</p>

Panels	Topics will be discussed by three to six experts, and then opened up to question and answer sessions with the audience.
Seminars	Seminars will be given by representatives from CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB, CONTRALAB, ARTS, and USDA, as well as independent presenters.
Sew & Save Sew Creatively	Watch demos, and learn new ideas. A place to relax and let the 'creativity' spark happen. There will also be an 'emergency repair station' for clothing mishaps.
Bid Sessions	Who will bid to be the host city for National Convention in 2016? Join in the excitement.
Convention Programs and Publications Display	Come browse the display of NEC History Books, 61 years of National Square Dance Convention® programs and other dance publications; get ideas that you may choose to use in your local publications.
Showcase of Ideas	Pick up literature, pins and ideas from the different States across the Nation to share when you return home.
Caller Training Seminars	Callers or aspiring Callers will not want to miss these sessions provided by CALLERLAB.

Dance Party

If you have been to the past few Nationals, you know about the dance competition. For the 61st NSDC we have titled the competition, “2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing”. It is held during the week with both an “Open Dance Party” for all ages and a “Youth Dance Party” for dancers under the age of 18. If you have never been, then this will just add to the fun that you will learn about when attending your first National Convention.

As you may or may not know, the 2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing we put on is strictly for fun. We are lucky to have some of the best National Callers try and break the Squares down with strictly Mainstream moves. The Open Dance Party will be held on Friday, June 29 in the Mainstream Hall. The Youth Dance Party will be on Saturday, June 30, also in the Mainstream Hall. The National Executive Committee (NEC) will be awarding Medals to all Squares that finish in the top three places (1) Gold, (2) Silver, and (3) Bronze. We thank the NEC for providing these medals.

This year, we are trying something different. You can get your Square together now and register online to join in the fun. Click either the “Open” or “Youth” instructions for more information.

You can fill out the form and submit it back to us by clicking on the “Send” button after filling out the form, or drop it in the mail to:

61st NSDC 2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing
210 ½ N. Perry
East Wenatchee, Washington 98802

We look forward to seeing you at 2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing in June of 2012. It promises to be a great time for all.

OPEN DANCE PARTY:

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012.

YOUTH DANCE PARTY:

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012.

Tours for the 61st National Square Dace Convention®

LOCAL TOURS

Explore Spokane and the area surrounding it.

So much to do ~ so little time...

Dinner and Spectacular Laser Light Show on Grand Coulee Dam June 28 & 29 5:30pm-12:30am

Travel through Eastern Washington’s rich farm country and learn about the Cataclysmic Ice Age Flood along the way. Stop for dinner overlooking the dam before touring the Visitors Center. Next, see the Laser Light Show on one of the world’s largest dams, Grand Coulee. The show is narrated and accompanied by music.

Includes: Motor coach, guide and dinner.

Buck Knives, Cabela’s and the Nut Factory June 29 9:30am – 3:00pm

Take a tour of famous Buck Knives, a knife manufacturer, which has lasted through five generations, starting in 1902. Founded in San Diego, they moved the plant to Post Falls, Idaho in 2005. Then, it is on to visit Cabela’s, the world’s foremost “outfitter” of outdoor gear. This is not just a store; it is a destination, with huge displays of wild animals and outdoor scenes. We will have a catered lunch on site. Last stop is The Nut Factory to see the roasting of the nuts; taste the freshly roasted nuts and shop in their gift shop.

Includes: Motor coach, guide and lunch at Cabela’s.

Spokane Winery Tour June 28, 29 & 30 1:00 pm 5:00pm

Did you know Washington is the second largest wine producing state in the country? On this tour stop at Arbor Crest Winery perched on a rock 450 feet above the Spokane River, taste their wines, then tour the grounds and Riblet Mansion, once owned by an inventor. Next visit

Mountain Dome Winery, Washington's premier sparkling winery where the sparkling wine (Champagne) is made the European way. Last stop is Latah Creek Winery and Gift Shop. Latah Creek is heralded by Wine Spectator Magazine as one of the top producers of Merlot in Washington State.

Includes: Motor coach, guide, and three wine tastings.

First Time to a Convention?

Washington State is very excited to be hosting the 61st National Square Dance Convention® in 2012. The Convention will be held at the beautiful *Spokane Convention Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201.*

You will have a wonderful time in Spokane in 2012. We have so much planned for you, our new Square Dance friends.

There will be dancing from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm on over ten dance floors. There will be Mainstream, Plus, A-1, A-2, Challenge, Youth, Contra, Clogging, and Handicapable dance floors. The Round Dance teaches during the day will be Phase 2 thru 6. Round Dancers will have their own dance halls and they will be able to Round Dance between tips in the Square Dance Halls. Country Western couple dancing and Line Dancing are also scheduled. There are *Education* sessions that will give you an 'intro' to the various levels of Square and Round dancing. And ... the Ghost Riders Band, a ***live band*** to dance to, will be in the Mainstream Hall ***every night***.

In addition to all the dancing available, there will be ***Education*** sessions that will be very worthwhile. The subjects will be mostly about Square Dancing ... but not all of them. We will also have a sewing seminar that will teach you different things for Square Dancers interested in sewing. These include several "make and take" classes.

There is so much going on in those four days.

You can even work in some shopping in downtown Spokane while you're here. However, if you'd like to look for new Square Dance clothes there will be over **35** Square Dance ***shops*** to entice you in the Convention *Vendor* area.

There will be ***tours***, one to Glacier Park, another to Leavenworth and Seattle prior to the Convention, and an Alaskan cruise following it. In addition there are many half-day tours scheduled in and around the Spokane area to add to your enjoyment and memories of Spokane in 2012.

The 61st National Square Dance Convention® has contracts with multiple ***hotels*** in the Spokane area. Be sure to check the 61st website www.61nsdc.com and visit the Housing webpage to view the Housing Internet site and see information about the hotels that are available. ***RV Camping*** is also available.

We look forward to seeing you in Spokane!!

The Rolling Hills of the Palouse/Wheat Country

The Palouse is a region of the northwestern United States. It encompasses parts of southeastern Washington, north central Idaho and extends into northeast Oregon. It is a major agricultural area, the fourth highest wheat-producing region in the world.

The Palouse area is a photographers dream - a land of amber waves of grain and warm-hearted people. Nineteenth Century architecture and remnants of pioneer farms entice any photographer.

There is more to the Palouse country than wheat fields. Ride a raft down and a jet boat up the Snake River through Hell's Canyon, the deepest gorge in North America. Plan a picnic at Palouse Falls State Park. Palouse Falls, where the Palouse River tumbles 198 feet over layers of basalt lava deposited here during the last Ice Age.

In addition to mountains and sprawling agricultural beauty, the Palouse Hills are rich in history, dating back more than 10,000 years. Native Americans were settled here when the Lewis & Clark expedition came through. It is an area where settlers first stepped foot in Washington. By 1910, there were 22,000 people scattered in 30 communities around the Palouse region.

The Palouse is known as wheat country but did you know it's also the lentil capitol of the world. Millions of pounds of lentils are shipped to Europe, South America and the Middle East.

Spokane, 70 miles north, is a major hub of the region. It became known as the capitol of the Inland Empire; which included all the wheat producing regions, local mining districts and lumber producing forests. Spokane also served as the main railroad and transportation hub of the entire region.

Come to the 61st National Square Dance Convention® and take time to explore the rest of the state. There is so much to see. It truly is America the Beautiful.

THE TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2012 NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

NUMBER 10 – THE BEAUTIFUL STATE OF WASHINGTON – Washington has so much to offer the Square Dancers that attend the Convention. From those beautiful spacious skies and amber waves of grain of eastern Washington to the purple mountain majesties of the Cascade Range above the fruited plains of central Washington to the shining Pacific Ocean, Washington State is America and all that it stands for.

NUMBER 9 – FASHION SHOW - Join us for our "Apple Blossom Garden Party", as we stroll through the fragrant gardens and orchards. Sit back and enjoy the Square Dance fashions modeled for your enjoyment by Dancers from around the country and the world.

NUMBER 8 – SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER - The Convention itself will be held at the beautiful air-conditioned **Spokane Convention Center**, which is right downtown and located in the middle of Riverfront Park and close to restaurants and lodging accommodations. It will all

be under one roof, with wonderful floors for dancing and an audio system that delivers the best sound ever. From seminars to the Fashion Show, and the Showcase of Rounds to the vendors, and all the rest, the **61st National Square Dance Convention®** will have it all, so that you, the dancer, will come away when it is over wishing and wanting for more, wishing for it not to be over.

NUMBER 7 – ALASKA CRUISE - If you ever thought about a cruise to Alaska, this is the one to take! The 61st NSDC looks forward to capping off the Convention with an exciting journey to the great land of Alaska. As a place where glaciers thunder and the sights are so stunning they take your breath away, we will set sail for Alaska via Holland America Line's MS Oosterdam from Seattle. And yes, there will be more dancing on board the ship and in Juneau! Friends and family are all welcome on this spectacular trip. We hope you will join us! The dates are July 1-8, 2012. Make your plans now and make this a vacation to remember! Find more information on our website.

NUMBER 6 – 2012 DANCE PARTY - If you have been to the past few Nationals, you know about the Dance Competition now called 2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing that is held during the week, with both Open, for all ages, and Youth, for dancers under the age of 18, competitions. If you have never been, then this will just add to the fun that you will learn about when attending a National Convention

NUMBER 5 – GHOST RIDERS SQUARE DANCE BAND - We are VERY EXCITED to officially announce that The Ghost Riders Square Dance Band will be appearing at the 61st National Square Dance Convention® in Spokane. You will be able to enjoy listening, and have fun dancing to them Wednesday night at the Trails-End dance, then Thursday through Saturday in the MAINSTREAM Hall during the Convention.

NUMBER 4 – WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL EVENT - *The "Timebenders"* sing & perform music from the 50's, 60's and on to the present. With multiple costume changes and their impersonations of famous stars, it's a roller coaster ride of fun and energy.

NUMBER 3 – TOURS - A wide selection of sightseeing tours has been arranged in order to provide a pleasurable choice for just about everyone. There is a Spokane City Tour, Green Bluff Acres-Alpacas, Shopping, Farm Lunch, and Wine Tour, Buck Knives, Cabela's and the Nut Factory Tour, Grand Coulee Dam, Dry Falls/Geologic Tour, Spokane Winery Tour, Shopping and Chocolate Tour, The Silver Valley and Historic Wallace Tour, Dinner & Spectacular Laser Light Show on Grand Coulee Dam Tour, Public Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene Tour, Private Lunch Tour on Lake Coeur d'Alene Tour, a Washington State Tour, and a Glacier National Park Tour. Detailed information on the tours can be found on the 61st NSDC website. Don't forget your camera!

NUMBER 2 – EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES – In addition to all of the dancing scheduled in the four days of the Convention, here are some of the Educational Opportunities that you will not want to miss – Keynote Speaker Tom Miller, Leadership Certification Program, Clinics, Panels,

Seminars, Sew & Save - Sew Creatively, Bid Sessions, Convention Programs and Publications Display, Showcase of Ideas, and Caller Training Seminars.

AND THE NUMBER 1 REASON TO ATTEND THE 61st NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION IS:

DANCE – DANCE – DANCE

There will be Square Dance floors providing a dance program that will include Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and Challenge. All levels of Round Dance will be featured. There will also be Contra, Clogging, Youth and Handicapable dance floors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 61st NSDC, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.61nsdc.com

Bow & Swing Editorial

The following is an excerpt from the *American Square Dance* Editorial by Bill Boyd, Editor of the *Bow & Swing* and *American Square Dance*:

It was an unbelievable comment. "I don't know that caller so I will not be going to the dance." The reference was about a National Caller visiting Florida to call a special dance and then conduct a seminar for our caller's association. And, if you have been around Square Dancing for any length of time you probably heard the same comment yourself. Years back, most all callers encouraged dancers to visit as many dances as possible. While learning, different callers, different voices, even different sequences added to our dancing pleasure and improved our dancing. Not only have I, but most all dancers find dancing to other callers enjoyable. This mini rant is for dancers and callers alike, encourage your dancers new or experienced to visit and dance to other callers.

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Cory-Ography In The Classroom

By Corben Geis, Vice Chairman of the Callers in the Schools Committee, CALLERLAB

Did you know that some of the junior high and senior high students excel on the more challenging calls? Some really do not like the traditional basics at all.

Grand Squares and its variations are enjoyable to teach to the students. Here's an experiment for a caller going into a room of non-dancers. Try teaching them how to

Relay The Deucey. Can you do it? It makes the caller a better communicator and the dancers better listeners.

How about Teacup Chain for the girls then for the guys? Reach back into some of the calls that haven't been around in years like Daisy Chain or Rip & Snort. For fun I've spontaneously made up calls and had the kids name the call. Or have the kids try to invent a call. Sometimes I let a student try calling a tip with me. This is a lot of fun.

It's interesting and impressing to see school students executing calls like Spin Chain The Gears and Cast A Shadow. It is a good teaching and learning tool for the caller. Why and how? The caller doesn't have the luxury of angel dancers pulling the students through. It's the caller, the microphone and the student dancers.

Stan Burdick has some great and inexpensive mini manuals which are worth looking into for clever and creative choreography in the classrooms. For more details...contact Stan at 518-543-8827.

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Square Dancing in Colleges and Universities

"CALLERLAB Foundation Grant Program"

At one time, many colleges and universities had active student square dance clubs on campus. For example, in Colorado there were square dance clubs at Colorado University, Colorado State University, Northern Colorado University and Denver University. Most of them started in the late 1940s and were active through the mid 1980s.

In most of these student square dance clubs, the callers were also students. They took turns on the microphone and each caller had his or her set of memorized dance routines. Most of the clubs had the guidance of an experienced square dance caller who lived in the area.

These clubs became a great source of couples who met at the square dance club, married, and continued to dance. Many of these couples are still dancing today. The clubs also were the source of many square dance callers who continued to call after graduation.

The CALLERLAB Foundation has established a special grant fund for square dancing in colleges and universities. The goal is to encourage a continuing set of square dances at these institutions with the hope of not only introducing college age people to square

dance, but also to generate interest in young people to learn the art of calling and leading square dances.

This is an ambitious project and needs the help of both callers and dancers to identify potential colleges and universities that might be willing to start a continuing set of square dances with the financial help of the CALLERLAB foundation. The rules and application process are simple and can be printed from the Foundation website at www.callerlabfoundation.org.

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Tips for Your Tips

A series devoted to helping you become a more confident dancer

By Jan Thompson

Guide to Being a Great Angel

1. Smile! Be encouraging. Be gentle with your attitude and words.
2. Wear your name badge; it helps to make things more personal and friendly.
3. Do not talk during the tip. The students need to hear the caller/teacher clearly and without distractions. Save any comments you want to make until after the tip.
4. Do exactly what the caller/teacher calls. For example, do not do a Swing before a Promenade unless it is called.
5. Do not rush through a call. Students need time to process what they hear the caller/teacher say, and then they need more time to react.
6. Help to keep the formations neat. For example, lines and columns should be relatively straight. Try to keep your lines and waves parallel to the walls (not diagonal) and to each other. This will make it easier for the students to identify both the formations and their position in them.
7. You are the example the students see. Do the calls accurately, without taking short cuts and without adding flourishes. Examples: During Do-Sa-Do, a dancer faces the same wall throughout the call. Circle to a Line is not defined as Slap and Veer. There are no hand contacts in Weave the Ring. Do not add a twirl after a Swing.
8. Use hand contacts consistently to establish formations and keep them neat. Establish eye contact with everyone in your square, especially the person with whom you are about to interact. (Refer to Tips for Your Tips articles.)
9. If you notice someone repeatedly making the same mistake during a tip, at the end of the tip (A) you can give the student the name of the call and suggest he/she approach the caller/teacher for clarification, and/or (B) you can give the caller/teacher the student's name and the call involved and let the caller/teacher handle the matter as he/she sees fit.

Thank you so much for being there!

If you can, review the call definitions before the classes. It will help if you have recently familiarized yourself with the definitions as listed by CALLERLAB. They can be found at dosado.com/lists/defs/bs-msdef.htm.

***Courtesy of the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association, NNJSDA.org
Grand Square, September 2011***

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Petticoats for Russia

There are four running square dance clubs in Russia in the moment. The “Palace Square Dancers” in St. Peterburg celebrated their 5th anniversary in September 2011. Ken Ritucci (USA) called the special dance “Golden Autumn”. He has done so much for Russia. He spent his own money and time in this special event. We are sure he had fun and would like to come back...

For one weekend in St. Peterburg many square dancers from the far North (the “Onega Wave Dancers” of Ptrosavodsk/KJarelia, the “Sunday Smiling Dancers” of Pskov, and the “Polarlight Dancers” of Murmansk) gathered to dance. All of them really love square dancing.

Two new square dance groups in Russia are growing very fast since summertime; in Kaliningrad (formerly German Koenisberg) and in Moscow.

Last summer about 30 square dance beginners have been training in one of the lovely parks in Kalioningrad every Sunday morning. They now have a training room in German Russian House. Their leader Olga is learning the figures together with her students, because she hasn’t graduated yet. But she’s enthusiastic about square dancing. They are studying singing calls to demonstrate square dancing on stage and in TV. But their problem is, that they only have three petticoats. In Moscow there is the same problem. A young lady, Alsu, is teaching the figures for 14 or 16 beginners. They would like to show square dancing to other people in the German Russian House, but they only have two petticoats.

In each club the ladies rotate, using the petticoats. So that everyone can enjoy the felling of wearing such lovely clothing.

But very soon all of them will become very well dressed. We asked in Germany about petticoats, but couldn’t find any. But, when we wrote to our dear friend Betsy Waite in Texas, she asked her friends and she has got a lot of petticoats in a short time. Our square dance friends in the United States are very generous. It’s like Christmas in advance. Many thanks to all the donors. I’m sure, you can imagine the happiness of all the Russian ladies. They love the elegant styling.

If there is a celebration for the first graduates in Kaliningrad and in Moscow next year, we will send a report.

Traudel and Eberhard Salz
Vice President “German Russian Square Dance Friends”
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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

Things I Am Thankful For In Square Dancing

1. Dancers who donate their time to serve as officers of clubs and state federations. This requires a lot of work with very little recognition. Square dancing would be down the drain without these volunteers.

2. Dancers who assist at Handicapable clubs. These people have a lot of love in their hearts. The same goes for those who call for these groups.
3. Callers who donate their time to call without pay at National Conventions, state conventions and at charity events.
4. Callers in caller organizations who voluntarily give up a Saturday or Sunday every month or so in order to meet and improve their calling skills.
5. Dancers who help at Beginners Classes. Week after week people volunteer so that clubs can be maintained with new blood.
6. Callers who teach beginners classes. Without them our activity would die.
7. Dancers and callers in exhibition groups, who provide uplifting entertainment at the National Convention and at state conventions. It takes a lot of time in rehearsal to prepare the routines, and we all get great enjoyment watching their performances.
8. Music producers who have provided outstanding music over the years, and in the last decade have only broken even or lost money. Dancers are inspired by great music, and we sure get a lot of it.
9. Dancers who volunteer at local and state publications, thereby keeping everyone informed about what is going on in our activity.
10. The countless friends one makes while in square dancing. Because of festivals and conventions, in addition to one or more home clubs, square dancers likely have more friends than anyone in any other activity.
11. The square dance activity itself. The combination of countless friends from all walks of life, opportunities to travel and dance in other states and countries, and beneficial exercise for both body and mind, makes square dancing one of the greatest activities in the world.

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of October 24, 2011

NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's issue.

Monday (October 24) – ***Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance*** – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. If you have danced this level before, you can come at 6:00 p.m. for a rusty hinge workshop. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

Temple Twirlers – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Gary Murphy**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage

Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. Square dance attire preferred. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

Tuesday (October 25) – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Hobo Stew Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – beautiful wood floor – Halloween and hobo costumes welcome! Prizes for three categories of costumes. For info: jgsap@yahoo.com or sgdnfan@aol.com.

J and C Spin-a-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Phase IV – V 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., Advance – Beginners Mixed Rhythms 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: spinards@tampabay.rr.com or 727-525-7809.

Suncoast Squares – MCC King of Peace Church (rear entrance by the parking lot), 3150 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg – These dances are for the GLBT and Straight Communities – all are welcome! Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream Squares – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.; plus Squares 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. - \$2.50 donation for Rounds; \$5 donation for Squares – casual attire. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: rritter@ij.net.

Wednesday (October 26) – **Timber Pines** – 6872 Timber Pines Boulevard, Spring Hill – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa - square dance attire optional – for gate access and directions call 352-666-1546.

Strawberry Square C-1 - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Keith Stephens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

Kings Point Swingers Advanced Round Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Wes Morris; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating tips. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (October 27) – **36th Annual Florida Square and Round Dance Camp-o-ree** – Wekiva Falls Resort, Sanford, FL. For info: <http://www.flridasquaredance.com/fansdc/camporee.html> or Luu & Stan Crosby at 813-875-2172 or stanluu@msn.com. Please see flyer at www.dancergram.com.

Chapters 139 Limonaders/and 143 Florida Wheelers will be attending the 36th State Camporee – Wekiva Falls RV Park, Sorrento, FL – For info: 139: Jack and Betty Davis

863-738-8533 or jbdsqdancers@netzero.net or Charles and Roberta Feathers 863-285-1272 or rochar22@yahoo.com.

Jacaranda Trace – A-2 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. For info: 941-408-2627.

Suncoast Squares – MCC King of Peace Church (rear entrance by the parking lot), 3150 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg – These dances are for the GLBT and Straight Communities – all are welcome! A-1 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$7 – casual attire. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: ritter@ij.net.

Promenade Squares Halloween Party – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

Citrus Squares – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: lalecl@aol.com.

Friday (October 28) – Northwest Association's 37th Annual Roundup – DeFuniak Springs Florida Community Center, 361 N. 10th Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL – Featuring: Tom Miller, Chuck Myers, Patty Ping and Bob Poyner. Cuer: Bill Bovard. Weekend - \$10 per person for NWFSRDA member/ \$20 for non-members. Split Ticket-Non Member Friday Night \$10 per person/Sat. Workshop and Dance \$15 per person. For info: Louie and Wilma Flowers 850-549-5517 or Paul and Cheryl Miller 850-939-6688.

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Dixie Grande Squares – Grace Lutheran Church, 321 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com or 863-651-3292 (c) or 863-293-9369 (H).

Spinning Wheels Halloween Dance – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa. Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – casual attire. For info: raindancer999@yahoo.com.

Sun City Swingers Halloween Party - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **George Varney**, Cuer: Pat Hagen. Club Members will provide delicious pumpkin deserts. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: Geri and Tom at gikilgallon@verizon.net or 813-633-9742 or Donna and Frank at 813-634-7016.

Saturday (October 29) – **Northwest Association's 37th Annual Roundup** – DeFuniak Springs Florida Community Center, 361 N. 10th Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL – Featuring: Tom Miller, Chuck Myers, Patty Ping and Bob Poyner. Cuer: Bill Bovard. Weekend - \$10 per person for NWFSRDA member/ \$20 for non-members. Split Ticket-Non Member Friday Night \$10 per person/Sat. Workshop and Dance \$15 per person. For info: Louie and Wilma Flowers 850-549-5517 or Paul and Cheryl Miller 850-939-6688.

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Strawberry Square Halloween Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., Plus with Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Square dance attire preferred – Caller: **Sam Dunn**, Cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, or Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

Palace Promenaders Hobo Dance – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin – Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336.

Sunday (October 30) – **36th Annual Florida Square and Round Dance Camp-o-ree** – Wekiva Falls Resort, Sanford, FL. For info: <http://www.flridasquaredance.com/fansdc/camporee.html> or Luu & Stan Crosby at 813-875-2172 or stanluu@msn.com. Please see flyer at www.dancergram.com.

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Timber Pines A2 Dance - 6872 Timber Pines Boulevard, Spring Hill – A1 – A2 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. caller: Bob Bourassa - square dance attire optional. For info: 352-666-1546.

Orange Blossom Squares Halloween Dance – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Keith Stevens**, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

Monday (October 31) – Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. If you have danced this level before, you can come at 6:00 p.m. for a rusty hinge workshop. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

Temple Twirlers Halloween/Birthday/Anniversary Dance – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. Square dance attire preferred. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

West Coast Classes and Workshops National Caller and Cuer Colleges

Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.) exact address (with city) where class and/or workshop will be held, instructor’s name, contact name, email address and phone number.

Please keep in mind that this information needs to be communicated out to new dancers! It’s not a secret!

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October 18, 2011 – **Phase III-IV Choreographed Ballroom Figure Clinics, Dance Reviews, New Routines....and Dancing** – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street (Big Lots Shopping Center), Plant City – Cuers: Karen and Dick Fisher. 7:45 – 9:30 p.m. - \$12 per couple per session. For info: rffisher@tamu.edu; www.fisherdance.com; 936-366-2504.

October 25, 2011 – **Phase III – IV Round Dance Workshop** – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. Some previous round dance experience needed - \$6 per person. Learn more Rumba, Cha Cha, Swing, Mambo, Waltz, Foxtrot and more! For info: spinards@tampabay.rr.com or 727-525-7809.

November 1, 2011 – **Woodmere Plus Workshop** - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

November 2, 2011 – **Hérons Glen Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Herons Glen Ball Room, US-41 at the Lee/Charlotte County Line, N. Ft. Myers. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. Gated community; ask guard for directions to the Ball Room. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 3, 2011 - **Maple Leaf Squares “Rusty Dancers”** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – caller: Dave Magee. Gated community; ask guard for directions to CanAm Clubhouse. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 4, 2011 – **Woodmere Park Mainstream Class** - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

November 4, 2011 – **Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Location TBA – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 6, 2011 – **Punta Gorda Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris. For info: 239-282-6322 or j.h.morris@embarqmail.com.

November 6, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance (choreographed ballroom) Lessons** – Strawberry square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Charlie and Leona Lovelace. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com.

November 6 – 10, 2011 – **Pocono Caller’s School** – Lake Harmony, White Haven, PA. Staff: Tom Miller, Betsy Gotta*, and Barry Clasper*. Contact: Betsy Gotta, 2 Laurel Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, 732-249-2086, ugottadance@optonline.net.

November 7, 2011 – **Auburndale Beginner Round Dance Classes** – location TBA. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 7, 2011 – **Matlacha Community Center Plus Workshop/Class** – 4577 Pine Island Road N.W., Matlacha – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris. Casual attire. Pre-registration required. For info/registration: 239-283-4110.

November 9, 2011 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Review/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

November 9, 2012 – **Horizon Village Round Dance Class** - Horizon Village, 9200 Littleton Road, N. Fort Myers (south of the Shell Factory and west of US 41) – Cued/Instructor: Ruth Siegmann. Review some Phase 2 Basics; learn Classics and Phase 3 Rounds. For info: 239-823-7661.

November 10, 2011 – **Maple Leaf A1 Square Dance Lessons**, Queensway Clubhouse, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. Gated community; ask guard for directions to Queensway Hall. 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: 941-235-1611 callerdave@comcast.net.

November 11, 2011 – **Maple Leaf Beginner Square Dance Lessons**, Queensway Clubhouse, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. Gated community; ask guard for directions to Queensway Hall. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: 941-235-1611 callerdave@comcast.net.

November 11, 2011 – **Maple Leaf Plus Workshop**, Queensway Clubhouse, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. Gated community; ask guard for directions to Queensway Hall. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: 941-235-1611 callerdave@comcast.net.

November 11, 2011 – **Strawberry Square C-3A Teach and Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

November 13, 2011 – **Temple Twirlers Beginner Square Dance Class** - Silver Dollar Resort, 12515 Silver Dollar Drive, Hospitality Room/adjoining Clubhouse, Odessa, FL – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - open for new members for three weeks – Caller/Instructor: Sharon Short - \$3 per person – no charge for angels...ever. For info: 813-239-3314 or sshar16@aol.com.

November 15, 2011 – **Sun City Swingers Open House for New Dancer Classes** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Classes begin November 22. Caller/Instructor: Van Coble. For info: Leah 813-633-3986 or Geri 813-633-9742.

November 15, 2011 – **Strawberry Square First C-1 Class/Workshop of the Season** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

November 17 – 21, 2011 – **Silver Sate Caller College** – Las Vegas, NV. Staff: Doug Davis* (Spokane, WA), Nasser Shukayr* (San Antonio, TX), and Hanna Tenenbaum (Malmö, Sweden). Contact: Nasser Shukayr at nshukayr@gmail.com.

November 22, 2011 – **Sun City Swingers Open House for New Dancer Classes** - Sun City Center Community Hall, Room 3, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – beginning class 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Plus workshop 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Caller/Instructor: Van Coble. For info: Leah 813-633-3986 or Geri 813-633-9742.

December 5, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. \$5 per person; first class free. Casual clothes and comfortable shoes recommended. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com.

December 5, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Plus Square Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. (immediately following beginner class) – for those wanting to get back into square dancing, a refresher or just finished Mainstream - Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. \$5 per person. Casual clothes and comfortable shoes recommended. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com.

January 3, 2012 – **Woodmere Park Beginner Class** - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller/Instructor: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

January 6, 2012 - **Maple Leaf Squares Beginners Class Open House** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

January 7, 2012 - **Strawberry Square First Phase 5 Dance and Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cued: Charlie Lovelace – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or David Heugel 910-200-3828.

January 8, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginners Square Dance Class** – Heatherwood, Harden Boulevard, Lakeland, FL – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: sqdncfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

January 9, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Intro to A-1 Class** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

January 11, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Intro to A-2 Class** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Caller: Marty Van Wart. For info:

www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

January 12, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Intro to C-1 Class** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

January 15, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Day of Plus** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Sam Dunn. 9:00 Coffee and donuts; 9:30 – 12:00 Dancing; 11:30 a.m. – break – free time; 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Dancing. \$30 per couple for entire package (6 hours of dancing – no split sessions). **To ensure your space, register now!** Be sure to print a registration form off Sam’s website or www.dancergram.com so you can complete the checklist indicating what calls you want him to work on. Send your \$30 check now to Strawberry Square, Inc., 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL 33563. Casual dress. For info: call Sam at 863-382-6792 or www.samdunn.net.

January 24, 2012 – **Strawberry Square DBD All position Plus Workshops** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Sam Dunn. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Linda Lynn 813-659-9040 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

January 24 and 31, 2012, February 7, 14 & 28, 2012; March 6 & 13, 2012 – **Snowbird Basic Round Dance Classes** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer: Linda Moulton. 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. - \$5 per person

Looking Ahead

For a complete list of upcoming dances by year, click here
www.dancergram.com.

December 1, 2011 – **Deadline for Submissions to January 2012 Keepin’ Posted**. For info: ifbaker55@bellsouth.net.

February 26 – March 3, 2012 – **ARTS Benefit Dance Week** - All clubs and other associations are encouraged to sponsor Benefit Dances to raise donations for the ARTS. For info: For info: www.arts-dance.org.

March 1, 2012 – **Deadline for Submissions to the April 2012 issue of the *Keepin' Posted***. For info: jfbaker55@bellsouth.net.

March 1, 2012 – **USDA News Submission Deadline** for black and white camera-ready materials. For info: usdanews@usda.org.

April 2 – 4, 2012 – **CALLERLAB Convention** – Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, TN. For info: CALLERLAB, 200 SW 30th, Site 104, Topeka, KS 66611.

May 4 – 6, 2012 – **51st International Square and Round Dance Convention** – University of Guelph, 50 Stone Road East, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1. For info: Sharron Hall, 8 Seven Oaks Circle, St. Catharines, ON L2P 3N6; 905-641-1872; www.td-dance.ca.

May 4 – 6, 2012 – **52nd State Ohio Dance Convention** – John S. Knight Center, Akron, OH – for info: 330-735-2873.

June 1, 2012 – **Deadline for Submissions to the July 2012 issue of the *Keepin' Posted***. For info: jfbaker55@bellsouth.net.

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June 1 – 2, 2012 – **60th Kansas State Square Dance Convention** – Bicentennial Center, Kenwood Park, Salina, KS – For info: Gene and Ann Bennett, 401 E. 18th Street, Concordia, KS 66901-4922.

June 8 – 10, 2012 – **60th Minnesota Square and Round Dance Convention** – Brainerd High School, 702 S. 5th Street, Brainerd, MN. For info: Dave and Andy Flint, 20702 115th Street NE, New London, MN 56273; daveandy@tds.net; 320-354-3580; mnsquaredanceconvention.com.

July 3 – 6, 2014 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Salt Lake City, Utah – Details TBA.

July 26 – 29, 2012 – **13th US Handicapable Square Dance Convention** – Charleston Area Convention Center, 5055 International Boulevard, North Charleston. Hotel: www.embassysuitescharleston.com. For info: Michelle Mabie, 36 Brampton Lane, Ganesvoort, NY 12831; 518-636-5976; mmichbritt@aol.com.

August 10 – 12, 2012 – **19th Pennsylvania State Square and Round Dance Convention** – the Radisson Hotel (soon to be Doubletree Hotel), 101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. For info: Barrett and Donna Earnest, 709 Cherry Blossom Court, Delmont, PA 15626; 724-468-8997; earnest709@comcast.net.

September 1, 2012 – **Deadline for Submissions to the October 2012 issue of the *Keepin' Posted***. For info: jfbaker55@bellsouth.net.

September 1, 2012 – **USDA News Submission Deadline** for black and white camera-ready materials. For info: usdanews@usda.org.

October 19 – 21, 2012 – **53rd Missouri State Square 'n Round Dance** – Cowan Civic Center, Lebanon, MO. For info: www.squaredancemissouri.com/Flyers/MissouriFestival.com.

November 25, 2012 – **Deadline for Submissions to the December 2012 issue of the *Keepin' Posted***. For info: jfbaker55@bellsouth.net.

December 1, 2012 – **USDA News Submission Deadline** for black and white camera-ready materials. For info: usdanews@usda.org.

May 24 – 26, 2013 – **59th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention**, “Life’s A Beach in 2013” – The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL. For info: www.floridasquaredance.com/convention.



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ARTS Benefit Dance Week
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The ARTS is a Non-Profit Charitable Education Organization created and operated to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of contemporary Square, Round, Traditional, Contra, Clog, Line, and Folk Dancing by encouraging and assisting a coalition of allied dance groups. The ARTS will provide the leadership and resources necessary to create an achievable marketing program. The ARTS will encourage, promote and support healthy lifestyles through dance programs and events that provide fun and effective exercise for both mind and body, all within a unique system of social interactions.

The ARTS has accomplished much to help increase the participation in the dance activity: 1) Established an Education Grant fund to provide assistance to associations or other groups which sponsor and host educational meetings or gatherings, 2) Created a user friendly web site to provide helpful information and other marketing materials, 3) Funded creation of the You2CanDance.org web site. This web site provides video and other information to help inform non dancers of the benefits of the activity, including calu, caller, and cuer contact information, and others.

The ARTS is supported by donations and Membership Dues. We do not have any other sources to fund our goals and mission.

The ARTS Governing Board has designated the week of February 26 thru March 3, 2012 as "ARTS Benefit Dance Week". All clubs and other associations are encouraged to sponsor Benefit Dances to raise donations for the ARTS.

Please vist our web site for more information: www.arts-dance.org

The ARTS Governing Board appreciates the support, publicity, and help
you can provide in helping to publicize our activities.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&ap=1 (Florida Federation's Facebook page)

Associations/Organizations

<http://www.you2candance.com> (square dance marketing)

<http://sccafl.com>. (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

<http://www.flCallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)

<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)

www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fassrd/index/html> (Florida Singles)

<http://www.Callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)

<http://www.americanCallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)

<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)

<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA[®])

<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)

<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance [ARTS])

<http://www.60thnsdc.com> 60th National Square Dance Convention - Detroit, MI

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

Vendors

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.swskirts.com (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suziegcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

www.Bobsengraving.com (division of Suzie Q Creations – covering southwest Florida)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance and Western Wear Shop)

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

Square Dance Halls

www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

<http://www.mike-gormley.com> (Mike Gormley)

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin/> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.2fwd2.com (Lisa Wall)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

Miscellaneous

<http://www.squaredanceradionetwork.com> (square dance radio network)

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