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Important Dates

(This list now includes all of the cancellation information received.

It will be updated as needed.)

CANCELED June 30 – July 2, 2020 - **63rd NSDCA International Camporee**

July 31, 2020 – **Deadline for Submission of Caller Profiles for the 2021 Florida State Convention** – All Florida Callers Association members are invited to submit profiles. You must be an FCA member to call at any Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. The profile will be available at <http://www.flcallersassoc.org/> on June 1, 2020, and must be submitted to the convention caller chairman, Bob Ormsbee, at rormsbee@tampabay.rr.com by July 31, 2020. If you call or teach square dancing in the State of Florida, even if you are a snowbird, please consider joining this organization for the networking and training available to the members.

October 15, 2020 – **Deadline to Submit Nominations for the West Coast Association Distinguished Service Award**. This award is to recognize a member(s) of the West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association (WCSRDA) who has given service to the WCSRDA above and beyond the average dancer. Resume shall include (1) number of years dancing, (2) number of years member of WCSRDA, (3) club membership, and (4) offices held or holding at all levels. List the extraordinary contributions which you believe qualifies the nominee for the award. For info: Mary Dow 863-494-6062 (C) - mdow@embarqmail.com.

November 1, 2020 – **Deadline to Submit Hall of Fame Nominations**. Award to honor dancers, callers, cuers, publishers, teachers, organizers, promoters, and or vendors for their contributions made to the dance activity statewide. Some have qualified in two categories. Please go to <http://floridasquaredance.com/halloffame/index.php> for instructions and nomination form. For info: Chairman Ailene Picheco, 321-652-0680, or apicheco@att.net.

January 15, 2021 - **Deadline to Submit Extra Mile Award Nominations**. For those callers and cuers that go that Extra Mile without personal gain in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance community. Please go to <http://floridasquaredance.com/documents/ExtraMileAwards/Extra%20Mile%20Nomination%2>

[OForm.pdf](#) for instructions and nomination form. For info: Linda Tester, Federation President, 904-707-3117 or lindactester@bellsouth.net.

Getting Back to our Regular Dances

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: A square dancer found this article on Facebook and forwarded it to us.

Here are some of my thoughts about getting back to our regular dances. This addresses more about the dancers vs. masks, sanitizing, etc. I hope my thoughts fit in with the goal of this group. They are not intended to cause offense to anyone, so please don't take it as such.

1. Club leaders have hopefully been in contact with their club members, whether by email, phone calls, or by something such as Zoom. They need to know that they are cared about, especially in this very turbulent, frustrating time. We are known as a social group, and we need to convey our sincere concern and caring to our dancers. If we haven't done any of this, it's not too late to begin! You don't need to be a caller or a club officer to step up and make contact with your square dance friends! Are we not Ohana? Family?
2. We need to encourage our dancers to take care of themselves, be positive, exercise, and invite them to participate in one form or another with square dancing. That could be by joining virtual square dances to dance and socialize. It could be watching some videos of square dancing. They need the familiarity and routine of square dancing as they had before this pandemic situation began.
3. When the dancers are engaged in some type of square dancing, virtually or watching videos, it brings back the good feelings of our activity, it helps them remember the calls, and it keeps their brains active. It hopefully gets them excited to get back to our regular dances!
4. Whenever regular dances resume, it'll be important to ease into the dance. Begin with some social time, several minutes of visiting. We have been through a frustrating experience with this pandemic, and we will want to talk with our friends, to share our lives. It will be therapeutic for our dancers to interact. When the first tip is about to begin, reassure the dancers that we are all a bit rusty and that they will do just fine. Don't criticize. (That should not ever happen anyway) The tips should be shorter and more basic. There should be no rush to use all the calls the first couple of dances. See how things go. The goal is for the dancers to have fun and be successful. That will be the keystone to anything we do. They will want to come back again, and we certainly don't want to make them feel dumb just because they are a little rusty. I don't think we need to necessarily have a class for our regular dancers. Just take it easy with them, muscle memory will kick in, and doing a brief walk-through on calls is okay. They just haven't danced in a while, not lost their brain.

5. Encourage good hygiene at dances. Wash hands often and/or use hand sanitizer. Remind them to stay home if they feel sick, just like we did prior to the pandemic. Reassure dancers prior to the dances, and at dances, that we understand if they are not comfortable with going to dances yet, or if they choose to wear masks and/or gloves. Tell them we look forward to seeing them next time. Even if we don't agree with their choices, we need to be tolerant, respectful, and understanding. We are all in different shoes and situations. Cut people some slack and give some grace. If we provide a safe, positive, and happy environment for our dancers, they will want to come back! Who wants to be with a bunch of grouchy and judgmental people? Not me!

6. We have an opportunity to offer our communities a wonderful activity that they don't realize how much they need right now. After being quarantined for so long, many people are longing for social interaction, to be able to laugh and enjoy themselves, to exercise in a fun way, to forget about their troubles for a couple of hours. This can be an important marketing tool. We need to be on the ground running for when we can have classes again.

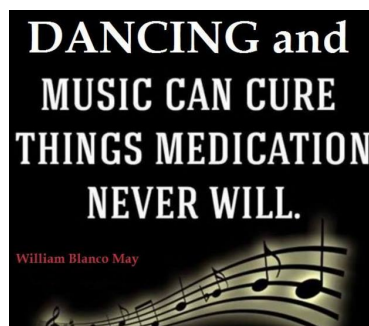
7. There will be dancers who are now content with being home, who will not want to put forth effort to go out or to brush up on their dance skills, who will feel like strangers if they went to a dance. We must do our best to invite and encourage them and let them know that it will be worth their time and effort to square dance again when restrictions are lifted.

8. Be innovative and open to new locations for dancing. Our venues may not be open for who knows how long. Yet we could get together out in the fresh air by dancing in the country, or in someone's driveway. Perhaps have dances outside at the end of a street. We get to show off how much fun we have to those watching as well as have a great time ourselves. Obstacles provide opportunities for creative ideas!

9. Our attitude and our leadership are probably more important now than it ever has been if we want to retain our activity. We must provide hope and encouragement to our dancers and ourselves. We need to show respect to all of our dancers and their choices. To do otherwise will cause the demise of our beloved activity.

Thank you.

Sheree Angus



ATTENTION INSURANCE CHAIRPERSONS AND CLUB AND ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

Our square dance insurance company has advised us that our square dance insurance will not cover any dances held in violation of a local law or ruling (e.g., no gatherings with more than 10 people). And just because the "law" says that we can have larger gatherings, we have to be very careful to start dancing when it's safe.

Dana Schirmer, Executive Director, CALLERLAB, was contacted for their response to the issue, and they responded "Several have asked if our insurance coverage includes coverage for COVID -19 liability. The Home Office addressed with our insurance agent and she advised that our policy does not include coverage for COVID-19. She also advised that all insurance policies, that she is aware of, excludes communicable disease. Our coverage is for General Liability and Emergency Medical.

- This would also hold true of knowingly doing something against the law."

ROUNDALAB was also contacted, but they haven't responded yet. Dana stated that ROUNDALAB has the same insurance as CALLERLAB, so at this point we assume their response will be the same.

Do you like to plan and host parties?

A chairman is urgently needed for the 2022 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention! As chairperson, you would be assistant chairperson of the 2021 convention in order to learn what needs to be accomplished. There are written guidelines as well as several past chairpersons available to assist and answer questions.

As 2022 chairperson, you would establish committees, and coordinate the many tasks to be completed. Anyone is welcome to volunteer – solo, couple, male, female, a team, any age, any level dancer. We have had as many as five (5) co-chairs for one convention!

Since the Federation Board has been unsuccessful in identifying a chairperson as of this date, they have started the planning process, but need someone to keep the process moving ahead.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact the Federation president, Linda Tester at 904-707-3117 or lindactester@bellsouth.net.

Advertising Tip

In order to have successful advertising, you should always keep the wording positive. For example, for some people it's a real turn off to state "square dance attire required".

Here are two positive examples you might want to consider

"Square dance attire is not required...your attendance is desired."

"Square dance attire admired, but not required!"

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

By Ed Foote

"Find the good and praise it." ...Alex Haley, author of *Roots*

"Anyone who doesn't believe in miracles is not a realist." ...David Ben-Gurion, first prime minister of Israel

"Courage is contagious. When a brave person takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened." ...Billy Graham

"There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit." ...President Ronald Reagan

"The most precious thing you can give someone is your time because you can never get it back. When you don't think about getting it back, you've given it in love." ...Mitch Albom, author

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Joys, Concerns, and Sympathies

The names of the deceased from this list will be forwarded to the Florida State Convention Program Book Chairman for inclusion on the Memoriam page in the program booklet for each Florida convention.



We so seldom have any Joys to list in this article, but do we have one now!! Our good friend, **Richard Ozga**, will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Wednesday, July 8th. Richard was a square and round dancer for over 50 years, and I genuinely believe he would still be dancing if his legs hadn't given out on him. His mind is still very sharp. He and his wife, Dottie, were the West Coast Association Fall Fun Fest chairpersons in 2000. They were members of the Limenaders Square Dance Camping Group Lakeland. When Richard returned to dancing after Dottie's death, he was a member of Buttons & Bows of Lakeland, Shufflin' Squares of Lake Ashton in Lake Wales, and he visited several other area clubs. Richard is a Navy veteran and served in the Pacific during WWII, but we could never convince him to go on an Honor Flight!

As part of the celebration, we would like for everyone receiving this newsletter to send Richard a birthday card. Do they even have cards for the 100th? LOL. If Richard doesn't know you, please indicate on the card that you are a square dancer. Please mail cards to Bellatage Assisted Living, 701 Overlook Drive, Room C15-1, Winter Haven, FL 33884.



Caller Gary Hicks notified us that his wife, Caller **Diane Hicks**, has suffered a stroke and is in the hospital and therapy. If you would like to send cards, their address is 1658 29th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713. Diane and Gary are callers in the St. Pete/Pinellas Park area. They are members of the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association, the West Coast Association, and the Florida Callers Association. **UPDATE 6.25.20** Gary messaged this morning that Diane is talking better and feeling better.

We received word a few weeks ago regarding the passing of **Bob Whyte**, a seasonal dancer in southwest Florida. He was from Texas. We have been unsuccessful in obtaining a picture and obituary.

Caller **Bob Poyner** posted on Facebook on June 6th that he is going through radiation treatment for prostate cancer. If you would like to send cards, his address is 261 County Highway 1084. DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433-0274.

Bob calls in the Northwest Association area, is a 25-year member of the Florida Callers Association, and has been president of the Florida Callers Association twice.

Caller **Sam Dunn** is home recovering knee replacement surgery. If you would like to send cards, his address is 111 Pinetree Lane, Sebring, Florida 33872. You can also reach him at 863-214-1923 or samdunn@samdunn.net. His wife, Sue, might enjoy receiving some encouragement cards.

Sam is a caller in Highlands County and makes guest appearances all over the West Coast Association area. He is also the secretary of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association.



On the morning of June 6, 2020, the Square Dance world lost its biggest cheerleader. After a brave battle with cancer, **Kathy McKinney** passed away surrounded by her loving family. At this time, there will be no services; however, there will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. The family is asking that no food or flowers be delivered. One of the greatest gifts Kathy received during her illness was the many, many cards sent to her with all the little notes in them. Jack would sit at night and read them to Kathy and the family. Kathy's daughter thought condolence cards to Jack could include a memory you have of Kathy, maybe a funny story. Please send cards to Jack McKinney, 709 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.

Nancy Kennedy, the wife of Caller Ted Kennedy, had knee replacement surgery on June 8th. Please send cards to 5430 Grand Bay Wilmer Rd., S. Grand Bay, AL 36541.



Sarah Matilda "Tillie" Eaker Brooks, 94, of Lakeland Florida, passed away peacefully on May 21st, 2020, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. She was born December 18th, 1925, in Crouse, North Carolina, to Bessie and William Webb Eaker. She had a memorable childhood that was fueled by the love of family, faith, and community. As a member of the "Greatest Generation," she did her part by working in the Manhattan Project during World War II, which, even though the workers were unaware, eventually developed the atomic bomb. She was the first in her family to graduate from college and went on to earn a Masters Degree in Math Education as a single parent later in life.

Faith and family were the constants in her life. She outlived her three brothers, her husband, Jim Brooks, her son, and recently her "Sunshine," Don Grachek. She raised five children and was a beloved "Nana" and "Grandmother" to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has been an active member of College Heights United Methodist Church since 1962 and was a Sunday School teacher, Youth Counselor, choir member, committee member, and circle member. She considered herself the "Matriarch" of her family and was the glue that held the many nieces and nephews together after their parents passed away. She loved every member of her family, unconditionally.

As a lifelong teacher, she touched many lives both in and out of the classroom. Her desire to provide knowledge, encourage greatness, and share her gifts and talents was apparent in all she did. Her ability to "make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," was evident when she sewed

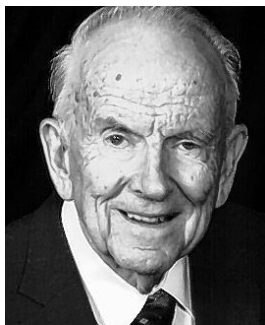
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clothing, curtains, and made hats from clearance fabric from a mill, crafted beautiful decorations from found objects, and transformed an unattractive room into a wonderland of lights, flower arrangements, and splendor for a holiday party. She wanted everyone to share her love of theater, music, and dance and was a master of procuring tickets to share this love with everyone who would go with her. She was resourceful, resilient, and relentless in her endeavors and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

The family would like to thank all the special people who made it possible for Mom to remain in her home these past few years: caregivers, neighbors, and friends. She loved you and relied on you just as we have.

A Celebration of Life will be at a later date at College Heights United Methodist Church, and she will be buried with her parents and Joe at the Antioch Cemetery in Crouse, NC. Instead of flowers, please consider a gift to College Heights UMC for Community Outreach or another worthy charitable organization

Tillie and her husband, Jim, were presidents of B&B in 1976-1977. They were very active members participating in all of our special events and banner raids. Jim passed away several years ago. Tillie's long-time companion, Don Grachuk, passed away on May 5th.



PAUL H. GOBLE, 90

LAKELAND - Paul H. Goble, 90, of Lakeland, FL, passed away May 21, 2020.

Paul graduated from Miami University of Ohio and then obtained his MSc. in chemistry from Ohio State. After serving in the US Army in Japan during the Korean War, he married and settled in Painesville, OH, where he worked 25+ years in chemical research at Diamond Alkali Co.

Paul was a scientist at heart, taking things apart, analyzing numbers, and fixing things. He enjoyed photography and developing photos in his darkroom. He and Lois hosted international families through Friendship Force, enjoyed US travel, as well as international trips to visit daughter Carol in her missionary role in Bolivia, and daughter Karen and son-in-law Frank in The Netherlands and later Spain. Paul was active in the Painesville United Methodist Church, enjoyed square dancing, building with Habitat to Humanity, shuffle boarding, and had an active interest in social justice issues. He and Lois were loving caregivers to their daughter Carol over her years battling leukemia.

In 2011, Paul and Lois moved permanently to Lakeland, FL, after 18 years as snowbirds. They joined the First United Methodist Church of Lakeland and found a home as members of the BYKOTA class.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, brother, sister, and daughter Carol Goble.

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Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 63 years, Anna Lois Goble, daughter Karen (Frank) Villafana, and nieces and nephews.

In his memory, the family suggests a random act of kindness. A celebration of life will be at a later day

Paul and his wife, Lois, were frequent visitors to Buttons & Bows over the years. They danced up until five – 10 years ago. They were residents of Lakeland Presbyterian Homes, and with Paul's passing, Lois has moved to the memory care section of the Homes. Cards may be sent to her at Lakeland Presbyterian Homes, Assisted Living, Room 251, Lakeland, Florida 33803.



President's Message



With no dancing in our area, what should I write about?

We are still planning to hold our 46th Annual Fall Fun Fest on November 13 – 14, 2020, in Bartow. Ted Kennedy and Jack Lewis will be calling Mainstream – Advance squares, and Earle Collins will be cueing Phase 2 – 4 Rounds. If you don't already have a flyer, you can find one at www.dancergram.com. If plans change, we will let you know.

I know everyone is anxious to return to dancing, and at this writing, a few dances have re-opened. If your club is dancing and you don't feel comfortable attending at this time, we understand. All callers, cuers, and club presidents don't forget to notify the DANCERgram when you re-open so all the dancers can be notified. It's not too early to send your schedules for the next season and next calendar year.

We're in this together, and together we will get through this!

Penny Green
President

Club News

**Monthly articles are accepted from clubs, dancers, callers, and cuers.
Due date: 25th of each month for the upcoming month**

LAKELAND – Buttons & Bows

We are still on our summer break, which started earlier this year! At present, the Magnolia Building, where we dance, is also not available. Current plans are to return to dancing on September 8th with Keith Stevens calling and Charlie Lovelace cueing. Mark your calendars now so you will be available to join us.





This list is also found at www.dancergram.com
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Square Dance!

*Dances in the
West Coast Association Area of Florida*

Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands,
Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota
June 2020

Citrus County		
County Representatives: Bob and Nancy Hagaman – rhagaman@tampabay.rr.com – 352-382-2631		
Dunnellon	Citrus Squares (Wkly – Thur.) (MS, Plus)	Rick DuCharme – 352-419-2504 - rickducharme@ymail.com
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Charlotte County		
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Pt. Charlotte	Charlotte Promenaders (Wkly Jan – Apr – Th) (P, R)	Tim Austin - carolynastin5266cev@gmail.com - 419-250-1282.
Pt. Charlotte	Cultural Center (Wkly year-round (MS, P, R)	Mary Dow - 941-380-5336 - ■ mdow@embarqmail.com
Pt. Charlotte	Maple Leaf Squares (Wkly Nov – Mar - Wed) (P)	*Dave Magee - 941-235-1611 - callerdave@hotmail.com
Pt. Charlotte	Stuart Bunch (as scheduled) (Full C3B)	Jeff Barlow - jb@auk.com - www.stuart.droppages.com
Punta Gorda	R&R Gators (Wkly Nov – Mar - Tues) (P, Rnds)	*Dave Magee - 941-235-1611 - callerdave@hotmail.com
Collier County		
County Representatives: Walt and Jan Drummond – playwalt@comcast.net - 239-642-8612		
Naples	Happy Promenaders (Mnthly-Nov-Mar-Sun) (M,P,R)	Marjorie Tobey - 989-430-2749 (C) – marjorietobey@yahoo.com
DeSoto County		
County Representatives: Mary Dow – mdow@embarqmail.com – 941-380-5336 ■ The Palace Dance Hall is no longer available for square dancing.		
Arcadia	Palace Promenaders (Wkly - Sat) (MS, P, Rnds)	Mary Dow - 941-380-5336 ■ - mdow@embarqmail.com
Hardee County		
County Representatives: Mary Dow – mdow@embarqmail.com – 941-380-5336		
Wauchula	Crystal Lake Squares (twice a month - Sunday) (Mainstream, Plus, Rounds)	Ron Storms - 765-499-1268 - ron.storms@gmail.com http://www.mike-gormley.com/square_dance/Crystal%20Lake%20Squares.htm
Highlands County		
County Representatives: Jim and Diane Lucey – dialucey@aol.com – 315-524-8032		
Lake Placid	Pine Ridge Promenaders (Wkly Jan – Mar - Thurs) (Mainstream, Plus, Rounds occasionally)	Bob & Sue Broderick 828-290-2147 – bobsue16@hotmail.com
Sebring	Tropical Twirlers (Calling to the floor Beginners - Plus) (Every Sat Nov – Mar)	*Mike Gormley – 419-376-0557 – WA8VEC@arrl.net
Sebring	Buttonwood Bay Squares (1 st & 3 rd Fri) (M, P, R)	R. Avery - 585-576-3534 - rdavery@juno.com
Hillsborough County		
County Representative: Cliff Reiss – car47wing@yahoo.com – 813-390-1984		
Plant City	Strawberry Square Dance Ctr. (Wkly – almost daily) (MS - C-2, Rnds Ph 2 - 5) *ltd dancing in the summer	Cherylene Sorrells - 770-825-6513 ■ sorrellscherylene@gmail.com www.strawberrysquaredancing.com
Tampa	Temple Twirlers (Wkly - Mon) (Mainstream, Plus, Rounds)	Bennie & Joyce Kirkland - 813-363-2848 - BBKJLK@verizon.net www.templetwirlers.com
Plant City	Strawberry Travelers #153 Square Dance Campers (as scheduled)	Bill and Carolyn Dees – 813-833-0154 – billdees3@msn.com – Carolyn_dees@msn.com - www.floridasquaredance.com/strawberrytravelers
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N. Ft. Myers	Horizon Village (Wkly Nov–Mar -Mon) (P, Rnds)	*Dave Magee-941-235-1611 - callerdave@hotmail.com
Pasco County		
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Pinellas County		
County Representatives: VACANT		
St. Petersburg	Clearview Squares (Wkly - Fri) (MS/Easy Plus)	*Ted Hughes - 727-641-1025 ☐
Dunedin	Hale Sr. Center (Wkly) (MS, P, Rounds)	*Allen Snell - 727-809-0323 - settarose1@gmail.com
Largo	Snell's Bo's & Bell's (Wkly) (MS, P, Rounds)	*Allen Snell - 727-809-0323 - settarose1@gmail.com
Pinellas Park	Promenade Squares (Wkly - Thurs) (Mainstream, Plus, Rounds)	Jan Friend - 727-544-4704 - friendib@verizon.net www.floridasquaredance.com/promenadesquares https://www.facebook.com/PromenadeSquares/
St. Petersburg	Suncoast Squares (Wkly) (Tues: MS, Plus, Rnds Thurs.: Advance, Challenge)	Dan Mutschler - 678-656-2523 - mutschlerdan@yahoo.com www.suncoastsquares.com - suncoastsquares@gmail.com
St. Petersburg	Sunshine State #018 Square Dance Campers (as scheduled)	*Ted Hughes - 727-641-1025 ☐ www.floridasquaredance.com/fansdc
St. Petersburg	J&C Spin-a-rounds (Wkly - Wed) (Phase 3 – 5)	*Jimmy & Carol Griffin-727-525-7809 ☐ - spinards@tampabay.rr.com
Polk County		
County Representatives: Don and Ann Slocum – anndonslocum@juno.com – 863-533-6665		
Lake Wales	Shufflin' Squares (Wkly) (1 st & 3 rd Thurs.: Plus, Advance; 2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Thurs.: Mainstream/Plus)	Rita & Lance Baxter - 863-326-1741 - lanceandrita@yahoo.com www.shufflinsquares.com
Lakeland	Buttons & Bows of Lakeland (2 nd & 4 th Tues) (Mainstream, Plus, Rounds) (no dancing Jun – Aug.)	Stu & Natalie Hall – 863-838-4278 – stuarthall@yahoo.com - www.floridasquaredance.com/buttonsandbows
Frostproof	Camp Inn (Wkly - Wed) (Mainstream, Plus)	Larry Corder - 740-502-3371 - larrycorder50@gmail.com www.samdunn.net
Sarasota County		
County Representative: VACANT		
Venice	Jacaranda Trace (Wkly - Thurs) (A2)	Bob Ives - 941-875-3668 - rives2007@gmail.com
Venice	Woodmere Park (Wkly -Nov. – April - Fri) (A2, C1)	*Red Bates - 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987 - redbates@juno.com
For additional information: www.floridasquaredance.com floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/		For updates: sqdnxfan@gmail.com 863-224-3393 ☐ www.dancergram.com

Go to <http://www.dancergram.com/CurrentPDF/Classes.pdf> for class info

Schedules are subject to change.

Dances and classes closed for Federal holidays.

* Caller or Cuer run dance

☐ Texting accepted

MS = Mainstream

P = Plus

R or Rnds = Rounds

Your Source...

March 2020

Ribbons, flyers, and fundraising items are available for the following dances:

- Square Dancing – Friendship Set to Music. Ask me! Buttons

What's Happening This Month?

June 2020

All clubs, callers, and cuers are encouraged to provide the editor with new dance schedules on an annual basis, as well as any updates, changes, and cancellations as needed. We reserve the right to delete listings for a lack of updates.

NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's issue.
This info is as accurate as possible (at the time of writing)

The next page is the calendar for the entire month of May. If you need more detail about a dance, i.e., address, times, etc. scroll to the first page after the calendar.



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June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27 SS Social Dance - Miller
28 SS Round Dance Party - Griffins	29	30				

Sunday

- June 27, 2020 – **Strawberry Square Dance Center Social Dancing** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – DJ: Ken Miller – \$6 per person – 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: 863-409-7714.
- June 28, 2020 - **Strawberry Square Round Dance Party** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Phases 2 – 4. Snacks and drinks will not be provided. You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks, but they cannot be shared. For info: 727-525-7809 – spinards@tampabay.rr.com - <http://floridasquaredance.com/jcspin/index.html>.

West Coast Classes and Workshops, Caller and Cuer Colleges

Please provide the start and end dates, start and end times, level (Beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.), facility address (with the city), instructor's name, fee, contact name, email address, and phone number.

This list is subdivided by Squares, Rounds, Caller/Cuers

May 2020

Sunday - **Shufflin' Squares Advanced Workshop** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Caller/Instructor: Keith Stevens - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com. Please notify Keith if you will be attending at keithuns@yahoo.com.

SQUARES

All classes have been canceled until further notice due to COVID19.
Please watch future issues for new information.

ROUNDS

All classes have been canceled until further notice due to COVID19.
Please watch future issues for new information.

CALLERS/CUERS

October 8 – 12, 2020 – **Northeast Callers School** – Host Hotel & Hayloft Barn, Sturbridge, Massachusetts – Callers: Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Tony Oxendine (South Carolina – CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Steve Kopman (Tennessee), Ted Lizotte (New Hampshire), and Don Moger (Canada) – plenty of microphone time; professional assessment of your skills; understand what it takes to be a leader; Full CALLERLAB Curriculum; and develop a calling career that is best for you. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Only \$425 per student – space is limited! Register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-262-1875 or write KenRitucci@gmail.com – www.NortheastCallerSchool.com.



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(May 2020)

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67th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

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KEY WEST LIGHTHOUSE



Here's an interesting little tidbit I read about: Ponce de Leon sailed to the Keys in 1521 and named them "The Martyrs" because he thought they looked like "long-suffering human beings." Fortunately, that name did not last.

The original Key West Lighthouse was built in 1825, by the Federal Government, a short four years after Spain ceded it to the United States. The waters off the Florid Keys were so perilous that salvaging goods from the many wrecked ships was the major lively hood of its people. In 1825 Congress authorized the building of a lighthouse in Key West. The original lighthouse, sitting on nothing but sand, was destroyed in the Great Hurricane of 1846. Many lives were lost as some of the residences took shelter in the lighthouse.

Work on the current tower started in 1847, but funding was so slow that the lighthouse didn't get finished until 1849, even though at that time, it was considered "state of the art" in design. The people thought it was so beautiful they were anxious to see it completed. This new lighthouse was built on one of the highest points in Key West, Whitehead Point, and stood 60 feet tall. It was powered by 15 oil lamps. The initial focal plane was 67 feet above sea level. An additional 26 feet was added to the lighthouse in 1894, thus raising the focal plane to 91 feet.

At that time, the Key West Lighthouse was one of the few lighthouses in the South that remained in the hand of the U.S. Government thought out the Civil War. Thus, during the war, it served to help the Union warships navigate the waters around Key West as they came and went from the naval station there.

The Key West Lighthouse remained in operation until 1969, when it was declared obsolete and was deactivated. The tower was transferred to Monroe County in 1972 and subsequently leased to the Key West Art & Historical Society.

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Here's another little tidbit of information: U.S. Highway #1 STARTS in Key West, Florida, and ENDS in Fort Kent, Maine, not the other way around, a distance of 2,369 miles. U.S. #1 does continue into Canada.

There is not much to report this month about the upcoming 2021 Florida State Convention because our Chairman, Carol Douget, had been restricted from flying back to Florida from Maryland. She had flown up there the beginning of March to be with her sister, who was hospitalized (non-virus related) but when it was time to fly back the airlines were shut down (that WAS Virus related), so she could not return – HOWEVER – that ban is lifted, and she may be home now. I do know that the two (2) Big Lighthouses for the raffle at the convention are completed. (There was an unfinished one at this year's convention.) Richard said they are both painted and ready to grace the lucky winners' yards. There will be pictures in upcoming magazines/flyers, so be on the look-out for them. I know you will want one at your home, for sure.

Judy Anderson, Publicity

On The Record – Squares

Buddy Weaver

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A Historic Challenge

As this article is being written, our world has entered a phase of day-to-day life that has not been seen in modern times. With the spread of the novel coronavirus, square and round dancing came to an abrupt halt during the second weekend of March and, as of this writing, will continue to be “dark” for the foreseeable future.

We know this shut down is necessary but temporary. I have been consistent in reminding our dancers that WE WILL return to dancing. We will be dressing up for the dance, greeting our friends and getting squared up in excited anticipation of the good times to come. With so much false information being pedaled in news media and social media, most of it intended to raise the anxiety of the reader, some of us have consistently shared a message of hope We will return to dancing.

Now comes a new challenge. Never in our history has 100% of our dance population been forced to stop all activity for such an extended period. Our dance population is forced to quit dancing, and that is bad. Experience tells us that when someone quits an activity once, it is easier to quit again. We've seen this with many dancers who dance a while quit, come back, and quit again. This is not to say that our entire dance population will find it easy to quit, but we need to be careful when our dances resume.

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When our dancers start coming back, we will find these folks are very sensitive to health hazards in their environment. We should respect that sense and sensibility by making sure we continue to offer hand sanitizer at our dances, that we encourage folks to wash their hands after every tip. We should clearly message that if anyone is feeling sick, please stay home, and we may need to police our dances to get sick people to go home.

We must be in tune with the fact that our dancers have not danced for many weeks, perhaps months. Their ability to remember calls will be impaired by the fact they haven't heard the calls for quite some time. Their physical abilities may be lessened by the lack of activity while restricted to their homes. The feeling of being winded or the dancing seems too much faster than it did before the shutdown. Not understanding a delayed mental response to calls that were so comfortable before the shutdown. All of these may create frustration with our dancers. If we are not careful, we will replace the excited anticipation of dancing with an appalling feeling of frustration. If we are not careful, we will make quitting again seem better than staying with an activity that is no longer fun, no longer theirs.

We must seriously adjust our expectations and execution. We, as club dancers and leaders, must also adjust our expectations. The shut down of 2020 has shown you something that many folks couldn't comprehend. That square dancing is more than executing calls; it is social. When we isolated ourselves, we missed the social much more than the "Spin The Top." This should be a wake-up call for all of us to embrace the social aspects of square dancing, making it a higher priority than dance level or dance proficiency.

We could take this message of social connection to the non-dancing public, coming out of shelter-at-home and aching for connection with people. We could be sitting on the precipice of a new boom in square dancing again if we are willing to put aside ideas of dance levels and high numbers of calls. We have at our finger-tips ideas like Sustainable Square Dancing that could get new dancers into a club seeing in weeks. Fun, easy to join, social like they've never seen. Are we up to the challenge, or will we drop the ball and insist on going right back the way we've always done it. This is a historic challenge and I'm here to help any of you open to guidance.

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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

By Ed Foote

FUN IN SQUARE DANCING

We all hear "fun" discussed – put the "fun" back in square dancing. But what kind of "fun" do we mean?

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There are two types of “fun” in square dancing : (1) DANCING FUN comes from completing a group of calls to an Allemande Left, and (2) SOCIAL FUN, which means talking with people, sharing food, etc.

The original idea of “fun” in square dancing years ago was a combination of both types. People worked at completing a group of calls, and they made sure they knew the calls well enough so they would be successful time and time again. Knowing all definitions thoroughly was important to them for them to achieve DANCING FUN. Getting together for a dance naturally resulted in SOCIAL FUN too.

Today everyone is concerned about keeping the “fun” in square dancing, but what kind of fun? SOCIAL FUN! This is constantly emphasized, and this is fine. But what has happened to the other kind of fun – the fun of being able to dance because you are very confident at what you are doing? This has been relegated to a distant second. It almost seems as if the calls are a necessary evil to be endured in order for people to come together to have SOCIAL FUN.

What happens when we relegate DANCING FUN to a distant second? We turn our people who can not dance the Mainstream Basics. When people can not dance the Basics, when they break down on Run, Trade, and Circulate – which are the three fundamental calls of square dancing, are they having fun? NO!

If people are poorly trained, either by being rushed through class or by having no emphasis by their caller or club leaders on the importance of thoroughly knowing the definitions of the Mainstream Basics, then these people will break down squares on a regular basis. When people break down squares on a regular basis, they lose their DANCING FUN. They become nervous and uptight, and this impacts on their SOCIAL FUN. So they decide to find SOCIAL FUN elsewhere, which means they leave square dancing.’

Because people can not dance, we rush them to Plus, where they're a lot of lengthy calls. People can memorize these (from only one position, of course), and so one call will let them dance for 30 seconds, which is 30 seconds without breaking down. Isn't this wonderful? There is nothing more ridiculous, as well as sad, to see dancers who can Load the Boat and Relay the Deucey and can not do Ends Run. But eventually, everything comes back to Mainstream Basics, even the execution of lengthy calls, so people keep breaking down.

If dancers would be encouraged to thoroughly learn the Mainstream Basics, if callers would up their material together so that the dancers would understand the Basics, then we would have confident dancers.

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Confident dancers are the people who really have DANCING FUN. They have fun completing the calls because they don't break down. They have fun helping others be successful in the square. They have fun goofing around in the square because they can do this without breaking down the square. Because they have all the DANCING FUN, they have SOCIAL FUN too. They are not uptight because the person next to them at the food table knows they always break down the square – instead, the person next to them knows how well they dance. So they have a total of BOTH TYPES OF FUN.

I SUBMIT THAT IF WE WANT TO PUT THE “FUN” BACK INTO SQUARE DANCING, WE NEED TO TEACH PEOPLE TO DANCE THE MAINSTREAM BASICS WELL. Give people the DANCING FUN of being successful in the square, not because they were pulled thru, but because they knew what they were doing, and this caused success.

We will still have SOCIAL FUN, but we will also have DANCING FUN, which means DANCER CONFIDENCE FUN, which in turn increases the SOCIAL FUN. If we all work to achieve both types of fun, not just one type, then square dancing will flourish. Remember that 50% is a failing grade. If only SOCIAL FUN is emphasized, then we will fail. We must have both types of fun: in order to be successful.

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FROM ZIP CODER: ATTENTION ALL CALLERS – DANCERS – TAPE GROUP LEADERS – EVENT PLANNERS

When we see an end to this COVID-19 thing, please know that Express Press is ready to create/modify your flyers announcing the new dates and/or locations, etc.

We are currently open and doing business as usual. We can do this because about 90% of our business is conducted via electronic media – thus, our customers do not have to leave their office/home in order to have their printing done. Additionally, we ship flyers, business cards, computer cards, etc. literally all over the US via UPS. You don't even need to go pick your printed stuff up – it's delivered to your door.

Contact us using the information below. We are here M-F, 9:00 – 5:00 ET.

Also, for those of you who take advantage of the listings in ZIP CODER, now would be the perfect time to change/add any information (September Issue is the Directory --- Callers & Clubs). Also, don't forget to update your Happenings & On The Level.

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And, for anybody so inclined, now is the perfect time to write an article for the upcoming issues. Contact us for instructions if you need them.

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Looking Ahead (this list also contains all the cancelations we have received)

CANCELED June 5 – 6, 2020 – **The 72nd NSDC Presents June Bug Jubilee** – BSDA Friendship Hall, 1024 Old Walker Chapel Road, Fultondale, Alabama – Callers: Tony Oxendine (Friday only), Jet Robert, and Jerry Story – Cuers: Matthew Temples and Ramona Stowe – great sound – wood floor – two halls. Advanced registration dance fee: full weekend \$40 per person – Saturday only \$30 per person – at door price - \$5 additional per person. For info: generalchairman@72nsdc.com.

CANCELED June 16, 2020 – **National Square Dance Convention Trail Thru Dance** – North Spokane Dance Center, 7424 N. Freya Street, Spokane, Washington – Trail Bosses: Jerry Junck, Rob Krum, Daryl Clendenin, and Jim Hattrick – Round Wranglers: Jim Hattrick and Yvonne Clendenin – Plus 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with Plus level Rounds – Mainstream 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. with Square Dance Rounds, Phase 2/3 – finger foods – hearing enhancement – plenty of parking. For info: Rob Krum = 509-768-7777 or www.SquareDanceSpokane.org

CANCELED June 17, 2020 – **69th National Square Dance Convention BBQ Dinner and Music & Comedy of Joe Stoddard** – Riverfront Park, 507 N. Howard Street, Spokane, Washington – Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and show in INB Center at 7:00 p.m. – seating begins at 6:30). Tickets for the dinner and show are \$35; dinner only \$25; and show only \$20.

CANCELED June 17 – 20, 2020¹ – **National Square Dance Convention® “Keeping the Vision Alive in 2020”** – Spokane Convention Center, 334 West Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, Washington – Further Details TBA. For info: www.69nsdc.com.

CANCELED June 28 – July 2, 2020 – **44th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention** – DoubleTree by Hilton Modesto Hotel, 1150 Ninth Street, Modesto, California – deadline to mail registration:

¹ This date has been changed from the last weekend in June to the third week in June. This is a one-time date change to avoid conflict with Hoopfest.

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June 1, 2020. After June 1, call or email the ROUNDALAB office to register 877-943-2623 or 360-423-7423 or roundalab@roundalab.org. Free meal package – 5 meals – may not be available after June 1, 2020, \$145 person if paid by check; \$152.25 per person if paid by credit card. Before February 1, 2020 \$170 per person if paid by check or \$178.50 per person if paid by credit card. February 1 to June 1, 2020, \$195 per person if paid by check or \$204.75 if paid by credit card. After June 1, 2020, \$220 per person if paid by check or \$231 per person if paid by credit card. For info: 877-943-2623 or 360-423-7423 or roundalab@roundalab.org

CANCELED June 30 – July 2, 2020 - **63rd NSDCA International Camporee** – Roaring into the '20s in Lebanon, Tennessee at the Gladeville Community Center (June 29) and at the Wilson County Exposition Center (July 1 & 2), 945 E. Baddour Parkway – John & Dolly Ide 352-208-2980 or 352-598-7162 johndide2016@outlook.com, or Sue House 615-714-7153

CANCELED July 2 – 5, 2020 – **International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs** – Denver, CO.

CANCELED July 10 – 11, 2020 – **Northwest Association's 46th Annual Roundup** – Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida – Callers: Darryl Lipscomb and Elmer Sheffield – Cues: Sandy Sturgis – Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Rounds – Non-members \$30 per person for the entire weekend; one-day-only pricing, at the door; Friday night \$15 per person; Saturday workshops and dance \$20 per person. For info: Libby Penrod 850-566-2117 or Laura Davis 850-354-2218 or keylime7@comcast.net.

CANCELED August 6 – 8, 2020 – **46th Tennessee State Square and Round Dance Convention** – W.L. Mills Conference Center, 234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, Tennessee – over 70 gifted, talented and challenging callers, cuers and lines instructor – 6 halls – live band hall – wood flooring in all halls – Mainstream hall, Plus hall, Advanced hall, Rounds hall, lines program, Thursday night Trail-In dance – singing calls hall, dedicated round dance hall – workshops, intros, request rounds (higher levels), fun squares, hot hash, singles' activities, after party, fashion show...NOT your ordinary runway stroll, sewing clinic, and used clothing sale. For info: Shea Meinke, 45th TN State Convention, P. O. Box 7056, Maryville, TN 37802-7056, or email at meincke_us@yahoo.com.

CANCELED September 4 – 5, 2020 – **SSDUSA's 50th Dance-A-Rama Festival** – Cherry Valley Hotel, 2299 Cherry Valley Road SE, Newark, Ohio – **THIS IS THE FINAL DANCE-A-RAMA!** Callers: Jack Pladdys (Ohio), Tim Tyl (Texas), Tom Davis (Ohio), Travis Cook (Kentucky) – Cues: Phyllis, and Doug Burdette (Ohio) and Bonnie Lawrence (Indiana) and Bonnie also on Lines. Advance registration (before August 1) \$50 per person – regular registration (After August 1) \$55 per person. For info: dar2020@ssdusa.org for general questions and reg2020@ssdusa.org for registration questions.

CANCELED September 6 – 13, 2020 - **Cruzen For Bob 6** from New York City to New England and Canada on the Carnival Radiance – stops include Boston, Portland, Saint John, and Halifax – Contact Manny at Carnival on 800-819-3902 (extension 85172) and cite Group 8CPD27. The

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final payment is due in June 2020. Square dance calling by Bill Chesnut. Contact Marilyn Scott at 904-264-9392.

CANCELED September 18 – 20, 2020 – **Nekoosa-Rama** – Nekoosa Community Center, 416 Crestview Lane, Nekoosa, Wisconsin – Cues: Pamela Johnson – Phase 3 - 5 Party Dance - Phase 4 and 5 Instruction – Round Dance Weekend - \$50 per person early registration; \$55 after August 1, 2020 – limited to 30 couples. Self-contained camping available on site behind the hall for free. There is limited space, so please let us know your plans. Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 pm.; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 am. Mail check payable to Pamela Johnson with the registration form to Pamela Johnson, 288389 Oak Bend Drive, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. For info: 218-256-1873 – rapidballroom@gmail.com.

CANCELED November 6 – 8, 2020 – **31st Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention “Down On The Farm”** – French Lick Springs Resort, 8670 West State Road 56, French Lick, Indiana – Squares: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Hex – Rounds: Phase II – V, Showcase of Rounds, Workshop – after-party – sew creative display – vendors – education sessions – competition dancing – Wingles Meet & Greet Friday 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Presidents’ Ball Friday, November 6th at 8:00 p.m. – featuring Wes Dyer and Tim Tyl. For info: 574-654-3395 or berger3395@gmail.com.

January 8 – 10, 2021 – **Southern Stars Fest** – Stardust, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, FL – Cues: Pamela and Jeff Johnson – Phases 3 – 5 - doors open at 7:00 p.m. Friday night and closes Sunday 12:30 p.m. Healthy treats for the evening dances would be appreciated. \$50 per person preregister, \$55 after January 1, 2021 – limited to 50 couples. Camping available on site. Mail full payment or \$25 deposit check payable to Pamela Johnson along with registration form at the bottom of the flyer. (can be found at www.dancergram.com) and mail to 28838 Oak Bend Drive, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744. If registering November 1st, mail to Pamela Johnson, 506 Empress Way, Lakeland, Florida 33803. Floating hardwood floor - hearing enhancement - fragrance-free - stereo recording stations available (music on the left and cues on the right channel). For info: 218-256-1873, rapidballroom@gmail.com, RapidBallroom.com.

March 19 – 21, 2021 – **March Memories Fest** - Stardust, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, FL – Cues: Pamela and Jeff Johnson – Phases 3 – 5 -doors open at 7:00 p.m. Friday night and closes Sunday 12:30 p.m. Healthy treats for the evening dances would be appreciated. \$50 per person preregister, \$55 after January 1, 2021 – limited to 50 couples. Camping available on site. Mail full payment or \$25 deposit check payable to Pamela Johnson along with registration form at the bottom of the flyer. (can be found at www.dancergram.com) and mail to 28838 Oak Bend Drive, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744. If registering November 1st, mail to Pamela Johnson, 506 Em[ress Way, Lakeland, Florida 33803. Floating hardwood floor - hearing enhancement - fragrance-free - stereo recording stations available (music on the left and cues on the right channel). For info: 218-256-1873, rapidballroom@gmail.com, RapidBallroom.com.

June 22 - 26, 2021 - **70th National Square Dance Convention® Tours** - the following tours are scheduled: (June 22) Jackson City Tour \$43, (June 23) Jackson City Tour \$43, MS Delta Tour \$105, Natchez Tour \$121, (June 24) Jackson City Tour \$43, Armed Forces Tour \$79, Sing the

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Blues Tour \$83, Meridian Tour \$92, Natchez Tour \$121, Vicksburg Tour \$99, (June 25) Jackson City Tour \$43, The Help Cooking Tour \$112, Meridian Tour \$92, Natchez Tour \$121, Vicksburg Tour \$99, (June 26) Armed Forces Tour \$79, Flash Mob Tour \$35. For info: 812-969-2307 – 70nsdc.com.

June 23, 2021 – **70th National Square Dance Convention®** presents multi-award winning **Elvis Tribute Artist Nick Perkins** – pre-convention tour to Tupelo, Mississippi, the birthplace of Elvis Presley. Dinner and show \$50, show only \$25. Dinner at 5:30. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. Purchase advanced tickets on your 2021 NSDC registration form. Cost of tour: \$650 per person double, \$850 single price. Leaves at 1:00 p.m. from downtown hotel or convention center. Includes bus, guide, admissions, and lodging. Meals included: three breakfasts at hotels, three lunches, and two dinners. For tour info: 812-969-2307. (flyer at www.dancergram.com)

June 26, 2021 - **70th National Square Dance Convention® Fashion Show** – Jackson, Mississippi Convention Center, Convention Theater, 105 E. Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Opening entertainment 12:30 p.m. and Fashion Show at 1:00 p.m. For info: Linda & Gary Carlile 903-277-8681.

June 27, 2021 - **70th National Square Dance Convention® Post Convention Cruise** “Dancing is FUN in the Sun” – Featuring Callers Justin Russell and Mike Hogan – departs June 27 from New Orleans and returns to New Orleans on July 4th. You are invited to go dancing aboard the *Gloria* out of New Orleans to Key West, Freeport, and Nassau. You will have three days at sea to dance with these amazing callers and even more FUN? Based on double occupancy Interior \$1,013 per person*, Oceanview \$1,133 per person*, and Balcony \$1,423 per person *. *Price includes Port Charges, Current Taxes, and fees and Gratuities. (Insurance recommended – extra cost). For info or to book: Cindy Schoen 812-969-2307. (flyer at www.dancergram.com)

September 17 – 19, 2021 – **Nekoosa-Rama** – Nekoosa Community Center, 416 Crestview Lane, Nekoosa, Wisconsin – Coers: Pamela and Jeff Johnson – Phases 3 – 5+ and Phase 4 & 5+ - \$50 per person with registration, \$55 after August 1, 2021 – limited to 30 couples – self-contained camping available on site. Opens Friday at 7:00 p.m. and closes on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Healthy treats for evening dances appreciated. Mail check payable to Pamela Johnson, with the registration form at the bottom of the flyer (www.dancergram.com) to Pamela Johnson, 28838 Oak Bend Drive, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744. For info: 218-256-1873, rapidballroom@gmail.com, RapidBallroom.com.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

Florida Federation's Facebook page -

https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&dap=1

Conventions

Jackson, MS – June 2021 - www.70nsdc.com

Publications

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

Sets in order - <http://newsquaremusic.com/sioindex.html>

Associations/Organizations

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

American Callers Association - <https://americancallers.wordpress.com/>

CALLERLAB - <http://www.Callerlab.org>

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

International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs - www.iagsdc.org

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

ROUNDALAB - <http://www.roundalab.org/>

Round Dance Council of Florida - <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/rdc/>

Single Square Dancers USA® - <http://ssdusa.org>

Square Dance Marketing - <http://www.you2candance.com>

DANCERgram

Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association (SCCA) - <http://sccaf1.com>.

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

West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association

<http://floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/index.html>

Vendors

Aron's Square Dance and Western Wear Shop

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/>

Brantley's Western and Casual Wear – www.brantleyswesternsupply.com

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

E-Bay Sales – Margaret Cahan – mcahan904@aol.com – 904-777-1579

Geelong Square Dance Merchandise - <https://squaredancing.com.au/square-dance-merchandise>

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

JL Custom Vinyl Store (vinyl decals including dancing) – <http://www.jlvinyl.com>

Perfect Petticoats - www.PerfectPetticoats.com

Petticoat Junction – <https://petticoatjct.com>

Redbubble - <https://www.redbubble.com/people/dwht71/works/36406970-glsd-proud?p=t-shirt>

Resashay – <http://resashay.com>

Sew em up Fashions – www.sewemupfashions.com or tom1nancy@wmconnect.com

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

Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance - www.travelinghoedowners.com

Suzie Q Creations - suzieqcreations1@gmail.com

Tic TAC Toes - shoe vendor - <http://www.tictactoes.com/>

Vinyl decals - [sewemupfashions.com](http://www.sewemupfashions.com) or tom1nancy@wmconnect.com (Sew 'em Up Fashions, Roebuck, SC)

Dance Halls

Strawberry Square Dance Center - www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com

Stardust - <http://curtandtammy.com/index.cfm>

Callers/Cuers

Rod Barngrover - <http://www.rodarngrover.com>

Sam Dunn - <http://www.samdunn.net/>

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

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

Pamela and Jeff Johnson - www.RapidBallroom.com

Charlie Lovelace - <http://www.luvrounds.com/>

Dave Muller - <http://www.davemuller.net>

DANCERgram

Ron Reardon - <http://www.ronreardoncaller.com/>

Keith Stevens - www.keithstevens.com

Curt and Tammy Worlock - <http://curtandtammy.com/>

Miscellaneous

New square/round dance logo - <http://LiveLivelySquareDance.com>

square dance radio network - <http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubsandshop=dosadoandcart=3901977.2052>[http://www.squaredance\(round dance publications\)radionetwork.com](http://www.squaredance(rounddancepublications)radionetwork.com)

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