

Old Farmers Ball
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FIND YOUR JAN/FEB 2011 DANCE FLYER ON THE BACK COVER.

Advanced Dances

The OFB Advanced Dances begin this month on the third Fridays. The first dance is January 21st.

The dances will be held at the Masonic Lodge on the corner of Woodfin and Broadway near the I-240 Merrimon exchange in downtown Asheville. Parking is available at the Home Trust Bank across the street.

The January dance will feature the soaring sounds of Land of Sky with Beth Molaro calling. Check out the Web site 'performers' link for some samples of their music.

In February we'll have the Inexplicabillies with Barbara Groh.

Look to both of these top callers to create challenging fun evenings of dance.

See the Web site for more details, and mark Jan 21 on your calendar for the first one.

Annual Meeting, Potluck and Dance

The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Old Farmers Ball will be held on January the 30th at Bryson Gym on the campus of Warren Wilson College. The meeting will begin at 4:00 with a review of the year's activities, and the Treasurers Report. There will be a membership vote on a proposed change to the By-Laws, and election of officers to the Board of Trustees.

These items of business will be followed by comments and suggestions from the members.

Non-members are welcome as well and can purchase membership at the meeting.

The business portion of the meeting will be followed by a pot luck dinner at 6:15 , and a open band open mic community dance from 7:30 till 10:00. But please plan to attend the business portion of the meeting to share your ideas on our dance.

We're excited about our proposed new board members. They are: Laura Lengnick, Terry Doyle, Able Alan, and Owen Shaffer. All have histories of commitment to our dance community.

The proposed change to the bylaws:

In Article 7.1 and article 8.1, change the words "President Elect" to " Vice President" . Change article 7.7 to read: " Vice President. The Vice President shall work closely with the President to oversee the business of the OFB, and shall perform the duties and powers of the President during his or her absence or incapacity. The Vice President shall conduct an annual review of the OFB's business or strategic plan and bylaws."

You can see the full OFB Bylaws at <http://www.oldfarmersball.com/board/bylaws-8-13-07.pdf>

Contra Jam / Open Mic Pie & Cake

Last month's Contra Jam and Pie & Cake night was a tremendous success. We had a dozen or more musicians playing under the leadership of Laura Lengnick and Art Shuster.

The result was an energetic big band sound that you simply don't get on most dance nights. Check out the videos on <http://www.oldfarmersball.com/performers/index.php> to get a flavor of that night.

The next Contra Jam / Open Mic will be February 3rd led by Laurie Fisher and Karen Gaughan, with Anne Marie Walter leading the open mic.

Musicians, bring your instruments; **Callers** your cards; and **Dancers** your feet.

And **Bakers!**

Bring a pie or a cake and get in for \$3! Everyone enjoy a smorgasbord of sweets at the break.



Look for pies like this on Feb. 3rd

Membership Books

The annual membership books will be printed and made available after the annual meeting, soooo....

Make sure you've joined if you haven't already, and if you have, please check out the directory listing on the Web site to make sure your information is correct.

If you're listed in light grey in that directory, it means you are not a member for the current season.

If you can't get to that directory, please use the contact form to send a message to membership.

2010 Board of Directors

Officers

President David Stalnaker
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 Treasurer Joe Karpen
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Marvin Ashburn	Dennis Merritt
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OFB Contact Information:

Website: www.oudfarmersball.com

Look for links to:
 become a member,
 see the member directory,
 volunteer,
 find someone to carpool with,
 report incidents or make suggestions directly to the board,
 see this newsletter,
 and a host of other things.

To get on the ListServe send a blank e-mail to:
oufb-subscribe@yahoo.com

To send us a card or letter, use:
 Old Farmers Ball
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Committee Chairs

Finance Joe Karpen	Governance Joe Karpen
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Sound Jonathan Gilbert	Technology M.-J. Taylor

The Old Farmer's Ball is an **all volunteer** organization. Be a part of the dance *community*. Join one (or more) of these committees to help with behind-the-scenes work that makes the contra dance happen week after week and supports other forms of social dance in our community.
 Contact president@oudfarmersball.com

the Old Farmers Ball News

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REGIONAL CONTRA DANCE CARPOOLING WEBSITE

<http://oufb-events.pbwiki.com/carpooling>

OFB Board Meetings — Everyone welcome
 Second Mondays — 6:30 — Grey Eagle
 See www.oudfarmersball.com for all the other Local and Regional Dance links!

Asheville Social Dance Calendar

January 2011

Sunday, January 2, 2011 3:00pm
English Country Dance

Monday, January 3, 2011 8:00pm
Bob Kogut and friends w/AnneMarie Walter

Thursday, January 6, 2011 7:30pm
The Spring Chickens w/Laurie Fisher

Monday, January 10, 2011 8:00pm
Naomi Morse & Owen Morrison w/Shawn Brenneman

Thursday, January 13, 2011 7:30pm
Nighwatch w/Shawn Brenneman

Sunday, January 16, 2011 3:00pm
English Country Dance

Monday, January 17, 2011 8:00pm
The Wildcats w/Margaret Mathews

Thursday, January 20, 2011 7:30pm
The Mean Lids w/Barbara Groh

Friday, January 21, 2011 8:00pm
Advanced Dance: Land of Sky w/Beth Molaro

Monday, January 24, 2011 8:00pm
The Dancing Bears w/Barbara Groh

Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:30pm
"Cocks of the North" w/Cis Hinkle

Sunday, January 30, 2011 4:00pm
Annual Meeting, pot luck & dance

Monday, January 31, 2011 8:00pm
The Spring Chickens w/Beth Molaro

February 2011

Thursday, February 3, 2011 7:30pm
Open Band w/Anne Marie Walter

Sunday, February 6, 2011 3:00pm
English Country Dance

Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:30pm
Avant Gardeners w/Beth Molaro

Thursday, February 17, 2011 7:30pm
Contrazz w/Jesse Edgerton

Friday, February 18, 2011 8:00pm
Advanced Dance: Inexplicabillies w/Barbara Groh

Sunday, February 20, 2011 3:00pm
English Country Dance

Thursday, February 24, 2011 7:30pm
Eye of the Monkey Stringband w/Diane Silver

Sundays OFB English Country Dance, 1st & 3rd Sundays 3-5:30PM, Asheville Arts Center, 308 Merrimon Ave, Asheville NC

Mondays The Monday Night Dance at the Grey Eagle 8PM Beginners Welcome 185 Clingman Ave. Asheville NC 828-232-5800

Thursdays OFB Thursdays at Warren Wilson College, Bryson Gym, Beginners Welcome, lesson at 7:30, dance at 8:00

Fridays OFB Advanced Dance, 3rd Fridays at the Masonic Lodge in downtown Asheville

Saturdays OFB & YMCA Dance Asheville YMCA, beginners welcome lesson 7:30, dance at 8:00