

Old Farmers Ball
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FIND YOUR MAY/JUN 2011 DANCE FLYER ON THE BACK COVER.

Sign up now for Splash Dance 2011. This year promises to be one of the best yet.

The stage will provide a tremendous opportunity for all aspiring musicians to play along with some of our best local talent.



The musicians leading the jam bands, include names like Roger Gold, Laura Lengnick, Lew Gelfond, and Nic Coker from bands such as Steam Shovel, Land of Sky and Appalachian Storm. See the Web site for a full list.

For the dancers, the music will carry the excitement generated by these talented musicians backed by a wall of sound you simply can't get with a small band.

The calling will be coordinated by Diane Silver, so the program will contain an excellent mix of dances, delivered by a variety of experienced and up and coming callers.

All happening in a family friendly, affordable, relaxing, summer camp environment. Come see why many of the regulars consider this to be the best dance weekend of the year.

Register Online, or by Mail
August 26-28
www.oldfarmersball.com/SplashDance

Thursday Car Pooling

The price of gas is going up! Ride together to the Thursday OFB dance from Asheville.

Meet at Earth Fare in the West Asheville Westgate mall before 7:30 to share a ride.

English Country Dance Formal Spring Ball

There are only a few English Country dances left this season. The grand finale will be the formal evening ball on Saturday May 21st.

Formal attire is not required, but those choosing to so adorn themselves will be admired by all.

Come out and enjoy the elegance, formal flirtation, and laughter of this wonderful dance genre.

Dances will resume in September.

Whirling Weight

When done right, a contra line is more fun than a carnival ride.

The trick is to be always 'giving weight.' Consider one of those dances where you allemand left your neighbor, allemand right the next in line, allemand left, etc.

If you are leaning out with your left hands joined, you can launch each other into the next where you catch right hands and lean on them. It's a really sweet sensation, like Tarzan and Jane swinging through the trees.

And if you give each other a little push, you'll naturally add a twirl in the transition.

That same feeling can be had in any of the contra moves where you're touching. Consider chaining the ladies into a left-hand star. If you give weight on the courtesy turn you can use that momentum to catch on to the star, which then turns like a spinning playground ride.

One of the most sublime feelings of the dance is to be propelled out of the last group of four, into a new neighbor, and you catch each other in a swing or allemand with perfect timing and weight.



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Website: www.oudfarmersball.com

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 see the member directory,
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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. OFB also supports other forms of social dance in our community.
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the Old Farmer's Ball News is published bi-monthly by the Old Farmer's Ball, and includes the Asheville Area Dance Flyer, project reports, contact info, announcements, and more.

REGIONAL CONTRA DANCE CARPOOLING WEBSITE

<http://ofb-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

Thursdays — OFB @ Warren Wilson

Bryson Gym, beginners welcome, lesson 7:30, dance 8:00, members \$5, non-members \$6

5/5 **WWC Band** w/Phil Jamison

5/12 **Crowfoot** (Jaige Trudel, Adam Broome and Nicholas Williams) w/SethTepfer

5/19 **Contraversial** (Cailen Campbell and David Brown) w/ Barbara Groh

5/26 **Land of Sky (Laura Lengnick, Roger Gold, Paul Moore)** w/AnneMarie Walter

6/2 **The Old 78's** (Curly Miller, Carole Anne Rose) w/ Mark Langner

6/9 **Appalachian Storm** (Terrell Jones, David White, David Hayes, Kris Wallace) w/Diane Silver

6/16 **Notorious** (Eden MacAdam Somer, Larry Unger, Sam Bartlett, Mark Hellenberg) w/Beth Molaro

6/23 **North-South Railroad** (Tina Chancey, Nancy Fiske, Charlie Pilzer) w/Ricky Holt

The Monday Night Dance at the Grey Eagle

185 Clingman Ave., Asheville. Beginners welcome, dance 8:00. \$6 828-232-5800

5/2 **The Euphoria String Band** (Reggie Harris, Ryan Harris, and Danny Bishop and Bob Kogut) w/AnneMarie Walters

5/9 **Blue Eyed Girl** (Pearl Mueller Shirley, Annie Fain Liden, and Ellie Grace) w/Adina Gordon

5/16 **Crowfoot** (Jaige Trudel, Adam Broome and Nicholas Williams) w/Beth Molaro

5/23 **The Skytones** (Laura Lengnick, Mara Shea, Roger Gold, Paul Moore) w/John Combs

5/30 **Boom Chuck** (Laurie Fisher, Nick Coker and Jack Devereux) w/Jack Mitchell

6/6 **Contraversial** (Cailen Campbell and David Brown) w/ Barbara Groh

6/13 **Firefly** (Pearl Mueller, Julia Weatherford, Laurel and Barbara Willoughby) w/Tamara McGovern

6/20 **Perpetual e-Motion** (Ed Howe, John Cote) w/Charlie Harvey

6/27 **The Spring Chickens** (Rob & Beth Mangum, Art Schuster, Ben Harvey, McClain Bissell) w/Diane Silver

Sundays — OFB English Country Dance

1st & 3rd Sundays (sometimes more—check dates below) Asheville Arts Center, 308 Merrimon Ave. Asheville. 3-5:30. \$6, \$5 for OFB members

5/1 Cathy Arps, Julia Weatherford, Beth Magill, Karen Gaughan w/ John Quinley

5/15 no dance

5/21 **Saturday English Country Dance Evening Ball** Mara Shea, Atossa Kramer w/ Bob Thompson. Elegant dress will be admired but not required.

June, July, August — ECD off for the summer.

Fridays — OFB Advanced Dance

Monthly Fridays at the Masonic Lodge in downtown Asheville. 8:00, \$8

5/20 (Mara Shea, Laura Lengnick, Atossa Kramer) w/ AnneMarie Walter

6/10 **Hot Sonata** w/ Beth Molaro

Saturdays — OFB/YMCA Dance

4th Saturdays Asheville YMCA, beginners welcome, lesson 7:30, dance 8:00

5/28 no dance

June — TBA

For more information and the latest updates:
www.oldfarmersball.com