

Old Farmers Ball
PO Box 2852
Weaverville, NC 28787

U.S. Mail
\$ 0.42

FIND YOUR JUL/AUG 2011 DANCE FLYER ON THE BACK COVER.

SWANNANOA GATHERING

Each year some of the World's best folk musicians converge on Warren Wilson College for a series of intensive week long workshops, with names like *Celtic Week*, *Fiddle Week* and *Old-Time Week*.

You'll see tents all around the campus with small groups of musicians either studying or jamming and practicing what they've learned. The campus comes alive with the sound of music!

Three of our July dances are run in conjunction with the Swannanoa Gathering, with the staff for that week providing the music.

And how good is that staff? Well take a look at the Web site, and for *Fiddle Week* note, for example, that Jamie Laval, 2002 fiddle champion and half of *Carolina Dingos*, will be there. (See www.swangathering.com/Catalog/FD/sgfdstaff.html for the full *Fiddle Week* staff.)

So come lose yourself in the music and dance the warm Summer nights away to the sounds of some of the best musicians in the World.

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.

Contra Jam / Open Mic / Cake and Pie

June 30th, bring your instrument, calling cards, dance shoes and desert, Laura Lengnick and Roger Gold leading the band.

Splash Dance

Splash Dance is starting to fill up, so get your registrations in soon.

Either register online at:

www.oldfarmersball.com/SplashDance or use the flyers available at most local dances.

If you can't find a registration form, or have any questions, give us a call at 828-350-7576. Dennis & Fran

Stolen Cash Boxes

Twice in the last few weeks, someone has stolen the OFB cash box from the Thursday night dance, after it was put away.

When it's put away, it has just the single dollar bills we use for change for the next dance, but that money is money that is lost from the bands.

The OFB is a non-profit organization, and the bulk of the dance revenues go to keeping the music we all love playing.

The bigger fiscal cost is the cost of the money box itself. The emotional cost, in our all volunteer organization, is this lack of trust we must now have due to some unknown individual in our midst.

If anyone can provide information, or get the boxes returned, that would be greatly appreciated. 828-350-7576



Laura Lengnick infusing a stage full of musicians with her energy, creating that wondrous big band sound to be heard at the upcoming Contra Jam and the full weekend Splash Dance

2011 Board of Directors

Officers

President.....Allen Bergal
 Vice-President.....Jonathan Gilbert
 SecretaryDavid Stahlnaker
 TreasurerJoe Karpen
 Past President.....David Stahlnaker

Members-at-Large

Jonathan Gilbert	Genevieve Vesely
Holly Hixson	Owen Shaffer
Dennis Merritt	Able Allen
Crawford Rizer	Laura Lengnick
Taija Tevia Clark	Terry Doyle

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:
ofb-subscribe@yahoo.com

To send us a card or letter, use:
 Old Farmers Ball
 P.O. Box 2852
 Weaverville, NC 28787

Committee Chairs

Finance Joe Karpen	Governance Joe Karpen
Marketing & PR .. Jonathan Gilbert	Special Events
Booking Beth Molaro	Community Outreach Lacy Hagan
Newsletter Dennis Merritt	Workshops..... Diane Silver
Volunteers Able Alan	Splash Dance Dennis Merritt
Sound..... Jonathan Gilbert	Webmaster Dennis Merritt

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.
president@oudfarmersball.com

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

6/30 **Contra Jam Band** (Laura Lengnick, Roger Gold leading) w/Open Mic led by Laurie Fisher *Musicians bring your instruments, callers your cards, dancers your shoes for a night of big band contra jamming. Bakers bring a pie or cake for the break, \$3 off admission.*

7/7 **Swannanoa Gathering** () w/Rodney Sutton "Community Dance-Contras and Beyond" *Fiddle Week and Traditional Song Week Staff*

7/14 **Swannanoa Gathering** () w/Pete Campbell "Scottish Ceili" w/*Celtic Week Staff*

7/21 **Swannanoa Gathering** () w/Phil Jamison "Old Time Square Dance" w/*Old Time Week Staff*

7/28 **Mock Turtle Soup** (Pearl Shirley, Wille Repoley, Chris Holleman, Laurel Willoughby) w/Tamara McGovern

8/4 **Fly by Night** (Laura Lengnick, Karen Gaughan, Beth Magill, Julia Weatherford) w/Kathy Anderson

8/11 **Contrarians** (Will Carter, Gary Reynolds, John Longwell, Paul Epstein) w/Doug Singleton

8/18 **Steamshovel** (Roger Gold, David White) w/Beth Molaro

8/25 **Fist City** (Ben Harvey, Ariel Dixon, Sarah Jamison, Phelan O'Connor) w/Phil Jamison *Welcome Back Warren Wilson Students!*

Sundays — OFB English Country Dance

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

Splash Dance OFB Contra Jam Weekend

8/26, 27, 28—Sign up for weekend before hand, or, if space is available, show up and pay at the gate for individual Fri, Sat, or Sun dances.

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

The Monday Night Dance at the Grey Eagle

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

7/4 **Steamshovel** (Roger Gold, David White) w/Margaret Mathews

7/11 **The Euphoria String Band** (Reggie Harris, Ryan Harris, Danny Bishop, Bob Kogut) w/Hank Morris

7/18 **Hot Sonata** (Laura Lengnick, Karen Gaughan, Art Schuster) w/John Combs

7/25 **Cailen Campbell & Friends** () w/Diane Silver

8/1 **Mock Turtle Soup** (Pearl Shirley, Wille Repoley, Chris Holleman, Laurel Willoughby) w/Charley Harvey

8/8 **Tickle, Scratch & Groove** (Shawn Brenemen, Jonathan Theilan, Matt Labarge) w/Laurie Fisher

8/15 **Far Horizons** (Julie Weatherford, Barbara Davis, Art Shuster) w/Barbara Groh

8/22 **The Woolly Jumpers** (Beanie O'Dell, Vincent Fogarty, Jeanne Chirdon, Helen Gubbins) w/AnneMarie Walter

8/29 **The Dancing Bears** (John Culp, Mark Langner, Lew Gelfond) w/Beth Molaro

Fridays — OFB Advanced Dance

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

7/22 **Boom Chuck** (Laurie Fisher, Nic Coker,) w/ TBA

8/12 **Dancing Bears** (Lew Gelfond, John Culp, Mark Langner) w/Barbara Groh

Saturdays — OFB/YMCA Dance

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

7/23 **Contraversial** (Cailen Campbell, David Brown) w/ AnneMarie Walter

8/20 **Roger Gold and Friends** () w/TBA