



# Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter

October 2020

## ***FLASH!*** The ***Autumn in New York Dance*** will be held ***outdoors*** on **November 20!**

Although TBDC canceled the ball scheduled for mid-October, TBDC *will* sponsor the Autumn in New York Dance, experimenting with an outdoor event! This requires changing the venue, attendance policy, date, time, attire, and offering of refreshments. If you have missed dancing with your fellow TBDC members, this dance is for you!

***Venue, attendance maximum, date, time.*** Given ongoing COVID concerns, TBDC will host the November dance outdoors at PARA's Buddy Powell Pavilion; and to allow for social distancing, attendance is limited to 50 *current paid TBDC members*. *Reservations are required!* Due to pavilion availability and hours, TBDC has rescheduled the dance for Friday, November 20, 6:30-9:30 pm. Note the earlier start time!

***Reservations.*** Admission to the dance on November 20 is by email reservation only; send your reservation request to board member Carolyn Hill: [rydercarolyn41@gmail.com](mailto:rydercarolyn41@gmail.com). If you and your dance partner are both paid 2019-2020 members of TBDC, then please send a single request to Carolyn with both names. If *you* are a paid TBDC member and your regular dance partner is not, you may invite your regular dance partner [admission for non-members is \$8]; send a single reservation request to Carolyn with your and your partner's names. If you are a paid TBDC member and would like to attend the dance without a partner, simply ask Carolyn for a single reservation.

When reservations reach the 50-dancer maximum, Carolyn will create a waitlist. And, Carolyn will acknowledge each reservation request, confirming a reservation or confirming a place on the waitlist. *Note: If you make a reservation and later decide not to attend, then, for the sake of those on the waitlist, please contact Carolyn to cancel your reservation.*

***"If I attend the dance without a partner, with whom may I dance?"*** During the pandemic, some leaders and followers *are* willing to change partners; others are choosing to dance exclusively with their regular partners. TBDC cannot predict whether those who attend the dance on November 20<sup>th</sup> will or won't be willing to change partners.

***Music: DJ Richard Richards.*** Richard Richards will serve as TBDC's DJ for the evening, and his music mix will include a number of ballroom standards. TBDC extends a special word of thanks to Richard: Not only is he accommodating our change of dates to provide the music, but he is donating his services for TBDC's Autumn in New York Dance!

**Attire.** Dancers are invited to dress comfortably for an outdoor dance on an autumn evening. You are free to wear casual attire, but if you long to dress up for an evening of dance, please do! Regardless of your wardrobe, your attire *must* include a mask to be worn *at all times inside the pavilion*. (*Shoes:* The Powell Pavilion has a smooth concrete floor, so consider leaving your fine suede-sole dance shoes at home. Some who have danced on smooth concrete prefer leather-sole dress shoes; others have had success with smooth-sole sneakers. Wear what you wish.)

**“What if dancing in a mask makes me uncomfortable and leaves me short of breath?”** TBDC is committed to maximizing safety. If, for whatever reason, you do not want to dance wearing a mask, then do *not* attend TBDC’s dance on November 20. We’ll miss you! Instead, wait until public health recommendations allow TBDC to resume hosting indoor dances without masks.

**Admission.** When you arrive at the pavilion on November 20, please look for Carolyn & Jim Hill at the admission table: They will confirm your name on the reservation list and accept your admission fee: \$5/member; \$8/non-member accompanied by a member.

**The Buddy Powell Pavilion.** PARA’s Buddy Powell Pavilion is located in Northridge Park: 4205 Northridge Road; Tuscaloosa, 35406. (Click [here](#) for a map.) With chairs spaced generously around the perimeter of the floor, there will be ample space for dancing with social distancing. The pavilion has adequate lighting, restrooms, ceiling fans, and, if needed, heating units.

**Snacks & decorations.** To simplify preparations for this outdoor dance experiment and to maximize dance space, there will be no decorated tables. And, for the sake of social distancing, there will be *no* snack table and *no* drinks provided. Dancers should bring their own snacks and beverages.

## **Will TBDC host the Nutcracker Dance in December?**

TBDC may not know until early December whether COVID statistics and public health recommendations will allow McAbee Center to host an indoor dance on December 12. Whether TBDC should instead host the Nutcracker Dance outdoors will be determined, in part, by the November dance: Did at least 40 dancers attend the Autumn in New York dance? Would those dancers be willing to attend a second dance at the Powell Pavilion? Did dancers comply with mask and social-distancing requirements? Regarding a TBDC December event, watch for an announcement in late November or early December.

## **Dancing via Zoom...**

On many Friday and Saturday nights, dedicated Birmingham dancers, Kathy & Marty Brill, sponsor dances via Zoom. Often, these dances include Zoom dance lessons – ballroom or line-dance lessons.

Here are the Brills’ recommendations for joining their Zoom dances: (a) Download the Zoom app on whatever device you plan to use to watch. (b) Click Join A Meeting, using meeting number 538 759 2774. (c) Mute yourself when the music is playing. (d) For better sound reproduction, consider connecting your device to separate speakers. (e) The Brills record their Zoom dances to allow others to watch and dance at any time. If you don’t want to be seen during the dancing, click your video OFF. (f) During a dance lesson, click Speaker View. To watch and chat with others, click Gallery View. (g) Use Zoom’s chat area to “text” other in attendance. Note: Your message will be sent to everyone unless you select a particular recipient.

## MONTHLY LISTINGS...

### TBDC's 2020 Dance Schedule – confirmed month by month...

Date	Theme	Music
Fri, NOV 20	Autumn in New York Dance; 6:30-9:30 pm	DJRR
Sat, DEC 12	Nutcracker Dance	CH

*Music:* CH = The Chekmates; DJJK = DJ Jimmy Kunz; DJRR = DJ Richard Richards

*Attire:* “Ball” designates a dressy event (with semi-formal wear or formalwear invited), and “Dance” designates a dressy-casual or theme event.

### TBDC: Facebook, Website, and Email

- *TBDC's email address:* [TBDC.91@gmail.com](mailto:TBDC.91@gmail.com)
- *Facebook: click “Like”!* For announcements, last-minute information, photos, and videos, go to TBDC's official Facebook page [Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club – Community Organization]. In the top box, click “Like”:  
<https://www.facebook.com/tuscaloosaballroomdanceclub?fref=ts>

*NOTE:* To be notified via Facebook when information and photos are posted, go to the TBDC Facebook page and click on “Following” down-arrow. In the drop-down window under Notifications, click “On (Events).”

- *TBDC's website:* [www.tbdc.org](http://www.tbdc.org) [webmaster: Lewis Cotton]

### TBDC's 2019-2020 Sponsors

#### Sapphire Sponsors

A-1 Mini-Storage (Don Wright), 9331 Hwy 69; Northport, AL; 35473; 205-292-2182

#### Emerald Sponsors

Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac: <http://www.barklevgmc.com>

### TBDC's 2019-2020 Supporting Members

*Sustaining Members:* Butch & Regina Noland; Scott & Bonnie Porter; Diana Secor; John & Mary Frances Slaughter; Janet Lee

*Bronze Members:* Lewis & Kathy Cotton; Anonymous (4)

*Silver Members:* Scott & Nita Hestevold; Garry Pearson

*Gold Members:* Ken Lee

*Platinum Members:*

Scott Hestevold  
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