



Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter April 2025

Arbor Day Dance

at McAbee Center

(3801 Loop Road; 35404)

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Music: *Ain't Misbehavin'*

7 - 10 pm

ADMISSION (cash, check, or venmo):

Members: \$8

Non-members: \$15 (\$25/couple)

Students: \$8

Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum Members: *Prepaid!*

Members and guests must be at least 18 years of age.

Attire: Dressy Casual

Co-sponsored by PARA4Life @ McAbee Center

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TBDC and PARA4Life invite you to join us for the Arbor Day Dance. It will be the perfect way to welcome spring. The band, Ain't Misbehavin', will be on hand to provide beautiful music for the occasion. It promises to be a special evening.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m.

Attire: Dressy Casual.

Admission (cash, check, or venmo): \$8/TBDC member, \$15 non-member (\$25/couple), \$8/student. TBDC's sustaining members are prepaid!

Bring a wrap: Most dance clubs keep their dance spaces a few degrees cooler than normal for the comfort and well-being of their active dancers. So, if you are cold-natured or tend not to dance as much as others, please bring a wrap to all TBDC dances.

Snacks. Water is provided. TBDC invites our regular dancers to bring an item for the snack table.

McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404): The entrance to McAbee Center's parking lot is at the intersection of Loop Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway. (The VA Hospital is located behind and to the right of McAbee Center.) There is no access to McAbee Center's parking lot from the hospital campus, so please avoid the hospital's main entrance. For a map, click here: [Map](#).

Sock Hop Dance

It was the coolest of the cool -- an absolute blast! The TBDC Sock Hop lived up to its hype! McAbee's gymnasium was transformed to the 1950's. Guests were decked out in poodle skirts, letter sweaters, jeans, and iconic "shades". A huge thank you goes to Regina and Butch Noland (with the help of Scott Zegler) for the perfect decorations which included colorful balloons on backdrops with scenes of the times, complete with juke box and lots of hula hoops. The tables featured fountain sodas with two straws and 45 rpm singles. Everyone had a ball taking pictures during the breaks. To add to the fun, there was a hula hoop contest! Congratulations to winner, Carolyn Bishop, and runner-up, Kate Ray. Exhibition dances of the Twist and of Blue Roses rounded out the entertainment. Thank you to all who participated. Lewis Cotton took some wonderful pictures and videos of all the activities. Finally, a special thank you to 5 of a Kind for their inspired playlist for the evening.

Special guests included Hui Pan of SWEN (our Sapphire sponsor) and friends from Dance! Dance! Dance! We were also very happy to have members of the University of Alabama Competition Ballroom Dance Team join us.

We were so pleased to have such a great turnout for this fun-filled evening!!

Heartfelt thanks go out to all those who work behind the scenes to support our dances each month.

Lewis Cotton - our excellent publicist and photographer,

Kathy Cotton - our ever dependable and efficient attendance table manager, and

Kim Brown - our always helpful venue manager.

And, special thanks to all who bring those lovely treats for our refreshment table.

TBDC's Spring dance lessons

The final lesson of the spring was given on April 8, 2025. This class was amazing! They worked so hard to conquer all the different types of dances. The final half hour was spent in putting their knowledge to the test by dancing all the dance steps they had learned. It was so much fun to watch them match the music played to the proper dance steps. They passed with flying colors! Remember, you can sign up now for the fall dance lessons beginning on September 2, 2025.

Do you need additional information? Contact Regina Noland, regina001@aol.com

Looking ahead: Birds of a Feather Dance on Saturday, May 17, 2025

Let's all flock together to TBDC's Birds of a Feather Dance on May 17, 2025. I've heard a rumor that there will be some very unique decorations. Five of a Kind will keep everyone on the dance floor for this special occasion. Be sure to join us!

Thursday and Friday Dances at the Northport Community Center

Dance! Dance! Dance! holds dances every Thursday and Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The Country Gold Band plays on Thursdays and the Over the Hill Band plays on Fridays. *Attire:* casual. *Admission:* \$7/person.

TBDC's 2025 Sponsors

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SWEN Chinese Restaurant: 1130 University Boulevard, Suite B2, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 391-9887 and 3420 Hwy 69 N, Northport, AL 35473 (205) 333-8886
Facebook: [Swen Chinese Restaurant](#).

TBDC's 2025 Sustaining Members

Sustaining Members: Pat Atkins; Carolyn and Gary Bishop; Bruce Evans; Bryan Fair; Bonnie and Scott Porter; Diana Secor; Janet and John Weber; and Dr. Albert and Anna White.

Bronze Members: Kathy and Lewis Cotton; Carolyn and Jim Hill; Garry Pearson and Angie Summerlin; and Carol and Tom Russell.

Silver Members: Nita and Scott Hestevold.

Gold Members: Regina and Butch Noland.

Platinum Members: Melody and Wayne Roberts.

TBDC's 2025 Dance Schedule

| | Band/CD | Theme | Decorators |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan 18 (Sat) | 5 of a Kind | January Frost Dance | Diana Secor |
| Feb 15 (Sat) | Drew White | Love in Bloom Ball | Carol and Tom Russell |
| Mar 22 (Sat) | 5 of a Kind | Sock Hop | Regina and Butch Noland |
| Apr 26 (Sat) | Ain't Misbehavin' | Arbor Day Dance | Nita and Scott Hestevold |
| May 17 (Sat) | 5 of a Kind | Birds of a Feather Dance | Ken Lee |
| Jun 21 (Sat) | DJRR | Blue Hawaii Dance | Janet and John Weber |
| Jul 19 (Sat) | Drew White | Picnic Dance | Bruce Evans |
| Aug 16 (Sat) | 5 of a Kind | Denim and Diamonds Dance | Trisha Schuster |
| Sep 19 (Fri) | DJRR | National Dance Week Dance | Nita and Scott Hestevold |
| Oct 17 (Fri) | Drew White | Autumn Leaves Dance | Regina and Butch Noland |
| Nov 21 (Fri) | 5 of a Kind | Stardust Dance | Janet and John Weber |
| Dec 13 (Sat) | Drew White | Nutcracker Ball | Kathy and Lewis Cotton |

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

In Case of Severe Weather...

When a severe-weather alert has been issued for the evening of any TBDC event, TBDC will decide by 4 p.m. whether to proceed with or cancel the event. By 4:30 p.m., TBDC will notify friends and members by email and with a post on its Facebook page. *Note:* As a rule, TBDC cancels events only when tornadic or winter weather poses a serious safety concern; a mere rainstorm does not stop the sun from shining on the dance floor!

Monthly Listings...

- **TBDC's email address:** TBDC.91@gmail.com
- **Facebook:** For announcements, last-minute information, and photos, visit TBDC's Facebook page [Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club – Community Organization]. In the top box, click “Like” to be notified by Facebook when information and photos are posted.
- **TBDC's website:** www.tbdc.org [webmaster: Lewis Cotton].
- **Instagram:** tusc_ballroom_dance_club
- **Tuscaloosa Patch** (Look for our announcements).

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