



Charlottesville Swing Dance Society

Swing Dance News ~ February 2016

CSDS' Code of Conduct

(Established 10/15/15)

~ Next Dance ~

Saturday, Feb. 20th
~ Illumination Dance

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Let there be Light!

Ivy Creek United
Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

DJ/Lesson Instructors
Stacy & Sue Suter
Lesson 7-8 pm
Beg. Hustle (3-Count)
Dance 8-11 pm

February Dances

(Monthly/Special Events*)

Friday, February 5th

Rigby's Jig Jam

7:30-8:30-10:30 pm

Saturday, February 6th

Rocktown Rocks: on hiatus,
@ Charlotte Westie Fest!

Saturday, February 13th

Stacy & Sue Bring Hustle to CSDS!



Stacy & Sue Suter, hosts of Stacy's Jams

Do you love to dance Hustle? Don't know how but want to learn? Then come to the CSDS February Dance when Stacy and Sue Suter of Harrisonburg, and hosts of Stacy's Jams, are our DJs and Lesson Instructors! They'll teach a Beginner Hustle (3-count) lesson from 7-8 pm, included in your admission, and then be our DJs from 8-11 pm. Here's a great example of Hustle dancing, by pros Billy Marti and Erica Smith, at MADjam 2011.

It's also time for our **Illumination Dance**! What does that mean? It means bring/wear your own illumination accessories, such as blinking or glow-in-the-dark rings, bracelets, necklaces. We'll have some illumination accessories on hand to give out, first-come first-served so make sure to get there early! Come one, come all and let there be light!

[Stacy's Jam](#): on hiatus, they're @ [CSDS](#) this month!

Sunday, February 14th

[Kristin's WCS Practica](#)

@ The Dance Spot
6:30-8:30 pm

Sunday, February 14th

[California Mix Dance](#)

@ The Dance Space (RVA)
7-9 pm

Friday, February 19th

[West Side of Swing](#) with

Instructor Debbi Anderson
7:30-8:30-11:30 p m

Saturday, February 20th

[CSDS Dance](#) with DJs &

Instructors Stacy & Sue
Suter (Hustle Lesson)
7-8-11 pm

Saturday, February 27th

[Cville Savoy](#)

7:30-8:30-10:30 pm

Saturday, February 27th

[USA Dance C'ville](#)

Municipal Arts Center
7:15-8-10 pm

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DANCE INSTRUCTION:

Visit the [CSDS website](#)!

[SWING SWAP](#) (Thursdays)

7:30-9 pm Open Dancing

[Murray High School Gym](#)

(Free for everyone!)

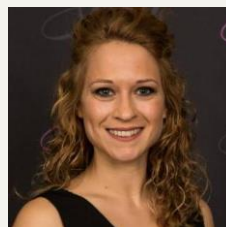
*Events are listed as a courtesy to their sponsors; all are subject to change or cancellation, esp. during inclement weather. Please contact the event sponsor, not CSDS, to confirm all details!

**February CSDS
Member Birthdays**

We encourage you to carpool to our dance, at [Ivy Creek United Methodist Church](#) (Fellowship Hall) and now that we are in the midst of winter, in the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by 3 pm if we need to cancel our dance. We will send out an email and make posts on our [Facebook page](#) and the [CSDS website](#).

Alyssa Lundgren Gillespie on Staff @ CWF!

C-ville/Central Virginia Westies look forward to attending [Charlotte Westie Fest](#), February 5th-7th in Charlotte, where local dancer and instructor **Alyssa Lundgren Gillespie** is on staff! Alyssa joins our friends Event Director Gary Jobst and Event Coordinators Rick and Cindy Dauss, Carrie Smith and Jason



Toy, and a superb professional staff in what promises to be a weekend full of fun, great workshops and social dancing, Jack & Jill contests and a Swing 16 Tournament, with good ole Charlotte hospitality behind it all. Reserve your hotel room [here](#). If you've never attended a weekend dance event, this would be a great first!

Competitors Workshop - What Judges Really See

Hosted by our friends and experienced professional judges **Kay Newhouse** and **Dawn Garrish**, this [specialty workshop](#), on Saturday February 20th at the Garrish home studio in Damascus MD, puts you on the other side of the clipboard! Do you wonder what the judges actually see during Jack and Jills? What's on those papers, and how do they decide scores? Knowledge is power in this "behind the scenes" peek into the world of judging a luck of the draw WCS competition. Improve your ability to critique your own performances, practice assessing mock contests (both heated and spotlight), hone your strategy for Jack & Jills and much more. [Registration required](#).

Upcoming Learning Opportunities!

Kathy Stacy (4th)
John Williams (7th)
Jerry Scaglione (12th)
Liesl Sonne-Peterson
(24th)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**(\$5 Admission for Members
the Month of your Birthday)**

Members, let us know if we've
missed your birthday!

**~ Dance Schedule ~
(2016)**

January 16th ~ ICUMC
February 20th ~ ICUMC
March 19th ~ ICUMC
Board of Directors Election
April 16th ~ Location TBA,
Workshop Weekend with
Pro (TBA)
May 21st ~ MAC
June 18th ~ MAC
July 16th ~ MAC
August 20th ~ ICUMC
"Bring A Friend" Night
September 17th ~ ICUMC
October 15th ~ ICUMC
Halloween Dance
November 19th ~ ICUMC
December 17th ~ ICUMC
Holiday Dance

Admission:

- \$10 CSDS Members
- \$13 Non-Members
- \$5 Students (Full-Time
with ID), First-Timers

Venues:

ICUMC: Ivy Creek United
Methodist Church
[674 Woodlands Rd \(Rt.
676\)](#)

Charlottesville, VA 22901

MAC: Municipal Arts Center
[1119 Fifth Street SW](#)
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Time:

Lesson: 7-8 pm
Dance: 8-11 pm



In case you missed the announcement at our January dance, CSDS is thrilled to present you with two great learning opportunities! On Saturday, March 12th at the [Municipal Arts Center](#), local instructor **Alyssa Lundgren Gillespie** (pictured, left) will teach a **West Coast Swing Level 2 Intensive** from 2-5:30 pm.

Then, in April, pro **Jessica Cox** (right) will be here for our next **Workshop Weekend**. Jessica grew up dancing West Coast Swing and is a multi-time US Open Champion in the Showcase division, for starts. She'll be here Saturday and Sunday, April 16th and 17th, to give Saturday afternoon workshops and attend our dance that night, all at the [Greek Orthodox Church](#), and to give private lessons both days. We expect to have our usual Saturday schedule of afternoon workshops and a catered dinner preceding our evening dance.

As soon as we have finalized the schedules for both of these events, we'll send out an announcement with information on how to register. So stay tuned, and in the meantime, save the dates for Alyssa's Intensive and Jessica's Workshops! (*Photos by Littadragon and Carl Lind*)

January Dance Review

Thanks to everyone who came to our January dance with Lesson Instructor and DJ Robin Smith from Raleigh. We enjoyed having Robin return to Central VA, especially those of us who were lucky enough to get a private lesson with him. We also enjoyed having one of Robin's students, Benjamin Birdsong, here to play with us, right followers?! On Sunday, Benjamin was quoted as saying "man, my feet hurt!" Special thanks to Kristin Wenger, hostess with the mostess, who hosted Robin and Benjamin, and the private lessons in her killer home dance studio!

Pre-Dance Lesson with Robin

Board of Directors & Helpers (2015/2016)

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Next BOD Meeting

Thursday, February 11th

6:30 pm, [email CSDS](#) for
location. Members welcome!

~ **Booty's Corner** ~



Dance Shoes Show & Tell Info. Session - thanks to all who stopped by to learn more about dance shoes and to those who donated shoes to give away; some lucky folks ended up with a "new" pair of dance shoes :-) We hope to do this again, with a greater focus on having a Shoe Swap where we'll collect all of your no-longer-worn dance shoes in hopes they'll work for someone else.



Dance Resources

[DanceJamDC](#)

[World Swing Dance Council Events](#)

[Skippy Blair](#)

[Michael Kiehm's 10 Basic Concepts for Better Basics](#)

[Michael Kiehm's YouTube Tips](#)

[Custom Orthotics](#)

[Soles2Dance](#)

[WCS Songs](#)



Central VA Westies Tammy, Summer and Adela, pictured here with new friend Laura and Summer's beau Anders from Sweden, had a blast at [Sweet Side of Swing](#), a multi-leveled workshop weekend that focuses on growth and community with a unique instructor mentor-mentee program. In addition to learning, we got to perform a [followers routine](#), a [leaders routine](#) and a [couples routine](#). So much fun!

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Upcoming Dance Events

Feb. 5-7: [Charlotte Westie Fest](#) - Charlotte, NC

Mar. 3-6: [MADjam](#) - Baltimore, MD

Apr. 28-May 1: [MidAtlantic Dance Classic](#) - Herndon, VA

May 26-29: [Grand Nationals](#) - Atlanta, GA

Jun. 3-5: [Level Up w/Kyle & Sarah](#) - Silver Spring, MD

Jun. 3-5: [Michigan Classic](#) - Dearborn, MI

Jun. 23-26: [Liberty Swing](#) - New Brunswick, NJ

Aug. 11-14: [Swing Fling](#) - Vienna, VA

[Adela](#) is often the Table/Group Dinner Organizer for events attended by "C-ville Westies" (and Central VA) dancers ~ if you're planning to go to any of these or other events, let her know! Also, if you have any interest in attending these events, reserve your hotel room ASAP as the event hotels usually sell out well in advance; you can always cancel it later. Don't wait until you decide to go to book your room; it will be too late!

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Want to be in the know about dancing in and around Charlottesville? Then [join](#) our Mailing List! You'll receive the latest news from Charlottesville's best resource for dancing in our area. We'll never sell or give out your email address, that's a promise!

Interested in being a [member](#) of CSDS? It's only \$15/year (the equivalent of 4 Starbucks coffees!) and your dues help us continue to put on [monthly dances](#), workshops, [Swing Swap](#) (our FREE weekly dance practice) and gives you a \$3 discount at all of our dances!!

