



Charlottesville Swing Dance Society
Swing Dance News ~ March 2016

CSDS' Code of Conduct

(Established 10/15/15)

~ Next Dance ~

Saturday, March 19th
[Ivy Creek United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall](#)
Lesson 7-8 pm
 Beg. West Coast Swing
 w/Instructor
 Alyssa Lundgren
 Gillespie
Dance 8-11 pm
 w/DJ Elizabeth Pfister

March Dances
 (Monthly/Special Events*)

Friday, March 4th
[Rigby's Jig Jam](#)
 7:30-8:30-10:30 pm

Saturday, March 5th
[Rocktown Rocks](#): on hiatus,
 we're @ [MADjam!](#)

Saturday, March 12th
[Stacy's Jam](#) with instructor
 Edwin Roa (Salsa lesson)
 7-8-10:30 pm

West Coast Swing Intensive Level 2



CSDS will host a [West Coast Swing Intensive Level 2](#) on Saturday, March 12th, from 1:45 -5:15 pm at the [Municipal Arts Center](#). For the low price of \$25 per person (or \$45 per leader-follower combo), enjoy 3 workshops in friendly group lessons with Charlottesville's own West Coast Swing instructor, **Alyssa Gillespie**. Our Level 2 Intensive assumes you are comfortable with the basic moves: side passes, pushes and basic whip.

WORKSHOP

1:45 pm to 2:00 pm	- Registration & Warming Up
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	- Workshop 1
2:45 pm to 3:00 pm	- Break
3:00 pm to 3:45 pm	- Workshop 2
3:45 pm to 4:00 pm	- Break
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm	- Workshop 3
4:45 pm to 5:15 pm	- Questions and Practice Time

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 13th

[Kristin's WCS Practica](#)

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

Sunday, March 13th

[California Mix Dance](#)

@ The Dance Space (RVA)
7-9 pm

Friday, March 19th

[West Side of Swing](#) with
Instructor Kristin Wenger
7:30-8:30-11:30 pm

Saturday, March 20th

[CSDS Dance](#) with
Instructor
Alyssa Lundgren Gillespie &
DJ Elizabeth Pfister
7-8-11 pm

Saturday, March 26th

[Cville Savoy](#)
7:30-8:30-11 pm

Saturday, March 26th

[USA Dance C'ville](#)
Instructor Kristin Wenger
West Coast Swing lessons!
7-7:30-8-10:30 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!

**March CSDS
Member Birthdays**

A minimum of 10 pre-registered attendees are needed to hold the Intensive; please register ASAP! In the event of cancellation, you will receive a prompt refund.

[REGISTER HERE!!](#)

(Photo courtesy of Dan Sweet)

CSDS March Dance & BOD Election



Alyssa Gillespie (L) and Elizabeth Pfister (R)

We look forward to seeing all of you at our March 19th dance at the [Ivy Creek United Methodist Church](#) (Fellowship Hall) where Instructor Alyssa Gillespie will teach our pre-dance lesson (7-8 pm, included in your admission) in Beginner West Coast Swing. Then, making her CSDS DJing debut is Elizabeth Pfister, hostess of [Lynchburg Swing](#), who will spin the tunes from 8-11 pm!

Annual Board of Directors Election

During the break, we'll hold our annual Board of Directors election for the 2016-2017 term. If you'd like to nominate someone (including yourself!), please contact [Lisa Morales](#) who, with John Robertson, once again comprise our Nominating Committee. You can read our public [bylaws](#) here.

Thank you to current Directors April Northcutt, Allison Bennett, Alyssa Gillespie, Mark DeBow, Jeff Freeman, Christina Morton and Bonnie Strickler for their service this past year. Thanks also to our trusty stable of "Helpers."

Why should I consider being on the CSDS Board, you might ask?! Well, there are some great reasons: it's fun/social, it's a great way to deepen the friendships with others on the board and it's a great way to give back to your dance community. **Most importantly though, it's necessary for CSDS to exist!** And, the Directors are joined by a handful of "Helpers" which makes for less work all around. So we hope you'll think about taking a turn to serve CSDS

Terry Pratt (9th)
Joanne Cassani (15th)
Michael Smith (16th)
Kevin Sumter (16th)
Beth Jandl (25th)

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 ~ TBA/Workshop
Weekend w/Kellese Key
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 26th ~ 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

and your local dance community and consider being on the Board :-)

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](#).

Workshop Weekend with Pro Kellese Key



[Registration](#) is open for our April 16th afternoon workshops and evening dance with pro **Kellese Key** (who replaces Jessica Cox who can no longer come due to work)! We're thrilled to welcome this US Open Champion to Central VA for her first visit. See all the details [here](#). If you are interested in a private lesson with Kellese, please contact Workshop Coordinator [Allison Bennett](#).

Charlotte Westie Fest a Smashing Success!

Charlottesville/Central VA Westies had a great time at the first [Charlotte Westie Fest](#) in February, featuring our own, Alyssa Gilleppe, who was on staff. Attendance exceeded expectations and we all look forward to returning to CWF in 2017 (February 3rd-5th); go ahead and save the date!

Just some of our dancers who fared well in competition, congrats!!

Board of Directors & Helpers (2015/2016)

Board of Directors

April Northcutt

President

Allison Bennett

Vice President, Workshop
Coordinator

Alyssa Lundgren Gillespie

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Mark DeBow

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Jeff Freeman

DJ/Lesson Coordinator

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Swing Swap Hostess/DJ

Brian Muszynski

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Next BOD Meeting

Thursday, March 10th

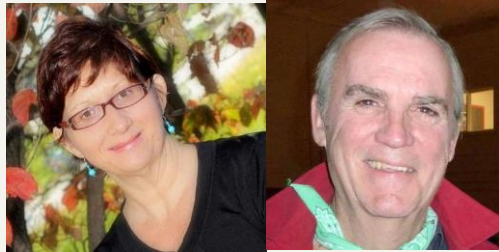
6:30 pm, [email CSDS](#) for
location. Members welcome!

~ **Booty's Corner** ~



(Photo courtesy of Carl Lind)

In Memoriam ...



CSDS is sad to say goodbye to two lovely dancers who graced us with their presence over the years. [Teresa Arbogast](#), of Roanoke, passed away on February 13th after a courageous battle with cancer. To date, no public service has been planned. Will Page, of Lexington, passed away unexpectedly in November. A memorial service is planned Saturday June 18th at [Grace Presbyterian Church](#).

(Will Page photo, courtesy of Carl Lind)

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](#)

[Dance Etiquette](#)

[Dance World Takeover](#)

[Westie Discussion of the Day](#)



Eddie and I had a blast visiting Viko and Allison in Boulder and then attending 5280 dance event in Denver! We love Boulder as it reminds us a lot of C-ville; their pedestrian mall and our Downtown Mall were designed by the same person. The Denver dancers are super friendly and we got to hang out with our buddies from PA, TX and WA!!

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Upcoming Dance Events

Mar. 3-6: [MADjam](#) - Baltimore, MD
Apr. 28-May 1: [MidAtlantic Dance Classic](#) - Herndon, VA
Apr. 29-May 1: [Swing Dance America](#) - Milwaukee, WI
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
Sep. 8-11: [Swing Trilogy](#) - Raleigh, NC

[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!!

