



Charlottesville Swing Dance Society
Swing Dance News ~ February 2017

CSDS' Code of Conduct
(Established 10/15/15)

~ Next Dance ~

Saturday, Feb. 18th
[Ivy Creek United Methodist](#)
[Church Fellowship Hall](#)
Lesson Instructor/DJ
Alyssa Arter
Lesson, 7-8 pm
Beginner Blues
Dance, 8-11 pm

February Dances
(Monthly/Special Events*)

Wednesdays (Weekly)
[West Coast Wednesdays @](#)
[Wood Ridge Farm Brewery](#)
6:30-8:30 pm (Free!)

[Swing Cville's Cat's Corner](#)
7-7:45-8:30-9-10:30 pm (\$)

~ **Saturday, February 18th** ~
2 pm: WCS Beginner Intensive



Alyssa Gillespie at Atlanta Swing Classic

(Photo Courtesy of Ariel Penu)

Our next [West Coast Swing Beginner Intensive](#) is Saturday, February 18th from 2-5 pm at the [Ivy Creek United Methodist Church \(Fellowship Hall\)](#), with local instructor and All Star/Champion level competitor, Alyssa Gillespie! This is for those who have never danced WCS, those who already know WCS and want to solidify their basics, those who are experienced WCS dancers who want to learn their non-dominant role, it's for YOU!! Register [here](#); it's \$25 per person or \$45 per leader/follower combo. Participants will receive a \$5 discount to our monthly dance that night ...

7 pm: Monthly Dance Features BLUES!!



Instructor/DJ Alyssa Arter

(Photos Courtesy of Carl Lind & Alyssa Arter)

This month, CSDS features the **BLUES!!** No stranger to CSDS, we welcome back **Alyssa Arter** of PA to be our lesson instructor and DJ for our monthly dance at [Ivy Creek United Methodist Church \(Fellowship Hall\)](#). Alyssa has been dancing since the age of 4 and began teaching at age 13; she teaches Lindy Hop, Charleston, East Coast Swing, Balboa, West Coast Swing and of course, Blues! We invite everyone to wear blue jeans!

7:00 - 8:00 pm: Lesson (included in admission)

8:00 - 11:00 pm: Dance

Admission:

\$10 CSDS Members

\$13 General Admission

\$5 Students (full time w/ID), First-Timers and CSDS members with February Birthdays :-)

Children Under 16 are Free

As parking is limited, we encourage you to carpool to our dance. In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by 2 pm and we will post on our public [Facebook page](#) (you don't have to have an account!) if we are having or cancelling our dance. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather this winter!

Northcutts Represent @ Freedom Swing!

CSDS Prez April Northcutt is not one to toot her own horn, so we'll do it for her! April, husband Billy, and their son, Jacen, recently attended [Freedom Swing](#) dance event and all made finals in their respective Jack & Jill divisions! Billy made finals in Intermediate Jack & Jill while in Novice Jack & Jill, Jacen brought home the gold, winning 1st Place with his partner, with mom April close on his heels coming in at 2nd Place with her partner. Both Jacen and April now qualify to move up into the Intermediate division! Congratulations to the

[West Side Wednesdays](#)

@ Rigby's Jig (Richmond)
7-8-10 pm (\$)

Thursdays (Weekly)

[CSDS' Swing Swap](#) (Free!)
7:15 pm Move of the Week
7:30-9 pm Open Dancing

Saturday, February 4th

[Rocktown Rocks](#) is on hiatus until [April 1st!](#)

Sunday, February 12th

[Kristin's WCS Practica](#)
@ The Dance Spot
6:30-8:30 pm (\$)

Sunday, February 12th

[California Mix Dance](#) (RVA)
7-9 pm (\$)

Saturday, February 18th

[CSDS Dance with Guest Instructor/DJ Alyssa Arter](#)
7-8-11 pm (\$)

Saturday, February 25th

[Cville Savoy](#)
8-8:30-10:30 pm (\$)

Saturday, February 25th

[USA Dance C'ville](#)
7-8-10 pm (\$)

Saturday, February 25th

[West Side of Swing](#) (RVA)
7-8-10 pm (\$)

DANCE INSTRUCTION:

Visit the [CSDS website!](#)

[SWING SWAP](#) (Thursdays)

7:15-7:30 pm, Move of the Week with Billy Northcutt
7:30-9 pm, Open Dancing (Free for Everyone!)

LOCATION:

[Murray High School Gym](#)

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

February CSDS Member Birthdays

Kathy Stacy (4th)

Kathy Chang (5th)
John Williams (7th)
Yolanda Shelton (9th)
Jerry Scaglione (12th)
Roy Noyes (15th)
June Taft (16th)
Kim Durland (19th)
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 ~
(2017)

January 21st ~ ICUMC

February 18th ~ ICUMC

March 18th ~ ICUMC

Board of Directors Election
Workshop Weekend w/Ben

McHenry Cameo Cross

April 15th ~ ICUMC

May 20th ~ MAC

June 17th ~ MAC

July 15th ~ MAC

August 19th ~ ICUMC

"Bring-A-Friend" Night

September 16th ~ ICUMC

October 21st ~ ICUMC

Halloween Dance

November 18th ~ ICUMC

December 16th ~ 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

* with rare exceptions!

Board of Directors & Helpers (2016/2017)

Board of Directors

Northcutt family for their placements!!



You can check out all the competition results [here](#); congratulations to all who competed!

(Photo Courtesy of Alyssa Gillespie)

Coming in March ~ BAMEO!!



Ben McHenry & Cameo Cross, US Open 2014

(Photo Courtesy of Liza May)

SAVE THE DATE!! CSDS is thrilled to be bringing WCS Pros Ben McHenry and Cameo Cross, otherwise known as **BAMEO**, to Charlottesville! They'll be here Friday, March 17th through Sunday, March 19th to give group workshops, private lessons and attend our dance. Details are being finalized so in the meantime, save the date! Here's a [video](#) of one of our favorite routines performed by Ben and Cameo, enjoy!

~ Board of Directors Announcements ~

Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee of no fewer than two members will be appointed by the current Board of Directors, by February 5th, for the purpose of nominating candidates to serve on the Board of Directors, with elections taking place at our General Membership Meeting at the March dance. One must be a CSDS member to serve on the Nominating Committee; members may volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee.

BOD Election

Nominations for Board of Directors must be received by a current

April Northcutt

President

Rich Gullick

Co-Vice President

Bonnie Strickler

Co-Vice President

Alyssa Gillespie

Secretary

Mark DeBow

Treasurer

Dominick Montie

Publicity

Christina Morton

Membership

Helpers

Allison Bennett

DJs/Instructors/Workshops

Beth DeBow

Helper-at-Large

Leon Gorman

Dance Greeter

Lisa Morales

Swing Swap Hostess/DJ,
Nominating Committee

Brian Muszynski

Sound System, Signs

Kim Perkins

Refreshments

Larry Saunders

Webmaster, Venue
Coordinator

Adela Su

Newsletter Editor, Social
Media

Next BOD Meeting

Thursday, February 9th

6:15 pm, [email CSDS](#) for
location. Members welcome!

~ Booty's Corner ~



24/7 @ Live Arts

C-ville Westies and DMV (DC, MD, VA) Westies came together recently for dinner and theater, to support local dance instructor **Kristin Wenger**, who, along with Ray Nedzel, produce 24/7 at [Live Arts](#), a volunteer organization like CSDS, each year!
Condolences to CSDS member **Kim Perkins** on the recent passing of her

Board member by March 1st. Nominations from the membership must have a proposer and a second, neither of which may be the nominee. No person may be nominated without his/her prior consent. The Nominating Committee will conduct the election of the Board of Directors and announce the results at the annual meeting at our March dance. The vote may be held by acclamation if all nominations are uncontested, or by ballot if any nominations are contested. The term of the newly elected Directors will begin on April 1st, 2017.

Our current Board of Directors are:

President: April Northcutt

Vice Presidents: Rich Gullick, Bonnie Strickler

Secretary: Alyssa Gillespie

Treasurer: Mark DeBow

Director: Dominick Montie

Director: Christina Morton

Please consider giving back to your dance community and serving as a Board of Director for 2017-2018! Thank you!

Dance Resources

[DanceJamDC](#)

[World Swing Dance Council \(WSDC\) Events](#)

[Skippy Blair](#)

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

[Michael Kiehm's YouTube Tips](#)

[Dance Connection](#) (Shoes, Boots, Custom Orthotics)

[Apple Dance Shoes](#)

[Soles2Dance](#)

[WCS Songs](#)

[Radio WCS](#)

[Dance Etiquette](#)

[Westie Discussion of the Day](#)

[Practice WCS](#)

[Brandi Tobias](#)

[Liza May's WCS Blog](#)

[Myles & Tessa/WCS Canadian Champions](#)

[How to Take Advantage of Dance Events](#)

[Sway'd Shoes](#) (Dance Boots)

[Hugo & Stacy: Westie Workouts](#)

[Wandering Westie](#)

Upcoming Dance Events

Feb. 2-5: [Charlotte Westie Fest](#) - Charlotte, NC

Mar. 2-5: [MADjam](#) - Baltimore, MD

Mar. 24-26: [Stephanie McHenry Intensive](#) - Raleigh, NC

Apr. 7-9: [Weekend with Michael Kiehm](#) - Charlotte, NC

May 11-14: [ESS Camp](#) - Boston, MA

May 25-28: [Grand Nationals](#) - Atlanta, GA

Jun. 23-25: PJ Turner/Tashina Beckman Intensive - Raleigh

Jun. 29-Jul. 2: [Liberty Swing](#) - New Brunswick, NJ

Aug. 10-13: [Swing Fling](#) - Herndon, VA

Sep. 7-10: [Trilogy Swing](#) - Raleigh/Durham, NC

Sep. 28-Oct. 1: [Atlanta Swing Classic](#) - Atlanta, GA

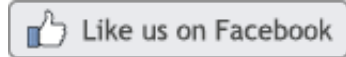
Nov. 16-19: [DCSX](#) - Herndon, VA

[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! And reserve your hotel

mother, [Mary Wyant](#).
And finally, we wish a speedy recovery to CSDS member [Scott Stinson](#) who recently broke his leg. Get well soon!

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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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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!!

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