



Charlottesville Swing Dance Society

Swing Dance News ~ May 2017

CSDS' Code of Conduct

(Established 10/15/15)

~ Next Dance ~

Saturday, May 20th
Municipal Arts Center
Guest Pro/Instructor
Dawn Garrish
Lesson, 7-8 pm
Beg. Country 2-Step
Dance, 8-11 pm
DJ Elizabeth Pfister

May Dance Opportunities*

(Classes/Dances/Workshops)

~ WEEKLY ~

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

Swing Cville's Cat's Corner
 7-8-8:45-10 pm (\$)

West Coast Wednesdays
 7-8-10 pm (\$) (RVA)

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

~ MONTHLY ~

Saturday, May 6th
Rocktown Rocks with Pros
 Markus Smith & Tren Veal
 6-7-7:45-10:45 pm

Sunday, May 14th
Kristin's WCS Practice @ The Dance Spot
 6:30-8:30 pm (\$)

Sunday, May 14th
California Mix Dance (RVA)
 7-9 pm (\$)

Saturday, May 20th
CSDS Dance with Guest Pro Dawn Garrish
 3-5 pm Competitors W'shop
 7-8 pm Lesson (2-Step)
 8-11 pm Dance (\$\$)

Saturday, May 27th
USA Dance Charlottesville
 7-7:30-8-10:15 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!)

 *CSDS lists non-CSDS events as a courtesy to their hosts; reciprocity is appreciated. All events are subject to change or cancellation without notice so confirm all details with Event Hosts (not CSDS). Event Hosts: [send](#) info about your events by the 20th to ensure inclusion in the following month's Newsletter!

May CSDS Member Birthdays

Fernando Aristizabal (3rd)
 Marlon Cerritos (9th)
 Tammy Davis (10th)
 Jim Miller (13th)
 Phyllis Harris (19th)
 Cathy Burrier (22nd)
 Bill Capp (24th)
 Larry Herbert (24th)
 Allison Bennett (25th)
 Jen McCain (30th)

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
 "Bring-A-Friend" Night
 August 19th ~ ICUMC
 Workshop Weekend w/Pro
 September 16th ~ ICUMC
 October 21st ~ ICUMC
 Halloween Dance
 November 25th ~ 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 (2017/2018)

Board of Directors
April Northcutt
 President
Bonnie Strickler
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Alyssa Gillespie
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Mark DeBow
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Rich Gullick
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Christina Morton
 Director
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Allison Bennett
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Beth DeBow
 Helper-at-Large
Wendy Frazer
 Webmaster
Leon Gorman
 Dance Greeter
Lisa Morales
 Swing Swap Hostess/DJ
Brian Muszynski
 Sound System, Signs
Billy Northcutt
 Swing Swap Instructor
Kim Perkins
 Refreshments
Larry Saunders
 PayPal Account
Adela Su
 Newsletter Editor, Social Media
June Taft
 Helper-at-Large
Next BOD Meeting
Thursday, May 11th
 6:15 pm, [email CSDS](#) for location. Members welcome!

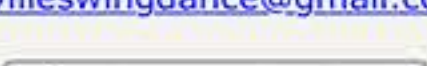
~ Booty's Corner ~



Loved seeing former C-ville Westies Viko and Allison, in Seattle at [Easter Swing](#), a fabulous event in the Pacific Northwest. Congratulations to Allison who won her first egg, with her 1st Place win in Advanced Jack & Jill!

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~ Saturday, May 20th ~ Guest Pro Dawn Garrish



The Garrish Family

(Photo Courtesy of Dawn Garrish)

CSDS is thrilled to have Maryland pro **Dawn Garrish** coming down for our monthly dance on Saturday, May 20th, at the **MAC!** Dawn, and husband Dean (www.deananddawn.com), are two of the most prominent teachers of both country and west coast swing dance in the Maryland/DC area. They have been teaching and competing in the dance community for over 25 years. With extensive knowledge in competitive dancing they have won two UCWDC World Titles, 6 US Open Swing Titles, and over 50 Top Teacher Awards. Dean and Dawn are legends in the dance world and continue to influence dancers of all levels seeking to refine their skills.

Dean and Dawn pride themselves in teaching the largest continuous group classes in the Maryland & DC area. Daily, they also privately teach dancers at all levels from true beginners to advanced World competitors. They are also co-event directors of the annual New Orleans Dance Mardi Gras competition event in Louisiana.

If you've ever been to any of Dave Moldover's events in the DC area (MADjam, Swing Fling, DCSX), you've probably seen Dawn there as Head Judge; she is HJ at other dance events too. Or maybe you've seen her competitive team, Capital Swing, perform the routines she has choreographed. Or maybe you've seen her on the floor competing with her ProAm students. Or maybe you've seen either of her two daughters, Alexis, a two-time US Open Champion herself, and Taylor (routine partner of local dancer Jacen Northcutt), on the competitive dance floor! Dawn does it all! In addition to teaching privates and public group classes, they also often host their own workshops and intensives, including hosting pro Robert Royston, in their home studio in Damascus, MD. If you ever have the chance to attend one, we highly recommend it! We are so fortunate to have them living close enough to come to Charlottesville this month!

7-8 pm Lesson/Beg. Country 2-Step (inc. in admission)
 8-11 pm Dance with DJ Elizabeth Pfister

Admission:
 \$10 CSDS Members
 \$13 General Admission
 \$5 Full-Time Students (w/ID), First-Timers
 \$5 CSDS Members with May Birthdays :-)
 Children Under 16 are Free

PRIVATE LESSONS: Dawn is available for a limited number of Private Lessons on Saturday morning/early afternoon; please send an [email](#) to Allison to make your request!

SPECIAL COMPETITORS WORKSHOPS: Dawn is giving a 2-hour Competitors Workshop on Saturday, from 3-5 pm at [The Dance Spot](#) (109 2nd St. SE, 2nd Floor, Charlottesville, VA, on The Downtown Mall). The cost is \$40 per person (pre-registered) or \$50 per person (at the door). This workshop is limited to 30 people due to the size of the venue; participants will receive a \$5 voucher for the CSDS dance that night. Register [here](#).

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE at EVENING DANCE!!
 Right after we break for announcements (approx. 9 pm), we are in for a treat! Dawn's youngest daughter, Taylor, and local dancer Jacen Northcutt, son of Billy and April, will perform their new routine! They are planning to compete it throughout the year and hope to ultimately take it to the US Open 2017 over Thanksgiving weekend!



Taylor & Jacen

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!) any schedule changes or cancellations!

2017/2018 BoD Officers Elected

CSDS is pleased to announce our newly elected officers from the April 6th Board of Directors meeting:

President - April Northcutt
 Vice President - Bonnie Strickler
 Secretary - Alyssa Gillespie
 Treasurer - Mark DeBow
 Director at Large - Ed Guida
 Director at Large - Rich Gullick
 Director at Large - Christina Morton

The Board of Directors are assisted by a trusty stable of Helpers: Allison Bennett, Beth DeBow, Wendy Frazer, Leon Gorman, Lisa Morales, Brian Muszynski, Billy Northcutt, Kim Perkins, Larry Saunders, Adela Su and June Taft. Thank you to all of these individuals who give freely of their time, on a volunteer basis, to put on our club's dance events so that the rest of us can simply show up and have a good time.

Next Up ~ Liberty Swing



C-ville Westies @ Liberty Swing 2016

(Photo Courtesy of Edwin Roa)

The next weekend dance event that C-ville Westies will be driving to is [Liberty Swing](#) in late June, in New Brunswick, NJ, hosted by our friend and Event Director, John Lindo. Over twenty of us went last year and enjoyed four days of social dancing, taking workshops/privates taught by the world's top pros, and some of us took to the competition floor too. We'd love for more C-ville Westies to attend this year; talk to anyone in the picture above for more information!

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 \(Shoes, Boots, Custom Orthotics\)](#)
[ApplesDance Shoes](#)
[Soles2Dance](#)
[WCS Songs](#)
[Radio WCS](#)
[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](#)
[The Ultimate WCS Etiquette Checklist](#)

Upcoming Dance Events

May 11-14: [ESS Camp](#) - Boston, MA
 May 25-28: [Grand Nationals](#) - Atlanta, GA
 Jun. 1-4: [Michigan Classic](#) - Dearborn, MI
 Jun. 2-4: [Diego & Jessica WCS Workshops](#) - Raleigh, NC
 Jun. 23-25: [PJ & Tashina Intensive](#) - Raleigh, NC
 Jun. 29-Jul. 2: [Liberty Swing](#) - New Brunswick, NJ
 Jul. 29: [Jerome & Bonnie Subey Workshops](#) - C'ville
 Aug. 10-13: [Swing Fling](#) - Herndon, VA
 Sep. 7-10: [Trilogy Swing](#) - Raleigh/Durham, NC
 Sept. 22-24: [Philly Swing Classic](#) - Claymont, DE
 Sep. 28-Oct. 1: [Atlanta Swing Classic](#) - Atlanta, GA
 Oct. 20-22: [Patty Vo Workshops](#) - Raleigh, NC
 Nov. 16-19: [DCSX](#) - Herndon, VA
 Nov. 23-26: [US Open](#) - Burbank, CA
 Jan. 2018: [Sweet Side of Swing](#) - Atlanta, VA
 Feb. 1-4, 2018: [Charlotte Westie Fest](#) - Charlotte, NC
 Mar. 1-4, 2018: [MADjam](#) - Baltimore, MD

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 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!!