



Newsletter

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President's corner

By Bob Olszewski

Board News: The board elected Sharon Keene to the board as Secretary and Membership Chair. Pam Levi was elected Vice-President and will continue as Director of Education as well as her work on the lease and supervision of the construction of our new dance location at Pier Pont Center. Steve Martindale will assume the responsibility of host scheduling with the help of Jody.

Facility: The Board asked Pam to talk with Pier Pont representatives about the possibility of increased space options. After several negotiations and waiting on the Pier Pont attorney, we expect to sign a lease that will meet our needs next week.

The Board also discussed moving to Carolina DanceSport until our new dance location is ready for occupancy. We voted to stay at St. Andrew's until we are ready to move to Pier Pont because of lower costs and the possibility of confusion to our members and guests.

For National Ballroom Dance Week, there will be a special party to go along with other studio activities scheduled – see page 2 for details. The special party will be Saturday, September 27 and then we will have a GRAND OPENING when our new location is ready.

Enjoy dancing!

Happy birthday!

Beverly Birkhimer.....	September 26
Jo-Ann Flynn	September 28
Urszula Jones	September 30
Sharon Keene	September 20
Laura LaTorre	September 5
Pamela Levi	September 3
Patricia McNevin	September 16
Les Pearson	September 12
Joop Peterson	September 9
Barbara Pollock	September 16
Rhonda Richmond	September 1
Roger Singian	September 11
Sally Stroud	September 24
Fred Turco	September 11
Allen Vance	September 27

Special events

Board Meeting

Saturday, September 13, Calhoun Library 4:00

Independent Instructors Studio Night

....Dance with the Stars!

In Celebration of National Ballroom Week

Saturday, September 27

Hosts – Carol Ann, Connie, Pam, Normandie

Pro-Dance Performances, Dance Door Prizes

\$5 Members, \$10 Guests

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National Ballroom Week!

September 19 through 28 is National Ballroom Week and there are several special events planned in the Charleston area! Eight days of dance opportunities...
...what a line-up! Full size flyers on page 5, 6.

Friday, September 19

Elite Dance International
709 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, St B, Mt. Pleasant

Black and White Formal Ball

7:00 Bolero Lesson

8:00 Dance Party

Performances

Raffle Tickets

Professional Photographer

\$15 Adults, \$10 Students



Saturday, September 20

Fred Astaire Studio Showcase

Sotille Theatre, George Street

Welcome aboard...Come sail with the merry crew of Astaire Line Cruises, as they dance their way toward adventure and romance! See flyer page 5.



This playful ballroom dance production will take you from the docks of Charleston to the sun-kissed beaches of the Caribbean; from the smooth rhythms of the waltz & foxtrot, to the spicy percussion of the Latin dances. Let the musical tides carry you away & escape on a lighthearted journey

aboard our ship, the Ginger Roger!

- Tickets available at Fred Astaire, West Ashley (843) 769-0440, or on www.etix.com
- \$40 adult/\$20 children (12 and under)
- The 2-act show will last 2 hours, with a 15-minute intermission.
- Doors open at 6 pm - Show at 7 pm

Monday, September 21

Elite Dance International Studio
709 Johnnie Dodds, Suite B, Mt. Pleasant
7:15-7:45 FREE Waltz Lesson

Tuesday, September 22

Elite Dance International Studio
709 Johnnie Dodds, Suite B, Mt. Pleasant
7:15-7:45 FREE Swing Lesson

Wednesday, September 24

Fred Astaire Studio, 1767 Highway 17, Mt. Pleasant
FREE social dance party with pro floorshows
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Elite Dance International Studio
709 Johnnie Dodds, Suite B
7:15-7:45 FREE Cha Cha Lesson

Thursday, September 25

Fred Astaire, 1938 Ashley River Road, Charleston
FREE social dance party with pro floorshows
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Elite Dance International Studio
709 Johnnie Dodds, Suite B, Mt. Pleasant
7:15-7:45 FREE Two-Step Lesson

Friday, September 26

Elite Dance International Studio
709 Johnnie Dodds, Suite B, Mt. Pleasant
7:30 – 9:30 FREE Dance Party
Beginner Rumba Class

Saturday, September 27

Independent Instructor Studio Night
Ballroom Dance Charleston, 1642 Sam Rittenberg
See flyer, page 6.



\$5 Members
\$10 Guests

Star Performances

Door Prizes
Hors d'oeuvres

Dance with your
Favorite Star!

This night is about
Glamor and glitz!

Monthly dance classes

The monthly group classes are structured so that there is a different dance featured each month.

- ✓ Choose classes at your skill level.
- ✓ Start on the first week of the month.

Every week the instructor will review the previous weeks and add a new pattern.

BEGINNER

Wednesday – St. Andrew's Fitness Center

7:00 – 8:00, Debbie Housand, 843-991-3601



Beginning dance classes teach the basic frame and body positions, a breakdown of the basic rhythm and steps. Students should enroll in this class at the beginning of the month so that everyone will be on the same "page" every week.

\$40 for 4 weeks. No Class Sept 1, Labor Day.
September – Rumba

INTERMEDIATE TECHNIQUE

Wednesday – St. Andrew's Fitness Center

8:00 – 9:00 David Roland, 843-568-6888



This class will help dancers of all levels correct form and function to maximize ease and enjoyment in dance. It is an excellent combination with the Wednesday Beginner class at 7:00. In September, David will teach rhythm dance technique

and will choose techniques common to all rhythm dances with a weekly emphasis on a different dance.
\$50 for 5 weeks.
September - Rhythm

ADVANCED to INTERMEDIATE DANCER

Tuesday – St. Andrew's Fitness Center

7:00 – 8:00 David Roland, 843-568-6888

Refining good lead and follow is a major part of



dance. This class will start with lead-follow and technique that will be applied to the dance of the month then go on to advanced intermediate patterns.

\$40 for 4 weeks.

September - Bolero

ADVANCED DANCER – ANYTHING GOES

Monday – St. Andrew's Fitness Center

7:00–8:00, Debbie Housand, 843-991-3601

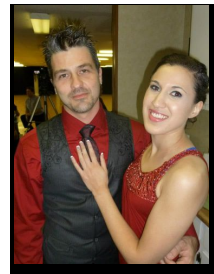


The advanced dancer is someone who already understands directional movement for all dances. The advanced dancer utilizes sway and contra-body where needed to enhance movement. You can remember about footwork and body position.

This class will incorporate new and creative moves!
\$40 for 4 weeks.

September – East Coast Swing

Friday progressive series



This series starts on Friday, September 12 and will go for 3 weeks on West Coast Swing with Jason or Sheela. This is structured the same way as the classes and it includes a PARTY with snacks! Regular party price of \$5 Members, \$10 Guests.

**Learn to dance ...
one step at a time!**

Class and instructor evaluations

We have paper forms at the check-in desk for you to evaluate classes and instructors as often as you like. These forms are short and quick, but very helpful. After completing the form, please place it in the box provided. The forms are confidential and only composite information will be shared with the instructors.

Party photos and vidzoz

We have a nice selection of class and workshop videos to help us all remember what we learned!
www.charlestonballroomdanceclub.shutterfly.com

Videos Posted on Shutterfly

Night Club 2-Step Workshop by Sam and Denise M.
Quickstep Workshop by David Roland
Beginner Cha Cha Workshop by Debbie Housand
Viennese Waltz Class by David Roland
Bolero Progressive Series by Debbie Housand
American Tango Progressive Series by David Roland
Argentine Tango Workshop by Linda Scott
Rumba Progressive Series by Debbie Housand
Waltz Progressive Series by David Roland – April
Argentine Tango Friday Series, Linda Scott, May
Bolero Progressive Series, Debbie Housand, June
East Coast Swing Series, David Roland, July
Farewell to Hans Riekerk July 26, 2014
Cha Cha Prog. Series by Debbie Housand, August
Hawaiian Luau August 16

Regular dance parties

Fridays September has been reserved for a series of West Coast Swing lessons with Jason and Sheela. These are progressive, meaning that every week the previous weeks are reviewed and new patterns added – just like a class with a party bonus!

There is an hour-long lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 and then a dance party. Admission for the lesson and the party is the usual \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Saturdays Lessons vary every week and it is usually an instructor from a local studio--see the calendar for details. There is an hour-long lesson before the regular dance AND it is included in the price of party admission! Snack food, sodas, and coffee are included as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Independent instructors celebrate National Ballroom Week!

After a full week of free classes, a formal dance at Elite, free dance parties, and getting inspired by the Fred Astaire showcase, Carol Ann, Connie, Pam, and Normandie are planning a very special PARTY to end this special week.



It's all about HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR and DANCING WITH THE STARS!

Décor - Carol Ann will work her usual magic and turn the fitness center into Hollywood type glamor and glitz.

More Dancing - MORE Instructors = MORE Dancing for everyone! Dressed as their favorite star, instructors will be ready to whirl you around the dance floor!

Seven professional instructors will be on hand to dance with all of us -- David, Debbie, Jason, Linda, Mike, Sheela, and Stephen. Ask for dance cards when you register at the door!

Performances – Our independent instructors will present performances.

Door Prizes – There will be several special door prizes including gift certificates for private dance lessons and classes!

Food - Hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

The price is the usual \$5 Members, and \$10 Guests.



National Ballroom Week

PRESENTED BY
FRED ASTAIRE
FRANCHISED DANCE STUDIOS

THE
DANCE CRUISE

Saturday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.
College of Charleston Sottile Theatre • 44 George Street
Tickets available at Fred Astaire Dance Studios • 843-769-0440
& www.etix.com

National Ballroom Week

Independent Dance Instructors

Present

Dance with the Stars!



Saturday, September 27, 2014

Star Performances

MORE Instructors = MORE Dances!

Instructors Dressed as Their Favorite Star

Dance Cards

Hors d' Oeuvres

Door Prizes Galore!



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St. Andrew's Fitness Center, 1642 Sam Rittenberg, Charleston, SC

