

VASARDA

DANCER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR VASARDA DANCERS

Hello to all our dancer friends.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. Victoria Kosar and Nancy Stafford have been doing a wonderful job of keeping our VASARDA members and friends updated regarding convention and club events in our area. Thanks go out to both of them for their dedication to dancing.

Chris and I are excited about the rising possibilities of having a Virginia State Convention this year. We may have forgotten how to dance but we still remember our friends and the fun that we have together. We will definitely be looking for you on the dance floor.

The Convention Committee and your Board of Directors have never given up the hope of having our event. Their enthusiasm and effort have always been the fuel for our hopes to “Rock and Roll to Virginia State” as we host the next Virginia State Convention at the Fort Magruder Conference Center in Williamsburg.

VASCA is ready to support us with their dance leaders, and Matt Worley has been in close contact with our committee. Fort Magruder is ready. Barring a change in our pandemic levels, we believe the Governor is ready. We are ready for the fun to begin.

Area dancers will be helping us with our final decision. We need your registrations to come in for us to complete our plans. We need you to let us know if your plans are to come on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (all three, or just one or two). Please send us your registration as soon as possible. Yesterday would be perfect. This will help us plan for dance scheduling and for the expenses there will be for health regulations. Your registration is very important. Thank you for being a part of our dance world.

Nick and Chris Capozio, VASARDA Presidents



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NEWS OF THE 32ND VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION
May 20-22, 2021



JEANETTE AND WAYNE



TOM AND NANCY

Do you miss dancing? If so, we have the answer for you. The Virginia Square and Round Dance Association voted on March 18, 2021 to proceed with the 2021 Virginia State Convention to be held May 20-22 2021.

The signs are all looking good for being able to hold the Convention. More dancers are getting vaccinated. Governor Northam increased the indoor occupancy to 50. As we get nearer to Convention time, perhaps the indoor occupancy will be raised even higher. Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center will be following all safety protocols.

We received the following information from Bill Saccardi of the Fort Magruder Hotel: Masks are required to be worn in all public spaces per *Wyndham* but that could change any day, who knows? All staff at the hotel is required to

wear masks. The key point to mention is our staff is restricted from entering the event while it is occurring. Again, this may change in a few weeks so we are all in the boat. We will see where we are in the next few weeks and just communicate.

As an additional safety precaution, we request that all potential dancers and staff be vaccinated by May 5, 2021. We will have hand sanitizer in all dancing halls. Matt Worley is planning a fantastic square dance program. John and Rose Miller are planning a great round dance program. Bob Clinebell will have a Contra program and we plan to have lines on Saturday. We will have baskets to raffle off and “special” items for you to bid on. We plan to all go out to dinner on Wednesday night at a Williamsburg historic tavern. SuzieQ Creations will be at the Convention to create your special name badge. She also has many other items to purchase.

If your 2020 registration was rolled over to 2021, you need to send the 2021 form in to Dick and Sue Murray. This makes sure that you get your packet with the square dance program and other information. Remember to write ROLL OVER on your form. Please make your hotel registration. The flyer will be in this issue. You need to use the code to get the discount rate.

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Additional Information You Need to Know

If you would like to place a digital ad, please contact Darrella Deubel at thedeubels@cox.net. We plan to do most advertising digitally to save money.

Please remember to wear a mask and bring your own water. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the hotel cannot provide water setups or cups.

“By attending the Virginia State Convention you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 AND AGREE NOT TO HOLD VASARDA or the venue liable for any illness or injury”.

Nancy and Tom Stafford

Jeanette and Wayne Lockhart

Co-Directors 2021 Virginia State Convention

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Wayne's email is roho38@verizon.net

NEWS FROM YOUR 2021 CONVENTION ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR AND 2022 CONVENTION DIRECTOR

Hello Dancers!

2022 seems so far away but planning for the 2022 Virginia State Convention is in full swing! We will be dancing at the beautiful Fort Magruder Inn in historic Williamsburg from May 19-21, 2022. Mark your calendars! There are still committee positions to be filled, so if you are interested in getting involved in the State Convention, or volunteering, send me an email! I hope to see you all at the 2021 State Convention and am looking forward to a fantastic 2022 convention. It will be quite the production!!



Best Regards,
Jamie Brandenburg,
2021 VASARDA Assistant Director
2022 Convention Director

**Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference
Center**

6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA, 23185

We invite you to experience Virginian hospitality Fort Magruder-style and rediscover why so many believe this is the perfect location to enjoy the Williamsburg, VA area.





VASCA Education Seminar at the Virginia State Convention

Some clubs around the world are getting back to dancing slowly but surely. Many dancers in Virginia will get back on the dance floor, for the first time in over a year, at the Virginia State Convention in May. This will be an exciting time but many dancers will be nervous...timid...reluctant. **DON'T BE!** Callers haven't called a dance in over a year so we are going to be rusty as well. We can support each other as we get reacquainted and get back on our feet.

Saturday morning during the convention, VASCA will host the Education Seminar just as we do each year. This year we are going to split the hour into two topic discussions:

- Easing Dancers Back Into Dancing
- Rebuilding Our Membership

We need a plan to get our dancers over that fear of getting back into dancing. At the same time, we have an opportunity to grow our membership. We need to capitalize on both of these efforts. Attend the VASCA Education Seminar, bring your ideas, and let's make a plan to keep the dancers that return and grow our membership!

Ken Jordan

Tidal Waves Square Dance Club

Celebrating 33rd Anniversary

On November 13th our presidents Janice and Bill Turley greeted members and guests of the Tidal Waves to a dining out to celebrate our 33rd. Anniversary. It was so exciting to see each other after eight months, even though it was a little difficult seeing past the masks, and of course no hugs!!!

Three of our charter members were there to cut the cake, G T, Marilyn, and a former member who we hadn't seen in many years, Patsy Wagner. Matt Worley brought us up to date on what was happening, or not, in the dancing community. But all in all it was a very happy time together.



Send us news about your club—we welcome pictures!
Email Nancy Stafford at nvccnan@gmail.com

**VIRGINIA SQUARE and ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION
and VIRGINIA STATE CALLERS ASSOCIATION
present the
33rd VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION**

**"ROCK 'N ROLL
TO
VIRGINIA STATE"**

**FORT MAGRUDER
HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER BY WYNDHAM
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
MAY 20 - 22, 2021**





Virginia Square & Round Dance Association with the Virginia State Callers Association - 33rd VA State Convention - May 20, 21, 22, 2021

Co-Directors:



Jeanette & Wayne Lockhart
9927 Old Stage Rd, Toano, VA 23168
Roho38@verizon.net 757-897-5280

Nancy & Tom Stafford
7731 Virginia Ln., Falls Church, VA 22043
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Adult Name #1 (1st & Last) _____ Adult Name #2 (1st & Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Primary Club Affiliation _____

No. of Dancers

Price

- _____ Entire 33rd Conv (5/17/20-5/19/21) @ \$40.00 each \$ _____
- _____ Early Bird (at 32nd Conv – thru 5/16/20) @ \$36.00 each \$ _____
- _____ At the 33rd Door-Entire Conv @ \$45.00 each \$ _____
- _____ Thursday Only (at 33rd Conv) @ \$13.00 each \$ _____
- _____ Friday Only (at 33rd Conv) @ \$18.00 each \$ _____
- _____ Saturday Only (at 33rd Conv) @ \$20.00 each \$ _____
- _____ VASARDA Membership @ \$5 pp each year \$ _____

Dance Level/Type: (Check all that apply)

- Mainstream Plus Advanced
- DBD Contra C/W
- Lines Ph II Ph III
- Ph IV Ph V Ph VI

Caller / Cuer / Line / Contra Instructor
(Circle if on VA State Convention Staff)

- SOLO (Please check if Solo)
- First VA State Convention

Total \$ _____

CHILDREN 13 AND UNDER – FREE, YOUTH 14 TO 16 – HALF PRICE, ADULTS 17 AND UP – FULL PRICE
Please make Check or Money Order payable to “VASARDA” - Credit Cards are accepted.

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

SEND REGISTRATIONS TO:

Sue & Dick Murray, Registrar
717 Allendale Drive, Hampton, VA 23669
757-851-7538 or email rpsmlm@verizon.net
No Refunds given after April 30, 2021

**CONVENTION RIBBONS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.
SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE FRI. & SAT. AFTER 7 PM
CASUAL ATTIRE THURSDAY & DAYTIME ON FRI. & SAT.
SYNTHETIC FLOORING MAY BE USED IN HALLS**



HOUSING RESERVATIONS

Book Directly with:

**Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, Trademark Collection by Wyndham
6945 Pocahontas Trl, Williamsburg, VA 23185**

Special Lodging Rate is \$100.00 plus tax and will be honored for 2 days before and after the convention.
Deadline for the Special rate is Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Please book your room by calling 757-220-2250 and reference
“Virginia Square Dance and Round Dance Association Room Block”
Or you may book online at www.Wyndhamhotels.com and use Group Code 051921VIR



Virginia Square & Round Dance Association
& the Virginia State Callers Association sponsor the
33rd Virginia State Convention – May 20, 21, 22, 2021

33rd VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION AD CONTRACT - 2021

The undersigned Advertiser agrees to pay the sum of \$_____ to the VIRGINIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION (VASARDA) for the advertising copy to be placed in the Program Book of the Thirty-third Virginia State Convention of the Virginia Square and Round Dance Association to be held on May 20, 21, 22, 2021 at Ft. Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, Trademark Collection by Wyndham, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23464.

THE ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE THE SIZE OF THE ADVERTISING SPACE (NOT THE LOCATION ON THE PAGE) AT THE RATE OF:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Back Cover (7-1/4" x 9-3/4") | \$135.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page (7-1/4" x 4-7/8") | \$ 60.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (7-1/4" x 9-3/4") | \$110.00 | | |

PROCESS FOR ADS. *You do not have to send a camera ready copy—just send Darrella Deubel your ad electronically and it will be sized for you. If you need help making your Ad, please contact her, and she will help you with that—her contact information is near the bottom of this form.*

COMPLETED CONTRACT, CAMERA READY COPY (electronic version preferred) AND YOUR CHECK SHOULD BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2021. **PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO VASARDA.** Payment by credit card is optional. It is understood and agreed that publication and distribution of the Program Book shall be considered full performance of VASARDA's agreement under this contract.

Advertiser _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Authorized Signature _____ Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Name and Phone Number of Person selling Ad _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

E-mail ad and contract to: thedeubels@cox.net AND Mail Check to: Darrella & Tom Deubel, 4230 Worchester Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032. If you have questions on the ad, contract or check: Call Darrella Deubel at 703 425-4072.

MAY 20, 21, 22, 2021

Ft. Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, Trademark Collection by Wyndham,
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23464

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Traditionally, VASCA has handed out the **Cardinal State Award** at the State Convention. This award is in recognition of the recipients' dedication and contributions to square dancing as a caller, cuer, contra prompter or line dance teacher.

VASCA also presents the **Monticello Award** at the State Convention in recognition of dancers who have shown excellence in leadership and dedication over a significant period of time and have been acknowledged for their contributions in the State of Virginia.

Since the 2020 Virginia State Convention has been canceled, these awards will be presented at the upcoming 2021 Virginia State Convention.

SHHH.... IT'S TOP SECRET!

Please send your 2021 nomination, with supporting narrative, to Dick and Sue Murray at rpmslm@verizon.net for consideration by the Monticello Dancer Award Committee. The committee is made up of G.T. Richardson, Helen Berry and Dick & Sue Murray, all previous recipients of the award.

Virginia State Callers Association

PRESENTS



West Springfield,
Massachusetts

VASCA Symposium

WITH

Ken Ritucci

Live Lively



Square Dance!

CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach
(International Association of Square Dance Callers)

November 13, 2021 9AM-5PM

Open to all Callers, Cuers, Dance Leaders,
(and those who just love to square dance)

- 9:00 AM Welcome & Orientation
- 9:15 AM Opening Remarks
- 9:35 AM Caller/Cuer Education (Ken Ritucci/Jim Kline)
- 1:00 PM Dancer Education (Tom & Nancy Stafford)

Elizabeth Holladay Elementary School

7300 Galaxie Road, Richmond, VA 23228

JOIN US FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE FEATURING KEN RITUCCI!

EARLY ROUNDS 7:00 PM SQUARES & ROUNDS 7:30 PM—?

ADMISSION \$7.00

(FREE TO SYMPOSIUM ATTENDEES WHO ATTEND A FULL OR HALF-DAY SESSION)

Contact Matt Worley at 757-435-6429 or mattwcrownrec@gmail.com

Refreshments will be available during the Symposium for attendees.

Please bring refreshments for the dance food table.

Save the Date!



ZOOM STILL AVAILABLE FOR VIRGINIA CLUBS

The VASARDA Board purchased a one year subscription to Zoom. Per Zoom's description "Zoom provides videotelephony and online chat services through a cloud-based peer-to-peer software platform and is used for teleconferencing."

What this means for VASARDA is that the Board can meet electronically and discuss issues and the upcoming convention during the coronavirus pandemic without having to meet in person. It is also a lot easier than driving several hours for a meeting at the Shoney's in Richmond!

Since the VASARDA Board now has a subscription with Tom Stafford as host, we would like to offer Virginia clubs an opportunity to connect with their club members by Zoom.

All that a club needs to do is contact me to set up a meeting date and time and I will schedule your Zoom meeting. I will then send you the secure link and password for the meeting. You can forward it to your members or give me a list to send it to. I will be the host, but will not need to be involved in your meeting. Once a club member signs into the meeting they will enter a waiting room, until the host (me) admits them to the meeting. In the beginning, Zoom meetings were frequently hacked by some who just wanted to cause havoc and interrupt meetings and having a meeting waiting room discourages the interruptions.

If you are interested in a Zoom meeting, email Tom Stafford at tomstaffordusda@gmail.com.

Tom Stafford