

Masqued Ball

Saturday 12 July 2008

7pm – 12.30am

@ Te Kowhai Hall

Members: \$5 per person , or \$25 per household—plus finger food for a shared supper

Non-members: \$7.50 per person —plus finger food for a shared supper

Dress: Semi-formal – Formal—plus a masque!

(No jeans, sneakers, t-shirts etc)

Please dress up and make this a glamorous occasion!

Make your own masque!

Last year's ball was a great success, with over 170 people attending. Many of our young people had been taking dancing lessons, and more have done so since, and it is great to see our teens waltzing and fox-trotting, dancing ceroc and rock n roll, and other dances. But you don't have to know how to dance ballroom to have fun! Our younger children also 'had a ball', and it was a great chance to relax and socialise, especially for fathers who seldom get to meet up with other homeschooling dads.

The ball / family dance is for present and past home educators and families, but obviously partners / dates etc are welcome too. *There will be NO door sales*, and because tickets are limited, THEN members will have the opportunity to buy their tickets first, until May 23, after which tickets will be available to all past and present home educators. So make sure you get in and get your tickets early! You are encouraged to pass this information on to other homeschool email lists, and groups—just please make sure you pass on ALL details, especially the 'no door sales' bit.

To purchase tickets send a cheque made out to THEN to: Ball, PO Box 20-257, Hamilton Along with a list of all those attending, and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted out to you in mid June.

BUT! And you just knew there had to be a but, didn't you?

But—I'd like a hand with organising the ball. Last year a number of people volunteered in advance to help, and lots helped out on the night, and also turned up for clean up, which was fantastic, but for my peace of mind, I'd really like to know before hand that people are going to help.

doing. Most are small jobs, but add up to a lot of stress if one person does them all—or fears they *may* have to do them all!

Being involved is actually a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other home educators better. To see how you can help, see over.....

JOBS

Set up & decorating, which includes:

hall/table decorations, lighting, table set up

Music, including:

juke box collection & return, jukebox set up & pack up, setting up play lists, on-the-night manager

Kitchen:

co-ordinator, glasses hire (organise, collect & return), snack distributor, supper preparation & set up, punch maker, drinks organiser on night, after-supper clean up, dishwashing (other than glasses)

Shopper:

for cleaning supplies, snacks etc.

Door

team to share admission duties—simply greeting people and checking tickets (a great way to meet people, put names to faces.)

Dancing

someone willing to lead folk dancing, line dancing or the like at the beginning of the evening to get things moving—the folk dancing last year was so much fun, & it was great to see even those who initially sneered at the idea of folk dancing finding themselves enjoying it—almost everyone there was up on the dance floor & asking for more!

Clean up

although some people just turned up, a team of committed, guaranteed people is preferable!

SO!! Ideas and offers of help ASAP to:

CallyBrown@gmail.com or phone 8257980

Get those dancing shoes polished & practised!

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