



## **Ken Roesel and Alice Dessauer**

### **KEN**

Currently, Ken is rated as one of the top West Coast Swing dancers/instructors in the Mid-Atlantic region. Ken is a true national dance instructor, having traveled to teach and adjudicate at major dance events on the East Coast, West Coast and in the Mid-West. He is one of the most sought after instructors in the East for the dance of West Coast Swing.

- Ken has been studying Country Western dance since 1981
- Studied West Coast Swing since 1984
- He has over 3 years experience in American Ballroom Smooth & Latin Rhythm dance training + instruction.

As an instructor, Ken likes to focus on the technical concepts of dance: mastering energy flow, lead/follow technique and styling. Trained in several systems of dance, he also specializes in dance musicality.

Ken's students are known to accelerate in their development and become top dancers. His students receive a comprehensive and professional dance program based in a "real people" atmosphere of caring and fun.

As a local, regional, and national Country Western and West Coast Swing dance champion, Ken's successful competitive career expands over a period of 18 years. He has numerous accomplishments in both partnership and team competition. Some of his awards include....

- 8 time Champions Pro/Invitational WCS J&J winner
- US Open Swing Dance Championships finalist

- VA State Classic Grand Champion
- NASDE Classic Championships: Two 2nd places, four 3rd places, one 4th place and one 5th place.
- NASDE Top 10 in 1999
- Over 10 combined UCWDC 1st, 2nd & 3rd place National Overall Championships in Divisions' 1 & 2 Showcase
- UCWDC World's Pro/Am Instructor's Award
- U.S. Eastern's Invitational Instructor's Award
- 8 Grand Team Championships as a front line dancer with Dance West
- Two 1st place National titles with his own team, Swingin 'West
- Two 3rd place national titles with his co-directed Swing team, Strictly Rhythm

**ALICE**

**DANCE CREDENTIALS/EXPERIENCE:**

**Presently teaching, coaching and performing out of the Bethesda, Md area.**

**1996 ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance) Associate Degree Earned in London, England.**

**1994 USBC (United States National Ballroom Dance Championship) All American Champion**

**1994 Ohio Star Ball Pro-Am Champion (National Competition aired regularly on PBS)  
20+ years of competitive dance experience including numerous state and local championships**

**Lived in London, UK, 1994-1997. Studied under such names as Anne Lewis Gleave, Peter Eggleton, Hans Laxholm, Steven Hillier, Joe Jenkins, Bobbie Irvine, and Elizabeth Romain (founder of the Modern Technique-the competitive style of dance that we know and practice today), and many more.**

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS/EXPERIENCE:**

**Runway Model: 1988-1992 Washington Dc, Charlottesville, VA**

**Fluent in French; Studied and lived in Paris, France for three years 1977-1978, 1979-1981  
Championship Horseback Rider (1974/1975 Georgia/Carolina "A" rated circuit Equitation Champion**

**Fashion Board Modeling: Hilton Head, SC 1982; Aiken, SC 1972-1975**

**EDUCATION:**

**University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
MA Education, 1989**

**Hollins College, Roanoke, VA  
BA French, 1979. Dean's List. Abroad study in Paris two academic years.**