

# Southern New Mexico Music & Dance Society

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## **NEWS**

There will be **NO CONTRA DANCES IN JUNE OR JULY.**

The bands and callers take a break, going to dance camps, music festivals and vacations.

**NEXT CONTRA DANCE WILL BE AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>, the third Friday with Lewis Land calling.** Pass it on to friends.

Take advantage of the wealth of music and dance events over the summer and keep dancing.

## **UPCOMING DANCE/MUSIC EVENTS – LOCAL**

**June, July, August Las Cruces first and third Sundays**, Folk and Bluegrass Music Jam, 2 to 4 pm, Dona Ana Community College Room 129, Las Cruces, FREE, players of all levels welcome, bring your music instruments or voice and a tune to share. For information, call Janet 575-526-5174. See map at [www.zianet.com/lcludeman/contra/snmmds\\_jams.html](http://www.zianet.com/lcludeman/contra/snmmds_jams.html)

**Sundays 7 to 9 pm, Las Cruces Music in the Park** Klein Park May 31-June 14, Young Park June 21 to July 26, Apodaca Park Aug 2 to Aug 30. Highlights for dancing look like June 28 cowboy music including Glenn Moreland and Washtub Jerry western swing. Schedule [www.zianet.com/lcludeman/contra/CurrentEvents/CurrentEvents.html](http://www.zianet.com/lcludeman/contra/CurrentEvents/CurrentEvents.html)

**Sundays, 7:30 to 9:30 El Paso Music Under the Stars**, June 14<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>, Chamizal National Monument, includes salsa and merengue, country, latin rock, reggae, picnic with thousands of others against the dramatic Franklin mountain sunset and dance. Check schedule and 2 minute music video: [www.elpasotexas.gov/mcad/summerprograms.asp](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/mcad/summerprograms.asp)

## **UPCOMING DANCE/MUSIC EVENTS – Out of Town**

**New Mexico summer contra dances and music events**, check New Mexico Folk Music and Dance (FOLKMADS) calendar [www.folkmads.org](http://www.folkmads.org)

**June 12-14 Albuquerque Zoukfest** at UNM, this year it is Irish Traditional Music weekend, loads of classes and concerts [www.zoukfest.com](http://www.zoukfest.com). Organizer and virtuoso Roger Landes was featured Balkan musician at the recent Folkmaids weekend.

**June 12-14, San Antonio. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Folklife Festival** at San Antonio Institute of Texas Cultures. Texas celebrates its culture and heritage with ethnic food, music, dance, arts and crafts. It is modeled on the Smithsonian's Folklife Festival and takes place on the 22 acre HemiSpere Park, includes 40 different cultures, 50 ethnic dance groups, 150 ethnic foods, 65 music groups, 50

craft vendors, 50 demonstrations, carnival rides and lots of family fun. *I've been there twice and with 10 STAGES and so much food, it is hard to decide what to do.*

[www.texancultures.com/tff/tff2009/](http://www.texancultures.com/tff/tff2009/)

**June 19-20, Albuquerque 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Albuquerque FolkFestival** at NM State Fairgrounds, enter Gate 3. Evening dances from 7:30 pm to 11 p.m.: Friday Barn Dance with Syd Masters & The Swing Riders, Saturday FolkMADS Contra Dance with Albuquerque MegaBand; and African Dance 6-8. Special events include workshops, singer/songwriters, dances, arts and crafts, children's activities, storytelling, band/dance scramble, jam sessions, kid's fiddle contest, talent show. Get hourly schedule online for the **14 areas happening simultaneously**.

Main Stage Acts include: Alma Flamenca, Aztec Stories, Boulder Acoustic Society (good), Feufollet (Cajun), Tish Hinojosa, T.O.Combo (chicken scratch music from S.AZ), Wagogo. Admission: \$20 each day, \$10 Friday, \$15 Sat., \$10 Sat eve after 7 pm, \$5/day or \$8/both days for seniors (60+) and children 11-17. Under 11 are free. Info: 505-294-6909 or [www.abqfolkfest.org](http://www.abqfolkfest.org). *It's a good family day and a short drive, many stages going on, and hey, you can get a CONTRA DANCE in!* See photos of 2007 for inspiration: [www.abqfolkfest.org/Photos\\_2007/Site/2008\\_Folk\\_Festival.html#0](http://www.abqfolkfest.org/Photos_2007/Site/2008_Folk_Festival.html#0)

**July 17-19 Jerome, AZ Ghost Town Chill Down, dance weekend** with The Rhythm Rollers (Cathie Whitesides – fiddle, Laurie Andres – accordion, Bob McQuillen – piano (awesome band!, famous musicians) and Bob Isaacs guest caller plus band Updraft and callers Peg Hesley and Laila Lewis; questions Deb 928-774-5936 or [azwedance.googlepages.com/ghosttownchilldown](http://azwedance.googlepages.com/ghosttownchilldown)

**August 7-9 Edgewood NM Wildlife West Music Festival**, includes internationally known folk singer and musician John McCutcheon, Tucson's Round the House band, Syd Masters and the Swing Riders, located 20 minutes east of Albuquerque, got the two thumbs up from Merri Rudd. 1-877-981-9453 or [www.wildlifewest.org/bluegrass.html](http://www.wildlifewest.org/bluegrass.html)

**August 28-30 Santa Fe, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival**, Santa Fe Fairgrounds, free camping onsite. If you are a musician or a would-be musician, or just like bluegrass, don't miss this event. It includes concerts all day on 2 stages, jamming until the wee hours in many small groups, everyone can get in a band scramble performance, and an evening Barn Dance (? might be contra or some square dancing, always fun). *You are lulled to sleep at night in your tent with music in the air.* [www.southwestpickers.org/festivals.html](http://www.southwestpickers.org/festivals.html).

**Sept 16-20 Winfield KS Walnut Valley Festival 38<sup>th</sup> National Flat-Picking Championships.** [www.wvfest.com](http://www.wvfest.com)

***DANCER NEWS***



17 of us had a blast at FolkMADS camp over the Memorial Day weekend. Included in photo is Lonnie, Judy, Laura, Amie, Phil, Amy, Rhiannon, Frances, Jeffery, Irene, Patrick, Don, Julie, Lewis, Naomi, Wreatha, Cheryll, Karl. Naomi was a real hit on a violin duet with Karina; Rhiannon was the best-behaved baby but at 10 months, was not the youngest one dancing (2 months old). There are lots of Youtube videos under "DaveFosterAZ" for camp, see best ones below.

Lots of familiar faces in this contra. Watch for Karl and Wreatha, Lonnie and Amy/Rhiannon, Irene, Don: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_HJibRyW3w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_HJibRyW3w)

Here is a perfect square with Don, Julie, Amie, Lewis, and Lonnie and Bill Cooper are next door: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9FLVG8nRR4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9FLVG8nRR4) We had help with 4 other experienced dancers, including Pattie, a caller from Dallas. How could we miss!

Nils led everyone in an African round song Garai Pano, probably 150 singing: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxkIHNX1dxc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxkIHNX1dxc)

Talent show African harmony song Tate Modima Yo Matla, Jeffery on left, Naomi in black and Julie in middle, Frances on right: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENI9brc4PGE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENI9brc4PGE)

Moving camera catches all of our dancers, Julie, Naomi (in blue, top of line), Privy Tippers with caller Kathy Anderson, Phil, Lonnie, Wreatha & Karl, watch the good swings timed to the music: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFrMx8Po-EI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFrMx8Po-EI)

Thrift Store Prom night, Grand March, watch for Cheryll and Patrick's cool blue blinking glasses: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVPedJzEf3A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVPedJzEf3A)

And only the 17 who went are a glutton to see more:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tbt6vp6TAQY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tbt6vp6TAQY)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPODjmSVbss](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPODjmSVbss)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_E5PNqmxWdA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_E5PNqmxWdA)

From Youtube Jim Boris as “Contra87”, beautiful English country dance workshop (once the camera stops jiggling): [www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3Vj7t3L27I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3Vj7t3L27I)

Found these BIG BIG contra dances for comparison (short videos):

Snow Ball Contra in Peterborough NH [www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4WuzxHrZX4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4WuzxHrZX4)

Dance Flurry near Albany NY in Feb [www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4WuzxHrZX4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4WuzxHrZX4)

Vermont contra dance [www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9L0dz3qmsc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9L0dz3qmsc)

Prescott AZ May Madness with Merri Rudd and the Privy Tippers -- notice the caller drops out, you have to remember the dance!! [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_514yYNEZS8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_514yYNEZS8)

**I think I got carried away with Youtube this month. It is so great to hear the music and know that we can dance to it too. Find a dance somewhere this summer -- Albuquerque is very close.**

**And go dance out on the white sands on FULL MOON NIGHTS June 7, July 7, Aug 5, Sept 4 and Oct 2. Have a good summer.**

**Put the third Friday in August on your calendar NOW.**

***JULIE***



