

Again, **Micki G.** wrote a terrific note on this Friday's Contra Dance:

Hello Dancers,

Come hang out and dance the night away at the last Contra Dance of the Season.....

There are no Contra Dances in June and July...that means that after next week there is a very grueling 13 week wait for the next dance in August.

So, come on out.....put on your dancing shoes.....bring a snack to share.....and celebrate the beginning of summer! **Micki**

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If you have never contra danced before, come learn the basic moves at 7:30 pm. If you invite new friends, then plan to dance the lessons with them so they pick it up quickly. All "dance angels" are appreciated. We always need experienced dancers at 7:30 pm. Come early.

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Details: May 20<sup>th</sup> Community Contra Dance (last one before August), Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla NM, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, Cost \$5-\$6. Callers are Lonnie and Lewis and the band is Michel Robert and Friends.

Next dance will be **August 19<sup>th</sup>**, so have a great summer and find some dancing.

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### **DANCER NEWS:**

1. Welcome little **Emmett Muise** to the world, after teasing Amy and Brian and big sis Rhiannon for 42 weeks!
2. Thanks to El Pasoan **Jeffery Lindsey**, a dance caller who studied under the famous Bob Dalsemer, for calling 3 dances in April, including introducing CONTRA CORNERS (wow), the most complex dance move I know. You were all amazing dancers since most have never done it before, and really hung in there. Like I said to dancers in my line, if you are inactive, just hold up your left hand and someone will come and turn you - they come from both directions, up AND down the set!

3. In April we had 2 guest dancers from Denmark. They learn contra and square dances over two days in school, so everyone can dance in their country, and there are over 2,000 dancers in small Denmark. Remember when we had folk dance in PE. They still do in California.
  4. **Bob Archuleta** from Colorado has decided to stay permanently Las Cruces, yeah! And another experienced dancer from the NE, **Gary Garber**, has moved to TorC. Give them a welcome.
  5. And two fun dancers have moved away - **Stephanie Pennell** is lighting up the dance floor in Ann Arbor MI and **PhoebeJoy Wong** has looked up Austin contra dancing, but we miss them.
  6. **Lonnie and I** danced with 260 others to George Marshall and Wild Asparagus this last weekend in Prescott AZ, what a thrill. It's called Dance Nirvana, a natural high. They used all kinds of musical instruments to create different moods, from snare drums/bongos/bodhrans, a tinny horn that recreates bagpipes, rhythm piano, added some Caribbean beat, some Beatle tunes, mixing it up. What fun.
  7. In two weeks is the **New Mexico FolkMADS** music and dance camp in Socorro. Try this close weekend. It will change your perspective and open a whole new world of sound and movement, a lifetime joy.
  8. Feel the need to contra dance during the summer? Try Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Tucson or  
June 17-19 **DANCING ON THE EDGE**, Contra and English Country dancing and camping in the beautiful high country of Arizona.  
[www.dancingcampers.org](http://www.dancingcampers.org)
  9. Found: pink beaded bracelet; a turquoise/plaid hoodie.
- See you on the dance floor in **THREE DAYS !!!**  
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Contra in 3 days - May 20<sup>th</sup> - Last of the Season