

Hello Contra Dancers,
ANNOUNCING
A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

We have planned A SUPER CONTRA DANCE

LAST SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH

WITH THE MULLANY FAMILY BAND from Albuquerque NM

Very important – there will NOT be a third Friday Contra dance, pass it on.

We will still be dancing in the same place this month, but watch for temporary location change in May.

We are so fortunate to get the Mullanys to come down from Albuquerque to play this dance. They are an amazing musical family that we have known and watched grow over 25 years. We have seen Jim win many fiddle contests, watched Marj play fiddle with an all girls fiddle band or lead gospel singing and now both teens join to make a family band, plus both Marj and Maddy are contra dance callers as well. Below is a little more background on the Mullanys. Don't miss this dance.

The Mullany Family Band from Albuquerque NM

Jim and Marj Mullany met at a Santa Fe music festival in 1987. A long night of singing and tunes was the first of many, and the beginning of a long, happy relationship. Maddy and Riley were born in the mid 1990's. Both children were totally immersed in music from birth. In their very young years they believed everyone played tunes. They formed an old-time string band in elementary school called Abbi and The Kidbobs.

Jim and Marj have played in a number of bands over the years including Jim's 16 years with the Nattering Nabobs, and more recently, the East Mountain Serenaders. Marj enjoyed being a part of Bayou Seco in the 80's and the Estrotones in the 90's.

The Mullanys have performed as a family since 2008. The younger Mullanys have broadened the repertoire beyond the Appalachian style tunes, and pull the parents toward the Celtic, Nordic, French Canadian, and other musical styles.



Marj, Riley, Maddy, Jim – The Mullany Family Band

April dance details:

Where: Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla NM, 7:30 lessons, dance until 10:30 pm, cost \$6 with \$1 discount under 18, Beginners welcome, no partners needed. Info. www.snmmds.org or 575-522-1691.

Callers: **LONNIE LUDEMAN and MADDY MULLANY** to the amazing music of **THE MULLANY FAMILY BAND**

Tell your friends -- April dance is on the LAST SATURDAY, April 28th.

See you in a swing.

Julie and Lonnie