

Hello Dancers,

April brings a surprising and welcome flood of new venues for contra dancing to the area -- 4 dances, Silver City, El Paso (2) and Las Cruces.

Brief summary:

Friday, April 12, Silver City NM, their second contra dance

Saturday, April 13, El Paso TX, Celtic Fest concert, food and dance

Friday, April 19, Mesilla NM, regular monthly contra with the Muletones

Friday, April 26, El Paso TX, new monthly contra dance

Details on who is doing what:

Friday, April 12th, Silver City Contra Dance, 7 to 9 pm

Location: at the old Post Office on the corner of Broadway and Pinos Altos, across from the Silver City Museum (312 W. Broadway); live music by a new local band Big Ditch Crickets and Fiddling Friends, Lewis Land calling. Free but donations very much appreciated. This is a Main Street event and family-friendly, all ages welcome, no experience needed. It is a very enthusiastic group. Sounds like fun. If you need a ride from Las Cruces, give us a call at 575-522-1691. More information call Lynda 575-519-1680.

Saturday, April 13 1st Annual CELTIC FEST and Contra Dance, 6 to 10 pm

Location: Saint Francis on the Hill, 6280 Los Robles Drive, El Paso, \$2 (In El Paso, north of Sunland Park/Westwind area on the hill.) Originally scheduled for March, this is an Irish evening of concerts, food and dance geared for the whole family. They are creating a restaurant/pub atmosphere, serving beef brisket, potato salad and cole slaw, Irish coffee, beer and wine. While you eat, you can listen to a live Irish concert, followed by a contra dance around 8-10 pm, with El Pasoan Jeffery Lindsey calling the dances to live music. For more information, call Jackie at 915-497-0615 or Eva 915-478-1034. This is a fundraiser for the choir and music lady/contra dancer Jackie C. is heading the band. Cheap entertainment, good food, give it a go.

Friday, April 19 Las Cruces Monthly Contra Dance with Dell City's The Muletones, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, newcomer lessons 7:30 pm.

Location: Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla, NM, Cost \$6, \$1 discount under 18. Celebrate *SPRING*, finishing your taxes, the weekend, let's get out and dance!

Caller Lonnie Ludeman. No partner needed. More details on the web: www.snmmds.org

Friday, April 26th El Paso New Monthly Contra Dance, 7 to 10 pm

Location: Magoffin Hall, 801 Magoffin, beautiful historic building with a wooden floor, centrally located east of downtown El Paso, between I-10 and Paisano.

Donation \$5, Jeffery Lindsey caller with live music. Organized by Amanda Formica and Karen Peters and friends who want to see regular contra dancing in El Paso. Information call: 617-640-0628.

Let's give them our support on their first dance. The more we dance, the better we get.

Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-27 21st FOLKMADNESS 2013

Dance and music camp at NM Tech campus in Socorro, NM, sponsored by NM Folkmads.

It is a weekend of music, dance, singing, music jams, workshops and more for the whole family in a friendly atmosphere and a great natural setting. Features mostly contra dance, with English country dance workshops in the AM. Bands: The Syncopaths and Eric Anderson, and Alan Roberts with Sandy Gillett, and national callers Carol Ormand and Dana Parkinson, singing led by Kathy Bullock of famed Berea College. Details and registration online: www.folkmads.org Many of us go, so let us know if you are interested or have questions, 575-522-1691.

SEE YOU SOMEWHERE ON THE DANCE FLOOR. BE THERE! JULIE and LONNIE