



**Southern New Mexico Music and Dance ~ SNMMD**

**New Year, New You . . . .**

**Resolution to Contra Dance**

**JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Next Friday, Ring in the New Year and Rev up your Metabolism, contra dancing to The Muletones from Dell City, TX.**

Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla NM, 7:30 lessons, 8 to 10:30 pm dance. Find us on the web: [www.snmmds.org](http://www.snmmds.org)

Welcome to new dancers Jesse & Allie, Jennifer, Peter M, John & Teresa, Peter F, Jennifer & Stephen, Alex, Savannah, Gregg, and Earl. We look forward to seeing you again this month.

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**Schedule of Upcoming Contra Dances and Bands:**

January 18 - The Muletones from Dell City, TX

February 15 – Mardi Gras theme with Bayou Seco and Friends from Silver City

March 15 – Celebrate St. Paddy’s Day with the Big Ditch Crickets from Silver City

April 19 – TBA

May 17 – Little Table Contraband from Las Cruces

No dances scheduled for June or July – enjoy your vacations

**What’s New in Music and Dance around the Area:**

**Jan 12, Saturday, “Breaking Up Christmas Community Dance” in Silver City**



6 to 9:30 pm in the Old Elks Hall, 315 N. Texas St., with the fun Big Ditch Crickets and The Fiddling Friends playing, all dances are taught so everyone can have enjoy. Benefit for Gila Mimbres Community Radio KURU.

## **Jan 11-12, Friday-Saturday, Winter Frolic 2019 in Chandler AZ**

A mini-weekend of 3 contra dances with national band Maivish and caller Lindsey Dono. Register at [www.phxtmd.org](http://www.phxtmd.org). A lot of contra dancing in 27 hours. Whew! Done it!

## **Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Sundays, Bluegrass/Country/Folk Music Jam, Las Cruces**

Held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from 2 to 4 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge of O'Donnell Hall (far west end of the building), with parking close to Sweet Avenue and Stewart Street on NMSU campus. A group of local musicians hold a music jam session, new people always welcome, bring your musical instrument and play along. Contact Janet for questions: [singsong357@gmail.com](mailto:singsong357@gmail.com)

## **Feb 22, Friday, Celtic, Folk & World Music Concert by Four Shillings Short, Las Cruces**

Rio Grande Theatre, 7 to 9 pm, \$15/and discounts seniors and children, a Benefit Performance for St Andrews Hospitality House (provides shelter for those with loved ones in the hospital, a good cause). Rooted in Celtic & Americana Folk inspired by Indian Raga & Ethnic idioms, a diverse & inventive Traditional Music adventure.

## **May 24-27, FolkMADness Camp, Socorro NM**

Fun-filled weekend of music and dancing, including contras, English Country, squares, singing, music workshops, jamming, fun dance parties and more. The national bands are The Latter Day Lizards and The Figments and national callers are Scott Higgs and our own AZ caller Deb Comly and Val Mindel for singing. Always a great weekend full of very friendly and welcoming folks and good chance for new contra dancers to take their game up a notch. Stay in college dorms (request South Hall) and excellent dining food, and all the snacks your heart wants to keep on dancing. Registration now open: <http://folkmaids.org/events/camps/folkmadness-2019-registration-form/>. Cost is \$260/adult and there are work scholarships. See Julie, Lonnie, Jeff, Phil, or Karl at the dance if you want to know more.

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Remember, dancing burns calories and think of all those smiling faces coming down the dance line. See you next Friday on the dance floor. Julie and Lonnie