



Southern New Mexico Music and Dance ~ SNMMD

We are 3 weeks early for Mardi Gras but that doesn't stop us from celebrating.

Next Friday, February 15th, Contra Dance

Old-time music with a flavor of Cajun at the breaks

!! Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler !! "Let the Good Times Roll"

Join Bayou Seco * (Ken and Jeanie) on the big stage along with Rus, Dennis, Alma, Ana Sofia, Liam and Marion for a lively night of entertainment, including a traditional Grand March where we all join in the parade, and Lonnie is calling.

*Jeanie and Ken have just returned from gigs in Oregon and California, and in April head out to tour France and UK with their New Mexico brand of chile gumbo. We always feel very fortunate to have them and their rich repertoire of music at our dance.



2016 Bayou Seco and friends

Find your Mardi Gras beads or borrow some from the registration table.

Dress in the traditional colors – gold, green and/or purple or silly.

Bring snacks (if possible) – I'm bringing the "moon pies"!



Details: Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla, NM

7:30 pm lessons/refreshers on basic moves, dance until 10:30 pm.

We love new dancers – feel welcome. Web: www.snmmds.org

March 15th Contra: “Spring Fling” with the BIG DITCH CRICKETS from Silver City

January dance – WOW!! What a turnout

We had 54 dancers and many familiar faces:

~ Kyle is back in town after job stints in WY and Albuquerque, and brought with him many dancers we haven't seen for a while, yay! - Nicole, Alexa, Austin, Micki, Kurt and the baby.

~ Savannah, Stephen and Jenn - here an extra month or two due to government shutdown stopping their project. Same with Earl from Flagstaff.

~ The whole crew from Fort Bliss, including December's newly engaged **Amanda and Ian – !! BIG CONGRATULATIONS!!** to our sweetheart couple.



~ Welcome to other new dancers: Jeremy, Nick, Mary, Caroline, Jennifer, Susan. We hope to see you all at this next special dance.

Other local happenings:

Feb 9, Saturday – our local band **Little Table Contraband** playing at the High Desert Brewery

Feb 22, Friday – **Celtic/Folk/World Music Concert** by duo **Four Shillings Short**, to benefit St.

Andrew's Hospitality House, 7 to 9 pm, Rio Grande Theatre. They provide housing for those who have loved ones in the hospital, a worthy cause, and good music, a Win, Win. \$15 at the door or online riograndetheatre.com. Please come out and support it if you can.



Four Shillings Short

Contra Dance - Southern New Mexico Music & Dance, Mesilla NM - January 2019

Check out this video from our last dance – if you are not in it, you should be:

<https://youtu.be/VuaA11WIPHg>

This is a contra dance in the mescolanza formation of lines of 4 facing lines of 4 with a pass through to the next line. Lots of fun because it combines 2 contra dance lines into one big contra line, so you have 8 people dancing the figure together instead of just the normal 4 dancers.

SEE YOU AT THE DANCE NEXT FRIDAY --

JULIE and LONNIE

