

Hello Dancers,

MARCH 18TH – It is March and our dance is the day after St. Patrick’s Day, so you guessed it, it is a **WEARIN’O’THE GREEN CONTRA DANCE**.

The band is the old-time stringband, the **MULETONES** from Dell City with Amy & Brian Muise, (new parents again in one month), playing pulse driving tunes, along with others in their band.

Wear something green and find the Luck of the Irish. Micki Gallus did such a fine job describing what to wear on the Gallus Gang Facebook page, that I am copying it below with complete dance details. Get some great **GREEN** ideas!

MARCH 17TH PADDY JONES

The Celtic fiddler from the Sliabh Luachra area deep in the hills of Ireland’s Kerry-Cork borderland, performs for St. Patrick’s Day at 7 p.m. Thursday, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. Paddy is such a down-to-earth fellow, telling jokes and stories as if you are guests in his home and his fiddling is delightful. Last year was a sold-out performance, so get tickets early. Tickets: \$10. Information: (575) 523-6403 or riograndetheatre.com.

MARCH 24TH SLIDE

The NMSU Cultural Series presents the Celtic Band at 8 pm Thursday at NMSU’s Atkinson Music Recital Hall. Tickets: \$10-15. Information: (575)646-1420 or panam.nmsu.edu. Known for creative, lively Irish traditional music and dance, Slide has been called “traditional musicians with attitude.”

APRIL 15TH -- next contra dance, and taxes are not due until April 18th, so you can come dance.

APRIL 30 - MAY 1 ~ 26TH ANNUAL TUCSON FOLK FESTIVAL

Features 100 local, regional and national acts on numerous stages, 20 hours of continuous music, dance, and entertainment, all completely FREE !! Our local Deming Fusiliers will do a concert and a workshop on Saturday. It is worth the drive – we have been there twice. For more info and schedule: www.tkma.org

MAY 27 - MAY 30, New Mexico FOLKMADS Music and Dance Camp

Socorro NM -- Four days of fast-paced evening contra dances, daytime workshops featuring various dance, singing, instruments plus outdoor daylong music jams, and highlighted by a dress-up Thrift Store Prom dance night and a Talent Show. Probably THE friendliest camp weekend you will find, and a good one for newer dancers.

National talent includes New England/Quebec band **Tidal Wave** and also **Harmonium**, plus east coast caller **Shawn Brenneman**, along with amazing **Nils Fredland** leading group harmony sings, plus guest callers **Wendy Graham, Doc Litchman**, Noralyn Parsons, Pat Tognoni. Dance workshops include Squares, English Country, Lindy, African Gumboot, Scandi and Swing. WOW!! This may be the best one yet. Shape up. Sign up early for financial work scholarships. Information at www.folkmads.org/FM_Brochure2011_all.pdf

JUNE 17-19 DANCING ON THE EDGE (new) dance weekend

Camp Colley on the Mogollon Rim in the high country of Arizona
Limited to 50 campers, it is a laid-back dance weekend with some big names: **Erick Weberg**
calling with **Betsy Branch** and **Mark Douglass** plus Hands Four. See details at
www.dancingcampers.org

First and third Sundays BLUEGRASS – FOLK – COUNTRY JAM

From 2 to 4 pm sponsored by our group, Southern New Mexico Music & Dance Society, Dona Ana Community College, Main Building, central Commons Area, Las Cruces. Park in lot on Gregg St. There is no cost and players of all levels are welcomed. Come and share a tune. Get directions and more information on web at www.snmmds.org or call Janet 526-5174.

See you on the dance floor. (GO AGGIES!!)

Julie

From Micki:

What: **Wearin'O'The Green Contra Dance**

Time: Friday, March 18 · Lessons 7:30pm, dance 8 - 10:30pm

Location: Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla , NM , 2 blocks west of the main plaza

More Info: Cost: \$5 and \$4 for 17 years and under; info. 575-522-1691 and map directions on the web at www.snmmds.org (plus see some photos and videos.)

Dear Fellow Dancers,

This month's Contra Dance is Irish St. Patrick's Day themed.

So wear anything GREEN that you might have laying around!

Like **GREEN SHOES, GREEN SKIRT, GREEN SHIRT, GREEN PANTS, GREEN BELT, or a GREEN HAT!**

Anything GREEN works!!

OK, so you got it?

GREEN!

My siblings and I even painted green Celtic knots with food coloring on our arms and hands one year. Anyone who has ever dyed Easter eggs can attest to food coloring's finger staining ability!
:)

It is easy to do!! Just take regular green food coloring (or mix blue & yellow to make green) and paint designs on your skin a few hours before the dance. It will wash off in about a day and a half. You can apply it straight with a paint brush. Or mix it with thick hand cream and put it into a small ziplock baggie, cut a tiny hole in the corner, and apply like cake icing. Leave the coloring on for about ten minutes then wash off with water.

I have never tried it on my face, but I will do a test run and let you know how it goes.

For some design ideas you can go to

<http://www.google.com/images?hl=en&sugexp=ldymls&xhr=t&q=irish+symbols&cp=9&bav=on.2%2Cor.&um=1&ie=UTF-8&source=og&sa=N&tab=wi&biw=1024&bih=655>

You can get the Green food coloring at any grocery store or you can get a huge 16oz bottle of it for \$5 at SouthWest Cash& Carry on the corner of Main and HWY 70.

Also, Claire's Icing and Hot Topic in the mall have some awesome green things to wear!

Please bring some nibbles to share with everyone if you can.....like pretzel sticks, chips, fruit bites, cup cakes, brownies, or chocolates.

So, I hope you all will come ready to dance and skip to the Irish Jigs!!

See you there,

-Micki