

Hello Contra Dancers,

Phone, text, e-mail your friends and get a group together for the contra dance **this Friday, November 18th**. Last month one text brought out 8 NMSU students. Make it a group event with faces you know.

**What is new?** Lonnie held a New Callers Workshop last week for Amy Muise, Sofie O'Connell (and her dad), Bob Archuleta, Marisa Potter and Phil Dangel. All left with music CD's and a dance to practice, and another workshop this Thursday. Who knows what surprises await in Friday's dance.

### **CONTRA DANCE SCHEDULE:**

This **(third) Friday, November 18th**, band Deming Fusiliers, Lonnie calling.

**SECOND Friday, December 9th**, band The Muletones, Lonnie & Lewis calling. This is our "Dress Up" event.

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

Time: beginner/refresher lessons 7:30 p.m., dance 8-10:30 p.m.

*Please come early and help new dancers learn the moves.*

Cost: \$6 with \$1 discount under 18

Sponsored by: Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society. More information on the web at [www.snmmds.org](http://www.snmmds.org)

*If you can bring baked goodies or snacks, everyone will love you.*

### **Other Dancer News:**

Pop's Pretzels opened to raves at the Ren Faire. Yummy. Micki looked like Betty Crocker with the baker flour look. Still awaiting permit for downtown Las Cruces Farmer's Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**Here is some inspiration from Youtube:**

This comes from the 2009 Old Farmer's Ball in Asheville NC with a location on a college campus, thus more college dancers. Notice the extra twirls, swirls, things that very good dancers throw in, and still keep within the 8 count beat of the music, and the extra moves do not get in the way of the other dancers. Very Important point -- stay with the music, be on time for the next move, do not create a dance hazard on the floor with your innovations, and have fun. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERdtTVWegCs&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERdtTVWegCs&NR=1)

This video features Albuquerque's Merri Rudd calling to the crazy Privy Tippers at the 2006 May Madness dance weekend in Prescott Az. (Lonnie, Julie, Lewis, Laura and Judy were there.) Notice that the caller stops calling half-way through the dance. That means that you have to memorize the dance and that is no small feat if you have been dancing for hours. Good for the mind, though. Notice the nice dance lines. In this video you can study the moves. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_514yYNEZS8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_514yYNEZS8)

See you Friday, inspired to dance.

Julie and Lonnie