

Come all ye Lads and Lassies,

Hear the lilt of IRISH laughter next **FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH CONTRA DANCE**, featuring some traditional Irish tunes from **the lads, the DEMING FUSILIERS**, including Rus Bradburd recently returned from Belfast, Ireland.

WEAR a little of the **EMERALD** (that's GREEN) and add some Irish charm to the evening.

Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla, 7:30 lessons - and dance until the wee hours of 10:30 pm. Details at www.snmmds.org

You need more IRISH, check out:

Thursday, 3/15 O'Keefe Brothers (Rus and Marc) for an early St. Paddy's Irish fix, 8-11 pm, soak up some Emerald Isle music during evening meal or brew at High Desert Brewery

Saturday, 3/17 O'Keefe Brothers, 6 pm, and the **Muletones** (Amy, Brian, Drew) at 8 pm, another chance to enjoy live acoustic Irish music and light appetizers at Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal, Mesilla. Support our fine local musicians. Visit the Muletones new website at www.muletones.com and check out the beautiful *audio clips*.

Friday, 3/16 same night as our dance, 7 pm **Bayou Seco** at Branigan Cultural Center, part of the "**Journey Stories**" programs; they will discuss where their ancestors came from (Poland/Germany/Scotland/Ireland) and play music from those areas. *Then come over and contra dance.*

COMING SOON:

REALLY BIG CONTRA DANCE

WATCH FOR NEW LOCATION

SATURDAY, SATURDAY, SATURDAY -- APRIL 28th

The MULLANY FAMILY from Albuquerque

A wonderful, multi-talented family band steeped in old-time music and tradition. They have music running in their veins, truly amazing musicians. Marj, Riley, Maddy, Jim Mullany

More details next month, but mark the date now. Photo on web.

ALERT: Town of Mesilla will be starting Phase IV renovations at the Mesilla Community Center soon, and our dance location will move, so keep your eyes on the website www.snmds.org and watch your email for late changes.

COMING IN MAY:

Big blowout dance and music weekend

20th anniversary NM FolkMADness MUSIC and DANCE WEEKEND

May 25-28, 2012

at New Mexico Tech in Socorro NM on campus

4 days of non-stop dancing, singing, music jams, workshops

2 national callers JOSEPH PIMENTEL and RICK MOHR

bands CROWFOOT and FOXFIRE

harmony singing workshops with LEELA and ELLIE GRACE

master of ceremonies - NILS FREDLAND, a true master of everything

musical - singing, calling, band and leading youth workshops

Evening Dress-up themes (optional, but fun): Friday Folkmads T-shirt night,

Saturday Thrift Store Prom (outrageous encouraged), and Sunday wear

turquoise to celebrate NM 100th anniversary

Financial Assistance Coordinator is Marina Bertelli, 505-983-5832,

mjbertelli@gmail.com - be a volunteer and get \$100 off, limited available,

apply before April 15th.

Get more details at www.folkmads.org and register before April 15th to save

\$25. Especially if you have been dancing for 6 months or are a musician, do

not miss this weekend. Something for all ages. Beautiful campus. Swimming,

tennis, lots of food, late night music, no time to sleep.

Call Julie locally if you are new and thinking about going. We encourage you

wholeheartedly. Once you are hooked on old-time music and dance, you are

hooked for life.

See you at Friday's dance and

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.

JULIE and LONNIE