

Hi Dancers,

It is February and that means **Mardi Gras and Bayou Seco and Fiddlin Friends!**

As always, next Friday, **February 15th** is a contra dance, but with a Mardi Gras flavor.

That means that all of the dances during the evening are contra dances done to old-time music. But with Bayou Seco, it also means that the break and end of the dance will have at least one Cajun two-step and Cajun Waltz. And it means that ***YOU CAN COME IN COSTUME***, or not.

Typical Colors are bold **PURPLES, GREENS, GOLD.**

So wear something fun, colorful, silly. Dig out your Mardi Gras beads from last year. If you feel like a mask, be sure you can dance in it. (Dollar Store is a good source for \$1 props like hats and beads.)

Dance details:

February 15th, **ZIA MIDDLE SCHOOL**, 1300 W. University, Cost \$6 or \$1 discount under 18, Lessons 7:30 pm, dance 8-10:30 pm. Info: www.snmmds.org or call 575-522-5650, callers Lonnie Ludeman and Lewis Land. Be a “dance angel” and come early to help with lessons and decorations.

Our Band

For the fourth year in a row we are excited to have Silver City’s finest, **Bayou Seco and Fiddlin Friends**, a stage-whopping total of 10 musicians all dressed for Mardi Gras.



The group includes Jeanie McLerie and Ken Keppeler of **Bayou Seco** fame, known for their Cajun, old-time and northern New Mexican tunes/vocals and annual UK concert tours; **The Fiddle Club** made up of Silver City's finest teenage fiddlers who have played many concerts, love to play for dancers and are known for snappy 2 steps, old-time Appalachian square dance tunes, and even a South African rocker from Soweto; plus several parents also play. **So look for a full sound.**



The Fiddle Club, pictured: Karuna Markham, Ella Jaz Kirk, Poppy Dames, Kimberly Medin and not in photo: Ruby Zeuner and Joe Bruemmer.

So come out and join the fun next Friday and invite your friends. Remember, lessons at 7:30 -- if they have never danced contra, please encourage your friends to come early.

LET'S DANCE.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler! (French: "Let the good times roll!")
Julie and Lonnie

Other Music Events:

Feb 10th, Sunday, Desperados, 12:30 to 3:30, at Sparky's Burgers, 115 Franklin St, Hatch on the main street. This is a gem we wish we had discovered 2 years ago – some of the very best live, classic country music, small dance floor in an old 5&dime store, so much local color. Folks even drive from Tucson regularly. Feels like a family, everyone so friendly. The green chile cheeseburgers are world-famous and so worth it! Dela Bustamante usually does the vocals, wow! And did I say FREE.

Feb 14th Bob Diven, 7 to 9 pm, Rio Grande Theatre, on guitar, vocals, stories, \$5. Bob is an award winning songwriter with a sense of humor, among his many talents, a Las Cruces treasure.