

Hello Dancers,

We are back to our regular location: **MESILLA COMMUNITY CENTER**
2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla NM Go to www.snmmds.org and click on Location for map

Join us Friday, March 15 for a St. Paddy's Contra Dance with Bayou Seco playing old-time Appalachian tunes, while Lonnie calls.

Time: 7:30 pm lessons, dance until 10:30 pm, cost \$6, discount under 18.

Wear GREEN if so inspired and invite your pals.

MORE LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS:

Catch the legendary Irish fiddler, direct from Ireland, PADDY JONES:

Friday, **March 15:** Vintage Wines, Mesilla, 7 pm

Saturday, **March 16:** Silver City, House Concert at Eileen O'Sullivan's

Sunday, **March 17:** High Desert Brewery, 6 pm onward, St Paddy's Day!

Thursday, **March 28:** House Concert at Trish Cutlers, 7 pm, \$15, RSVP ellirip@gmail.com.

Paddy is unique, quite a storyteller, a fine musician, and he sold-out the Rio Grande Theatre last year. More about Paddy at the end.

Friday March 29: DARE TO BE SQUARE!

Special FolkMads square dance – view short archival videos of old time square dances, then dance them! 8 pm to 11 pm. Lloyd Shaw Dance Center, Albuquerque, details: www.folkmads.org

Callers: David Millstone (CDSS) and Doc Litchman, Band: The Waynerds

\$7 members/\$8 non-members/half-price students with ID. Terrific lineup!

FUTURE EVENTS:

Saturday, April 13 CELTIC FEST and Contra Dance, El Paso, 6 to 10 pm

Details to follow or see Jackie Claxton. Jeffrey Lindsey caller, live music. They are starting a NEW contra dance in El Paso, hooray, so let's give them our support and dance energy!

April Contra Dance in Silver City. Date/details to follow. They are excited about their second contra dance and are lucky to have so many talented musicians. Our area is becoming a CONTRA DANCE MECCA!

Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-27 21st FOLKMADNESS 2013

Dance and music camp at NM Tech campus in Socorro, NM, sponsored by NM FolkMads.

It is a weekend of music, dance, singing, music jams, workshops and more for the whole family in a friendly atmosphere and a great setting. Features mostly contra dance, with English country dance workshops in the AM.

Bands: THE SYNCOPATHS and ERIC ANDERSON and ALAN ROBERTS with SANDY GILLET, and national callers CAROL ORMAND and DANA PARKKINSON, singing led by KATHY BULLOCK of Berea College. Details and registration online: www.folkmads.org

Many of us go, so let us know if you are interested or have questions, 575-522-1691.

And finally, more about PADDY JONES:

Paddy Jones is from the remote hills of County Kerry and is one of the last remaining fiddlers of the unique Kerry style. He is one of four living students of the godfather of "Sliabh Luchara" fiddlers, Pdraig O'Keeffe, who died in 1963. Jones is a living connection to Ireland's past, a simpler time, when music and books were still at the center of Irish culture. The combination of spiritual quest/fiddling quest is what makes Paddy Jones such a compelling storyteller and fiddler.

Jones is a highly-sought-after dance fiddler, both in County Kerry and internationally. Don't go looking on Amazon for his latest CD, though: you'll come up empty. Paddy refuses to record or to promote himself – he's a reclusive cult figure who disdains commercialism. His performances are punctuated with timeless Irish poetry, some of which Paddy will recite in the native Irish (Gaelic) language.

Jones is also the musical hero of the memoir, "Paddy on the Hardwood," a book that chronicles Rus Bradburd's time living in Ireland and learning the fiddle. The book brought Jones plenty of attention, at home in Ireland and in the States, but Jones continues to hold fast to his old-fashioned principals, declining to record commercially. Bradburd will join Paddy for selected tunes.

CONTRA DANCE THIS FRIDAY. START THE WEEKEND EARLY! See you on the dance floor.
Julie and Lonnie