

Hello Contra Dancers,

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

It is February and that means **MARDI GRAS** with Bayou Seco and The Fiddle Club from Silver City!



For the sixth year, **Friday, February 20th** will be a contra dance, but with a Mardi Gras flavor. All of the dances during the evening are contra dances done to old-time music. But with Bayou Seco, it also means that the breaks will have a Cajun Waltz and maybe a Cajun two-step thrown in.

And it also means that **YOU CAN COME IN BRIGHT COLORS: PURPLES, GREENS, GOLD.** Wear something fun and colorful. Come early and get Mardi Gras beads. Bring **GOODIES** to share and make it a **Fais-do-do** (Cajun party)

Dance details:

February 20th, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla Cost \$6 or \$4 youth, **NEW \$15 family**, Lessons 7:30 pm, dance 8 to 10:30 pm.

Info: [www.snmmds.org](http://www.snmmds.org) or 575-522-1691, caller Lonnie Ludeman. Be a "dance angel" and come early to help with lessons and decorations.

## ELLA JAZ



Many of us will be remembering our fifth Fiddle Club member, Ella Jaz Kirk, who played in our very first 2010 Mardi Gras dance when she was only 10 years old, full of personality and growing in her musical talent over the next 4 years' dances. She died in a small plane crash in Silver City last Memorial Day weekend. She was a dark-eyed beauty who was setting the world on fire with her deep commitment to so many things. She was passionate about the Gila River and the environment, loved to dance, sing, act, play and compose music (won the Hey Mozart! contest), teach, was an

honor student and spent a year in Europe, packing more in her young 14 years than many of us do in decades. It should motivate all of us to do more with our lives each and every day.

*NOW, GO DIG OUT YOUR MARDI GRAS BEADS, TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND . . . . LET'S DANCE.*

*Julie and Lonnie*