

As Amy says, “Shake off the summer lethargy and contra dance with us this Friday in Mesilla!”



What a nice poster The Mulettones made for the dance.

Since it is an “End-of-Summer” contra dance, we’ll make it “**Tropical**” theme. Come casual, tropical shirts, sundresses, shorts, carefree attire for the night.

If you arrive by 7 pm, you can help with the “island” decorations.

Bring fruit/snacks to share if you can.

Invite your friends for beginners’ lessons at 7:30 pm, “learn the moves”.

Directions to dance on the web:

www.snmds.org

It’s summer party time.

Future Dates for Mesilla Contra Dances:

Sept 18 - Jeff Lindsey caller & Little Table Contraband

Oct 16 - Lewis Land & Little Table Contraband

Nov 20 - Lonnie Ludeman & Little Table Contraband

Dec 11 - Lonnie Ludeman & The Mulettones (holiday dressy- 2nd Friday)

More local happenings:

Aug 22, Saturday, Santa Fe - Lewis Land is calling the contra dance. Info www.folkmads.org

Aug 21-23, El Paso, St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival. Chance to dance, live Greek band and Good food. Yasou!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1611212455807241/>

Aug 28-30, Santa Fe Old-Time and Bluegrass Festival. Music on stage all day and evening, plus a barn dance Sat nt. Info.

<http://southwestpickers-festival.org/schedule-2015/>

Sept 5, Saturday, Silver City, Big Ditch Contra Dance and Downtown Culinary Tasting, 6-9 pm, with dance instruction

starting at 5:30 pm. Murray Hotel Ballroom, 200 West Broadway St.
- Tickets \$20. This is a fundraiser for Mainstreet as well as an opportunity to dance on a great ballroom floor where many a dance was held in days of yore.

See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-downtown-gala-tickets-17746714902>

Sept 11, Friday, Silver City, Pickamania Opening - Street Dance from 7 to 9 pm at Bullard & 7th Streets with the Big Ditch Crickets, and all dances will be taught. (May be a mix for young and old). See <http://mimbresarts.org/>

Sept 12-13, Sat-Sun, Silver City, Pickamania!!

Full days of main stage, FREE, entertainment. Sat. headliner is Black Lillies and Sunday, one of our favorites, The Claire Lynch Band. Click here to see the line-up:

<http://mimbresarts.org/pickamania2015/>



Sept 18-20, Flagstaff AZ, Pickin in the Pines Bluegrass & Acoustic Music Festival

National entertainment all day, the lineup is incredible: Ricky Skaggs, Laurie Lewis, Steep Canyon Rangers, The Mars Hillbillies, many big names. Camping on site. Lineup:

<http://pickininthepines.org/lineup/>



Laurie Lewis

Country/Folk/Bluegrass Music Jam Sessions

1st & 3rd Sundays, 2 to 4 pm, NMSU campus. A fun drop-in jam, all players welcome. See details <http://www.snmmnds.org/> under JAMS or call Janet: 575-526-5174 or 575-405-1290. Dig out that old musical instrument and drop by, a very friendly group.

Mesilla Valley International Folk Dance - if you are interested, call Julie or drop by on a Monday, 5 to 6:30 pm. Details:
<http://www.zianet.com/lcludeman/lcfd/lcfdindex.htm>

Whew! That's quite a line-up of things to do.

Dancer News:

Lily Rockwell got her masters degree and moved to Harrisonburg VA. She found the perfect job as a speech pathologist, as well as a contra dance group that meets weekly, is very happy, and says to look her up if in VA.

Frank Sholedice is seen all around town: as the Blue Gramas at the Game Bar & Grill, Wed. evening jams at The Spotted Dog as Los Cacahuates, as Little Table Contraband at Amaro Winery, playing along with other many other familiar faces, Jason, Amy, Rus, Greg.

Carl Smith has moved back to his home state of Maine and bought a new house. We will miss Lily and Carl on the dance floor!

AND WE WILL ENJOY DANCING WITH **YOU** THIS FRIDAY.

JULIE