

## Things to do this Summer 2016 – try something new

**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

Next contra dance with us, Southern New Mexico Music & Dance, will again be a “Summer Tropical Luau” theme with decorations, so dress for the party, “cool and tropical”.

**Saturday, June 11 8 p.m.**



**DANCE Cross-Border Contra Dance:** at Crossroads Community Supported Healthcare, 130 S. Main St., Las Cruces (southern end of downtown oval). Evening of music and dance with **David Tucker and Little Table ContraBand with Amy Muise calling**, plus Danny Graves and the Legendary Two Steppin Studs -- a variety of music and dance opportunities, from contra dancing to soul and hip hop.

Their first dance was in April in a relatively small dance area with lots of young people, twenty-somethings, trying contra for the first time, followed by country. (I can't tell if the dance will be inside or outside—still waiting for an answer.) Suggested donation is \$5. *This is a benefit for Flores de Juarez, a community health program in the US/Mexico Border Region.* Info: 575-312-6569 or 575-936-0200, [facebook.com/events/518904664959697](https://www.facebook.com/events/518904664959697).

**Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day), 2:30 – 6 p.m.**



Guadalupe Mountains National Park – enjoy sweet sounds and party down west Texas style with live music provided by Dana Falconberry & Medicine Bow, **The Muletones**, and Ceiba. Bring a blanket, picnic snacks, and lounge in the grassy shade for an afternoon of music. This event, held on the Frijole Ranch lawn, is free. Sounds like a good family outing.

Location: 400 Pine Canyon Dr, Salt Flat, TX, call 915-828-3251 ext. 2300

<https://www.nps.gov/gumo/planyourvisit/frijole.htm>

**Contra dances in New Mexico – check them out as you travel**

June 18, July 2, July 16 --Albuquerque Contra Dance, 7 pm

ABQ Square Dance Center, info at <http://folkmaids.org/events/albuquerque-events/>

**Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m.**

**18<sup>th</sup> Raft the Rio**, Las Cruces, starting at La Llorona Park beneath the Picacho Street Bridge and running to the Calle del Norte (Mesilla) Bridge, sponsored by Kiwanis Family (9 organizations), with emphasis on the best themes and most effective use of recycled materials. It is very colorful, and fun to watch and photograph. Some tip before they ever get launched. The NMSU concrete canoe makes it to the finish line every year. Below are some of my favorite photos from 2014, and there were too many to show.



***Have FUN this summer and KEEP DANCING !!! Julie and Lonnie***

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