



Southern New Mexico Music and Dance ~ SNMMD

Here are some local and regional music/dance events to give your New Year a swing start:

Jan 7 Silver City "Annual 12th Night Breaking Up Christmas" – fun for the whole family, mix of dance styles

Jan 8 Las Cruces – Interested in international folk dance/music, come to the "Twelfth Night Folk Dance Party" annual potluck and folk dance

Jan 13-14 Mesa AZ (East Phoenix suburb) "Winter Frolic" -- 3 contra dances, excellent caller Wendy Graham and band Elixir

Jan 20 Las Cruces – "Contra Resolution" – first contra dance of the year with Lonnie and the Muletones

DETAILS ON ALL EVENTS and PHOTOS BELOW:

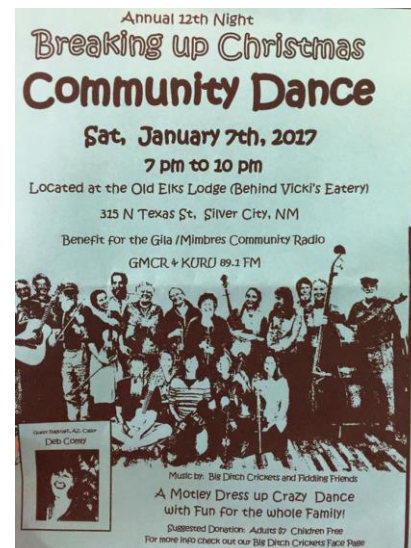
Saturday, Jan 7, Silver City, afternoon workshop and evening community dance at the Old Elks Club at 315 Texas St, Silver City (behind Vickie's Restaurant.)

2 - 4:30 PM - Contra Dance Callers and Dancers Workshop

Deb Comly, a wonderful guest caller from Flagstaff, will teach calling techniques and dances. Dancers of any skill will be welcome. There will be live, energetic music by the Big Ditch Crickets. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from a skilled caller and teacher. Suggested: \$10, goes to the caller.

7 -1 0 PM - Big Ditch Crickets' "**Annual 12th Night Breaking Up Christmas Community Dance**". Benefit for Gila Mimbres Community Radio. Deb Comly from Flagstaff calling. All dances taught. Suggested donation: adults, \$6-10; children, free. Expect to see polkas, waltzes, contras, some old-time dances. Usher in a new year by kicking up your heels to the sprightly, joyful music of the Big Ditch Crickets. Suggested: \$7-10 for Benefit Community Radio.

Questions: call Julie 575-522-1691. Possible to arrange overnight housing.



Sunday, Jan 8, Las Cruces, "Twelfth Night Folk Dance Party" at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda (1 block west of downtown), 2 to 5 pm starting with a potluck lunch and lots of folk dance. If you have an interest in international dance/music, we have a group that meets on Mondays. Join us for the party or call for more info 575-522-1691. <http://www.zianet.com/lcludeman/lcfd/lcfdindex.htm>



Friday-Saturday, Jan 13-14, Mesa AZ (Phoenix), "Winter Frolic"
A mini-weekend of 3 contra dances with Elixir and Wendy Graham, national caller and band, both very high energy. Details: <http://www.phxtmd.org/frolics-main.html>
It will be an exhilarating weekend and overnight housing may be possible with local dancers.

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With Elixir

and Wendy Graham
Elixir blends driving fiddle and guitar with the rich texture and rhythmic excitement of a full horn section, deftly weaving brassy riffs and daring solos in and out of traditional Irish, French Canadian and New England tunes.
**Friday-Saturday
January 13-14, 2017**
Mesa Active Adult Center
247 North Macdonald
Mesa AZ 85201
Phoenix Traditional Music & Dance
**Register at
www.phxtmd.org**

Winter Frolic
The Frolics
The Frolics are intimate revels with one fantastic band in a mini-weekend of contra dancing. *Winter Frolic* features the fabulous **Elixir** with hypnotic calling by **Wendy Graham**. Wendy and Elixir will keep us in motion from 8-11 on Friday and again from 1:30-4:30 and 7:30-10:30 on Saturday at the Mesa Active Adult Center near downtown Mesa. Great band, great caller and a great hall!

The Talent
Elixir, the country's favorite dance band, features clarinetist, **Anna Patton**, fiddler, **Ethan Hazzard Watkins**, trumpeter, **Jesse Readylynn**, guitarist, **Owen Morrison**, and trombonist, **Brian Bender**. Elegant melodies evolve into raucous dixieland horn riffs; transcendent harmonies, playful improvisations, and rock, swing and reggae-inspired rhythms weave in and out of traditional and original Irish, French Canadian and New England tunes.

Wendy Graham is a self-styled "dance maniac" known for her effervescent personality and devotion to sharing her passion for dance. She leads dances, dance weekends and dance weeks throughout the U.S. and abroad, including England and Denmark. She has been involved with music, song and dance for over 24 years. Wendy also teaches social dances, including Latin, swing, blues, country western, two-step and waltz.

Registration
Registration for the Winter Frolic is \$75 per person, \$35 for dancers 25 and younger. Space is limited and registration is required to attend. Registration starts September 15, 2016. Registration forms and information on schedules, lodging, transportation, restaurants, and more are online at:
www.phxtmd.org

Spring Frolic
Don't miss the **Spring Frolic** with **Great Boar** and calling by **Sarah VanNorstrand**, on March 10-11, 2017! Register for both Winter Frolic and Spring Frolic together and get \$10 off!

Phoenix Traditional Music & Dance was formed in 1983 as a non-profit organization and began to present traditional music through concerts and dances. We have been dedicated to the preservation of live traditional music ever since.



Friday, Jan 20 Las Cruces - "Contra Resolution" Contra Dance -

first of the year. Always our biggest dance. Put it on your calendar. Lonnie Ludeman calling to the dynamic sounds of The Muletones (Amy, Brian, Drew and Sal). ***Make this YOUR New Year's Resolution! DANCE!***



And **CONGRATULATIONS** go out to **Haylee and Chris**, now engaged!!!

See you on the dance floor. Remember, dancing burns calories, and think of all those smiles you see coming towards you in the dance line. Well worth it! Julie

Find us on the web: <http://snmmds.org/>

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