



Southern New Mexico Music and Dance ~ SNMMD

Next FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

-Contra Dance (with a Mardi Gras theme)

!! Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler !! "Let the Good Times Roll"

Mardi Gras will be Tuesday, but we will keep the music rolling and the feet flying. There will be old-time music for the contras, but Cajun waltzes and Cajun two-step at the break, plus the traditional Mardi Gras March of band and dancers.



Things to remember for the dance -

- **Wear something Colorful - Crazy** - find those striped socks, bright colors, Mardi Gras mask, hats -- bright colors (purple, gold and green are popular)
- Find your **Mardi Gras beads** or come early and borrow a pair.
- **Snacks and goodies** are always welcomed.
- Need a few **volunteers at 7 pm** to put up decorations or be "dance angels" for the newcomers' dance lessons at 7:30 pm.



Where:

- Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla, NM
- Lessons 7:30 pm, dance 8 to 10:30 pm, Info at <http://snmmds.org/> or 575-522-1691



Band -
Bayou Seco's Jeanie McLerie and Ken Keppeler from Silver City, along with **Rus Brdburd, Dennis Daily, Marion Newton, and Tucker**, making up a super-talented group of musicians, plus **Lonnie Ludeman** to call the dances.

Bayou Seco was recognized with the 2017 Governor's Art Award for their lifelong contribution to traditional music, teaching and sharing New Mexico's cultural music heritage and keeping it alive. From Rus Bradburd about Bayou Seco, "To them, the oldest magic is the

best kind - the music that gets you dancing, the love of tradition, the respect for roots and older people." To read more about them and to hear their music, click on this link:

<http://www.newmexicomusic.org/2017/08/02/bayou-seco/>



Next dance will be March 16th

That's almost **St. Patrick's Day** and a BIG dance with the ever popular and entertaining **BIG DITCH CRICKETS**, all 10 of them on stage, from Silver City, with **LEWIS LAND** calling. Expect high energy and lots of laughter. We haven't seen Lewis for a long time and thoroughly enjoy his calling, so mark your calendars now.



See you next Friday.

Lonnie and Julie