



Tucson Friends of Traditional Music

March 2026 Newsletter

First Saturday Contra Dance

When: March 7th - 6:30 to 10 pm

(Doors open at 6:00 pm, Lesson 6:30 pm)

Where: Southern Arizona Dance Center, 4801 E. 29th St., Tucson ([map](#))

Featuring:

Band - [Contra Intuitive](#)

Caller - Seth Levine

What to Bring: Water Bottle, \$10 Admission Fee (under 25, \$5)

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

Third Saturday Contra Dance

When: March 21st - 6:30 to 10 pm

(Doors open at 6:00 pm, Lesson 6:30 pm)

Where: Southern Arizona Dance Center, 4801 E. 29th St., Tucson ([map](#))

Featuring:

Band - [Dan Levenson and the Cat Mt. Rounders](#)

Caller - Randy Hobbs

What to Bring: Water Bottle, \$10 Admission Fee (under 25, \$5)

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

Volunteer to help at the dance

Many hands make light work... All our dances are run by volunteers -We can't hold dances if everyone doesn't do their share. Thank you!

[March 7](#)

[March 21](#)

Visit TucsonContraDancers.org for more information about bands, dates and times.

2026 Desert Bluegrass Festival

March 13-15 at Gladden Farms Community Park

12205 N Tangerine Farms Rd, Marana, AZ

Three wonderful days filled with great bluegrass music, and much more - including a **dance called by our very own Abbie Sorg on Friday night.**

Friday free, Saturday & Sunday \$30/day, \$50/weekend, under 16 free, RV camping \$60 - Tickets and info at www.desertbluegrass.org



Community Contradance at Tucson Village Farm!

On Friday, March 27, join us for our second annual Tucson Village Farm (TVF) Contradance at the TVF Big Farm, 2201 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ. This is a wonderful public event where we get to share our dance with eager community members – just raring to dance! Last year was tremendous and having Tucson contra dancers there helped the event run smoothly and gave all of us dancers a chance to inspire others to jump into the fun. This year, as last, Rave Review will be playing, and Claire Zucker will be leading the dancing. Yummy TVF snacks will be for sale at the event. The teach will start at 6:30, with dancing from 7-9 pm. Tickets are \$12 pre-sale and \$15 at the door. [Get your tickets here!](#)

TFTM Board Election

The TFTM bylaws specify that there will be between three and fifteen directors with the board setting the number on an annual basis. The board currently has seven members that were elected last year. Since the current board members are interested in continuing, the following election procedure is proposed:

The TFTM secretary will accept further nominations for the board of directors until April 1, 2026. Those wishing to volunteer to be included on the board slate should email secretary@tucsoncontradancers.org with an optional candidate statement as to how their service on the board would be beneficial. A printed ballot will be available to members at the third Saturday dance in April (April 16, 2026). Note that the officers (president, secretary, and treasurer) are to be elected by the board after the new board is elected.

About the Board

TFTM is managed by a volunteer board of directors elected in April of each year. The board meets the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm. If you would like to see an agenda or participate in a meeting, send an email to president@tucsoncontradancers.org.

Input Requested on TFTM Dances

We'd love to hear your ideas on how to grow and improve our dances!

We have created an anonymous feedback form to gather input and ideas on how to continue to improve our dances. All questions are optional, and the form should take, at most, 10 minutes to fill out. The form can be found [here](#).

Thank you for taking the time to help us continue to grow our community.

Join SARDASA!

SARDASA is the nonprofit that owns the building where we host our dances. We (TFTM contra dancers) have contributed towards making the hall better. We supported the addition of the water dispenser and the AED, have pledged support for a wooden floor that should be installed in the next several months. As a member club, TFTM has one seat on the SARDASA board of directors. As an individual member, you can vote for officers and additional "at large" board members in March.

TFTM members are encouraged to support SARDASA by becoming individual members. Your membership both helps support SARDASA and allows you to help guide its future through the elections. The SARDASA membership form is available [here](#). Individual membership is \$5 per year.

In addition, SARDASA is looking for a group of volunteers to help maintain the building. They would like two volunteers from each club (like TFTM) to help. The first volunteer opportunity (hall cleaning) is Friday March 20, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. If you'd like to volunteer, please email president@tucsoncontradancers.org.

Thanks to Volunteers!

Tucson Friends of Traditional Music was established over 50 years ago and continues to support the local music and dance community. We have a volunteer board of directors, the volunteer Dance in the Desert committee, and MANY MORE volunteers who manage dances, do shifts at the registration table, bring refreshments, help set up for the dances, help clean up after the dances, and more. These volunteers make our dances happen! In addition, our bands, callers, and sound techs support our dances for minimal pay. And, our dances would be nothing without all the great dancers who show up. Thanks!

TFTM Membership

New and renewing members will receive their new buttons and two free passes at the first dance they attend in 2026. Memberships are tracked using the form at <https://forms.gle/cE7r5zCY6ts7t3dp6>. We have received a few payments where we have not yet seen an application through the form. If you have paid and do not see your membership reflected in the search at <https://tucsoncontradancers.org/tftm-membership-form-3/>, please complete the online membership application.

Phoenix Contra Events!

Phoenix Traditional Music and Dance hosts contra dances most 2nd Saturdays at Mesa Community College and 4th Fridays near downtown Phoenix. For more information go to [Phoenix Traditional Music and Dance](#).

Health Policy:

If you are not feeling well, PLEASE stay home. We are placing our trust in our dance community to comply and keep us all safe. Masking is welcome but optional at our local dances.

More TFTM info can be found on the [Tucson Friends of Traditional Music Facebook page](#), the [TucsonContraDancers.org website](#), the [Tucson Contra Dancers Meetup page](#), our [Gatherist page](#), and on [Instagram](#) Hope to see everyone at future dances.



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