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BUILDING A STRONG DANCE COMMUNITY

Since ringing in the new year we have had a strong quarter with several well attended, high energy dances. Karen's Memorial Contra Dance on January 15th was a deeply felt community event which I hope will become an annual favorite. Two weeks later Becky Nankivell gave us a wonderful overview of Contra dance history at the 5th Saturday Workshop and Contra Dance. Then on the first Saturday in February we celebrated 25 years of TFTM dances.

We all have more fun when there are more people at the dances. In order to keep up the great attendance and high energy there are many ways to help out in our community. You can join the dance committee and help plan fun dance events. There are many ways to volunteer, including helping out with the admissions table, setting up before the dance, cleaning up after the dance, or playing an instrument in the open band.

Even if you don't want to volunteer in a formal way there are many things that you can do to help build our community. You can dance with newcomers so that they have fun and come again. Or better yet, bring a friend. Never underestimate the power of word of mouth advertising-it is by far the most effective way of bringing in new dancers.

You can start by taking home a couple of dance schedules-or get them off the TFTM website at TFTM.ORG and hand them out to potential dancers. Tell your friends a little bit about Contra dancing, especially how much fun it is. If you have a CD of Contra dance music, share it with them-the music alone may get them interested. We have a lot to offer with live music in a community that is safe and social, where anyone can dance with anyone and anyone who can walk can dance.

If your friends decide to give it a try, tell them how to dress: in comfortable clothes and shoes-no high heels or sticky rubber soles. Bring them to the introductory session at 7:30 so that they can learn a few of the fundamentals of Contra dancing. When the music starts, dance with them and help them find other experienced partners to dance with. When they finally go home make sure they have a smile on their face and a schedule in hand-to share with their friends.

For more information on volunteering, contact me, Lorien Tersey, by phone: 591-9120, or email: contradance@tftm.org The next **Dance Committee meeting will be Sunday March 13th at noon at my house, 3227 E. Glenn St.**

TFTM Dance Schedule

Dances are at the First United Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th St. Intro/refresher session 7:30, dance at 8 PM. Admission is \$6 members, \$7 non-members, \$5 students. Fifth Saturday "Zesty" dances are \$1 more.

March 5
March 19
April 2

J P Thom-Gronachan
Ken Cooper
Claire Zucker

Hands Four
Open Band
Privy Tippers

Heads Up! The April 2 Dance will NOT be at our usual location, no foolin'! Be sure to check your April newsletter for details!

Monthly Friday Contra Dances

April 8, May 13, 7:30-9 PM, Bracken School of Irish Dance
2921 E. Grant Road (Decorator Square) Admission \$4
Claire Zucker at 882-3069 or roundthehouse@att.net
NO DANCE IN MARCH!

GREATER ARIZONA DANCES

Schedules change, call before you go!

COTTONWOOD (928) 774-5936 Third Saturdays,
Cottonwood Civic Center, 827 N. Main St., Beginner session
at 6:30, dance 7:00 to 10:00 PM \$6

FLAGSTAFF (928) 526-6757 Saturday, March 5 at
Ashurst Hall, NAU Campus 7:30 Beginners session; dance is
8-11 PM \$6/ \$5 members www.ffotm.net or [dancing-
wvr@earthlink.net](mailto:dancing-wvr@earthlink.net)

PHOENIX CONTRA (480) 784-4804 Saturday, March
12, Deb Comly and Frayed Knots at Kenilworth School, 1210
N. 5th Ave (3 blocks S of McDowell on 5th Ave, near I-10 &
Deck Park Tunnel) Beginners session at 7, dance 7:30-10 PM
\$8 general, \$6 for members/students

PRESCOTT CONTRAS (928) 713-8016 Friday, March
at the 4, Loose Ends with caller TBA Grace Sparkles Activity
Center, 824 E. Gurley www.sharlott.org/madness

CLASSIFIEDS**SERVICES**

DULCIMER PLAYERS: Join the Southwest
Dulcimer Festival AZ dulcimer players mailing list.
Hammered dulcimer lessons available: Anna Duff
720-4965, Anna@dulcianna.com or www.dulcianna.com

FIDDLE & MOUNTAIN DULCIMER LESSONS:
Beginners welcome. Bob Hauth, 743-3392.

THE MUSICIAN MAKER: Strings? O.K. Keyboard?
Sure! Accordion? You bet! Ever been told you
shouldn't sing? I can help. J.P., 682-6201

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND BAGPIPES Private
instruction or public performance. Call William Don
Carlos at 907-4460, or email
pipes-are-loud@wdoncarlos.com

MARCH**EVENTS****CALENDAR****MARCH 2, WEDNESDAY, 9 PM**

THE WILDERS, Old-Time Country String Band, Club
Congress, 311 E. Congress St., \$5 at the door, 21+ event

MARCH 4, FRIDAY**--KEVIN LOCKE, 7 PM**

Indigenous Northern Plains Flute UA Presents, UA
Centennial Hall, Tickets \$12-\$26, 621-3341, or uapresents@arizona.edu or at window

--TIM WIEDENKELLER & FRIENDS, 8 PM

"One of Tucson's hidden musical treasures."
-Tucson Citizen Banjo Milagros CD Release
Concert, St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 602
N. Wilmot \$15 in advance at AA, BV, CDC, EE/\$18 door

MARCH 6, SUNDAY, 1-4 PM**ANNUAL PHOENIX FOLKDANCE FESTIVAL**

40 DANCES FROM 20 COUNTRIES! Washington
Adult Center, 2240 W. Citrus Way, Off of N. 23rd Ave.
between Glendale Ave. and Bethany Home Road For
info go to: <http://www.fastq.com/~pifd/special.html>

MARCH 11TH, FRIDAY, 8 PM**TEADA from IRELAND**

St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church Music Center
(River and Campbell) \$18 in advance at AA, BV, CDC,
EE or 800-594-8499/\$20 door

MARCH 12, SATURDAY, 8 PM**NEW POTATOES REUNION SHOW,** Irish

music and song, Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street
(east of Swan). Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$8 in
advance at AB, CDC, or the Folk Shop.

MARCH 13, SUNDAY**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL (follows parade),**

Live music and dancing exhibitions from 11 to 5:45, both
local and international groups, south side of Tucson
Convention Center. Irish food and drink available.
[http://tucsonirishcommunity.com/parade-and-
festival.shtml](http://tucsonirishcommunity.com/parade-and-festival.shtml) for schedule.

MARCH 18, FRIDAY**--MARY BAKER PRIMAVERA CONCERT, 7 PM**

Sponsored by Tucson Jazz Society, Berger Center for the
Performing Arts, 1200 West Speedway General Public
\$25 - TJS Members \$20 - Students \$10 Tickets available
at Hear's Music and Ramsey's Pianos, or by calling TJS at
903-1265

--PERFECT STRANGERS, 8 PM

Bluegrass St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church Music
Center (River and Campbell), \$19 advance at AA, BB, CDC,
EE or 800-594-8499/\$23 door

MARCH 24, THURSDAY, 7:30 PM**DOUGIE MacLEAN from SCOTLAND**

Sponsored by Rhythm and Roots, Berger Center for the
Performing Arts, 1200 West Speedway Reserved seats
\$23 advance at AB, BV, CDC, EE or 800-594-8499 /\$27
at the door.

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Bookkeeper position is OPEN

Ukrainian Culture, Music and Poetry

March 29, 6:30 PM
Tucson Botanical Gardens
2150 North Alvernon Way

Taras Schevchenko (1814-1861) is the greatest Ukrainian Poet and one of the classics of world literature. The Ukrainian American Society of Tucson will dedicate its program to his poetry, his art and his music. Come and join the Ukrainians of Tucson for an exciting evening, which will also include some Ukrainian "Soul" Foods.

This event is FREE and open to the public.

ADVANCE TICKET GUIDE

AB -- Antigone Books - 411 North 4th Avenue
BV -- Brew & Vine - Oracle & Ina
CDC -- CD City - 2890 North Campbell Avenue
EE-- Enchanted Earthworks - Swan/Ft. Lowell

Caller's Corner

Hi. I'm Laila Lewis, and, as of next month, I will have the pleasure of being the new editor of the TFTM Newsletter. As you may know, I also enjoy being one of TFTM's newest callers. This article will be the first of a series featuring the callers in our community, starting with myself.

I moved to Tucson about seven months ago to join the majority of my family living here. I came from Las Vegas, where the contra community, though not as large as the Tucson one, is every bit as enthusiastic. I had been calling there for about a year and a half, usually calling about half of an evening at a time.

Some of you may have known me prior to my move to Tucson through Dance in the Desert, which happens to be where I got my start calling. Three years ago, I attended Tom Hinds' square calling workshop at my first DTD, and I've never stopped calling since. I was aided by a caller in our Las Vegas community who took me under his proverbial wing. As he grew less able to call at dances, I helped the two other callers in our community more and more. And now I'm continuing my calling here. You may have seen me lately dynamically duod with Don Copley, or less recently at the New Year's dance.

My philosophy about calling is simple; "Shut up and let the dancers do what they came to do." When I first started calling, I was known to take this to an extreme, often dropping out the calls too soon while the dance was running. You may notice that I tend to go for dances with lots of neighbor interaction in them. This is because I have always seen contra dancing as a very flirty activity. I have personally witnessed its ability to draw young (and not-so-young) lovers together in the love story of my mother and her boyfriend. Oh, and as for those who were wondering how old (or young) I am?

I'm nineteen. Well, that about wraps it up. Look for next month's column, when we feature a different caller.

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ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS of INTEREST

DANCE

Contra Dancing 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays. See the contra calendar inside.

International Folk Dancing 615-9812 for info on all three folk dances

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 Lighthouse YMCA, 1 block S. Ft. Lowell/Columbus St. For beginners.

Wednesdays, 8 - 10 PM The MUSE, 5th Ave. & 6th St. For more advanced dancers

Fridays, 5-7:30 PM Newman Center corner of Cherry and 2nd St. For beginners.

Irish Ceili Dance First Sundays, 6 PM Wilde Playhouse at 135 E. Congress Street Info: 770-1000

Irish Dancing Tuesdays, 7:45 PM Decorator Square at Country Club & Grant Info: 296-8476

Israeli Folk Dancing Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM for beginners; 8:30-10 for advanced, at the Jewish Community Center, 3800 East River at Dodge Rd. Info: 299-3000

Scottish Country Dancing Thursdays, 7:30 PM, First United Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th St. Info: 299-5566

Zydeco Dance Lessons Tuesdays, 7:30-9 PM The Muse, 5th Avenue. at 6th St., RSVP to 682-6201

MUSIC

Celtic & Old-Time Jam 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8-10 PM Rincon Market, 6th St. at Tucson Blvd.

Community Sing with Ted Warmbrand Usually third Sundays 3-5 PM, but call 323-8697 for info. Located at the Ada Pierce McCormick Bldg Library, 1401 E. 1st Street (on U of A Campus, NE corner of Highland & 1st St.)

Irish Jam 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 8-11 PM, Yankee Doodle Pizza, 1929 E. Grant Rd.

Irish & Scottish Singing For directions call Aine Ni Haralambie at 327-6287

Seisun Last Sunday of the month, 6 PM Wilde Playhouse at 135 E. Congress Street Musicians call 770-1000, open to the public for listening

Shape Note Singing 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 3-5 PM, Sonora Cohousing, 501 E. Roger Road 682-6201 or www.fasola.org

Slow-jam Thursdays, 7:00 PM Deerfield Apartments Club Room, 3201 E. Ft. Lowell Road. Call Mike Elam at 325-3539 before 7 for gate code. Park outside the walls to the west in the gravel lot in front of the trailer park.