

# Tucson Friends of Traditional Music

## May 2026 Newsletter

### **First Saturday Contra Dance**

When: May 2nd - 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 - CoMotion

Caller - Suze St. John

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

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

### **Third Saturday Contra Dance**

When: May 16th - 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 - Wild Irish Fiddle

Caller - Abbie Sorg

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

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

### **Fifth Saturday Contra Dance**

When: May 30th - 6:30 to 10 pm

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

Where: Dream Dance, 405 E Wetmore Rd, Tucson, AZ ([map](#))

Featuring:

Band - Cat Mountain Rounders

Caller - Seth Levine

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!

Visit [TucsonContraDancers.org](http://TucsonContraDancers.org) for more information about bands, dates and times.

## **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.

## **Wood Floor?**

We've been telling you about the wood floor for the SARDASA dance center for years now! The latest estimate on installation is late July or early August (yes, this year!).

## **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](mailto:president@tucsoncontradancers.org).

## **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 of each year.

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 next volunteer opportunity (hall cleaning) is Friday May 8, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. If you'd like to volunteer, please email [president@tucsoncontradancers.org](mailto: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.