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Arizona Folk News

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2007 To Begin With A Contradancing Bang!

The first quarter of 2007 promises to be exciting for Arizona contra dancers, check out the following line-up of special dances:

- Begin the New Year by attending the PFOTM **New Years Eve Contra Dance** at the Irish Cultural Center. The dance will be from 8:00 pm - 12:00 am. A holiday toast will be served. You are encouraged to bring some finger foods to share.
- Bill & Judy Norman are celebrating their **10th Anniversary of Marriage and Contra Dancing** with a contra dance weekend on January 12-14th. The caller will be Richard Wilson from New Mexico and the band will be The Crustaceans from Flagstaff. There will be five dances to pick from, four of the dances will be held at the Norman's Backyard Dance Floor and one will be held at the Jan. 13th PFOTM 2nd Saturday Dance. Look for flyers at your AZ contra dance or call the Norman's at 623.979.4875.
- February brings **Peg's Belated Birthday Tour** to AZ. The February 2-4th weekend tour features caller Peg Hesley from Phoenix and the band Atlantic Crossing from Los Angeles, CA. The first dance will be held Friday, Feb. 2nd at the Prescott Activity Center, the second dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 3rd in Tucson at the First United Methodist Church, and the third dance will be held Sunday, Feb. 4th at the Norman's Backyard Dance Floor in Peoria, AZ. Look for flyers at your AZ contra dance.
- On Saturday, February 17th the **Grand Canyon Square Dance Association** will sponsor a **Contra Dance** as part of their 9th Annual Fiesta of Friends Jamboree. The caller will be Peg Hesley with Round The House of Tucson as the dance band. The dance will be held at Cortez High School located at 8828 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. The dance will begin with a Grand March at 7:30 pm and the Contra dance will be from 8:00 - 10:30 pm. For more info contact Seth Levine at 480.704.9604 and look for flyers at your AZ contra dance.
- **Dance-Wich Delirium**, a high-energy weekend featuring international caller Kathy Anderson and AZ caller Peg Hesley, will be March 10-11th. The bands will be Updraft of Flagstaff and ClusterFolk of Phoenix. (What is a "dance-wich"? Ans: A regular PFOTM 2nd Saturday evening dance, sandwiched in between two challenging, zesty contra dances!) Check for flyers at your AZ contra dance.

PFOTM Membership Is Important

Helloooooo! It may be time for you to renew your membership in the Phoenix Friends of Old-Time Music. Remember your membership fees help PFOTM to preserve old-time music in Phoenix by presenting and promoting dances, concerts, and other special events throughout the year. Your membership also entitles you to discounts at most PFOTM events. Your support and participation means a lot to us. By giving financially or as a volunteer, dance participant, musician, caller, board member and friend, you contribute to the cultural enrichment of the community. Because you participate, old time music and dance will never die.

In an effort to simplify the membership renewal process, we have made **September 1** the annual renewal date for all memberships. For those who are current with dues paid during 2006, dues will not be payable again until September 2007. You can pick-up a membership form at any PFOTM contra dance or down-load a membership form through the PFOTM website at this url: www.pfotm.org/membership.html