



# AZ FOLK NEWS

News of the Phoenix Friends of Old-Time Music

Jan. – Mar.  
2009

## Contra Dance Weekend- Feb. 13 - 14

Atlantic Crossing will be the featured band at this weekend dance, along with the calling of The Good Luck Gals. Atlantic Crossing uses over a dozen different instruments to create the music of Ireland, Scotland, England, Eastern Europe, and the U.S.

The Good Luck Gals are the well known callers Deb Comly and Peg Hesley. With a combined 25 years of experience, they are sure to keep us dancing throughout the weekend.

The weekend starts and ends with a regular contra dance. The Friday and Saturday evening dances have a lesson at 7 PM, with dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 PM.

Saturday afternoon will feature a zesty contra dance from 2:30 to 5 PM. Zesty contras are designed for more experienced dancers. These dances have unusual features such as no walk through before the dance starts that might be frustrating for many new dancers, but are enjoyed by more experienced contra dancers.

All 3 dances are at Kenilworth School, 1210 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Phoenix, 85003. The Friday dance is \$12 / \$10 for members. The Saturday dances are \$10/\$7 for each dance.

## Contra Dance Writing Workshop- March 14

Jim Kitch will be in Phoenix the weekend of March 14 to lead an afternoon workshop on writing contra dances. Workshop participants will collaborate to create an original contra dance that Jim will call at the regular dance that evening.

The workshop will be from 1 to 4 PM, at the home of Peg and Joe Hesley. The cost is \$10. E-mail Peg and Joe at [pegandjoe@cox.net](mailto:pegandjoe@cox.net) for reservations and directions.

## Ride Light Rail To 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Dances

The new light rail system can help you get to many places including the Irish Cultural Center, or ICC. The rail line is right in front of the ICC and stops at the Roosevelt and Central Ave. station, a block south of the ICC.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday dances will continue at the ICC in 2009, from 7:30 to 10 PM. Dances will feature a variety of callers throughout the year and the music of Clusterfolk.

For about the price of a movie you can get an all day pass on light rail, listen to live music, have fun at a contra dance, and get some great exercise. What a great way to start the year.

## Cottonwood Caper Weekend- Jan. 16 - 18

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cottonwood Contra Caper contra dance features 2 callers and 2 bands for this 3 day weekend dance. Susan Michaels and Claire Zucker will call the dances while Round The House and Traditional Blend's music keeps you moving all weekend.

The \$65 registration fee includes healthy snacks, drinks, and a Sunday Dance Party. Sponsorships are available for young dancers, 25 and younger. To register go to <http://azwedance.googlepages.com>, or contact Judy Norman at 623-979-4875 or [judy.norman@juno.com](mailto:judy.norman@juno.com).

The Sat. evening dance is open to the public, \$10.

## May Madness

The 2009 May Madness weekend is May 15 to 17 with callers Beth Molaro and Kari Usher, and music by the Groovemongers and the Privy Tippers. Work and young dancer scholarships are available. Registration forms and more info are available at [www.folkhappens.org](http://www.folkhappens.org) or contact Judy Norman at [judy.norman@juno.com](mailto:judy.norman@juno.com) or 623-979-4875.

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Membership / change of address form for Phoenix Friends of Old Time Music.  
Please mail to: PFOTM, 13236 N 7<sup>th</sup> St. Ste 4 #191, Phoenix AZ 85022

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I'll Volunteer (check all that apply):  Greeting/Door  Refreshments  
 Sound  Open Band  Special Events  Newsletter  \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIAL EVENTS

FEB. 13-14 CONTRA-DANCE WEEKEND, PHOENIX  
Feb 13, Regular Contra Dance.  
Feb 14, Zesty Contra Dance and regular Contra Dance.  
All events at Kenilworth School. See other side.

FEB. 20 COMMUNITY AND CONTRA DANCE  
Diane Silver from Ashville N.C. and Updraft. In Flagstaff  
<http://azwedance.googlepages.com> or 928-774-5936

### PHOENIX 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

Phoenix Friends of Old Time Music Contra Dance at:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat: Kenilworth School, 1210 N. 5th Ave. (at I-10),  
Phoenix, 85003. Lesson: 7PM, dance: 7:30-10:30PM.  
\$10 general, \$7 member, \$3 under 18.

4<sup>th</sup> Wed: Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N. Central Ave.,  
Phoenix, 85004. 7:30-10 PM. \$7

The Phoenix dance schedule through March 2009 is:

Sat. Jan. 12: Claire Zucker and Round The House

Wed. Jan. 28: Seth Levine and Clusterfolk

Feb. 13 - 14: See Special Events, above

Wed. Feb. 25: Caller to be determined and Clusterfolk

Sat. Mar. 14: Contra Dance Writing Workshop, 1-4PM

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For more info go to [www.pfotm.org](http://www.pfotm.org) or call Ron and Linda  
at 480-893-3328, or Carl at 602-268-7181.

Monthly Potluck and Board Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon.: Feb. 2,  
Mar. 2, 7PM, Ron and Linda Nieman's, 4455 E. Kachina,  
Phoenix. Call to confirm- 480-893-3328 or 602-268-7181.

JAN. 16-18 COTTONWOOD CAPER CONTRA FEST  
A contra dance weekend featuring 2 regional bands and 2  
callers. The Saturday evening dance is open to the public.  
See other side.

### MAY 15-17 MAY MADNESS

Callers Beth Molaro and Kari Usher with the bands  
Groovemongers and the Privy Tippers. [judynorman@juno.com](mailto:judynorman@juno.com)  
or [www.folkhappens.org](http://www.folkhappens.org).

### COTTONWOOD Third Saturdays

Contra dance, Cottonwood Clubhouse/Civic Center, old  
town Cottonwood. Potluck: 5:30-6:30, Lesson 6:30-7,  
Dance: 7-10 PM. <http://azwedance.googlepages.com> or  
Deb at 928-774-5936 or [azwedance@gmail.com](mailto:azwedance@gmail.com)

### FLAGSTAFF First Saturdays

Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music Contra Dance  
NAU's Ashurst Hall, 7:30 PM. \$6, \$5 for members.  
[www.ffotm.org](http://www.ffotm.org) or call Chris at 928-526-3020 for info.

### PRESCOTT First Fridays

Folk Happens! Contra Dance, Grace Sparkes Activity  
Center, 824 E. Gurley St. Lesson 7:30, dance 8-10:30 PM.  
[www.folkhappens.org](http://www.folkhappens.org), or Bruce Hardwick- 928-445-3496.

### TUCSON 1st, 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup>, and most 5th Saturdays

Tucson Friends of Traditional Music Contra Dances, 1<sup>st</sup>  
United Methodist Church, 915 4<sup>th</sup> St. Lesson 7:30, dance  
8-11PM. \$8 / \$7 members. Please bring clean shoes.  
Lorien 520-591-2432, Dale 520-906-0352, [www.tftm.org](http://www.tftm.org).

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