



AZ FOLK NEWS

News from Phoenix Traditional Music & Dance

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2nd. Sat. Dance in Nov. Moved to Fri, Nov. 4

Phoenix's second Saturday contra dance for November has been moved to Friday, Nov. 4. Come enjoy the fabulous music of **STEAM!** and **Peg Hesley's** amazing calling a week earlier than usual at Kenilworth School.

Due to the fact that many Phoenix area contra dancers go to Dance In The Desert, there will not be a contra dance in Phoenix on the second Saturday in November, Nov. 12.

A Festival of Dance March 23 – 24, 2012

Registration opens Dec. 1

Phoenix Traditional Music and Dance presents an intimate, intensive dance experience on March 23 – 24, 2012, with the acclaimed techno-contra dance band, **Perpetual e-Motion**. The excitement will begin to build on Friday evening, then continue Saturday afternoon, and wind up with a final dance party Saturday night. Our favorite callers, **Peg Hesley** and **Deb Comly** will guide exquisite dances. The entire mini-weekend will be held at Kenilworth School, 1210 N. 5th Ave in downtown Phoenix. Tickets for the three-dance event are \$45, and just \$35 for dancers 25 and younger. Registration opens December 1. Tell your friends and register early to be sure you get in! Go to www.perpetual.phxtmd.org for registration forms and information.

The power duo, **Perpetual e-Motion**, produces dynamic and enormous sound pouring traditional tunes through electronic devices, then adding foot percussion and didgeridoo to produce unforgettable dance music. These amazing young men are off the grid, self-sustaining, solar powered, and progressive. They are taking the dance scene by storm all over the country. Come out and welcome the storm to the desert!



The dance festival begins on Friday, the 23rd at 8:00, and then picks up again on Saturday the 24th from 2:00 – 5:00 for a full afternoon of fun. The culminating event is Saturday night's dance from 7:30 – 10:30. Don't miss

the chance to experience the latest rage in contra dancing with the captivating sounds of this two-man orchestra!

Burn the Calories Dance Nov. 25

Looking for a way to get your shape back after those extra helpings of turkey and pumpkin pie? Come to the Irish Cultural Center on Friday, Nov. 25 for an evening of awesome dancing to **Hands Four** and a collection of your favorite **Arizona callers**. It's a perfect opportunity to entertain your dinner companions and burn off that extra pound! Bring a juicy snack, water, and your dancing shoes, and we'll see you at 7:00 for a beginner's introduction. The price is \$8, and only \$5 if you are 25 and under.

Dance In The Desert- Nov. 11-13

The Dance In The Desert weekend contra dance camp is held at the Triangle Y Ranch Camp near Oracle, AZ. Located at 5,000 ft. in the Santa Catalina mountains north of Tucson, the camp has pleasant weather during the day and an evening chill to cool you down from all the hot dancing. It's a great time filled with the best dancing, music, workshops, jamming, and friends.

The 2011 camp features New England's finest talent, the **Great Bear Trio**, plus local Tucson bands, **Jumping Chollas** and **Hands Four**. Guest callers **Adina Gordon** and **Jim Kitch** add their professional expertise to this fall's most incredible weekend. Camp isn't quite full yet, so there is still time to sign up. Registration and more information on Dance In The Desert is at www.tftm.org.



The Great Bear Trio is a high-energy blend of traditional and original material, consisting of brothers Andrew VanNorstrand (fiddle, guitar bouzouki) and Noah VanNorstrand (fiddle, mandolin, feet) and their mother Kim Yerton (piano).

STEAM! Dance

It's full steam ahead on Nov. 4 at Kenilworth for the hottest dance of the season! Enjoy the debut of Arizona's amazing STEAM! featuring Claire Zucker (percussion, vocals) and Dave Firestine (mandolin) from Tucson, Alice Boyle (fiddle), and Robert Rosenberg (guitar), both hailing from eastern Canada. Help welcome a new contra dance band featuring flying fiddle & mandolin harmonies with solid foot-happy. They deliver a diverse repertoire based on years of playing, and imbue each dance with a unique feel... slinky jigs, driving reels, and a knack for pouncing on the balances and flowing on the heys. Irish, old-time, French Canadian, New England styles, as well as modern tunes, fill each evening with variety and spice.



Dance Day and Night on New Year's Eve

This year PHXtmd is sponsoring an [English dance New Year's Eve afternoon](#) at the Irish Cultural Center.

Hands Four, Arizona's premiere English Country dance band, will be playing both historic and modern tunes to **Peg Hesley's** fun and playful calling. Get all dressed-up in Regency finery, or not; your choice. \$18 advance registration (preferred); \$20 at the door. A list of the dances to be called will be published in advance. Contact Peg at peghesley@cox.net. Don't miss this rare opportunity to dance English in the afternoon, 2:00-5:00, then join the group for dinner, and dance Contra 8:00-midnight. Separate admission to the Contra dance is \$12 general; \$8 age 25 and younger.

A festive night to dance the old year away and welcome the new will happen at the Irish Cultural Center on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2011. Spend the evening with good friends, and bring along those out of town guests. Come celebrate with exciting, expressive music and fun dances, and then raise your cider glass to toast the arrival of 2012.

The dance begins at 7:30, so make it an evening out on the town enjoying the fabulous energy of Tucson's eclectic band, **Hands Four**. The event will be expertly called by **Peg Hesley**, whose wild costuming and superb programming will have everyone in dance heaven until the stroke of midnight. It's a perfect way to say good-bye to 2011, and ring in the New Year!

Benefit Dance Features the Fiddle Rats

On March 10 at Kenilworth, the **Fiddle Rats**, a highly accomplished and pedigreed contra dance band from Portland, OR and the Bay area will be in Phoenix. They are providing the talent for a fund-raising benefit dance to help their friend, a musician from Tempe, battle brain cancer. They will donate their proceeds to his cause, and a donation jar will be available for anyone who wishes to add to the gift.

The Fiddle Rats are Caroline McCaskey on fiddle, Cole Ingraham on flute and djembe, Eric Anderson on fiddle and piano, and Terrell Liedstrand on guitar and mandolin. Eric's piano rocks and his fiddling is amazing. He calls, too, when he can squeeze out time from his many bands. His great talent is shared between "Fiddle Rats", "Bandemonium!", "Bear Dance", "Contra Coastal", and the "Flying Flamingos", to name a few. Caroline will graduate next spring with a degree in Music Composition. She is a spectacular Scottish fiddler, but her lively saw style won the International Musical Saw Competition in 2007. Flautist and percussionist, Cole, will complete his MFA soon. He also teaches flute, and sings in many styles from classical to Tuvan Throat singing to Gregorian and Buddhist chants. Terrell has played music most of his life with his family and many musical groups. He is working toward his Master's degree in Music Therapy. Don't miss your therapy session with this hot and highly energetic band

Parking at ICC

Parking might be a little bit limited for our dances at the Irish Cultural Center for the next few months. The hotel next door to the south will be remodeling during 2012, and the ICC is building a new library adjacent to the dance hall. Construction equipment is stacked where the driveway to the ICC used to be, and there is the chance that the parking lot behind the hotel might be restricted at times. The good news is that there is a free parking garage one block south of the ICC on Portland Street and street parking all along Portland, so you can make it to every dance easily. If you carpool and come a bit early, access should be fine. Dancers can also park near a Metro Rail stop closer to home, and ride the train downtown.

Thank you Janice

Janice Wallace has been editing this newsletter for the past year. During this time she wrote most of the articles, completed the calendar section for each newsletter, and made several improvements. She has recently resigned as editor. The Board of PhxTMD wishes her all the best in her new projects. Thank you Janice!

Meet the Board

On October 8, at the general meeting of the membership, Phoenix Traditional Music and Dance members voted in the following people to be on the board of directors: Dave Black, Michael Cohen, Barbara Daniel, Joe Hesley, Bill Miller, Carl Morgan, Bob Chasan, Dan Sandler, and Judy Zeidel.

Bob, Dan and Judy are some of our beloved dancers and targeted helpers for new dancers. Dave, our dance director, calls, dances and organizes dance volunteers, Barbara is the smiling person you see at the admission table at dances. Michael is our go-to person for meeting all the requirements of maintaining our non-profit status, and he files the necessary documents with the state and the IRS. Joe maintains the club website, and often helps set up and run the sound system. Bill carries the sound equipment to the Kenilworth dances and pre-teaches new dancers at the beginning of each evening. Carl, our president, keeps meetings organized and on track. He graciously brings fans to every dance for our comfort. He has taken on the monumental task of putting the newsletter to press regularly, too. Carl, Michael and Barbara volunteered to continue to serve as President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. They will be elected to these posts at the board meeting on November 7.

Board members usually meet monthly to discuss and decide on issues affecting dance club activities. Last year, the board addressed membership pricing, promoting and staffing special dance events, attracting more dancers, and other issues related to the quality of our monthly dances.

This winter, they will be busy coordinating the mini-weekend festival with Perpetual e-Motion, and working on publicity campaigns to increase attendance at the dances.

All PhxTMD members are welcome to attend board meetings. They are usually held on the first Monday of each month. Call Ron and Linda for information at (480) 893-3328.

Tax Credit Donations Support Kenilworth School

You can help support Kenilworth with your Education Tax Credit dollars. The state tax ruling is still in place that allows a donation of \$200 (\$400 if married, filing jointly) to an educational institution, and credits that full amount back to you at tax time. The Phoenix Elementary School District is always appreciative of your donation, and you can state specifically which school and which programs you want to support. Go to www.phxelem.k12.az.us and click on "Arizona Schools Tax Credit" at the bottom of the home page. All necessary forms and information are there.

Donations must be made by the end of December to receive the tax credit, so it's already time to begin to think about next year. Tax credits may be made online at the website or mailed to the district office at 1817 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006. In previous years, Phoenix

Traditional Music and Dance has donated totals of nearly \$600, \$800, and \$1200. Show Kenilworth school how much you appreciate them for willingly hosting contra dances every month.

Donate to PhxTMD – It's Tax Deductible!

Phoenix Traditional Music and Dance is an all-volunteer, tax exempt, nonprofit organization. As a small nonprofit, we work to keep our costs and the admission price to dances as low as possible. Some costs, however, like renting the hall and insurance are outside our control.

Please consider making a donation to PhxTMD to help cover the cost of having dances throughout the year. Your donations are used only to help cover the hall rental, insurance, and other costs of Phoenix contra dances.

Thank you for your support of PhxTMD.

Phoenix Traditional Music and Dance

is an Arizona, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation) preserves traditional acoustic music in Phoenix by presenting and promoting dances, concerts, and other special events throughout the year. Your membership supports PHXTMD's work. A monetary donation to PHXTMD, beyond the membership fee, may be tax deductible.

Dancing on the Edge Registration on Jan 1

It's not too early to make plans for summer vacation. June 15 – 17, 2012, Dancing Campers sponsors an English Country Dance weekend in the cooler clime of the Mogollon Rim. This year, dance to **George Penk's** sweet fiddling accompanied by **Sue Songer** on keyboard. The renowned **Kathy Anderson** will be your caller. Registration for the charming weekend event at Camp Colley opens on January 1. Go to www.dancingcampers.org for more information, details, and registration forms.





CONTRA CALENDAR

November 2011 - January 2012

PHXTMD Monthly Dances PHOENIX

2nd Saturdays / **NEW** 4th Fridays / Select 5th Fridays

Free Newcomer Orientation/Lesson: 7:00PM

Dance: 7:30 to 10:30PM

\$8.00, \$5.00 for dancers 25 and under

2nd Saturdays @ Kenilworth School

1210 N. 5th Ave. (at I-10), Phoenix 85003.

4th Fridays / Select 5th Fridays @ Irish Cultural Center

1106 N Central Ave, Phoenix 85004

Upcoming and Special Dances (note special dates!!)

1st Fri. Nov. 4th – Peg Hesley with Steam

4th Fri. Nov. 25th – AZ Callers with Hands Four

2nd Sat. Dec. 10th – Peg Hesley with Privy Tippers

5th Sat. Dec. 31st – Peg Hesley with Hands Four

2nd Sat. Jan. 14th – J.P. Thom-Gronachan with (band t.b.d.)

4th Fri. Jan. 27th – Hands Four with special guest caller Woody Lane

English Country Dances

11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N. Central Ave, Phx, 85004

10:00 AM – Noon, on select Saturdays. \$7 at the door.

Check the website for the January, 2012 dance schedule.

MONTHLY POTLUCK and Board meeting

Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2 All are welcome.

Usually the 1st Monday of the month.

Dinner: 7:00PM Meeting: 8:00PM

Location: Ron and Linda Nieman's home.

Call to confirm date, and for directions.

480-893-3328 (Ron & Linda) or 602-268-7181 (Carl).

For More Information:

Go to www.phxtmd.org or call/text Carl at 602-268-7181 for more info on dances or other PhxTMD events.

AROUND



ARIZONA

PRESCOTT 11/04, 12/02, 1/28

Folk Happens! Contra Dance

Grace Sparkes Activity Center, 824 E. Gurley St.

Lesson 7:30, dance 8:00-10:30PM.

Prescott dances will be on a new date and at a new location starting January, 2012:

4th Sat. at 1st Congregational Church, 216 E. Gurley St., 4 blocks east of the Activity Center

\$7 public; \$5 members; \$3 teacher and student members

www.folkhappens.org, Bruce: 928-925-5210.

FLAGSTAFF 11/05, 12/03, 01/07

Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music Contra Dance

NAU's Ashurst Hall, 7:30-11:00PM. \$9, \$6 member/student

www.ffotm.org or call Kris at 928-526-3020 for info.

TUCSON 11/5, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/17, 12/31

Tucson Friends of Traditional Music (TFTM) Contra Dances, 1st United Methodist Church, 915 4th St.

Lesson 6:30 PM, dance 7-10 PM. \$8 / \$7 members.

Lynn Maners, lmaners@dakotacom.net

Dale 520-906-0352, www.tftm.org.

COTTONWOOD Contact Deb for winter schedule

Contra dances at the Cottonwood Civic Center, 805 N. Main Street, 86326. in Old Town Cottonwood. Lesson: 6:30PM,

Dance: 7:00 - 10:00 PM. \$6 www.AzWeDance.org

Deb: 928-774-5936, e-mail: azwedance@gmail.com

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Dance with STEAM! – Nov. 4, Kenilworth, Phoenix

Dance In The Desert – Nov. 11-13, Near Tucson, AZ

Burn the Calories Dance – Nov. 26, ICC, Phoenix

New Year's Eve Dance – Dec. 31, ICC, Phoenix

March Mini-Weekend – Mar. 23- 24, Phoenix

All calendar information subject to change. Please contact each organization to confirm dates, times, locations, etc.

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