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## **Policies:**

1. All items are now due on the Editor's Desk no later than 3pm Central Time, on the Sunday after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.
2. There is no word limit on club reports. **Minor editing is done** for grammar, punctuation, typos, and continuity.
3. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
4. Adjacent state **Multi-Day Festival flyers** will be in the full-Edition.
5. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area will be accepted **only** from **ASSDF** clubs, organizations, and their Callers and Cuers.

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## **Advertisements:**

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## *President's Message*

May greetings to you!

We've enjoyed the warm up, cool down, warm up, cool down, etc... Hope you all have been a little more steady in your weather in the rock. We're still in North Carolina for a little while, but may be seeing you this month sooner than we'd anticipated. Very excited to get back to dancing with you!

We did find one club, the Pope Promenaders, only a couple of minutes away to dance with this past Friday. They used to meet on Pope Air Force Base, which is part of Fort Bragg. We even went for ice cream with them afterwards. Of course, they were a very welcoming and friendly group. They were small that evening, as several members were out, but we plan to attend this coming Friday as well. We even got some of those added Plus moves worked on. We shared with them some of the ideas that our Publicity chairs Mike and Ellen had come up with (the QR code on yard signs and business cards with their numbers on them). They shared about some of the Homeschool groups that they've done lessons for. They had a family of 8 as part of their club for a while, but they retired from military life and moved away. A photo of Kim at that dance is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Well, what does May have for us? Lots of dances to attend. The square dancers do not have a **Toad Suck Dance** any longer (although the **River City Squares** recently did an **All Singing Calls Dance**)...but you can watch your **Arky Cloggers** perform at Toad Suck Days.

**May 9 - Maypole Dance** in Mabelvale by the Levi's and Lace, and the Maverick Mixers

**May 9 - Southern Swingers Social Dance** in Bossier City, LA

**May 12 - Nelda's Plussers** in New Boston, TX

**May 20 - Colors of Spring Dinner and Dance** in Lakeview, AR by **Twirling Funtimers**

**May 22 - Memorial Day Dance** in Hot Springs, AR by **Levi's And Lace**

**May 29 - Louisiana Lagniappe** in Bossier City, LA with **Southern Swingers**

**May 30 - Delegates Meeting for all ASSDF clubs** in Mabelvale at the Hut

**May 30 - June Bug Dance** in Mabelvale with **Twirling Lariats**

**May 31 – New Kids Block Party** in Mabelvale

\*\* Remember to check <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> for more information on any and all dances.\*\* Fliers for all the above dances, are elsewhere in this issue, and at the URL noted above.

Speaking of the **Delegates Meeting - we need your clubs to send 2 delegates for voting on future events, and being informed/giving input on all things to do with the ASSDF**. Please check the flyer elsewhere in this issue for further details.

Lastly, it's not too early to sign up for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton, on October 9-10, and hosted by the **Heber Springers**. They've worked hard already to make it fabulous. The **Trail End Dance** on October 8, will have **Ken Burke...** and **Scott Bennett** will be Friday with all of our awesome **Arkansas callers** on Saturday. Come and make a grand weekend of the whole dance!! See the flyers elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** at the URL above for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you **VERY** soon. Yellow Rocks,

*Tom and Kim Fox, ASSDF Presidents 2026*

## **Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:**

Here are club Facebook pages (search for the groups), plus websites for square and round dance clubs, organizations, callers, and cuers. A file with links is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>. If you, your club, or organization isn't listed below, please send an email to [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) with the info.

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Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Arky Cloggers, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls, Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Southern Swingers, Star Steppers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, and the Twirling Lariats.

### **Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:**

Arky Cloggers, Callerlab, Roundalab, National Square Dance Convention ®, East Texas Square and Round Dance Association (ETSRDA), Rebel Rousers (Dallas, TX), Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, North Texas Square & Round Dance Association (NORTEX), Heart of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA), & Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD).

### **Caller and Cuer Websites: Nelda Eaton**

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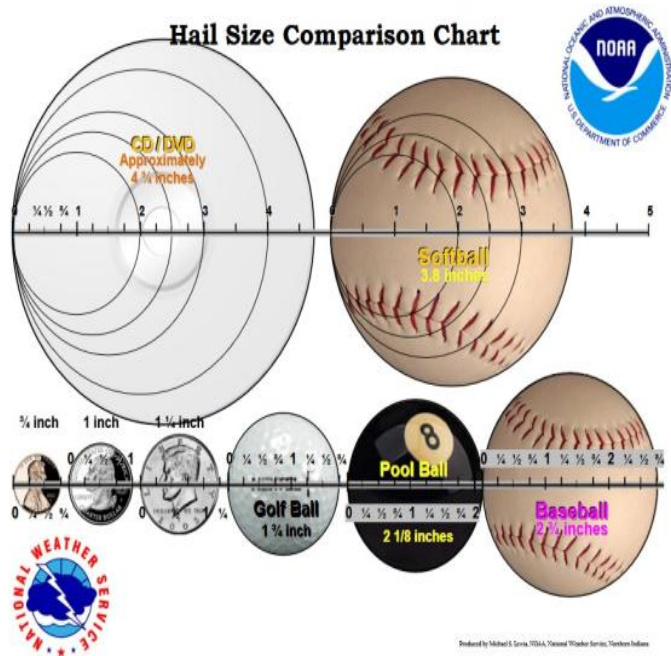
More information is on the next 2 pages.

Please let the Editor know if your email address changes; or you won't get club updates (special dances, cancellations, changes), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**" (over quota mailbox, bad email address, etc.).

# Size Does Matter; and it's NOT necessarily sexual related!!

Upon hearing this phrase, many tag a sexual meaning to it. However, in this case, Size Does Matter...in weather, and in square dancing.

In weather, the size of hailstones (produced by thunderstorms), matters; as it determines the potential for damage, injury, or death. The National Weather Service classifies a thunderstorm as “severe” if the hailstone size is greater than the size of a 25 cent piece (a quarter)...1 inch in diameter. At that point, damage to property, and injury to individuals can occur; with both increasing with the hail size growing larger, caused by the strength of the updrafts into the storm (as per the chart below). If the storm is “surface based”, large hail means that a tornado is likely.



In Square Dancing, there are two reasons for “Size Does Matter”.

First, the size of your square determines whether you can keep up with the moves...or you feel like you’re at a track meet, “being run to death”. This is especially true, as with a Promenade, the ladies are “dancing on the outside”.

So, the guys need to “keep the shoulders together”...and to “Snuggle Up”, as it were.

Second, there are 3 sizes of The Modern Square (PDF format) as follows:

1) Full E-edition – This is like the original print edition of long ago, but with special dance flyers in Arkansas, and festival dance flyers for states surrounding Arkansas. Links, except within ads, are clickable.

2) Compact e-Edition – This is like the full e-Edition, but WITHOUT all of the special dance and festival flyers. This is for those who have limited space on their smartphones or computers.

3) Special Dances E-Edition – Originally, photos from these dances were placed in the full e-Edition...but with the abundance of photos from club and special dances at times, the full e-Edition became too large...and that is why the Special Dances e-Edition was created. There is usually a separate special Dances e-Edition for the ASSDF Fall Festival.



Go to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> to download the desired copy. Bear in mind that if you're on **dial-up internet**, it'll take some time to download the files. Items 1 and 3 above **can be rather large**, but item 2 can also be around 2 megabytes in size.

## *From The Editor*



**First**, it was "May Day" on the website in early April, as new PDF files of special dances were showing a "Forbidden" Error, as of April Fool's Day, but this wasn't funny. I contacted Wix Customer Support, and thankfully, the problem has been resolved. Flyers for **ASSDF Club Special Dances**, and multi-day festivals in states surrounding Arkansas, are in the full e-Edition. You can find many of these dances (with flyers, if available) at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

**Second**, there will be an **ASSDF Delegates Meeting** prior to the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Club Benefit Dinner And Dance** on May 30, with National Caller Tim Tyl. **Please have your ASSDF Club send at least two (2) delegates to this very important meeting.** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more details.

**Third**, other **ASSDF Special Dances** in Arkansas this month include the **Maypole Dance**, on Saturday, May 9, with the husband-wife caller team of **Amanda and Blake Throgmartin**, at American Legion Post 128 in Mabelvale...the **Southern Swingers Special Dance** with David Toms on Bossier City, also on May 9...**Nelda's Plussers** with **Nelda Eaton**, on May 12 at her residence in New Boston, Texas...the **Twirling Funtimers Colors Of Spring Dance** on May 20...the **Levi's And Lace Memorial Day Special Dance** on May 22, the **Louisiana Lagniappe at the Southern Swingers** on May 29, plus a **New Kids Block Party** on May 31. Flyers for these dances (where available) are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

**Fourth**, speaking of big festivals, plans continue for the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton, Arkansas, which will be at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds. Activities on Thursday, Oct. 8, will feature a BBQ Dinner at 6pm, followed by dancing to **National Caller Ken Burke** at 7pm. **National Caller Scott Bennett** will call the dancing Friday evening...with **Arkansas' Callers and Cuers** calling during the rest of

the weekend. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Fifth**, with the summer heat coming soon, many clubs will either be going to casual attire (if they haven't already); or going dark during the summer. Please call before you travel, so that you aren't making the trip for nothing. Note that several clubs will be **DARK** in late June, as many dancers and callers will be attending the **75th National Square Dance Convention (R)** down in Waco, Texas. As a side note, **as of May 1, registration prices increase for the 75th NSDC** on that day, and there are **no refunds for changes or cancellations**.

**Sixth**, I'm preparing the **Club Reports** from what's on the Special Events Calendar elsewhere in this issue, and/or the **ASSDF website**, as well as the **ASSDF Club Facebook pages**. **We want to know what's going on with your club**, so if you don't like the "prepared report", please submit one to the email address noted below. The same things apply for info on new classes, special dances, etc. -- **if you don't tell anyone outside your club, how will anyone else know about it??**

**Seventh**, the **Club Special Dances** for April 2026, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- are from the club Facebook pages of the **Heart Of America Federation Dance, Happy Hoppers Square Dance Club, Pope Promenaders, Southern Swingers, Twirling Lariats, Levi's & Lace, Maverick Mixers, River City Squares, Arky Cloggers, Heber Springers, Star Steppers**, and the **New Kids Block Party Dance**. Thanks go to **Carole Baker, Tonia Hofmeister, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin, Ginny Short, Joe Oberle, Jody King, Lanita Pettey Hammett, Kim Deane, Elaine Cox, Corben Geis, Tom and Kim Fox**, as well as **Daryl Stout** for the photos.

Please visit our Facebook page, and our website for any last-minute changes/updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas, and please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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*Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman*



If, for whatever reason (duplicate emails, no longer interested, no longer dancing, etc.), you decide that you **no longer want emails** concerning the releases of **The Modern Square**, or **ASSDF Club Updates** with **Special Dances** or **cancellations**, please send an email to the Editor at [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com), and request to be **REMOVED** from the email list.

You will receive a **final message** from the Editor, **confirming** that your email has been **removed** from the list.

While you can still download or view items from the **ASSDF website** (QR Code above on the upper right), **you will no longer receive these notices/updates.**

The **ASSDF** thanks you in advance for your assistance in this.

## Where are your special events?

Please notify *The Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events with all pertinent information included. The sooner that **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.

Further info/flyers, are at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>



To visit the **ASSDF website**, you can either **scan the QR code** above, or take your favorite browser to <https://www.arkansasquaredance.com>

# National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Waco, Texas

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Loveland, Colorado

2028 - June 28 to July 1, 2028

77<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
Daytona Beach, Florida

2028 - June 27-30, 2029

78<sup>th</sup> NSDC Host City:  
To Be Announced

Registration Forms for the next NSDC are elsewhere in this issue. The costs **INCREASE** (and **no refunds**) on May 1 before the next NSDC. Links to upcoming NSDC websites are located at <https://nsdcnec.com>

**National Squares e-Magazine** is published from August through May in the interest of the NSDC, by the host city of the upcoming NSDC. Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> for links to thumbnails of the last 10 issues; then click on the desired issue(s) to view, or download and print the PDF file(s). Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (held prior to the NSDC), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (unmarried or without a dance partner), Program Books/Daily Schedules (individual and total), Souvenirs, Vendors, Dance Facilities Map, Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options, Places To Visit, Various NSDC Committees, Upcoming NSDC Info, Mobility Scooters, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.

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Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, unless someone offers transportation. Please advise the Editor if your info (club caller/cuer, club contact, dance day, time, location, etc.) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website is wrong, so I can correct it...I can't fix it, if I don't know about it.

Most of the photos noted in the Special Dances e-Edition are from the ASSDF Club Facebook pages, although not everyone is on Facebook. Along with information that is on the Special Events Calendar, this is how info for your prepared Club Report is obtained. For reports that are sent in, there is no word limit, and minor editing is done for grammar, typos, or continuity. The publication deadline is 3pm US Central Time on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue. If the last day of the month is the last Saturday, then the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of the month of issue is the publication date deadline.

If emails to you are returned (full mailbox, over quota, invalid address), you won't receive the updates on the special dances, issue releases, etc. – until you contact the Editor with the updated information. If you no longer wish to receive these info updates (no longer dancing, etc.), please email the Editor, asking to be REMOVED from the list...and after a confirmation email that you've been removed, you will no longer receive these notices or updates.

Please CALL BEFORE YOU TRAVEL, in case of unexpected last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or bad weather is an issue, please stay home, for the safety of all concerned.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send an email, Facebook message, etc. that ask for money, gift cards, helping charities, saying these are “sponsored by the ASSDF”. All of these are SCAMS!! If you see these emails or Facebook postings, DELETE THEM, and BLOCK THE ADDRESS. Messages from the ASSDF Officers will have the email that's noted in The Modern Square, and they'll address square dancing, or another aspect of the hobby in the email. Just because the email sender name shows the name of an ASSDF Officer does NOT necessarily mean that an ASSDF Officer sent it.

Clubs MUST be vigilant in deleting these posts (deleting inactive group members, club T-shirts, death of a celebrity, wanting part time work, etc. (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These have ransomware to steal your identity, and lock up your computer, where you'd have to pay a large amount of money to get your data back. If you click on the links, you or your club could be on the hook financially, never mind having your email and Facebook accounts hacked!!

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



# WELCOME

## NEW DANCERS

Presented by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

[www.arkansassquaredance.com](http://www.arkansassquaredance.com)

2025



For those **new dancers who have just graduated** from class, or for those **going to graduate from class soon**, the ASSDF has prepared a **New Dancers Manual**. It includes **General Guidelines, Resources And Websites, The Ten Commandments Of Square Dancing**, a list of **ASSDF Clubs**, plus a **QR code** and links to the **ASSDF website**.

It's a 7 page **PDF** file, downloadable from the **Resources** page on the **ASSDF website** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>), that you can print out for your new graduates, or you can give these to recent graduates. They are sure to appreciate this info. Note that some of the clubs noted may no longer be dancing, or part of the **ASSDF**.

Thirty-five years ago, on Feb. 7, 1991, **Act 93** made **Square Dancing** the **official state dance of Arkansas**.

Want to commemorate the square dance tradition with a T-shirt?? See either Mike or Lanita Hammett for info. The shirts are actually **royal blue**, and are \$15 each for S through XL, and \$17 for 2XL through 4XL. Email to [lnthmmtt13@gmail.com](mailto:lnthmmtt13@gmail.com) or call (501) 889-4679.

This would be a **perfect travel T-shirt** to wear at the **Mount Nebo Spring Fling** this month, or at other square dances and festivals, where casual attire is allowed.



# CLINTON STAMPEDE

## TRAILS END DANCE

OCTOBER 8TH

BBQ DINNER  
AT 6:00

AND DANCE TO FOLLOW!

CONTACT  
THERESA MUTH  
501-238-2713

CALLER  
KEN BURKE



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\$75 plus tax a night for 2 queen beds

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\$82.50 a night plus tax

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& DANCE!

ASSDF FEDERATION DANCE · OCTOBER 9-10 · SAME LOCATION

# Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

## Fall Festival

October 9-10, 2026

Van Buren County Fairgrounds  
1827 Hwy 16 Clinton, AR 72031



Featured Caller on Friday Night

**Scott Bennett**

Lawton, OK



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets (per person) \*Under 18 free with Adult\*

Friday/Saturday (early Registration) \$30 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Only \$20 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

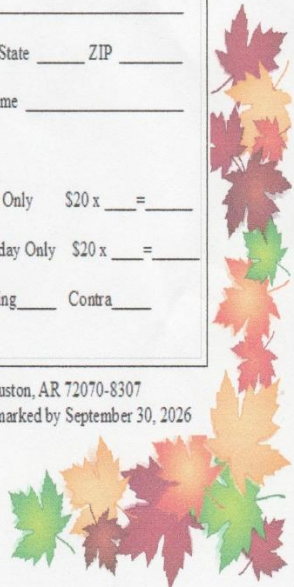
Friday/Saturday (after 09/30/2026) \$35 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only \$20 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a square dance CALLER? \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration and payment to Lanita Hammett, 1533 Hwy 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307  
Please ensure checks are payable to ASSDF. Early registration must be postmarked by September 30, 2026

Trail End Dance Oct. 8 -- BBQ Dinner at 6pm, Dance to follow  
\$15 per person for the dinner and dance (pay at the door).  
Hosted by the Heber Springers -- Dance Caller: Ken Burke  
Super 8 (501-209-4358) \$75 per night + tax (2 queen beds)  
Quality Inn (501-745-4700) \$82.50 per night + tax





**From Linda Carlile, Texas State Federation of Square Dancing President.**

I have been asked to perform an exhibition at the **Peachtree Festival** in Nashville, Arkansas on Saturday, May 2. We're looking for extra Arkansas dancers that would be interested in coming. It will start at 2:00-3:00 pm. We have a dance that night, so we have to fence back to Texarkana. **Joey Duhamel** will be the caller for the exhibition.

Every year at this festival, there are 50-60 vendors set up, so you may want to come early and visit...possibly wear Square Dance clothes. If not, please come, we could use the help. As of right now, from **Guys N Dolls**, we have six people going. If we do not have more people, we will have to call and cancel with him.

If you are interested, please text me at 903-277-8681 Linda Carlile. Please mention that you will meet us at 1:30 in the street. I'm not for sure exactly where, so I will need to keep up with your number, and let you know.

# MAYPOLE DANCE

Saturday, May 9, 2026

— 7:00 – 9:00 PM —



— American Legion “Hut” —

9925 Leah Lane • Mabelvale, Arkansas

Square Dance Callers:

**Amanda & Blake Throgmartin**

For more information contact Phyllis Keeney (501) 318-8639

Co-Sponsored by Levis & Lace (Hot Springs)  
and Maverick Mixers (Mabelvale)

# Southern Swingers May Dance

Saturday, May 9, 2026  
7:00 -9:30

Caller – David Toms

Members \$6.00, Guest \$11.00 Per Person,  
Spectators Free

Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Rd., Bossier City,  
LA

For information email: [sssqquaredance@gmail.com](mailto:sssqquaredance@gmail.com) or Check  
our Facebook page: Southern Swingers Square Dancers

# ASRDA'S 77<sup>TH</sup> MID-TEX FESTIVAL

MAY 8-9, 2026

## HOLLYWOOD MOVIE NIGHT



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Dancing from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
CALLER: NELDA EATON*

**\$7.00 Per Dancer**

Directions from Mt. Pleasant via Interstate 30:

Take Exit 198 to Highway 98 and turn right (south). Go approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on Highway 98 and turn left (east) on Country Road 4001. Go  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile (to first crossroads) and turn right (south) on County Road 4003. Go  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and the road will curve to the right. Look straight ahead in the curve for a driveway. Follow the driveway beside the house to the shop which is located behind the house.

If traveling from Texarkana on I-30, once you take Exit 198, turn left (south) on Highway 98, and then follow the directions listed above.

**NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP**

For additional information contact Nelda Eaton at:

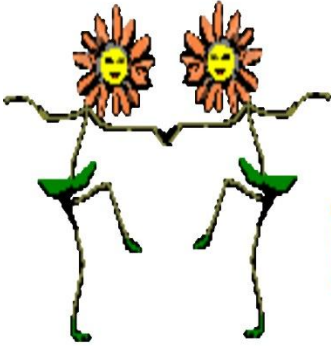
Cell Phone: 903-278-8068

Email: [EatonSDCaller@gmail.com](mailto:EatonSDCaller@gmail.com)

Upcoming 2026 dance dates are **May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sep. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8, 2026.** Contact Nelda Eaton for more info.

# Twirling Funtimers

## COLORS OF SPRING



DINNER  
&  
DANCE



Wednesday May 20th, 2026  
6:00pm, \$7

Caller: Donna Gellenbeck



Lloyd Travis Community Center  
14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR  
[www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers](http://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers)  
Call 870-404-4158 for info





**Join Levi's & Lace  
Square Dance Club**

**Friday, May 22, 2026**

**As We Honor Those Who Paid The  
Ultimate Price For Our Freedom!**



*"Lest We Forget"*



**Location:**  
Lake Hamilton Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church  
2891 Airport Rd  
Hot Springs, AR 71913

**Plus Workshop 7:00pm**

**Caller: Ron Wise**

**Dance 7:30-9:30pm**

**Callers:**

**Blake & Amanda  
Throgmartin**

**For More Info Contact:**

**Phyllis Keeney  
(501)318-8639**



# Mineola Railers SDC

10<sup>th</sup> Annual

## "MAINSTREAM EXTRAVAGANZA"

It's Mainstream Dancing the way it should be!!!! FUN FUN FUN!!!!

**Tim Tyl**



**Marilyn & Jerral  
Waguespack**

Featured Cuers



**Monty Hackler**



THIS IS A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND OF MAINSTREAM DANCING WITH TWO OF THE FINEST CALLERS ANYWHERE TO BE FOUND

**May 22 - May 24, 2026**

AMERICAN LEGION HALL 2015 EAST US HWY 80, MINEOLA, TEXAS

<u>Friday (Casual)</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday (Casual)</u>
Trail End Dance 7:30-9:30	Rounds Workshop 9:00-10:30	Trail Out 9:30-11:00 am
With Rounds	Mainstream Workshop 10:30-12:00	With Rounds
Hot Hash Tip 9:30-10:00	Lunch 12:00-2:00	All Gospel Singing Calls
	Mainstream Workshop 2:00-3:00	
	Dance the Workshops 3:00-3:30	
	Early Rounds 6:00-6:45	
	Dance 7:00-10:00	Tips with one round between

Weekend Package \$40/person (\$80/couple); \$45/person at the door (\$90/couple)

No Split Tickets

For Hotel and Camping information: See back of Flyer or contact Howard & Sandra 903-312-3713

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail-in & early registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2026

Mail registrations & payment to:  
Howard & Sandra Rowan  
PO Box 2397  
Lindale, Texas 75771-2397  
Cut on dotted line and return with payment.  
Make checks payable to Mineola Railers SDC  
include "Mainstream Extravaganza" on memo  
line

# Chapel Hill

## Get-Away

### Plus Weekend



Jet Roberts



Charlie Robertson



Rounds by  
Connie and Robert Wise

*Dancing starts at 10 am Friday  
Dancing Starts at 10 am Sat*

*14 Hours of  
Dancing!!*

## May 22nd and 23rd, 2026

Henry Horton State Park

4201 Nashville Hwy Chapel Hill, TN

\$65.00 per person presale / \$80.00 per person at the door

Register at [www.crdancing.com/events](http://www.crdancing.com/events)

Lodge Reservations: 888-TN-PARKS

\$138.00 per night plus tax

Cabins and camping also available

Additional Info: Contact [Kristi@charlierobertson.biz](mailto:Kristi@charlierobertson.biz)

# ***“Louisiana Lagniappe”***

***Where you get a little extra.***

Lagniappe (pronounced, lan-yap) is a Cajun-French inspired noun that means “a little extra.”

**Once a month on a Friday**

**In Bossier City, LA at Promenade Hall**

**5400 Benton Rd. (Hwy. 3) - 5 miles North of I-220 Loop**

## **Dates for 2026**

**Feb 27    Apr 3    May 29    Jul 24**

**Sep 25    Oct 16    Nov 6**

## **BASIC - MAINSTREAM - PLUS**

***So what's the Lagniappe – the little extra?***

***Not gonna push it to the limit – but gonna push it a little past standard.***

Basic and Mainstream called Lagniappe - with a little extra - using extended applications.  
Called in ways and formations that you don't usually see – with a little extra challenge.

A few Plus calls will be used at each dance, but all plus calls used will be taught that night.  
So, if you want to learn Plus – this is a chance to learn and dance a few plus calls each night.

These will also be called Lagniappe – with a little extra – with a little extra challenge.  
Called in ways and formations that you don't usually see.

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

But we may start a little early, if caller and dancers are there – Lagniappe, A little extra.  
And we may stay a little later if we're not ready to leave there – Lagniappe, A little extra.

**CALLER**  
**TIM TYL**

**(and an occasional guest caller)**

**No Charge – Donations Accepted for caller and building**



**ASSDF Spring Delegates Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 4pm**  
**American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane**  
**(Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR**

**Please have your ASSDF Club send two (2) Delegates to this very important meeting, which will be prior to the Twirling Lariats June Bug and Club Benefit Dance.**





**JUNE BUG & CLUB BENEFIT DANCE**

**WITH CALLERS**

**TIM TYL & NELDA EATON**

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

**Potluck Dinner/Meat furnished: 6:00 PM**

**Dance: 7:00 – 9:30 PM**

**\$10.00 Per Person or Donation**

**American Legion Post 128**

**9925 Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR**

**(Mann Road and Leah Lane)**

**Bring your favorite dish and join the Twirling Lariats for a fun filled night of fellowship and dancing.**

***\*\*ASSDF DELEGATES MEETING 4:00\*\****



**POTLUCK DINNER**



**NEW KIDS**  
**BLOCK PARTY**  
**SQUARE DANCE**

*Sunday, May 31, 2026*

9925 Leah Lane. Mabelvale, Arkansas.

*All callers  
welcome!*

*Caller Clinic*  
1:00-4:00

*All dancers  
welcome!*



*Square Dance*  
featuring  
**"NEW KIDS" CALLERS**  
4:30-6:30



★ Admission free-Donations to the American Legion. ★



***START YOUR ENGINES***

**AT THE**

**TEXAS STATE CALLERS' ASSOCIATION**

***Thursday, June 4, 2026***

***Trails End Dance***

*Race on Over*

*Plus Dance: 3:00 to 5:00pm*

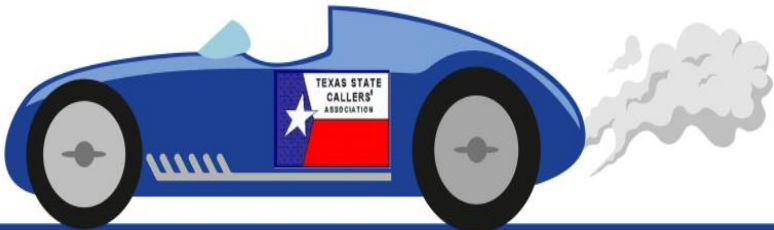
*Early Rounds: 7:00 to 7:30pm*

*Squares: 7:30 - 9:30pm*

*In Conjunction with the*  
**TEXAS STATE FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE**  
*Pre-Festival Dance, June 5, 2026*  
*64th State Festival, June 6, 2026*



*Pre-Package \$12 or \$14 at the Door*  
**Longview Convention Complex**  
**100 Grand Blvd.**  
**Longview, Texas 75604**



Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers  
presents....

## 64th Annual Texas State Federation Square & Round Dance Festival



### Dancing Across Texas Longview 2026



June 4, 2026 - Trail End Dance  
June 5, 2026 - Pre-Festival Dance  
June 6, 2026 - 64th State Festival  
Business Meeting: June 7, 2026

Festival Chairman  
Gary & Linda Carfile  
6 Cardinal Ln.  
Texarkana, TX 75501  
lindacarfile7@aol.com  
crigary@aol.com

Assistant Festival Chairman  
Mike & Shelly Whitehurst  
New Boston, TX 75501  
swwhitehurst10@gmail.com

**DANCING ACROSS TEXAS**  
**MAUDE COBB CONVENTION CENTER**  
**100 GRAND BLVD., LONGVIEW, TX**

## Host Hotel

Group name: Texas Square Dancing Festival 2026

### Holiday Inn Longview

Infinity Event Center  
 300 Tuttle Circle, Longview  
 \$104 plus tax – free breakfast voucher  
 Front desk: 903-663-6464

### Camping Information

Maud Cobb Convention Center  
 100 Grand Blvd., Longview  
 Nightly rate: full hookup \$25  
 50 amp & 30 amp

### Hampton Inn & Suites By Hilton

3044 Eastman Road, Longview  
 \$99 plus tax  
 Last day of registration: May 4, 2026  
 Front desk: 903-663-8670

Group Name: Texas Square Dancing Festival Longview 2026

### Courtyard by Marriott Longview

1125 East Hawkins Pkwy, Longview  
 \$104 plus tax king bed nightly rate  
 \$109 plus tax standard bed night rate  
 Front desk: 903-230-2700

Last day of registration: May 21, 2026 Link to book: [Book your group rate for Square Dance Group](#)

## Advance Registration

Thursday:	Trails End Dance	Texas State Callers Association
Friday:	Pre-Festival	East Texas Square & Round Dance Association
Saturday:	Festival	Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers*
Sunday:	Business Meeting	Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name His: \_\_\_\_\_ Hers: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### No Dance Packages Sold After Advance Registrations Deadline, May 15, 2026 - Entrance By Daily Admission Only

Package	Price per Adult	Quantity	Price per Teen	#of Teens	TOTAL
Thurs, Fri & Sat (save \$12.00)	\$40.00	_____	\$20	_____	_____
Fri & Sat (save \$8.00)	\$32.00	_____	\$16	_____	_____
Sat Only (save \$5.00)	\$20.00	_____	\$10	_____	_____
Festival Printed Program	\$12.00	_____			

Total Amount Paid: 10% cancellation fee after May 15 and no refunds after May 31, 2025, **TOTAL PAID** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Dancers 18 & under **FREE entry Thursday** – All former and current Teen Scholarship Recipients admitted **FREE**

**Admission at the door:** Thursday - \$12.00; Friday - \$15.00; Saturday - \$25.00

3-day Package - \$52; Friday-Saturday Package - \$40

### **PAY BY (circle one) Cash, Check, PayPal or Credit Card**

Check payable to: TSFSRD

Mail to: TSFSRD, c/o Richard & Diane Doyle

259 AN CO Road 194 Elkhart, TX, 75839 Email: [diane71914@yahoo.com](mailto:diane71914@yahoo.com)

This Registration form is also available at [www.squaredancetx.com](http://www.squaredancetx.com) Ribbon  Ribbon & Dangle

Dance Contest TBD at later date. Audience will be the judges and awards will be given out for each winner.

# 72<sup>nd</sup> Kansas Square Dance Festival



**Eric  
Henerlau**

Corte Madera , CA

June 5 & 6, 2026

“Swing & Sway”

GREAT Location  
Air Conditioned  
Halls!  
Wooden Gymnasium  
Floor!



**Kay Ski's  
& Bob  
Kurczewski**

Liberty Hill, TX

**Caller Coordinator**

**Allen & Marcia Hahn**

Hesston, KS

620-217-1280 Cell

[hahn@southwind.net](mailto:hahn@southwind.net)

**Dancer Coordinator**

**Brenda Mears**

Emporia, KS

620-344-2517 Cell

[jbmears1979@gmail.com](mailto:jbmears1979@gmail.com)

**West Heights UMC—Family Center, Door D**

**745 N Westlink Ave.**

**Wichita, KS 67212**

**Friday - 6:30 to 10:30 pm**

**Saturday - 8:30 am to 10:30 pm**

***Pre-order ribbons on our website:***

[www.kansassquaredancefestival.com](http://www.kansassquaredancefestival.com)

**Deadline for ribbon purchase BY MAIL is: May 1, 2026**

*In order to receive your ribbon(s) via return mail*

*include a self address stamp envelope*

**Host Hotel - Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport  
& Best Western Plus Wichita West Airport Inn**

# SQUARE DANCE

JUNE 14, 2026

★ FLAG DAY ★

NEW KIDS  
BLOCK PARTY



★ 9925 LEAH LANE, MABELVALE ARKANSAS ★

★ ALL CALLERS WELCOME! ★

CALLER CLINIC  
1:00-4:00

★ SQUARE DANCE ★  
*featuring the*  
"NEW KIDS"  
CALLERS  
4:30-6:30



ADMISSION WILL BE DONATIONS TO  
THE AMERICAN LEGION



# *The Three Amigos*

*Happy Birthday America - Nifty At 250*



*Saturday, July 4, 2026 - 7pm to 10pm*  
*American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane*  
*Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR -- \$10 per person*

*Callers: Nelda Eaton (Twirling Lariats and Guys N Dolls)*  
*Amanda and Blake Throgmartin (Levi's And Lace)*  
*Phil Moorehouse (Maverick Mixers and other clubs)*

*For More Information, Please Contact:*

*Nelda Eaton: (903) 278-8068*

*Blake Throgmartin: (501) 622-9402*

*Amanda Throgmartin: (501) 655-9767*

*Phil Moorehouse: (501) 960-4476*

*Please join us to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup>*  
*birthday, and the Freedom To Dance!!*



# HASSDA FESTIVAL

## July 10-11, 2026

ESU MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM

1331 MARKET STREET  
EMPORIA, KANSAS

[www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com](http://www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com)

**All Wood Floors!**

3 LEVELS OF DANCING

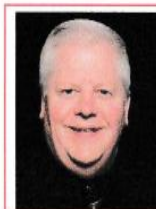
Mainstream

PLUS

"A"



NICK HARTLEY



DAN SAHLSTROM



TIM TYL



MITCHELL & CHELSEA  
THOMPSON, cuer

### TRAIL END DANCE

Dan Sahlstrom, caller and cuer

JULY 9, 2026 (Thursday night)

Anderson Building on Lyon County Fairgrounds  
Hiway 50 & Industrial Road, Emporia, KS

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. \$8 donation payable at the door

Sponsored by Bluestem Swingers

Visit  
**EMPORIA**  
KS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual registration - please check appropriate blanks:

_____ Friday & Saturday All Events Prior to June 15, 2026	\$40.00
_____ Friday & Saturday All Events payable at the door	\$50.00
_____ One Day/Night	\$30.00
_____ Individual Square/Round Dance Sessions	\$15.00
<b>Total individual registration fees enclosed</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

*Dance registration provides a complimentary membership to HASSDA for adults (\*\*18 years of age & up\*\*) from August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027.*

(Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Make Checks Payable to: HASSDA Festival 2026  
685 Newman Road  
Havensville, KS 66432

Festival Contact: Maye Wegner ~785-806-8314 or [HASSDA-FESTIVAL@wesquaredance.com](mailto:HASSDA-FESTIVAL@wesquaredance.com)

#### Square Dance Attire Admired, Not Required

#### Cancellation Policy:

- Full Refund will be given if cancellation notice is received prior to June 15, 2026.
- One-half Refund will be given for cancellation between June 16 and July 1, 2026.
- No Refund will be given for cancellation after July 1, 2026.

All requests for cancellation must be in writing or e-mail to HASSDA Festival Contact.

New Member  Renewal  Single  Married  Youth  (under 18 = ½ price)

# ROYAL RENDEZVOUS

SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND  
PLUS / ADVANCED



TONY OXENDINE



CHARLIE ROBERTSON



JET ROBERTS

**TWO FULL  
TIME HALLS**



JAN AND DAVID TOMS

**FRIDAY  
3PM TO 10PM  
SATURDAY  
10AM TO 10PM**

HOST HOTEL  
HOLIDAY INN  
2207 ROCKFORD RD  
ARDMORE, OK 73401  
580-226-3333  
\$98 PER NIGHT

**JULY 10TH AND 11TH 2026**

FOR INFORMATION

KRISTI  
580-618-2048  
CHARLIE  
580-618-8508

\$60 PER PERSON PRESALE BEFORE 6/15/26

\$70 PER PERSON AFTER 6/15/26

TO REGISTER:  
[WWW.CRDANCING.COM/EVENTS](http://WWW.CRDANCING.COM/EVENTS)

ARDMORE CONVENTION CENTER  
2401 ROCKFORD RD.,  
ARDMORE, OK 73401



**Bobby Willis**



**Monty Hackler**



**Jeff Holley**

## **26TH ANNUAL**



**Jimmy Gouge**

## **RT 66 JAMBOREE**

**JULY 10, 11 & 12, 2026**

**ELK CITY**

**CONVENTION CENTER**

**ELK CITY, OK**



**Ray Savell**



**Paul Hagan**



**Phil Moorehouse**

# JOIN the FUN at "51"

AUG. 6, 7 & 8 2026

## TENNESSEE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

**LIVE  
BAND!  
WOOD  
FLOORS!**

### Tentative Schedule

#### THURSDAY

Trail-in Dance 8:00-11:00pm

4 Square Dance Halls

2 Dedicated Rd Dance Halls

#### FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00am – 11:00pm

9 Halls of Dancing

\*Live Band: Evening Hours

W.L. Mills Conference Center

234 Airport Road

Gatlinburg, TN 37738

### ROUNDS

#### Phases II-VI

Waltz - Rumba

Foxtrot - Jive

Mambo - Cha

Bolero - 2 Step

W Coast Swing

### SQUARES

SSD/ Club 50 - DBD

Mainstream - Hex

Plus - Singing Calls

Advanced - Hot Hash

Challenge - Progressive

### Specials

Contra

Singles Dance

Sewing Clinic

After Party

Fashion Show

Vendors

Facebook: TN Square & Round

Dance Convention

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>

# 51st Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention

## August 6, 7, & 8, 2026

W.L. Mills Conference Center, Gatlinburg, Tennessee  
234 Historic Nature Trail, 37738

Sponsored by the TN Assn. of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

Visit: [www.tnsquaredance.org](http://www.tnsquaredance.org) Convention **Chairman:** Scott Ebright, [scott\\_ebright@hotmail.com](mailto:scott_ebright@hotmail.com) 937-830-1481

Key: Mn=minute, Wlk=walk, Drv=drive, CC=Conf. Ctr, St=standard room, Kg=king room, Qn=queen room, Dbl=double room

Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels. **Inform them you are w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.**

Reagan Resorts Inn - \$165 2Qn bed, \$215 Kg suite w/sofa bed, \$185 1 Kg Jacuzzi 938 Parkway (1 Mn Wlk, 2 Mn Drv to CC) 865-436-5607 <b>Inform - w/ TN SQ DANCE CONV</b> 3 NIGHT Minimum Wi-Fi, outdoor pool, patio/balcony	Sidney James Mtn Lodge \$109 2 Qn Ct Side 610 Airport Rd \$119 2 Fl, 2 Qn, 1 Kg Crk Side 865-436-7851 (**\$8/nt resort fee) <a href="http://www.sidneyjames.com">www.sidneyjames.com</a> (7 Mn Wlk, 4 Mn, Drv. to CC) <b>Inform- w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</b>	Block Bear Inn & Suites \$170 Dbl Qn/St Kg \$210.00 Kg suite (**\$15/night service fee) 1100 Parkway (1 Mn Wlk, 4 Mn.Drv. to CC) 865-436-5656 <a href="http://www.blockbearatlinburo.com">www.blockbearatlinburo.com</a> Breakfast, Wi-Fi, balcony, indoor pool <b>(Rate Code 173235) TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</b>
Courtyard Downtown \$209 St K / St. 2 Qn 315 Airport Rd. (2 Mn Wlk, 1 Mn Drv to CC) 865-436-2008 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/GTLCY">www.marriott.com/GTLCY</a> Wi-Fi, indoor pool, restaurant, private balcony Booking link at : <a href="http://TNSquaredance.org">TNSquaredance.org</a>	Glenstone Lodge \$99-\$139 Kg/ Dbl Qn 504 Airport Rd. \$119 \$159 Dbl Qn w/bk <b>865-436-9361</b> (2 Blk Wlk, 2 Mn.Drv to CC) Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site <b>Inform- w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</b>	River Edge Inn \$179 - 2 Qn / 1 Kg 865-436-9292 \$ 279 - 2 Bdrm Frmly Ste 665 River Road (10 Mn Wlk, 5 Mn.Drv ) Wi-Fi, pool, breakfast, private balcony <b>Booking Code: T5RD</b>
The Wander Hotel \$119 Sun-Th Kg/ Dbl Qn 929 Parkway \$149 Fri-Sat Kg/ Dbl Qn 865-436-5032 (2Mn Wlk, 2 Drv to CC) Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Pools , Pet Friendly <b>Inform -w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</b>	Edgewater Hotel \$139 Th. / \$159 Fr-St room 402 River Road 865-436-4151 (5 Mn Wlk, 4 Mn, Drv. to CC) <a href="https://edgewater-hotel.com">https://edgewater-hotel.com</a> Breakfast, Wi-Fi, indoor/out pool, balcony <b>Inform -w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</b>	Park Place Condos \$205 - 2 Bedroom 215 5th Mtn. Rd. Sleeps 6 865-436-6303 \$55 1-time clean fee <b>(Rate Code: SD2026)</b> (15 Mn Wlk, 5 Mn Drv to CC)
EconoLodge Inn/Suites on the River \$140 2 Qn 310 Cottage Dr. 865-436-5836 (10 Min Wlk, 5 Mn Drv to CC) Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Pool, Patio/Balcony		Gillette Hotel ( \$180 2 Dbl) (\$200-\$220 2 QN) (\$190-\$200 Kg) 235 Airport Rd. 865-436-5601 (1 Mn Wlk, 1 Mn Drv. to CC) <a href="http://www.gillettetotel.com">www.gillettetotel.com</a> <b>Inform -w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</b> Wi-fl, refrig, microwave, pool, balcony

**Cash or check only at Convention Center, NO credit cards.**

CUT HERE & return with payment to Registration Chairman

Write check to: 2026 TN State Sq/Rd Dance Convention

**Early Registrations MUST be postmarked by July 1, 2026**

TICKETS (PER PERSON) YOUTH 18 and under, FREE with an adult. # attending (please list below\*)  
 Early Registration @ \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend after 7/1/26 @ \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday at the Door @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday at the door @ \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ TN State Assn. Area \_\_\_\_\_

\*YOUTH Attending, Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

HELP US TO PLAN HALL SIZE. **PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

**DANCE LEVEL / TYPE:**

- |                                      |                                     |  |                                 |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SS/ Club 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph II  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lines  | <b>Other Interests:</b>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream  | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph III | <input type="checkbox"/> Contra | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plus        | <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph IV  |                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Hash    |                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph V   |                                 |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DBD         |                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph VI  |                                 |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hex         |                                     |  |                                 |                                    |

Write check to: 2026 TN State SQ/RD Convention

Mail to: 2026 TN State Convention

PO Box 82, McDonald, TN 37353

Registration Chairman : Connie Goodman

email: [conniegoodman022@gmail.com](mailto:conniegoodman022@gmail.com)

423-280-6845

For **Convention Registrar** Use Only:

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Registered \_\_\_\_\_

Registered by \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbons Received: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

THE BIG 30<sup>TH</sup>

Weekend in

TEXAS

# Paris

at the beautiful Love Civic Center

September 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Labor Day Weekend

Saturday AM  
Callers Clinic

## Two Full Time Halls

Plus, Advanced, and Round Dancing  
Sessions for C-1, Plus DBD, Hex Dancing, and Hot Hash



Darryl Lipscomb  
Oklahoma



Tony Oxendine  
North Carolina



Buddy Weaver  
California



Tim Tyl  
Texas



David and Jan Toms  
Texas



Charlie Robertson  
Oklahoma

Contact: Buddy Weaver - 1671 Prestwick Ct., San Marcos, CA 92069

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September 11th & 12th, 2026  
812 Travis St., Wichita Falls, TX

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**Callers**  
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# TRDTA Fall Festival

## September 11-12, 2026



### Dancing & Teaching Phases 2~4

Featuring cuers from all over Texas

**Randolph Recreation Center**  
653 E. Pearl Street, La Grange, Texas

Texas Round

Dance Teachers Association



**Host Hotel: Best Western Inn & Suites**  
600 E. State Hwy 71 Bypass  
La Grange, TX 78945  
979-968-6800 Local La Grange #  
Be sure to talk to La Grange hotel

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1624 State Hwy 71  
La Grange, TX 78945  
979-968-4900

**RV Park: Colorado Landing**  
64 E. Bluffview  
La Grange, TX 78945  
979-968-9465

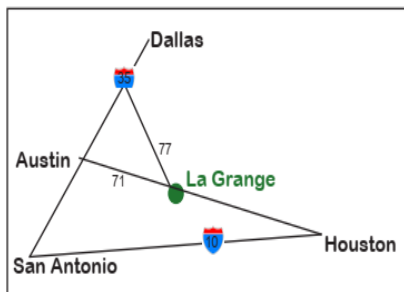
**The Oak Motel**  
227 S Jefferson Street  
La Grange, TX 78945  
979-968-3133

Mail registration form and your **check made payable to TRDTA to:**

Tricia Morley, 885 Bateman Rd, Red Rock, TX 78662 / [stepstyledancing@gmail.com](mailto:stepstyledancing@gmail.com) / phone 713-598-8875

You will be notified by email from Registration when voting is open in early August.

A few Phase V dances will be programmed in early rounds Friday only if they receive enough votes.



### Tentative Schedule

Friday	Early Rounds	7:00-7:30 pm
	Dance	7:30-10:00 pm
Saturday	Morning Teaches	9:30 am-12:00 pm
	Lunch Break	12:00 pm-1:30 pm
	Afternoon Teaches	1:30-3:30 pm
	Early Rounds	6:30-7:00 pm
	Dance	7:00-9:30 pm

**TRDTA Fall Festival – \$50.00/couple – \$25.00/single – September 11-12, 2026**

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# **BRAZOS BASH**

## **SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND**

**Featuring Callers**



***VERNON JONES***  
Springtown, TX



***KEN BURKE***  
Nashville, TN



***TIM TYL***  
White Oak, TX

# **September 18-19-20, 2026**

## **Allemande Hall - 106 Westlake Dr. - Waco, TX**

*Program for this weekend will be MS-Plus-Adv*

Fri. 5:00-5:45 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance

Fri. 5:45-7:00 PM Quick Teach, a few short easy Plus moves

Fri. 7:00-9:30 PM Main Dance – MS using Plus moves previously taught

Fri. 9:30-10:00 PM – Plus, using the full Plus Program list

Sat. 9:30-11:30 AM Plus teach and workshop

Sat. 1:30-2:00 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance

Sat. 2:00-4:00 AM Plus teach and workshop

Sat. 6:00-6:45 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance

Sat. 7:00-10:00 PM Main Dance – MS using Plus moves taught in workshops

Sun. 9:30-11:30 AM – casual Farewell dance

Full weekend package price per person: \$40 pre-register or \$50 at the door

Per session price per person at the door:

Fri. \$10    Sat. Morning \$10    Sat. Afternoon \$10    Sat. Evening \$10    Sun. Morning \$10

For more info or questions contact: Vernon Jones 817-727-6483 [vernonjones@prodigy.net](mailto:vernonjones@prodigy.net)

Send pre-registration forms to: 450 E. Bradshaw Rd. Springtown, TX 76082

Make checks payable to BRAZOS BASH - You will receive an email confirming that you are registered

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# Just Dance

## East Texas Square and Round Dance Association 64th Annual Spring Festival



Caller -  
Scott Bennett

March 19-20, 2027  
Marshall Convention Center  
2501 E End Blvd S  
Marshall, TX 75672



Cuer - Fred and  
Linda Ayres

Friday Night Features  
The East Texas  
Callers Association

Saturday Features  
Caller - Scott Bennett  
Cuer - Fred and Linda Ayres



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Archie Engledow 972-979-2672

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(For the special rates – Mention that you are with the Mid South Extravaganza)

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**3 Statehouse Plaza**

**Little Rock, AR 72201**

**(501) 906-4000**

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**424 West Markham St.**

**Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201**

**(501)-372-4371**

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**[midsouthextravaganza.com/doubletree](https://midsouthextravaganza.com/doubletree)**

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**For more information:**

**Tom & Tina Wilkins**

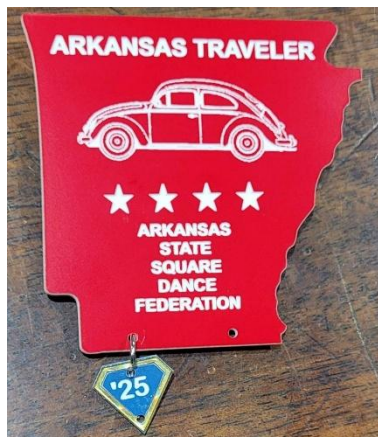
**4433 32<sup>nd</sup> St SW**

**Lanett, AL 36863**

**706.518.6197**

**[tina@midsouthextravaganza.com](mailto:tina@midsouthextravaganza.com)**





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STATE CONVENTION \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA I, (Mountain Home, Lakeview)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA II, (Fort Smith)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA III, (New Boston, TX; Shreveport, LA)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA IV, (Hot Springs, White Hall)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA V, (Little Rock, Conway)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 AREA VI, (Judsonia, Rose Bud)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 OTHER STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### ARKANSAS TRAVELER

- ALL dancers who have earned their Arkansas Traveler badge and/or Dangle, or Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle will be listed in the State Festival Program each year.
- All dancers who have earned 10 Dangles will receive a 10 year bar.
- See [www.arkansassquaredance.com](http://www.arkansassquaredance.com) for a listing of clubs within the state.
- Only one card is needed per person or per couple.
- The awards will be made at the State Festival.

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 Earn an Arkansas Traveler Badge

1. Earn 5 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states, and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. Have this card signed and dated by a Club Officer in the Area visited.
3. Present your completed card to your club president by September 10.
4. You may earn only one badge or dangle per person per year.

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 Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle

1. Earn 7 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. All other rules are the same as above.

## CALLERLAB (NEW) PLUS PROGRAM -- Effective Sept. 1, 2026

**Red denotes calls added from Basic and Mainstream**

**Green denotes calls added from Advanced**

1. (Anything) And Roll
2. (Anything) And Spread
3. Acey Deucey
4. All Eight Spin The Top
5. Chase Right
6. **Circle To A Line**
7. **Clover And (Anything)**
8. **Cloverleaf**
9. Coordinate
10. Crossfire
11. Cut The Diamond
12. Diamond Circulate
13. Dixie Grand
14. **Dixie Style To An Ocean Wave**
15. **Do Paso**
16. **Eight Chain Thru / Eight Chain 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**
17. Explode And (Anything)(From Ocean Waves Only)
18. Explode The Wave
19. Fan The Top
20. Flip The Diamond
21. Follow Your Neighbor
22. Grand Swing Thru
23. Linear Cycle (From Waves Only)
24. Load The Boat
25. **Pair Off**
26. **Partner Hinge**
27. **Partner Tag**
28. **Pass The Sea**
29. **Pass To The Center**
30. Peel Off
31. Peel The Top
32. Ping Pong Circulate
33. **Quarter Thru / Three Quarter Thru / Grand Quarter Thru / Grand Three Thru**
34. Relay The Deucey
35. Scoot And Dodge
36. **See Saw**
37. **Shoot The Star / Shoot The Star Full Around**
38. **Slip The Clutch**
39. Spin Chain And Exchange The Gears
40. Spin Chain The Gears
41. **Spin Chain Thru**
42. Teacup Chain
43. **Thar Family**
  - a. **Allemande Thar**
  - b. **Allemande Left To An Allemande Thar**
  - c. **Wrong Way Thar**
44. Track 2
45. Trade The Wave
46. Triple Scoot
47. **Triple Trade**
48. **Turn Thru**
49. **Walk And Dodge**
50. **Walk Around**

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**Note:** The **original image** from **Callerlab** on **Facebook** was **hard to read**, especially with the **Advanced** level calls **moved** to **Plus** level.

# Special Dances/Festivals

**Please call before traveling**, to check for last-minute dance/festival cancellations...especially around the holidays. If you're feeling ill, or if bad weather's an issue, please stay home. Info on Club Contacts, plus Callers and Cuers are elsewhere in this issue. Please **support your ASSDF clubs** with a visit to them; and have your **Arkansas Traveler Badge** form (noted on the previous page).

The listings of dances and festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). **Caller Appreciation Dances**, **HASSDA (Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association)**, and the **NSDC (National Square Dance Convention ®)** events are always listed, no matter what state these events are located in.

Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to the Editor at [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) – **CANCELED** dances, or in the past, have been **REMOVED** from this listing. Available flyers with full info, are on the **ASSDF website** (URL noted below). Flyers not yet on the **ASSDF website** will be placed there as soon as possible; and will be noted here, once they're online. Website links, if known, are noted with the specific dance or festival listing. You can also find this info at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

In issues where the publication is released prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the new month, dances from late in the previous month will be noted.

## *ASSDF Club Special Dances*

MAY 2026

**May 9, 2026 – Maypole Dance**, Mabelvale (Little Rock, AR). \*\*  
**Sponsored by the Levi's And Lace and the Maverick Mixers** \*\*  
Callers: Blake and Amanda Throgmartin. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 9, 2026 – Southern Swingers Special Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: David Toms. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 12, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips**, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **\*\* NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 20, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers The Colors Of Spring Dinner And Dance**, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 22, 2026 – Levi's And Lace Memorial Day Special Dance**, Hot Springs, AR. Callers: Ron Wise (Plus Workshop at 7pm), Blake and Amanda Throgmartin (Dance at 7:30pm, with line dancing between tips). See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 29, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 29, 2026 – The Twirling Lariats are DARK tonight.**

**May 30, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.**

**May 30, 2026 – Twirling Lariats June Bug and Club Benefit Dance**, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Nelda Eaton and Tim Tyl. **\*\* ASSDF Delegates Meeting And Potluck Dinner Before The Dance \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 31, 2026 – New Kids Memorial Day Block Party**, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. **\*\* All Callers Welcome \*\* Callers Workshop 1pm to 4pm, Dance 4:30pm to 6:30pm. \*\* Admission is**

**a donation to The American Legion \*\* See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website for more info.**

## JUNE 2026

**June 9, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips**, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **\*\* NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 14, 2026 – New Kids Flag Day Block Party**, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. **\*\* All Callers Welcome \*\* Callers Workshop 1pm to 4pm, Dance 4:30pm to 6:30pm. \*\* Admission is a donation to The American Legion \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 17, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Sun Hat Special Dance**, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Ken Jarman.

**June 25, 2026 – The Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace** are **DARK** tonight.

**June 26, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers** are **DARK** tonight.

## JULY 2026

**July 3, 2026 – The Twirling Lariats** are **DARK** tonight.

**July 4, 2026 – The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Nelda Eaton, Amanda and Blake Throgmartin, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 10, 2026 – Heber Springers Red White And Blue Dance,** Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**July 14, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips,** The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **\*\* NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 15, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Most Creative Club Colors Summer Attire Special Dance,** Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck.

**July 24, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance,** Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## AUGUST 2026

**Aug. 11, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips,** The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **\*\* NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 14, 2026 – Heber Springers Special Dance,** Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Guest Caller: Tim Tyl.

**Aug. 19, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Polynesian Dreaming Special Dance,** Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Jay Wright

**Aug. 28, 2026 – Heber Springers Ice Cream Social Dance,** Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

## SEPTEMBER 2026

**Sep. 8, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips**, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **\*\* NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 16, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Indian PowWow Special Dance**, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Sep. 25, 2026 – Heber Springers Hillbilly Dance**, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Sep. 25, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## OCTOBER 2026

**Oct. 8, 2026 – Trail End Dance for the 76<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Fall Festival**, Van Buren County Fairgrounds, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Caller: Ken Burke. Separate admission at the door. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 9-10, 2026 – 76<sup>th</sup> ASSDF Fall Festival**, Van Buren County Fairgrounds, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Friday Night National Caller: Scott Bennett. Arkansas' Callers and Cuers Friday afternoon, plus Saturday and Saturday night. See the flyers elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 9, 2026 – The Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are DARK** tonight.

**Oct. 10, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK** tonight.

**Oct. 13, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips**, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **\*\* NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 16, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 21, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Halloween Special Dance**, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Monty Hackler

**Oct. 23, 2026 – Heber Springers Halloween Dance**, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Dan Nordbye

## NOVEMBER 2026

**Nov. 6, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance**, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 10, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips**, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **\*\* NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 11, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Hot Chocolate Special Dance**, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Ken Jarman

**Nov. 13, 2026 – Heber Springers Veterans Dance**, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Nov. 18, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers “I’m Grateful” Dinner And Dance**, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck

**Nov. 25, 2026 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.**

**Nov. 27, 2026 – The Heber Springers are DARK tonight.**

## DECEMBER 2026

**Dec. 8, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Dancing Between Tips**, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **\*\* NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 16, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Best Christmas Memory Special Dance**, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck

**Dec. 23, 2026 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.**

**Dec. 25, 2026 – The Levi’s And Lace and the Heber Springers are DARK tonight.**

**Dec. 30, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers “Something Old, Something New” Dinner And Dance**, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman.

## OCTOBER 2027

**Oct. 7-9, 2027 – 77<sup>th</sup> Annual ASSDF Festival.** Location and other details will follow as soon as possible.



## NOVEMBER 2027

**Nov. 14-20, 2027 – MidSouth Extravaganza**, Little Rock, AR.  
Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Ted Lizotte, Jack Pladdys, Dan Sahlstrom, Ray Brendzy, Mike Hogan, Mike Seastrom, Charlie Robertson, and Scott Bennett. Cuers: Randy and Marie Preskitt with Fred and Linda Ayres. **\*\* Free GSI Callers School Nov. 14-17 (you must be registered for the weekend), Dancing Nov. 18-20 \*\* Host Hotels will accept room reservations after Nov. 18, 2026 \*\*** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

### *Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals*

## APRIL 2026

**April 30, 2026 – Recycles 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday All Plus Dance**, Tulsa, OK.  
Callers: Monty Hackler and Bill Powell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## MAY 2026

**May 1, 2026 -- Kissin' Kuzzins Batter Up Dance**, Garland, TX.  
Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 1, 2026 -- T Square Gadabouts Maypole Dance**, Fort Worth, TX.  
Caller: Vernon Jones. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 1, 2026 -- Texas Reelers Cinco De Mayo Dance**, Richardson, TX.  
Callers: Deborah-Carroll Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 1, 2026 -- Triangle Squares May Day Dance**, Denton, TX.  
Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 2, 2026 -- Circle 8 Squares Let's Fiesta Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Charlie Robertson. Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 6, 2026 -- Plus 4s Special Dance, May 6**, Farmers Branch TX. Caller: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 7, 2026 -- Roadrunners Feasta Fiesta Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Jeff Holley. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 8, 2026 -- Pioneers Swing Into Spring Dance**, Weatherford, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 8, 2026 -- Stone Steppers Mother's Day Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Bill Hinkley. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 8-9, 2026 -- 77<sup>th</sup> ASRDA Mid-Tex Festival**, Georgetown, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 9, 2026 -- Circle I Put Spring Into Your Step New Dancer Dance**, Irving, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 14, 2026 -- Double Plus Mother's Day Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 14, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 15, 2026 -- Kissin' Kuzzins A-May-Zing Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 15, 2026 -- Ole Tyme Square Dance Calls**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more

info. **\*\* Walk Through such moves as "Dip And Dive", "Venus And Mars", "Grand Colonel Spin", and more \*\***

**May 15, 2026 -- Texas Reelers "Yellow Submarine" Dance,** Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah-Carroll Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 15, 2026 -- Triangle Squares Mother's Day Dance,** Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 16, 2026 -- Rebel Rousers Salute To The Troops Dance,** Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 16, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance,** Weatherford, OK. Caller: Tim Tyl.

**May 17, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop,** Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 21, 2026 -- Roadrunners Flower Power Dance,** Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Monty Hackler. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 22, 2026 -- Fort Worth Squares Peripatetic Dance,** Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 22, 2026 -- Swinging Stars May Flowers Dance,** Richardson, TX. Caller: David Toms. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 22-23, 2026 -- Chapel Hill Get Away Plus Weekend,** Chapel Hill, TN. Callers: Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info

**May 22-24, 2026 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mineola Railers Mainstream Extravaganza**, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Monty Hackler. See the elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 25, 2026 – Casul's Memorial Day Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 29, 2026 – Trailblazers Galactic Anniversary Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Joey Duhamel. Guest Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **\*\* Note Changed Date \*\***

**May 29-30, 2026 – Challenge Dance Weekend**, Schertz, TX. Caller: Ross Howell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 30, 2026 – Tri-City Promenaders Elvis' Viva Las Vegas Anniversary Dance**, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**May 30, 2026 – Oklahoma Central District Square Dance Association Afternoon and Evening Dance**, Oklahoma City, OK. Afternoon Dance: CDSDA Callers. Evening Dance Caller: Brad Caldwell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## JUNE 2026

**June 4-6, 2026 – 64<sup>th</sup> Texas State Federation Square And Round Dance Festival**, Longview, TX. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 5, 2026 – Kissin' Kuzzins Fun In The Sun Dance**, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 5-6, 2026 – 72<sup>nd</sup> Kansas Square Dance Festival**, Wichita, KS. Caller: Eric Henalu. Cuers: Kay and Bob Kurczewski. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 11, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 19, 2026 -- Triangle Squares Do-Si-From Down Under Dance**, Denton, TX. Guest Caller: Jaden Frigo. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 19, 2026 -- Texas Reelers 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Lulu Of A Luau Dance**, Richardson, TX. Guest Caller: Johnny Preston. Club Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**June 20, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance**, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Monty Hackler.

**June 23, 2026 -- Trail End Dance to the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention (R)**, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Dan Preedy, Mike Bramlett, Ken Burke, Ray Brendzy. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **\*\* Sponsored By The Roadrunners of Fort Worth, TX \*\***

**June 24-27, 2026 – 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention** ®, Waco, Texas. More info, as well as a Registration Form are at <https://75nsdctx.com/> and elsewhere in this issue.

## JULY 2026

**July 10-11, 2026 – Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance Weekend**, Emporia, KS. Callers: Nick Hartley, Dan Sahlstrom, and Tim Tyl. Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 10-11, 2026 -- Royal Rendezvous**, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: Jan and David Toms. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 10-12, 2026 -- 26th Annual Route 66 Jamboree**, Elk City, OK. Callers: Bobby Willis, Monty Hackler, Jeff Holley, Jimmy Gouge,

Ray Savell, Paul Hagan, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 18, 2026 -- Rebel Rousers Anniversary Celebration Stars And Stripes America 250 Dance**, Richardson, TX. Guest Caller: Pat Kotal. Cuer: Christine Hixson. **\*\* Celebrating 50 years of calling with Mike Bramlett \*\*** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 18, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance**, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Bobby Willis.

**July 18, 2026 -- ASRDA Installation Dance**, Austin, TX. Caller: K.O. Jeanes. Cuers: Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 23, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**July 26, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop**, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## AUGUST 2026

**Aug. 6-8, 2026 -- 51<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention**, Gatlinburg, TN. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://tnsquaredance.org/>

**Aug. 15, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance**, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

**Aug. 23, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop**, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 27, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Aug. 29, 2026 -- Southern Knights Roaring 20's Dance**, Schertz, TX. Callers: Dale Smith, John Kephart, John Carlton, Wayne Weston. Cuer: Kay Kurczewski. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## SEPTEMBER 2026

**Sep. 3-6, 2026 -- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual An Evening In Paris Weekend**, Paris, TX. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine, Tim Tyl, Buddy Weaver, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: David and Jan Toms. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 10, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 11-12, 2026 -- Pioneer Festival**, Wichita Falls, TX. Callers: Bobb Willis and Ray Savell. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 11-12, 2026 -- TRDTA 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Round Dance Festival**, LaGrange, TX. TRDTA Cuers. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 18-20, 2026 -- Brazos Bash Square Dance Weekend**, Waco, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones, Ken Burke, and Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 18-19, 2026 -- A2 and C1-3 Square Dance Weekend**, Schertz, TX. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 19, 2026 -- ASRDA Teen Scholarship Dance**, Austin, TX. ASRDA Callers and Cuers. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Sep. 19, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance**, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Jeff Holley.

**Sep. 20, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop**, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## OCTOBER 2026

**Oct. 1, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX.  
Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Oct. 17, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Fall Festival**, Weatherford, OK.  
Caller: Vernon Jones.

**Oct. 25, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop**, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## NOVEMBER 2026

**Nov. 12, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX.  
Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Nov. 21, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance**, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb.

**Nov. 22, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop**, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## DECEMBER 2026

**Dec. 3, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance**, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX.  
Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

**Dec. 19, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance**, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Bobby Willis.

## JANUARY 2027

**Jan. 15-16, 2027 -- Challenge Square Dance Weekend**, Schertz, TX.  
Caller: Bill Harrison. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## MARCH 2027

**March 19-20, 2027 -- ETSRDA 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival**, Marshall, TX. Callers: Friday Night: East Texas Callers Association. Saturday: Scott Bennett. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

## APRIL 2027

**April 30, 2027 – Dancing Through The Decades 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival**, Claremore, OK. Further details will follow as soon as possible.

## JUNE 2027

**June 23-26, 2027 – 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention** ®, Loveland, Colorado. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration Form are at <https://76nsdc.com>

## JUNE 2028

**June 28 through July 1, 2028 – 77<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention** ®, Daytona Beach, Florida. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration form is at <https://77nsdcfl.com/>

## *Club Reports*

**Note:** Information for the club reports was obtained from the various club Facebook groups and photos, emails to the Editor, and items on the Special Events Calendar. DS

### **Arky Cloggers**

Hello May! Hello friends!

April was truly a whirlwind month for me. How about you?

We had a wonderful outing at the Sheridan Antique Power (Tractor) show on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a small group of Arky Cloggers, but we had a great time. We learned that **Commander Cornbread** does her own stunts! I took a little tumble during the afternoon performance there, but got back up and finished the song. Kudos to the girls who kept dancing! They asked "Are you OK?" and kept dancing when I said yes. The show must go on! The Arky Cloggers joined in with the square dancers during the audience participation portion of the afternoon. I had double duty, as in addition to clogging, I did a little square dancing too. This year, I ALSO wore the hat of square dance caller, since Phil was unavailable to call the square dance portion.

The Arkansas Clogging Council had their yearly "**Clogging In The Natural State**" workshop in Mabelvale on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, with **2 FULL DAYS** of footwork. It was great to see old friends and learn new clogging routines!

I was so happy to be part of the lineup with these awesome instructors! A photo in the Special Dances e-Edition, left to right: **Alice Havel** (KS), **Lanita Hammett** (AR), **Chip Summey** (NC), **Joe Dawley** (KS), **Cathy Michaels** (TX) and **Lora Strosnider** (MD). Back row, **Kathy Wilson** (AR Clogging Council Sec/Treas.) and **Leona Miller** (AR Clogging Council Pres.)

A great big **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Lora**, who completed her Certified Clogging Instructor requirements and passed her written and practical exams this weekend!! A couple of photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Thanks to Kim Deane and Cindy Lowrey for representing the Arky Cloggers. This was the first workshop for Cindy, so she was a little overwhelmed. But she was a trooper, and Kim encouraged her to stay and stick it out till the end. I challenged the girls to learn one new step and find a piece of music they liked. I can't wait to see if they met the challenge!

I taught two of my original songs at this workshop. I am looking forward to my next workshop teach. It will be at the "**Better When Ya Dance**" workshop in Bono in July. My friend, Shaina Morgan, always

puts together an awesome workshop! More details on it are coming soon.

We have two more performances coming up **FAST!!** We will be performing again at **Toad Suck Daze** in Conway on the 1<sup>st</sup>, and at **Pioneer Village** in Searcy on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Around the middle of May, we will be making our debut appearance at the **Pickle Fest** in Atkins on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations are in order to two Arky grandmothers! Congrats to **Hope Guidry** and **Angelia Yarbrough!** Those new grandbabies will definitely be clogging as soon as possible, if those grannies have anything to do with it!

We only have one celebrating with birthday candles this month. Happy Birthday **Tilly Wagner!**

The beginner class has worked so very hard these last few months! They will be graduating sometime in May. One of those beginner students, Sally Stuart, travelled to China. I jokingly told her to send videos of some clogging she did while over there! She sent me a video of herself clogging in the middle of the Forbidden City, and another one while she was clogging on the Great Wall of China! Wow! Top that!! As soon as the beginners graduate, I will cut my class times back. I will let you know the new class times as soon as they are finalized.

The 1st quarter "**Steps That Matter**" benefited the backpack program at Anne Watson Elementary school in Bigelow. The program helps provided meals/snacks to children that don't get all the meals they need. The program sends home breakfast, lunch, and supper items the children can prepare with very little assistance. Each quarter, the **Arky Cloggers** want to take "**Steps that Matter**" in the lives of those less fortunate! A photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition, and on our Facebook page. Our ladies are considering what group they will be taking "Steps That Matter" for during quarter 2. Look for more details soon!

Please feel free to like/follow the **ARKY CLOGGERS-Fan Page** on Facebook, for current info about the fun these ladies have...that's at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7366350676716921>

Also, visit our website at <https://www.arkycloggers.com>

Until next time....keep those feet moving!

*Lanita (aka Commander Cornbread)*

## **Blue Belles And Beaus**

Several dancers plan to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dinner and Dance** with callers Nelda Eaton and Tim Tyl, on Saturday, May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock). See the flyer in the full e-Edition for more info. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the potluck dinner and dance.**

Our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, as well as **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America -- Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, in Little Rock. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

You're invited to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Judsonia Community Center, at 601 Judson Street.

You can find the latest updates for our club on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100052996541923> -- we hope to see you in a square soon.

*Robert and Cheryl Shaver*

## **Guys N Dolls**

From **Linda Carlile, Texas State Federation of Square Dancing President.**

I have been asked to perform an exhibition at the **Peachtree Festival** in Nashville, Arkansas on Saturday, May 2. We're looking for extra Arkansas dancers that would be interested in coming. It will start at

2:00-3:00 pm. We have a dance that night, so we have to fence back to Texarkana. **Joey Duhamel** will be the caller for the exhibition.

Every year at this festival, there are 50-60 vendors set up, so you may want to come early and visit...possibly wear Square Dance clothes. If not, please come, we could use the help. As of right now, from **Guys N Dolls**, we have six people going. If we do not have more people, we will have to call and cancel with him.

If you are interested, please text me at 903-277-8681 Linda Carlile. Please mention that you will meet us at 1:30 in the street. I'm not for sure exactly where, so I will need to keep up with your number, and let you know.

Our own **Nelda Eaton**, invites dancers in the New Boston, Texas area to dance with "**Nelda's Plussers**" at her place on the second Tuesday of each month. For the rest of 2026, the dance dates are May 12...June 9...July 14...August 11...September 8...October 13...November 10...and December 8. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for more info. She recently started classes, and would appreciate any dancers who can assist as angels.

Next, Nelda will join national caller **Tim Tyl** at the **Twirling Lariats June Bug and Club Benefit Dance** on Saturday, May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock). **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the Potluck Dinner and Dance.** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Also, Nelda will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse**, plus the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America -- Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, in Little Rock. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We normally dance the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 7pm, at Plentiful Harvest Church, at 500 North Merrill in New Boston, Texas. We'd love to have you join us for a fun evening of square and line dancing.

Our Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1182928908453786> -- you'll find any updates there.

*Rhonda Bailey*

## Heber Springers

Our April 10 Dance was a success! **Guest Caller Roy Hestand** from the **Pioneers Square Dance Club**, kept us on our toes! He gave some lessons to a visitor, and I'm now convinced that she has been "fast tracked". She is now well on her way to being a square dancer. Loads of fun was had, and enjoyed seeing **Becky Hestand** and **Roy** again. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with a video on our Facebook page.

Several dancers plan to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dinner and Dance** with callers **Nelda Eaton** and **Tim Tyl**, on Saturday, May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the potluck dinner and dance.**

We continue to "swing through spring" with regular dances in May and June, but we'll be **DARK** on June 26 for the **75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention (R)** in Waco, Texas, as several members, and our own Phil Moorehouse plan to attend that event.

With July being forecast to be as hot as a firecracker, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, and the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America -- Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. The following week, we will also celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday with our **Red White and Blue Dance** on July 10, with a regular dance on July 24.

In August, we will have our **Ice Cream Social** on the 28<sup>th</sup>, with our own Phil Moorehouse calling...cool treats for the cool autumn weather ahead. In September, we'll have a regular dance on Sept. 11, and our

**Hillbilly Dance** on Sept. 25. For October, we're **DARK** on Oct. 9 for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** (details are later in this report), then our **Halloween Dance** is set for Oct. 23 with **National Caller Dan Nordbye**.

To close out 2026, Nov. 13 has our **Veterans Dance (thanks to all the veterans for serving)**, and Dec. 11 has our **Christmas Dinner and Dance**. We're **DARK** on November 27 for **Thanksgiving Week**, and on December 25 for **Christmas Week**.

We're hosting the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton. **Nationa Caller Ken Burke** will call the Trail End Dance on Oct. 8 (with a barbecue dinner beforehand), and we'll also have **National Caller Scott Bennett**...along with Arkansas' Callers And Cuers. Flyers for the Trail-End Dance (with hotel info), and a registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We normally dance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7pm at the Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West in Rosebud. We'd love to have you join us!!

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/487782943047841> for any last-minute changes or cancellations.

*Theresa Muth*

## **Levi's And Lace**

Our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** attended the Heart of America Federation Dance Festival in Kansas City on April 17 and 18. The theme was I'm a Little Bit Country (**Tim Tyl**) and I'm a Little Bit Rock N' Roll (**Ken Burke**). We also attended a Caller Forum on Friday afternoon. It was very informative! The weekend turned out to be great time! A few photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We had 2 squares at our April 10 dance, and 1 square plus 5 Extras at our April 24 **April Showers Bring May Flowers Dance**. Several photos from both dances are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page.

We will join the **Maverick Mixers** for a **Maypole Dance** on Saturday, May 9, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), with our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** calling a fun evening of dancing.

On Friday, May 22, we will have a **Memorial Day Special Dance**, as we honor those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Our own **Ron Wise** will do a Plus Workshop at 7pm, with our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** doing square and line dancing starting at 7:30pm. See the flyers elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Several dancers plan to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dinner and Dance** with callers **Nelda Eaton** and **Tim Tyl**, on Saturday, May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), Arkansas. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the potluck dinner and dance.**

Continuing with special dances, our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse** and **Nelda Eaton** for **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America - Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, in Little Rock. See the flyers for these dances elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We normally dance the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7pm, at Lake Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs. We'd love to have you join us for a fun evening of dancing, food, and fellowship. Our own **Ron Wise** does a Plus Workshop at 7pm, then our regular dance with **Amanda and Blake Throgmartin** calling a great dance...and Amanda doing line dancing between tips.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1496305407256737> for updates or last minute changes.

*Phyllis Keeney*

## Maverick Mixers

Guest Caller **Nelda Eaton**, from the Guys N Dolls and Twirling Lariats called our April 11 dance, with 3 squares. We also had 3 squares at our April 25 dance, with our own **Phil Moorehouse** calling. Several photos from both dances are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Amanda and Blake Throgmartin** will call a **Maypole Dance** on Saturday, May 9, at our regular dance place. Then, several members plan to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug and Club Benefit Dance** on Saturday, May 30, at our regular dance place. See the flyers on both of these are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the Potluck Dinner and Dance on May 30.**

We will be **DARK** on June 27, as many dancers will be attending the **75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention (R)** in Waco, Texas. Full information on the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC is elsewhere in this issue.

Coming up in July, Phil will join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, and the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America -- Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at our regular dance place. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Several members plan to attend the **ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton Oct. 8-10, and we will be **DARK** on October 10 for that event.

We dance on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale. When our own **Phil Moorehouse** is not "a Traveling Maverick", calling special dances elsewhere...he always provides a fun evening...but we welcome guest callers to do tips at our dances.

Please call before you travel or check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2402030760029886> for last minute changes or cancellations.

*Daryl Stout*

## Pioneers

Our own **Roy Hestand** called at the **Heber Springs** April 10 dance; see their club report for details. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We are in the middle of classes right now, and we're looking forward to graduating a new group of dancers. We appreciate any dancers who can come and serve as angels.

We encourage those in our club who can do so, to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dinner and Dance** on May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), with callers **Nelda Eaton** and **Tim Tyl**. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the potluck dinner and dance.**

We have a new website at <https://missourisquaredance.com/pioneers> -- this is in addition to our club Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625> -- please check both for any updates.

We dance at the Sycamore Springs Senior Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, Arkansas, on Mondays. We hope to see you in a square real soon!!

*Becky Hestand*

## River City Squares

We start this report on a sad note, reporting the passing of John Eugene Keeling...our condolences, thoughts, and prayers to Ron, Eva, and the family during this time of loss.

We were **DARK** on March 31, due to our dance location being used as a polling place (this is the case whenever there are elections), but we eased back into dancing with an **All Signing Call Dance** on April 7, with fellow callers Anita Vandergriff and **Ron Keeling** joining our own **Jay King**. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We were happy to welcome **Mike and Lanita Hammett** to our club! They are from Conway, and are Treasurers for our Arkansas State Square Dance Federation (**ASSDF**). It's always a pleasure to have our officers join us for a night of Square Dancing! Hope to see you guys again soon!

We encourage those in our club who can do so, to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dinner and Dance** on May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), with callers Nelda Eaton and Tim Tyl. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the potluck dinner and dance.**

We normally dance on Tuesdays at the Fort Smith Senior Center at 2700 Cavanaugh Road. Please see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470785299916715> for any changes or updates.

*Jody King*

## **Southern Swingers**

**National Caller Tim Tyl** called our monthly **Louisiana Lagniappe Dance** on April 3...a few photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition. Our other 2026 **Louisiana Lagniappe Dances** are on May 29, July 24, September 25, October 16, and November 6. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Our **May 2026 Special Dance** will be on Saturday, May 9, at our regular dance place, with **Guest Caller David Toms**. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Other special dances will be posted on our Facebook page, and added to the **ASSDF website**, as details become available.

We encourage those in our club who can do so, to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dinner and Dance** on May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), with callers **Nelda Eaton** and **Tim Tyl**. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the potluck dinner and dance.**

Several of our dancers plan to attend the **75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention (R)** in Waco, Texas, next month. After hosting the NSDC last year, we know what's involved in putting one of these events on, known as "**The World's Greatest Square Dance Event**".

Our thoughts and prayers to everyone who was affected by the severe weather. Unfortunately, the springtime tornado season can affect many folks, so we urge everyone to stay weather aware.

We dance at Promenade Hall, at 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana, on Tuesday evenings, with special dances on selected Saturdays, with our own Joey Duhamel always calling a great dance.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064404143648> for any updates.

*Carole Baker*

## Star Steppers

Several dances joined us at our April 13 dance with our own **Phil Moorehouse** calling. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We encourage those in our club who can do so, to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dinner and Dance** on May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), with callers **Nelda Eaton** and **Tim Tyl**. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the potluck dinner and dance.**

On July 4, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, along with **Nelda Eaton**, for **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America -- Nifty At 250 Dance** in Little Rock. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We normally dance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, unless otherwise noted at the White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700 Andersen Avenue, with our own **Phil Moorehouse** calling.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/306734347493720> for any updates, including last minute cancellations for weather or other issues.

*Kathy Tankersly*

## Twirling Funtimers

We want to thank **Guest Caller Kenton Sullivan**, who "taxed our fun limits" with the "**Festival Of Eight Dinner and Dance**" last month.

This month, on May 20, we'll have "**The Colors Of Spring Dinner and Dance**", with our own **Donna Gellenbeck** calling. Square dance attire is requested at this special dance. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Many thanks to our own **Loree Kant** for her work on the special dance flyers. The following Wednesday, our own **Ken Jarman** will call a regular dance, and we'll have a club meeting.

We encourage those in our club who can do so, to attend the **Twirling Lariats June Bug Dinner and Dance** on May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), with callers **Nelda Eaton** and **Tim Tyl**. **Note that there will be an ASSDF Delegates Meeting prior to the potluck dinner and dance.**

With summer arriving next month, June 17 features our "**Wear Your Best Sun Hat**" Dinner and Dance, with our own **Ken Jarman**. This is especially useful on the hot, sunny, summer days, as you can get sunburned very easily outdoors, without adequate protection.

On July 8, after celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, there will be a dinner and dance with our own **Ken Jarman** calling. The following week, on July 15, our own **Donna Gellenbeck** will call our "**Most Creative Club Colors Dinner And Dance**" with "summer attire". Then, we wrap up summer on August 19, with **Guest Caller Jay Wright** from the Western Twirlers in Joplin, Missouri, calling our "**Polynesian Dreaming Dance**". The following week on August 26, there will be a club meeting, with dancing to our own **Donna Gellenbeck**.

Guest Caller **Phil Moorehouse** will join us on September 16 for our "**Indian Pow Wow Dance**". Then in October 21, **Guest Caller Monty Hackler** will join us for a **Halloween Dinner and Dance**...square dance attire or Halloween costumes are welcome at that dance.

To round out the year, November will be busy, with a club meeting and our **Hot Chocolate Dance** on November 11. The next Thursday, November 18, our own **Donna Gellenbeck** will call at our "**I'm Grateful For**" **Dinner And Dance**. We will be **DARK** on November 25 for Thanksgiving.

Then, December will have our "**Best Christmas Memory Dance**" on December 16, but we will be **DARK** on December 23 for Christmas. Our final dance for 2026 on December 30, will feature our own **Donna Gellenbeck** and **Ken Jarman** with our "**New Years Something Old, Something New, Dinner and Dance**".

We normally dance on Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane in Lakeview, with Special Dances on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> for updates.

*Anieta England*

## Twirling Lariats

The Twirling Lariats are pleased to announce our **2026 June Bug and Club Benefit Dance** on Saturday, May 30, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (Little Rock), Arkansas. There will be an **ASSDF Delegates Meeting**, followed by a potluck dinner before the dance, followed by dancing to our own **Nelda Eaton** and **National Caller Tim Tyl**.

See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. We look forward to having you join us for what promises to be a fantastic evening of food, fellowship, and fun with square dancing. Note that we will be **DARK** on Friday, May 29.

Our own **Nelda Eaton** will join fellow callers **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, as well as **Phil Moorehouse**, at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America -- Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026...we hope to see you there. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Note that we will be **DARK** on Friday, July 3, 2026.

We dance at American Legion Post 128, on the 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Fridays, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (southwest Little Rock). We have a Plus Workshop prior to the dance, with our own **Nelda Eaton** providing a fantastic evening of square and line dancing.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/432398663471503> for any updates or changes.

*Roger Garner*





Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** (square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, clogging, etc.) soon??

If so, please email the class info at least a month before the classes begin, to [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) – the info will be at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square**.

Info needed is the date, time, location, caller/cuer/instructor, plus a contact person for info. Lessons can be either square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging.

For links on **how to get youth involved in square dancing**, and for **promotional videos** that can be **customized for your club or organization website**, or for a **New Dancers Manual**, go to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

No new lessons known of at this time.



# ASSDF Club Directory

Note that **USDA Insurance** for clubs is due by December 1 of each year, and **Club ASSDF Membership Dues** is due by January 1 of each year. Please contact the **ASSDF Treasurer** and the **ASSDF Insurance Chairman** for more information.

Clubs that are **DARK** may still be in the **Google Events Calendar** at (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/clubs>), but **please call before traveling** to see if they're dancing that evening.

Note that clubs that are **DANCING** may have to cancel a regular dance, or change the dance days, times, and locations, at the last minute, or during certain times of the year, for various reasons.

Again, **please call before you travel** to avoid making the trip for nothing. And, if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section (following this listing), is wrong; or if your club is changing their dance dates, times, locations, etc.

Lastly, check with the caller, cuer, or club contact for the dance level, if the club has a pre-dance workshop, admission cost, and if the club is "couples only" or welcomes singles (not married, or without a dance partner).

## Conway

Arky Cloggers – Tuesday, 3:30pm to 5pm (Boost Class), 5pm to 6:30pm (Intermediate/Advanced), and Beginner (6:30pm to 8pm)

### **DANCING**

1490 South Donaghey Avenue

Instructor and Contact: Lanita Hammett (501) 889-4679

## **Fort Smith**

River City Squares – Tuesday, 6:30pm **DANCING**  
Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road  
Caller: Jay King  
Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Van Buren, AR  
72956 (479) 883-2380

## **Hot Springs**

Levi's And Lace – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7pm **DANCING**  
Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport  
Road  
Callers: Amanda and Blake Throgmartin  
Contact: Ted and Phyllis Keeney, 1807 Nubbin Ridge Road,  
Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

## **Judsonia**

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Dance at 7pm  
**DANCING**  
Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street  
Caller: Phil Moorehouse  
Contact: Robert and Cheryl Shaver, 146 Opie Road, Bald Knob,  
AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

## **Lakeview**

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, 6pm to 8:30pm **DANCING**  
Mainstream/Plus, with Round Dance Phases 1, 2, and 3  
Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane -- \$7 per person  
(Special Dances on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)  
Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman  
Cuer: Marge Sherrill  
Contact: Anieta England (870) 449-5135

## **Little Rock (Mabelvale)(1)**

Twirling Lariats – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30pm

**DANCING**

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$7 per person

Caller: Nelda Eaton

Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

## **Little Rock (Mabelvale)(2)**

Maverick Mixers – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 7pm

**DANCING**

Mainstream with announced Plus

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$8 per person

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Daryl Stout, P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215 (501) 690-8325

## **Mountain Home**

Pioneers – Monday (doors open at 6:30pm, dancing from 7pm to 9pm)

**DANCING**

Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane

Caller: Roy Hestand

Contact: Roy Hestand, 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 329-1141

## **Rose Bud**

Heber Springers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Theresa Muth (501) 238-2713

## White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm **DANCING**  
White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700  
Andersen Avenue  
Caller: Phil Moorehouse  
Contact: Kathy Tankersly (870) 718-0571

## Bossier City, LA (Shreveport)

Southern Swingers – Tuesday, 7pm (Special Dances 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)  
**DANCING**  
Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road  
Caller: Joey Duhamel  
Contact: Alitia Becker, 8008 Cardigan Way, Shreveport, LA 71129  
(318) 547-9478  
Contact: Carole Becker (318) 780-3997

## New Boston, TX (Texarkana)

Guys And Dolls – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**  
Plentiful Harvest Church, 500 North Merrill, New Boston, TX  
Caller: Nelda Eaton  
Contact: Rhonda Bailey, 111 Wood Duck Lane, Texarkana, TX  
75501 (903) 276-3422



## ASSDF Club Callers And Cuers

**Bownderville, Boyce** -- (870) 530-2444 -- M/P

**Cummings, Patti** – 270 Morrison Street, Ward, AR 72176 (501) 628-1089 [ninapcummings@gmail.com](mailto:ninapcummings@gmail.com)

**Duhamel, Joey** – 479 Country Farm Road, Baskin, LA 71219  
Cell: (870) 209-3646 [jdcalls@yahoo.com](mailto:jdcalls@yahoo.com) M/P: Yes  
*Southern Swingers*

**Eaton, Nelda** – P.O. Box 1118, New Boston, TX 75570  
Cell: (903) 278-8068 [EatonSDCaller@gmail.com](mailto:EatonSDCaller@gmail.com) M/P: Yes  
*Guys And Dolls, Twirling Lariats*

**Gellenbeck, Donna** – 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR 72642  
(870) 620-0037 [speedshots@hotmail.com](mailto:speedshots@hotmail.com) M/P: Yes  
*Twirling Funtimers*

**Hammett, Lanita** – 1533 Highway 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307  
(501) 889-4679 [Inthmmt13@gmail.com](mailto:Inthmmt13@gmail.com) *Arky Cloggers*

**Hestand, Roy** – 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653  
(870) 329-1143 [hestandroy@gmail.com](mailto:hestandroy@gmail.com) M: Yes  
*Pioneers*

**Jarman, Ken** – 127 Muscovy Drive, Mountain Home, AR 72653  
(870) 404-8480 [korcjarman@yahoo.com](mailto:korcjarman@yahoo.com) M  
*Twirling Funtimers*

**King, Jay and Jody** -- 1402 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Van Buren, AR 72956  
(479) 474-8500 [jayking@cox.net](mailto:jayking@cox.net) P/A, Rounds 1-3  
*River City Squares*

**Moorehouse, Phil** – 4660 Stagecoach Road, Redfield, AR 72132  
(501) 960-4476 [philmoorehouse@aol.com](mailto:philmoorehouse@aol.com) P: Yes  
*Blue Belles And Beaus, Heber Springers, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers*

**Ritter, Art** – 1213 Oak Acres Drive, Bryant, AR 72019  
(501) 326-8003

**Throgmartin, Blake and Amanda** – 153 Walker Court, Hot Springs,  
AR 71909 -- Blake – (501) 622-9402 [squareupwithblake@gmail.com](mailto:squareupwithblake@gmail.com)  
Amanda – (501) 655-9767 [amandacallssquares@gmail.com](mailto:amandacallssquares@gmail.com)

**Vandergriff, Anita** – 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR 72937  
(479) 274-9775 [anitav@centurytel.net](mailto:anitav@centurytel.net)

**White, Gordon and Susan** – 6 Perfecto Place, Hot Springs Village,  
AR 71913 (501) 822-0803 [white3297@hotmail.com](mailto:white3297@hotmail.com) P

**Wise, Ron** – 4800 Highway 104, White Hall, AR 71602  
(870) 267-0702 [ronwise@prodigy.net](mailto:ronwise@prodigy.net)

### Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:

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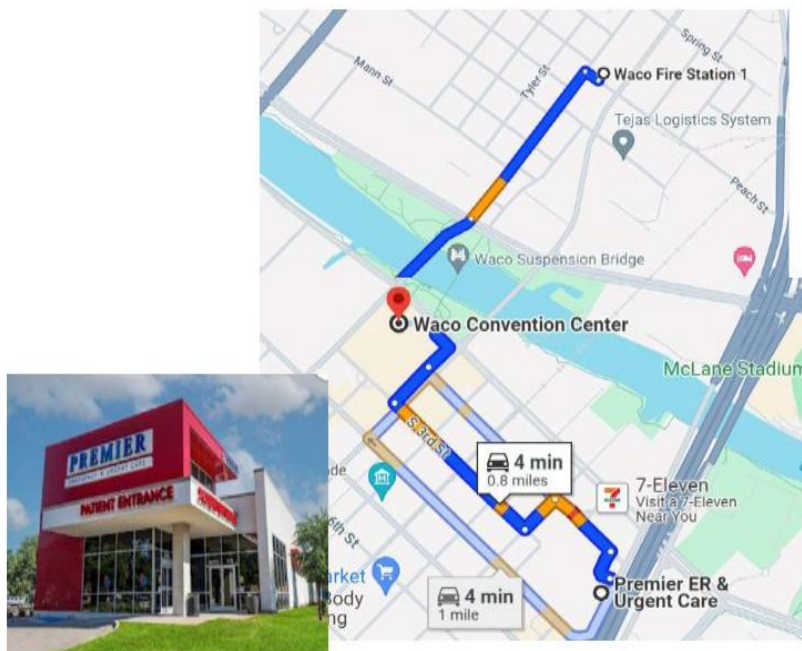
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# GSI/NSDC

## Callers School

for registered guests of the National Convention

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S  
**FREE!**

**75<sup>TH</sup>** Waco  
**TEXAS**

75th National Square Dance Convention®  
June 24-27 2026  
DIAMOND JUBILEE

DON'T WAIT, REGISTER TODAY for the CONVENTION! <https://www.75nsdc.com/register-online>

CALLER SCHOOL WILL BE at the WACO CONVENTION CENTER, 100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701



Sunday, June 21st, Noon — Wednesday, June 24th, Noon, 2026

Sign up for the Caller School now at [www.gsicallerschool.com](http://www.gsicallerschool.com)

Email: [Tony@TonyOxendine.com](mailto:Tony@TonyOxendine.com) for more info. Do it now!

75NSDC



Diamond Jubilee

**75th National Square Dance Convention®**

Waco Convention Center - June 24-27, 2026

100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX

WE'RE GOING TO TEXAS Y'all!

Register online at [75nsdctx.com](http://75nsdctx.com)

Zelle your payment to [75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdc@gmail.com)

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**

75NSDC

9597Jones Rd Ste #122

Houston, TX 77065

Email: [register.75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:register.75nsdc@gmail.com)

**For Convention Use Only**

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Processed \_\_\_\_\_

Check# or Ref # \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: 02/13/2026

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC  Check if you do not want your email shared.

**First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES**

1. Adult \_\_\_\_\_

2. Adult \_\_\_\_\_

3. Adult/Youth \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

4. Adult/Youth \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)

75th NSDC Souvenir Program Book

(\$35 after 4/30/2026)

Round Dance Syllabus -  USB Drive

Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2026)

Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/26)

Sew & Save Book -  USB Drive or  Digital Download

Hearing Assistance Device (NIC) - Refundable Deposit

Wednesday Night Special Event -  Waipass-Brothers

~~Dinner~~ -  Show \$55 per person - Premium Seating

~~Dinner~~ -  Show \$45 per person - Standard Seating

~~Dinner~~ -  Entrée - BBQ Beef or Grilled Chicken

Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing

3.00%

**TOTAL**

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**INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM**

- You can complete this FORM online at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com).
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge. **If NOT PRE-REGISTERED**, enter registration fee for each dancer and correctly calculate amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due.
- Registration fees:** Adult \$80; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/27/2026- \$30.00 Under 5 Free.
- Fees will increase May 1, 2026 - Adult:** \$95 - Youth ages 5-17- \$30.00.
- Persons 3-5 Circle Adult or Youth.
- Registrations are non-transferable.
- No One, Two, or Three-Day Registrations.
- A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2026. No refunds after April 30, 2026.
- Registrations received after April 30, 2026, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 75NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, **omit payment information on form**. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note 3% CC payment convenience fee.)

**TOURS can be purchased online at [75nsdctx.com/tours](http://75nsdctx.com/tours)**

- DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.**
- Mainstream  Plus  Advanced  Challenge  Contra  Lines
- Clogging  Rounds  Handicapped  Solo
- Are you participating in the Education Leadership Certificate Program?  
 Yes  No Visit [75nsdctx.com](http://75nsdctx.com) for more information

**PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS**

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/25 at [safconvention.com](http://safconvention.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE**

Check box if you will manage your own accommodation.

**PAYMENT** (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds)

Check Enclosed  Cash (In Person)  Credit Card  Zelle

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): \_\_\_\_\_

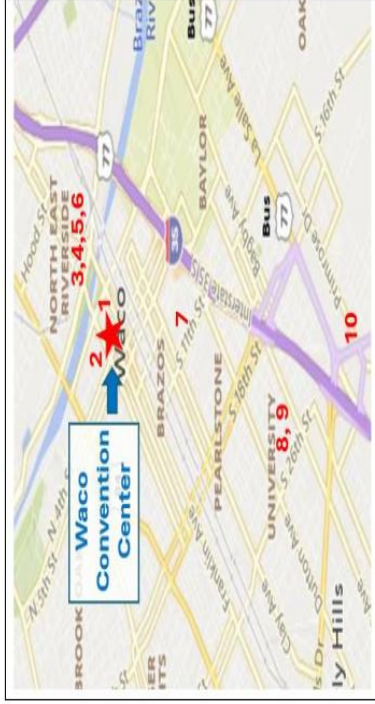
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Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers. 75th NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

More information available at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com)



Following completion of the registration process, you will receive an email with your registration number and link to the Hotel Reservation portal. Please allow 7-10 days after your online registration

for this manual processing.

Questions may be directed to:  
[register.75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:register.75nsdc@gmail.com)  
[75nsdchousing@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com)

No airport shuttle services provided

See [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com) for transportation information.

**You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention rate.** No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the weblink, which will be provided by the convention Housing Vice-Chairman. [75nsdchousing@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com)

Hotel cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance to avoid a fee.

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Waco Creekside RV Resort

[www.wacocreeksideresort.com](http://www.wacocreeksideresort.com)

1972 Leroy Pkwy, Elm Mott, TX 76640 (254) 651-3999

Call for a 15% Discount on all Cabins, RV Spots and Treehouses

Magnolia RV Resort [www.magnoliarvresort.com](http://www.magnoliarvresort.com)

3096 New Dallas Hwy, Waco TX 76705 254-799-3105

Call for a 10% discount on you stay.

**Say You are with the Square Dance Convention**



# CONVENTION HOTELS

75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention – Waco, TX  
 June 24-27, 2026



The 75th National Square Dance Convention offers a set of diverse hotel experiences during your stay in Waco. Parking is also free around the convention center.

Hotel	Waco CC Distance	Rate	Reservation Deadline	Free Amenities			
				Breakfast	Parking	Wi-Fi	Laundry
<b>SOLD OUT</b>							
<b>Cambria Hotel</b> <i>1105 MLK Jr Blvd</i>	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
<b>SOLD OUT</b>							
<b>Aloft Waco</b> <i>900 S 11th St</i>	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
<b>SOLD OUT</b>							
<b>Element Hotel</b> <i>2200 Robinson Dr</i>	7 min drive	\$154/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Home2Suites</b> <i>2500 Bagby Ave</i>	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

## What to Expect Next?

Once in the Housing Booking Portal, you will have the ability to book your room at any of the convention hotels based on room availability. Reservation confirmations will be sent to the email address used to make the reservation.

## Questions?

Please reach out to Phil Henderson, Housing Vice-Chair at [75nsdchousing@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com)



# Can my pet stay in my hotel during the convention?



The short answer is **YES!** All but two of our hotels allow pets!  
See below for details:

Hotel	CC Distance	Accept Pets?	Pet Fee	Additional Info
<b>SOLD OUT</b>				
Cambria Hotel	6-8 min walk	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
<b>SOLD OUT</b>				
Aloft Waco	5 min drive	Yes	\$0	2 pets max up to 40 lbs.
<b>SOLD OUT</b>				
Element Hotel	7 min drive	Yes	\$50/day	Maximum amount of \$150 during entire stay.
Home2Suites	7 min drive	Yes	\$75 deposit	Deposit if non-refundable

## Questions?

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75th National Square  
Dance Convention<sup>SM</sup>



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Enjoy having your furry companion with you at  
your hotel!

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June 24-27, 2026

# Camping/RV



See photos next page

It's time to finalize your camping reservations! We have negotiated discounted rates with two Waco-area campgrounds. You will need to make a reservation directly with the campground of choice, request the "Square Dance Convention" discount and pay directly to the campground.

These are the campgrounds offering the Square Dance Discount:

**Waco Creekside Resort:** 15% Square Dance discount. The campground is about 11 miles from the Waco Convention Center. Campsites, cabins and tree houses.

1972 Leroy Parkway  
Elm Mott, TX 76640  
(254) 651-3999  
[wacocreeksideresort.com](http://wacocreeksideresort.com)

**Magnolia RV Resort** offers you 10% off your stay. There's a pool in addition to a complimentary breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays. The campground is about 8 miles from the Waco Convention Center.

3096 New Dallas Hwy. Waco, TX 76705 /  
(254) 799-3105 [magnoliarvresort.com](http://magnoliarvresort.com)

**Please note that camping fees will not be collected through the Hotel Booking Portal, but only by contacting the campground directly.**

# Camping/RV



**Waco Creekside Resort (left)** is offering convention-goers a 15-percent discount. The park has 50 RV sites with full hookups. There are also treehouses and cabins. Pet-friendly. Please see previous page for details.

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**Magnolia RV Resort (above)** is offering convention-goers a 10-percent discount. 42 full-service sites. Pull-through sites only.

Magnolia RV Resort is pet-friendly, has a swimming pool and also has a pancake breakfast on weekends. More details on previous page.

# Your First National Convention?

What can you expect if this is your first national convention? First of all, you'll encounter all kinds of people from all walks of life, with dancing the common denominator!

The National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> moves from city to city across the U.S. The last three conventions were held in Mobile, AL, Milwaukee, WI, and Shreveport, LA. This year's convention will be June 24- 27, 2026 in Waco, TX.

There will be plenty of halls for different levels and types of dances, such as Mainstream, Plus, Advance, Challenge, and various levels of round dance, contra, line dance, clogging, youth, and specialty.

Prior to the National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> in Waco, there are Trail Thru dances being held across the United States leading to the convention. There are multiple callers traveling the historic Route 66, some starting in California, and another group beginning in Chicago and both making a detour south to Dallas-Fort Worth and on to Waco.

The 75th National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> starts at 4:30 PM Wednesday, June 24, 2026, with a concert by The Malpass Brothers, *which is sold out.*



At 7 PM the opening ceremonies spectacular show begins, followed by the Trail End dances from 8 to 10 PM.

The convention opens at 9 AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ending at 10 PM each night. Several special after parties each night extend the dancing for another hour.

So make sure to pack some comfortable shoes, and be ready for a lot of walking and, of course, dancing.

*Welcome to your first National Square Dance Convention—enjoy every step!*

# Square Dance Etiquette

Following these time-honored “rules” will enhance the fun for you and everyone in your square.

Treat everyone in your square with courtesy; be friendly and helpful.

Avoid actions to make anyone else in your square uncomfortable.

Refrain from criticism. If it is necessary, make sure it is constructive.

Help less experienced dancers if needed.

Dance gently, don't use an excessive grip or jerk/push others through the square.

Communicate. Advise your partner and others in the square if you have an injury or impairment that may impact your ability to twirl, etc.

Observe personal hygiene and cleanliness. Be sure to use deodorant and use colognes in moderation or not at all. Remember, cologne may trigger an allergic reaction for someone else.

Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during dances. No alcohol is allowed in the Waco Convention Center. Dancing requires your best mental and physical alertness.



If possible, enter the dance floor with a partner. If you need a partner, it is acceptable to stand at the edge of the floor and hold one hand in the air indicating that you are ready to dance.

Join the first square you come to. Walk around the outside of the square to the nearest open position.

If no squares are available to join and you wish to create a new square, raise your hand and use your fingers to display the number of couples. The caller should see your upraised hand and encourage others to complete the square.

# Get your Belt Buckle!



We have all kinds of Waco convention merchandise:

- T-shirts
- Belt towels
- Texas-themed items
- Commemorative belt buckle (below)
- Stuffed mascots, as held at left by Gary and Claudia Lester, our General Chairman.



Commemorative belt buckle

**By special order: Call Gary Lester 281-857-3177**



# WANTED

**Any club or individual who has experience making square dance floats or has been in a parade as a square dancer**

The 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Education Committee has had multiple requests for a class on making parade floats and on parade participation. If your club or anyone in it is interested in sharing your knowledge with others, please contact Sally Schmidt at [sbennettschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:sbennettschmidt@gmail.com)



**WE WANT YOU!**

# There's a Free App for That

## Exciting news for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> in Waco, Texas!

Everyone registered for the convention will get **FREE** access to the official **Convention App**!

The Education Committee wants to make sure you know how to use it, so here's what to expect:



- **Written instructions** will be available in the **April or May** edition of *National Squares e-Magazine*, on the **75th NSDC Facebook page**, and on our **website**.
- The app is expected to go **live in May**. Once it's available, we encourage you to use the instructions to explore all the exciting events, educational sessions, and dance opportunities planned for the **Diamond Jubilee celebration!**
- There will be a **class on how to use the app** on **Wednesday afternoon** before the convention starts, and possibly another on **Thursday afternoon**.
- The **time and location** for these classes will be announced in a future issue of the e-Magazine.

We're thrilled to offer this free perk and can't wait to see you in Waco!



## 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>

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Register for the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC at

<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

Scan the QR Code to follow us on Facebook for the latest news



*We're Going to Texas, Y'all!*

# Getting to Waco

Waco, the NSDC's convention city for its Diamond Jubilee, is in Central Texas, right along the Brazos River and off Interstate 35. Waco is located halfway between Dallas and Austin. No matter your mode of travel, it's easy to get to Waco!

## BY CAR

I-35 runs right through Waco, making it easy to access from major cities like Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

## BY AIR

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle with flights to and from Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW). Nearby airports are DFW, Dallas Love Field (DAL), Austin-Bergstrom (AUS), and Killeen-Fort Hood (GRK). They all offer connections to Waco via shuttle or rental car. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Rental car availability may be limited as the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be taking place in Dallas during our convention. Make your air and rental reservations early!



## BY BUS

Greyhound serves Waco with intercity routes from across the U.S. In addition, the Waco Charter Bus Co. offers group travel options.

## BY SHUTTLE

Waco Streak and GoGOWaco provide luxury shuttle service from DFW and Dallas Love Field. Airport Transportation of Waco offers hotel and airport transfers.

## LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE

The Waco Transit System has fixed-route buses. Options include the Baylor University shuttle and MicroDash.

## RIDESHARE AND TAXIS

Uber and Lyft operate throughout Waco and nearby cities. Traditional taxis are available in downtown Waco and at the airport.

Scan the QR Code to follow the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC on Facebook,  
Register for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com>.



# Shuttle To and From Airports



**The Official Airport Transportation Provider  
To The  
75th National Square Dance Convention®**

Premier Shuttle Service  
to and from  
Dallas Fort Worth International Airport  
Dallas Love Field  
Austin Airports

**Schedule Service  
Early!**

Call Sabrina  
Waco Streak Office Manager  
254-772-0430 anytime  
or email:  
[wacostreak.sabrina@gmail.com](mailto:wacostreak.sabrina@gmail.com)

Discounted  
Rate  
**\$75**  
Per Person  
Each Way  
Normal Rate - \$169

The Waco Streak Is Proud to have Served the Central Texas Region since 1982

[www.waco-streak.com](http://www.waco-streak.com)

# Getting Around Waco for the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC June 24–27, 2026 • Waco, Texas

Carless in Waco? You have several easy ways to get to your scheduled city tours and around the convention area.

## Ride-Share Options

### Uber

- Scan the Uber QR code to download the app.
- Create an account with your phone number and email.
- Add a payment method.
- Enter your pickup and destination in the "Where To" box.
- Choose your ride type and fare, confirm pickup, and request your ride.
- You may also reserve rides in advance.



### Lyft

- Scan the Lyft QR code to download the app.
- Create an account with your phone number and email.
- Allow or deny location permissions as you prefer.
- Enter pickup and destination, select a ride option, confirm, and request.
- Advance ride scheduling is also available.



## Taxi Service

- **Yellow Cab Waco:** 254-349-2083

## LaSalle–Circle Shuttle

- Pay-to-ride shuttle serving Magnolia Market, Texas Ranger Museum, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, shopping, and dining areas.
- **Fares:** \$1.50 one-way • \$3 day pass
- **Flag-to-ride:** You may board anywhere along the route.
- Shuttle map: <https://destinationwaco.org/map/>
- Real-time GPS tracking: <https://wacotransit.transloc.com/routes/36/stops>

## Waco Transit (Public Buses)

- Info: <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Transit-System> (waco-texas.com in Bing)
- **Accessibility:** Not all buses are handicap accessible. For wheelchair-accessible buses call 254-750-1613.
- **Hours:**
  - Mon–Fri: 5 a.m.–7 p.m.
  - Sat: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
- **Fares:** \$1.50 single ride • \$3 day pass (cash only).
  - Discounts for Seniors & Disabled riders.
  - Children 5 and under ride free.



- **Evening Service:** Mon–Sat, 8:30–11:30 p.m. (reservation required). Fare: \$3 one-way.
- **Waco Transit App:** Download from the App Store or Google Play to book and manage rides.
- How-to-ride video: [https://youtu.be/e3\\_FrKNxnVM?si=eLB2pGqHJFrR\\_rRg](https://youtu.be/e3_FrKNxnVM?si=eLB2pGqHJFrR_rRg)

## Parking Near the Convention Center

- **Free parking** available in lots at Franklin Ave & 3rd Street.
- **Hilton lot** is for hotel guests only.
- **Free parking** garage on 4th Street between Austin Ave & Franklin Ave (look for the bright green pillar).
- Downtown parking map: <https://www.waco-texas.com/About-Waco/Public-Parking> (waco-texas.com in Bing)

## EV Charging Stations

- Waco has **130 charging stations**.
- Map: <https://www.plugshare.com/directory/us/texas/waco>

## Need Help?

Visit the **75th NSDC Tours Booth** in the Waco Convention Center.

We can help you download apps and walk you through transportation options.

*Information courtesy of the City of Waco and Destination Waco*

# Square 'Em Up

## Get your dance on at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®



*What types of dancing can I enjoy at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC?*

- Square Dance: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Specialty
- Round, Contra, Line, Clogging, Youth & Specialty Dance

Watch *National Squares* e-Magazine, Facebook and our website  
for dance information for the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC

75th National Square  
Dance Convention®



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Don't miss the fun! Sign up at  
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

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# What to Expect in the Dance Halls

## SQUARE DANCING

Special activities to  
look forward to:

### Dancing:

Mainstream

Plus

Advance

Challenge

**Intros** to Plus,  
Advance, and  
Challenge

**High Energy and Hot  
Hash** for Mainstream  
and Plus

### Workshops:

Specialty Squares

Hex

Intro to Hex

6-Couple Rectangles

Kaleidoscope

Old Tyme Square Dance  
Calls

Two special hours of  
overseas callers

Special teen dances

## ROUND DANCING

**Daily Round Dance  
workshops/clinics  
will include:**

Intro to Rounds

Hustle

Phase 4 WZ

Phase 3/4 WCS

4 Cha

5/6 Quickstep

4/5 Rumba

5/6 Tango

38 Teacher exhibitions

36 Showcase/teaches,  
one for each dance  
showcased.

There will be a high  
quality of staff and  
teachers. **Roundalab**  
will be held at the  
Convention location  
for the first time in  
many years; it should  
increase the level of  
experienced and  
proficient cuers, which  
will lead to a great round  
dance program at the  
Waco convention!

## CLOGGING

**Why not try out the  
Clogging sessions?**

The Introduction to  
Clogging workshop  
will provide the basic  
steps in clogging and  
will include one-hour  
sessions starting at 9  
a.m. Thursday and  
continuing on Friday  
and Saturday. Day 1  
will feature Lanita  
Hammett from  
Arkansas, who is an  
experienced clogger  
and teacher. On Day 2,  
Jack McFarland will  
pick up where Lanita  
left off and add his  
own style to the basic  
lessons. Day 3 will  
wrap up the  
introductory format  
with Kayla Barton  
introducing some of her  
specialties including  
drag slides, buck and  
flatfoot. No experience  
required.

# Young at Heart to Perform

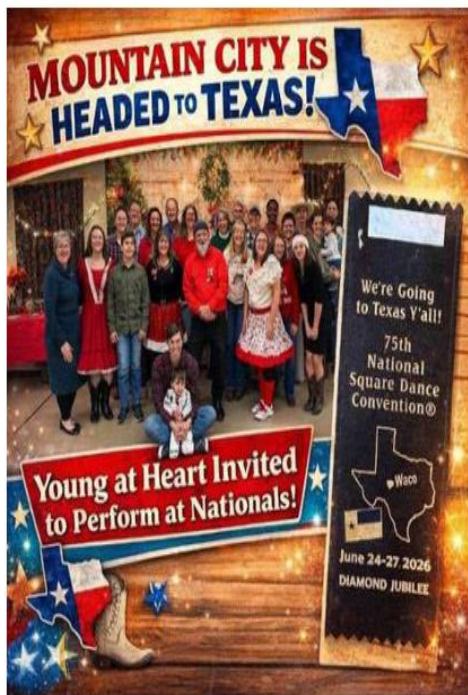
Young at Heart Square and Line Dance Club has been proudly serving the Mountain City, Tenn. area for more than 20 years.

Located in a small Appalachian community in the northeastern corner of the state, Young at Heart has long been committed to preserving and promoting square dancing while welcoming dancers of all ages and experience levels.

Like many clubs, Young at Heart faced significant challenges during the COVID pandemic and came close to closing its doors. Through persistent advertising, community outreach, and dancing throughout Johnson County, we slowly rebuilt our membership and momentum. Today, our club is growing once again and currently has 33 members.

Over the past three years, we have experienced an exciting shift in the age range of our dancers, now spanning from 12 to 80 years old. Our group thrives on high-energy music, enthusiasm, and creativity. Several of our dancers have even choreographed their own moves, adding a unique and personal flair to our dance floor.

We are deeply thankful for the many callers who have shared their time and talent with our club. Special appreciation goes to our club callers, Vic Lenta and Joshua Ransom, who have generously volunteered their time to teach our classes for the past two and a half years, helping guide our club out of financial hardship and into a season of renewed strength and growth.



# Heritage Dancers coming to Waco

The Heritage Dancers promote awareness of the historic and artistic value of square dancing, the folk dance which is truly American in origin. Further, the Heritage Dancers strive to demonstrate through educational exhibitions and entertainment the unique place that square dancing hold in our culture.

The public is generally aware of the variations in ethnic folk arts throughout the world. This is due in part to abundant travel opportunities, education and the "melting pot" nature of our culture.

However, many people are not as well-informed about the richness of the art forms that have originated here and are unique to our nation. Modern Western Square Dancing is a case in point. This, like the people who have contributed to its development, is a product of the cultural variety that makes our country great.

Contributions have been made by English, French, Scottish and Irish settlers; the Spanish and Mexican influence in the Southwest; and by the pioneers, cowboys, miners and ranchers during the Westward movement of the 1800s. Twentieth-century influences came from Henry Ford and Lloyd Shaw, to say nothing of the many innovative callers.



The Heritage Dancers were organized in 1986 by founder and director, Ruth Walker-Hagan, to bring this cultural heritage to the attention of the North American public. Extensive research (pre-internet) resulted in a series of dances performed to authentic music in period-appropriate costumes. The ever-expanding repertoire currently includes about a dozen core routines dating from the Colonial period up through the 1950's, plus a variety of variations and "spin-off" routines created for different numbers of dancers and for special events.

The Heritage Dancers have performed at many U.S. National Square Dance Conventions, three Canadian Square Dance Conventions, multiple USA West Square Dance Conventions, a variety of State Conventions and Festivals, and various local community events. We look forward to these many opportunities to bring history to life through square dancing.

# Quilt Trip

My dear husband, Art, is muttering about the best route from St. Louis to Waco using his trusty 1999 Rand McNally atlas along with cell phone apps. “Grumble, grumble.” “What dear?” I ask in my sweetest voice. “What do you mean that we only have a week for the round trip? I NEED to find quilt shops.” Art did that snort thing before mansplaining geography and the space/time continuum. We came to an agreement, which in Wanda terms means visiting quilt shops before my Discover card melts.

I also rationalize going to quilt shops because I get inspiration for dance skirts. Skirts we have made with quilting fabric include Milwaukee’s red spinner, black and white for Evansville and Shreveport’s yellow and blue. Who knows what fabric I will choose next?

To that end I am sharing a few quilt shops in Texas that I would like to visit.

In the Dallas/Fort Worth area, you can find Quilt Country. The recently renovated shop is a riot of color from solids to large floral Kaffe Fassett. I noticed a cat print batik that has a place in my cat collection.

There are so many shops in the Greater Houston area that it is difficult to choose just one. Houston hosts the International Quilt Festival yearly, bringing thousands of enthusiasts inspiring lots of browsing. Tea Times Quilting is a shop with a broad range of fabrics to please most quilters.



This applique quilt is one of Wanda's. It is all batiks with a hand-dyed border.

# Quilt Trip

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San Antonio and Katy, a suburb of Houston, are homes to Sew Special. The Katy store offers lots of classes and fabric to suit. Almost anything a quilter might want can be found there, including mail orders, at the San Antonio site.

I looked at the famous football rivalry towns, Austin and College Station. A wide range of fabrics and quilting services are offered at the Austin shop, Honey Bee Quilt Store. College Station has a shop that looks like fun, Sew Much Class.

I have to say that Waco has several shops from which to choose. I noticed that the Heritage Quilt Barn is on the way to West, which is famous for kolaches. Heritage Quilt Barn has fabrics from traditional to modern and everything in between. If you can't get to any other shop, this one looks interesting.

Please visit our convention vendor who deals in quilts: [www.quiltedb.com](http://www.quiltedb.com)



Art's pieced king-sized quilt with black squares. Yes, those black squares are 1 inch and the corners meet.



Wanda wears her Spinner skirt, which she made when she and husband Art were Assistant General Chairman at the Milwaukee national convention. Here they're receiving a special thank-you gift.

# Need Information?

*We're going to Texas y'all! Information is easy to find and we have several options!*

**1. Visit the convention website at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com).** It's full of forms, links, special events, hotel details and tour information... all the details you need to plan your visit to the 75th NSDC at the Waco Convention Center to be held June 24-27, 2026.

**2. Follow us on Facebook for news and events.**

**3. Subscribe to (it's free) and read *National Squares e-Magazine*.** Each edition contains the who, what, where and when of the 75th NSDC. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and scroll down to enter your name and email, then hit send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.

**4. Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee convention in Waco at [www.75nsdctx.com/register/](http://www.75nsdctx.com/register/).** You can either download a form to complete and email or send via regular mail, or to make it even easier you can complete the online form directly within the website. Don't forget to make your hotel reservation, some hotels are already sold out, but there are still plenty of options for lodging and even camping.

**5. This year at the 75th NSDC, all registrants will have access to a free Convention App.** The app will be released in May prior to the convention for download, watch Facebook and the e-Magazine for an announcement on its availability. A class will also be offered during the convention on how to use the app, if needed. The Convention App is a handy tool and will have all the up-to-date schedules, last minute schedule changes, event information, restaurants, the sights of Waco, safety information, and all the details of the 75th NSDC. Join our mascot, Armie the Armadillo, in the Waco Convention Center!



*The team of the 75th NSDC looks forward to your attendance at the spectacular Diamond Jubilee. It's an event not to be missed!*

# Solo Dancers Are Vital to Us!



Solo dancers will be a vibrant and visible part of our 75th National Square Dance Convention®. When you arrive in Waco, be sure to pick up your complimentary **Ask Me to Dance** ribbon at check-in. It's a simple way to connect—whether you meet a partner in one of the halls before you square up or during the special dance held in honor of our solo dancers.

All of this is being coordinated by our Solo Director, Jan Albers, former president of both the Houston Square and Round Dance Council and the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers. As the ambassador to our solo dancer community, Jan will complete more than 1,000 official visitations in 2026, dancing two to five nights each week. Her dedication has earned her more than 1,000 friends and contacts across the country—people she proudly calls her “family.”

What keeps her inspired? In Jan's words: “I am happy to be a square dancer, and just the friendship and love of my fellow square dancers is more than sufficient.”

Join Jan in Waco and experience the Texas hospitality, warmth and camaraderie that will make our convention unforgettable!

# Exciting Youth Activities

Dear Parents,

As we gear up for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®, we want to extend a warm welcome to all the families joining us in celebrating this milestone event! While we will not have a dedicated youth room this year, we want to assure you that there will be **plenty of fun, engaging and age-appropriate activities** planned specifically for our teen dancers.

Our goal is to make this convention a memorable experience for dancers of all ages. Here's a glimpse of what your youth can look forward to:

- **Youth-focused dance sessions:** Specially scheduled square and round dance sessions tailored for youth, with energetic callers and cuers who know how to keep the floor lively and fun.
- **Workshops and skill-building:** Opportunities for youth to improve their dancing skills, learn new moves, and even try out calling in a supportive environment.
- **Games and icebreakers:** Between dance sessions, we'll have organized games and social activities to help youth connect, make friends and have fun.
- **Youth parade and performances:** A chance for youth to shine! Whether it's participating in a themed parade or showcasing their talents, there will be moments to celebrate their energy and creativity.
- **Mentorship and community:** Older youth and young adult dancers will be on hand to help



guide and support younger participants, creating a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

## Why bring your youth?

Square dancing is more than just a fun activity—it's a community. By bringing your youth to the convention, you're giving them the chance to build lifelong friendships, gain confidence and leadership skills, and be part of a vibrant, intergenerational tradition.

We're committed to making this a safe, joyful, and enriching experience for all our young dancers. So, pack those dancing shoes and get ready for an unforgettable time at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®!

If you have any questions or would like more details about youth programming, feel free to reach out to our Youth Coordinator, Kati Raleigh, at [yodelergirl@yahoo.com](mailto:yodelergirl@yahoo.com).

# Hungry at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®?

*Check out these options!*

## WACO CONVENTION CENTER

Slovacek's will be the exclusive caterer inside the Waco Convention Center in the kiosk area on the upper level. Slovacek's will also be the caterer for the Malpass Brothers event Wednesday night during the convention. In the kiosk area, shop Slovacek's for a variety of hot sandwiches, kolaches (meat, fruit or cream cheese filled and a Texas favorite), salads, chips, bottled water and fudge. Exact menu and pricing has not yet been announced. For information on Slovacek's visit: <https://www.slovacek.com/>. Note the Waco Convention Center is primarily a cashless venue, accepting credit cards, debit cards and mobile payments like Apple Pay or Google Pay for services. Bring a card for payments at concessions or vendor booths as it is designed to speed up transactions.



## CONVENTION HOTELS

Both the convention's host hotel, Hilton Waco (connected to the Waco Convention Center), and the dance leader hotel, Courtyard by Marriott (across the street from the convention center on the Washington Avenue side), will offer specials and buffets in their respective restaurants during the convention. For general information go to <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/actwhhf-hilton-waco/dining/> and <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/wcoyc-courtyard-waco/dining/>. During the convention, you can check the dining rooms in both hotels for specials.

## AREA RESTAURANTS

There are numerous restaurants and bistros just across Franklin Avenue from the convention center offering a variety of foods to please the tastebuds. Many others are within an easy few blocks walking distance.

Check for food signs inside the Waco Convention Center and check the 75th NSDC's Convention App (available in May) for the most up-to-date information as details are subject to change. Looking for suggestions or help with directions? Stop by the 75th NSDC's Information Booth.

**Sign up for the 75th NSDC at <https://75nsdctx.com>.**

*June 24-27, 2026*

# Great Waco Restaurants

## Waco Downtown Dining Guide



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RED HERRING

- 1424 Bistro**  
1424 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Alpha Omega Grill & Bakery**  
929 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Bangkok Royale**  
215 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701
- Barnett's Whiskey House & Restaurant**  
420 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Bertie's on the Rooftop at Hotel 1928**  
701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Billy Bob's Burgers**  
500 S 2nd St Suite 102, Waco, TX 76701
- Brazos Bar & Bistro at Hotel Indigo**  
211 Clay Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Brazos Grille at the Hilton**  
115 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701
- The Brazos Landing**  
1001 35 N Frontage Rd, Waco, TX 76704
- Cafe Cappuccino**  
100 N 6th St #101, Waco, TX 76701
- Cajun Craft**  
601 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Casa Do Brasil**  
1001 Webster Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Cha Community**  
1001 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Clay Pot Restaurant**  
416 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Cricketer's Draft House & Grill**  
211 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- D's Mediterranean**  
1503 Colcord Ave, Waco, TX 76707
- DiamondBack's**  
217 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- George's Restaurant & Bar**  
1925 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706
- Harvest on 25th**  
112 N 25th St, Waco, TX 76710
- Health Camp**  
2601 Circle Rd, Waco, TX 76706
- Hecho En Waco Mexican Cuisine**  
500 S 6th St b, Waco, TX 76701
- Jake's Texas Tea House**  
615 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Jasper's BBQ**  
105 Clifton St, Waco, TX 76704
- Jorge's Cantina**  
4225 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710
- J-Petal & Poké Waco**  
315 S Univ. Parks Dr #120, Waco, TX 76701
- Kim's Diner**  
2600 W Waco Dr, Waco, TX 76710
- Kitok Restaurant**  
1815 N 18th St, Waco, TX 76707
- La Fiesta**  
3815 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710

- Magnolia Table**  
2152 S Valley Mills Dr, Waco, TX 76706
- Maria Mescaleria**  
724 Austin Ave Ste 102, Waco, TX 76701
- Milo All Day**  
1020 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Ninfa's**  
220 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Opal's Oysters**  
228 S 8th St Suite B, Waco, TX 76701
- Pignetti's**  
401 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76706
- Pivovar Brewery & Restaurant**  
520 S 6th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Portofino's Italian Restaurant**  
725 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Red Herring at Hotel Herringbone**  
519 S 4th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Revival East Side Eatery**  
704 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Sagrado Cocina and Bar**  
215 S Univ. Parks Dr Site. 107, Waco, TX 76701
- Saucee's Southern Style Eatery**  
719 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Segovia Wine Bar - Tapas**  
300 S 6th St Suite F, Waco, TX 76701
- Schmaltz's Sandwich Shoppe**  
105 S 5th St #2102, Waco, TX 76701
- Shorty's Pizzo Shack**  
1712 S 12th St, Waco, TX 76706
- Slow Rise on the Brazos**  
1620 N M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Waco, TX 76704
- Southern Roots Brewery**  
219 N 8th St, Waco, TX 76701
- Street Dog Cafe**  
406 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Teriyaki Park**  
220 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Terry Black's BBQ - Waco**  
228 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701
- The BLVD Steakhouse at Cambria Hotel**  
110 S MLK Jr Blvd, Bldg A, Waco, TX 76704
- The Brasserie at Hotel 1928**  
701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- The Olive Branch**  
215 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701
- Tony DeMaria's Bar-B-Que**  
1000 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704
- Tru Jamaica**  
957 Taylor St, Waco, TX 76704
- Twisted Root Burger Co.**  
801 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76706
- Union Hall - Food Hall**  
720 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701
- Vitek's**  
1600 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706

# Specialty Restaurants

## IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

### Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries

Waco has a number of eateries which feature menu options.

#### ALPHA OMEGA GRILL & bakery

- Veggie and vegan gyros and appetizers.
- 929 Franklin Avenue

#### BAKED BLISS

- Wide range of gluten-free options, from bacon-cheddar scones to blueberry muffins to shortbread.
- 1114 North 15th Street

#### BANGKOK ROYAL

- A literal ton of veggie and vegan Thai options on the menu.
- 215 South University Parks Drive
- THE BLASIAN ASIAN
- Order tofu as your protein for veggie/vegan option
- 720 Franklin (Union Hall)

#### CAFE CAPPUCCINO

- 100 North 6th Street / 903 Hewitt Drive / 1101 Richland Drive

#### CHEDDAR BOX

- 601 Webster Avenue

#### CLAY POT

- 416 Franklin Avenue

#### CURRY UP & WOK THIS WAY

- Features two vegan curry options and a vegetable stir fry!
- 720 Franklin Avenue (Union Hall)

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# IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

## Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries



### D'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

- Vegetarian and vegan options.
- 1503 Colcord Avenue

### FREEBIRDS WORLD BURRITO

- Featuring veggie protein and Beyond Meat protein.
- 120 North New Road

### GEORGE'S RESTAURANT

- 1925 Speight Avenue / 1201 Hewitt Drive

### HAT CREEK BURGER COMPANY

- All sides, from french fries to fried pickles, are gluten-free. GF bun available.
- 103 Archway Drive (off of Highway 84 in Woodway)

### HARVEST ON 25TH

- Variety of vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.
- 112 North 25th Street

### J-PETAL

- All their crepes are gluten-free.
- 315 South University Parks Drive, Ste 120

### MOD PIZZA

- Offering loads of vegetarian options for pizza, as well as a "gluten-friendly" crust, made on the same serving line as gluten-unfriendly crusts.
- 1015 S North (I know) Jack Kuitgen Expressway

### OLIVE BRANCH CAFE

- 215 South 2nd Street

### POPPA ROLLO'S PIZZA

- Gluten-free crusts (that don't taste like gluten-free crusts).
- 703 North Valley Mills Drive / 1201 Hewitt Drive #214

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# IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

## Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries

### SAFFRON

- Plenty of vegan and vegetarian options!
- 2305 Marketplace Drive

### SLOW RISE SLICE HOUSE

- Vegan Cheese and Gluten-Free / Cauliflower Crusts available.
- 7608 Woodway Drive

### TERIYAKI PARK

- 220 South 2nd Street.

### TERRY & JO'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Waco natural groceries? Whether you like sandwiches or burritos, Terry & Jo's is the place for vegan and gluten-free whether for something in-store or to-go.
- 1121 Speight Avenue

### TOM'S BURGERS

- Offers gluten-free buns
- 6818 Sanger Avenue

### TORCHY'S TACOS

- 801 South 5th Street

### TWISTED ROOT BURGER COMPANY

- Veggie and Vegan Burger options
- 801 South 2nd Street

### VITEK'S

- It's not really vegan, or vegetarian, but gluten-free some options.
- 1600 Speight Avenue



<https://www.wacowise.com/veggievggf>

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CALLERLAB <i>Teresa Berger</i>	Greenwood, IN (785) 783-3665 info@callerlab.org
CTP (Caller Teaching Programs) <i>John Carlton</i>	San Antonio, TX (210) 269-2445 john_r_carlton@hotmail.com
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Sew-Em-Up Fashions <i>Nancy and Tom Pustinger</i>	Roebuck, SC (864) 978-3984 nancy1tom@att.net
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Southern Belle Designs <i>Sissy and Tim Tyl</i>	White Oak, TX (903) 738-5591 sissy@timtyl.com
Eva's Petticoats <i>Tammy May</i>	Paragould, AR (870) 215-1576 evaspetticoats@gmail.com
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3 Crafty Sisters <i>Valerie Cleveland</i>	Greenville, TX (903) 268-5648 valerie.3craftysisters@gmail.com

Shop these amazing vendors who have signed up for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> in the Waco Convention Center. The vendor area will be closed Wednesday, June 24 for setup and will open Thursday, June 25. Find a new skirt, petticoat, dance shoes, western shirt, a one-of-a-kind bolo or custom piece of jewelry, pick from a selection of convention-themed badges or create your own, browse items for your home and more!

# What is Round Dance?

Many square dancers also enjoy round dancing, so you'll find plenty of round dance sessions at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. If you're new to round dancing, here's a quick introduction:

Round dancing is a form of choreographed ballroom dance, where couples move in a counter-clockwise circle around the floor. Every step is pre-written on a cue sheet and called out in real time by a cuer, allowing all dancers to stay in sync.

Popular round dance rhythms include two step, waltz, foxtrot, cha-cha, rumba, tango, and salsa. Each dance figure is assigned a difficulty level by Roundalab, the international organization that sets standards for round dancing.



# Learn to Trash Dance!

Trash Dancing is one of our new classes at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC.

Billy Grimsley, Charlie Whisner and Tim Austin, Trash Dancers extraordinaire, will be your instructors for this class.

Trash Dancing consists of short, stylish additions inserted between the square dance

calls – never replacing them and never messing anybody up. It is about fun, syncopation and musicality while staying on time and rhythm, as well as respecting the caller and the square.

Trash Dancing helps clubs grow! Smiles drive retention, creativity welcomes new dancers, and video-friendly moments help clubs showcase and recruit online.

Come check out the Trash Dancing class at the Waco convention and discover the Trash Dance Society too.



# Go Fund Me for Contra Musicians



As an ancestor of modern square dancing, Contra dancing shares many similarities but also has many differences. A Contra dance has a caller, but the focus is on the music rather than the caller. A Contra caller may call the repeating sequence of a Contra dance about five or six times, by then the dancers have memorized it and the caller can drop out to let dancers just enjoy each other and the vibrant traditional music.

We can thank immigrants from England, Scotland, Ireland and France who brought their traditional dances and music instruments to New England. French Canadian influences were mixed in, and the dance style became rowdy and boisterous, and the delightful dances spread throughout the U.S. Most modern Contra dance groups will only dance to live music because of the incredible energy created by a Contra Band, which can consist of two musicians to 30!

There are many active Contra groups in the U.S. They can be found by consulting [www.cdss.org](http://www.cdss.org). We'll see you in the Contra Hall at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®.

Help bring live Contra music to the Waco and Loveland conventions using the Go Fund Me codes below.

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Funds are collected by  
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For more info contact Lissa at  
[Contralabfinance@gmail.com](mailto:Contralabfinance@gmail.com)

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## Some of the Contra Callers you'll Meet at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC



**Rich Goss**  
Vancouver, WA

Rich Goss is another highly experienced contra caller who has traveled across the United States. He is in demand for calling at major contra weekends. Also a choreographer, we'll enjoy some of his contra creations.



Betsy Gotta is at every National Square Dance Convention, both in the Contra Hall and calling squares. She instructs clearly with a terrific sense of humor.

**Betsy Gotta**  
North Brunswick, NJ



**Seth Tepfer**  
Decatur, GA

Seth is one of our nationally-known contra callers. He is often the "headliner" at major contra-dance weekends and is renowned for teaching dances quickly and well. He has choreographed many fun and interesting dances, and calls English Country Dance as well as contra dances.



**Marc Airhart**  
Austin, TX

Marc's profession as a Science Communicator has trained him to use his skills in calling contra dances. Known for his high energy, he chooses dances that are delightful and interesting. Marc is in demand as a caller throughout Texas.

**Deanna Palumbo**  
Knoxville, TN

A familiar face and voice at the NSDC Contra Hall, Deanna's energy lifts you right up on the stage with her. A clear instructor, she is able to bring the enthusiasm in the hall to a fever pitch, while her melodious voice makes every dancer confident.



## More of the Contra Callers you'll Meet at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC



Barb Smith has significant experience calling contra dances for square dancers. She has helped organize the contra dancing at the Texas State Festival for several years. Her kind, lovely voice ensures each dancer understands the moves and does them in time to the music!

**Barbara Smith**  
Houston, TX

**Rosemarie Swanson**  
**Stan Swanson**  
Bryan, TX  
**Lissa Bengtson**  
San Antonio, TX



Retired Texas A&M professors Stan and Rosemarie Swanson call regularly in their hometown of Bryan, TX and frequently in San Antonio. Stan composes computer music as well. In a quiet moment, ask him about reconceptualizing electrodynamics and ask Rosemarie about protein structure predictions. Ask Lissa about cats.

### ALSO...



**Rich MacMath**  
Austin, TX



**John Roby**  
San Antonio, TX



**James Wass**  
Riverdale, MD



**Linda Mrosko**  
Temple, TX



**Gary Chamberlain**  
Warner Robins, GA



**Wayne Weston**  
Canyon Lake, TX

*and Sharon Trimble*  
Easton, PA

# Live Music in the Contra Hall

at the 75th NSDC 7-10 pm

O'Malarkey  
San Marcos, TX



Thursday



Lone Star  
Pirates  
San Antonio, TX

Friday



Laura Brand  
& John Roby

Houston, TX & San Antonio, TX

Saturday



# Contra Clinics at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>

*Join us for exciting contra clinics in the Contra Hall (lower level) inside the Waco Convention Center*

## Introduction to Contra Dancing

Each morning at 10 a.m. there will be a contra clinic called Introduction to Contra Dancing. The basic moves of contra dancing are the same as square dancing, but the focus will be getting used to a long line of couples rather than a square. Long lines “for as many as will” allows greater participation of the entire hall of dancers — as long as a dancer can find one other person to dance, they may join the long line.

Instructors for the Introduction to Contra clinics:

Thursday, June 25 10-11 a.m. Betsy Gotta  
Friday, June 26 10-11 a.m. Deanna Palumbo  
Saturday, June 27 10-11 a.m. Seth Tepfer



## Contra Chestnuts, English Country Dancing and Scottish Country Dancing

From noon to 1 p.m. the Contra Hall will offer three other clinics.

Thursday, June 25 12 – 1 p.m. Contra Chestnuts by Rich Goss  
Friday, June 26 12-1 p.m. English Country Dancing by Lissa Bengtson  
Saturday, June 27 12-1 p.m. Scottish Country Dancing by John Roby

“Contra Chestnuts” will feature the foundational dances that have made contra dancing popular. Some will date to before the Civil War and some may have been written in the past couple of decades. Rich Goss will explain the history and significance of each dance.

Here are a couple of links to examples of “chestnut” dances:

A Chorus Jig - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YG9OWAsUb48>  
Soldier's Joy - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S\\_IyAPAJJ54](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_IyAPAJJ54)

**English Country Dancing** is one of the ancestors of contra dancing and has been enjoyed for hundreds of years. First collected and documented in the 1600's, English Country dances are still created today. We'll be sure to include some from the time of the American Revolution. Lissa Bengtson leads the English Country dance group in San Antonio and produced a delightful “Bridgerton Tea” this past March.

Childgrove - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FmMPEFMwYQ>  
The Duke of Kent's Waltz - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxWLTjRccY>

**Scottish Country Dancing** is also an ancestor of contra dancing. Most Scottish Country dances are done in sets of six or eight dancers, but some are done in long lines. John Roby is the leader of the Bluebonnet Scottish Country Dancers in San Antonio, which sponsors a yearly ball in April with world-famous musicians.

Mrs. Stewart's Jig - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtVJaNDdn8o>  
Tulloch Gorm - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVY95NjXTU>

Check the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC's Mobile App (available in May) for the latest schedules.

**Enjoy dancing to live music?** Stop by the Contra Hall nightly from 7-10 p.m. featuring O'Malarkey from San Marcos, TX, on Thursday, the Lone Star Pirates from San Antonio, TX, on Friday, and Laura Brand and John Roby from Houston and San Antonio, respectively, on Saturday.

*To sign up for the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC, go to: <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>*

# Ghost Riders Band



You will be square dancing in the evenings to the Ghost Riders. The well-known square dance band will back up the square dance callers both musically and vocally!

*75th National Square Dance Convention®*

# Go Fund Me for Ghost Riders

## WANTED GHOST RIDERS BAND

Help Us Swing the Ghost Riders into  
Waco, Texas for a Convention to Remember!

Dancers from all over the world will commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the National Square Dance Convention® June 24-27, 2026. And what's a celebration without the electrifying energy of the Ghost Riders Band?



This fantastic live band brings excitement to our Conventions. Their music accompanied by enthusiastic callers keep dancers swinging and swaying all night long. But we need your help to make it happen.

Donate today to help cover the band's travel and lodging expenses. Every contribution—big or small—helps bring the magic of live music to the dance floor.

TO DONATE GO TO:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ghostriders-band>

NOTE: there is a slide bar at the bottom where you can give gofundme a "tip" for their services.

It is defaulted to a percentage but can be set to zero.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
ALL DONORS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

AFTERPARTY!  
75th NSDC  
Thursday June 25  
Texas South 116-117  
10-11 pm

# TECHNO

## Contra

Dance smooth.  
Dance cool.  
Dance groovy!  
(Recorded, specially edited music)

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**AFTERPARTY**

**Friday June 26**

**10-11 pm**



**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

**Texas South 116-117**

**DANCE HALL/SPJST**

**style dancing.**

**All kinds of polka,**

**schottische, cumbia, waltz,**

**2-step, etc. Recorded music.**





**PLUS**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**  
**SQUARE/ROUND DANCE**

# AFTERPARTY

Masters of Ceremonies:

**Betsy & Roy Gotta**

*Dance to your long-time  
favorites. and  
discover new favorites. too!*

The **ARTS**

*The Alliance of Round,  
Traditional and Square-Dance, Inc.*  
<https://www.arts-dance.org>

**June 27th, 2026**  
**10:00 to 11:00 pm**  
**McLennan Hall #3**

# Sew & Save Program

I SEW!

SEW NO!

I'd Like to Try!

I Have 2 Left Thumbs!

I'm the Crafty Type!



## Anyone can participate in the Sew & Save Program

### Hilton Hotel, First Floor, Brazos Rooms A & C

Thursday & Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday from 10:00 AM to Noon

<p><b>Sewing Demonstrations and Seminars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Classes and demonstrations are facilitated by volunteer dancers for dancers!</li> <li>❖ Check the daily program books or the convention app for the schedule</li> </ul>	<p><b>Make &amp; Take Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Walk away with a craft item to take home.</li> <li>❖ Bluebonnets, Bolo Ties &amp; Plns, Boot Noodles and Turtles.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pattern and Tracing Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Stop by to trace patterns you can take home.</li> <li>❖ Skirts, sleeves, men's ties, and more</li> </ul>	<p><b>Displays</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Ideas for creative square dance clothing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Raffles and Silent Auction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Raffles on Thursday and Friday for sewing tools, gift baskets, and handmade items</li> <li>❖ Win an antique Singer Featherweight sewing machine OR one of two sewing machines during the Silent Auction on Thursday and Friday</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sew &amp; Save Booklet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ LOTS of Ideas, patterns, directions, presentations, and more!</li> <li>❖ Available for purchase as a USB drive or link to a downloadable file (Pre-purchase through registration or buy onsite at Ways &amp; Means)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Free Table</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Donated fabric, yarn, patterns, and trims available to go to a new home</li> </ul>	<p><b>Service Project – Mastectomy Aprons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Patterns are pre-cut- All you have to do is sew!</li> <li>❖ Earn danglers and a charm</li> </ul>

# Sew and Save at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC

Enjoy these Sew and Save classes at the  
75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®  
in the Waco Convention Center on June 24-27, 2026

## SEWING 101

This class is for people who are new to sewing.

## MAKE IT YOURS

Resale items can be turned into works of art by your creativity. Make a t-shirt into a one-of-a-kind top by adding lace, fabric, or trim. Make a plain shirt unique by adding appliques, lace, or trim. Make a crew neck into a V-neck, a must for some of us.

## TABLECLOTH SKIRTS

Did you know you can turn a tablecloth into an attractive square dance skirt? It is possible! Let Carol show you how to do it during this informative class.

## SEWING 102

This class is for people who already know how to sew. It will cover how to read a pattern, adjust it for your body proportions, and how to properly cut out fashion.

## PUTTING A YOKE ON A NON-YOKE SHIRT

Learn how to turn a normal dress shirt into a fancy square dance shirt by adding a yoke to it. The shirts you make will be



more unique and personalized than any of you could buy at a store.

## ADDING TO IT

This class will show you how to take any outfit and make it unique and something you really love simply by adding a little something extra to it, like your favorite design, bling, or beads. The list is endless.

*Make sure to check the 75th NSDC's Convention App (available for download in May) for dates and locations.*



Sign up for the National Convention and help  
celebrate the Diamond Jubilee at

<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

# And We Have a Winner!

## Five Ways to Win in Sew and Save

### Make and Take Your Own Special Prizes.

Sew and Save is offering four classes where you can make your own “prizes” to take home. These prizes include boot noodles, Texas-specific bolo ties and pins, bluebonnet necklaces or dangles with beads, and little turtle charms that move. Check the Sew and Save class listings to find out dates and times of these classes.

**Participate in the Community Project (mastectomy aprons)** and win charms, dangles, and possibly a charm bracelet.

**Win prizes in the Sew and Save Brown Bag Raffle.** Simply take the Sew and Save flyer in your 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC registration packet to Sew and Save in the Hilton Hotel, Brazos Room C, and receive two

days’ worth of brown bag raffle tickets. Check out all the items being raffled (including gift baskets, sewing tools, handmade items, and assorted other prizes) and place the appropriate tickets for that day in the bag corresponding to the items you would like to win. There will be two drawings, one on Thursday (winners posted Friday morning) and one on Friday (winners posted Saturday morning). There will be different raffle items each day.

**Silent Auction for Sewing Machines.** There will be three sewing machines to bid on in the Silent Auction: two gently used Brother sewing machines and one antique Singer Featherweight Sewing machine. Just write your name and bid amount on the Silent Auction bid sheet. Keep checking back to see if someone else has placed a higher bid so you have the chance to increase your bid. The highest bid at 5 p.m. on Thursday will get one of the Brother sewing machines. The highest bids for the Singer Featherweight machine and the other Brother machine at 5 p.m. on Friday will be the winners of those machines.

### Items on the Free Table

If you aren’t feeling lucky enough to win in the Brown Bag Raffle or Silent Auction, just step over to the free table and take whatever items you can’t live without.



**Make your own Boot Noodles**

# Sew Mastectomy Aprons

Would you like a charm, dangles and a charm bracelet from Sew and Save at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC in Waco? If so, participate in the Mastectomy Apron Community Project! Just complete one apron and you will receive a charm. Individuals completing five aprons will get a red dangle plus the one-apron charm. Those completing 10 aprons will be given a blue dangle in addition to the charm and red dangle. If you make more than 10 aprons, you will receive a charm bracelet along with the charm and two dangles. To facilitate getting a lot of aprons made, the fabric will be precut so all you have to do is sew!

There will be multiple sewing machines set up in the Sew and Save workroom for anyone who would like to participate in this worthwhile project. Just check in at the Sew and Save front desk and tell them you want to help with the Mastectomy Apron Community Project, and someone will show you what to do.

The Mastectomy Apron project was started at the 72<sup>nd</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Mobile, AL. These “aprons” carry the bag that surgical tubes drain into following a mastectomy. All aprons created in Waco will be donated to the Pretty in Pink Foundation, which ensures that quality lifesaving medical treatment is available to breast cancer patients.



# Fun Things to Do at the 75th NSDC

## Sew & Save - Make a Bolo Tie



What says “Texas” more than boots and bolo ties? We aren’t making boots, but the Sew and Save Committee is giving you the opportunity to make your own unique Texas bolo tie or decorative pin.

We have all sorts of little Texas-related doodads along with some “bling” for you to choose from. These are simply glued to the “slide” part of the bolo (provided).

Your one-of-a-kind bolo will be a great reminder of the wonderful time you had in Waco at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®.

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## Visit the Organization Showcase

Are you interested in finding out more about some of the organizations that support and make the National Square Dance Convention® possible? If so, please visit the Organization Showcase at our Waco convention.

Organizations that have been invited include Contralab, Callerlab, Roundalab, ARTS, United Square Dancers of America (USDA), National Square Dance Campers, and American Callers Association. Please note that the former Showcase of Ideas has now changed over to the Organization Showcase.



Join in the 75th NSDC fun, register at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com)  
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# Make and Take Classes

The Sew and Save rooms are not all about sewing. There will also be cute crafts to make:

## Bluebonnets

Make a bluebonnet dangle or necklace with beads.

## Bolo Ties and Pins

What says “Texas” more than boots and bolo ties? We aren’t making boots but the Sew and Save Committee is giving you the opportunity to make your own Texas Bolo Tie or decorative pin. We have all sorts of little Texas related do-dads along with some “bling” for you to choose from. Your one-of-a-kind bolo will be a great reminder of the wonderful time you had in Waco at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®.

## Boot Noodles

In this workshop, participants will be given all the supplies and instructions to complete a set of two Boot Noodles. These wonderful creations will keep your boots standing tall for years to come.

## Turtle Charms

In this class you will create a little turtle charm that actually moves. You will put



a pin through a donut bead and turtle bead, then attach them to jump rings, so that the turtle glides off and on the donut bead – as if it is resting on a life preserver and then moving off for a swim.

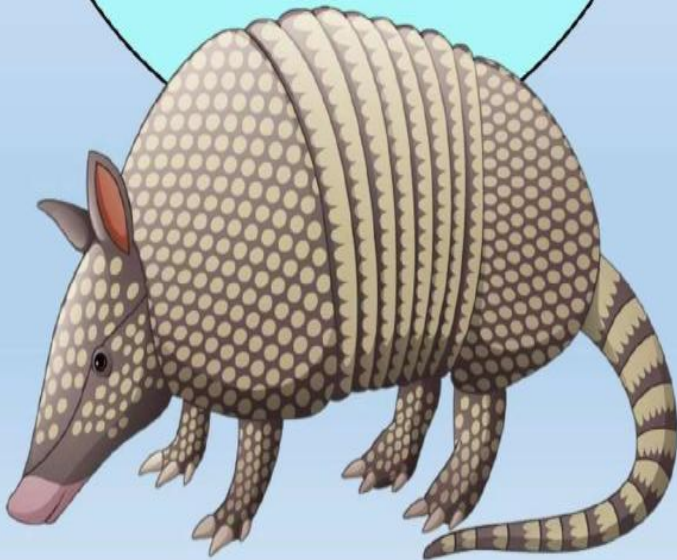
## Last Chance Make and Takes

If you missed one of the Make and Takes, or if you want to make another item you already made, come to this class and use the remaining supplies to make whatever you want, and you will receive a different dangle AND a charm bracelet on which you can put your dangle and other charms.

# ARCHIVE ROOM

**A BLAST FROM THE PAST**  
at the 75th National Square  
Dance Convention in June 2026  
in Waco, Texas!

Stop by the Archive Room to  
see a remarkable treasure  
trove of old and newer  
program books, convention  
badges, belt buckles and other  
square dance memorabilia!



# NEC Archive Room



One of the highlights of the Archive Room is a small square quilt from 1970. This special quilt features the signatures of many past and current callers, with each square lovingly crafted to honor their contributions. The quilt stands as a testament to the enduring spirit and camaraderie of the community.

The NEC Archive Room offers a fascinating glimpse into the rich history of the national convention. Visitors will find a variety of memorabilia and artifacts that celebrate the legacy and traditions of this event.

# Convention Badges



You'll want to stop by the NEC Archive Room, which will feature 74 national convention name tags arranged across three display cases.

These items, along with the cases, were donated by square dancers Jack and Peggy Smith and Marvin Fishman, all of whose contributions highlight the history and spirit of square dancing.

Marvin Fishman, a longtime attendee of national conventions, is expected to join the upcoming convention in Waco this June.



Marvin Fishman

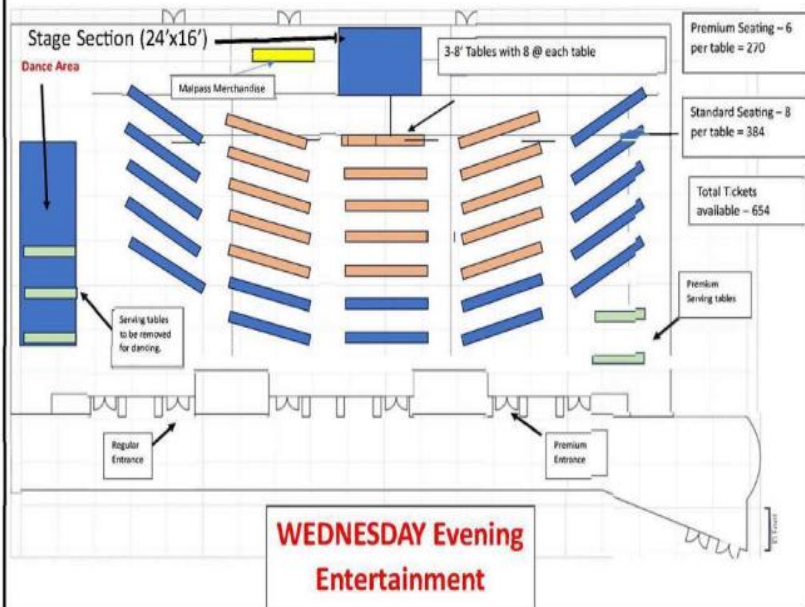
# Malpass Brothers Concert



**The Wednesday night dinner and Special Event with  
The Malpass Brothers is officially \* SOLD OUT \*.**

# Did you buy tickets for the 75th NSDC's Wednesday Night Special Event? Seeking information for planning your arrival?

## McLennan Hall Setup for Wednesday Night Special Event



The Wednesday Night Special Event featuring a catered BBQ Beef or Grilled Chicken dinner and a performance of The Malpass Brothers (which is now SOLD OUT) will be held Wednesday, June 24, in McLennan Hall on the upper level inside the Waco Convention Center. Ticketholders purchased either Standard or Premium seating. You may begin lining up at 4 p.m. Dinner to be served starting at 4:30 p.m. The Malpass Brothers Show begins at 5:15 p.m. The diagram shows the location of the hall entrances, stage, and seating chart. Each brown bar on the diagram (Premium seating) or blue bar (Standard seating) represent three separate tables. Seating will be on a first come basis, according to Standard or Premium tickets.

*You're in for a great meal and fantastic show, see you in Waco!*

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# ORGANIZATIONAL ROUNDTABLE


## TOPIC: Implementation of the Proposal

Explore how the new program format being implemented by the International Association of Square Dance Callers (CALLERLAB) will benefit callers, dancers, clubs & more

DATE:  
Thursday,  
June 25, 2026

TIME:  
11:15 a.m.  
-12:45 p.m.

LOCATION:  
McLennen Room #3  
Waco Convention Center

Register for the 75<sup>th</sup> National  
Square Dance Convention®  
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>  
or scan the QR Code 

We're Going to Texas Ya'!!!

# Is Graduation in Your Future?

The Leadership Certification Program is designed to help dancers become better leaders. The program enriches a dancer's knowledge of relevant issues facing our pastime, provides information and materials to assist in promoting an interest in dancing, and suggests ideas and strategies to help deal with local club challenges.

Requirements for LCP Certification

- **MANDATORY SESSIONS**  
(Keynote Address and Bid Session)
- **FOUR CORE SESSIONS**
- **TWO ELECTIVE SESSIONS**

**Upon completion, you will receive:**

- An LCP Graduate dangle with a rhinestone in the eye of the armadillo
- A graduation certificate in a beautiful certificate holder
- Admiration of other dancers for the knowledge and leadership abilities you now have

**Upon partial completion, you will receive:**

- An LCP Attendee dangle that signifies you are in the process of completing the LCP Program



**Remember, the more classes you take, the more diamonds of knowledge you hold.**

75th National Square Dance Convention®

# EDUCATION PROGRAM

**“The more classes you take, the more diamonds of knowledge you hold!”**

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“It’s Been 75 Years: Why Change Now?”

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 10:00 AM

Convention Center-McLennan Hall

## ORGANIZATIONS ROUND TABLE

“From Vision to Reality: Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change”

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 10:15–11:30AM

Convention Center - McLennan Hall

## LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Build Your Skills as a Club or Organization Leader

Check-in at the Education Check-In Desk

Hilton Hotel on the First Floor Hallway Between Brazos Ballroom and the Education Rooms

## EDUCATION PANELS AND SEMINARS

Check the Program Book or the Convention App for the Schedule and Descriptions

Hilton Hotel on the First Floor – Lavaca, Sabine, and Guadalupe Rooms

## SEW & SAVE PROGRAM

Check the Program Book or the Convention App for Schedule and Activities

Hilton Hotel on the First Floor – Brazos Rooms A and C

## SHOWCASE OF ORGANIZATIONS

What are National Organizations doing to promote square dancing?

Located in the very wide inside hallway that backs up to McLennan 209.

Glass windows are on the other side of the hallway.

## NEC ARCHIVES ROOM

Explore the history of our national square dance event!

Convention Center, Main Floor in Lone Star Room 105



# 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC's Leadership Certification Program

Interested in being a leader or learning to be a better one? Then the Leadership Certification Program is for you! The program can easily be completed during a single National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> (NSDC) but you can take up to four years to finish. Upon completion you will receive a Certificate of Completion and a LCP dangle to proudly wear on your badge.

The Leadership Certification Program (LCP) consists of two mandatory classes, four core sessions, and two electives for a total of eight hours. There are around 43 hours of dancing and other activities during any NSDC so, if you start and finish the LCP, you will still have around 35 hours to enjoy everything the Convention has to offer. However, if you are someone who loves taking classes, you can take as many as you wish as long as you get the basic number of each category completed.

The Mandatory Sessions include the Bid Session and the Keynote address. The Bid Session is an exciting presentation given by a state that wants to host an upcoming National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>. The presentation highlights many of the attractions in that city as well as providing information about the proposed venue. The second mandatory class is the Keynote Address given by a prominent member of the square or round dance community and addresses a timely and pertinent issue within the community. The Keynote Speeches can be so inspiring that participants leave with the knowledge they can make a difference.

Core Classes provide the participants with knowledge for effective administration of a square dance club or organization. These classes include insurance, using social media effectively, how to become a 501c3 organization, educational/informational pamphlets and videos available to clubs, various support organizations such as United Square Dancers of America (USDA), ARTS, and CALLERLAB as well as important topics of the current year.

Elective Classes cover a wide range of topics. Previous electives included seminars to help new callers build their skills, how to recruit and retain dancers, a slide presentation on the next year's convention, as well as seminars on making colorful and effective flyers, competition and exhibition square dancing, and histories of contra and square dancing.

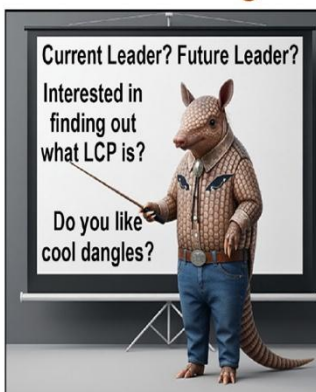
We are offering many new classes during the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> in Waco, TX. They are in the planning stage at this time so check the monthly e-Magazine, Facebook, or the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC website, [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com), to see the new classes we have to offer.

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Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>



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DIAMOND JUBILEE

Questions about the LCP or any of the Education classes can be sent to either the Assistant Education Chairman who is also in charge of the LCP, Everett Kelly at [ekelly1948@yahoo.com](mailto:ekelly1948@yahoo.com), or Education Chairman, Brooke Peters, at [kbrokepeters@gmail.com](mailto:kbrokepeters@gmail.com). Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/> or scan the QR Code.



**75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® Education Program**  
Everything that glitters is not gold (or diamonds) - It's Education!

**Current and  
Future  
Leaders**

**Leadership  
Certification  
Program  
(LCP)**

**Clubs &  
Associations**

*Would you like to build your skills to become a better leader?*

*Are you interested in enriching your knowledge about the operations  
of dance clubs and organizations?*

*Do you need resources to support and promote dancing in your area?*

*Do you need opportunities to exchange ideas with others about  
issues and challenges facing our activity?*

**The Leadership Certification Program may be for you!**

- Sign in and pick up an LCP worksheet at the Education Check-in table
- Attend **Eight (8)** Education Sessions at a National Square Dance Convention®
  - 2** **Mandatory Sessions** (Bid Session and Keynote Address)
  - 4** **Core Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
  - 2** **Elective Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
- Have the volunteer room host in each class initial your worksheet.
- Turn in your worksheet at the Education table to get your completion certificate and dangle! (You have up to four years to complete the program.)
- Go back and apply your new skills and knowledge within your club or organization!



*The more classes you take,  
the more diamonds in your bag!*

**Sign up for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**

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# Things to Learn at the Convention!

## Leadership Classes

- Leadership Toolkit: USDA resources for Club and Organization Leaders
- Who is Insured at Your Dance?
- USDA 501(c)3 Nonprofit Group Exemption Program
- How to Build a Sustainable Club
- Solo Dancers: Are They the Key to Saving Square Dancing?
- Medical Emergency Plan and Intervention - Being Prepared.
- Spice Up Your Dances and Your Club
- Negotiating Caller and Cuer Contracts



## Social Media and Publicity Classes

- Social Media Across Generations
- Facebook and Instagram Basics
- Facebook Events Made Easy: Share Your Dance!
- Marketing Your Club
- Advertising and Marketing in 2026 and Beyond
- Creating Eye-Catching Flyers that People Will Read
- Dramatic Digital Flyers that People Won't Scroll Past



# 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>

## EDUCATION PROGRAM

**June 24-27, 2026**

*Waco Convention Center, Texas*

Visit Our Website to Register and for Convention Details: [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com)

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> Education Program needs you! Volunteers are an essential part of a successful education program. Take a break from dancing for an hour or two and consider helping out in one of these areas.



**We Want YOU!**

- ROOM HOSTS: Education and Sewing Classes (Hilton 3 Rivers Ballroom and Brazos Rooms)**
  - Job Description: Introduce the presenter (from bio provided), count attendees, distribute and collect session evaluation forms, initial Leadership Certification Program participation forms.
  - Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM, or Saturday between 10 AM and 2 PM.
- EDUCATION CHECK-IN DESK (Hall outside Brazos Rooms A&C in the Hilton)**
  - Job Description: Assist with duties such as passing out presenter and room host packets, printing and collating handouts, answering questions about schedules and room locations.
  - Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday between 9:30 AM and 5 PM, Friday between 9:30 AM and 5 PM, or Saturday between 9:30 AM and 2 PM.
- NEC ARCHIVES ROOM (Lone Star Room 105 in Convention Center)**
  - Job Description: Tally visitors, respond to questions about the displays (using provided FAQs).
  - Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 AM and 5 PM or 7 PM and 9 PM; or Saturday between 10 AM and 3 PM.
- DATA ENTRY (Brazos Room B in the Hilton)**
  - Job Description: Enter data and statistics from Education Sessions into an Excel Spreadsheet (such as number of session attendees and results from session evaluation forms).
  - Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 12 PM and 5 PM, or Saturday between 10 AM and 3 PM.

**YES, I would love to help with the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Education Program!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box above next to each area in which you would be willing to volunteer.

Time(s) Available:     Thursday morning     Thursday afternoon     Thursday evening

Friday morning     Friday afternoon     Friday evening     Saturday morning     Saturday afternoon

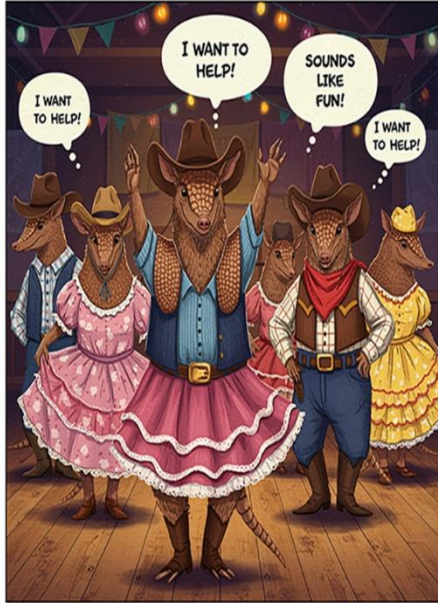
**Return this form to Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman**

**E-mail to [ekelly1948@yahoo.com](mailto:ekelly1948@yahoo.com)**

# The Many Benefits of Volunteering for the NSDC's Education Committee

Come be part of the Education Team for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX, and volunteer for any position that sounds interesting to you! As a volunteer for the Education Committee, you will:

1. Receive a volunteer ribbon that will let everyone know you are volunteering at the Convention.
2. Receive a copy of the Education and Dance schedules as soon as they are finalized (and before they are published).
  - This will allow you to decide what times you are available to volunteer and allow you to sign up for your volunteer slots before convention starts.
3. Receive an individual volunteer orientation when you pick up your volunteer ribbon at the Education check-in desk.
4. Receive a copy of your volunteer schedule (just like the presenters get) if you have signed up for your volunteer slots before convention starts.
5. Receive a “Thank You” gift from the Education Committee.
6. Receive recognition as a volunteer by having your photos on a “volunteer appreciation wall” near the Education Check-In desk. Your name and/or picture may also be listed on Facebook, the e-Magazine or Website as a member of the “Education Committee’s Volunteer Team.”
7. Be able to start and finish the Leadership Certification Program by serving as a Room Host.
8. Be included in Education Committee Zoom meetings if you are interested.



Please contact Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman, at [ekelly1948@yahoo.com](mailto:ekelly1948@yahoo.com), if you are interested in being a volunteer for the Education Committee. Make sure to join us on Facebook for the latest news and events.

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# 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>

## EDUCATION PROGRAM

*The more classes you take, the more diamonds of knowledge you hold!*

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*"It's Been 75 Years: Why Change Now?"*

Thursday, June 25 — 9:30-10 a.m.

Convention Center – McLennan Hall

### ORGANIZATION ROUNDTABLE

*"From Vision to Reality: Success Stories & Strategies for Implementing Change"*

Thursday, June 25 — 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Convention Center – McLennan Hall

### LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

*Build Your Skills as a Club or Organization Leader*

*Daily — Sign up at the Education Check-In Desk*

*Hilton Hotel first floor hallway between Brazos Ballroom & Education Rooms*

### EDUCATION PANELS & SEMINARS

Check Program Book or Convention App for Schedule & Descriptions

Hilton Hotel on the first floor – Brazos Rooms A & C

### SEW & SAVE PROGRAM

Check Program Book or Convention App for Schedule & Activities

Hilton Hotel on the first floor — Brazos Rooms A & C

### SHOWCASE OF ORGANIZATIONS

*What are National Organizations doing to promote square dancing?*

Located inside hallway that backs up to McLennan 209

Glass windows are on the other side of the hallway

### NEC ARCHIVES ROOM

*Explore the history of our national square dance event!*

Convention Center, main floor in Lone Star Room 105

**Don't miss the Diamond Jubilee, Sign up: <https://75nsdctx.com>**

# Education Classes

**Keynote Address: It's Been 75 Years:  
Why Change Now?**

Ted Lizotte (LCP mandatory class)

**Organization Roundtable: From Vision  
to Reality—Success Stories and  
Strategies for Implementing Change**

Ted Lizotte, Theresa Berger, Shawn  
Brown, Mike Seastrom and Jeremy Butler  
(LCP mandatory class)

**Bid Session For Future Conventions**

National Executive Committee  
(LCP mandatory class)

**For Current and  
Future Callers**

**Modular Calling: Your New Best Friend**

Brad Caldwell and Charlie Robertson  
(LCP elective class)

**So You Want to Be a Cuer**

John and Karen Herr (LCP elective class)

**How to Use Music to Better Sell Your  
Dance**

Scott Bennett and Buddy Weaver  
(LCP elective class)

**Dancers: Smoothness, Styling and  
Etiquette**

Dan Sahlstrom and Ted Lizotte  
(LCP elective class)

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the Waco convention June 24-27.

They are open to anyone but have  
the LCP class type at the bottom of  
each listing in case you are going  
through the Leadership Certification  
Program. See full details at  
<http://75nsdc/education-schedule>

**The Mechanics of Great Teaching: How  
to Be an Effective Teacher**

Shauna Kaaria and Jack Pladdys  
(LCP elective class)

**How to Be an Effective Club Caller**

Vernon Jones and Jeremy Butler  
(LCP elective class)

**So You Want to Be a Caller?**

Bear Miller and Tom Davis  
(LCP elective class)

**Basic Sight Calling—Moving Dancers  
from Point A to Point B with Purpose**

Eric Henerlau and Barry Johnson  
(LCP elective class)

**Theme Tips: Teaching Tips, Workshop,  
and Extended Applications for Enjoyable  
Dancing—Patty Greene and Tony  
Oxendine (LCP elective)**

# Education Classes

## Publicity and Promotion

### **Creating Eye-Catching Flyers that People Will Read**

Karen Nace (LCP elective class)

### **Advertising and Marketing in 2026 and Beyond (ARTS)**

Erin Byars (LCP elective)

### **Facebook Events Made Easy: Share Your Dance!**

Thom Dang (LCP core class)

### **Using Facebook and Instagram to Market Square Dancing: Some Basics**

Katie Hubbert with Trent Hubbert (LCP core class)

### **Marketing Your Club: Strategies and Success Stories**

Mike Hogan (LCP core class)

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### **Digital Marketing to Different Generations**

Trent Hubbert with Katie Hubbert (LCP core class)

### **Dramatic Digital Flyers that People Won't Scroll Past**

Karen Nace (LCP elective) (LCP elective class)

# Education Classes

## Potpourri

### **We're in Waco, Y'all: Overview**

Bobby Horner  
(LCP elective class)

### **The ABCs of Hosting a National Square Dance Convention®**

Louis and Angie McClure  
(LCP elective class)

### **Personal Safety: Refuse to be a Victim!**

Manuela Ptacek  
(LCP elective class)

### **Trash Dancing**

Billy Grimsley, Charlie Whisner and Tim Austin  
(LCP elective class)

### **Start Your Engines: Looking Ahead to the 77th NSDC**

Trent and Beth Hubbert  
(LCP elective class)

### **Traveling Squares**

Dave and Heidi Heffron

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(LCP elective)

### **Travel Safety: It's All in Your Head**

Manuela Ptacek (LCP elective class)

### **Heading to the Heart of the Rockies:**

#### **Looking Ahead to the 76th NSDC**

Art and Lilly Hardin  
(LCP elective class)

### **Using Positive Communication to Resolve Negative Situations**

Erin Byars (LCP elective class)

# Education Classes

## Club and Organization Leadership

### **Music Licenses: Know the PROs for Your Event**

Kevin Klein (LCP core class)

### **Leadership Toolkit: USDA Resources for Club and Organization Leaders**

Scott and Sandy Ebright  
(LCP core class)

### **Negotiating Caller Contracts**

Ken Hengst, Mike Seastrom, Jack Pladdys, Mike Kellogg (LCP core class)

### **Who's Insured at Your Dance?**

Elizabeth Sanders (LCP elective)

### **Solo Dancers: Are They the Key to Saving Square Dancing?**

Ri-Shea Schlitter (LCP core class)

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Full details are at

<http://75nsdc/education-schedule>

### **Medical Emergency Plan and Intervention: Being Prepared**

Lorri McIntosh (LCP core class)

### **How to Build a Sustainable Club**

Buddy Weaver (LCP core class)

### **USDA 501(c)3 Nonprofit Group Exemption Program**

Jim Maczko, Pat Inglis, Jim Taylor  
(LCP core class)

### **Creating Community Within Your Club**

Cindy McLaren, Deborah Levin  
(LCP elective class)

*Please Join the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®  
for this Important Educational Roundtable Event*

## **From Vision to Reality: Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change**

Change doesn't happen on paper — it happens in clubs, on the dance floor, and in the community. This roundtable brings together callers and leaders who are already putting the TIPPP Framework into action. Hear real-life success stories from clubs that have made change happen in their local areas and learn practical steps you can take to guide your own dancers and organizations. From navigating the simplified 50-call entry program to using the new teaching order and playbook, panelists will share strategies for building buy-in and helping your dancers thrive. Whether you're leading a small club or part of a large organization, this session offers tools and inspiration to help you carry the Diamond Jubilee spirit forward into a bright future.

*Moderators: Ted Lizotte & Teresa Berger, CALLERLAB*

### **TED LIZOTTE**

Ted Lizotte is Chairman of the Board for CALLERLAB and has been featured at numerous conventions, festivals and dances both nationally and internationally.

Ted learned to square dance in 1988 and began calling the same year. He began teaching classes in the 1990s and has taught beginner calling classes every year since. He became the club caller for Tech Squares of MIT in 1997 and still teaches their 12-week Crash Course. Known for his smooth-flowing choreography and music usage, he calls Beginners through C1.

In 2017, Ted started his own music label and is the owner and producer of Throw Back Tunes and co-owns and produces TOTL Recordings with Tony Oxendine.

From Manchester, NH, Ted has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1991 and earned Accredited Caller Coach designation in 2020. He has served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors since 2018 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2021. He was named CALLERLAB's Chairman of the Board in April 2023.



### **TERESA BERGER**

Teresa Berger grew up in the square dance activity and started calling in 2010. She calls and teaches square dancing through Plus, cues Rounds through Phase III, teaches Line Dances, and records for Rhythm Records.

Teresa is a member of CALLERLAB and a life member of the Indiana Dancers Association (IDA). Teresa currently serves as the Executive Director of CALLERLAB, the International Association of Square Dance Callers, and also as the Executive Secretary for the CALLERLAB Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing.



**Attend the Keynote Address by Ted Lizotte at 9 a.m. entitled "It's Been 75 Years: Why Change Now?"**

As the NSDC celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, be inspired and energized as we look ahead to the future of our activity. This keynote sets the stage by exploring the motivations behind the Transitional Implementation Phase of the Program Policy currently in progress at CALLERLAB, and what it means for dancers, callers, and clubs.

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# From Vision to Reality: Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change

## *Introducing the Educational Roundtable Panelists...*

### **JEREMY BUTLER**



Jeremy and his wife Jamie live in Virginia Beach, VA. He started calling in 1996. He is the club caller for the Capitol Squares (A2/C1) in Richmond, VA, and The Square Edges (Plus) in Newport News, VA. Jeremy is also a traveling caller and calls for festivals and dances in many places around the country.

He is the current Advanced Program Committee Vice-Chairman, Applications Review Committee Chairman, a member of the Board of Governors in CALLERLAB, and is the Membership Committee Chair for the Virginia State Callers Association.

Jeremy has recorded for both Crown Records and Royal Records and calls the SSD program through C1.

### **MIKE SEASTROM**



Mike Seastrom has been dancing since 1960 and calling since 1963. He lost a bet to his mother who insisted he try square dancing at least three times. The third time he was hooked. He taught his first class in 1963 after borrowing money from his parents to buy a small sound system. He was able to pay them back before the class was over and he's been calling ever since.

He calls and teaches Basic through C-1 programs, prompts Contras, teaches Line Dances, and enjoys dance party events when his schedule allows. Mike currently teaches for the Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club in Thousand Oaks, CA, and teaches the Social Square Dance program, which enables him to teach two classes a year plus a Summertime Funshop of SSD calls.

Calling has given Mike the opportunity to travel extensively in the United States, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan. He said he feels "dancing as a team of eight" is the best recreation in the world. As a recently retired dentist, calling has been an avocation quite different from his "Dr. Mike" side. He added, thankfully, his wonderful wife Lisa, family, and staff have been tremendous support.

### **SHAWN BROWN**



Shawn Brown was introduced to square dancing in 2009 and began calling less than a year later at age 14. In 2011, he called his first National Square Dance Convention\* in Detroit, MI.

In 2012, he became a recording artist for Gold Rush Records, becoming one of the youngest recording artists of the time. Today, he is a co-producer for Gold Rush Records, along with his father, Scott Brown.

Shawn works as a local and regional traveling caller, also traveling nationally, calling SSD through A2. He has called in 25 states, and in 2017 he called his first festival as a featured caller in Biloxi, MS, with Lisa Minton and Scott Brown. In 2023, he was blessed with the opportunity to work as a caller coach during the Grand Square International (GSI) Caller School in Mobile, AL.

Shawn joined CALLERLAB in 2011. He has been a presenter on several panels at CALLERLAB and NSDC conventions. He currently serves on the Caller Training, Mainstream, Marketing, and Music Producers committees.

At home, he calls and teaches for Gold Rush Outlaws, Dip N' Dive and Square One (Shawn co-founded Square One in January of 2024 with Matt Williams and Lori Ritchey), while dedicating most of his time to the promotion and preservation of square dancing.

*Add the Educational Roundtable and Keynote Address to Your Must-Do List of Events at the NSDC!*

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## Classes for Future, New Callers at 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC

If you have every wondered what you need to know to be a caller or dance leader, or just want to improve your knowledge of calling, make sure to attend one or more of these FREE classes at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, Texas to be held June 24-27, 2026, in the Waco Convention Center. Choose from:

- Modular Calling – Your New Best Friend**
- How to Use Music to Better Sell Your Dance**
- Dancers: Smoothness, Styling, and Etiquette**
- The Mechanics of Great Teaching: How to be an Effective Teacher**
- How to be an Effective Club Caller**
- So You Want to be a Caller**
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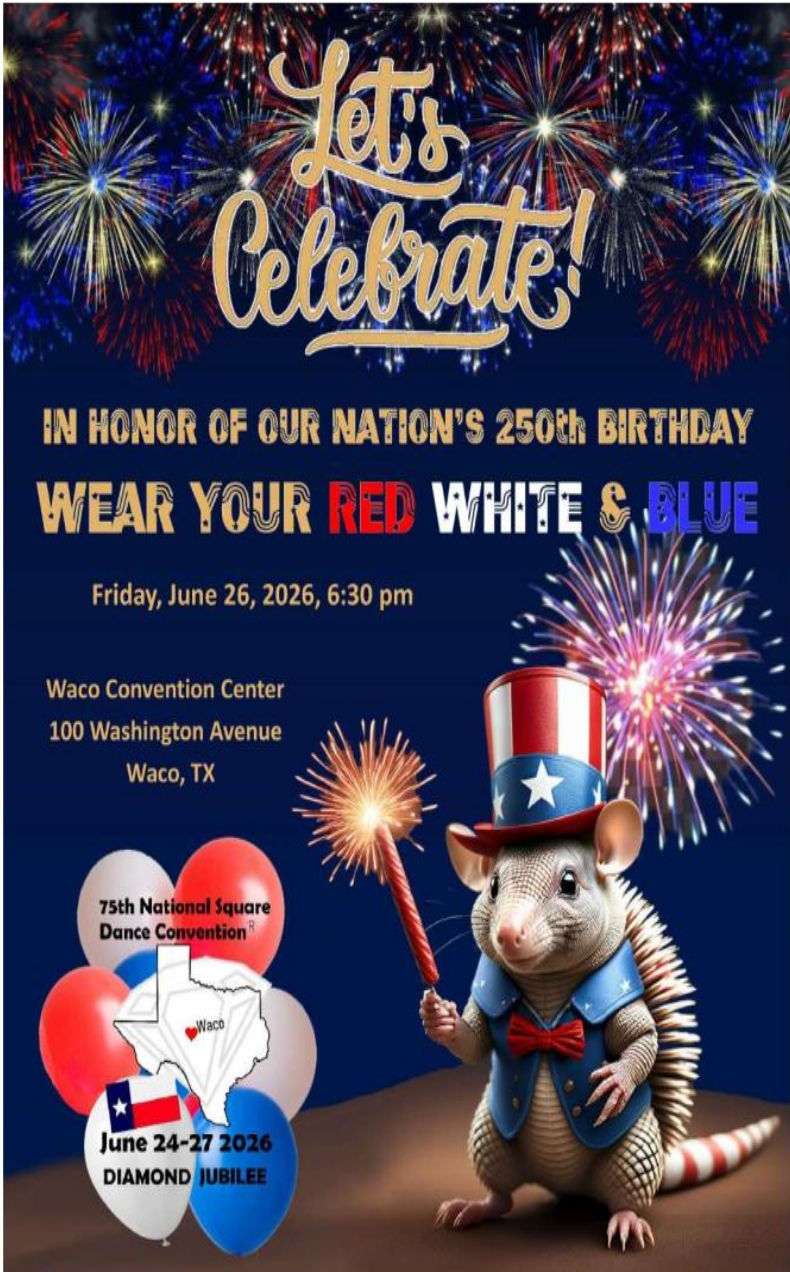
Registering for the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC is easy. go to <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>. Make sure to download the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC's free Mobile App once it is available for the latest class and event information as well as any schedule changes. The App should be available a few weeks ahead of the convention. The 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC is a great place to learn to be a caller or to work on your skills. Classes will be taught by top dance leaders!



### Club Outfits

Some of the Hanger Squares members show off their coordinating clubwear, from left, Trent Hubbert, Beth Hubbert, Joyce Jackson, Suzi Aleman and Oscar Aleman.

# Wear Your Red, White and Blue



# ★ YOU'RE INVITED!

*You are formally invited to a 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for the U.S.A. to be held during the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in the Waco Convention Center.*

This special semiquincentennial event will be held Friday, June 26, at 6 p.m. in Chisholm Hall and will include an inspiring patriotic performance by the Central Texas Choral Society. Make sure to wear your red, white and blue!

A tentative schedule for this unique program is as follows:

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5:45 p.m. Doors Open – first 250 attendees get special dangles
- 6 p.m. Program Begins – Welcome
- 6:03 p.m. *National Anthem* – Central Texas Choral Society
- 6:05 p.m. Prayer
- 6:07 p.m. Brief Remarks about America's 250th Birthday
- 6:12 p.m. *America the Beautiful* – Central Texas Choral Society
- 6:16 p.m. *Tribute to the Armed Forces* – Central Texas Choral Society
- 6:22 p.m. *God Bless America* Sing-Along – Led by Charles Thornburg
- 6:25 p.m. Closing Remarks
- 6:30 p.m. Program Concludes
- 7 p.m. Mainstream Dancing begins with Ghost Riders Band

## CENTRAL TEXAS CHORAL SOCIETY

The Central Texas Choral Society is based in Waco and draws its members from communities throughout Central Texas. With over 160 voices, the group regularly performs inspiring programs throughout the region, often collaborating with the Waco Symphony Orchestra and Waco Community Band. The group is under the leadership of Conductor Dr. David Guess, who has served on the music faculties at Baylor University, McClellan University College, and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. For information on the CTCS, visit: <https://centraltexaschoralsociety.org>.

*To register for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® to be held June 24-27, 2026 in Waco, Texas, go to: <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>.*



# Fashion Show

You Don't Want to Miss  
This...

*Sights and Sounds  
of Texas*

It Ain't Your Mama's

**FASHION  
SHOW**

**Saturday, June 27  
Chisholm Hall**

**Doors Open 1:00 pm  
Show Starts 1:30 pm**

75th National Square  
Dance Convention



**June 24-27 2026**

**DIAMOND JUBILEE**

# Want to attend a religious service while at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®?

*These churches near  
Downtown Waco welcome you!*

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## Columbus Avenue Baptist Church

1300 Columbus Ave., Waco (254) 752-1655  
Approximately 4 min.

## Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

515 Columbus Ave., Waco (254) 753-4501  
Approximately 3 min.

## First Baptist Church of Waco

500 Webster Ave., Waco (254) 752-3000  
Approximately 4 min.

## Saint Francis Catholic Church

315 Jefferson Ave., Waco (254) 754-7971  
Approximately 3 min.

## First Methodist Church of Waco

1300 Austin Ave., Waco (254) 754-4685  
Approximately 4 min.

## Antioch Community Church

*(non-denominational)*  
510 N. 20th St., Waco (254) 754-0386  
Approximately 7 min.

## Church on the Rock

5400 Bagby Ave., Waco (254) 265-0201  
Approximately 11 min.

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# 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®

in the Waco, TX Convention Center  
June 24-27, 2026



For convention information visit:

<https://75nsdctx.com>  
or scan the QR Code



# Tours to Explore

There are three choices for making your tour plans while you are in Waco:

1. **VIATOR** provides a variety of Waco tours and adventures. Use the link to see a list of all the tours available, including details about cost, availability, and the tour meeting spot. <https://www.viator.com/Waco>
2. On the **MAGNOLIA** website you can sign up for signature tours and experiences. If you register for a tour on the Magnolia website, you can receive a 15% discount during checkout using PROMO CODE 75NSDC. (You MUST use the website and include the 75NSDC Promo Code to get the discount.) Please wear your convention badge when attending tours. <https://magnolia.com/pages/magnolia-market>
3. **SELF-GUIDED TOURS** are also available. Waco is home to a number of worthwhile destinations! Use the link below to learn about several of the finest, including the Dr Pepper Museum, the Waco Mammoth National Monument, the Craft Village at Homestead Heritage, and more! <https://75nsdctx.com/self-guided-tours/>

Although our 75th NSDC team is not organizing any tours that leave from the convention center, there will be a tour table at the Convention Center with information about some of the tours.

# Tours



## Fixer Upper and City Tour

\$85 per person  
Sunday to Saturday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Waco has some great sights from TV shows, but if you don't know the area well you could miss out on finding some of them. This Waco Sites and TV Highlights Tour takes you to areas filmed on shows like Fixer Upper, Wood Work, and others. Plus, you'll also see areas like East Waco and Cameron Park, and pop into neighborhoods worth seeing up close. During the trip, enjoy a local coffee or ice cream and receive a coupon booklet.



## Haunts and Legends Mobile Ghost Tours

\$39 per person  
Sunday to Saturday  
6:00 pm or 8:30 pm

Come along on a 2 hour spooky tour of Waco, where you'll be driven to see the city's famous haunts and hear the legends behind them from your guide. From the city's founding in 1849, there have been several incidents to prove legendary, including the tornado of 1953, the Red Light District, and Historic Cameron Park. Learn all about the haunts and legends of Waco, experience the haunts first-hand, and maybe communicate with spirits.

## 75<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL *Square Dance Convention*<sup>®</sup> Tour Brochure

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at:  
[75nsdctx.com/tours](http://75nsdctx.com/tours)

Book ahead so you and your friends have a spot!

Note: Fees, cancellations, and starting locations are determined by the individual tour operators. Credit card payments are made directly to the tour operator.

Also listed on the [75nsdctx.com](http://75nsdctx.com) website are many self-guided tours.



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**See pages 7-8 if you're looking for a hotel.** For your convenience and savings, we have negotiated special square dance convention rates with a number of Waco hotels. There are even pet-friendly options!

# Tours



## Sunset Horseback Ride with Scenic Views

**\$169 per person**  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat  
4:30 to 6:30

Saddle up for a true Western experience on this sunset horseback ride down a trail leading you to a warm campfire. This 2 hour, 15 minute outdoor adventure in Waco gets you beautiful views of Central Texas during your trail ride. Once you reach the scenic overlook, enjoy some s'mores, cowboy-themed games by the campfire and take some time to soak in the scenery.



## Waco Foodie Tour

**\$74 per person**  
Wednesday to Saturday  
12:00 or 4:30

Learn about Waco's culinary scene on this foodie tour that lasts for 2 hrs, 30 mins. Taste several regional foods and sample an award-winning alcoholic beverage.



## Waco Wine Tours

**\$125 per person**  
Friday to Sunday  
11:30 am

Discover the vineyards and wineries of central Texas with this wine tasting tour. Enjoy being driven around to different wineries for guided tours and wine tastings.



## Horseback Riding on Scenic Texas Ranch

**\$89 per person**  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat  
9:00 am or 11:00 am

This Waco horseback riding experience on a Texas Ranch is something everyone will love. You'll ride horseback through the ranch lands with some authentic cowboys, while taking in beautiful views of the farmlands, the surrounding area and the Brazos River. Beginners are welcome as there will be a lesson at the start of your 1 hour, 30 minute adventure.



**See pages 9-10 if you're planning to camp for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®.** We have negotiated special square dance convention rates with two Waco-area RV parks!

# IT'S WACO, Y'ALL!



## THE SILOS



The Silos are a familiar sight in Waco, made famous on the *Fixer Upper* TV show. Currently the Silos are closed to the public but there are wonderful shops on the grounds.

Check out the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC tours which highlight The Silos and more! Tours available daily Sunday, June 21, 2026 through Saturday, June 27, 2026.

### Fixer Upper and City Tour

\$85 per person  
Sunday to Saturday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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### 75th National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>



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**DIAMOND JUBILEE**

# Dr Pepper Museum



The Dr Pepper Museum in Waco tells the story of America's oldest major soft drink, born in 1885 at a local drugstore, and celebrates its deep ties to the city.

In downtown Waco, the Dr Pepper Museum stands inside the historic 1906 bottling plant on Fifth Street. This sturdy brick building, scarred but still standing after the devastating 1953 tornado, became the perfect home to honor the drink invented by pharmacist Charles Alderton at the Old Corner Drug Store in 1885. Originally called a "Waco," the fizzy concoction quickly grew in popularity, leading to the formation of the Artesian Manufacturing and Bottling Company in 1891.

Today, visitors explore exhibits on the drink's quirky advertising, soda fountain culture, and the broader soft drink industry. The museum also emphasizes the free enterprise system, showing how a small-town invention grew into a global brand. Guests enjoy interactive displays, historic artifacts and, of course, a cold Dr Pepper included with admission.

In short, the Dr Pepper Museum is both a tribute to Waco's heritage and a celebration of American innovation, preserving the legacy of a hometown favorite that became a worldwide icon.

# Dr Pepper Museum

## IT'S WACO, Y'ALL! DR PEPPER MUSEUM

Whether you call it soda, pop, or coke, in Waco it's "Dr Pepper" which originated in Waco. Check out the Dr Pepper museum and you can be a Pepper, too. The self-guided tour includes all Museum exhibits with a complimentary drink at the Soda Fountain.

Open 7 Days a Week. 10 AM to 5:30 PM, year-round except on holidays.

Paid public parking is available, \$10 plus fees for five hours

General Admission: \$12. 4 Years and Under - Free

More Dr Pepper Experiences! Check out their website for details and prices.

What is Make-A-Soda?

- Choose one of seven signature Dr Pepper flavors offered and learn more about the soda making process

Paranormal Experience

- An exclusive Paranormal Experience at the Dr Pepper Museum where you might see floating orbs, shadow figures, voices, apparitions, and overwhelming emotions.

Extreme Pepper Experience!

- The ultimate VIP experience for the person obsessed with Dr Pepper including Make-A-Soda.

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Dr Pepper Museum  
300 South 5th Street  
Waco, TX 76701

Wouldn't you like  
to be a Pepper, too?





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# Pedestrian Suspension Bridge

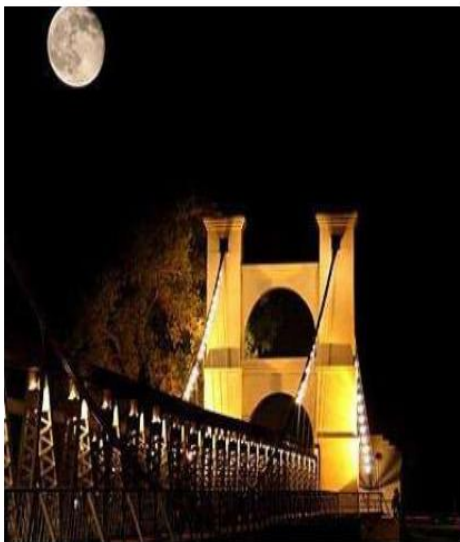
Waco's Historic Suspension Bridge was the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi when it was completed in 1870. The bridge holds a historic role as a Chisholm Trail crossing over the Brazos River.

The economic impact was immediate: Waco grew into a regional hub for cotton and cattle,

rivaling larger Texas cities by the early 1900s. The bridge operated as a toll crossing until McLennan County purchased it in 1889, later transferring ownership to the City of Waco with the requirement that tolls be removed. Over the decades, the bridge underwent several renovations, including major updates in 1914 that reshaped its towers and strengthened its cables.

The bridge is now pedestrian-only and is the site of many community events and festivals. The old suspension bridge connects the Waco Convention Center to three hotels on the other side of the Brazos River: The Cambria, the Even and the Holiday Inn Express.

The Waco Suspension Bridge stands as a pedestrian landmark linking Indian Spring Park and Doris Miller Park. More than a century and a half after its debut, it remains a symbol of Waco's resilience, ingenuity, and enduring connection to the Brazos River.



# *Step Out On The Brazos*

## *Dance on the Historic Suspension Bridge*

**Thursday, June 25, 9:00 am**

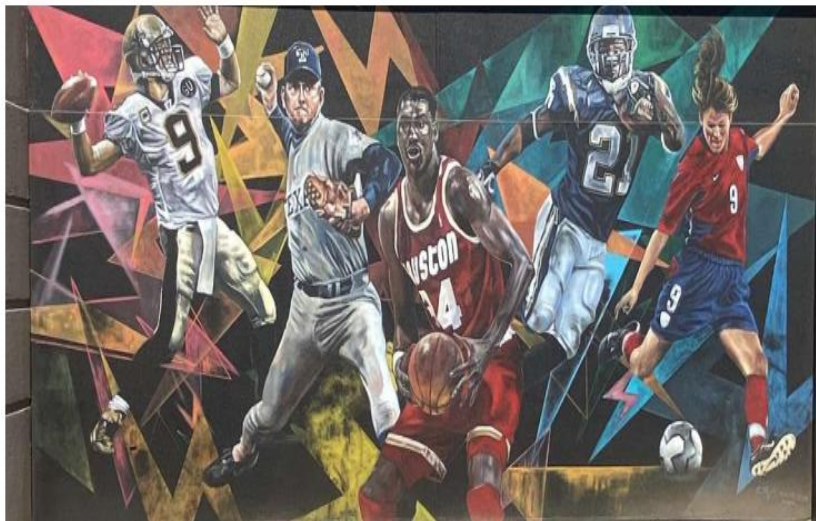
**Keith Klix, Caller**

The historic Chisholm Trail passed through Waco in the late 19th century as a major route for driving Texas cattle to Kansas railheads. Running from South Texas through Austin, Belton, and Waco to Fort Worth, this route allowed for the transportation of millions of cattle between 1867 and the mid-1880s.

The Waco Suspension Bridge, completed in 1870, was a transformative feat of 19th-century engineering that served as the first permanent bridge to cross the Brazos River. At the time of its opening, its 475-foot span made it the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi River.



# Texas Sports Hall of Fame



## Meet the Legends!

The Texas Sports Hall of Fame is located in Waco, Texas. Its mission is to preserve and honor the achievements of athletes, coaches, and sports figures who have strong ties to Texas.

The museum includes several major exhibits areas:

**The Texas Sports Hall of Fame Gallery** highlights inductees from a wide range of sports.

**The Southwest Conference Gallery** houses the largest collection of Southwest Conference memorabilia in existence.

**The Texas High School Football Hall of Fame** occupies its own wing and recognizes outstanding players, coaches, and teams from across the state.

**The Health, Fitness, and Education Center** has interactive displays designed for students and youth groups. Additional exhibits honor Texas sports broadcasters and journalists.

Many well-known athletes have been inducted into the hall, including Nolan Ryan, Earl Campbell, Sheryl Swoopes, Tom Landry, and Clyde Drexler.

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**For information:**

[www.tshof.org](http://www.tshof.org)

**(254) 756-1633**

**1108 University Park Dr.**

**Waco, TX 76705**

# Waco Mammoth National Park



Waco Mammoth National Monument tells the story of one of the most remarkable Ice Age discoveries in the United States. The site preserves the only known nursery herd of Columbian mammoths ever found, a group of massive animals. Standing up to 14 feet tall and weighing around 20,000 pounds each, these massive animals roamed what is now Central Texas thousands of years ago.

The heart of the monument is a fossil bed left exactly where the animals fell, known as an *in situ* dig. Visitors can see mammoth bones still embedded in the earth beneath a climate-controlled shelter. This rare preservation

gives scientists and visitors a direct window into the Pleistocene world and how these animals lived, traveled and died together.

Guided tours run every 30 minutes and take visitors from the Welcome Center down a paved path to the dig shelter. Tours last 45 minutes to an hour and explain the Ice Age environment and why the site is scientifically important.

You'll find trails and outdoor areas to let you explore the surrounding landscape, which would have been home to mammoths, camels and other Ice Age animals.

*More information on next page*

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## Waco Mammoth National Monument

Waco Mammoth National Monument sits within 100 acres of wooded parkland along the Bosque River surrounded by oak, mesquite and cedar trees. It is home to our nation's only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Colombian (Pleistocene) mammoths. The mammoth fossils at Waco Mammoth National Monument are protected by a building called the Dig Shelter.

Tickets are not needed to enjoy the park, just to view the Dig Shelter on a guided tour. All tours lead to the Dig Shelter so you can enjoy our amazing fossils.

### Tour ticket fees:

- Adults (18-61): \$6
- Seniors (62+): \$5
- Military (w/ID): \$5
- Youth (4-17): \$5
- Children (3 & under): Free

### Features:

- Accessible Free Parking
- Picnic Area. Water Fountains
- Walking Trails - Paved and Unpaved
- Youth Activity Area

### Address

- 6220 Steinbeck Bend Dr., (254) 750-7946

### Hours

- Open Monday – Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Guided tours of the Dig Shelter available daily.



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The latest updates on the **75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>** (NSDC) can be found on their Facebook page, which is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/979459187111872/user/100094911386448>

You can also get updates from the latest issue of **National Squares Online** at <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> -- which is published annually from August through May, with the latest info from the upcoming **National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>**. Just click on the desired issue(s) once you're there...they are in **PDF** format.

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The e-Edition is usually released sometime on Sunday evening, after the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue. If the last Saturday of the month is the last day of the month, then the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, of the month of issue, is the release date.

You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)), as well as photos from recent Club Special Dances, at the **ASSDF website**, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>.

Note that a **PDF viewer is required** to view these files, and the **Special Dance Photos** files noted can be rather large.

## ***Club Special Dance Photos In The Last Month***

Please email these [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) as I want to give credit to the photographers for the photos, especially if they come from the various club Facebook groups.

Due to **space limitations, photo quality, or page formatting**, I can't use all of them sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view them (and videos, where available) on the various Facebook pages (including the **Arkansas Square Dance** page, **The Three Amigos** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

**Club Special Dances** for the month of April 2026, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- are from the club Facebook pages of the **Heart Of America Federation Dance, Happy Hoppers Square Dance Club, Pope Promenaders, Southern Swingers, Twirling Lariats, Levi's & Lace, Maverick Mixers, River City Squares, Arky Cloggers, Heber Springers, Star Steppers, and the New Kids Block Party Dance.**

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