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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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All Special Dance flyers are **FREE**, but ads for one's business/job, or other personal ads, are \$10 per month, or \$60 per year. In other words, if you buy a year's worth of ads, it's like you'll get six months free!! **Advance Payment is required** to the ASSDF Treasurer, before the ad will run. All flyer and ad copy should be sent to the Editor before the deadline that is noted above. Be sure that all the information that's in the dance flyer, ads, etc., is **correct** before submission for publication.

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President's Message

Gobble, Gobble Dancing Friends,

It is hard to believe that it is already November.

Kim and I hope you enjoyed the 75th annual ASSDF Fall Festival in Whitehall. We can't tell you how much fun we had dancing with everyone to all our local callers. We couldn't have had a dance without each and every one of them. We also want to thank the **ASSDF Board** and our Diamond Jamboree Chair, **Mike and Lanita Hammett**. Finally, a **BIG** thank you to Justin Russell and Charlie Robertson for two great nights of dancing.

Congratulations to all our **Arkansas Travelers**. We had **9** people earn their **Traveler Badge** and **17** folks earned their **Super Traveler Badge**. Everyone that attended the Fall Festival earned their first 2 points for the 2026 badge. If you didn't pick up your Traveler Badge form at the festival, they are available on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>.

Something else you can find on the website is a schedule of upcoming dances. November is full of them.

November 1st starts us off right with the “**Jack is Back**” dance at The Barrett Center in Hot Springs. Special caller is Jack Pladdys.

November 2nd is the latest version our “**New Kids Block Party**” at the Mabelvale Legion Hut from 4pm-6pm.

November 8th has two options:

Maverick Mixers -- Honoring Veterans Dance
Southern Swingers -- Special with Tim Tyl

November 14th -- the **Heber Springers** will host their **Give Thanks Dance** with caller Phil Moorehouse.

November 21st has the final **Louisiana Lagniappe** for 2025 at the **Southern Swingers** with Tim Tyl

November 21 and 22 have back-to-back nights at the Mabelvale Hut. The **Twirling Lariats** and **Maverick Mixers** will host **Giving Thanks Giving Back Dance**. Free Admission -- Donations will go to the Ronald McDonald House. Friday's dance is 7pm-9:30pm. Saturday will have Plus dancing from 1pm-3pm, Mainstream from 3pm-5pm and both Mainstream and Plus from 7pm-9:30pm.

November 29th -- the **Maverick Mixers** will host a **National Square Dance Day Dance**.

Remember to check <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com> for more information on any and all dances.

We hope all of you have a wonderful time this Thanksgiving. If you don't have folks to spend Thanksgiving Day with, you have plenty of folks and opportunities to dance. We're always thankful for the opportunity to dance and fellowship with you.

Yellow Rock to All of You,

Tom and Kim Fox, ASSDF President, 2025



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 with the info.

Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Arky Cloggers, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls, Heber Springs 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:

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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From The Editor



First, a heartfelt message from Elaine Cox, of **NEODSA** (Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association), but this applies to **ALL** dancers, no matter where they are. **I couldn't have said this any better.**

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We need to support **all of our callers**, by attending their dances wherever they are held. Even if things are not exactly as we want them to be, our callers are showing up and doing their job. As dancers, we need to do the same.

Please don't stay away from dancing because of fear of controversy. During times of uncertainty, we can and should come together and be united to keep our hobby healthy and strong. Please attend every dance that you can. Consider attending dances you don't normally attend as a show of solidarity. We will make it through this. Our callers are staying steady. As dancers, we need to do what we always do; follow their lead.

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Second, **all clubs** have related expenses for the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of their dance halls...never mind the fact that hall rents for regular dances and festivals, have skyrocketed. The "**New Kids Block Party**" dances at American Legion Post 128 (where the **Twirling Lariats** and **Maverick Mixers** dance (the only 2 **ASSDF** Clubs left in Little Rock)), has its proceeds going to "The Hut Repair Fund".

Two of the **ASSDF Clubs** are **OUTSIDE** of Arkansas, but they are nearby. These are the **Guys N Dolls** in New Boston, Texas...and the **Southern Swingers** in Bossier City, Louisiana. Hall costs in Texarkana had the **Guys N Dolls** move to New Boston, Texas...and the **Southern Swingers** were the host club to the recent **74th National Square Dance Convention** ® in Shreveport. Without them, there would only be **10**

ASSDF clubs. So, when an **ASSDF Club** has a fund raiser dance for “dance facility upkeep”, I’m going to promote it.

Dancers are going to go where they want to dance, especially if it’s closer to their location. Note that not every e-Edition subscriber is in Arkansas...and by promoting festivals from nearby states to subscribers of **The Modern Square**, their publications, and square dance websites promote the **ASSDF website**, and Arkansas’ Special Dances/Festivals. In fact, several dancers from outside of Arkansas attended the recent **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall (noted below). For the dancers who are traveling, and are passing through Arkansas, they want to know what club and special dances we have.

Third, the **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** is now history, and from the reports I heard, and from numerous photos from Ted Hofmeister, Ginny Short, Michelle Penson Welch, Karen Gatherer, Nona Sue Richardson Walker, and Phyllis Keeney, it appears that “a good time was had by all”.

The Maverick Mixers sponsored the **Crystals And Gems Trail End Dance** on Thursday, with National Callers **Justin Russell** and **Charlie Robertson** on Friday and Saturday nights. There were 4 squares for the Trail End Dance, then 10-14 squares Friday and Saturday night...with **ASSDF President Tom Fox** “in the pink”!! 😊 Thanks to everyone for coming to celebrate **75 years of the ASSDF**, and for all the workers behind the scenes, who made it a great event. Well over **100** photos are in a separate Special Dances e-Edition this month. **Congratulations to Ginny Short**, who won the handmade quilt.

For those who attended the recent **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival**, there was a **Feedback Form** in the Program Book. If you didn’t fill it out, you can download a copy at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources> -- your responses will help the **ASSDF** prepare for future Fall Festivals.

The **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** will be in Clinton at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds, with the **Heber Springers** as the host club, with Theresa and Rickie Muth as Chairpersons. More details will follow as soon as possible.

Fourth, it’s now the holiday season, and many clubs have special dances planned for Thanksgiving and Christmas...but some clubs will be

DARK in the days after the holidays (since both are on Thursday this year). Please call before you travel, in case of last-minute changes or cancellations. And, if you've been ill, or don't feel well on a dance night...or if bad weather is an issue, please stay home.

Also, with one's travels, during the holidays and otherwise, I'm now listing the first page of **multi-day square dance festival flyers** in states surrounding or close to Arkansas in the full e-Edition. Details are on the **ASSDF website**, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> as well as the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue. Besides, we need to dance off all the good holiday food!!

Fifth, thanks to **ASSDF USDA Representative Jean Coy**, there are 4 pages of info elsewhere in this issue. These cover various programs sponsored by the **United Square Dancers Of America (USDA)**; which include the **Centennial Awards Program, Webinars, Handouts, the Youth Merit Based Scholarships, the USA Traveler Badge, and information on the USDA Club and Dancer Insurance program.** Further info on club 2026 dues will be in the December 2025 issue of **The Modern Square**. These links are available on the **ASSDF website Resources page** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

Sixth, the **ASSDF, Twirling Lariats, and Maverick Mixers** invite you to the **2026 Spring Fling** on Mount Nebo, March 6-7, 2026...with Jay King, Phil Moorehouse, and Tim Tyl. A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Seventh, National Caller Buddy Weaver discusses the topic of "Smooth Dancing" from a recent article published in "**American Square Dance**" magazine. It is noted elsewhere in this issue.

Special Dance Photos for much of **October, 2025**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, which were obtained from emails, Facebook pages, plus **ASSDF club and special dances from SquareDanceUSA, Canyon Lake Dancers, Castoff8's, Twirling Lariats, River City Squares, Southern Swingers, Heber Springers, Twirling Funtimers, Maverick Mixers, as well as from the Levi's And Lace.**

Many thanks to Corben Geis, Elaine Cox, Luzia Weston, Daryl Stout, Mike Lewis, Jody King, Carole Baker, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin,

Ginny Short, Loree Kant, Theresa Muth, Lanita Hammett, and Phyllis Keeney for the photos. Note that the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival Photos** are in a **SEPARATE** Special Dances e-Edition. Many thanks to Ted Hofmeister, Ginny Short, Michelle Penson Welch, Karen Gatherer, Phyllis Keeney, and Nona Sue Richardson Walker for those photos.

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

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The ASSDF wishes **A Happy And Safe Thanksgiving** to all, and we extend **our heartfelt thanks** to those serving as officers, as well as everyone working behind the scenes to make this wonderful hobby better.

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, 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 notices of these updates**. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this.



Much of the U.S. goes **BACK** to **Standard Time** at 2am local time on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025. Set your clocks **BACK 1 HOUR**, before you go to bed on Nov. 1; or you'll be **AN HOUR EARLY**, for church, work, appointments, dances, etc. Also, **CHANGE** the batteries in your **smoke and carbon monoxide detectors**, and **NOAA Weather Radio** devices.

The links in this article from **American Square Dance** magazine by National Caller Buddy Weaver are **NOT** clickable. You can go to <https://www.americansquaredance.com/> for a complimentary issue, or to subscribe.

SMOOTH DANCING

BY BUDDY WEAVER

Pre-Arranged Squares

If you've been around square dancing for any length of time, you will have experienced pre-arranged squares, where four couples have filled all the spots in their square ahead of the caller asking to "square up". You may have been part of a pre-arranged square or you might have stepped into an open spot in a square only to have someone say "*we're full*" or "*that spot is taken*". In the former situation, you probably feel exuberance at the thought of dancing with your friends who are the best dancers. In the latter situation, you probably felt excluded and no matter how the message was delivered, **it was received in a rude manner.**

Pre-arranged squares are nothing new and perils of this practice are well documented.

- **Exclusion**
When the same eight pre-book tips, newcomers are left out, undermining the "fun and fellowship" clubs aim to foster. This is especially harmful when a new graduate attends an open dance only to find they are excluded from squares, sometimes by the same "friendly angels" they know from class.
- **Weaker Social Fabric**
Rotating squares is part of the social contract; pre-arranging reduces inter-club friendship building and cross-club visitor hospitality.
- **Uneven Floor Ability = Programming Headaches**
Strong dancers clumping in one square can leave others struggling, making it harder for the caller to keep the hall moving smoothly. In more than one case, I have witnessed "set squares" of dancers who couldn't complete a single sequence without breaking down. In this case the pre-arranged squares joined the dancers who shouldn't be in a square together.
- **Club Culture Erosion**
Multiple sources place "set squares" alongside behaviors that correlate with declining engagement (sitting out, not helping visitors, etc.).

I have witnessed clubs that had strong visitor attendance on a weekly basis transition to having almost no visitors simply because the club members wanted their squares to themselves.

There are some situations where pre-arranged squares are appropriate. In our club we ask every angel to be a mentor to a beginner at every dance. If the beginners are a couple, then the mentor is a couple; if the beginner is a single, then the mentor is a single. Since the mentors/angels know each other, they quickly bring the beginners into squares and introduce them to their friends. In this way the beginner is immediately made to feel included and part of the family.

If pre-arranged squares is causing folks to feel excluded, then it must go away before the club goes away. Some ideas to adopt encourage social mixing of the dancers are:

1. Partner Rotation Boards. A system that is easy to set up and will give people a chance to dance with different partners in an organized way. Here is a link that describes Partner Rotation Boards: https://c-p-s-d.org/Documents/Rotation_Board.pdf
2. Adapt a “mixing” norm. “Dance in different squares, not always with the same group”. Printed and well displayed. In many countries outside of the US, the practice is to dance with your partner for the first and last tip but all others, you are dancing with someone else. After the “thank you” ending the tip, dancers turn and go get their new partner for the next tip.
3. Computer rotation systems. One of the most popular is from Vic and Debbie Ceder, Square Rotation Program can generate computer cards to print or generate a rotation prior to each tip. [Link](#). Another rotation program is Swirls, while similar to Square Rotation Program, Swirls can be run using RFID cards and dancers can easily transition from dancing as a couple to dancing as a single (in the case where your partner wants to sit one out) or anybody choosing to sit out a tip. It is done without a computer operator – dancers do it themselves using RFID cards. [Link](#).

The USDA line—“discourage ‘set squares’ and cliques”—is authoritative and easy to reference in websites, and class handouts. To promote fellowship, discourage set/stacked squares and cliques. Please join the nearest forming square and mix partners and squares throughout the evening. Limit pre-arrangement for mentoring brand-new dancers with designated Angels on class nights and only for the purpose of **including** new dancers.

Links in the **USDA** articles (the next 5 pages) are **NOT** clickable, but you can enter them from your web browser.



From Jean Coy, ASSDF USDA Insurance Coordinator – July 1, 2025

I attended a United Square Dancers Of America (USDA) Association Meeting, and an insurance meeting at the National Square Dance Convention ® (NSDC) in Shreveport, Louisiana, on June 25-26, 2025...both sponsored by the United Square Dancers Of America (USDA).

USDA has produced club leadership and educational materials to include webinars for use by dancers and leadership, to promote and perpetuate the dance activity. These webinars and handouts are stored, and can be viewed at any time at <https://usda.org/> -- just look for the appropriate links. You may copy and distribute to other dancers, as the publication and educational materials are NOT copyrighted.

The Executive Committee of USDA is proud to provide a Centennial Awards Program for dancers in this age group. The qualified recipients will be given a nice framed “Certificate Of Recognition” signed by the President of USDA, and the Vice President of their region. They will also receive a “United Square Dancers Of America Centennial Award” lapel pin. This award will be presented to them by a member of the Executive Committee, at a dance attended by the recipient when possible. Should the recipient be able to attend the USDA Board Of Directors Meeting the day prior to the National Square Dance Convention ®, USDA will pay their convention registration. You have to be at least 100 years of age, and still dancing. Details on the award are at https://www.usda.org/Centinnal_Award.php

The USDA awards merit-based scholarships to students who have shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement...including square dance, round dance, contra, and clogging...and

they are members of an affiliated club. For more information, please go to https://www.usda.org/Youth_Dancing/

On Dec. 23, 2019, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recognized the United Square Dancers Of America, Incorporated, as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Administrator. This entitles affiliates of the USDA to be granted 501(c)(3) Non-Profit status, by submitting their application to the USDA Group Exemption Coordinator, rather than submitting their application to the IRS. Details are at <https://www.usda.org/USDA501c3Program.php>

Much like the current “Arkansas Traveler” program, the USDA has started a USA Traveler program. A badge and bar will be awarded to the participant(s) at no charge to them, after they have visited at least 12 states, and have a form signed and returned to the USDA to be verified. Additional colored bars will be awarded as follows:

12 States – Red Bar

24 States – White Bar

36 States – Blue Bar

48 States – Silver Bar

More information is available at <https://www.usda.org/Traveler.php>

FYI For Clubs: Callerlab is now establishing a new dance program, with Mainstream having 50 calls, and Plus having 50 or greater calls. The goal for implementation is September, 2026.

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The insurance meeting was facilitated by Elizabeth Sanders, USDA National Insurance Coordinator. Topics discussed included:

! State Insurance Coordinator Duties and Responsibilities Handout

! Liability and Accident Medical Coverage Handout

! State Insurance Coordinator works directly with State Treasurer

! Accident Reports – Importance, Send To Elizabeth, Follow-up

! Insurance follows the dancer

! Discussed a little bit about Callerlab Insurance (just the highlights).



The Purpose of the Grant Program:

The Youth Dancing Grant Program was developed to Assist in the Involvement, Recruitment and Fostering of Youth Growth within the Square Dance Community. The Grant is funded by an outside source(s), but will rely on the USDA to Administer. The program will run each calendar year from January to January annually as long as there are funds available for the program.

How the Grant Program Will Operate:

When a club or Affiliate has a shortage of funds for a specific activity involving Youth, a request for a Grant to ASSIST in the shortfall may be sent to the USDA Youth Advisory Committee (www.Committee.usda.org). The Affiliate or Club agrees to use the funds as outlined in their request. Several examples of needs would be to help offset the costs for a group of Youth taking lessons (assisting their families), helping a group attending a State or National Convention with identified shortfalls, and help in identifying shortfalls while developing a Youth Program.

The Application Process:

A Club or Affiliate will need to submit an application for a grant when they anticipate that they will have a shortfall financially for their Youth activity. The application, once received, will be reviewed and approved or denied within 30 days of receipt. The Grant is not a free pass, the requesting organization needs to show what they have done to offset the identified shortfall. The Grant funds will be dispersed in the following incremental amounts: \$250.00, \$500.00, \$750.00 and \$1,000.00 as deemed necessary, per

the Grant request. The application will need to explain the shortfall, what the requestor has done to address the shortfall, what the funds will accomplish in offsetting the shortfall, and how many youth will be affected. There will be only one Grant per event, however an organization can apply for, and be considered for, any other grant needs that arise.

The Financial Process:

Once a Grant is approved, funds will be issued by the USDA Treasurer to the requesting organization. The requesting organization will be contacted for instructions on to whom to direct the funds.

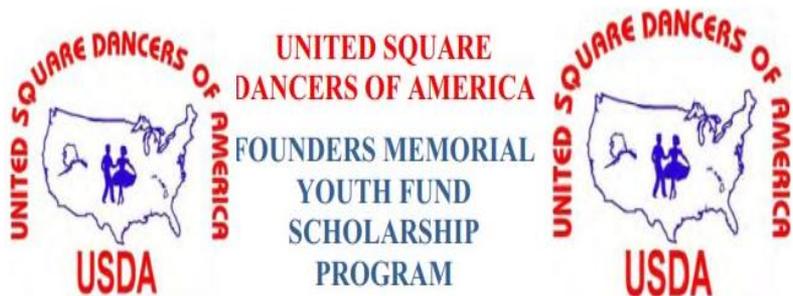
In Addition:

Clubs are encouraged to submit suggestions that will help with the expansion of the Grant process. Helping Youth is the primary goal.

You can download the application to print and email, or fill it out online at https://www.usda.org/Youth_Dancing/ and submit it that way.

Note: In past years, the deadline has been February 1, with presentations being made at the upcoming National Square Dance Convention®, but that appears to have changed this year.

So, if you'd like to apply for one of the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship Program grants, please submit your application promptly.





USDA Insurance – Making Sure Your Clubs and Dancers are Covered

Every dance organization needs insurance coverage while conducting and sponsoring dance activities. No matter how closely we follow safety rules and protocols, accidents can happen! United Square Dancers of America (USDA) offers comprehensive and affordable liability and supplemental medical insurance. This insurance program, specifically designed for USDA dance groups, provides Liability AND Accidental Medical insurance coverage.

Liability Insurance protects the club along with its members and officials from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents that may develop into litigation against members and dance organizations. This insurance is required by most of our dance facilities – those used regularly for club dances, as well as those used for special dance events or even demonstrations.



Accidental Medical Insurance provides coverage for injuries sustained while participating in dancing activities sponsored and supervised by a recognized club or organization. The insurance is “portable” – that is, it covers the insured dancer while participating in any regularly scheduled and sponsored dancing activity worldwide.

On Sunday, November 9, the USDA Insurance Program will be featured on the USDA **Beyond the Dance Floor webinar series**. Elizabeth Sanders, USDA Insurance Coordinator, will share all of the latest information. The webinar is scheduled for 11:00 Pacific / 2:00 Eastern. Log-in information, along with access to associated materials such as presentations or handouts will be available on the USDA website at www.usda.org.

For further information about USDA’s Insurance Program, check out the website at www.usda.org/Insurance.php or contact Elizabeth at insurance@usda.org.

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>



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National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

75th NSDC Host City:
Waco, Texas

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76th NSDC Host City:
Loveland, Colorado

2028 - June 28 to July 1, 2028

77th NSDC Host City:
Daytona Beach, Florida

2028 - June 27-30, 2029

78th 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.

**75th National Square
Dance Convention®**



**June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE**



Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, etc. unless someone offers transportation. Please advise me if your info (club contact, dance day/time) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website, is wrong; as I can't fix it if I'm not told.

Most of the special dance photos are from club Facebook groups, although not everyone is on Facebook. If nothing's sent in or posted, nothing's published in The Modern Square, or on the ASSDF website. There's no word limit on club reports, but minor editing is done for typos, grammar, and continuity. The issue publication deadline is 3pm, US Central Time, on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.

If emails to you are returned, due to your box being full/over quota, or the address isn't valid, you won't receive notices on Modern Square releases or ASSDF club updates, until you contact me with updated info. Please let me know if you no longer want these emails.

Please CALL BEFORE TRAVELING, in case of last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or if weather is an issue, please stay home.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send emails, Facebook messages, etc., asking for money, gift cards, etc.; those are SCAMS! Clubs with Facebook pages MUST police them, as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "death of a celebrity", "deleting all inactive members", "wanting part time work," (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These posts/emails have viruses to steal your identity, delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, where you'd have to pay a HUGE cost to get it back.

If you see these emails, DELETE them. And, if you see these ads, DON'T click on ANY part of them. Instead, report them to the group administrators, so the post can be deleted, and the poster can be banned from the group. Then, BLOCK that person in your email spam filter, and your Facebook profile. This helps keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity/data stolen, your Facebook page could get hacked, or you could be "left on the hook, financially".

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



WELCOME

NEW DANCERS

Presented by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

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**.



HALLOWEEN DANCE
IT'S GOING TO BE A
"SCARY" BUT FUN NIGHT
OF
SQUARE DANCING
COME JOIN THE TWIRLING LARIATS
ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025
COSTUMES OPTIONAL

(but there may be a prize for the best costume - 😊)

PLUS Workshop – 7:00 p.m.

MS with Announced Plus – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.



American Legion Post 128
9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane)
Mabelvale, AR

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“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 Jul thru Dec 2025

July 25

October 31

November 21

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

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Levi's and Lace
Hot Springs, AR



Jack is Back!

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CALLER
JACK PLADDYS
Indian Springs, Ohio

Date
Saturday, Nov 1, 2025

Time
7.00pm - 9.30pm



BARRETT CENTER
2231 Grand Avenue East
Hot Springs, AR
(from LR take exit 4,
going towards Magic Springs)

**2nd Annual Hot Springs
Square Dance Bash**

\$15 each or \$25 per couple



KOA 2 blocks away and
numerous motels

For information

Phylis Kenney - (501) 318-8639
Ted Hofmeister - (501) 520-7270



Maverick Mixers

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Plus Workshop 6:30 - Dance 7:00-9:00

Members \$12/month -- Guests \$8/night

Phil Moorehouse - Caller

American Legion Hut

9925 Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR

THERE IS
Always
SOMETHING TO BE
Thankful
FOR



Southern Swingers November Dance

Wear your favorite Fall Colored Dance Attire

Saturday, November 8th

Square Dancing 7:00 -9:00

Caller - Tim Tyl

Snacks Welcomed

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

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

For information email: sssquaredance@email.com or

Check our Facebook page: Southern Swingers Square Dancers

Oklahoma Square Dance Federation's

Pre-Party Dance

Live Your Best Life - Square Dance

Friday, November 7th, 2025

Ardmore Convention Center

2401 N Rockford Rd, Ardmore, OK

MS Plus Advance Challenge

6:30-10:00pm \$10 per person

Five Great Callers



Mike
Shultz



Darryl
Lipscomb



Bobby
Willis



Jim
Howard



Jonathan
Marshall

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn

2207 North Rockford Rd Ardmore, OK

580-226-3333

\$100 per day

Festival Chairperson: Dean Lloyd

(580) 618-3585

*Live Your Best
Life
Square Dance*

Oklahoma Square Dance Federation's

State Festival

Live Your Best Life - Square Dance

November 7th 8th & 9th, 2025

Ardmore Convention Center

2401 N Rockford Rd, Ardmore, OK

Friday Nov. 7th: Pre-Party Dance

6:30-10:00pm \$10

Saturday Nov. 8th - \$10

10am-Registration, 9am-Vendors

🦄 10am-Noon: High Energy Dancing 🦄

Afternoon Program: 1pm to 4pm

MS, Plus, A & C, Hex, Rounds & Challenge Dancing

Evening Program:

Hall of Fame: 5:30

Opening Ceremonies & Grand March: 7pm

Evening Dance: 7:15 to 10pm

After Party: 10-12pm

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn

2207 North Rockford Rd

Ardmore, OK 73401

580-226-3333

Hotel Rates: \$100

Festival Chairperson: Dean Lloyd

(580) 618-3585

*Live Your Best
Life
Square Dance*

View the schedule, map & additional info at oksdf.org

Maverick Mixers & Twirling Lariats

Giving Thanks/Giving Back

November 21-22, 2025

Friday (11/21) 7:00 - 9:30 - Mainstream/Plus

Saturday (11/22) 1:00 - 3:00 - Plus

3:00 - 5:00 - Mainstream

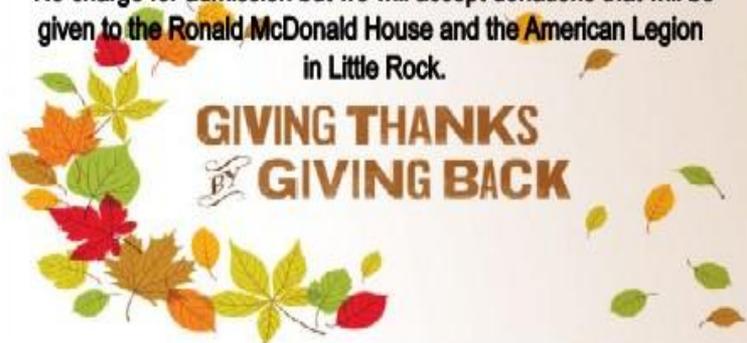
7:00 - 9:30 - Mainstream/Plus

Phil Moorehouse & Nelda Eaton - Callers

American Legion Hut

9925 Leah Lane – Mabelvale, AR

No charge for admission but we will accept donations that will be given to the Ronald McDonald House and the American Legion in Little Rock.



National Square Dance Day!



Maverick Mixers

Saturday - November 29, 2025
Plus Workshop 6:30 -- Dance 7:00-9:00

Phil Moorehosue - Caller

American Legion Hut
9925 Leah Lane - Mabelvale, AR

Members \$12/month -- Guests \$8/night



Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance



Saturday - December 13, 2025

Plus workshop 6:30 – Dance 7:00-9:00

Caller - Tim Tyl

**American Legion Hut
9925 Leah Lane - Mabelvale, AR**

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OUR 14TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CONVENTION CENTER
2292 US 27 #300 SOMERSET, KY 42501

Caller Clinic with Dan Sahlstrom Friday 10 am - 12:30 pm in Courtyard Hotel.
Free to registered Callers or \$30 per Caller if not registered for the weekend.

Rounds and A2 dancing starts at 1 pm Friday, Plus at 3 pm.

Check out www.generalbutlerbash.com for complete schedule.

MAIL IN
OR REGISTER ONLINE.

Scan the QR Code or see reverse for details.



Red River Special

Plus Level Dance Weekend



Jet Roberts



Charlie Robertson

February 20th, 21st and 22nd 2026

The Lake Murray Lodge

3323 Lodge Rd

Ardmore, OK

580-223-6600

www.stateparks.com

\$50.00 Per Person Pre Sale \$60.00 at the Door

Register online at: www.crdancing.com/events

Call Charlie at 580-618-8508 or Kristi at 580-618-2048

email: crsquaredance@yahoo.com

Gateway to the Ozarks Clogging Workshop

9:00 – 12:00

Lunch

1:30 – 4:30

Registration begins at 8:30

24th ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Marr Street Production

111 Marr Street

Pocahontas, AR 72455

Instructors:

Lanita Hammett, AR – CCI

Shaina Morgan, AR – CCI

Kaydin Seawel, AR – CCI

LaRhetha Morrison, OK – CCI Candidate

Arkansas Clog Council meeting to follow workshop - Dues of \$15.00 Due January 1, 2026 – Family rate 3 or more \$40.00

Pre-registration - \$30.00 per Dancer, Syllabus \$5.00(Deadline February 18, 2026)

*****AR Council members pre-registration only \$25.00*****

Registration at door - \$40.00 per Dancer

Checks Payable to: Dance Tyme Studio

Kathy Wilson

296 CR 368

Jonesboro, AR 72401

Information

dancetymestudio@gmail.com

870-243-8113

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please check if you are a Beginner

2 Halls of Clogging
Fun
Main Hall - Easy to high
Intermediate
Open Hall - beginner,
Basic, Advance

SAVE THE DATE

Mt. Nebo

Spring Fling

March 6-7, 2026

LOCATION:

**Mt. Nebo State Park,
16728 W. State Hwy. 155,
Dardanelle, AR 72834**

FEATURED CALLERS:

Jay King, Tim Tyl & Phil Moorehouse

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

4-5:30 p.m., 7-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10 a.m.-12 p.m., 2-5 p.m., 7-10 p.m.

Sponsored by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

Hosted by the Twirling Lariats & Maverick Mixers



REGISTRATION FORM

Save money and register early, \$25 per person by March 1. Price increases to \$30 pp after March 1. Registration includes dancing both days.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Send reservation form & check made out to ASSDF to ASSDF Treasurer:

ASSDF

1533 Hwy. 300

Houston, AR 72070

LODGING

For information about Mt. Nebo State Park visit:

<https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/mount-nebo-state-park>

Limited cabins and campsites are available at Mt. Nebo State Park.

For cabin reservation information go to:

<https://reserve.arkansasstateparks.com/mount-nebo/lodging>

For camping reservations go to:

<https://reserve.arkansasstateparks.com/mount-nebo/camping>

Additional lodging is available in Dardanelle and other nearby towns.

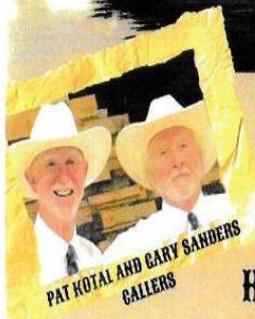
FOOD OPTIONS

No restaurant is available in the state park, but there are food options in Dardanelle and nearby towns. Additionally, we hope to offer a meal option.

We plan to offer dinner on March 6 as well as lunch and dinner on March 7 for an additional small fee. Check here if interested ____.

Check the ASSDF website and Facebook for details as they develop.

EAST TEXAS SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION 63RD ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL



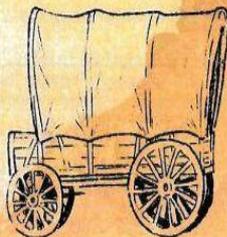
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CALLERS



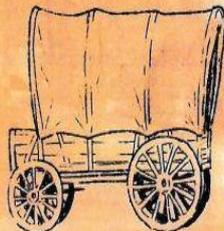
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
AUDRA HILL
936-222-0705**



Have you saved the date yet?
Trail In Dance
April 10, 2026



L-R: Shane Greer, MontyHackler, Bill Powell, Ken Burke,
Tim Tyl, & Bobby Willis

**You won't want to miss the shenanigans when
these 6 callers get together! Featuring
Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, & Star Tips
Square Dance starts at 7 pm \$10 per person**

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In conjunction with
N.E.O.S.D.A. Festival



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NEW LOCATION

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Claremore, OK 74017

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Schedule
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SAVE THE DATE

APRIL

11

2026

Info 620.988.2404



Save the Date

for the 73rd Heart of America Federation

Square Dance Festival featuring:



Tim Tyl and Ken Burke

I'm a little bit

COUNTRY

&

I'm a little bit

ROCK N ROLL!

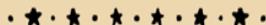


April 17 & 18, 2026

Friday evening: 7-10PM

Saturday afternoon: 1-5PM

Saturday evening: 7-10PM



Holmeswood Baptist Church

9700 Holmes Rd, KC, MO 64131



Scan the QR code for up-to-date information

www.FedDance.WeSquareDance.com



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10th Annual

"MAINSTREAM EXTRAVAGANZA"

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

Tim Tyl



**Marilyn & Jerral
Waguespack**

Featured Cuers



Monty Hackler



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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

Lodge Reservations: 888-TN-PARKS

\$138.00 per night plus tax

Cabins and camping also available

Additional Info: Contact Kristi@charlierobertson.biz

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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
swhitehurst10@gmail.com

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Henerlau**

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June 5 & 6, 2026

“Swing & Sway”

GREAT Location
Air Conditioned
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Floor!



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Kurczewski**

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Caller Coordinator

Allen & Marcia Hahn

Hesston, KS

620-217-1280 Cell

hahn@southwind.net

Dancer Coordinator

Brenda Mears

Emporia, KS

620-344-2517 Cell

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

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**



HASSDA FESTIVAL

July 10-11, 2026

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All Wood Floors!

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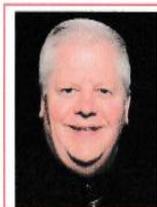
Mainstream

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

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EMPORIA
KS

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Individual registration - please check appropriate blanks:

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

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.

*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

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

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SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND
PLUS / ADVANCED



TONY OXENDINE



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3PM TO 10PM
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10AM TO 10PM

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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

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AUG. 6, 7 & 8 2026

TENNESSEE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

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Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY

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

4 Square Dance Halls

2 Dedicated Rd Dance Halls

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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>

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at the beautiful Love Civic Center

September 3rd-6th, 2026, Labor Day Weekend

Saturday AM
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Name: (Last) _____ His: _____ Hers: _____

Partner if different: Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

THURSDAY TRAIL-IN	\$20.00/PER PERSON: _____	NIGHTS ONLY (FRI. OR SAT.)	\$25.00/PER PERSON: _____
ALL FRIDAY SESSIONS	\$45.00/PER PERSON: _____	ALL SAT. SESSIONS	\$45.00/PER PERSON: _____

* FULL DANCE PACKAGE \$70.00 PER PERSON (PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY) _____ (INCLUDES THURSDAY NIGHT)

• FULL DANCE PACKAGE \$80.00 PER PERSON (AT THE DOOR) (INCLUDES THURSDAY NIGHT) PRE-REGISTER AND SAVE

To receive a full refund please notify by phone (760.703.4880) by August 1st, 2026



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ State _____ ZIP _____

CLUB _____ CITY _____

STATE CONVENTION _____

CALLER _____ DATE _____

 AREA I, (Mountain Home, Lakeview)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA II, (Fort Smith)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

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

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA IV, (Hot Springs, White Hall)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA V, (Little Rock, Conway)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA VI, (Judsonia, Rose Bud)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 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 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.

 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.

 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.

Download this at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

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/festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). The **National Square Dance Convention**® (NSDC) events are always listed, no matter what state it's located in.

Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – **CANCELED** dances, or in the past, have been **REMOVED** from this listing. The out-of-state festivals will have the first page of their flyers in the full e-Edition, with full info 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 dance listing. You can also find this info on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

ASSDF Club Special Dances

Note: While this is technically the November 2025 issue, since it's being released several days before, I'm adding late October 2025 dances.

LATE OCTOBER 2025

Oct. 28, 2025 – River City Squares Halloween Dance, Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Kavanaugh Road, Fort Smith, AR. Caller: Jay King.

Oct. 31, 2025 – Twirling Lariats Halloween Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 31, 2025 – Louisiana Lagniappe at the Southern Swingers, 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.

NOVEMBER 2025

Nov. 1, 2025 – 2nd Annual Hot Springs Square Dance Bash, Barrett Center Hall (just before Magic Springs), Hot Springs, AR. Guest Caller: Jack Pladdys. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 2, 2025 – New Kids Callers Clinic and Thanksgiving Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. **** All Callers Welcome ****
Caller Clinic at 1pm, Dance at 4pm.

Nov. 8, 2025 -- Maverick Mixers Honor Our Veterans Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 8, 2025 – Southern Swingers Special Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the file elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 14, 2025 – Heber Springers Give Thanks Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Nov. 21, 2025 – Louisiana Lagniappe at the Southern Swingers, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 21-22, 2025 – 2 Club Giving Thanks By Giving Back Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Nelda Eaton and Phil Moorehouse. **** Free Admission ** Donations accepted for the Little Rock area Ronald McDonald House ** Friday Night, plus Saturday Afternoon and Evening Dancing **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 26, 2025 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Nov. 28, 2025 – The Heber Springers are DARK tonight.

Nov. 29, 2025 -- Maverick Mixers National Square Dance Day Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

DECEMBER 2025

Dec. 12, 2025 – Heber Springers Christmas Dinner Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Dinner at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm.

Dec. 13, 2025 -- Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Guest Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 13, 2025 – Southern Swingers Christmas Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Joey Duhamel.

Dec. 24, 2025 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 26, 2025 – The Heber Springers and the Levi's and Lace are DARK tonight.

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 3, 2026 – The Three Amigos New Years Kicks In 2026 Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock, AR). Callers and other details will be announced as soon as possible.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 28, 2026 – Gateway To The Ozarks Clogging Workshop, Pocahontas, AR. Clogging Instructors: Lanita Hammett, Shina Morgan, Kaydin Seawel, LaRetha Morrison. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2026

March 6-7, 2026 – Spring Fling On Mount Nebo. Sponsored by the ASSDF, the Twirling Lariats, and the Maverick Mixers. Callers: Jay King, Tim Tyl, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

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 Jamboree Dance, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Tim Tyl. Further details will be posted as soon as possible.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 8-10, 2026 – 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springs. Oct. 8 Trail End Dance Caller: Ken

Burke. National Caller: Scott Bennett. Further details will be announced as soon as possible.

Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals

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LATE OCTOBER 2025

Oct. 28, 2025 -- 3rd Annual Monster Mash At The Glade, Lebanon, TN. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 30, 2025 -- Recycles 5th Thursday All Plus Pizza Party, Tulsa, OK. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb and Monty Hackler. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 31, 2025 -- RRVA Halloween Dance, Wichita Falls, TX. Callers: Scott Bennett, Tim Tanner, Bobby Willis. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

NOVEMBER 2025

Nov. 2, 2025 – Toys For Tots Afternoon Benefit Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 7-9, 2025 – Oklahoma State Square Dance Federation Festival, Ardmore, OK. OKSSDF Callers: Mike Shultz, Darryl Lipscomb, Bobby Willis, Jim Howard, and Jonathan Marshall. **** Pre-Party Dance Nov. 7 **** See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 29, 2025 – East Texas Callers Association Fund Raiser Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. ETCA Callers and Cuers. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 30, 2025 – ETSRDA Toys For Tots Afternoon Dance, Mineola, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 16-17, 2026 – General Butler Bash Plus and Advanced Square and Round Dance Weekend, Somerset, KY. Callers: Jack Pladdys, Travis Cook, Dan Sahlstrom, and Tom Davis. Cuer: Elaine Wintrow. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website**, or go to <https://generalbutlerbash.com/> for more info.

Jan. 24, 2026 – Mississippi Square And Round Dance Association (MSRDA) South Council Dance, Hattiesburg, MS. Caller: Bubba Mingus. Cuer: Tim Eum. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 6-7, 2026 – TSquare Gadabouts and Circle 8 Squares 2nd Annual Friendship Let's Go Cruisin' Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Scott Bennett, Mike Hogan, Wernon Jones, Bear Miller, and Justin Russell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 20-22, 2026 -- Red River Special Plus Level Dance Weekend, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2026

March 13-14, 2026 – 52nd Annual Texas Association Of Single Square Dancers (TASSD) Roundup, Waco, TX. Caller: Dave Rivera. Cuer: Michelle Rivera. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://tassd.org>

March 27-28, 2026 – 63rd Annual East Texas Square And Round Dance Association Spring Festival, Marshall, TX. Callers: Pat Kotal

and Gary Sanders. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

APRIL 2026

April 10-11, 2026 – Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA) Spring Festival, Claremore, OK. Trail End Dance on April 10, Festival on April 11. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 17-18, 2026 – 73rd Heart Of America Federation Square Dance Festival, Kansas City, MO. Callers: Tim Tyl and Ken Burke. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

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 – 10th Annual Mineola Railers Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Monty Hackler. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 30, 2026 – 50 Years Of Calling Special Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Mike Bramlett, Dave Vieira, Dale Smith, and John Kephardt. **** Afternoon Dance **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2026

June 4-6, 2026 – 64th 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 5-6, 2026 – 72nd 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 24-27, 2026 – 75th 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.

AUGUST 2026

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep. 3-6, 2026 – 30th 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

JUNE 2027

June 23-26, 2027 – 76th National Square Dance Convention

®, Loveland, Colorado. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration Form are at <https://76nsdc.com>

JUNE 2028

June 21-24, 2028 – 77th 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 these reports was obtained from the club Facebook groups and photos, emails to the Editor, and items on the Special Events Calendar. DS

Arky Cloggers

Hello November!

October was huge for one of the **ARKY** girls. Angelia married Alan Youngblood. Congrats and best wishes for many, many happy years together!

The **ARKY CLOGGERS** open house was a success! We gained 4 new team members. Let's welcome Tracy, Amanda, Gabby, and Donna. Interestingly enough, I have 3 generations from one family! Amanda was part of a completion team that I was on many years ago. Since then, she has married and she's taking class with her young daughter, Gabby. Her mother, Tracy, has always taken Amanda to the lessons, but never tried it until now! I think she's hooked. These ladies are working hard, and I expect great things from them!

I am happy to report that Kaitlyn has rejoined the team! Welcome back!

Unfortunately, we were unable to perform at the Apple Butter Festival on Petit Jean this year. With the threat of bad weather looming, the trailer was cancelled; so, we had no place to dance. I sure hope you keep us in mind for next year!

We have another performance planned on November 1st in Searcy at Pioneer Village. We are looking forward to dancing on the enlarged stage.

Feel free to drop-in at any time! We love visitors.

Kudos to our own Lanita Hammett for chairing up the recent **75th ASSDF Fall Festival Diamond Jamboree** in White Hall...where there were clogging workshops. Several photos from that weekend are in the **2025 Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

Coming up on February 28, 2026, our own Lanita Hammett, will be joined by other clogging instructors Shina Morgan, Kaydin Seawel, and LaRetha Morrison, at the **Gateway To The Ozarks Clogging Workshop** in Pocahtonas. See the flyer and registration form in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more information.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7366350676716921> as well as our website at <https://www.arkycloggers.com> for updates.

The Arky Cloggers wish everyone a safe and **Happy Thanksgiving**.

Lanita Hammett

Blue Belles And Beaus

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join caller Nelda Eaton at a special **Giving Thanks By Giving Back 2 Day Event Dance**, on Friday evening, November 21...and on Saturday afternoon and evening, November 22, 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 details. Admission is free for the dancing, but donations will be accepted for the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**. We hope you can join us for that fun weekend...remembering square dance weekends up there long ago.

Some of our dancers attended the recent **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall. Several photos from the weekend are in the **2025 Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

You can find the latest updates for our club on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100052996541923>

The **Blue Belles and Beaus** extend a **Happy and Safe Thanksgiving** to our members and visitors.

Robert and Cheryl Shaver

Guys N Dolls

The Guys N Dolls were well represented at the recent **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall. Several photos are in the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival Special dances e-Edition**.

Our own Nelda Eaton will be calling the **Twirling Lariats Halloween Dance** on Oct. 31. While this is technically the November 2025 issue, since it's being released a few days before that dance, we have it here as a reminder. However, due to deadlines, photos and a report from that dance will be in the December 2025 Special Dances e-Edition. A flyer is elsewhere in this issue with details on the upcoming dances.

Nelda will also be calling a special **Giving Thanks By Giving Back 2 Day Dance Event** with the **Twirling Lariats** and the **Maverick Mixers** on Friday evening, November 21...then Saturday afternoon and evening November 22, at American Legion Post 128 at 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 details. Admission is free for the dancing, but donations will be accepted for the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock.

We normally dance on the 3rd 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** has **CHANGED**...it's now located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1182928908453786> -- you'll find any updates posted on that page.

The Guys N Dolls wish everyone a **Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!!**

Rhonda Bailey

Heber Springers

Several of our dancers were at the recent **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall. Several photos are in the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

Tricks and not treats with scheduling had Guest Caller Roy Hestand instead of Dan Nordbye at our Halloween Dance. Then, Phil's vehicle broke down while he was traveling in Colorado. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

This month, we have our **Give Thanks Dance** on November 14. And, to finish off the year, our Christmas Dance is set for Dec. 12, with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm and our dance at 7:30pm.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join caller Nelda Eaton at a special **Giving Thanks By Giving Back 2 Day Event Dance**, on Friday evening, November 21...and on Saturday afternoon and evening, November 22, 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 details. Admission is free for the dancing, but donations will be accepted for the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock.

Next spring, Phil will be joined by fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**. We hope you can join us for that fun weekend...remembering square dance weekends up there long ago.

We are hosting the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton...more details will be noted as soon as possible in our report, **The Modern Square**, as well as on the **ASSDF**

website. Ken Burke will call the Trail End Dance on Thursday, Oct. 8, and we'll also have National Caller Scott Bennett...along with Arkansas' Callers And Cuers during the weekend.

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

Note that we will be **DARK** on Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, and we will also be **DARK** on Dec. 26 for the Christmas Holiday Weekend.

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

Happy Holidays to all from the **Heber Springers!!**

Theresa Muth

Levi's And Lace

The **Levi's and Lace** were well represented at the recent **ASSDF 75th Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall. Numerous photos are in the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances** e-Edition.

Caller Lanita Hammett tried to get my feet "just right" for a line dance, but they didn't stay that way!! You can see the photo in the Special Dances e-Edition...and a couple of videos from our late October dance are on our Facebook page.

Note that with the holidays, since Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the 4th Thursday this year, we will be **DARK** on November 28, and December 26, so members can spend the holidays with their families.

It has truly been a real joy dancing to our new callers, Blake and Amanda Throgmartin...and if you haven't danced to them yet, you're in for a real treat.

We normally dance the 2nd and 4th 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.

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

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us with the **Levi's And Lace!!**

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

Several Maverick Mixers attended the recent **75th ASSDF Fall Festival Diamond Jamboree** in White Hall in early October. Many thanks to our own Mike and Lanita Hammett, who served as the festival chairpersons, and congratulations to our own Ginny Short for winning the beautiful handmade quilt. She was so happy, that she kissed the skeleton!! Numerous photos are in the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances E-Edition**.

We had 3 squares at our Halloween Dance...several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

The month of November has a special dance on each of our dance nights. First, it's the **Honor Our Veterans Dance** on Nov. 8. We wish to express **our heartfelt thanks** to all the veterans...those who are currently serving, those who have served, and take time to remember the memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the many freedoms that we enjoy.

Next, we'll join the **Twirling Lariats** for a **Giving Thanks By Giving Back 2 Day Dance Weekend** on Friday evening, November 21, plus Saturday afternoon and evening, November 22, with our own Phil Moorehouse joining Nelda Eaton for the weekend. A flyer is located elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** with more details. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock.

To dance off all the Thanksgiving food, you're invited to our **National Square Dance Day Dance** on Nov. 29. Then, our **Christmas Dance** will be on Saturday, Dec. 13, with Special Guest Caller Tim Tyl...who always does a fun dance, and it's like every dance is Christmas with him, for all the "calling presents".

The **Maverick Mixers** extend **Happy Holiday** wishes to both our members and visitors.

Next spring, our own Phil Moorehouse will join Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**. We hope you can join us for that fun weekend...remembering square dance weekends up there long ago.

We dance on the 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th 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 guest called for the **Heber Springers** at their **Halloween Dance**. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Some of our dancers were at the **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall last month, while others joined our own Roy Hestand at a special dance in Missouri. Several photos from the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival** are in its own Special Dances e-Edition.

We now dance at Sycamore Springs, at 165 Jerry Baker Lane, in Mountain Home, Arkansas from 7pm to 9pm; with the doors opening at 6:30pm.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625> for any other changes or updates.

The **Pioneers** wish everyone a safe and **Happy Thanksgiving**.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

We have started our newest square dance class as of Oct. 7, 2025...at our regular dance place, the Fort Smith Senior Center, at 2700 Cavanaugh Road, with our own Jay King instructing the potential new dancers. Several photos from the first night of class are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Several of the River City Squares were at the recent **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall. Several photos are in the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

Our own Jay King will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**. We hope you can join us for that fun weekend...remembering square dance weekends up there long ago.

Please see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470785299916715> for any changes or updates.

The **River City Squares** wish everyone a **Safe and Happy Thanksgiving**.

Jody King

Southern Swingers

We had a great crowd at the Northwest Louisiana Square And Round Dance Association (NWLSRDA) Fund Raiser Dance at Promenade Hall on Oct. 17...to raise money for needed repairs and other expenses

at our dance location. All dance clubs have these hall expenses to deal with, and we're thankful for our members and visitors.

Since this issue is coming out a few days before our Oct. 31 **Louisiana Lagniappe Dance**, if you're in the area on Halloween Night, please come by and join us. A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**. We'll have one more final **Louisiana Lagniappe Dance for 2025** on Friday, November 21. Tim Tyl will call both of those dances, and he will also be doing a special dance for us on Saturday, November 8, at our regular dance place. For the final month of 2025, our own Joey Duhamel will call at our **Christmas Party Dance** on Saturday, December 13.

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 bringing a spectacular dance, like the beautiful fall colors!! We hope that you can join us at one of our dances real soon!!

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

Happy Thanksgiving to all from the **Southern Swingers!!**

Carole Baker

Star Steppers

Several of the Star Steppers were at the recent **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival** in White Hall, near where we dance during the month. Several photos are in the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join caller Nelda Eaton at a special **Giving Thanks By Giving Back 2 Day Event Dance**, on Friday evening, November 21...and on Saturday afternoon and evening, November 22, 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 details.

Admission is free for the dancing, but donations will be accepted for the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock.

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We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th 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.

Happy Thanksgiving to our members and visitors from the **Star Steppers**.

Kathy Tankersly

Twirling Funtimers

The Cookie Monster made an appearance at our Halloween Dance in mid-October...you can see him in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We normally dance on Wednesday from 6pm to 8:30pm, at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane in Lakeview, with Special Dances on the 3rd Wednesday. Note that we will be **DARK** on Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday, and on Dec. 24 for the Christmas holiday, so our members can spend the holidays with their families.

Also, with winter weather approaching soon, we will be **DARK** if area schools are closed due to winter weather. Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> for any changes or last-minute updates. **Happy Holidays** from the **Twirling Funtimers**.

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

We start this report on a sad note, with condolences to Mike and Ellen Lewis on the recent passing of Mike's Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

We had 2 squares at our October 3 dance...several photos from that dance, and from our Oct. 17 dance are in Special Dances e-Edition.

Several members attended the **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival**, with our own Tom Fox making a **fashion statement** on Saturday evening. Several photos are in the **2025 ASSDF Fall Festival Special Dances e-Edition**.

While this is technically the November 2025 issue, since it's being released a few days before that, on Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31, we'll have our Halloween Dance. Costumes are optional, but prizes may be awarded for the best costume. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more updates. Note that due to deadlines, a report on that dance will be in the December, 2025 issue. And, we hope to have information on our Christmas dance in next month's issue of The Modern Square...and as we get into 2026, info on our spring **June Bug Dance** with Tim Tyl in late May.

We will be joining the Maverick Mixers for a **Giving Thanks By Giving Back 2 Day Dance Weekend**...with our own Nelda Eaton being joined by caller Phil Moorehouse. The fun starts at our November 21 Friday evening dance...then, there'll be workshops and dancing on Saturday afternoon and evening. Admission to the dances is free, but donations will be accepted for the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving to all from the Twirling Lariats!!

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 – 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 classes 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 12th Street, Van Buren, AR
72956 (479) 883-2380

Hot Springs

Levi's And Lace – 2nd and 4th 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 – 1st, 3rd, and 5th 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 3rd Wednesday)
Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman
Cuer: Marge Sherrill
Contact: Anieta England (870) 449-5135

Little Rock (Mabelvale)(1)

Twirling Lariats – 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th 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 – 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th 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, 165 Jerry Baker Lane

Caller: Roy Hestand

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

Rose Bud

Heber Springers – 2nd and 4th 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 – 2nd and 4th 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 2nd 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 – 3rd 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

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

Eaton, Nelda – P.O. Box 1118, New Boston, TX 75570
Home: (903) 628-2425 Cell: (903) 278-8068 M/P: Yes
Guys And Dolls, Twirling Lariats

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

Hammett, Lanita – 1533 Highway 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307
(501) 889-4679 lnthmmt13@gmail.com *Arky Cloggers*

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

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

King, Jay and Jody -- 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR 72956
(479) 474-8500 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 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
Amanda – (501) 655-9767 amandacallssquares@gmail.com

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

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

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

Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:

M – Mainstream P – Plus A – Advanced (A1/A2)

1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing

If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances



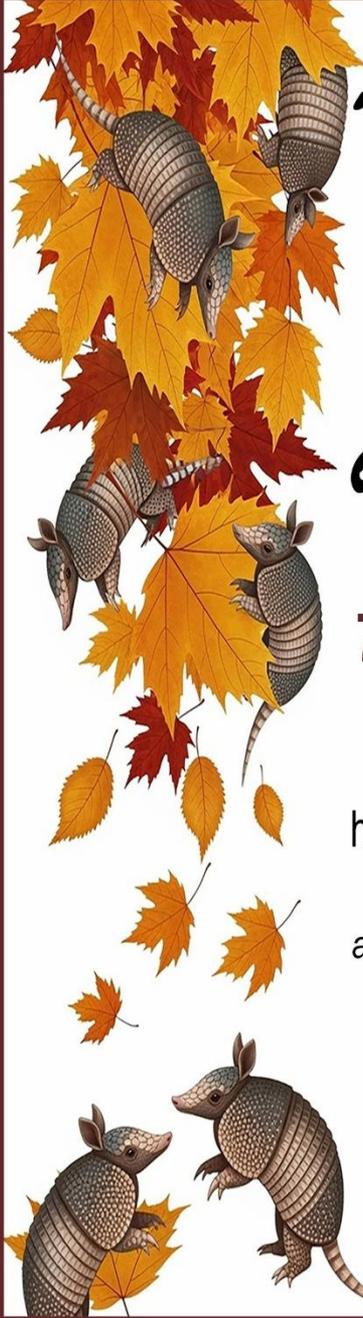
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June 24-27, 2026
Waco Convention Center**

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Want more information? Visit our website at <https://75nsdctx.com> where you can find information on Registration, Lodging, Vendors, Special Events, Tours (both group & self-guided) and more!



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Come to Waco, Texas, for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® June 24-27, 2026 in the beautiful Waco Convention Center! It's also the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee so help us celebrate 75 years of square dance! Enjoy square dancing, rounds, contra, line, clogging and exhibition groups. Dance to top dance leaders and live music. We'll keep the fun going with nightly After Parties and an outrageous fashion show you don't want to miss. Shop for new dance attire, 75th memorabilia, and assorted other items in our spacious vendor area. Take advantage of the many workshops and educational opportunities while at the 75th NSDC!



for Fellowship, Food

Catch up with old friends and make new ones! Dance with people from all across the United States and Internationally! Fashion yourself a foodie? Feed your appetite with the great Southern comfort food, barbeque, Tex-Mex and diverse, classic Texas flavors that Waco is known for! There's several restaurants just across the street from the Waco Convention Center as well as numerous local favorites such as Magnolia Table, Café Homestead, OneThirtyFive Prime, Milo's, Silos Baking Co., and Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant within walking distance or a short drive. Visit our website for a local dining guide: <https://75nsdctx.com/food-menus/>.



and Texas Adventure!

Explore the 100+ acre Waco Mammoth National Monument, the 52-acre Cameron Park Zoo featuring over 300 species, the Carleen Bright Arboretum, take the kids to the Hawaiian Falls Waterpark or to Waco Surf, discover the Homestead Craft Village, go horseback riding, and more. Did you know Waco is the home of Dr. Pepper and its unique Museum, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame? It's also the site of Magnolia Market, founded by Chip and Joanna Gaines from *Fixer Upper*. The 75th NSDC Team has put together great information for you on both guided and self-guided tours at <https://75nsdctx.com/tours-guided-or-self-guided/>.

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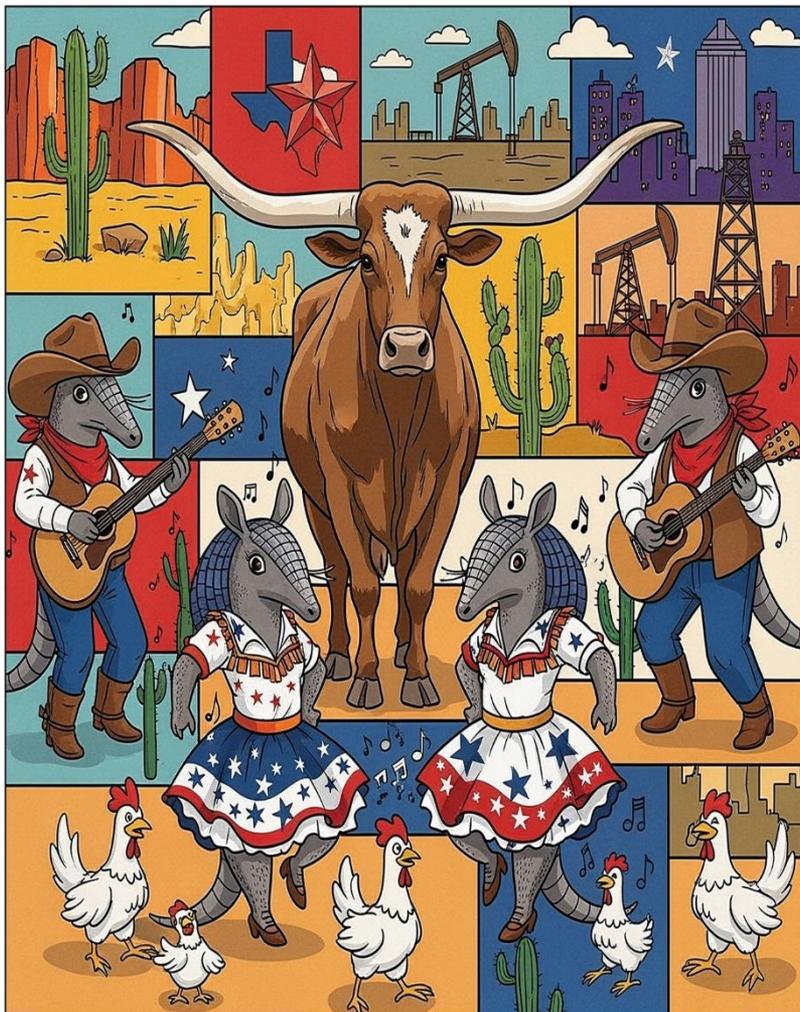
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DIAMOND JUBILEE

Follow the 75th NSDC's Facebook group to keep up with all the latest news of the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee in 2026, just scan the QR Code to join!



Don't miss the celebration, register now at
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75NSDC
9597 Jones Rd Ste #122
Houston, TX 77065

Email: register.75nsdc@gmail.com

For Convention Use Only

Registration # _____
Date Received _____
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Check# or Ref # _____

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ 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**

No. of past prior to 75th	1. Adult	2. Adult	3. Adult/Youth	** DOB / /	Subtotals
	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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- Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)
 - 75NSDC 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 - Malpass 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

SOLD OUT
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TOTAL \$ _____

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): _____
Card Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

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.
Shoes must be worn at all times.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this FORM online at www.75nsdcx.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.
- Prices will increase **May 1, 2026** - Adult: \$95 - Youth ages 5-17- \$30.00. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ***Only need birthday of 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 check information, check, or money order.
- Payment in US funds to **NSDC** with **NSDC** on front. Do not send Cash.
- If registering by email, omit **payment information on form**. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased online at 75nsdcx.com/tours

DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.
 Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge Contra Lines
 Juggling Rounds Handicapped Solo
 Are you participating in the Education Leadership Certificate Program?
 Yes No Visit 75nsdcx.com for more information

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

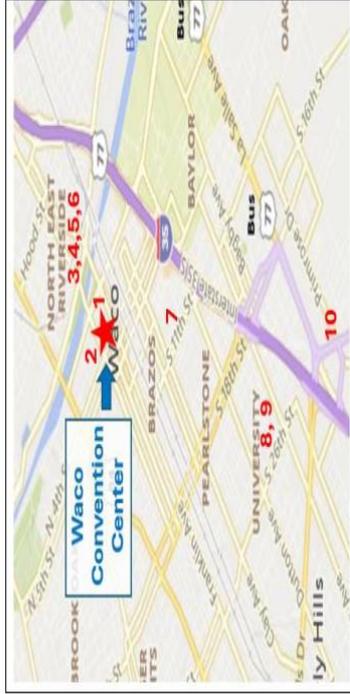
You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/25 at sdconvention.com.
 Name _____ Type: _____
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HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

Check box if you will manage your own accommodation.

Name: _____

More information available at 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
75nsdchousing@gmail.com

No airport shuttle services provided

See 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

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

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CONVENTION HOTELS

75th 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
Hilton Waco (Host Hotel) 113 S University Parks Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel) 101 Washington Ave	Across the street from Waco CC	\$164/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Cambria Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
Even Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$164/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	✓
Holiday Inn Express 101 Taylor St	6-8 min walk	\$149/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Spring Hill Suites 115 S Jack Kultgen Expressway	2 min drive	\$147/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aloft Waco 900 S 11th St	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
La Quinta 911 S 10th Street	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Element Hotel 2200 Robinson Dr	7 min drive	\$154/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Home2Suites 2500 Bagby Ave	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

What to Expect Next?

- Around mid to late July 2025, you will receive an email (from 75nsdchousing@gmail.com) to book your hotel through the Hotel Booking Portal. Your email will include your Convention Registration Number (**which is needed for the booking process**), a link to the Housing Booking Portal, and a step-by-step guide on how to use the portal. We will let you know through Facebook, the 75th website, and a future issue of the E-Magazine when the links were sent out so make sure you subscribe to the 75th National Square Dance Page on Facebook. Requested room blocks will be handled via a different process.
- 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 or 832-541-3002.



Can my pet stay in my hotel during the 75th 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
Hilton Waco <i>(Host Hotel)</i>	Connected to Waco CC	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
Courtyard <i>(Dance Leader Hotel)</i>	Across the street from Waco CC	Yes	\$0	Please let the front desk know at check-in.
Cambria Hotel	6-8 min walk	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
Even Hotel	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$150 deposit	\$75 of the deposit is refundable.
Holiday Inn Express	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$75 deposit	Dogs and cats only; deposit is non-refundable
Spring Hill Suites	2 min drive	Yes	\$100 deposit	Deposit is non-refundable; dogs only (2 max up to 40 lbs.)
Aloft Waco	5 min drive	Yes	\$0	2 pets max up to 40 lbs.
La Quinta	5 min drive	Yes	\$25/day	Maximum amount of \$75 during entire stay.
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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We will see you and your furry companion at the convention!

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75th NSDC Launches Hotel Booking Portal and Tour Info for 2026 Convention

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Get ready to celebrate the **75th National Square Dance Convention®** in **Waco, TX, June 24–27, 2026** - a Diamond Jubilee event honoring both the convention's founding in 1952 and America's 250th birthday! Expect exciting festivities including an explosive opening ceremony, a patriotic Friday celebration, and the "Sights and Sounds of Texas" fashion show, plus dancing every day.

To streamline planning, the NSDC has introduced a **new Hotel Booking Portal**, that just launched **July 19**. To access it, complete the **Registration Long Form** to receive your registration number. This number is required to book discounted hotel rooms (\$147–\$174/night) at one of 10 official hotels. You'll receive a confirmation email with portal access and instructions. For questions, contact 75nsdchousing@gmail.com or call Housing Vice Chair Phil Henderson at (832) 541-3002.

Campers can book directly with:

- **Waco Creekside RV Resort** – 15% off cabins, RV spots, and treehouses: wacocreeksideresort.com | (254) 651-3999,
- **Camp FIMFO** – \$55/night: campfimfo.com/waco | (254) 651-3697.

Explore Waco with **self-guided tours** to local attractions like the Magnolia Silos, Dr. Pepper Museum, and Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. A sightseeing guide and transportation information will be provided.

For more adventure, choose from **15 guided tours** via Viator, including:

- Fixer Upper/City Tour,
- Waco Foodie & Wine Tours,
- Brazos River Cruises,
- Ghost Tours & Scavenger Hunts.

Book tours at 75nsdctx.com/tours.

Stay updated at 75nsdctx.com and follow on Facebook: 75th Nationals 2026 or scan the QR Code.

Learn more about Waco at destinationwaco.org.





WANTED

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

The 75th 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



WE WANT YOU!



75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

EDUCATION PROGRAM

June 24-27, 2026

Waco Convention Center, Texas

Visit Our Website to Register and for Convention Details: www.75nsdctx.com

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The 75th National Square Dance Convention[®] 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 75th 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

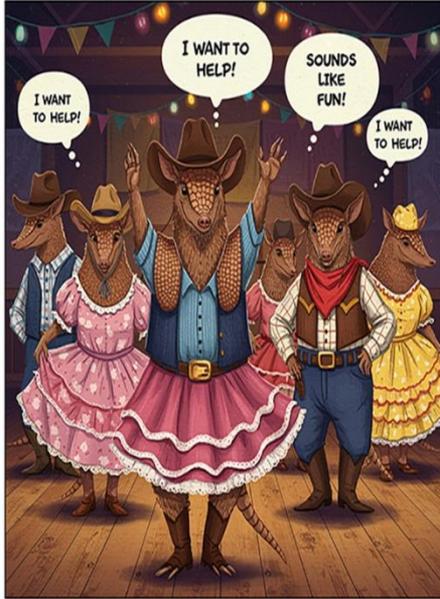
Return this form to Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman

E-mail to ekelly1948@yahoo.com

The Many Benefits of Volunteering for the NSDC's Education Committee

Come be part of the Education Team for the 75th 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, 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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Register today online at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

You can also scan the adjacent QR Code



Waco's looking for Dance Leaders

DEC. 31, 2025

is the deadline for Dance Leaders to register for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. Profiles must be submitted by

JAN. 31, 2026

Dance Leaders go to <https://sdconvention.com> to complete your Dance Leader Profile. Important: you must first sign up for the www.75nsdctx.com to receive a registration number to complete your profile,

Welcome to Waco!



Scan the QR Code
to register



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Exciting news for the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®] 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!



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Register for the 75th 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!



Circle Your Wagons in Waco!

Looking for a campsite for the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]?

We have two privately-owned RV Resorts within a short drive from the Waco Convention Center (100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX), along with park options through the Corps of Engineers, and there's FREE parking at the convention center.

1. WACO CREEKSIDE RESORT, 1972 Leroy Parkway, Elm Mott, TX 76640, just 11 miles north of the convention center, (243) 651-3999, info@wacocreekside.com, www.wacocreekside.com. This resort has 50 RV sites available with full hookups. Waco Creekside Resort also has cabins and treehouses, most are 1BR 1BA. The resort has a laundry facility onsite and is pet friendly.

Offers 15% discount off standard rates when you mention you are a square dancer with the 75th NSDC



2. MAGNOLIA RV RESORT, 3096 New Dallas Highway, Waco, TX, just 8 miles north of the convention center off the I-35 service road, (254) 799-3105, magnoliarvresort@gmail.com, www.magnoliarvresort.com. This resort has 42 full-service sites. Pull-through sites only. Pancake breakfast on weekends. Magnolia RV Resort is pet friendly and has a swimming pool.

Offers 10% discount off standard rates when you mention you are a square dancer with the 75th NSDC

Looking for something more rustic?

There are several Corps of Engineers parks in the Waco area. These are government owned and operated and do NOT offer a square dance discount. The COE does not accept reservations more than 6 months in advance. There is a security gate that locks at 10 p.m. and there is no code. However, you can leave a buddy's car just inside the gate and upon return from After Parties can use the emergency exit to re-enter and then drive buddy's car to campsite. There are a limited number of 50-amp spaces. Not all sites have sewer hookups but there is a sewer dump station. Closest COE parks are Midway Park (2332 W. Hwy. 6, Waco, TX) and Speegleville Park (3400 Over Flow Rd, Waco, TX). For more information, go to www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-8777.

If you have any questions about camping at the 75th NSDC, contact Janet or Jeb Jonas at: NSDC75campers@yahoo.com.



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Scan the QR Code to register today or go to

www.75nsdctx.com/register



Getting to the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

Where is 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/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. For information on ACT go to <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Airport>. 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 (www.greyhound.com) serves Waco with intercity routes from across the U.S. The Waco Charter Bus Co., offers group travel options (<https://www.nationalbuscharter.com/-waco-charter-bus>).

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. For details: visit <https://www.waco-streak.com>, <https://www.gogowaco.com>, and <https://airporttransportationofwaco.com/index.html>.

LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE

The Waco Transit System has fixed-route buses. Options include the Baylor University shuttle and MicroDash. You can download the new Waco Transit System App to book and manage rides at: <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Transit-System>.

RIDESHARE AND TAXIS

Uber and Lyft operate throughout Waco and nearby cities. Traditional taxis are available in downtown Waco and at the airport. For information go to: <https://www.uber.com/global/en/r/cities/waco-tx-us/> and <https://www.lyft.com/rider/cities/waco-killeen-tx>.

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



Get your dance on at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®



What types of dancing can I enjoy at the 75th 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 75th NSDC

75th National Square
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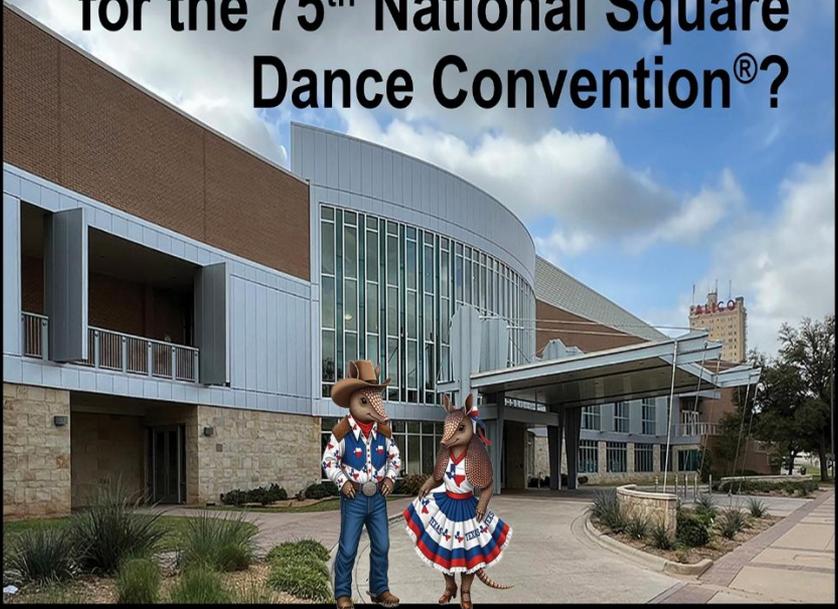
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DIAMOND JUBILEE

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



June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center

What's to ♥ about the venue for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?



Waco Convention Center *100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701*

- Location: Close to Waco hotels, restaurants & attractions
- Compact: Convention center is easy to maneuver & laid out for convenience
- Accessibility: With only two levels there are plenty of elevators & escalators, ADA approved ramps, lifts & restrooms, mobility scooters available for rent
- Design: Plenty of natural light & convention restrooms
- Water: Built-in water bottle filling stations in hallways
- Parking: 900 free parking spaces, additional spaces in easy walking distance
- Concessions & Vendors: There will be plenty of concessions, vending food, & a great variety of vendors tailored to dancers & callers
- Dance Floors: Flooring includes bamboo wood, polished concrete, commercial vinyl, modular wood over carpet, & new modular plastic flooring over carpet
- Education & Archives: Education sessions & archives in attached hotel meeting rooms for a conducive learning atmosphere

June 24-27, 2026 • Register today: 75nsdctx.com

Searching for info about the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?



1. Visit our website at www.75nsdctx.com. It's full of forms, links & great information about the 2026 convention in Waco, TX.
2. Follow us on Facebook for news & events. Scan QR Code for access.
3. Subscribe to & read *National Squares* e-Magazine. Each edition contains the who, what, where & when of the 75th NSDC to be held June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> & scroll down to enter your name & email, hit Send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can also click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.



Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

Why bring your youth to the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?

Square dancing is more than just a fun activity – it's a community. By bringing your youth to the National Square Dance Convention® you're giving them the opportunity to:

- Build life-long friendships
- Gain confidence and leadership skills
- Be part of a vibrant, intergenerational tradition

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT THE 75TH NSDC

- **Youth-Focused Dance Sessions:** Square and Round Dance sessions tailored for our youth dancers with energetic callers and cuers who know how to keep the dance floor lively and fun!
- **Skill-Building Workshops:** Opportunities for youth to improve their dancing skills, learn new moves, and even try out calling in a supportive environment!
- **Games and Icebreakers:** We will have organized games and social activities to help youth connect, make friends and have fun!
- **Youth Parade and Performances:** This is a chance for our youth to shine! Enjoy a themed parade and talent showcase 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 to help create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

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

Have questions or want more details about youth programming?
Contact our Youth Coordinator, Kati Raleigh, at yodelergirl@yahoo.com.

Haven't registered for the 75th NSDC? Sign up at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>.





Bring a Texas-sized appetite to the 75th National Square Dance Convention®

Check out the many restaurants in the Waco Downtown Dining Guide

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

300 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

100 I 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

Cricke's Draft House & Grill

211 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701

D's Mediterranean

1503 Calcord 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

300 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

2132 S Valley Mills Dr, Waco, TX 76706

Maria Mezcatoria

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

320 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701

Portofino's Italian Restaurant

725 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Red Herring at Hotel Herringbone

319 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 Ste. 107, Waco, TX 76701

Sascee'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 Pizza 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 BLYD 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

937 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

For info about the 75th NSDC's city of Waco, go to <https://destinationwaco.org>

CHRIS MALPASS *The* TAYLOR MALPASS
MALPASS BROTHERS

LONELY STREET

★★★★
"They're as REAL as girls and grassy..."
-Randy Owen - *Alabama*

★★★★
"Just when I thought real country music might be lost, I heard
The Malpass Brothers, and they renewed my faith that the
music will survive!"
-Gene Watson

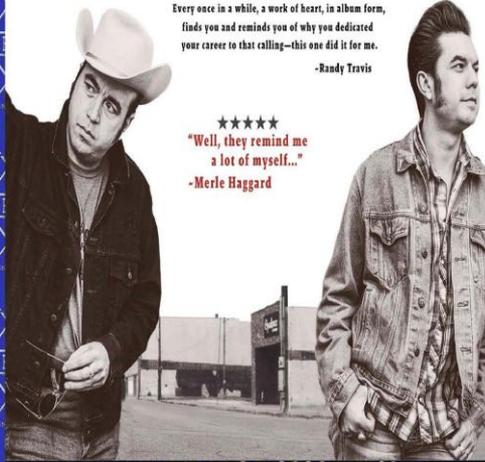
**APPEARING
AT THE
75th NSDC**

★★★★
"If I could purchase only one more recording in life,
I'd lay down my money for the next Malpass Brothers recording..."
-Jeannie C. Riley

★★★★
"...their music is as slick as the hair they comb..."
-Marty Raybon - *Shenandoah*

★★★★
"Every once in a while, a work of heart, in album form,
finds you and reminds you of why you dedicated
your career to that calling—this one did it for me."
-Randy Travis

★★★★
"Well, they remind me
a lot of myself..."
-Merle Haggard



Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas

Tickets
General \$45

PUBLIC WELCOME!

This is a show you will truly enjoy!

Dinner is included.

Information-361.779.3479 or 361.463.7222



Scan to reserve

Note: Premium Seating is SOLD OUT, but General Seating Tickets are still available for the Wednesday Night Event.

HELP US SWING THE GHOST RIDERS INTO WACO, TEXAS FOR A NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION® TO REMEMBER!

Dancers from all over the world will commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the National Square Dance Convention® in the Waco Convention Center on June 24-27, 2026. And what's a big celebration without the electrifying energy of the Ghost Riders Square Dance Band?

This fantastic live band brings excitement to our conventions. Their music, accompanied by enthusiastic callers, keep dancers swinging and swaying all evening 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 and 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 are eligible for a grand prize drawing!

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

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Square Dance Convention®
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>
or scan the QR Code



We're Going to Texas Ya'!!!



Discover the Sparkle of Education at the 75th NSDC!

Education Sessions are a valuable part of the **National Square Dance Convention®** experience. They're a great way to **rest your feet** between dances and **learn something new!**

Just like diamonds come in many cuts and colors, our education sessions offer a variety of topics to explore. For the **75th NSDC in Waco**, we're organizing these sessions into **four main categories** to help you find what interests you most.

Stay tuned for more details on each category and the exciting sessions planned!

<p>Dancer Leadership</p> <p>📖 Classes designed to help dancers build their leadership knowledge and skills to be effective club & association leaders.</p>	<p>Current & Future Callers</p> <p>🎵 Sessions organized by CALLERLAB to support new and experienced callers continue to hone their craft.</p>
<p>Publicity and Promotion</p> <p>🎵 Sessions to help promote and market your club and events via traditional and social media.</p>	<p>Potpourri</p> <p>❖ Classes on a variety of other topics of interest to dancers, leaders, callers and cuers, travelers, and more!</p>

Dancer Leadership Classes

Here are a few of the classes aimed at helping current and prospective club and organization leaders build their knowledge and skills:

- 📖 Toolkit for Club Leaders
- 📖 How to Build a Sustainable Club
- 📖 Are You Prepared? Emergency Plans at a Dance
- 📖 Negotiating Caller Contracts
- 📖 Solo Dancers: Can They Save Square Dancing?
- 📖 Spice Up Your Dances, Liven Up Your Club
- 📖 Who's Insured at Your Dances?

Continue your education at the **75th National Square Dance Convention®**

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



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75th 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® (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®. 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.

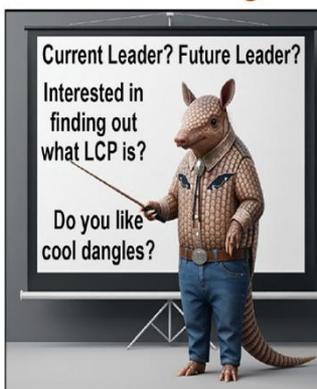
We are offering many new classes during the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX. They are in the planning stage at this time so check the monthly e-Magazine, Facebook, or the 75th NSDC website, www.75nsdctx.com, to see the new classes we have to offer.

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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, or Education Chairman, Brooke Peters, at kbrokepeters@gmail.com. Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/> or scan the QR Code.



75th 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 75th National Square Dance Convention®

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

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Let's Celebrate!

Wear your Red, White & Blue in honor of our Nation's 250th Birthday during a special event Friday, June 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm!



The NSDC's Diamond Jubilee coincides with America's 250th Birthday! Help us mark these important milestones.

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Register for the NSDC at <https://75nsdctx.com>



You Don't Want to Miss
This...

*Sights and Sounds
of Texas*

It Ain't Your Mama's

**FASHION
SHOW**

**Saturday
June 27
1:30 pm**

**75th National Square
Dance Convention[®]**



**June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE**



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.

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Tour Brochure

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at: 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 website are many self-guided tours.



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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.

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 75th 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

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at:
75nsdctx.com/tours

75th National Square Dance Convention[®]



June 24-27 2026

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The latest updates on the **75th National Square Dance Convention[®]** (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[®]**. Just click on the desired issue(s) once you're there...they are in **PDF** format.

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Club Special Dance Photos In The Last Month

Please email these 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.

Special Dance Photos for much of **October, 2025**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, which were obtained from emails, Facebook pages, plus ASSDF club and special dances from **SquareDanceUSA, Canyon Lake Dancers, Castoff8's, Twirling Lariats, River City Squares, Southern Swingers, Heber Springs, Twirling Funtimers, Maverick Mixers**, as well as from the **Levi's And Lace**.

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