

Volume XXXVI
Issue 4
October-December



Square Dancing The Official Folk Dance of America

USDA News

Newsletter of the World's Largest Square Dance Organization

Table of Contents

Presidents Message	3
Events in the Central Region	4
Events in the Western Region	5
Events in the Plains Region	6
USDA Insurance Coordinator notes	7
Thomas Steven Centennial Award	8
Events in the Eastern Region	10
Message from the Editors	11
Meet our youth scholarship winner	12
76th NSDC	13
75th National Square Dance Convention®	14
75th Fiesta de la Coudrilla	15
Las Vegas NV Frontier Days	16
Desert Squares Holiday Dance	17
74th NSDC	18-20
Important Information for Treasurers	21
Beyond the Dance Floor Webinar Series	22-23
You 2 Can Dance	24
Our Side of the Mic	25
Golden State Round up	26-27
ARTS Travel Program	28
Convention Schedule	29
USDA News Subscriptions	30
USDA News Policies	31
USDA Executive Committee Members	32

Cover design by Paige Wolka



Inside this Issue

Messages from our Presidents and Vice Presidents

Insurance help from Elizabeth Sanders

Read about the latest Centennial Award winner on pages 8 and 9

Meet our youth cholarship winner. If you know someone who deserves a scholarship check out youth programs on our web page.

Check out the fliers for many national, state and regional dances.

Treasurers check out the important information needed to maintain your non profit status on page 21.

Look forward to the 74th National Convention in Shreveport, Louisiana, June 25-28, 2025. Register now! Use the registration form on pages 19 and 20.

You can also register for the 75th NSDC in WACO Texas with the form on page 14.

Or you can register on-line for all three upcoming National Square Dance Conventions. See web page information on their fliers. Thank you for supporting these teams working hard to provide you a great experience.

Read about the CALLERLAB Proposal in “Our Side of the Mic” on page 25.

Attend conventions or festivals around the country! Many of these are listed on page 29.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS

ELLERY AND KAREN GULBRAND

“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.”
-Napoleon Hill-

While collecting our thoughts for this article, a glance out our window reveals the touches of a Midwest Fall on its way. Yes, the golden red is yellow and the corn is turning brown. Mornings are cool, the early morning dew shimmers on the grass while the flowers still burst forth with color in their close to final show. A few trees have decided to start changing their dress for the fall show and their colorful finale. It is time to look back over our shoulders at the great summer. “Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all other seasons.” -Jim Bishop-

The summer of 2024 was wonderful, and enjoyable for both family events and square dancing events. In April, we had a fun time at the Iowa State Convention in Cedar Falls, Iowa. We attended the National Square Dance Convention® in Milwaukee for an awesome time in our home state of Wisconsin! It was at this convention Karen, and I were elected to the position of USDA President for a second term. We humbly accept this position and again look forward to working with dancers and the Executive Committee as we all seek to grow the square dance population.

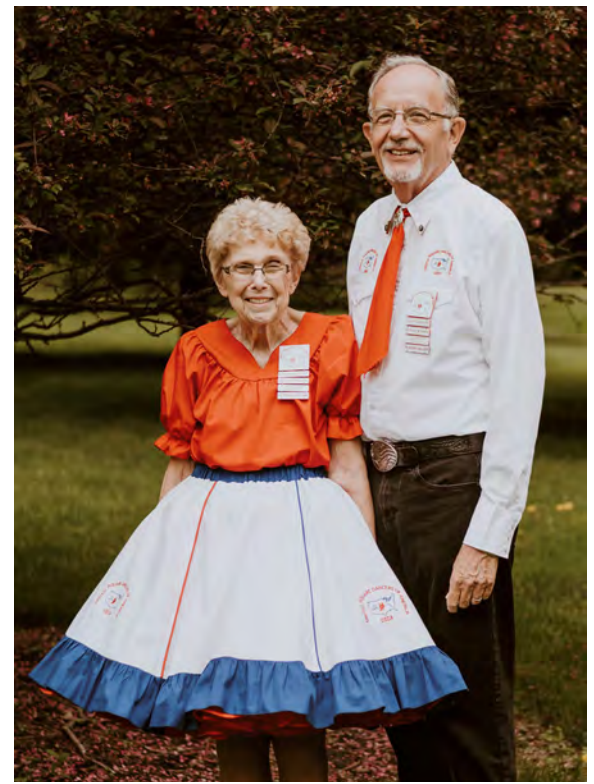
Our summer was enjoyable and fun as we danced at our club dances, area club dances, and fund raiser dances. We are looking forward to attending the National Square Dance Convention® in Shreveport, LA as well as other state conventions and festivals.

Our home is in the wonderful Midwest where we are looking with eager anticipation to a fabulous fall and wonderful winter, but we hope the square dance floors and classes will be filled as we spread this great activity.

We are looking forward to seeing many dancers over the upcoming months and into 2025!

Sincerely and God's Blessing,
Ellery & Karen Gulbrand
USDA President

“In the end, it is not the years in your life that counts. It is the life in your years!”
-Abraham Lincoln-



EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Scott and Sandy Ebright, Central Region VP

CENTRAL REGION REPORT

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia

Square Dance has seasons but they do not necessarily line up with the Earth's travel around the Sun. For us, Square Dance Summer always starts with the national convention at the end of June. This year the summer opener in Milwaukee was awesome. If you missed it, we urge you to never miss another one. Please get your tickets for Shreveport (2025), Waco (2026), and Loveland (2027) ASAP. These events are sure to be spectacular! The sooner folks get their tickets, the better it is for everyone.

Our Square Dance Summer seems to end with the close of the Tennessee State Convention. It is one of the biggest state conventions, maybe even THE biggest, every year. This year we even had 6 USDA board members at the TN convention. We urge everyone to join us in Gatlinburg, TN each year for this amazing convention. In 2025, TN will celebrate their 50th (July 31st-August 2nd).

Our Square Dance Fall each year starts with Michigan and Alabama on back-to-back weekends in August and ends with Kentucky in September. As of this writing we already had great trips to Michigan and Alabama and are planning our trip to Kentucky. Hopefully, y'all will join us for "SD Fall" next year (tentative dates: Michigan Aug 14-16, Alabama Aug 22-23, Kentucky Sep 4-6)

Our Square Dance Winter starts with Georgia (Nov 1-2, 2024), then Indiana (Nov 8-10, 2024), and ends with Florida (Jan 17-18, 2025).

Our Square Dance Spring starts with Mississippi (Mar 7-8, 2025), then South Carolina (Apr 25-26, 2025), and ends with Ohio (May 2-3, 2025).

All 13 of the above mentioned conventions are outstanding getaways and we hope to see y'all there!

On another note, y'all may have noticed that we need more callers. Many of these conventions have "adjacent" caller schools. For example, Grand Square International sponsors a FREE caller school staffed mostly by CALLERLAB accredited coaches during the 4 days prior to every national convention. This year Caller Teaching Program started a new tradition by holding a school staffed by mostly ACA certified instructors during the 5 days after the Tennessee convention. Many state associations have scholarships to help new callers. If you know of any potential callers, we urge you to get them to one of these schools.

See y'all on the dance floor!

IHS, Scott and Sandy Ebright
USDA Central Region Vice Presidents
CentralVP@usda.org

USDA representatives at Tennessee State
Square Dance Convention



EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

Nina Grigsby Western Region VP

WESTERN REGION REPORT

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

Greetings to our USDA officers, committee members, and all our affiliates, associations, and clubs! I hope everyone had an amazing Summer. This Summer was filled with several exciting dancing events, festivals, and many other activities that I hope everyone had an opportunity to partake in one or two between vacations and traveling. USDA also presented several new webinars as part of their “Beyond the Dance Floor” series to increase awareness and enjoyment of square dancing that I am sure inspired you and your fellow dancers.

I traveled to Barcelona this Summer, and I made a few stops along the way to Las Vegas, Milwaukee, and New York. If I missed you, I hope to catch you as you pass through Tucson, AZ or perhaps at a regional festival. There are more special dances/activities and festivals for the year ahead planned by several of our Western region affiliates and clubs that I hope everyone will take an opportunity to attend during your many travels. Here are a few upcoming special dances and festivals that I am sure you will enjoy:

Oct 4 - 6, 2024 – 65th SCVSDA Jubilee, San Jose, CA
Oct 25 - 27, 2024 – 63rd Harvest Hoedown, Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Yuba City, CA
Oct 27, 2024 – Cornucopia Jamboree, Senior Center, Cortez, CO
Nov 20 - 25, 2024 – 56th Aloha Festival, Queen Kapiolani Hotel, Waikiki, HI
Oct 17 – 20, 2024 – ISRDA Round Dance Festival, Boise Valley Square Dance Hall, Boise, ID
Nov 8 – 9, 2024 – Fall Jubilee, Boise Valley Square Dance Hall, Boise, ID
Nov 2, 2024 – Good Times Frontier Days, Riviera Mobile Home Park, Las Vegas, NV
Dec 13 – 14, 2024 – Boulder City Escape, DWP, Boulder City, NV
Dec 17, 2024 – Holiday Dance, Bob Ruud Community Center, Pahrump, NV
Jan 17 – 19, 2025 – Tucson Square Dance Festival, Casino Del Sol, Tucson, AZ
Jan 24 – 26, 2025 – Dancing Around the World, Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, OR

Details of more amazing events are posted on these affiliate websites:

[Alaska Square and Round Dance Federation](#)
[Square & Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona](#)
[Arizona Federated Square Dancers](#)
[California Council of Square Dancers](#)
[Colorado State Square Dance Association](#)
[Hawaii Square Dance Federation](#)
[Idaho State Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc](#)
[Yellowstone Square Dance Council](#)
[Las Vegas Square and Round Dancers](#)
[New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association](#)
[Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs](#)



Hope to see you soon and dance with you sooner!

Nina Grigsby

EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION

Mark and Bina Krebsbach, Plains Region VP

PLAINS REGION REPORT

Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin

Welcome to fall!! My favorite time of year!!

I sometimes wonder if anyone really stops to pursue the articles in this interesting magazine?? But anyway here is another to behold, if you will. Here I attentively sit in solitude humbly immersed in watching the Sibley Lake waves roll in, while taking in the gift of joyful silence. In this frame of mind and environment, words candidly flow from pen to paper.

Summer was fun and filled with much outdoor activities. Now we are looking forward to cooler weather, which propagates other activities such as cutting, splitting, hauling and stacking a winters supply of firewood. It takes a fair supply of wood to fuel a fireplace, 2 stoves and a wood burning cookstove. I truly love cooking on the cookstove. My famous flapjacks on the cookstove are my personal speciality, made of course using my secret recipe.

We love another activity that generally engages across the country in the fall, Square Dancing! In North Dakota we usually do have a dance or two in the summer. July found us venturing out of the Plains Region to Palmer, Alaska for their State Square Dance Convention. What a great group of people those Alaskans are!!! A very fun pleasant time was enjoyed. Thank you Gary Feaster for being our Wing Man! Nine squares danced to callers Dan Salstrom, Tom Manning, Bob Asp and Curt Braffett. Wow, no wonder all had a great time!!

Later in September we plan to attend the Nebraska State Square Dance Festival. We are looking forward to visiting the wonderful people in Nebraska.

We hope to be able to travel to the other Plains Region Dances/festivals this Fall or Winter. Please let us know when you have an event so we can plan to attend.

Hope to see you across the square sometime!
God's Blessings
As Ever Square Dancers



USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

Elizabeth Sanders

Greeting Everyone,

I was not able to attend the 73rd NSDC due to some unforeseen circumstances. However, I am sure that Pat Inglis did a wonderful job for me. I will be hosting the USDA Webinar on Saturday, November 9, 2024 and will present the same information for those that were not able to attend. The login information for the webinar will be posted to the USDA website (usda.org). Please join me then.

Let's address some problems that have occurred this year.

1. Insurance portal – There is one time during the year when you can delete a facility or a name from the roster and that is the ONLY time that you can delete names and facilities. That time is when you are registering your club for the first time each year. After you have paid for your club, you cannot delete any names or facilities. That includes any members that passed during the year, left your club for another club or who just stopped dancing.
2. New or Replacement Certificates – You can go into the portal to add new facilities at any time during the year. However, you will have to send me an email letting me know that you need a new certificate. If you have misplaced your certificate DO NOT go into the portal and enter the information again. Send me an email letting me know that you need a replacement certificate.
3. 2025 Rate – No, I do not have the rate yet, but tune in at the November USDA Webinar and I am sure I will know the new rate for 2025. What you can do now is get your clubs to update their rosters and facilities ON PAPER – not in the portal. As soon as the insurance company releases the 2025 portal, I will let you know. I expect that to be in November. Prior to that I will also be sending all the insurance coordinators new instructions for 2025.

As always, you can call or email me with questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sanders

USDA National Insurance Coordinator

P O Box 417, Stephens, GA 30667

sqdanins@gmail.com or insurance@usda.org

[706-759-3642](tel:706-759-3642) (landline)



Make a Difference
Support Our Youth with Your Donation to the
FOUNDERS MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
visit our website for details—www.usda.org (then Programs—Youth Dancer Information)

CENTENNIAL AWARD

Ed and Lynda Willis

The United Square Dancers of America have an award that is presented to dancers who have achieved a “special” milestone. That being reaching the age of 100 years and still active in the square dance world. On July 25, 2024, Petunia City Square Dance Club from Beloit WI held a “surprise” birthday party and dance for one of their members who reached this milestone. Mr. Thomas Stevens turned 100 and the club surprised him with a potluck dinner and dance. As Presidents of the USDA Ellery and Karen Gulbrand along with Jerry and Donna Robey, Executive Committee Members, presented Mr. Stevens with the Certificate and Medallion for the Centennial Award. We were joined by Scott and Brenda Deal, former USDA members and now members of the National Convention Executive Committee. It was an honor to meet this amazing man and to hear stories about him and everything he still does. He joined in several tips of dancing that evening. The following is a bio written by Mr. Stevens daughter and granddaughter.

Thomas E Stevens

Born on July 26th, 1924, in a farmhouse near Nelson in Avon, Wisconsin. His birth mother (Marie) and father were not married and not ready to be parents. His father, Chris Hanson, asked his sister Olga, who came from Norway at age 14, if she would help raise Tommy (we believe she was in her early 20's at that time). He was only three months old and was transported in a dresser drawer as his bassinet.

As a young boy Tommy lived in Chicago, as many of his aunts and uncles did, including his dad, Chris. His dad owned a Speakeasy before Prohibition ended. His aunts and uncles ran a fruit and vegetable stand. So, Tommy would walk the neighborhoods with a wagon selling his produce goods. His mother, Marie, would come to visit him every six months to a year to visit him, usually on his birthday. He received a baseball and bat from his mother. Then another year she brought him a model airplane kit, plus an already-made silver plane that his mother's boyfriend made. Well, that started it all, building model airplanes.

At age 15 he moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, with his adopted mother, Olga, and her son Robert. Eventually, He joined the Hanger 13 Flying Club that met at the local YMCA. He had to pay monthly dues of 5 cents, but it included all the modeling he needed. He started working doing paper routes to earn money for his hobby. He worked diligently, getting up early and delivering papers, even in the terribly cold weather. He came down with the mumps and lost most of his hearing in one ear at about age 18.

He graduated from Beloit Senior High School and met his wife, Doris, on a blind date. They had a double wedding with his older brother, Robert, and his wife, Frances. They honeymooned at Lake Ripley in Wisconsin.

He joined the Navy in 1943 and served during WWII. He served on a small tanker ship that had traveled to Pearl Harbor and Saipan and surrounding islands. During this time, they were stationed in Los Angeles. They bought a small hobby shop and lived in the back. His wife ran the hobby shop while he went to watchmaking school. When watchmaking school was over, he enlisted in the Army. Their first child, Susan, was born in 1950. He joined the Army reserves in late 1949, then volunteered for active duty when the Korean War started. At that time, he transferred to Yakima, Washington.

Fortunately, he did not have to travel overseas during the war.

Tommy and Doris made their way back to Beloit around 1952-1953. They lived on Afton Road near Newark Road in a small garage, turned into an apartment.

In 1954 they moved to Janesville. Thomas worked as a machinist for a company called Gilman, which is where he retired from. Their son Eddie was born June 14th, 1956. Around 1956 they started round dancing at a club in South Beloit called the Rhythm Rounds. They decided to start square dancing and joined many clubs in the area throughout the years, including Janesville, Milton, Elkhorn, and Beloit. Square dancing was something they enjoyed for exercise, and it took their minds off the untimely tragic death of their son in 1977 from a motor vehicle accident.

Granddaughters Tamie and Kristie occupied much of their time. They brought them to many square dances throughout the years. His wife of 70 years passed away in 2015. Tom was not done dancing; he continues with square dancing in Beloit on a regular basis when he can get a ride from his daughter, granddaughters, and now his great-granddaughter, Paige. In addition to dancing, he enjoys going to the Senior Center to play ping pong and dance, along with exercising at the Y doing the Silver Sneakers twice a week. He plays ping pong at home with his other great-grandchildren: Amelia, Dennis, and Sawyer.

Tom continues to stay active in his first hobby, model airplanes. He has been a member of Hanger 13 Model Airplane Club since he was 15 and is still a member today. They often meet at Turtle Creek International Airport in Shopiere, Wisconsin.

Family is especially important, and we get together for every birthday and holiday.



EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION

EASTERN REGION

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia

New Jersey: Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association (NNJSDA) 48th annual Mini-Festival, Sunday, Nov. 10 from 1 to 6:30 PM with Ken Burke, Dan Koft and Cameron Harnish calling, Steve Bradt cueing. Program levels: Mainstream, Plus, A, C1, Rounds For more information email minifestival.info@nnjsda.org

New England: 67th New England Square and Round Dance Convention, April 25th and 26th, 2025. More information: www.nesrdc.org

Virginia: 35th Virginia State Convention, Virginia Beach, VA, February 20-22, 2025. More information: www.vasquaredance.org/state-convention.html

Washington DC: 64th WASCA Festival, Herndon, VA, March 20-22, 2025. More information: www.wascaclubs.org/festival/index.php

FREE PHARMACY CARD

CLIP AND USE THIS CARD TO SAVE. SHARE IT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

USDA Free Enhanced Benefits Card is a prescription discount card that also offers savings on Hearing & Vision.



BIN: 600428
PCN: 05100000
GRP: 05690001
Member ID: EB22USDA1

Pharmacist's Help Desk: 886.921.7286
Member Customer Service: 800.285.5783

www.usda.ebccard.com

Powered by  ARGUS

Present This card to any participating pharmacy

At the time of service, you are responsible for payment of your prescription. Accepted at most pharmacies nationwide.

This card may not be used in combination with Medicare, Medicaid, or third party payer programs.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS



ART AND LILLY HARDIN

Ever wonder what it takes to put on a club level square dance?

Our club does not have a caller, so two years ahead someone must contact the caller, coordinate the schedule, agree on a price, and complete the contract. That person also is responsible for contacting the caller two months ahead to be sure they have the most current information about the time and location.

Although our club has a standard place to dance, we still need to be on the schedule, so one year in advance someone has to contact the community center and set up the schedule. Since we dance at the community center based on each club member paying dues and don't pay for individual events, sometimes, we get bumped. That means that two or three months before the dance someone has to check on the reservation and if we have been bumped from our usual venue has to find an alternate location.

Three months before the dance someone must contact the area council and be sure the correct dance information is included in the quarterly newsletter. Although our little club in the mountains does not get many visitors, we do want to be sure anyone vacationing in the area is invited and has access to the correct information. One or two weeks prior to the dance someone must send out the email invite to all the club members and provide the important information about the dance such as location, caller, and theme.

On the day of the dance someone has to make the refreshments, and someone has to meet the caller and open up the hall. Someone has to set up the tables and chairs and someone has to put up the decorations. Theme dances and decorations to support them are a whole other project.

On the day of the dance, dancers must decide to come, participate and enjoy the dance. After the dance someone must clean up, return the tables and chairs to their appropriate locations and lock the hall.

All this and we haven't touched on how much work the caller does. They need to train, purchase and maintain the sound equipment, prepare for the dance, and travel to the mountains in all kind of weather with various traffic problems. Then they perform for you. The caller may be asked to do an impromptu workshop on a call we are struggling with and is always expected to call to the floor, so everyone has a good time.

After you and your group of someone's do all the work necessary to put the dance on, someone still must keep the club going. Invite and teach new members, plan social events and meetings, take the money and keep things organized. Someone must pay the bills, do the taxes and be sure the organization does not go bankrupt.

How do you do all this? Train, retain and entertain dancers. If you are a dancer reading this, step up, we need your help. If you are a leader, thank you for keeping our activity alive and vibrant.

Have a wonderful fall! Enjoy your new dance classes and continue to help build square dancing.

Hope to see you in a square soon.

Meet our Youth Scholarship Winner
Youth Advisor: Dan Reedy

Kaylia Avila

Hi, my name is Kaylia Avila. I was born and raised in Oregon's Willamette Valley with my parents. I have been home schooled since middle school through various co-ops.

I've been Square Dancing for a year and a half and Round Dancing for a year. I am a member of two clubs; Salem Swingin' Stars and Silver City Squares. Currently, I angel both at the mainstream level and plus level. I have also recently learned two-step, waltz, cha cha, rumba, and slow two-step. During the 2024 Mid-Winter Square Dance Festival, my friends and I were able to participate in a Phase 4 Cha Cha Showcase. I had my first opportunity in competing at the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival through Silver City Squares with all my friends this year.

I found that I love competing! I won 1st Place in Novice Cueing, 2nd Place in Novice Rounds with my dance partner Sophia, 3rd Place with my Junior (Mainstream) Square, and 3rd Place with my Senior (Plus) Square.

Outside of square dancing activities, I also enjoy: English Country Dancing, Line Dancing, archery, hunting, watching movies (the old westerns are my favorites), hanging out with my friends and family, and spending time on my grandparents' property. I love chickens and turkeys (yes, turkeys), since I have helped raise them with my grandparents for years. I have two dogs: Olive, a Chihuahua who loves to sleep, and Archer, a sheltie who loves fetch, agility, and snuggles.

Before ageing out, I used to be involved in 4-H Shooting sports where I participated in rifle, pistol, and archery. I was chosen to be one of the spokespeople in the Toxophilite Archery Group for an interview with a reporter from the Polk County Itemizer Observer. After this, my friends and I qualified for the Oregon State Archery Competition. I participated in the Polk County Archery shoot, winning the 2023 Champion Senior in Compound Bow and the 2023 Overall High Score Champion.





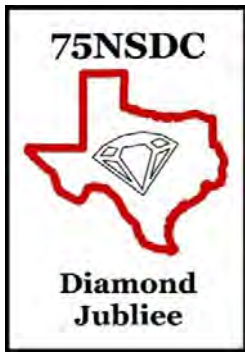
76th National Square Dance Convention®
June 23-26, 2027

*Dance in the **heart** of the Rockies*

Visit our Website
76NSDC.com



Loveland Colorado



Pre – Registration
 75th National Square Dance Convention®
 Waco, Texas
 June 24-27, 2026



Registration # _____
Ribbons _____

REGISTER ONLINE at www.75nsdcinc.com
 This form expires on March 22, 2025

Zelle® your registration fee to 75nsdc@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Partner's Last Name (if different): _____ First Name: _____

Email Address (if different): _____

Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Alt Number: (_____) _____

Check if you want to opt out of email sharing. Email addresses shared only with the NEC for upcoming convention information

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) \$60.00 each x _____ until 3/22/2025 = \$ _____

Youth born after June 27, 2009 \$30.00 each x _____ until 3/22/2025 = \$ _____

Sub Total: \$ _____

Credit Card Processing Fee \$3.00 \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Cash Received \$ _____ Check # _____ (Payable to 75NSDC) Zelle

Credit Card Type: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ Security Code: _____ Name of Cardholder: _____

Statement Mailing Address (if different): _____

Authorized Card Signature: _____

If Registering by Mail: 75NSDC 9597 Jones Rd Ste #122 Houston, TX 77065
Or Email to: register.75nsdc@gmail.com

PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply

Dancers: SSD Only, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Handicapable, SOLO
 Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging. Education Presenter Topic: _____
 Arrive Early or Stay Late # Days _____? Stay at Convention Hotels, RV Camping or
 Other Accommodations? _____
 Group Name: _____ Do you need Block Rooms _____, Meeting Rooms _____ or Storage Space: _____

Room Blocks Expire September 15, 2025

\$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2026. **This form and registration rate is void after March 22, 2025.** Registration Long Forms will be mailed in January, 2025 for selection of hotel or RV park and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on March 22, 2025.

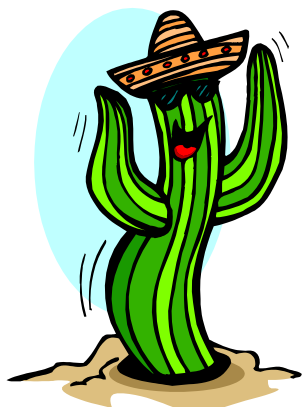
"Convention Badges Required for Entrance to all Convention Activities; Dressy Casual Attire allowed until 6:00 pm. Proper Dance Attire is Requested After 6:00 pm for all Dancers."

(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

Registration Location: _____ Receipt Sent: _____ Date Sent: _____

WE'RE GOING TO TEXAS Y'ALL!

Fiesta 2025



75th Fiesta de la Cuadrilla Square & Round Dance Festival March 21, 22, & 23, 2025 in magnificent Balboa Park



Featured Callers

Featured Cuers

JET ROBERTS (AL)

PETER & CHAMA GOMEZ (CO)

MIKE HOGAN (NE)

JOHN & FRAN DOWNING (CA)

PAT CARNATHAN (CA)

BILL HALE (CA)

Social Square Dancing (SSD), Plus & Advance levels, Round Dancing, Hex Dancing
Saturday Brunch, Saturday Picnic Dinner, Recycle Sale, Silent Auction & Quilt Raffle,

Come dance the beautiful floors of Balboa Park

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel: (_____) _____

Club: _____ Association _____

E-mail: _____

Dance Level: SSD Plus Advanced Rounds II to III Rounds IV to V

Pre-Sale 3 Day Ribbon ONLY \$50.00

Pre-Sale 3-day package good until 2/15/2025

	No.	Pre-Sale	COST	At Door	SUBTOTAL
3 Day Dance Package	_____	x\$50	_____	x\$60	_____
Quilt Raffle Tickets	_____	x\$1	_____		_____
R V Parking (Call)			Total	_____	_____

Make Remittance Payable To:

SDDA Fiesta

P.O. Box 81573

San Diego, CA 92138-1573

Major Credit Cards Accepted

Exp Date: _____

Name on CC: _____

CC No. _____ Security Code: _____

Information Mo Ninteman @ 619-504-5001 Website: www.sdsda.org/fiesta Email: fiesta@sdsda.org

Sponsored by San Diego Square Dance Association

Good



Times

**Good Times Square & Round Dance Club
Las Vegas, Nevada Nov 2, 2024**



ANDY ALLEMAO



RON HARTZELL

Advanced 1 - 3 pm

Pre-Rounds 7:00 - 7:30 pm

M/S/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Donation: \$15

\$10 Only Advanced program

Riviera Mobile Home Park

2038 Palm St

Las Vegas NV 89104

Info: Don Baltz (702) 580-6375 Rita: (702) 526-6192

www.GoodTimesSquareDancers.org

Desert



Holiday Dance



Squares



with

Mike Sikorsky



December 17, 2024

Mainstream & Plus

COST

\$10 per person

TIME

7:00-9:00 pm

WHERE

Bob Ruud Community Center

150 North Highway 160

Pahrump, Nevada

For more Information Contact

Pat Jackson
at (305) 301-1914





*The 74th NSDC invites you for Food,
Fun, Fellowship and Great Dancing!*
Shreveport Convention Center
June 25-28, 2025

Follow the 74th National Square Dance Convention® group on Facebook for the latest information and events



Register today at
www.74thNSDC.com



Come Dance on the Wild Side!

Photos courtesy of Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau





74th National Square Dance Convention®
 Shreveport Convention Center - June 25-28, 2025
 400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Come Dance on the Wild Side
 Register online at 74nsdc.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
Rhonda Bailey
 74th NSDC
 111 Wood Duck Lane
 Texarkana, TX 75501
 Email: RhondaW252@outlook.com

For Convention Use Only
 Registration # _____
 Date Received _____
 Payment Processed _____
 Check# or Ref # _____
 Rev Form 12/10/23a

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email*: _____

*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 NSDC's prior to 74th	1. Adult	2. Adult	3. Adult/Youth	4. Adult/Youth	5. Adult/Youth	Subtotals
	_____	_____	** DOB ___/___/___	** DOB ___/___/___	** DOB ___/___/___	\$ _____
						\$ _____
						\$ _____
						\$ _____
						\$ _____

- Magnet for Badge** (pins provided free) # _____ @ \$2.00 \$ _____
 - Program Book & Daily Schedules** (\$25 after 4/30/2025) # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
 - Round Dance Syllabus - USB Drive or Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2025)** # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
 - Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/25)** # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
 - Sew & Save Book - USB Drive or Digital Download** # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
 - Cookbook** # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
 - Hearing Assistance Device** # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
 - Wednesday Night Special Event - Dennis Swanberg** # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
 - Dinner & Show \$60 per person** # _____ @ \$60.00 \$ _____
 - Show only \$30 per person** # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
 - RV Camping from back side of form (4 night minimum)** # _____ @ \$35.00 \$ _____
 - Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing** @ \$3.00 \$ _____
- Total Due \$ _____**

PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))
 Check Enclosed Cash (In Person) - Receipt # _____ Credit Card
 Name on Card: _____
 Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____
 Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____
 Expiration Date: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.
 74th 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 and pay online at www.74nsdc.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 \$70; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/25/2025 - \$35.00 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2025** - Adult: \$85 - Youth ages 5-17: \$42.50.
- 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, 2025. **No refunds after April 30, 2025.**
- Registrations received after April 30, 2025, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 74th NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at 74nsdc.com/tours

DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.
 SSD Only Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge Contra
 Lines Clogging Rounds Handicapable Solo

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/24 at sdconvention.com.
 Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE
 Convention Hotels and Campgrounds must be reserved through 74th NSDC Registration & Housing for 74th NSDC rates.
 Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

Name: _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Code	Hotel	Rate
1	Hilton Shreveport Hotel - Headquarters	\$169
2	Sam's Town - Weekday Rate (Sunday - Thursday) Culler/Cuer Hotel - Weekend Rate (Friday - Saturday)	\$115 \$145
3	Holiday Inn - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$115
4	Holiday Inn Express - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$115
5	Hampton Inn - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$139
6	Hilton Garden Inn - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$139
7	Homewood Suites - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$169

Indicate choice of hotel preference by specifying number: #1 ___ #2 ___ #3 ___

Hotel assignments will be made in order of registration form received & according to availability. This form must be received, and rooms booked by March 1, 2025 for Sam's Town or May 1, 2025 for other hotels to guarantee 74th NSDC pricing.

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

S 6/21 S 6/22 M 6/23 T 6/24 W 6/25 T 6/26 F 6/27 S 6/28 S 6/29

Additional arrive early? ___ or stay late nights? ___ Total nights requested ___

Room request: Single Double Queen King Handicapable

SHARED ROOMS - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants here:

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

BLOCK HOUSING: All Block Housing requests are due by **July 15, 2024 and must be filled by Sept 15th**, include the name, email, and phone number of Block Housing Leader.

Block Name _____
 Block Leader Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

No airport shuttle services provided. See www.74nsdc.com for transportation information.

Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than May 1, 2025. A weblink and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order that the forms are received.

Do you prefer email or text notification? Email ___ Text ___

Note that hotels will not take your reservation for our convention until July 1, 2024. The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to hold the room. **You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention contracted rate.** No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the weblink and phone number which will be provided by the convention Housing Vice-Chairman.

MAP OF HOTELS & CAMPGROUND SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER



RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Campground	Distance	Rate per Day
State Fair of Louisiana 3701 Hudson Street, Shreveport, LA 71109	4.5 miles / 9-minute drive	\$35.00

Each site is roughly the same size with full hookups including water and sewer with 30 or 50-amp electrical connections. 30 amp requested 50 amp requested.

Assignments will be made in the order of registration form received & according to availability to make sure we have plenty of 50-amp connections. This form must be received, and sites must be booked by May 1, 2025, to guarantee the 74th NSDC pricing. We have over 200 sites available, so no issue on availability.

Site nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

S 6/21 S 6/22 M 6/23 T 6/24 W 6/25 T 6/26 F 6/27 S 6/28 S 6/29

Additional arrive early? ___ or stay late nights? ___ Total nights requested ___

Buses Not Available. Parking Available at Convention Center \$5 per day (in/out).

GROUP CAMPING requests must be received by January 2, 2025. Everyone that is part of the group must fill in Group Name and Group Leader Name. **To camp together, best to arrive together.**

Group Name _____
 Group Leader Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

Your confirmed campground may assess a one-night penalty fee for cancellations received less than 72 hours of arrival, including early departure. On-line registration available. All site reservations will be coordinated through RV & Camping Vice-Chairman with this form. For further information see web site: www.74nsdc.com.

Important Information for Treasurers

One of the overlooked duties of the Treasurer of a nonprofit organization is the essential requirement to file annual reports with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Any entity that has an Employer Identification Number (EIN) also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), must file one of the annual 990 forms with the IRS. The EIN or TIN are necessary to have a bank account.

Failure to file this annual report with the IRS may result in a entity's EIN / TIN to become inactive and potential loss of nonprofit status.

Form 990 - Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax – available online at:

[2023 Form 990 \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov/efile)

Form 990-EZ - Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax– available online

at: [2023 Form 990-EZ \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov/efile)

Form 990-N (e-Postcard) – May be completed online at:

[Annual electronic filing requirement for small exempt organizations — Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\) Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov/efile)

Small tax-exempt organizations generally are eligible to file Form 990-N to satisfy their annual reporting requirement if their annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less.

Form 990-N is easy to complete. The only things needed are these eight items of basic information about your organization.

- Employer identification number (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)
- Tax year (calendar or fiscal filer)
- Legal name and mailing address
- Any other names the organization uses
- Name and address of a principal officer
- Website address if the organization has one
- Confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less
- If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating (going out of business)

Form 990-N is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your entity's tax year. It is not possible to file the e-Postcard until after your entity's tax year ends.

The IRS now offers sign-in options with Login.gov and ID.me. Both offer access to IRS online services with a secure account that protects your privacy.

Login.gov is an account created, maintained, and secured by the U.S. government.

ID.me is an account created, maintained, and secured by a technology provider.

Currently, Login.gov can only be used to access IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard), the Qualified Intermediary Application and Account Management System (QAAMS), the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act Financial Institution Registration System (FATCA Registration).



The United Square Dancers of America's *Zoom Series*

Beyond the Dance Floor

Dancing! — While we are so excited to be back dancing after the Covid epidemic, we lost many of our dancers, clubs, callers, and cuers during that time. The great news that came from the pandemic is how well the square dance community all over the World has adapted to and benefitted from the challenges we've been facing and continue to face. How have we benefitted? Remote networking platforms such as Microsoft Teams and Zoom have introduced us to new friends and dance experiences we might never have enjoyed before — from Zoom dance sessions with international participation to opportunities to participate in State, National and International dance events, conventions and workshops.

In October of 2020 the **United Square Dancers of America — USDA**

— your National dancers' organization, introduced a monthly series of web-based programs via *Zoom* to support clubs on the business and marketing end of our activity. The programs were used to introduce more dancers across the country to who/what USDA is, the programs and services we provide, and a way to keep square and round dancing in the forefront of people's thoughts even if they weren't able to get together on the dance floor. Since the introduction of the initial workshops, topics have evolved to include Marketing & Promotions, the SSD dance program, square dance resources, promotional information about our National Square Dance Conventions, Social Connections and the recruitment and retention of callers. We've been lucky enough to partner with CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB and ARTS on several of these programs and look forward to partnering with other national organizations for future program offerings. We've had participation from dancers, callers cuers from all over the world, sharing ideas, program guidelines and coping strategies.



Beyond The Dance Floor – It takes a lot of effort and organizational skills to keep our favorite activity alive and USDA is here to help. From bylaws to event planning, club officer duties, promotion, communications, newsletters, youth and handicapped programs – this series is designed to help groups across the country and across the World build and grow your clubs.

Want Direct Notification of the Next Session? Watch your email, our website and Facebook for links to the actual, **FREE** workshops. If you would like to be added to our email notification list send us your name and email address to Education@usda.org.



For more information or to check on scheduling updates, please contact us at:

USDA Online Education: Bonnie Abramson — Education@usda.org

Or visit our Facebook page and join our Facebook group

www.Facebook.usda.org (United Square Dancers of America—USDA)



The United Square Dancers of America's Social Media Committee

Proudly Presents

Beyond the Dance Floor

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE OCTOBER—DECEMBER 2024



All Programs will begin at 2:00 p.m. Eastern; 1:00 p.m. Central; 12:00 noon Mountain;
11:00 a.m. Pacific; 8:00 a.m. Hawaii; 90-minute duration

Visit the USDA website, www.USDA.org, for login information and scheduling updates

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Title: USDA Insurance - Making Sure Your Clubs and Dancers are Covered

Faculty: Elizabeth Sanders, USDA Insurance Director

Program Description: USDA's Insurance Coordinator Elizabeth Sanders will outline the Insurance program, including answering the questions "Which form do I use to request a certificate?" and, "Which form is used to register students for Insurance?" Information will include accurate usage of the Insurance database, what events do and don't need to be covered, specialty insurance riders (additional insured requests), and applying for last-minute certificates.



Saturday, November 16, 2024

Title: New Callers: Care & Nurturing From the Club and Association Perspective

Faculty: Mike Seastrom, Internationally Known Caller and past Chairman of the CALLERLAB Board of Governors

Program Description: The square dance community is desperate for callers but how do we encourage new individuals to undertake the process of learning to call? Even more important—how do we as dancers and club members support them during their learning process? Long-time caller and dance teacher Mike Seastrom will share his insights on how we can support and nurture these new callers and help our programs grow.



Saturday, December 14, 2024

Title: USDA's Youth Dancer Programs & Founders' Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship

Faculty: Dan Reedy, USDA Youth Advisor

Program Description: This program will give an overview of the Youth dancer programs sponsored by USDA, including the Founders' Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship – the application process and how the scholarship is funded. We will also discuss programs offered for youth dancers at the National Square Dance Conventions and brochures offered regarding youth programs. We will welcome input from organizers of successful youth programs across the country—let's share!



You 2 Can Dance

***A BRAND NEW MARKETING WEB SITE
PROMOTING
SQUARE, ROUND, AND CONTRA DANCING***

*High Definition Video Clip of Each Dance Form
with professional voice-overs*

- * Detailed Descriptions of Each Dance Form
- * Find a Caller, Find a Cuer, and Find a Club sections
- * High Definition Pictures

This site was created by ARTS-Dance to be a tool for promoting Square Dancing, Round Dancing, and Contra Dancing. Rather than trying to describe each activity on a flyer posted on a bulletin board, you can direct the potential dancer to this site to **show them**. They can watch video, read detailed descriptions and then find a leader or club in their area using either the resources page of the web site, or the contact info you have provided on your advertising

check it out at

 <http://www.you2candance.com>

To learn more about using this web site as part of a nation-wide marketing plan go to the Facebook page (You 2 Can Dance.com) or the ARTS-Dance web site (arts-dance.org). It doesn't cost you a thing and is there for you to use to help promote our dance forms.

Our Side of the Mic

An article sponsored by the Denver Area Callers & Cuers Association

Bob Riggs ...

The Proposal

Many of you may have heard that CALLERLAB, at its annual convention in March, presented what has become known as “The Proposal”. I’m sure you would like to know more about this as there are many rumors. Ask your caller, as most of the active callers attended the convention.

The core of “The Proposal” is the suggestion that we reorganize our entry programs for the Square Dance activity into two square dance programs each consisting of 50 calls. The first filling, what today are the promoted as Basic/SSD/Mainstream events and the second filling what today are promoted as Plus events.

The CALLERLAB Board of Governors and its Executive Committee believe this change will eliminate the current confusion between all of our current programs. Currently, CALLERLAB recognizes CDP (25 calls), Basic 1 (32 calls), Basic 2 (+16 calls), SSD (53), Mainstream (+19 calls), Plus (+29 calls), A1 (+50 calls), A2 (+37 calls), and the Challenge lists. All of these are danced in various areas of the world. Here in Colorado we have SSD, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge classes and dances.

If "The Proposal" is passed next April at CALLERLAB's 50th Anniversary Convention we will have a Square Dance Program and an extended list or Plus program. The determination of what each of these lists will be named and which calls will be included in each will follow the convention.

The benefit appears to be a Square Dance activity that allows new people to easily join the activity in a reasonable period of time and remain as dancers. For those that dance frequently and/or want more challenge the second group of 50 calls would be available by taking additional classes.

This year is a period of communications and discussions to allow our callers and dancers to understand the current situation and help plan a future for our activity.

We encourage you to ask questions, express your concerns and thoughts to your CALLERLAB member callers.

Reprinted by permission from Denver Area Square & Round Dance Council Bulletin, Summer 2024





12TH ANNUAL GOLDEN STATE ROUND UP

MAY 23, 24, & 25, 2025

LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL FAIRGROUNDS 413 E. LOCKEFORD STREET LODI, CALIFORNIA 95240

FEATURED STAFF



DARIN
KEITH
IDAHO



DAN
NORDBYE
ARIZONA



MIKE
SIKORSKY
ARIZONA



BUDDY
WEAVER
CALIFORNIA



RANDY & MARIE
PRESKITT
WASHINGTON

4 DANCE HALLS

Mainstream • Plus • Advanced • Rounds

- FRIDAY NIGHT NEWER DANCER DANGLE DANCE
- SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER PARTY and ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- SUNDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

ON SITE CAMPING

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.NCSDA.COM



CAMPING INFORMATION

RV / Tent Camping space assured only by Pre-Registration

- LIMITED ELECTRICAL & WATER HOOK-UPS*
- ON-SITE DUMP STATION

*Some of the camping areas have a central electrical and water connection. RV electrical extension cord may be needed as well as extra water hose and possibly a garden hose 2 way or 4 way splitter.

This Festival qualifies for the California Council of Square Dancers, Inc Friendship Badge

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Festival Registration is package only

Credit Card Payment Visit: WWW.NCSDA.COM
 Checks Payable to: NCSDA
 Mail to: NCSDA Golden State Round Up
 P.O. Box 23972 Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE POST MARKED BY MAY 12, 2025

ALL RIBBONS WILL BE HELD AT WILL CALL NO REFUNDS, 1 ROLLOVER

2025 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME	RIBBON TYPE	QTY	PRE REG	AT DOOR
ADDRESS	ADULT ALL EVENTS		\$65	\$75
CITY, STATE, ZIP	YOUTH ALL EVENTS (under 18)		\$35	\$40
CELL PHONE(S)	FRI DANGLE DANCE ONLY		N/A	\$25
E-MAIL	HANDICAPABLE		N/A	\$10
DANCE HALL PREFERENCES (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream <input type="checkbox"/> Plus <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds				
RIBBON SUB TOTAL		---	\$	
CAMPING RESERVATIONS: RV ___ TENT ___		CAMPING FEE	# OF NIGHTS	PER NIGHT
WED ___ THURS ___ FRI ___ SAT ___ SUN ___		RV		\$45
RV Information: Motorhome ___ Trailer ___ 5th Wheel ___		TENT		\$15
RV length: # of Slideouts: (MH)Towed Vehicle: Y N		CAMPING SUB TOTAL	---	\$
Group Camping (Club): _____				
By pre-registering for camping, it aids the Wagon Master in their planning. They will do their best to keep groups together, but no guarantees.		GRAND TOTAL (Ribbons & Camping) --- \$		

HOTEL INFORMATION*

Motel 6 1140 S Cherokee Ln 1-209-334-6422
 Days Inn 710 S Cherokee Ln 1-209-369-8484
 Econo-Lodge Inn & Suites 118 N Cherokee Ln 1-209-367-4848
 Hampton Inn & Suites 1337 S Beckman Rd 1-209-369-2700
 Holiday Inn Express 1337 E Kettleman Ln 1-209-210-0150
 Best Western I-5 Inn & Suites 6411 W Banner Rd 1-209-367-3000

*There is no Host Hotel through NCSDA

CONTACT INFORMATION

KAREN and HARRY DAVIS
 EMAIL: president@ncsda.com
 PHONE: (925) 686-3774

Purchase Early Bird Round Up Ribbons for 2026 at a discounted price during 2025 Round Up Weekend

Turn Your Vacations into Donations!

Alliance of Rounds Traditional and Square Dance
Now Has It's Own Travel Website!
That Supports Your Dance Activity!



Book your dance, personal and business travel on our new travel website...

www.arts-dancetravel.com

Every time you do, ARTS will receive a portion of the travel commissions.

Receive the same low rates as those other travel websites and help generate \$1,000's for ARTS-Dance



It's that simple!

Just Log on To
www.arts-dancetravel.com

Great Rates On

Air • Hotels • Rental Cars • Cruises • Vacations

Each time you use our new travel website, ARTS the Alliance of Rounds Traditional and Square Dance will receive a portion of the travel commissions from the companies you use.



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Send your State Association/Federation Convention dates to News@usda.org and will list it here at no charge.

<p>Oct 18-19 Show Me Dance Missouri, 65 years Sadalia Missouri Fairgrounds For more information: www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com</p>	<p>Jan 24-26, 2025 Oregon Mid-Winter Festival Linn County Fairgrounds 3700 Knox Butte Road E Albany, OR 97322 Contact Julia Buchheit: jbuchheit19@gmail.com</p>
<p>Oct 24-26 FANSDC Camporee Southern Palms RV Resort 1 Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL Chairman: Wayne & Debbie Miller dmiller0331@gmail.com or 904-891-7016</p>	<p>Feb 20-22 35th Virginia State Convention “LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL” Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk 5655 Greenwich Rd. Virginia Beach, VA More info at: vasquaredance.org/state-convention.html</p>
<p>Oct 25-26 52d Maritime Square and Round Dance Convention Fredericton Inn, New Brunswick, CA Contact: Christine & Martin R-Belanger cmr.belanger@outlook.com</p>	<p>Mar 20-22 64th WASCA Festival “Duck and Dive in 25” Hilton Washington Dullas Airport 13869 Park Center Rd., Herndon VA 20171 More info at: www.wascaclubs.org/festival</p>
<p>Nov 1-2 53rd Georgia State Convention Gainesville Civic Center 830 Green Street NE, Gainesville, GA 30501 Register at: www.gssda.org Email Questions to: squaredancing7@gmail.com</p>	<p>Apr 25-26 North Dakota State Festival Holy Spirit Catholic Church 1420 7th St. N. Fargo, ND Sponsored by the Bismark Belles 'N Beaux More Info at: squaredancenorthdakota.com</p>
<p>Nov 8-10 39th Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention French Lick Springs Resort 8670 West State Road 56, French Lick, IN 47432 Register at: www.InSquareDanceConvention.com</p>	<p>May 23-25 72nd Golden State Round Up Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds 413 Lockeford St., Lodi, CA 95240 Register at: www.NCSDA.com</p>
<p>Nov 10 48th Annual Northern New Jersey Mini-Festival Callers: Ken Burke, Dan Koft and Cameron Harnish Cuer: Steve Brandt email for more info: minifestival.info@njdsda.org</p>	<p>Jun 13-14 Colorado State Square Dance Festival GATSBY’S ALIVE IN 2025 Colorado Mesa University Center 1401 N. 12th St, Grand Junction, CO More info at: www.coloradosquaredance.com</p>
<p>Jan 17-18 70th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention “Spin The Bigtop” 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd Deltona, FL 32725 Register at: www.floridasquaredance.com</p>	<p>Jul 18-19 39th Illinois State Square and Round Dance Convention Sheraton Suites, Chicogo O’Hare 6501 Manheim Rd, Rosemont, IL Visit: www.ilsdc.dance</p>
<p>Jan 17 - 19 Tucson Square & Round Dance Festival Casino Del Sol Resort 5655 W. Valencia, Tucson, Arizona Register at: www.SACCA.dance</p>	<p>Don’t see your festival or convention listed? Send event name, location, and web site or email contact information to: News@usda.org</p>

USDA NEWS

The USDA NEWS publication is a quarterly publication covering all aspects of the Square Dance activity. Each issue of USDA NEWS, which averages 32-36 pages, is provided FREE to all known dance publication editors; leaders of national, and international organizations; and USDA Affiliate, presidents, vice presidents and insurance coordinators.

USDA NEWS is available to all others at a yearly subscription rate of only \$6.00. The subscription rate does not pay for the newsletter but does assist in the postal costs. To keep abreast of square dance events, leadership and education articles, and to maintain your awareness and knowledge of the total activity, you should be reading the USDA NEWS.

If you would like to receive notice when a new issue is posted on our website, go to www.Subscribe.USDA.org, and follow the instructions. As soon as a new on-line edition is posted you will receive an email with a link to the website.

For your own personal copy of the quarterly USDA NEWS, complete the form below and return it with a check made out to United Square Dancers of America and mail both to the USDA NEWS Editor.



USDA NEWS SUBSCRIPTION



Subscription Type -- New Renewal

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
(MUST HAVE + 4 DIGITS)

PHONE: _____ Email: _____

**Please fill in this form and then print. Be sure the form is complete.
Attach check or money order to form for appropriate amount.**

\$6—1 Year

\$12—2 Years

\$18—3 Years

Make Checks payable to: USDA

I qualify for Free Subscription: (must be renewed annually) also complete above information.

Organization: _____ **Office** _____ **USDA Affiliate**

If publication editors, Name of Publication _____ **Email** _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO LILLY HARDIN, PO BOX 4782, DILLON, CO 80435-4782



GOING AWAY FOR THE WINTER? SUMMER? HAVE YOU MOVED?

We don't want you to miss a single copy of USDA NEWS, so please notify us of any change of address as soon as possible. If you go away for an extended period of time let us know the new address and the dates involved and we will see that you continue to get your copy wherever your current address might be.

When you plan a move please send your new address to News@usda.org as soon as possible.

USDA NEWS PUBLICATION POLICY

USDA NEWS is the official newsletter of the United Square Dancers of America, the largest square dance organization in the world. Our goal is to cover all aspects of the square dance activity. USDA NEWS is not copyrighted and we welcome the reprinting of any material by USDA Affiliates and other publications. A credit line is appreciated whenever any of our material is reprinted.

We also welcome articles of interest to the square dance world in general. When submitting articles for use in USDA NEWS please include your name, address, phone number and email address and also indicate the author of the article. The editor does reserve the right to reject, edit, omit, or rewrite all material submitted.

The opinions expressed within the publication do not necessarily reflect that of the USDA or the Editorial staff.

USDA ADVERTISING POLICY

USDA NEWS prefers ads and fliers in digital format. To avoid distortion use 8 1/2" x 11" format with margins for a full page and 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" for a half page.

Make check payable to United Square Dancers of America and mail to the editor. Name and address can be found on www.usda.org/Officers.php. Checks must be received by the publication deadline listed below. Unpaid ads will not be printed.

Deadline Dates are one month before the quarterly issue date.

USDA NEWS has two editions; a printed edition and an on-line edition. The printed edition is a black and white copy except for the cover and the four center pages. The four center pages are available for purchase for your fliers. The color ads and are sold on a first-come basis. The on-line edition is a full color copy. When submitting copies for black and white advertising in the printed edition you can send a color copy for use. It will be printed in black and white, but the on-line copy will be in color.

ADVERTISING RATES

	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>BLACK & WHITE</u>
½ Page	\$25.00	\$20.00
Full Page - 1 side	\$45.00	\$35.00
Full Page—2 sides	\$60.00	\$50.00

Publication

Deadline

Jan-Mar	Dec 01
Apr-Jun	Mar 01
Jul—Sep	Jun 01
Oct—Dec	Sep 01

USDA NEWS
C/o Lilly Hardin
PO Box 4782
Dillon, CO 80435-4782

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PRSR STD
US Postage
PAID
Kansas City, MO
Permit 350

**UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA
2023-2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

www.usda.org/Officers.php

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Ellery and Karen Gulbrand (WI)
(H) 920-4340669 (K) 920-819-0364
(E) 920-819-3564
Email: President@usda.org

**VICE PRESIDENT EASTERN REGION
OPEN**

VICE PRESIDENT CENTRAL REGION
Scott and Sandy Ebright (TN)
(Scott) 937-830-1481 (Sandy) 865-466-5514
Email: CentralVP@usda.org

VICE PRESIDENT PLAINS REGION
Mark and Bina Krebsbach (ND)
(M) 701-320-9079 (B) 701-320-5182
Email: PlainsVP@usda.org

VICE PRESIDENT WESTERN REGION
Nina Grigsby (AZ)
240-481-3580
Email: WesternVP@usda.org

SECRETARY
Marilyn Schmit (OR)
503-508-0539
Email: Secretary@usda.org

**TREASURER, PHOTOGRAPHY,
ARCHIVES**
Jim and Judy Taylor (CO)
(H) 303-795-3278 (C) 720-456-0413
Email: Treasurer@usda.org

PAST PRES, WAYS & MEANS
Mark and Bina Krebsbach (ND)
(M) 701-320-9079 (B) 701-320-5182
Past@usda.org, WaysMeans@usda.org

APPOINTED POSITIONS

CENTENNIAL AWARD

Ed and Lynda Willis (NC)
(H) 910-338-1475 (C) 910-616-3639
Email: centennial@usda.org

INFORMATION & SOUND

L. Paul and Sally Schmidt (CA)
619-222-0445 (LP) 619-804-5266
(S) 619-804-4197
Email: Info@usda.org, sound@usda.org

PARLIAMENTARIAN, 501(C)(3)

Jim Maczko and Patty Wilcox (CA)
(H) 619-295-2635, (C) 619-840-7791
Email: 501c3Apply@usda.org

GROUP RENEWALS, 501(C)(3)

Patricia Inglis (GA)
(H) 678-684-3886 (C) 404-932-5512
Email: 501c3Renew@usda.org

USDA NEWS EDITORS

Art and Lilly Hardin (CO)
(H) 970-262-6415 (L) 719-440-0945
Email: News@usda.org

INSURANCE COORDINATOR

Eddie & Elizabeth Sanders (GA)
706-759-3642
Email: Insurance@usda.org

**LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION &
PUBLICATIONS**

Doug and Willa Bradshaw (CO)
(H) 303-988-2466, (D) 303-250-2539
(W) 303-250-2542
Email: Publications@usda.org

PRESCRIPTION CARD, HOSPITALITY

Dale and Kathy Worthington (OR)
(H) 503-861-2726 (C) 503-739-1215
Card@usda.org, Badges@usda.org

USA TRAVELER PROGRAM

Jerry and Donna Robey (IL)
(H) 815-977-5763 (C) 352-284-7912
Email: Traveler@usda.org

**FACILITIES, AFTER PARTY &
SOCIAL MEDIA**

Milene McCall (KY)
Phone: 502-525-3356
Facilities@usda.org, Social@usda.org

**ON LINE EDUCATION & SOCIAL
MEDIA**

Bonnie Abramson (CA)
Phone: 916-213-3640
Education@usda.org, Social@usda.org

YOUTH ADVISOR

Dan Reedy (AR)
731-612-1155
Email: Youth@usda.org

HANDICAP-ABLE DANCERS

Alitia Becker (LA)
318-547-9578
Email: Handicap@usda.org

WEBMASTER

Dan and Jean Wheeler (MO)
816-223-0803
Email: Webmaster@usda.org