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## Inside this Issue

Messages from our presidents and Vice Presidents

Do you remember the 10 Commandments of Square Dancing? Check them out with the Plains Region Vice President.

Still trying to meet the challenge of attending at least one state festival in the Central Region? Check out the list of upcoming central region festivals on page 8.

Having trouble with your insurance? See tips and suggestions from Elizabeth Sanders on page 9.

Need a new festival or event to attend? Maybe in a different state? Check out all the fliers throughout this issue and find a new fun activity.

We say goodbye to our good friend Patty Wilcox. See her story on page 27.

Look forward to the next National Convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin June 26-29, 2024. You can also register for the 74th NSDC in Shreveport and the 75th NSDC in WACO. Use the registration forms on pages 12-13, 20- 21, and 22 or go on-line to support these teams working hard to provide you a great experience.

Lastly, consider attending conventions or festivals around the country. Many of these are listed on page 29

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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS**

## **ELLERY AND KAREN GULBRAND**



“Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘Let’s party’!”

- Robin Williams -

Sunshine, blue sky, mild temperatures, and a few rain showers (not snow) are gradually making themselves known as we move towards spring! While all these weather traits spring happiness and excitement in our heart there is also excitement and fulfillment in our minds as we watch our new square dancers graduate into the fun art of square dancing.

Yes, the dancer “angels” now watch as the new dancers, with a smile on their face, dance with the moves they have mastered. When the new dancers graduate it is now time for all “seasoned” dancers to make them feel welcome!

Our Wisconsin “snow season” was mild (this far) enabling us to attend club dances, as “angels” for lessons, festivals, and fundraiser dances. We are looking forward to the Iowa State Convention and the 2024 National Square Dance Convention® in Milwaukee in our home State of Wisconsin, June 26-29. We hope many dancers will enjoy the dancing and educational sessions offered. We invite all dancers to attend the Annual USDA Board of Directors Meeting. This will be held at the Convention on Wednesday, June 25th. As we travel, we hope to see dance floors continue to grow with dancers.

We would like to send a big “Thank-you” to the USDA Executive Committee and all the square dancers promoting dancing to keep the fun art of square dancing alive and growing.

Our hope is to see you on the square dance floor sometime, somewhere, as the call goes out “Square ‘Em Up”!

God’s blessings in 2024!

Sincerely,

Ellery & Karen Gulbrand

USDA President

“You’re only here for a short visit. Don’t hurry. Don’t worry.

And be sure to smell the flowers along the way.”

-Walter C. Hagen -



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS**



## **ART AND LILLY HARDIN**

The last three months have been very busy !

In January we attended the USDA winter meeting and the Florida State Festival in Deltona, Florida.

This was our first USDA winter meeting and it was interesting to experience how the USDA executive committee works to develop policies. Policies that keep square dancers safe through the insurance program. Policies and programs that educate dancers through the on-line education program and the leadership and education publications. Policies that keep dancers informed through the USDA NEWS magazine and the web page. And programs that support special groups like the handicap-able dancers and the youth. Everyone worked together keeping in mind that all these issues support square dancers and keep our activity going. The meeting also included time to get to know each other, forge friendships, and dance.

The Florida State Festival was very well done! We enjoyed the callers, the variety of dances and the friendliness of all the participants. It was nice of them to invite all of us.

February included multiple sweetheart dances, skiing, and catching up with family.

March is filled with special dances; seems like spring break is a good time for National Callers to come to Colorado, and we try and take advantage of their varied talents. March is also the time for pre-conventions and the Callerlab Convention.

In between we are working on two National Square Dance Conventions. It is amazing how much planning and coordination goes into a National Square Dance Convention. If you have never attended a National Convention you should try and fit this three day party into your summer schedule. A National Convention is set apart from state festivals because it includes education sessions, clinics, and other educational features for dancers, club leaders, callers, cuers, and teachers.

This year the party is in Milwaukee Wisconsin, June 26-29th. The Milwaukee team has been working for three years planning the big party; come and enjoy!

See you on the dance floor!

Art and Lilly Hardin

## 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

Happy Spring showers, May flowers, and Summer planning to our USDA officers, committee members, and all our affiliates, associations, and clubs! 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:

April 12 – 14, 2024 – “Strawberries Galore”, Santa Maria Fairpark, Santa Maria, CA

April 19 – 21, 2024 – “Spring Fling”, Farthest North Square & Round Dance Center, Fairbanks, AK

May 14 – May 16, 2024 – “New Mexico Square & Round Dance Festival”, Civic Center, Truth or Consequences, NM

May 24 – 27, 2024 – “Montana State Square & Round Dance Festival”, Cedar Hall at MetraPark, Billings, MT

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

[Alaska Square and Round Dance Federation](#)

[Square & Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona](#)

[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](#)

We also hope to see you all at the 73rd National Square Dance Convention in Madison, WI, Jun 26 – Jun 29, 2024.

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

AHHH! Springtime again! My favorite time of the year!!

We have experienced Spring weather most of the Winter here in good ole' North Dakota, no complaints!!

Well for Bina and I this past Winter has been a fairly busy time in the square dance world. The USDA Winter Meeting was held in Florida in January. Good job Scott & Sandy for hosting it. That included a dance at the Florida State Festival, a wonderful Florida Experience. Then we hopscotched across the Southern states to the Memorial Service and celebration of the life of a very dedicated square dancer, teacher, humble and simply wonderful lady, Patty Wilcox. The last day or two of her life, Patty taught us her greatest and final lesson. She is now resting in the embracing arms of our Lord. Oh, how she will be missed by all who knew her loving ways. After dancing in San Diego, we flew to Ogden Utah for a dance. We had not danced in Northern Utah before!! Another great square-dancing adventure under our belts!

On our travels over the years at times we have seen and heard complaints of some square dancers being nitpickers. Nitpicking can tear a club apart. By governing our square-dancing lives according to the truth and wisdom of the square dancing ten commandments will bring a natural order of things to the life of the square dance club. Many times, we judge others before we examine ourselves. In wounded relationships we tend to focus on how we have been offended, not on how we might have offended others. Remember we all go through the same stuff differently and it takes energy and patience to see something from another's point of view. Tony Rock is good at that! Question: When it comes to love and forgiveness, do we love, or do we simply keep score? The lesson to be learned is the measure with which we measure will in return be measured to us. Forgive and you will be forgiven. (Gospel of Luke)

God Bless,  
Keep on dancing and live lively!  
Happy Spring  
As ever square dancers

Mark & Bina

# Ten Commandments of Square Dancing

1. Thou shalt Square Dance only for the fun which thee will find in it.
2. Thou shalt not be a snob, considering thyself too good to dance with any and all, sitting out the mixers, or leaving a square lest though be required to dance with those whom thou deemest unworthy of thy talents, for the Gods of Retribution are zealous Gods, and will visit their mischief upon thee, and thou wilt be the one to goof the square.
3. Thou shalt be exuberant, thou shalt act thy age. Thou shalt not offend others by thy high flung legs and out-flared skirts.
4. Thou shalt go abroad and dance with other callers so that thy opinions expressed as to the merit of this one and that one are bases on fact.
5. Thou shalt not let the stranger in thy midst sit on the sidelines and cool his heels, nor fail to speak to him.
6. Thou shalt bathe diligently that the sweet aroma of soap and shaving lotion may assail the nostrils of thy associates.
7. Thou shalt take care that the words of thy mouth are not scented with garlic or beer.
8. Thou shalt honor thy club and give thy loyalty, for if thou canst not do this, it were better to separate thyself from it and join thyself to another whose methods, members and callers are more to thy liking.
9. Thou shalt not kill thy club with bickering and fault finding.
10. Thou shall not forget that thou wert once a beginner.

# 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

I would like to start by offering a big virtual yellow rock to everyone. I have come to believe that a yellow rock is one of the most important activities in which square dancers participate; more about that later.

Our biggest USDA-related news this past quarter was the annual winter meeting of the USDA Executive Committee. Planning this business meeting rotates to a different vice president each year. This year was a huge honor for us, personally, because it was our turn to host the meeting in the Central Region. Since Florida was having their state convention around the same time, we slid our meeting one week so we could do USDA winter work in conjunction with the Florida Convention. In my humble opinion, it was quite the success. We really want to send out a BIG THANKS to all of the Florida Convention staff for their amazing cooperation and coordination in making this collaboration such a victory for all!

In addition to all of the state conventions we attend, we tried a square dance cruise in February 2024 and enjoyed the experience. We highly recommend giving one of these a try.

Y'all may recall that, in the last installment of USDA News, I issued a challenge to everyone to try at least one NEW state or national square dance convention each year. To help meet that challenge, here are the upcoming conventions in the Central Region:

South Carolina (26-27 Apr)  
Ohio (09-11 May)  
Tennessee (01-04 Aug)  
Michigan (15-17 Aug)  
Alabama (23-24 Aug)

Kentucky (05-07 Sep)  
Georgia (01-02 Nov)  
Indiana (08-10 Nov)  
Florida (17-18 Jan 2025)  
Mississippi (tentatively 07-08 Mar 2025)

North Carolina and West Virginia do not have conventions scheduled for the upcoming 12 months. Please pray that these states will soon be able to organize annual conventions again.

Even though it is not a Central Region event, please do not forget the 73rd National Square Dance Convention, June 26-29, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

So, back to yellow rocks! At that winter meeting, we realized that we recently suffered the passing of several members of our USDA extended family. A father. A significant other. A cousin. An in-law. A brother. Unfortunately, lists like this never get shorter. However, the time we have together does get shorter, and more precious, as each second passes. That means that every hug counts more! So, yellow rock the folks you care about while they are still here; while you are still here. As you hug them, tell them how much you appreciate them. The "Yellow Rock" may be the most important call in the square and in life!

I want everyone reading to know that I appreciate you... That is why this article comes with a big virtual yellow rock!

See y'all on the dance floor (for an in-person yellow rock)!

Scott and Sandy Ebright



## USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

**Elizabeth Sanders**

Greeting Everyone,

We are off to a great start in 2024. Lots of clubs having classes, new clubs are being formed and more clubs are opting to join the USDA Insurance program.

Are you having trouble with the insurance portal. Not receiving the rosters when you add members. Here are some of the reasons why you may not be receiving a roster.

1. Is your email address correct. If you did not receive a roster from the portal, email me and request a copy. ( Don't worry I still receive a copy.)
2. Did you check your spam/junk folder? It may be there.

It's not too late to register for the next NSDC in Wisconsin. Make sure you plan to attend one of the insurance educational sessions.

I love receiving emails but not phone calls. So why is that. I have never like talking to someone that I can't see. My phone conversations are short but if I see you in person don't expect me to have a short conversation with you. So, keep the emails coming and the phone calls coming. That way I won't have to ramble on forever here.

I haven't requested to have the insurance tri-fold pamphlet reprinted for 2024 yet. Have you checked the website lately? You need to as I am updating forms often. You don't want to be using an outdated form.

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  
insurance@usda.org  
706-759-3642



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visit our website for details—[www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org) (then Programs—Youth Dancer Information)





## A Great Convention

The 73rd NSDC will featuring square dancing, rounds, lines, contra, and educational sessions - at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee.



## In a Great City

Come early and stay late. Milwaukee's Summerfest® will be taking place during the 73rd NSDC. Be sure to check out Milwaukee's Art Museum (left).



## On a Great Lake

Go boating, swim or walk on the beaches of Lake Michigan, the third largest freshwater lake in the United States.



# June 26-29, 2024

## Register today at 73NSDC.com



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

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

<b>1</b>	Conv Hotel - Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 <b>Parking fee - \$5 per day (in &amp; out) for Hilton guests.</b>	\$169+tx
<b>2</b>	Leader Hotel - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 <b>No discounted parking</b>	\$169+tx

This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024, to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing. **See instructions below.**

**Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)**

☐ S 6/22 ☐ S 6/23 ☐ M 6/24 ☐ T 6/25 ☐ W 6/26 ☐ T 6/27 ☐ F 6/28 ☐ S 6/29 ☐ S 6/30

# Additional arrive early? \_\_\_\_\_ or stay late nights? \_\_\_\_\_ Total nights requested \_\_\_\_\_

Room request: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Queen \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75) ) \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Accessible

**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: Group blocks on hold must be booked by individuals no later than September 15, 2023.** After that date, rooms in the block that are not reserved will be released to the general attendee pool. If you are registering as part of a group or block, please complete the following:

Block Name \_\_\_\_\_

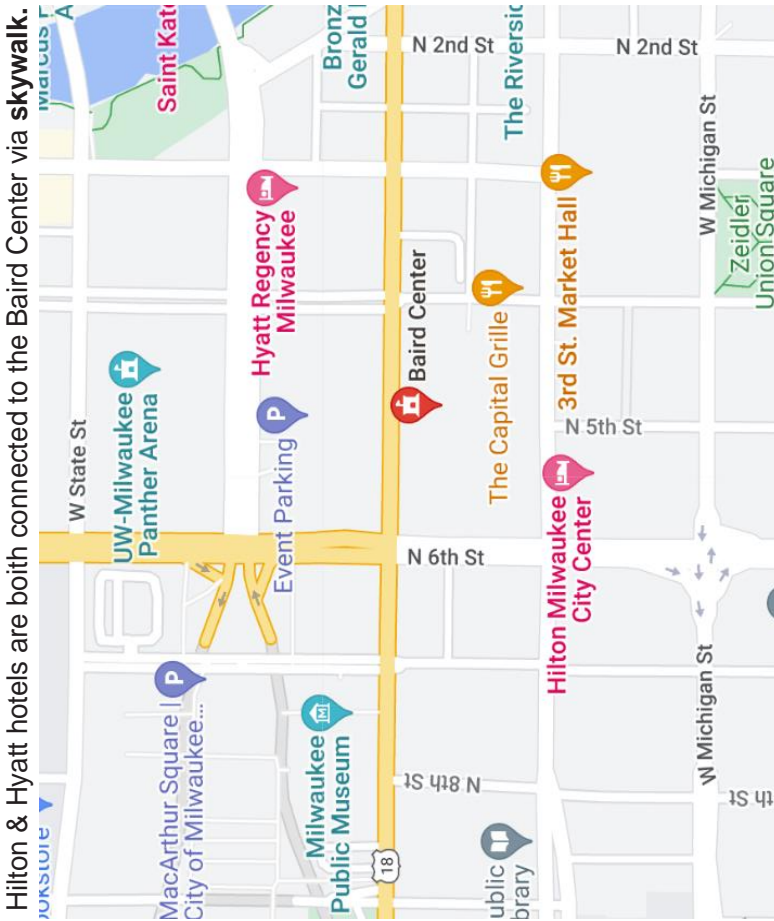
Block Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**No airport shuttle services provided.** There are a variety of cab and shuttle services available at the airport. Uber and Lyft services are also available for the short ride to downtown.

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 20, 2024. A web link and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees **in the order of convention registration.**

The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to choose & hold your room. You **must be registered** for the convention to receive the convention contracted rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the web link and phone number which will be provided by convention Housing Vice-Chairman: [housing@73nsdc.com](mailto:housing@73nsdc.com). Convention registrations will be verified.



**RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS**

The 73<sup>rd</sup> NSDC will not be holding or making camping space reservations. Below is a list of area campgrounds. There will be no shuttle service to or from campgrounds.

<b>WI State Fair RV Park</b> 6 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://wistatefair.com/wsf/rv-park/">https://wistatefair.com/wsf/rv-park/</a> (Full & partial hookups)
<b>Jellystone Park Caledonia</b> 18 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://www.jellystone-caledonia.com/">https://www.jellystone-caledonia.com/</a> (Includes a waterpark)
<b>Cliffside County Campground</b> 22 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/camping/cliffside-campground">https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/camping/cliffside-campground</a> (No full hookups.)
<b>Country View Campground</b> 29 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://countryviewcampground.wordpress.com/">https://countryviewcampground.wordpress.com/</a> (Full & partial hookups.)
<b>Jefferson County Fair Park</b> 50 miles from Baird Center	<a href="https://www.jcfairpark.com">https://www.jcfairpark.com</a> (Full & partial hookups.)
<b>Reserve America</b> Online campground reservations	<a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com/">https://www.reserveamerica.com/</a>





73rd National Square Dance Convention®  
Baird Center - June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2024  
400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203  
A Great Convention, In a Great City, On a Great Lake  
Register online at [73nsdc.com](http://73nsdc.com)

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:  
**Jim & Katie Green**  
73rd NSDC  
7209 W. Wisconsin Ave.  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**For Convention Use Only**  
Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment Processed \_\_\_\_\_  
Check# or Ref # \_\_\_\_\_  
Reg Form 07/02/23

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 <u>CONVENTION BADGES</u>		Subtotals
No. of past NSDC's prior to 73rd		
1. Adult	_____	\$ _____
2. Adult	_____	\$ _____
3. Adult/Youth	** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____
4. Adult/Youth	** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____
5. Adult/Youth	** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____

**Magnet for Badge** (pins provided free) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 2.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Program Book & Daily Schedules** (\$25 after 4/30/2024) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Round Dance Syllabus** - ☐ **USB Drive** or ☐ **Printed copy** (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **Print copy & USB** (Must be purchased by 4/30/24) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **Print copy & USB** (Must be purchased by 4/30/24) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sew & Save Book** - ☐ **USB Drive** or ☐ **Digital Download** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cookbook** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hearing Assistance Device** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wednesday Eve. Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers"** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))**  
☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Cash (In Person) ☐ Credit Card  
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.**  
**73rd NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.**

## INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at [www.73nsdc.com](http://www.73nsdc.com).**
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED** using our short form, please complete this form also. 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 plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)
- Registration fees: Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2024** - Adult: \$80 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40.
- 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, 2024. **No refunds after April 30, 2024.**
- Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order **payable in U.S. funds to 73rd 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 [73nsdc.com/tours](http://73nsdc.com/tours)**

**DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.**  
\_\_\_\_ SSD \_\_\_\_ Mainstream \_\_\_\_ Plus \_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_ Challenge \_\_\_\_ Hex  
\_\_\_\_ Contra \_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_ Rounds \_\_\_\_ Handicapable \_\_\_\_ Solo \_\_\_\_ Veteran

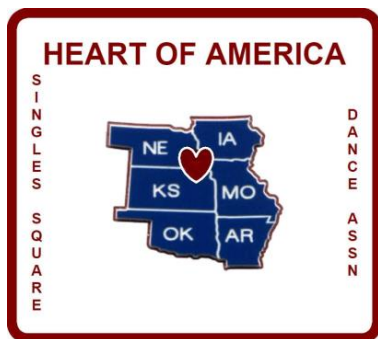
## PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile online by 12/31/23 at [sdconvention.com](http://sdconvention.com)

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

## HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

☐ Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.



# HASSDA FESTIVAL

## JULY 26-27, 2024

Holiday Inn/NW AR Convention Center

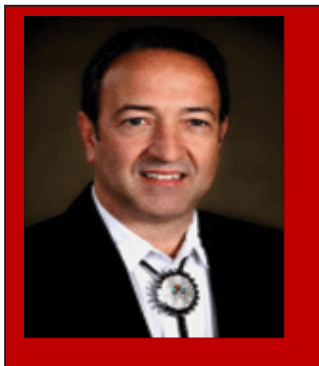
1500 SOUTH 48<sup>TH</sup> STREET

SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS 72762

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



DARRYL LIPSCOMB



MIKE HOGAN



TOM MANNING



Cathy & Fred Fisher, cuer

TAKE AN EXTRA DAY AND COME EARLY FOR THE TRAIL-END DANCE

THURSDAY July 25, 2024 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

TOM MANNING and BOB ASP, callers & CATHY FISHER, cuer

(\$7 payable at the door)

Holiday Inn/NW AR Convention Center, 1500 S 48<sup>th</sup> St Springdale AR 72762



Visit: [explorespringdale.com](http://explorespringdale.com)

Host Hotel - Holiday Inn, 1500 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Springdale, AR 72762

Rates: Single King w/Sleeper Sofa or Double Queen - \$110.00 (1 or 2 guests) \$120.00 (3 guests) \$130.00 (4 guests)

For reservations by Phone 479-751-8300 (Be sure and refer to Code: HASSDA-2024)

BREAKFAST INCLUDED WITH RATES LISTED ABOVE ~ RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15, 2023

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual registration - please complete appropriate blanks:

<input type="checkbox"/> Friday & Saturday All Events Prior to June 15, 2024	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday & Saturday All Events payable at the door	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day/Night includes After Party	\$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, 2024
- One-half Refund will be given for cancellation between June 15 and July 15, 2024.
- No Refund will be given for cancellation after July 15, 2024.

All requests for a refund must be in writing or email to HASSDA Festival Contact.

**Dance registration provides a complimentary membership to HASSDA for adults (\*\*18 years of age & up\*\*) from August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025.**

(Please include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.)

Make Checks Payable to: HASSDA Festival 2024

685 Newman Road  
Havensville, KS 66432

Festival Contact: Kelly Bockover ~ 816-678-2139 or [HASSDA-FESTIVAL@wesquaredance.com](mailto:HASSDA-FESTIVAL@wesquaredance.com)

New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ -- Single ☐ Married ☐ Youth ☐ (\*\*under 18 - 1/2 Price\*\*)



# Camp & Dance Till The Cows Come Home

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18, 19 & 20  
2024**



**66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA  
INTERNATIONAL  
CAMPOREE**

**Three Full Days of Camping & Dancing Fun  
"Squares, Rounds, Lines & Workshops"**

**Fond du Lac Wisconsin Fairgrounds**

520 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Registration Forms are on line at... **NSDCA.ORG**

We are just around the corner from the  
"73rd National Square Dance Convention"  
in Milwaukee, WI. June 26 - 29, 2024

**SO WHY NOT DO THE 2 EVENTS THIS YEAR?  
NEED HELP FINDING A CAMPSITE? CALL US!**

**2024  
Camporee  
T-Shirts  
\$20.00**



## **Fun Things To Do In Fond du Lac**

Rolling Hill Golf Course - Lightsmith Art Glass - Hobbs Woods Trails  
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Ledgerock Distillery Tour - Fond du Lac Aqua Park - Kris Kringle Shoppe  
Kelley Country Ice Creamery - Edelweiss Cruises & Boat Tours - Forest Mall  
Galloways House & Village - Wild Goose Bike Trail - Gottfried Prairie & Arboretum

Contact: Tricia Chartier - 414-807-4083  
E-mail: 66thnsdcacamporee@gmail.com  
Hosted by: Chapter 002 Pine Tree Campers



# SHOW-ME DANCE



Missouri  
65 YEARS AND COUNTING

October 18-19,  
2024

Sedalia, Missouri  
Fairgrounds

## Featured Caller:



**Ken Burke**  
*Mainstream & Plus*

Squares and Rounds by  
both Featured and Local  
Callers and Cuers

- \* **Friday:** 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- \* **Saturday:** 9:00 am to 10 pm  
with lunch & dinner breaks
- \* **Sunday Doins' Dance:**  
9-11 am (extra donation fee)

## Featured Cuers:



**Fred & Cathy Fisher**  
*Rounds - Phases 2-4*

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

District: C \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW \_\_\_\_\_ STL \_\_\_\_\_ SE \_\_\_\_\_ SW \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ > > > > > > > >

**Make check payable to: Metro SRDA**

**Mail to:** John & Linda Renaud, 6 Savant Ct., Manchester, MO 63011

**Email:** LFRenaud48@hotmail.com / **Phone:** 636-394-0998



For more information:

Website: [www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com)

Rev. 11/08/2023

## TICKETS..... Before Sept. 18, 2024:

Cost x # = Amt. Due

All events \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday eve. \$13.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. day+eve \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. after 6 pm \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

## TICKETS..... After Sept. 18, 2024:

Cost x # = Amt. Due

All events \$42.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday eve. \$16.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. day+eve \$32.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. after 6 pm \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

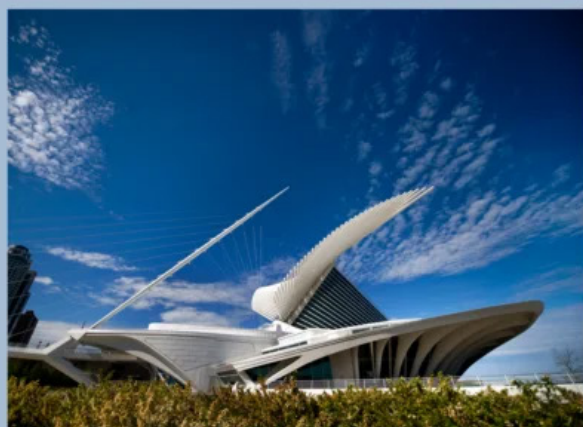
- No refunds after 10/1/2024; \$5.00 charge for refunds prior to 10/1/2024.
- Dancers 16 and under are free
- Snack Bar Available
- Square Dance Attire is appreciated at Evening Sessions





## A Great Convention

The 73rd NSDC will featuring square dancing, rounds, lines, contra, and educational sessions - at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee.



## In a Great City

Come early and stay late. Milwaukee's Summerfest® will be taking place during the 73rd NSDC. Be sure to check out Milwaukee's Art Museum (left).



## On a Great Lake

Go boating, swim or walk on the beaches of Lake Michigan, the third largest freshwater lake in the United States.



# June 26-29, 2024

## Register today at 73NSDC.com



# **RAIN or SHINE** **we are dancing on our** **49!!**

## **Rounds**

### **Phases II-VI**

Waltz Rumba  
Foxtrot Jive  
Mambo Cha  
Bolero 2-Step  
W Coast Swing

**\*Live  
Band!**

**49<sup>th</sup> TN Square & Round  
Dance Convention  
August 1, 2 & 3, 2024  
Mills Conference Center  
234 Airport Road  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738**

## **Squares**

SSD/Club 50	Plus
Mainstream	DBD
Advanced	Hex
Challenge	Singing Calls
Progressive	Hot Hash

**Wood  
Floors!**

## **Tentative Schedule**

### **THURSDAY**

Trail-In Dance 8:00-11:00pm  
2 Sq. Dance Halls  
1 Dedicated Rd. Dance Hall

### **FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

10:00am – 11:00pm  
8 Halls of Dancing  
\*Live Band: Evening Hours

**Facebook: TN Square and  
Round Dance Convention**

## **Vendors**

**Singles Dance  
Sewing Clinic  
After Party  
Fashion Show**



# 74th National Square Dance Convention®



## Tony Oxendine

TONY OXENDINE

2-4 p.m.

JOEY DUHAMEL

1-2 p.m.



Post Dance  
BBQ Dinner

*\$15 per person*



## SQUARE DANCING FROM 1-4 P.M.



*Sunday, June 2, 2024*

**PROMENADE HALL**

5400 Benton Road - Bossier City, LA



*Special Fund Raiser for the 74th National Square Dance Convention®*



For information, contact Ted Hofmeister  
at (501) 520-7270 or email [Chair@74thnsdc.com](mailto:Chair@74thnsdc.com)

*Come 'Dance on the Wild Side'*



**DONATION DANCE • DONATION DANCE • DONATION DANCE**

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

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Code	Hotel	Rate
1	Hilton Shreveport Hotel - Headquarters	\$169
2	Sam's Town - Weekday Rate (Sunday - Thursday) Callier/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](http://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](http://www.74nsdc.com).





74<sup>th</sup> 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](http://74nsdc.com)

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:  
Rhonda Bailey  
74<sup>th</sup> NSDC  
111 Wood Duck Lane  
Texarkana, TX 75501  
Email: [RhondaW252@outlook.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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	DOB	DOB	DOB	Subtotals
						**	**	**	\$
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**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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](http://74nsdc.com/tours)**

**DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.**

☐ SSD Only ☐ Mainstream ☐ Plus ☐ Advanced ☐ Challenge ☐ Contra  
☐ Lines ☐ Clogging ☐ Rounds ☐ Handicapable ☐ Solo

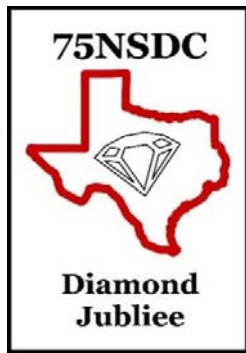
**PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS**

You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/24 at [sdconvention.com](http://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.



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



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

Ribbons \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER ONLINE at [www.75nsdcinc.com](http://www.75nsdcinc.com)

This form expires on March 22, 2025

Zelle® your registration fee to [75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

# The United Square Dancers of America's Social Media Committee

## Proudly Presents Our Webinar Series



# *Beyond the Dance Floor*

**Dancing** — We all miss dancing! The great news is, as a community we've been adapting to "the new normal". It's been wonderful to see callers and cuers set up virtual dance events. Online groups have been set up to discuss returning to dancing and what precautions need to be taken. IAGSDC even transitioned their International Convention into a "home edition" with virtual dancing and live online activities. Happily, in some areas of the country, clubs are cautiously and carefully beginning to dance again, but there is still more to do.

The **United Square Dancers of America** — USDA — your National dancers' organization, is proud to present a monthly series of web-based programs via *Zoom* to support clubs on the business and marketing end of our activity. The programs will be 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 aren't able to get together on the dance floor.

**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 build and grow your clubs.

**Workshops** are scheduled to last 90-minutes to allow plenty of time for questions & answers, plus we will welcome input from participants. Our complete schedule is listed on the subsequent pages.

Watch your email, our website and Facebook for links to the actual, **FREE** workshops.

### **“MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE DATES:”**

“Saturday, April 20, 2024 – The Biggest Party of the Year: What's Waiting For You at the 73rd National Square Dance Convention® – Scott & Brenda Deal, Convention General Chairmen”





# 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.*

## Centennial Award given to Chuck VanDusen

By Judy Taylor

On January 19th, 2024, another “Centennial” award was given---this time in the snowy mountains of Colorado. It must be that this long-time dancer developed his energy and longevity by living at 8,000 feet high!


Chuck VanDusen was given his plaque and Centennial pin at his current residence, Elk Run Assisted Living Center above Evergreen, CO, with fifteen of his fellow “Ridge Runners” club members, caller Mike Olivieri, and an audience of many of his Assisted Living neighbors. Judy Taylor of USDA was the presenter.

New inductees of this exclusive group (there are only 20 across the whole United States) can qualify by (1): Reaching age 100; (2): Still being active in some way in the square dance community; and (3) having a minimum of five years membership in a club. We are very pleased to announce Chuck’s “over-qualification” of these requirements! The qualified recipients receive a framed “Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation” and a “United Square Dancers of America Centennial Award” lapel pin.

In fact, at the presentation, Chuck danced a couple of square dance tips with his club members and even round danced with a few. Enclosed are pictures of him dancing, and being presented his award. Our hearts and dancing feet go out to all the “Centenarians” ---what a special accomplishment they all have achieved!







**21st USA West**  
Square Dance Convention  
July 24 - 26, 2025

**Square Up in  
Spokane, WA**


**Kick off Weekend**

in 2024  
at the

**Western Dance Center**

1901 N. Sullivan Rd,  
Spokane Valley, WA

Host Hotel:  
Mirabeau Park Hotel  
1100 N. Sullivan Rd.  
for reservations call  
(509)924-9000



**Friday April 19th**

- 1-3 PM Rounds
- 3-5 PM Mainstream
- 7-7:30 PM Pre-Rounds
- 7:30-9:30 PM Plus (w/Rounds)

**Sessions**

**Saturday April 20th**

- 11 AM-1 PM Advanced
- 1-3 PM Rounds
- 3-5 PM Plus
- 7-7:30 PM Pre-Rounds
- 7:30-9:30 PM Mainstream (w/Rounds)

Register for 21st USA West and get  
into Saturday night's dance free.

Save even more by registering for  
the entire kick off weekend.

**21st USA West Square Dance Convention**  
**July 24-26, 2025**  
**Spokane Fair and Expo Center**  
**Spokane, Washington**  
**washington.usawest.net**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees

**Early Bird** July 27, 2023 - April 20, 2024 | Adult \$90.00 Youth \$45.00  
**Pre-registration** April 21, 2024 - June 15, 2025 | Adult \$100.00 Youth \$50.00  
**Family Rate** Early Bird \$250.00 / Pre-registration \$280.00  
**At the Door** Registration beginning June 16, 2025 | Adult \$110.00 Youth \$55.00

### Additional Attendees

[illegible]

	69	69	69

Friday April 19th | Saturday April 20th

11 AM-1 PM Advanced

### 1-3 PM Rounds

3-5 PM Plus

7-7:30 Pre-Rounds

7:30-9:30 PM Plus (w/Rounds)

Register for 21st USA West and get into Saturday night's dance free. Save even more by registering for the entire kick off weekend.

# REGISTRATION FORM

#	Description	Amount
Fri	Day sessions @ \$10 each 5 sessions available Fri: R M and Sat: A R P	
Sat		
A		
P		
	Night sessions @ \$15 each	
	Sat night free with USA West registration	
	Weekend package @ \$50 each	
	Pre-register for 21st USA West, weekend package @ \$30 each	
	<b>Add this amount to USA West Registration Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

Sam Devine Thayer, General Chair

General.chair@washington.edu

University of Wisconsin

(208)704-5833

Paul & Kathy Fredericksen.

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registration@washington

usawrest.net

(509)991-3866



Below put an X for all that apply

Where will you be dancing? MS \_\_\_\_\_ Plus \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_

Challenge \_\_\_\_\_ Line Dancing \_\_\_\_\_

Rounds \_\_\_\_\_ Phase 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 \_\_\_\_\_

*You must complete the call / case sheet*

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## **Patty's Story**

**Patricia (Patty) Elizabeth Wilcox**  
**May 16, 1944 – December 28, 2023**



Patricia ("Patty") Elizabeth Wilcox was born on May 16, 1944, to Robert and Kathleen ("Kay") McGlenn in Cleveland, Ohio. Patty attended grade school and junior high school in Bay Park, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland). In 1958, after her father died suddenly of a heart attack, Patty's family moved to San Diego, California where Patty attended Clairemont High School and went on to obtain a teaching degree from San Diego State College (later San Diego State University). Upon graduating in 1967, Patty began a 23-year career as a first-grade teacher at Sequoia and at Walker Elementary Schools, part of the San Diego Unified School District.

In 1982, Patty sought to expand her social life and attended a beginner square dance class with the Single Squares. It was there that Patty met her late husband Walter Dale Wilcox, Sr. On November 12, 1983, Patty and Walt were married. They continued to dance with the Single Squares, joined the UC Saws Square Dance Club in Clairemont, and became active in the Square Dance Association of San Diego County. On July 30, 1992, Walt passed away at the age of 66 from complications of a heart procedure and kidney failure.

Patty's circle of friends encouraged her to continue square dancing. It was at the UC Saws Square Dance Club that she began dancing with Jim Maczko. For 31 years, Patty and Jim danced together and became even more active in the greater square dance world. Jim and Patty were involved at the national level in the establishment and operation of the United Square Dancers of America (USDA), the USA<sup>West</sup> Square Dance Convention®, and the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance (ARTS-Dance). Patty also attended 32 National Square Dance Conventions®. At the state level, Patty and Jim were integral parts of the California Square Dance Council including being elected in May 2023 to a two-year term as Council President and serving on the committee for many California State Square Dance Conventions. Locally, they were actively involved in the San Diego Square Dance Association and served for many years on the committee responsible for the annual San Diego Fiesta. In April 2004 Patty talked Jim into trying to become part of the California Heritage Dancers Exhibition Group – while Jim was reluctant at first, they became enthusiastic members of this group seeking to preserve the heritage of the Square Dance Activity.

On June 15, 2011, Patty suffered a massive heart attack. Jim was able to administer CPR until EMT's arrived and she was taken to UCSD's Emergency Room. On September 1, 2011, Patty had open heart surgery to repair the mitral valve in her heart. This procedure was successful and allowed Patty to live a full life for many more years. However, on December 16, 2023, during an annual visit to Jim's family in Colorado, Patty needed medical attention at the Emergency Room in Colorado Springs, from which she was life-flighted to St. Anthony's Hospital in Lakewood, Colorado near Denver. The cardiology team undertook several diagnostic and medical procedures to try and stabilize Patty's condition. While it seemed she was making progress, she ultimately had to be placed on continuous dialysis and received IV drugs to stimulate her heart. After consultation with Jim and the doctors on December 27, Patty decided to have the artificial support systems removed. She drifted off to sleep early on Thursday morning December 28, 2023.

Patty is survived by her dance partner (and more) Jim Maczko (San Diego), along with his daughter Jill, her husband and their four children; her brother Dr. Robert McGlenn and his wife, and three children; and her stepdaughter Linda Wilcox Pence, her husband and two children. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance, Inc – a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization – [www.ARTS-Dance.org](http://www.ARTS-Dance.org).

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