

**2023-24 ASRDA
Officers**



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& Dennis Artz,**
Vice-Presidents



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Sherman,**
Secretaries



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O'Neal,**
Treasurers



President's Message

TSFSRD - March began with a trip to Lubbock for the Federation's Conclave meeting. The following officers were elected for 2024 -2025: Ed and Ann Ewbank for President, Linda and Gary Carlile for Vice President, Audrey and Don Bee for Treasurer, and the Federation Secretary position is still open. The State Festival Committee reported there are going to be *some fun surprises at the State Festival this year*, but they didn't tell us what they will be. We found out that the Teen Scholarship Program received less than normal donations this past year so not as many scholarships will be given out in the coming year. The money the Scholarship program brings in each year is what is used for the scholarships. The remaining \$316,559.00 is tied up in mutual funds and in checking and savings accounts and is not currently used for scholarships.

I returned from Lubbock and two days later flew to Grand Junction to check on my new house and talk with contractors who are making repairs before I move in. My furniture will not be moved until after Mid-Tex so I got by with a borrowed table and chair and an inflatable bed I bought at Walmart. Every morning, I woke up and marveled at the view out of my bedroom window. I can see the Utah mountains to the west and all the way to Palisade, Colorado to the east. See photo below.



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NSDC-Two days after returning from Grand Junction, I drove to Shreveport, LA for the 74th NSDC Pre-Convention. At the Pre-Convention, reports are given 15 months prior to the National Convention, i.e. the 75th Texas NSDC. These reports share the progress the upcoming national convention. It was extremely helpful for those of us on the 75th NSDC Committee to hear what questions were asked of the committee by the National Executive Council as well as to meet our counterparts. Bonnie Abramson is in charge of Education for Shreveport Nationals, and she is a WEALTH of experience and information and willingly shares any information I ask her. The Education Chairman from Nationals last year in Mobile has been extremely helpful as well, sending me his final reports, spreadsheets, and summary of class evaluations. In addition to the meetings, there was a dance every night with at least four or five well known callers each night. The calling was really upbeat and kept people moving as did the rounds. Saturday evening there were 24 squares on the floor.

I got back from Shreveport, picked up my dogs after three weeks with the pet sitter. The next day two of them had vet appointments and I had a routine visit to my eye surgeon.

SHIRTS N SKIRTS - The following night I attended Shirts N Skirts' graduation. They had 24 graduates! AMAZING! Joe Lowe always leads the Candlelight ceremony at the Shirts N Skirts' graduations. I had never seen one done in the dark with the lighting of real candles. It was quite pretty. See Shirts N Skirts Club page for photos.

On Monday, March 25th, I will be loading my four dogs in the car and will be headed back to Grand Junction for about two weeks to work with more contractors and let the dogs see their new home. I will be towing a small utility trailer, so I'll be staying at RV parks and sleeping in the back on my car on another air mattress purchased at Walmart. Fortunately, I have two Jackery batteries as well as an extension cord to plug into the electricity at the RV site. I can use my electric blanket along with a heavy-duty sleeping bag. I'll be back in Texas by April 9th and plan to stay put until after Mid-Tex in May. Movers will pick up my furniture and boxes of stuff after Mid-Tex. Then I will do a really good cleaning of my house and get it on the market.

After I clean, back I go to Colorado to meet the movers and get everything moved into my new house. I will remain in Colorado either until it is time for the Texas State Festival or right before our "Ride the Rails to Milwaukee" group leaves San Antonio. Once back from Milwaukee, I'll take it easy for five days waiting for the social event of the year – *Billy and Ramona's wedding*. (Be sure and RSVP if you plan to attend.) It will take at least a day to recover from that and then I'll be headed to Colorado for good.

I have outlined everything I have been doing so you will understand the reason you have not seen me at many local dances this month and why I am behind in some of my administrative duties. Hopefully that will change in April and the first part of May.

I hope to see all of you at one of the many dances in April and May,

**ASRDA CHAPLAIN'S LETTER
THE TOTAL ECLIPSE!**



Wow! Did *you* see it? Did *we*? I'm talking about the total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024. The path of totality went directly over our ranch in Llano County. I'm writing this letter in March, so... Helen and I and our children and grandchildren are planning on being there (with our special protective glasses) for the viewing. Along with several million more people, apparently. We are praying for a clear day and are looking forward to the 5 minutes of total darkness. This may be our last chance, as the next total eclipse visible in the U.S. is August 23, 2044. We hope we are still dancing then!



What is an eclipse? A solar eclipse happens when, at just the right moment, the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth. Sometimes the Moon only blocks part of the Sun's light. This is called a partial solar eclipse. Other times, the Moon blocks all of the Sun's light. This is called a total solar eclipse. As the Moon blocks the Sun's light, it casts a shadow on part of the Earth. The Moon's shadow creates a trail as Earth rotates. This trail is called the path of totality.

Without a scientific explanation, the darkening of the Sun (or Moon) during an eclipse would be a startling event, to say the least. Thought history, eclipses have been seen as a disruption of the natural order, and many groups have believed them to be bad omens. How did many ancient peoples explain solar and lunar eclipses?

Many ancient cultures attributed solar eclipses to either the moon or the sun being eaten by animals or demons. In Chinese folklore an eclipse is caused by a black dog or dragon eating the sun, while in Vietnam a giant frog does the solar devouring. The Choctaw tribe of North America attributed the phenomena to a black squirrel biting the sun, while Hindu mythology claims the sun is eaten by the demon Rahu. In almost every culture that holds this "sun-eating" belief, the solution is to make a loud noise—a method that has proven to be 100 percent effective in getting the sun to return.

Based on an interpretation of Genesis 1:14, Rabbinic Judaism considers celestial events to be signs from God: "And God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs. . .'"

Rather than a sign of impending doom, most Christians consider the religious significance of eclipses to be that they reveal the majesty of our Creator as in Psalm 19:1: *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

As astronomer Hugh Ross says, “I don’t think it’s an accident that God put us human beings here on Earth where we can actually see total solar eclipses. I think God wants us to make these discoveries. I would argue that God on purpose made the universe beautiful, and one of the beauties is a solar eclipse.”

“Solar eclipses are an amazing phenomenon. They occur when the sun, moon and earth are aligned so that the moon seems to pass in front of the sun and perfectly covers it. This is only possible because the moon is 400 times smaller than the sun but is also 400 times closer to earth than the sun. This mindbogglingly incredible coincidence means that the moon appears to be EXACTLY the same size as the sun from our perspective on earth. The result is that during a solar eclipse, the moon EXACTLY covers the sun (to within half a degree) but DOESN’T cover the sun’s chromosphere and corona. This has enabled scientists to make some extremely important discoveries, including the composition of the sun’s atmosphere.

The most important discovery that solar eclipses have afforded has been our ability to witness the light from distance stars being bent around the sun due to its immense gravity. This has enabled physicists to confirm several aspects of Einstein’s Theory of General Relativity, including the complex interplay of gravity, light and time.”

The observable wonder of the sun, moon and stars in their movements is so remarkable that peoples of the past erred by worshiping these celestial bodies instead of the one who put them there. However, Job, likely even before the time of Abraham, knew that it was a grave mistake to make:

*If I looked at the sun when it shines
or the moon moving in splendor,
so that my heart was secretly enticed,
and my hand threw a kiss from my mouth,
then this also would be iniquity to be judged,
for I would have denied God above. (Job 31:26-28)*

No, Job was righteous, and he knew who had created these wonders. He knew there was only One worthy of our worship. As we enjoy the eclipse, the wink of God, and appreciate his handiwork, may our thoughts and worship echo the words of Job:

*He alone spreads out the heavens,
and treads on the waves of the sea;
He makes the Bear, Orion and Pleiades,
and the constellations of the south;
He does great and unfathomable things,
wonders beyond number. (Job 9:8-10)*

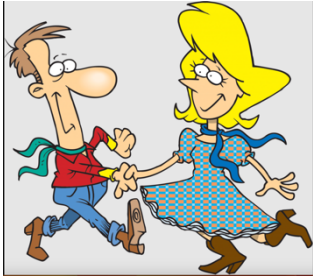
We hope you had a wonderful “eclipse day.”

Tom and Helen

Moving Square Dancing into the 21st Century

**ATTENTION ALL ASRDA DELEGATES:
ASRDA Delegate Nominating Committee Meeting
Saturday, April 13, 2024, 2:00 PM
Hyde Park Christian Church
610 45th St., Austin, TX
Looking forward to seeing everyone there!**

A1 and A2 Advanced Square Dance Lessons coming April 2, 2024



John Kephart and Bob Kurczewski are offering A1 and A2 at the Circle "K" Ranch, 8521 Ranch Road 1869 in Liberty Hill. Cost of lessons or dance is \$7.50 per person or \$15.00 per couple. If you are interested, contact Bob "Ski" 956/781-8453 or email him at: roundsbyskis@juno.com. If there is enough interest, they will have the class. See the Flyer at asrda.org/classes.



BRING YOUR CLUB BANNERS TO MID-TEX!

Bring your club banner to Mid-Tex and let everyone know your club is in attendance! ASRDA has a nice new trifold screen on which to display club banners at our annual Mid-Tex dance. Hang the banner on the screen on Friday and take it home Saturday after the dance. Let's see how many clubs are in attendance!

Delegate Meeting and Installation Dance July 20, 2024

SAVE the DATE: The date for the July Delegate Meeting and Installation Dance will be *July 20, 2024*. The Delegates will meet at 2:00 pm to approve the upcoming year's budget and vote on the changes to the constitution proposed at the April Delegate's Meeting. The Installation dance will follow the meeting. Watch for the Installation Dance flyers coming out soon!



2024 Mid-Tex Festival is Quickly Approaching!



The Mid-Tex Committee is finalizing plans for the Mid-Tex Festival on Friday, **May 10TH AND Saturday, 11TH**.

Support your ASRDA by *pre-registering* for this great festival. Names of those who pre-register, will be entered into a *contest*. The winner will have **their registration fee refunded**. Another reason to pre-register for this event!

The final planning task includes having plenty of snacks, water, chairs and ensuring the dance program is comfortable for everyone.

As of 20 March, we only have 42 dancers registered for the festival. The question is, “Do we continue our final planning for those 42 dancers that are registered, or do we anticipate more dancers joining in on the fun?”

This year’s dance offers new opportunities for square dancers:

Hex Squares, A2, DBD, Plus and MAINSTREAM!

Save your spot in the square by PRE-REGISTERING and save \$10.00!

See page 7 of this newsletter for the Registration Form. Please fill it out and make checks payable to ASRDA. Mail to: ASRDA, P.O. Box 1195, La Vernia, TX 78121.

Don’t forget: Share your culinary skills by bringing a finger food to share with other dancers. ASRDA will also provide pre-packaged snacks. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor at the Mid-Tex Festival, if not before.

Thank you,
Skis, Mid-Tex Chairman



Help Your Club Win the “Visitation Award”

The \$200.00 “Visitation Award” will be given out at the Mid-Tex Festival again this year. ***The award is given to the club that had the most people visiting other clubs in groups of four or more from July 1st, 2023 to April 30th, 2024.***

In 2025 the dates for earning the Visitation Certificate begin on May 30, 2024 and continues until April 30, 2025. This gives dancers an additional 3 months to visit other clubs.

Each time four or more people from one ASRDA club visit another ASRDA club, they should receive a visitation certificate from the visited club and documents the names of the dancers.

On May 1st, each club president or designee sends the visitation certificates to Bailey Sutherland (Country Cuzzins). He is in charge of the Visitation Award Program and is the one who tabulates the results.

Mid-Tex is three months away. You and 3 others still have time to visit other clubs and collect quite a few visitation certificates. Grab some club dancers and get out there and visit! Remember to have your Friendship Badge signed too.



RSVP for Billy and Ramona’s Wedding July 6, 2024

Everyone in ASRDA is invited to attend Billy and Ramona’s wedding. If you are planning to attend the wedding and square dance in Georgetown on Saturday, July 6th, please email Ramona at sdq1997austintx@gmail.com and tell her you are coming.

Ramona must have a head count, so she knows how much barbecue Chet Miles needs to buy and cook for the wedding dinner. Once you email her, she will send you the exact time, location, and any other information you might need once everything is finalized.

So, RSVP soon!



Help **Still** Needed!

ASRDA is still in desperate need of dancers to come forward and volunteer for appointed officer positions. The following individuals have volunteered to serve on the 2024-2025 ASRDA board. Tricia Morley & Dennis Artz – President; Mike Goggin & Patti Brown – Vice-President; Tom & Helen Bohmfalk – Treasurer; Chuck & Cheryl Sherman – Secretary.

These individuals volunteered for ASRDA Board positions because they didn't want our association to dissolve. If any ASRDA member would like to run for one of these positions, let a delegate attending the meeting know and you can be nominated from the floor.

Appointed officer positions open on July 1st 2024 are:

Hospitality

Education

Texas Star Reporter

Publicity

Historian/Photographer

Ambassador-At-Large South

Ambassador-At-Large North



*What are the **main** duties of:*

Hospitality- Maintaining liquid refreshment containers (now in storage), purchase as needed coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, cups for ASRDA functions, coordinating refreshments at 3 ASRDA sponsored dances & 4 ASRDA Delegate Meetings, coordinate with Mid-Tex Hospitality Chair for pick up and delivery of needed items.

Education. - Supply clubs with Basic, Mainstream, and Plus booklets; contact TSFSRD Education and Social Media officers to learn current offerings for ASRDA; write monthly articles for the ASRDA newsletter and the Federation newsletter, The Texas Star; work with ASRDA clubs, club delegates, and new dancers to increase awareness of what is going on in ASRDA.

Texas Star Reporter – Use the monthly newsletters to send ASRDA information quarterly to the Texas Federation of Square and Round Dancer.

Historian/Photographer – Take photos of 3 ASRDA annual dances and post on Facebook. Send them to the webmaster to post on website.

Ambassador-at-Large North or South – visits clubs in the southern or northern part of ASRDA, communicate between clubs to the ASRDA president regarding concerns, upcoming dances, graduation; welcoming new dancers while in lessons; advertise the 3 annual ASRDA dances; share flyers and materials.

Publicity- Write articles for the ASRDA newsletter and the Federation newsletter, The Texas Star; share information with ASRDA clubs, club delegates, and new dancers to increase awareness of new information from the ASRDA Delegates' Meetings; learn how they are currently promoting square dance lessons; what worked and didn't work to share with other clubs as they recruit; assist clubs with flyers as needed; share information on ASRDA Facebook page.

"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much."

Moving Square Dancing into the 21st Century

National Square Dance Convention - Milwaukee

73rd NSDC in Milwaukee registration will be increasing to \$80 for adults and \$40 for youth on May 1, 2024. Please get your registration in before the increase. Texas is currently in second place of the 2000 dancers who have preregistered. Wisconsin leads so far, but Texas has more dancers preregistered than any of the states that border Wisconsin. GO TEXAS!

To register online, see:
<https://73nsdc.com/long-form/>



National Square Dance E-Magazine

The March issue of the National Square Dance Magazine presented by the 73rdNSDC in Milwaukee will be available soon for your reading pleasure. Every issue of the magazine is colorful and interesting and extremely helpful if you are planning to attend this year's convention in Milwaukee.

There is an article in the February issue describing how Gary and Claudia Lester, the 75th NSDC Chairmen, were able to sign 34 people up in about a week for Texas's National Square Dance Convention in Waco in 2026. Just go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and check it out.



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*The Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers®
presents...*

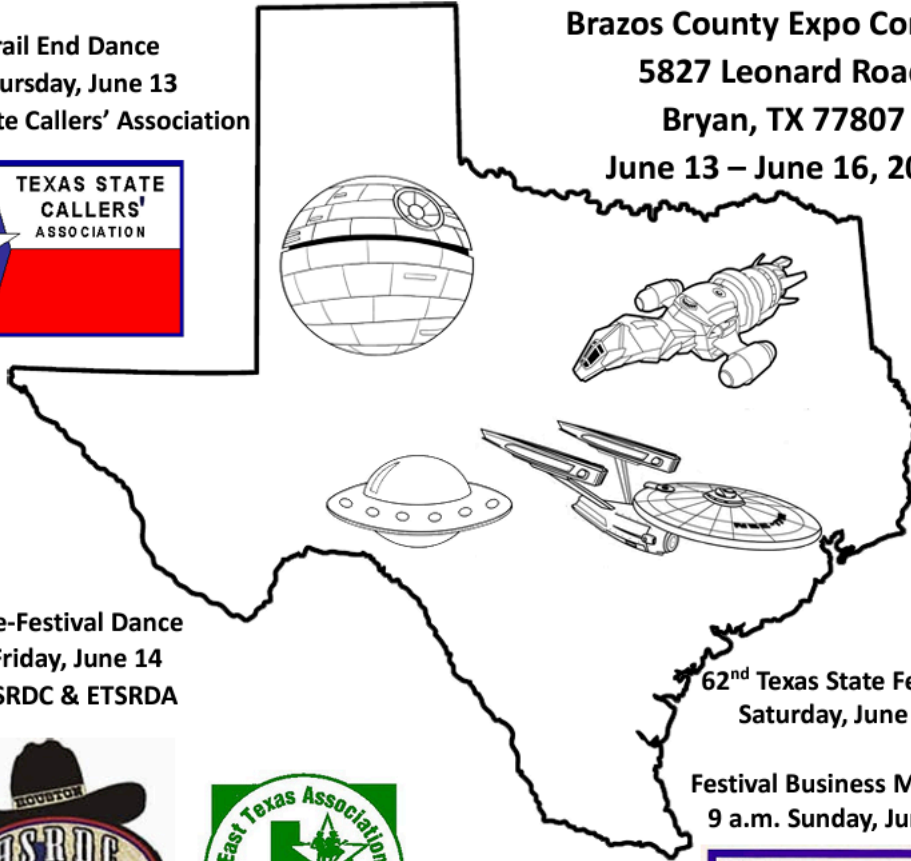
**62nd Annual Texas State
Square & Round Dance Festival**

To Boldly Dance ... into the Future

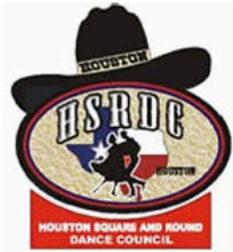
Trail End Dance
Thursday, June 13
Texas State Callers' Association



Brazos County Expo Complex
5827 Leonard Road
Bryan, TX 77807
June 13 – June 16, 2024



Pre-Festival Dance
Friday, June 14
HSRDC & ETSRDA



62nd Texas State Festival
Saturday, June 15

Festival Business Meeting
9 a.m. Sunday, June 16

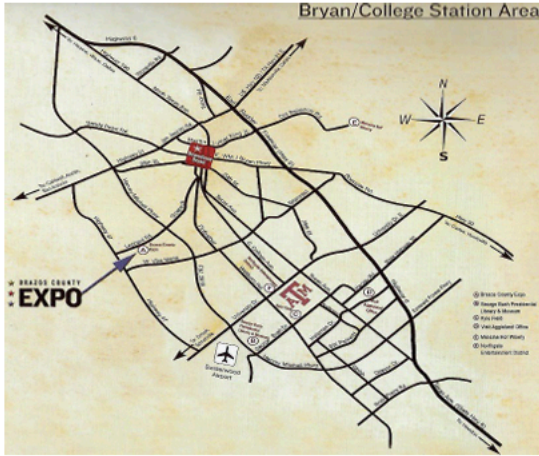


Moving Square Dancing into the 21st Century

2024 State Festival, Bryan Texas, June 13 – 16, 2024 Registration Form

For hotel and camping information see attached sheet

WACO



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mwhiteacre@gmail.com

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Diane Doyle

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Houston

Thursday: Trail End Dance
 Friday: Pre-Festival
 Saturday: Texas State Festival
 Sunday: TSFSRD

Texas State Callers' Association
 HSRDC and ETSRDA
 Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers®
 Business Meeting

Advance Registration – Deadline May 15, 2024

Last Name: _____ First Name His: _____ Hers: _____
 Last Name: _____ First Name His: _____ Hers: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____ District: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Package	Price per Adult	Quantity	Price per Teen*	Quantity	TOTAL
Thurs, Fri & Sat (save \$4.00)	\$50.00		\$25.00		
Fri & Sat (save \$4.00)	\$40.00		\$20.00		
Sat Only (save \$2.00)	\$25.00		\$12.50		
Festival Printed Program	\$12.00				
*Dancers 19 & under half price – All <u>former</u> and <u>current</u> Teen Scholarship Recipients admitted free					Total Amount Paid

10% cancellation fee after May 15 and no refunds after May 31, 2024
 Admission at the door: **Thursday - \$10.00**; Friday - \$17.00; Saturday - \$27.00
 3-day Package - \$54; Friday-Saturday Package - \$40

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

Pay by Cash, Check, PayPal or Credit Card (No convenience fee)
 Check payable to: TSFSRD
 Mail to: TSFSRD, c/o Charles Spoon; 4111 E. 3rd Pl., Lubbock, TX 79403-4821
 This Registration form is also available at www.squaredancetx.com

Sold By _____ (initials)
 Confirmation Sent _____
 Ribbons Given _____



Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers®
 62nd Annual Texas State Square & Round Dance Festival
 Brazos County Expo Complex, 5827 Leonard Road
 Bryan, TX 77807



To Boldly Dance ... Into the Future

HOTEL INFORMATION: There are many hotels in the area to choose from. Prices vary from as low as \$99.00 per night to a high of \$149.00 per night. There is no single HOST hotel; all events will be taking place at the Brazos County Expo Complex. However, if the Federation can show that you all booked at least 100 room-nights for the event at the hotels listed below, we should get at least a \$500 rebate. The deadline for booking is May 14, 2024.

Home 2 Suites by Hilton
 300 Texas Ave South
 College Station, TX 77840

Tel: 979-703-8288

Complimentary Breakfast

Hampton Inn
 320 Texas Ave South
 College Station, TX 77840

Tel: 979-846-0184

Complimentary Breakfast

Hyatt Place College Station
 1100 University Drive East
 College Station, TX 77840

Tel: (979) 846-9800

Complimentary Breakfast

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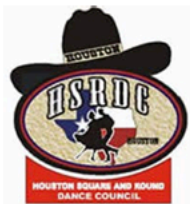
RV INFORMATION:

Brazos County Expo Complex
 5827 Leonard Road
 Bryan, TX 77807
 \$30.00 per night

Water & electric – need to specify 30 Amp or 50 Amp. There is a dump station on site. They are not taking reservations this year it is first come first serve.

Timber Ridge RV Park
 1360 N. Harvey Mitchell Parkway
 Bryan, TX 77803
 \$40.00 per night

Full hookups. All sites are 30 & 50 Amp. Approximately 2 miles from Festival. www.timberridgervpark.com
 Tel: 979-307-5568 for reservations.



Area information QR Code

Use the dropdown menu for restaurant information.



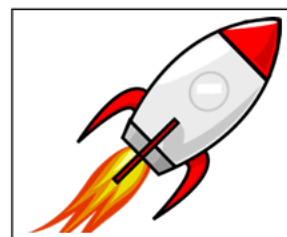
2024 Pre-Festival Dance

Our Voyage into the Future

Join
The East Texas Square and Round Dance Association
And
Houston Square and Round Dance Council
For a full day of dancing!

June 14, 2024

Brazos County Expo Complex
5827 Leonard Road
Bryan, TX 77807



Split the Pot

Brown Bag Auction

Round Dance Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Mainstream Workshop 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Round Dance Workshop 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Plus Workshop 2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
A2 Workshop 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
With ETSRDA and HSRDC Callers

Hospitality 3:00 – 5:00

Friday evening
Join us with
The Dynamic Duo on squares Nelda Eaton and Tim Tyl
and
Rounds with Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz

Squares and Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
All events begin in main hall then we'll split for Mainstream and Plus with Rounds
Dancing will end that night in the main hall with Split the Pot

But wait there's more!!!
We want each district to come up with a
FUTURISTIC Form of Travel



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74th National Square Dance Convention in Shreveport, LA Registration Form

Download PDF or register online to download at
<https://www.74nsdc.com/register-online>

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

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



For Convention Use Only
Registration # _____
Date Received _____
Payment Processed _____
Check# or Ref # _____
Rev Form 3/21/24

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.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM
1. You can complete this form and pay online at www.74nsdc.com.
2. Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. **Registration fees:** Adult \$70; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/25/2025 - \$35.00 Under 5 Free.
6. **Prices will increase May 1, 2025** - Adult: \$85 - Youth ages 5-17: \$42.50.
7. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
8. **Registrations are non-transferable.**
9. **No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations.**
10. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2025. **No refunds after April 30, 2025.**
11. Registrations received after April 30, 2025, will receive e-mail confirmation.
12. 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.
13. If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES		Subtotals
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 4/30/2025)		# @ \$20.00 \$ _____
Round Dance Syllabus - <input type="checkbox"/> USB Drive or <input type="checkbox"/> Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2025)		# @ \$15.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/25)		# @ \$20.00 \$ _____
Sew & Save Book - <input type="checkbox"/> USB Drive or <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Download		# @ \$30.00 \$ _____
Cookbook		# @ \$15.00 \$ _____
Hearing Assistance Device (N/C) - Refundable Deposit		# @ \$50.00 \$ _____
Wednesday Night Special Event - Dennis Swanberg		# @ \$60.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner & Show \$60 per person		# @ \$30.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Show only \$30 per person		# @ \$35.00 \$ _____
RV Camping from back side of form (4 night minimum) 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.

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.

More information available at www.74nsdc.com

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Code	Hotel	Rate
1	Hilton Shreveport Hotel - Headquarters	\$169
2	Sam's Town - <i>Weekday Rate (Sunday - Thursday)</i> Callier/Cuer Hotel - <i>Weekend Rate (Friday - Saturday)</i>	\$115
3	Holiday Inn - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$145
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.

Pre-Register for the 75th National Square Dance Convention NOW!

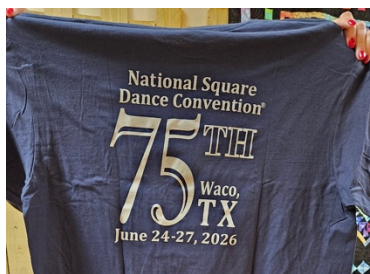


Brooke Peters, Ramona Padilla and Billy Grimsley attended the 2024 Pre-Convention for the 2025 Louisiana National Convention in Shreveport, which serves as an example for planning the 2025 Waco Pre-Convention. These pre-conventions are a "dry run" of what the real convention will be like.



Many dancers have been asking for a 2026 Waco T-Shirt that has information on both the front and back. Now we have one! The cost for each shirt is \$18 due to the added expense of printing front and back. Supplies are limited, but more are on their way.

How about that HAND TOWEL! If you are interested, contact Brooke Peters at kbrookepeters@gmail.com or Ramona Padilla at sdq1997austintx@gmail.com.





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!

Hotel reservations may be made AFTER March 22, 2025!
Room blocks expire after September 15, 2025

Photos of Shreveport Pre-Convention Dance



Friday Night Callers



L-R
Brooke Peters, Education Chairman
Claudia Lester, 75th General Chairman
Ramona Padilla, Assistant General Chairman

Moving Square Dancing into the 21st Century

ASRDA Website/Facebook Statistics



ASRDA Website:

From Feb. 28, 2024 through March 29, 2024, www.asrda.org has had 726 visits with 1,900 views. Home Page visits numbered 434 with 282 viewing Upcoming Events. Please let new dancers know about our website page *New Dancer Information* and our newsletter. They can SUBSCRIBE at the bottom of the newsletter page on the Website or www.asrda.org/newsletter.

Recently, asrda.org was contacted by a group in Illinois praising our website and thanking us for providing information through our Links page. Through our website, she has located a group to give free square dance lessons to the members of a community center. One of her student volunteers has also prepared an overview of basics of square dancing. If you would like to see what she has created, please see www.aaastateofplay.com/swing-your-partner-the-basics-of-square-dancing/

Facebook Followers have increased to 778 (including 8 new followers) Thanks for **CONTRIBUTING, SHARING and LIKING** the ASRDA Facebook page.

Website Works



New Dancer Info Home Classes Events Gallery Clubs Newsletters Who's Who
Resources About Links Contact HELP!

The articles in past ASRDA Newsletters have assisted our readers in using the website.

Check out these newsletters if you have a question about a specific page.

- September** - Upcoming Events, Social Secretary's List and Classes were highlighted. If you want to add new dances to your *personal* calendar, please see *Upcoming Events*. The flyers for each dance are posted there.
- October** – How to use the Home page www.asrda.org
- November** – *New Dancer Information*. Encourage your new graduates to learn more about the culture of square dancing and information they might need to know as they advance through the Mainstream Program
- December** – Discussion of *ASRDA Resources and Policies such as: ASRDA Constitution & Bylaws; a list of Callers, Cuers & Line Leaders; Relationships between ASRDA Clubs, ASRDA, & TFSRD; Publicity Reimbursement; Teen Scholarship Program; and Policies on Firearms, Photography, Inappropriate Behavior and Covid Protocol.*
- January** – *Links* – Ways to access information from:
 - Texas Federation of Square and Round Dancers through Newsletters, Facebook and their website; 73 National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee; Square Dancing Online Help (Videos or icons); Organizations for the Development, Promotion and Growth of Square and Round Dancing.
- February** – **HELP!** This page helps you navigate the others. Please use this if you have questions.

If you have other questions, please contact Vickie at ymmerchant.asrda@gmail.org or Mike Goggin at mikerrtx@gmail.com.

Newsletter News

- What topics would **you** like included in the ASRDA newsletter that would make it more interesting to YOU?
- What questions/suggestions do you have for any of the ASRDA officers?* These can be anonymous.
- Do you have a favorite recipe to share?
- What do you like about the newsletter? What don't you like?*

Please send me your suggestions, articles, photos, recipes, information, etc. as attachments to vmmerchant.asrda@gmail.com

Please send your flyers for dances as soon as they are complete so they can be added to the ASRDA.org website under "Upcoming Events."



Hopefully, new students will *Like* and *Share* our Facebook page with their friends. Please tell them about it.

You can **subscribe** to *Round the Capitol Square!* Go to <http://www.asrda.org/newsletters> and scroll to the bottom of the page. Fill out the form and you will be subscribed or Download RCS for no charge.

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The Editor reserves the right to condense, rewrite, omit, or rearrange any items submitted.

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