

**2023-24 ASRDA
Officers**



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& Dennis Artz,**
Vice-Presidents



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Sherman,**
Secretaries



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O'Neal,**
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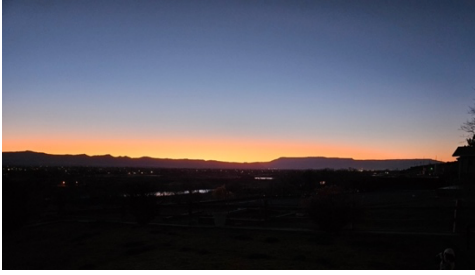
President's Message

I presided over my last ASRDA meeting on April 13th. The delegates, having reviewed the material handed out prior to the meeting, were prepared to ask questions and discuss our topics of business. Discussions were to the point and decisions were made. I feel like it ran very well. It only took me five years of practice to have such a meeting. LOL!

My last "official" public duty will be Mid-Tex. We are still finalizing plans and working on decorations. At Mid-Tex, after helping set up, all I do is introduce the caller and cuers and thank people for coming. At the end, I help take down the decorations and get them back into storage at some point before I leave. I will write my final President's Message for the June newsletter.

I read somewhere that moving is the third highest stressful life situation. It didn't say what the first two are, but I suspect death of a loved one, divorce, and/or birth of a baby would be up there. I had no idea that attempting to get a quote from moving companies is equivalent to talking to used car salesmen. They want to sell you on their company, bad mouth other movers, possibly lie to you, and get you to commit to give them money on the first phone call. Long story short, I am probably going to pack myself and either go the PODS moving route or, more likely, rent a Penske truck and have someone drive it to Colorado for me. That adventure will be in the June newsletter since two different square dancers (whom most of you know) have offered to do the driving. I am beyond relieved. Now I just need to make time to pack and get rid of half of my stuff.

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On my last trip up to Colorado, at the very end of March, I took my four dogs and slept in the back of my Honda Pilot since no hotel allows four dogs. It was 34 degrees and very windy in Lubbock and 28 degrees with snow on the ground in Trinidad, Colorado – the two places where I stayed overnight. Fortunately, I had Jackery batteries in the car to plug my electric blanket into since the electric outlet at the RV park in Lubbock didn't work. And I had a sleeping bag. Coming back, it was a balmy 32 degrees in Trinidad with no snow and 44 in Lubbock but with thunderstorms and a little hail. Trying to get my dogs out to the car to do their business was next to impossible. It looks like a campervan could be in my future.

The ten days in my house in Colorado were wonderful. There are huge windows on the back side of the house so I can see all the way to Utah to the west and all of Grand Junction to the north and east. Sunrises are beautiful and the clouds formations are unbelievable. It snowed in the mountains (but not where I live) while I was there so some days the mountains were white and other days they weren't.

I got to meet many people in the Western Colorado square dance community at the anniversary dance of club in Delta, Colorado. The square dance community is not as big as in the Austin/San Antonio area. There is at least one square dance every weekend in one of three different towns – Grand Junction, Delta, and Montrose. There is also contra dancing, swing, salsa, line dancing, C/W, and they are going to start a Cajun group. Most of the people I know are either dance leaders, dancers, or musicians so I feel I am well connected with the dance scene in Western Colorado.

I am hoping to see most of you at Mid-Tex. I am planning to be at the State Festival, but it will depend how my move goes. I am still "Riding the Rails to Milwaukee" the Monday before Nationals begins and will be at Billy and Ramona's wedding on July 6th. Then it will be off to Colorado until October when I return to Waco for another 75th NSDC meeting.

See you all at Mid-Tex!

Brooke

ASRDA CHAPLAIN'S LETTER
APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS
 TOM BOHMFALK



As Helen and I were driving to Llano to see the eclipse last week, we were thrilled to see how the wildflowers in central Texas have been changing. Over the past month the colors have changed from predominantly blue (Bluebonnets) to blue and red (adding Indian paintbrush and Indian blanket (which I call fire wheels) to red and yellow (chocolate flowers (yellow flowers that smell like chocolate!) being added) to the current red, yellow and white (adding the white prickly poppy).

We have also seen Drummond phlox, Prairie verbena, Pink evening primrose, winecups, and Mexican hats. We often quote a saying that was first written in England 1157, "April showers bring May flowers." However, it seems that in Texas, the flowers bloom about a month earlier!

That proverb, of course, has a secondary meaning:

"A period of discomfort or hardship can provide the basis for a period of happiness and joy."

Some of you may be remembering square dance and round dance lessons as somewhat difficult. But aren't you glad that you persevered? We all now find ourselves in the continuing "period of happiness and joy." Helen and I are so thankful for our teachers, past and present. Let's all remember to thank them for introducing us into the wonderful activity of round and square dancing.

Tom and Helen



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Highlights of the April 13, 2024 Delegate Meeting

A. Proposed Changes to the ASRDA Constitution

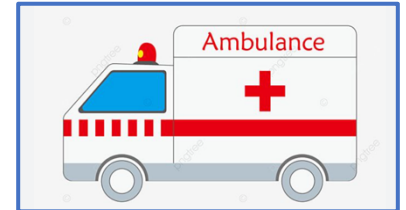
Proposed changes to the ASRDA Constitution and By-Laws were discussed at the Delegate Meeting on April 13, 2024. ASRDA Delegates were given an opportunity to ask questions. The changes to the constitution involve the following:

1. Elected officers having voting rights.
 - Each elected officer position is allowed one (1) vote at the Delegate Meeting even if a couple holds the position. If an elected officer is not present at a meeting, no person can vote in place of the absent officer.
2. When newly elected officers can be sworn in
 - The July Installation dance shall occur as close to 1 July as possible. The ASRDA elected and appointed officers may be installed at the last delegate meeting of the year immediately following their election in April or on the same day as the Installation Dance at the discretion of the current ASRDA President.
3. Callers and cuers being allowed to hold ASRDA elected and appointed offices.
 - The current board and delegated determined that callers and cuers can be elected officers of ASRDA.
4. Newsletter distribution.
 - The Association Newsletter shall be published and made available to all dancers free on the ASRDA website.
5. Changes to the dissolution guidelines.
 - After all conditions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Article have been met, and as a part of the final dissolution, all funds remaining in the Association treasury shall be transferred to each of the Member Clubs comprising ASRDA and the TSFSRD's Teen Scholarship Fund in an even division. New Member Clubs with less than three (3) years of membership in ASRDA will not be included in the distribution of funds.

For further information, please refer to the Minutes of the Delegate Meeting for April 13th, 2024 posted on the website for the reasons for the changes to the ASRDA Constitution. If you disagree, please discuss your concerns with your ASRDA club delegate.

B. Guidelines for Medical Emergency at a Dance

1. If a dancer goes down in a square, make a circle around the dancer. Everyone in the square raises their hands to get the caller's attention.
2. Assess the situation
3. Call 911 for assistance, if necessary.
4. Have someone go outside to direct EMS.
5. Have someone stay with the person needing help – making sure they are not crowded by well-meaning dancers.
6. Follow basic first aid assistance such as:
 - a. Apply ice for swelling,
 - b. Add pressure to any bleeding
 - c. Make sure the person doesn't move if there is a chance of a broken bone, etc.
7. When the situation is under control, complete the incident report found at asrda.org/resources.
8. Give the insurance claim information to the person needing assistance.



C. Possible Change to Dancer of the Year Award

Currently, only ASRDA dancers who make a significant contribution to ASRDA over a short period of time or have sustained service to ASRDA over a long period of time are eligible to be nominated for *Dancer of the Year*.



Since fewer and fewer dancers are volunteering to help out as elected or appointed officers at the ASRDA level or serve on ASRDA committees, while callers and cuers are stepping up to help out, it was proposed and discussed that callers and cuers be included as possible nominees for this award.

Joe Lowe, founder of this award, felt it should be up to the prior Dancer of the Year Recipients as to whether or not to include callers and cuers. The club delegates felt strongly that the delegate vote should be considered. Dancer of the Year recipients will be queried as to whether or not callers and cuers could be nominated for this award. This will be shared with the delegates at the July meeting. Caller and cuer contributions will not include any activity for which they receive financial reimbursement.

D. Lesson Loss Reimbursement Policy

The Lesson Loss Reimbursement Policy was created to help clubs who lose money when offering lessons. *The Reimbursement Policy only applies to Mainstream square dance lessons or beginning round dance lessons.*

The policy was not finalized at the delegate meeting because it is unclear what constitutes a group of beginning round dance lessons which equates to the same number of weeks as a square dance mainstream class. ASRDA cuers, Bob Kurczewski, Ron and Pat Plouch, and Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz will discuss this prior to the next delegate meeting and propose an equitable number of classes or hours that will constitute “beginning round dance classes.”

E. 2024-2025 ASRDA Board Members Elected

The following individuals were unanimously elected to serve on the 2024-2025 ASRDA Board:

- Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz – President
- Mike Goggin and Patti Brown – Vice President
- Tom and Helen Bohmfalk – Treasurer
- Chuck and Cheryl Sherman – Secretary

All elected officers were sworn in immediately after the election.

Congratulations to all the new officers!



Brooke Peters, Outgoing ASRDA President, swearing in Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz, 2024-25 ASRDA Presidents.

(L-R) Cheryl & Chuck Sherman, Secretary; Dennis Artz & Tricia Morley, President; Tom Bohmfalk, Treasurer; Patti Brown & Mike Goggin, Vice-President shown with outgoing 2024 ASRDA President, Brooke Peters. *Looking forward to an exciting new year.*



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**CAN YOU SHARE 30 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME?
WE NEED YOU To help at Mid-Tex for 30-min.
Time Slots**



•9:00-12:00 Friday morning –Help setup the floor with decorations, chairs, snacks, water, etc. We'd appreciate any amount of time you might have to volunteer.

•30-minute time slots to help with Admissions on Saturday from 12:30-3:00 PM

If you can assist, **please** contact Chuck or Cheryl Sherman at: (512) 746-2815 or email at cansherman@hughes.net.

Klose Klose News!



MORE Square Dance Outfits and Petticoats Donated

Shirley O'Neal and Brooke Peters drove to Leesville, Texas to pick up 20-30 petticoats along with a 50-gallon bin of square dance clothes. For now, these donations will be kept in the ASRDA storage unit in Austin until the next opportunity to display them.

If your club is hosting a large dance and would like to display/sell the clothes, please contact Nancy Owens or Shirley O'Neal. They will meet you there.

It is the club's responsibility to pick up the clothes at the storage unit, transport them to the dance, set them up, take them down and return what's left to the storage unit along with the money collected. Nancy, Shirley or Donna Jones can help with setting up the clothes racks as needed. Just coordinate a date time with them.

Petticoat Storage for SALE!

If anyone is interested in buying this handmade wall unit specifically created to store petticoats, please let Shirley O'Neal know. She is in contact with the seller.



Upcoming ASRDA Dances 2024-25

2024 75th ASRDA Mid-Tex Festival Be in Hawaii, (sort of)

Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10th

Put on your grass skirt and Hawaiian Lei and be part of this ASRDA tradition.

This year's dance offers new opportunities for square dancers:
Hex Squares, A2, DBD, Plus and MAINSTREAM!

Don't forget:

1. It's more FUN when the theme is in full Bloom! So, dress as a *Hawaiian tourist*, *be a Hawaiian* for a weekend, or as a square dancer attending a Hawaiian dance!
2. Share your culinary skills by *bringing a finger food to share* with other dancers. ASRDA will also provide pre-packaged snacks.
3. Bring **your club's banner** and add to the screen provided (Picture of screen on right).
4. Remember that the cost of the Trail's End Dance Friday from 2-4 is included in the weekend admission.



**Hang Club Banners
Here!**

Hey! Hey! Hey! – 4 (Yes 4) Vendors will be at this year's Mid Tex for your shopping pleasure!

1. *Bruce and Wanda Carter* of **Tag 'Em Engraving!** will have their assortment of dangles, name tags, license plate frames and other square-dancing swag! Wait until you see this year's Mid-Tex Dangle...you must have one!
2. *Brenda Steward* with **Do-Si-Do Designs** will be showing off her square and round dance outfits. She has something new for us! Be sure to stop by her booth.
3. *Lee Ann* from **Karizmah Dance Shoes** will be bringing round and square dance shoes. She was asked to bring dance sneakers for dancers to try. They aren't pretty, but, boy, are they comfortable!
4. *Barbara Davey*, **Zippity Doo Dah Designs**, is new to Mid-Tex this year. Her merchandise includes T-Shirts, State of Texas Men's shirts, and assorted Texas Swag.



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Mid-Tex Committee Report May 2024 Newsletter

In just a few weeks, the 2024 Mid-Tex Festival will be here, and we are planning a GREAT Dance! Final plans are being made to give everyone attending a fun-filled weekend. We have *Dan Sahlstrom* calling the Squares and *Chris and Steve Davis* doing the Rounds.

Are you registered yet? If not, let's get that registration in, so your Mid-Tex Committee can finalize their plans. *Please get your registration to Shirley O'Neal ASAP.* Time is running out! **You can find the Registration Form on the next page.**

Also don't forget that we will have a "Trails-End Dance" on Friday afternoon. Our own Wayne Weston will be the MC for Square Dancing and Trish Morley will MC the Round Dance portion. All callers and cuers are invited to call and cue for this fun-filled afternoon. Remember, by calling or cueing at the "Trails-End Dance", you will receive free admittance to the full weekend of the "Mid-Tex Festival".

Since this will be our last report about the 75th Mid-Tex Festival, we are already planning the **76th** Mid-Tex Festival of 2025. I wonder what next year's theme will be. We have the theme selected, the flyer completed and the caller and cuer hired!! We just need help with small details to make this festival run smoothly. By donating just, a little of your time, we can plan next year's festival and take care of those pesky details. Please do not be bashful and join this committee for some fun times while planning for next year's festival.

That's all I have to report, so take care and see you at the "75th Mid-Tex Festival" - if not sooner - -



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2024 Mid-Tex Schedule and Registration

LODGING: Our **HOST HOTEL** is Best Western Plus Georgetown Inn and Suites at 600 San Gabriel Village Blvd, Georgetown, TX 78626. Phone 512-868-8555. Price/room is \$120.00 + tax and fees. We have a block of rooms reserved. There are 30 rooms for May 10th & 11th – 15 kings & 15 with 2 beds. The last day for the \$120.00 + tax rate is **April 21, 2024** at 10 PM. Make your reservations online at https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.44689.html?groupId=5B6LR1V6 or call the hotel, tell them you are with the Mid-Tex Festival on 10 and 11 May 2024 and you will get the discounted rate.

OTHER HOTELS		RV CAMPING		
Comfort Suites 11 Waters Edge Circle Georgetown, TX 78626 512-863-7544	Hampton Inn & Suites 160 River Oaks Cove Georgetown, TX 78626 512-688-5300	JIM HOGG PARK 500 Jim Hogg Rd. Georgetown, TX 877-444-6777 www.recreation.gov	Berry Springs RV Park 131 Market Street Georgetown, TX 512-864-2724	New Life RV Park 1200 Co. Rd. 152 Georgetown, TX 512-931-2073

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 10th, 2024
 2:00 – 4:00 pm Georgetown Community Center, 455 E. Morrow Street, Georgetown, TX
 7:00 – 7:30 pm Trails End dance – Callers and Cuers present
 7:30 – 10:00 pm Pre-Rounds
 Square and Round Dance – M/S with tips 3 & 6 Plus. 2 Round Dance between each tip

Saturday, May 11th 2024

ROUND DANCE WORKSHOPS		SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOPS	
Christ Lutheran Church, 510 Luther Drive, Georgetown, TX		Georgetown Community Center, 455 E. Morrow Street	
9:30 – 11:30 am	Phase 2 - 3	9:30 – 10:30 am	A2
12:15 – 2:00 pm	Phase 3 - 4	10:30 – 12:00 pm	DBD
2:15 – 4:00 pm	Phase 4 - 5	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Plus
		2:00 – 3:00 pm	Intro to Hex Squares
		3:00 – 4:00 pm	Mainstream

Saturday, May 11th, 2024
 6:00 – 7:00 pm A2
 7:00 – 7:30 pm Pre-Rounds
 7:30 – 10:00 pm Square and Round Dance M/S with tips 3 & 6 Plus. 2 Round Dance between each tip.

PRICES AND REGISTRATION

Advanced Ticket Sales for entire weekend (Includes Trails End Dance) \$40.00 per person
 Entire Weekend at the Door on Friday (Includes Trails End Dance) \$45.00 per person
 All Day Friday (Includes Trails End Dance) \$20.00 per person
 All Day Saturday (Includes all workshops and evening dance) \$30.00 per person
 Teens Half Price

MID-TEX REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Your Home Club _____

Highest Level you Dance (Please circle all that apply)

Rounds: Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 4 Phase 5
 Squares: Mainstream Plus A2

It's not too late!

Please check the box that corresponds to the days for which you are registering.
 \$40 per person for **ENTIRE WEEKEND** (including Trails End Dance)
 Friday Trails End & Evening Dances (~~\$20~~ per person)
 Saturday Workshops and Evening Dancing (\$30 per person) Total Amount Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to ASRDA and mail to: ASRDA, P.O. Box 1195, La Vernia, TX 78121 Contact Pres. Brooke Peters at (210) 392-5433 for more information. You can download this flyer at www.ASRDA.org. Pre-Registration is available through **April 30th, 2024**. The last date to cancel for a full refund is **May 8th, 2024**. To cancel, please notify Shirley O'Neal at asrdatreasurer@gmail.com by **May 8th, 2024**.

Delegate Meeting and Installation Dance July 20, 2024

Meet and dance with the newly elected and appointed officers at ASRDA's Installation (Dinner &) Dance on Saturday, July 20th, 2024 at Hyde Park Christian Church in Austin which will be held after the Delegates' Meeting scheduled for 2:00 pm.

If you are looking for some great barbecue and all sorts of sides to go with it along with two hours of square and round dancing, this is the place you want to be! Chet Miles will be barbecuing for us and ASRDA dancers will all bring side dishes. Gary Bible will be our caller and Dennis Artz has volunteered to be the cuer.

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm with the dance starting at 7 pm. Requested donation is \$12 for the dinner and dance and \$8.00 for just the dance. You must RSVP to Tricia Morley, so Chet knows how much meat to buy. The flyer can be found at asrda.org/events. **RSVP by July 7, 2024 to Tricia Morley at morleyprop@gmail.com.**

Where else can you get an evening of dining and dancing for that price!



Gary Bible
Caller



Teen Scholarship Dance September 21, 2024

Join Callers: **Gary Bible, Brad Caldwell, Al Frazier & Wayne Weston**
Cuers: **Tricia Morley and Ron Plouch**

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Hyde Park Christian Church, 610 45th St.
Austin, Texas

Pre-rounds 6:30-7:00 pm
Squares 7:00-9:00

All donations from dance and Klose Klose Sales will benefit the Teen Scholarship Fund. These scholarships assist Square Dancing Teens to pay for college or trade school costs.

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**An alternate mode of transportation
to the 73rd National Square Dance Convention
in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 26 - 29, 2024**

For those looking for a unique and very possibly low cost way to get to downtown Milwaukee this coming summer, consider Amtrak. Eight of us from the 74th NSDC committee traveled by train in February from Texarkana, Arkansas to the Intermodal station in downtown Milwaukee for the Preconvention. In spite of the snow, we arrived on time and at a cost of under \$130/each, round trip. The convention center was within walking distance of the train station, or at most, a very short shuttle hop. Amtrak, at the time, had a special of up to 60% off, provided up to 8 persons traveled as a group, all on the same schedule. **That same special is occurring right now.** Note, these are for **very** comfortable seats, not rooms with beds. Amtrak also provides a meal car for all passengers. The Amtrak website is www.amtrak.com

Share Fares provides a group discount of up to 60% off tickets for 8 passengers traveling together on the same reservation. Here's how the discount works:

Passenger One - full price (or lowest available fare)

Passenger Two - full price (or lowest available fare)

Passenger Three - 17% off all tickets

Passenger four - 30% off all tickets

Passenger five - 39% off all tickets

Passenger six - 47% off all tickets

Passenger seven - 54% off all tickets

Passenger eight - 60% off all tickets.



Please realize Amtrak utilizes the same track as the freight lines, and is subordinate to these trains, so you may experience a delay, or like us, you may not. If you should opt to fly to Chicago on one of the low cost carriers and transfer to Amtrak, take this into consideration. Chicago Union Station to Milwaukee intermodal is only a short 90 mile trip and again takes you right downtown. No need for a car (or parking).

As a future alert, for those planning to attend the 74th NSDC in Shreveport, Louisiana in 2025, or the 75th NSDC in Waco, Texas in 2026, Amtrak services both areas, with a short bus route connecting directly to Shreveport or Waco. This would allow those wishing to fly, to either destination, to utilize the low cost carriers through Dallas Fort Worth International or Dallas Love Field (Southwest Airlines). For those wishing to rent a car in Dallas, parking should be easy in either place.

Countdown to STATE! 44 DAYS.
Hope you have reservations!

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

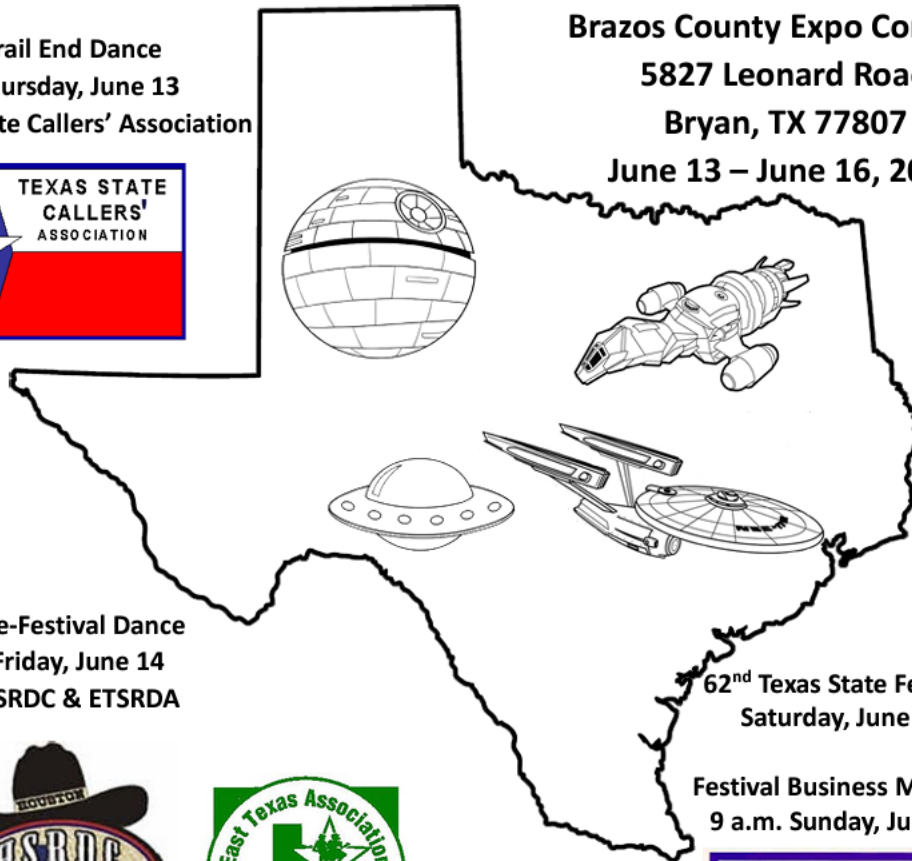
**62nd Annual Texas State
Square & Round Dance Festival**

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

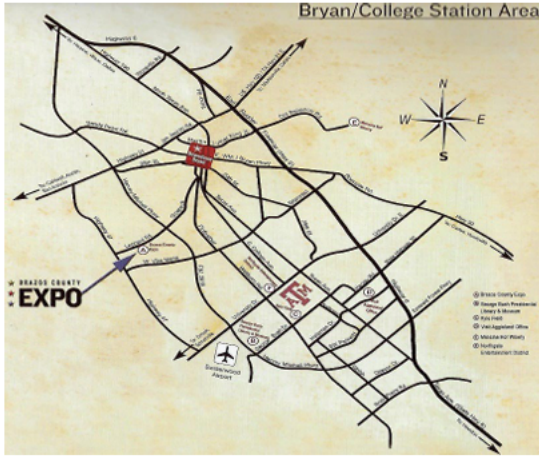


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2024 State Festival, Bryan Texas, June 13 – 16, 2024 Registration Form

For hotel and camping information see attached sheet

WACO



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Houston

Thursday:	Trail End Dance	Texas State Callers' Association
Friday:	Pre-Festival	HSRDC and ETSRDA
Saturday:	Texas State Festival	Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers®
Sunday:	TSFSRD	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 former and current 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.timberidgevnpark.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



Revised 02/16/2024

President's Weekend October 4th- 5th La Grange, Texas

The host hotel has been changed to Comfort Inn and Suites in Schulenburg, TX for the Presidents' Weekend Dance on October 4th & 5th, 2024. Hospitality will be in La Grange at the La Grange Recreation Center in one of the small rooms off of the gym from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Make your reservations now because hotel rooms are in short supply. See pages 18-19.

Headquarters Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites

101 Huser Boulevard
Schulenburg, TX 78945
\$139 - \$149/night before tax
979-743-2030/979-743-2032



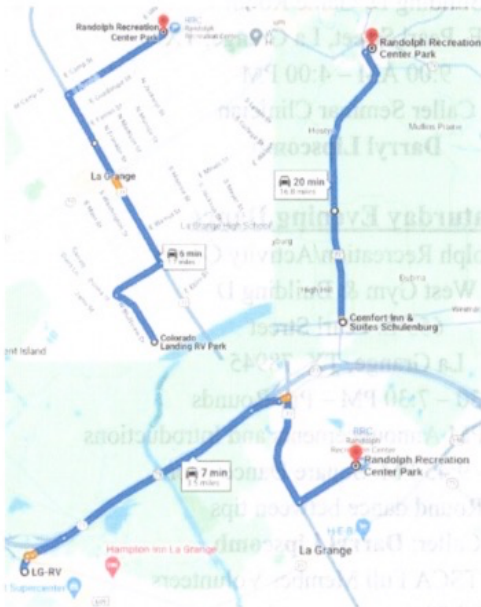
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LG-RV
2395 TX-71 Business,
La Grange, TX 78945
979-702-1048



Colorado Landing RV Park

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La Grange, TX 78945
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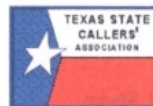
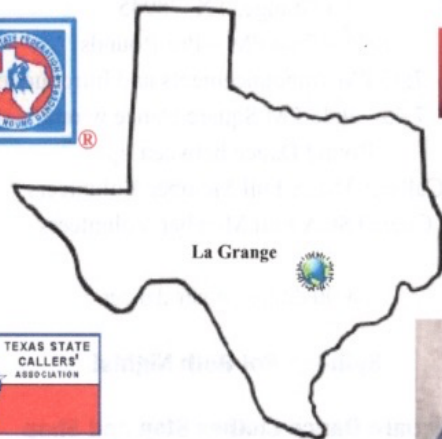
Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers ®

REVISED FLYER

Presidents' Meeting
October 4 & 5, 2024
La Grange, Texas 78945



"Circulate to Friendship"



Hosted by Austin SRDA
& Texas State Callers'
Association

Darryl Lipscomb
Caller Seminar Clinician
Calling on October 5, 2024

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

Hospitality

3:00 – 5:00 PM

**Randolph Recreation /Activity Center
Building D
653 E. Pearl Street
La Grange, TX 78945**

Friday Evening Dance

**Randolph Recreation/Activity Center
West Gym & Building D
653 E, Pearl Street
La Grange, TX 78945**

6:30 – 7:30 PM – Pre-Rounds

7:30 – 7:45 PM Announcements and Introductions

**7:45 – 9:45 PM Square Dance w/one
Round Dance between tips**

Callers: TSCA Full Member Volunteers

Cuer: TSCA Full Member Volunteers

\$8.00 donation per dancer

Split-the Pot Both Nights!

Square Dance Clothes Stop and Shop

Bring dance clothes you no longer want and pick up some others –
Donations will go to ASRDA to help member clubs

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

TSFSRD Presidents' Meeting

**Randolph Recreation/Activity Center, West Gym
653 E. Pearl Street
La Grange, TX 78945**

8:30 – 9:00 AM Coffee and Sweet Rolls

9:00 – 12:00 Noon Business Meeting

TSCA Seminar & Fall Meeting

**Randolph Recreation/Activity Center
Building D, Game Room 1
653 E. Pearl Street, La Grange, TX**

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Caller Seminar Clinician

Darryl Lipscomb

Saturday Evening Dance

**Randolph Recreation/Activity Center
West Gym & Building D
653 E. Pearl Street
La Grange, TX 78945**

6:30 – 7:30 PM – Pre-Rounds

7:30 – 7:45 PM Announcements and Introductions

7:45 – 9:45 PM Square Dance w/one

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

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

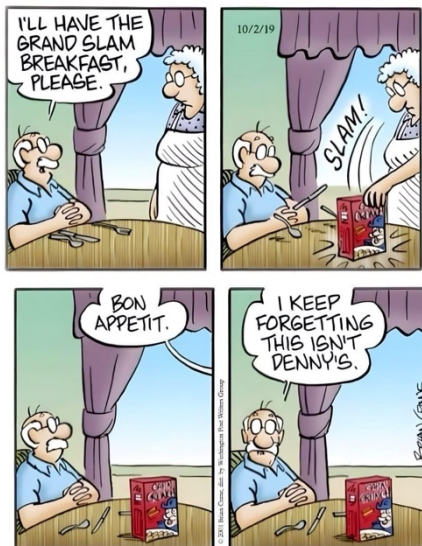
The Registration Long Form for the 74th National Square Dance Convention® to be held at the Shreveport Convention Center in Louisiana on June 25-28, 2025 is now **available online**.

Go to the convention website at www.74thNSDC.com and click **Register** on the home page. From there you can either download a .PDF file to print, complete and mail in or you can click Registration and complete the form online.

If you have any questions completing the form, contact Registration and Housing Chairman Rhonda Bailey at RhondaW252@outlook.com or call Assistant Registration and Housing Chairman Cheryl Rush at (903) 725-0245. A copy of the Registration Long Form is also included in this publication.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Although you may have already pre-registered using a short form you still need to complete a Registration Long Form in order to secure lodging, order convention materials, update contact information, etc. Without a completed Long Form your registration is not finalized.*

Remember to join our Facebook group for the latest information and updates. The link is as follows: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/750145379807873/>. We look forward to seeing you in 2025!



"I need to inform you of our new policy. No sentences can start out with, 'I read on the Internet.'"

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



The General Chairman, Claudia & Gary Lester, enjoyed the New England Square and Round Dance Convention. They reported hearing distinct accents and perhaps, “Yuz Guys”, rather than “Y’all”

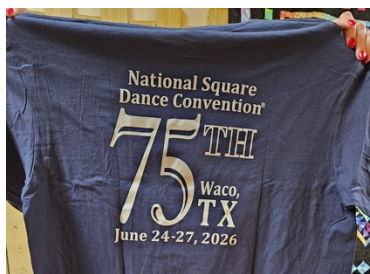
Like the song says “I’ve been everywhere” promoting the 75th Diamond Anniversary of The National Square Dance Convention in 2026 in Waco, Texas.

Wonder how many people will be attending? Last count was over 600 – Still a long way to go! If you would like to help out with this momentous occasion, please contact Brooke Peters.



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 kbrokepeters@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**

ASRDA Website/Facebook Statistics



ASRDA Website:

From Feb. 28, 2024 through March 29, 2024, www.asrda.org has had 827 visits with 1,900 reviews. Home Page visits numbered 440 with 295 viewing Upcoming Events. Our page with Links to State and National Conventions was also used with over 140 visits.

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.

Facebook Followers have increased to 792 (including 12 new followers). Our posts are seen by 1,682 pages with 345 Liking, Sharing, or Loving the posts. 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 vmmerchant.asrda@gmail.org or Mike Goggin at mikerrtx@gmail.com.

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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 about ASRDA*
- 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 dancers 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.

Round The Capitol Square is the official publication of the Austin Square & Round Dance Association. There are eleven issues per year (no July issue).

All articles and flyers (8.5 x 11) must be received by the 15th of each month preceding the month of publication (i.e., 15th of August for publication in the September issue). When sending your articles in, please **attach** the **document (.docx)** to an email. Any photos should be sent as a **jpg file and as attachments to** vmmerchant.asrda@gmail.com

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

Ad Cost: \$25 for non-ASRDA clubs per issue.