

Harvest Holiday News

May 2025

Note from the Chair

Happy Mother's Day to all the proud mothers who read this. We hope that you are able to enjoy the day with the sons and daughters who bring you joy!

Since Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday of May this year, our May Regular Fun Dance will be on the third Sunday, May 18, 2:00 to 5:00PM. There will be a short business meeting preceding the dance. We ask all Harvest Holiday members to arrive by 1:30PM to participate in this meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm
Chair, Harvest Holiday Festival 2025

***** THIRD SUNDAY *****

**Next Meeting and Regular Sunday Fun Dance
May 18, 2025 - Swingtime Center, Fort Worth**

***** MEETING AT 1:30 P.M. *****

*** * DANCE FROM 2:00 TO 5:00 P.M. * ***

ALL REQUESTS – PH. III-VI

***** HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY *****

**WE WISH FOR EVERYONE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

***** MARK YOUR CALENDARS *******Harvest Holiday Summer Fun Rounds
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth**

June 22, 2025, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

PH. II-IV All Request Rounds

Cued by Area Cuers

Info: JL & Linda Pelton - 972.822.1926 or
peltondances@gmail.com or www.harvestholiday.com

Sunday Fun Dance Record – April 13, 2025

Cuers: Christine & Theron Hixson (Hosts), JL & Linda Pelton,
Karen & Ed Gloodt**Attendees:** 20**Door Greeters:** Ralph Hamm**Coffee and Refreshments:** Vanessa Nestor**Clean up of Swingtime:** Jeff Copley, Ralph Hamm, Kathy Ellis, Alex & Vanessa
Nestor, JL & Linda Pelton

List of Dances Cued – April 13, 2025

Christine Hixson – Hey, Sam's New Pants, Tu Me 6, Candlelight, I've Got a
Lot to Learn, Norwegian Wood, Ooh Daddy, A Lady in Red, Tango After
Dark, Half a Moment, Best Day, Saving All My Love, Hallelujah Foxtrot,
Goodbye**JL Pelton** – Baking Day, A Guy is a Guy, Never, Woodchopper's Ball, A
Thousand Years, Haunted Guitar 5, It's All Right 4, I Like to Lead When I
Dance, Alligator Stroll, You Make My Pants WTGUAD, El Reloj, Spending
Time With Friends**Karen Gloodt** – Tu Me 6, Pontoon West Coast, Make You Feel My Love,
Perfidia in Brazil, I Will Wait for You, Me Vida Sin Tu Amor, Birds
without Wings, Mi Amante, Hit Me With a Hot Note, Sleeping Beauty,
Wolves in the Night

Spring Fun Rounds Dance Record – April 27, 2025

Cuers: JL Pelton, Chris Farabaugh, Christine & Theron Hixson,
Karen & Ed Gloodt

Attendees: 23

Door Greeters: Bill Knight, Kathy Ellis

Coffee and Refreshments: Vanessa Nestor, Christine Hixson, Kathy Ellis

Clean up of Swingtime: Ralph & Lucy Hamm, Alex & Vanessa Nestor, Ed Gloodt,
Christine Hixson, Kathy Ellis, Terri Seymour

List of Dances Cued – April 27, 2025

JL Pelton – Hot Rhumba 4 You, Axel F, Their Hearts are Dancing, Valentine Bolero, That Happy Feeling, Hey, Uptown Jive, Feed the Birds, Street Fair, Fascination, Dance with the Devil

Chris Farabaugh – Island Rumba, Sugar Sugar, Rainbow Connection, Stand by Me, A Date with the Blues, Lovely Lough Conn, Jamaica Farewell, Moonshadow, When I Close My Eyes

Christine Hixson – Unchained Waltz III, Amigos Para Siempre, El Mismo Sol III, Heartbreak Hotel, Cuando Me Enamoro, If Tears were Roses, No Matter What, Giddy Up, You Make My Pants WTGUAD, Let me Love you Tonight, I'll Do it All Over Again

Karen Gloodt – All Night Waltz, Black Satin, Scheherazade, Milica, Beach Party Cha, Kindred Spirits, Af en Af, Come Flying with me

Bill Rackley – Sad News

William G. Rackley (8/11/1939-5/7/2025) – Bill Rackley passed away in Florida on May 7. He was a long-time resident of Dallas, and a very active member of our dance family before moving to Florida about three years ago to be close to his daughter. He loved to be around people, was always willing to help, and had a great sense of humor. He was an avid square and round dancer, and was always willing to help new dancers. He was a member of Ramblin' Rounds and Harvest Holiday for about 30 years. He was very involved in the Harvest Holiday Festival and served in many capacities, including Chair in 1996. His obituary, with photo, may be found at: https://johnsonfuneralsandcremations.com/obits/william-g-rackley/?utm_content=button&fbclid=IwY2xjawKMQ4FleHRuA2FlbQIxMA BicmlkETFYWM5nR0dWUnZjczNjNWdtAR7jyWZfqPrS_-EIALAQW_kWozXQXKl84mVnNeWQlaFTfew_w1a0LDVHlwm3wA_aem_zIXESqfN2Aa5oflYaMRnwg

Dallas-Fort Worth Area Dance Club Reports

Tuesday	
Ramblin' Rounds (Ph 3-4-5) ** Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 pm Granger Rec Center, Garland	Christine and Theron Hixson Sleeping Beauty, 5 BL, Moore Reviewed trouble spots in various dances
Wednesday	
Ramblin' Rounds (Ph 4-5-6) ** Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 pm Granger Rec Center, Garland	Christine and Theron Hixson The Best of Me, 6BL, Shibata
Rainbow Rounds (Ph 3-4-5) ** Wednesday, 6:00-9:00 pm Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	Karen and Ed Gloodt Giddy-Up, 4 CH, Lobato Wonderful Rain, 3 STS, Young Mi Vida, 4 RB, Read Raining in My Heart, 4 STS, Gloodt Heartbreak Hotel, 4 WCS, Parker You Make My Pants WTGUAD, 4 JV, Hixson Solitaire, 5 BL, Goss
Thursday	
Dance Arounds (Ph 3-4-5) ** Thursday, 5:45-8:45 p.m. Sam Johnson Rec Center, Plano	JL and Linda Pelton (with able assistance from their dancers while Linda recovers from hip replacement surgery) Best Day, 5 WCS, Worlock Sleeping Beauty, 5 BL, Moore

** Indicates a Carousel Club

Carousel Clubs – Most Taught Dances – April 2025

1 Hey (Preskitt 4 Rumba)	3 Candlelight (Goss 5 Waltz)
2 A Little Crush (Johnson 5 Foxtrot)	3 Carnival (Rumble 4 Rumba)
2 Canadian Man (Gibson 5 Foxtrot)	3 Pencil Quickstep (Garza 4 2S/Quickstep)
2 Make You Feel My Love (Preskitt 5 Waltz)	3 Run Through Fire (Boaz 4 Rumba)
2 Stompin At The Savoy (Hicks 5 Foxtrot)	3 The Best of Me VI (Shibata 6 Bolero)

Local Lessons and Other Dance Opportunities

Rainbow Rounds – Continuing Lessons – 4-5 Catch-Up

Karen and Ed Gloodt

- **Wednesday nights** – 6:00-6:45 p.m. – Swingtime Center

Phase 5 catch-up teaches and reviews, partner required. Anyone is welcome to join. Evening program from 7-9 remains the same.

Beyond Basic Rounds – Continuing Lessons – Plano - Wednesday Afternoons

JL & Linda Pelton

- **Wednesday afternoons** – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Sam Johnson Recreation Center, 401 W 16th Street, Plano, TX 75075

Info: call Linda at 972-897-6006, or email peltondances@gmail.com

Links to Other Festival and Dance Opportunities

July 9-12, 2025 – Springdale (Fayetteville), Arkansas

ICBDA Convention 49 – Featuring cuers and clinicians throughout the United States

See: www.icbda.com for a flyer and more information

August 17-21, 2025 – Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Eureka Springs Round Dance Vacation – Phase III-VI - Featuring Pamela & Jeff Johnson and Bill & Beth Davenport

Dance Sunday evening, teaches and evening dances Monday through Thursday

Info: Contact Pamela & Jeff at 218-256-1873 or rapidballroom@gmail.com

Flyer: https://www.rapidballroom.com/uploads/1/2/2/0/122096893/eureka_springs_2025_flyer.pdf

September 12-13, 2025 – La Grange, Texas – Randolph Rec. Center, 653 E. Pearl Street

TRDTA - Texas Round Dance Teachers Association South Dance Festival - Phase II-IV

Featuring Texas cuers throughout the state teaching and cuing and teaches Saturday morning & afternoon; Phases 2-4 - Programmed dance Friday & Saturday night.

Flyer: <https://trdta.org/pdfs/2025-TRDTA-Fall-Festival.pdf>

Oct. 13-15, 2025 – La Grange, Texas – Randolph Rec. Center, 653 E. Pearl Street

CenTex 38th Round Dance Festival - PH. III-V – Featuring Curt & Tammy Worlock

Programmed dance Friday & Saturday night - Teaches Saturday morning and afternoon.

Includes a Sunday morning review session

Info: Linda Pelton – 972-897-6006; peltondances@gmail.com

Flyer: <https://peltondances.com/pdfs/2025-CentexFlyer.pdf>

November 7-9, 2025 – Swingtime Center, 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas

64th Annual Harvest Holiday Festival – PH. IV-VI – Featuring Bill & Carol Goss

Info: www.harvestholiday.com See Flyer Below.

65th Harvest Holiday Festival Phase 4-6

**Friday-Sunday – November 7-9, 2025
Fort Worth, Texas**



Bill and Carol Goss

**Now on the
2nd Weekend in November
Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas**

See the Harvest Holiday website at
www.harvestholiday.com
for the most up-to-date information
on host hotel and schedules for the festival

Trail-in Dance Friday afternoon 2-4 PM
Friday night 7:30-11:59 PM*
Saturday 9:30 AM-11:59 PM*
Sunday morning 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

* Ending time includes Die-Hard & Die-Easy Dances

– Registration –

\$150 per couple until September 1, 2025 – \$180 per couple after September 1, 2025

Single registration is half of the couple rate.

Full refund if cancellation is received by October 15, 2025

For Further Information Contact

Ralph and Lucy Hamm (Chairs) – 214-308-8958 (Ralph) or 972-369-5672 (Lucy)

Ralph – rehamm45@gmail.com / Lucy – llhamm45@gmail.com

Linda Pelton (Registration) – 972-897-6006 – peltondances@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: **Harvest Holiday**
Mail to: Linda Pelton, 4032 Briarbend Rd., Dallas, TX 75287-3901

Name (Last)	His	Hers
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Phone
Email		
Amount enclosed: \$		

2024 HARVEST HOLIDAY FESTIVAL TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday	Nov. 7	2:00-4:00 pm	Festival Trail-End Dance
		7:00 pm-12:00 am	Evening Ball + Die Hard
Saturday	Nov. 8	9:15 am-12:00 pm	Festival Teach
		1:30-4:00 pm	Festival Teach
		7:00 pm-12:00 am	Evening Ball + Die Easy
Sunday	Nov. 9	9:00-9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
		9:30-11:30 am	Review of Teaches

