



Harvest Holiday News

February 2026

Note from the Chair

We hope all of you got through the recent week of winter precipitation and extreme cold with no calamities. Unfortunately, the weather forced cancellation of our Winter Fun Rounds Phase II – IV dance. We're glad the bad weather is gone and we are enjoying warmer days.

Our Regular Fun Dance this month is on February 22 to allow you to enjoy the Super Bowl on the 8th and to accommodate any of you who plan to attend the Houston Round Dance Festival on February 13 – 14. There will be a Harvest Holiday business meeting prior to the dance on the 22nd at 1:30 PM. Members, please be there in time for that.

We look forward to seeing all of you February 22!

Ralph and Lucy Hamm
Chair, Harvest Holiday Festival 2026

Next Meeting and Regular Sunday Fun Dance February 22, 2026 - Swingtime Center, Fort Worth

***** MEETING FROM 1:30 TO 2:00 P.M. *****

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

ALL REQUESTS – PH. III-VI

 *Happy Valentine's Day*

***** MARK YOUR CALENDARS *******Harvest Holiday Spring Fun Rounds
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth****March 22, 2026 - 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 – January 11, 2026****Cuers:** JL & Linda Pelton (Hosts), Christine Hixson, Karen & Ed Gloodt**Attendees:** 14**Door Greeters:** Vanessa & Alex Nestor, Linda Pelton**Coffee and Refreshments:** Vanessa Nestor, Terri Seymour**Clean up of Swingtime:** Alex Nestor, Ed Gloodt, JL & Linda Pelton**List of Dances Cued – January 11, 2026**

JL Pelton – Mariposa IV, Candlelight, Shivers, Scheherazade, Never, Hey, Theme From Shrek A Guy is a Guy, And I Love You So, Rainbow Connections, I Wanta Quickstep, A Thousand Years, Beat of Your Heart, He Drinks Tequila, Sam Sam

Christine Hixson – The Alligator Stroll, Anything but Love Foxtrot, Hot Rhumba 4 You, Remember When IV, Boogie Bumper, Sleeping Beauty, Cowboy's Sweetheart, Horchat Hai Caliptus IV, From Hello, Senorita Tango, Seven Lonely Days, Mi Vida

Karen Gloodt – The Sun The Sea The Sky, Hallelujah Foxtrot, Cuando Me Enamoro, I'm Alive, I Will Wait for You, Silence of the World, After Midnight Tango, Legends of the Fall

Sad News

Martha Lawrence Brashear – 8/28/1928 – 1/12/2025 – We were saddened to learn of the passing of Martha. She and her first husband George [who died in 1998] were avid round dancers for many years, and served in various capacities in Harvest Holiday, including Chair in 1984. Although she had not round danced recently, many long-time dancers throughout the country have fond memories of her and George. Her obituary can be found at: https://www.west-hurtffuneralhome.com/obituaries/martha-lawrence-brashear?ttm_pid=210679254&ttm_affiliate=legacypro&ttm_affiliatetype=standard&ttm_campaign=legacy

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 It Makes No Difference Now, 4 WCS, Taylor A Man Without Love, 4 RB, Tennant Angelina 4, 4CH, Garza All I Have to do is Dream, 4 WCS, Wahle
Wednesday	
Ramblin' Rounds (Ph 4-5-6) ** Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 pm Granger Rec Center, Garland	Christine and Theron Hixson No report – dark during January
Rainbow Rounds (Ph 3-4-5) ** Wednesday, 6:30-9:00 pm 6:30-7:50 pm:-Teaches & Reviews 8:00-9:00 pm – Evening Dance Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	Karen and Ed Gloodt No report
Thursday	
Dance Arounds (Ph 3-4-5) ** Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sam Johnson Rec Center, Plano	JL and Linda Pelton Southern Breeze, 5 WZ, Pelton Goodbye My Love, 4 RB, Pelton Jumptown Jive, 3 JV, Pelton

** Indicates a Carousel Club

Carousel Clubs – Most Taught Dances – December 2025 (January report not available yet)

1 Belle Chittara (Miller Don 6 Rumba)
1 Caruso (Goss 5 Rumba)
1 Mariposa IV (Johnson 4 Rumba)

1 Oh, Angelina (Worlock 5 Cha)
1 The Walk (Buchanan 4 Waltz)

Festival Report

January 16-17, 2026 –Bossier City, LA – Phase II-V, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Drive
33rd Annual January Jewel – Featuring Bob & Kay Kurczewski “Skis”
Dances taught:

True Love Ways, 3+2 BL, Kurczewski
Walk With Me, 4+2 WZ, Blackford
Even Now Rumba, 5 RB, Tennant

Links to Other Festival and Dance Opportunities

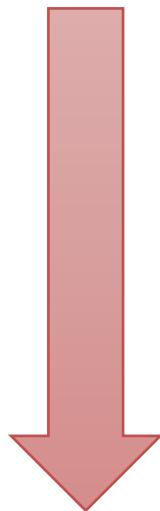
February 13-14, 2026 – La Grange, Texas – Randolph Rec. Center, 653 E. Pearl Street
Houston Round Dance Festival, Phase III-VI – Teaches Ph. IV-V - featuring Tom Hicks
Info: Linda Robinson: 918.640.9831; pldance@yahoo.com.
Flyer: https://www.paulandlindarobinson.com/PDF/2026_Houston_Flyer.pdf

Feb. 27-28, 2026 – 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/2026-TRDTA-LaGrange-16th.pdf>

April 10-11, 2026 – Lake Murray Resort/Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma
ORDA (Oklahoma Round Dance) Festival – Phase III-VI – Barbara & Tom Buchanan
Info: Paul & Linda Robinson – 918.640.9831; pldance@yahoo.com.
Flyer: https://paulandlindarobinson.com/PDF/ORDA_Flyer_2026.pdf

July 8-11, 2026 – Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Drive, St. George, Utah
ICBDA Convention 50 – Featuring cuers and clinicians throughout the United States
Flyer: <https://www.icbda.com/wp-content/2026Convention/2026-ICBDA-Utah-Flyer-FINAL.pdf>
Additional information: www.icbda.com

November 13-15, 2026 – Swingtime Center, 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas
64th Annual Harvest Holiday Festival – PH. IV-VI – Featuring Rey & Sherry Garza
Info: www.harvestholiday.com See Flyer Below.



66th Harvest Holiday Festival

Phase 4-6

Friday-Sunday – November 13-15, 2026
Fort Worth, Texas



Rey and Sherry Garza

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

— Registration —

\$150 per couple until October 1, 2026 – \$180 per couple after October 1, 2026

Single registration is half of the couple rate.

Full refund if cancellation is received by October 15, 2026

For Further Information Contact

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

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

Make checks payable to: **Harvest Holiday**

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2026 HARVEST HOLIDAY FESTIVAL TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday	Nov. 13	2:00-4:00 pm	Festival Trail-End Dance
		7:00 pm-12:00 am	Evening Ball + Die Hard
Saturday	Nov. 14	9:30 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. 15	9:00-9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
		9:30-11:30 am	Review of Teaches

