Harvest Holiday News

April 2026

Note from the Chair

Greetings to all Harvest Holiday members and friends! Spring is here, and we hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather.

The Oklahoma Round Dance Association (ORDA) annual festival is this weekend, April 10 through 12. We know that some of you are enjoying a great weekend of dancing at beautiful Lake Murray. Because of this wonderful round dancing opportunity, our April Regular Fun Dance is scheduled on the third Sunday, April 19, instead of the usual second Sunday of the month.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Swingtime on the 19th!

Ralph and Lucy Hamm
Chair, Harvest Holiday Festival 2026

Next Regular Sunday Fun Dance
April 19, 2026 - Swingtime Center, Fort Worth

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

ALL REQUESTS – PH. III-V

*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS *****

Harvest Holiday Autumn Fun Rounds
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth

September 27, 2026 - 2:00-5:30 p.m.
PH. II-IV All Request Rounds
with a short teach during the dance
Cued by Area Cuers.
Info: JL & Linda Pelton - 972.822.1926 or
peltondances@gmail.com or www.harvestholiday.com

Sunday Fun Dance Record – March 8, 2026

Cuers: Christine Hixson (Host), Karen & Ed Gloodt, JL & Linda Pelton
Attendees: 18
Door Greeters: Linda Pelton
Coffee and Refreshments: Jeff Copley, Sharon Alexander
Clean up of Swingtime: Terri Seymour, Linda Pelton, Kathy Ellis, Bill Knight, Leota Porter, Alex Nestor, Jeff Copley, Sharon Alexander

List of Dances Cued – March 8, 2026

JL Pelton – My Only One, Canadian Man, Mi Amante, Celtic Garden, Are You Having Any Fun?, Coney Island, Best Day, Caruso, Knock Me a Kiss, Mariposa 4, Black Satin, Steppin' Out, Candlelight, La Mer Bolero, Welcome to New York, Shivers

Karen Gloodt – A Lady in Red, A Thousand Years, Carnival, Beat of Your Heart, Sam Sam, All That Jazz, Alligator Stroll, Lady Marmalade

Christine Hixson – It Makes No Difference Now, Loving You Ruma, You Medley, El Mismo Sol 3, My Heart Will Go On, I Give to You, Black Tie Tango, Norwegian Wood, Spending Time With Friends, Quickstep in the Cantina, Lariat of Dreams, Amistad, Wild in the Country, Moonlight Waltz

Spring Fun Rounds Dance Record – March 22, 2026

Cuers: Karen & Ed Gloodt, JL & Linda Pelton, Christine Hixson, Chris & Maria Farabaugh
Attendees: 25
Door Greeters: Kathy Ellis, Bill Knight
Coffee and Refreshments: Linda Pelton, Vanessa Nestor, Christine Hixson, Kathy Ellis
Clean up of Swingtime: Terri Seymour, JL & Linda Pelton, Alex & Vanessa Nestor

List of Dances Cued – March 22, 2026

Karen Gloodt – Dance with the Devil (CH), Sam Sam (WZ), A Mess of Blues (JV), Never (FT/JV), Hey (RB), To Be Loved (STS), Kindred Spirits (BL), Any Dream Foxtrot (FT), Amafidia (RB), Scheherazade (WZ)

Chris Farabaugh – A Man this Lonely (BL), American Kids (TS), Mira Four (WZ) Rumba Begine (RB), Angel Jive (JV), Moon Waltz (WZ), Oh What A Night (CH), Doggone Cowboy (TS), Guantanamara III (RB), Years have Passed (BL), It Might as Well be Spring (FT/JV)

JL Pelton – Af en Af (TS), Island Rumba (RB), Irish Washerwoman (CH), Walking with my Love (TS), Hot Rhumba 4 You (RB), Heaven with You (WZ), He Drinks Tequila (RB), Uptown III (JV), This is Our Dance (WZ)

Christine Hixson – You're my Best Friend (TS), Amigos Para Siempre (RB), Belsize (WZ), Black Satin (JV), Together Hand in Hand (WZ), Angelina 4 (CH), Ginny Come Lately Bolero (BL), I'll Do it All Over Again (TS), When You're Gone Tomorrow (RB), My Reason for Living (WZ), Champagne Quickstep (QS)

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** Misty Moonlight, 4 RB, Becker You Medley, 4 FT, McKenrick Old Time Rock & Roll, 4 JV, Hixson
Wednesday	
Ramblin' Rounds (Ph 4-5-6) ** Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 pm Granger Rec Center, Garland	**Christine and Theron Hixson** Broke, 5 WCS, Buchanan Friends, Thank You, 5 STS, Hicks Reviewing Dances on ORDA program
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** Girl Crush, 4 STS, Ahart Legends of the Fall, 4 WZ, Gloodt
Thursday	
Dance Arounds (Ph 3-4-5) ** Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sam Johnson Rec Center, Plano	**JL and Linda Pelton** Are You Having Any Fun, 5 MB, Goss Caruso, 5 RB, Goss Spending Time With Friends, 4 STS, Pelto

** Indicates a Carousel Club

Carousel Clubs – Most Taught Dances – March 2026

1 Perfectly Loved (Rumble 6 Hes/Cntr Waltz)
2 Belle Chittara (Miller Don 6 Rumba)
2 Caruso (Goss 5 Rumba)
2 Dolce Vita (Boaz 5 Foxtrot)
2 Fingers Crossed (Hicks 4 Foxtrot)
2 Katchi Cha 4 (Hicks 4 Cha)

Sad News – Melton Luttrell (10/27/1928-3/14/2026)

We were recently notified that Melton Luttrell, a long-time square dance caller, passed away on March 14, 2026. He will be greatly missed by many in both the square and round dance activities. Melton was well known locally, nationally and internationally, for his talent and many contributions to the square dance activity. He was instrumental in the original planning of Swingtime Center in Fort Worth where Harvest Holiday currently holds its monthly dances and annual Festival. His obituary, which includes his many accomplishments, can be viewed at: https://www.wileyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Melton-Lee-Luttrell?obId=47781692

Links to Other Festival and Dance Opportunities

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

April 25-26, 2026 – Hat Box Dance Hall, Muskogee, Oklahoma
Heartland Classic – Phase IV-VI – featuring Curt & Tammy Worlock
Info: Paul & Linda Robinson – 918.640.9831; pldance@yahoo.com.
Flyer: https://www.paulandlindarobinson.com/PDF/2026_Heartland_Flyer.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
66th ANNUAL HARVEST HOLIDAY FESTIVAL – PH. IV-VI – Featuring Rey & Sherry Garza
Info: www.harvestholiday.com See Flyer Below.

January 15-16, 2027 –Bossier City, LA – Phase II-V, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Drive
34th Annual January Jewel – Featuring Fred & Linda Ayres
Info: Mary Glass – mmhglass@gmail.com or
Melissa Mullins – mmullins827@gmail.com; 409.771.4443

Feb. 26-27, 2027 – 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.

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)
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

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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