



# Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

## From the President

Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz

The year has started well in the first quarter. Several of our leaders were able to attend the January Jewel in Shreveport a couple months back. It was a very good dance with good teaches and instructions from the Robinson's. We started the year with a real special dance when caller Brad Caldwell was inducted into the Texas State Caller Hall of Fame. There was a huge turnout with several round dancers from the past years attending. It was good to see them and the night was filled with square and round dancing.



In February, clinician Tom Hicks from Los Angeles visited La Grange for the Houston Dance Festival. He taught a level V foxtrot to "Sweet Caroline" and it was a "sweet" dance. Maybe even more notable was when Tom introduced the Hustle rhythm to the group with a level III dance to "I Will Survive The Hustle". It was very well received and the dancers had a really good time with the rhythm and the dance. In the last couple of weeks, Tricia and I have introduced the rhythm to some of the dancers and they are truly enjoying dancing it and want to keep working on that rhythm.

In late February the TRDTA hosted the annual festival dance again in La Grange. It was very well attended and we have heard nothing but good things from the dancers who did attend. The dance was so well liked that many of the dancers questioned why we would not do two dances per year as opposed to the single dance in February. So, after a membership meeting on Saturday, it was agreed that TRDTA would put on a second dance in late summer or early fall. Things fell into place and there is now a second TRDTA dance scheduled for September 12 and 13th, 2025, in La Grange TX. It will follow the same general format with volunteer cuers and instructors, higher level pre-rounds, and a level II-IV dance. We are already receiving registrations and we hope everyone can attend and help make this one a successful dance also.

The month of March brings us several local dances in our area and many across the different associations around the state. It is our sincere hope that everyone is dancing and supporting your local associations and clubs. There will be a big weekend in Waco in late March (20-22nd) for the 75th National pre-convention weekend. There will be round dancing on Saturday night, both pre-rounds and rounds between tips. Come to Waco for the weekend and enjoy all the activities.

Keep dancing and hope to see everyone soon somewhere on a dance floor. Don't forget, your September TRDTA is not that far away. Let's be there!

*Dennis Artz & Tricia Morley*  
*President, TRDTA*

## My Last Newsletter as Editor

I tendered my resignation as Newsletter Editor at the TRDTA meeting in La Grange. Although I reluctantly agreed to publish this edition, it is the final one for me. I've done it for six years, and it's time to step away.

It is not a hard job, and can be done in Microsoft Word or some other program that everyone has. I will assist in converting any files and helping someone set themselves up to do the newsletter if they need that help. You will get the added benefit to visiting with all the TRDTA members while you collect their information, so please consider giving it a try. Hopefully someone will decide they can take over the newsletter editor job so that TRDTA can continue publishing a newsletter.



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## TRDTA Board Election Results

The following officers were duly elected at the TRDTA meeting in February at La Grange.

Trish Morley and Dennis Artz, President

Bob & Kay “Ski’s” Kurczewski, Vice President

JL and Linda Pelton, Treasurer,

Ron Plouch & Pat Plouch were again appointed to serve as Secretary.

## Festival Reports – TRDTA February 2025

The TRDTA Festival 2025 was a resounding success. Here are some of the results of the survey as shared by the Ski’s that was conducted at the end of the festival. A total of 16 survey results were received from the 76 dancers that attended the February TRDTA dance, 21 percent of the attendees.

Fourteen of the respondents thought the nightly dance program to be just right. Only 1 marked the dance program as too easy. For the dance teaches, 14 or 15 thought the teaches just right for the level. One person thought the Classic Two Step was too hard, and one thought both the Waltz and the Cha Cha dances were too easy.

Several respondents mentioned wanting newer choreography on the program. As a result of our TRDTA cuers meeting on Saturday afternoon, the newsletter will highlight newer dances in the listing of dances taught that a cuer’s report will identify with double asterisks. That way, other cuers in the organization can perhaps teach some of those dances to their own clubs. If you missed seeing the full report, check your email for the message from Ski in late February.

*Editors Note: No dances were identified by any cuers regarding newer dances for this newsletter.*

## Cuing News a-Round Texas

Newsletters are published approximately three to four times a year.

If you are interested in attending a club in Texas, please contact the cuer for the most up-to-date information on venue and nights dancing. Many clubs might be closed on the date you want to visit as venues change and unexpected closures happen, or someone is simply not teaching that month. See the TRDTA website at [www.trdta.org](http://www.trdta.org) for the directory information which includes the telephone numbers of all the TRDTA cuers. Email addresses in this newsletter are hot links on each cuer’s name.

### Fred and Linda Ayres – Longview, TX

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Our normal classes for the quarter taught in Glenwood and to an intermediate/advanced class in Bossier City this quarter were lighter than normal due to severe weather and traveling or illnesses. We also spent a lot of time reviewing and preparing for dance festivals.

- All Of Me, Ph 4 STS, Hicks
- Beat Of Your Heart, Ph 5 STS, Preskitt
- Best Day, Ph 5 WCS, Worlock
- Canadian Man, Ph 5 FT, Gibson
- Hide Your Love Away, Ph 5 HCW, Goss
- Higher, Ph 6 TG, Preskitt



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- I Will Survive The Hustle, Ph 4 HL/RB, Hicks
- I Won't Dance, Ph 6 FT, Hicks
- La Mer Bolero, Ph 6 BL, Preskitt
- Make You Feel My Love, Ph 5 WZ, Preskitt
- Mirror Image, Ph 4 BL, Hicks
- Sweet Caroline, Ph 5 FT, Hicks
- Where Do I Start, Ph 6 RB, Worlock

Don't forget the 2025 National Square Dance Festival will be held in nearby Shreveport, Louisiana and will include many teaches and clinics in 3 different level halls, as well as evening programmed dancing from phase 2-6 each night.

*Fred and Linda*

### **Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK**

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Carousel Club #386

#### **Reviews and teaches, January through March:**

- A Guy is a Guy (Preskitt) 5 JV
- Conquest of Paradise (Hilton) 4 WZ
- Giddy Up (Lobato) 4 CH
- Half a Moment (Gloodt) 4 WZ
- Lady in Red (Moore) 4 BL
- Mi Vida (Read) 4 RB
- Perfidia in Brazil (Hurd) 5 RB
- Silence of the World (Kenny) 4 WZ
- Sleeping Beauty (Moore) 5 BL
- The Girl from Ipanema (Preskitt) 5 FT
- Wonderful Rain (Young) 3 STS
- You Decorated My Life (Gloodt) 4 BL

*Karen and Ed*

### **Christine and Theron Hixson – Garland, TX**

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Carousel Club #342

#### **Ramblin' Rounds – Tuesdays – Phases 3-4-5 – Garland, TX**

- Giddy Up, 4 CH, Lobato
- Please Come Home for Christmas, 4STS, Townsend- Manning
- How Long Will I Love You, 4 WZ, Bingham
- I Will Survive, 3 CH, Nolen
- Half a Moment, 4 WZ, Gloodt
- I've Got a Lot to Learn, 4 JV, Pyles
- Rockin' You Baby, 3 JV, Parker
- Wolves of the Night, 4 WZ, Collins
- You Should be Dancing, 4 CH, Lewis/Olson



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- All the While, 3 JV, Kincaid
- When the Lights are Low, 4 WZ, Heiny
- Take my Love Take Me, 4 FT, Davenport

### **Ramblin' Rounds – Wednesday – Phases 4-5-6 – Dallas, TX**

- Make You Feel My Love, 5 WZ, Preskitt
- A Little Crush, 5 FT, Johnson
- Kiss a Prince, 5 CH, Johnson
- Sweet Caroline, 5 FT, Hicks
- I Won't Dance, 6 FT, Hicks
- In Case You Didn't Know, 4 STS, Johnson
- Rich in Love, 6 FT, Hicks
- Last Night Cha, 5 CH, Worlock
- Excuse My French, 4 FT, Hicks
- Saving All My Love, 5 HCW, Preskitt
- Paper Houses, 6 HCW, Goss

*Christine and Theron Hixson*

### **George and Pamela Hurd – Gilmer, TX**

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Carousel Number: #203

### **Reviews and Teaches:**

- A Little Crush (Johnson) FT 5
- A Quiet Tear (Dodge) BL 4
- All That Jazz (Sechrist) FT 5
- At Last (Goss) HCW 6
- At the Bus Stop (Kurczewski) WZ 5
- Canadian Man (Gibson) FT 5
- Chasing Cars (Goss) RB 6
- Dance My Dreams (Kurczewski) WZ 5
- Excuse My French (Hicks) FT 4
- Hero (Garza) BL 6
- I Just Wanna Be So Kind (Hagiwara) CH 4
- I Will Survive (Nolen) RB/CH 3
- I Will Wait 4 You (Preskitt) FT 4
- Isn't I Romantic 4 (Preskitt) WZ 4
- Letting Go (Shibata) RB 5
- Little By Little (Shibata) WCS 5
- Mad World (Dawson) RB 6
- Make You Feel My Love (Preskitt) WZ 5
- Mama Mia (Linden/Kaszny) CH 6
- On the Shore (Junk) 4, STS
- On Three Words (Foral) WCS 6
- Papillon (Lamberty) WZ 6



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- Pencil Quickstep (Garza) TS/QS 4
- Phantom Paso (Worlock) PD 5
- Psicofonia 4 (Davenport) TG 4
- Shine On (Hicks) WZ 6
- Sleeping Child (Hilton) RB 4
- Sunshine & Whiskey (Lankuttis) 5, WCS
- The Beast (Hicks) WCS 4
- Valentine (Worlock) BL 6
- Where or When (Worlock) FT 6
- You Should Be Dancing (Lewis/Olson) CH 4

Notes: Only a week left in our Mesa 2024/25 Season. Awesome year. Trying to get in the last of the planned dances and as many social occasions as we can fit in! Making our plans for the summer and already got all our contracts for next season! If anyone wants to see what's going on here, they can see everyone's schedule on our Mesa website: <https://rounddancing.azphx.com/index.html>. My website shows our recent teaches, the dance programs, and our calendar and demos: <https://gphurd.com>.

*George and Pamela*

### **Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX**

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#### **Dances taught:**

- Best day, WCS 5, Worlock
- Blue Moon '23, FT/JV 4, Byrd
- Bye Bye Love, TS 3, Vogt
- Excuse My French, FT 4, Hicks
- Eyes For You, CH 4, Worlock
- Hallelujah Waltz, HCW 6, Read
- Hide Your Love Away, HCW 5, Goss
- I Will Survive the Hustle, Hustle 4, Hicks
- Lost, STS 6, Preskitt
- Make You Feel My Love, WZ 5, Preskitt
- Out of Africa, WZ 4, Shibata
- Rainbow Connection, WZ 4, Childers
- Sweet Caroline, FT 5, Hicks
- The Prayer, WZ 6, Worlock
- Valentine, BL 3, Donoughe

*Gloria Jackson*

### **Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX**

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Carousel Club #340

What a busy past quarter we have had. There were many Round Dance Special Weekends which provided everyone attending a very good learning experience and enjoyable dancing time. The first one was the "January Jewel" at which Paul and Linda Robinson were the teaching/cueing couple. The next one was the "Houston Round Dance Festival" at which Tom Hicks was the featured teacher and was accompanied by Linda Robinson during the teaches. To finish off the quarter the Texas Round Dancers



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Association sponsored their own annual “TRDTA Festival”. This festival is always a great hit with dancers from many states since we invite our new dancers to come and join in the fun. The program is a Phase 2 thru 4 level with some Phase 5 dances in the pre-rounds. The teachers at this festival are our own Texas Round Dance leaders. This year’s dance was by far the best one for attendance that we have had in the past several years. Thank you to everyone for making this the success it was.

With the response we received from the dancers from our Festival in February, we are planning on having another TRDTA Fall Festival on September 12-13 of 2025. You will need to mark your Calendar now and start letting your dancers know. The flyer is on the TRDTA website.

During the TRDTA Festival, there was a meeting of the teachers present with elections for the TRDTA Board for the coming year. With a little arm twisting, the current board agreed to continue in their current positions on the Board.

### Elected Officers

- Presidents: Tricia Morley & Dennis Artz
- Vice-President: Bob & Kay “Ski’s” Kurczewski
- Treasurer: Linda & JL Pelton

### Appointed Positions

- Secretary: Ron & Pat Plouch
- Webmaster: JL & Linda Pelton

As Vice President of TRDTA we would like to request that you please consider volunteering to fill one of these positions at our next year election in the spring. It would be good for the organization to see some new faces on the board who come with fresh ideas.

During the past quarter we were very fortunate to have our Phase 5 Waltz “Dance My Dreams” selected as 1st Runner Up for Round-A-Lab Round of the Quarter. Also, our dance “My Angel Waltz”, a Phase 4 Waltz, was selected as Round of the Month by The Northern California Round Dance Teachers Association. We feel quite honored with the selection of both of our dances by these organizations.

Our list of teaches/reviews is a little shorter than usual because we spent 10 days in March with our children in London, England, during school break. You do have to enjoy time with your “blood” family also!

### Teaches and Reviews for the First Quarter 2025

- Solitude City (4FT) Gibson
- Somewhere in Time (4WZ) Nolen
- Loving You Rumba (4RB) Floral
- Memory Rumba (3RB) Molitoris
- Tango Mannita (3TG) Smith
- Hideaway Tango (3TG) Prow
- Blowin’ Smoke (4CJ) Ahart
- Half a Moment (4WZ) Gloodt
- Donde Estes Yolanda (4MB) Parker
- Scheherazade IV (4WZ) Gloodt
- Excuse My French (4FT) Hicks
- Bilitis 23 (5BL) Hixson
- Solitaire (5BL) Goss
- Run Thru Fire (4RB) Boaz



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- Don't Close Your Eyes (5BL) Tubbs
- Perfidia in Brazil (5RB) Hurd
- Don't Let The Sun Catch You Crying (5BL) Preskitt
- Beautiful Love (5RB) Blackford.

*Kay and Bob "Ski's" Kurczewski*

### **Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX Gulf Coast Rounds**

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#### **GCR Bayland – Phase 2-4, Houston, Wednesdays – 1:00 to 3:00PM**

From Jan – Mar 2025 we reviewed / taught the following dances:

- That Happy Feeling, 3 TS, Tennent
- Giddy Up Cha, 4 CH, Lobato
- I Will Survive, 3 CH, Nolen
- Scheherazade, 4 WZ, Gloodt
- Half A Moment, 4 WZ, Gloodt

#### **GCR Cypress – Phase 3-5, Cypress, Thursdays – 11:00AM to 1:00PM**

From Jan - Mar 2025 we reviewed and/or taught the following:

- I Call Your Name, 4 WCS, Goss
- What Chu Got, 5 CH, Lewis/Olson
- Norwegian Wood, 5 HC, Goss
- All About That Bass, 5 FT, Davenport
- Dancing With a Stranger, 5 WCS, Goss
- Run Through Fire, 5 RB, Boaz
- Paint Me A Birmingham, 5 STS, Buchanan

*Tammy and Marvin*

### **Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz – La Grange, TX**

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#### **Step 'N Style Rounds**

Teaches for January, February and March:

- An Attitude of Gratitude (Healea RB 3)
- And I Love You So (Childers RB 5)
- Angel On My Shoulder (Gloodt Foxtrot 4)
- Beat of Your Heart (Preskitt STS 5)
- Black Tie Tango (Moore TG 4)
- Curame (Floral Cha 4+1)
- Dance with the Enemy (Armstrong TG 5)
- Fangled Tango (Broadwater TG 3)
- Feelin' (Barbee WZ 2)
- Fly Me to the Moon (Kako WZ 2)



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- Giddy Up (Lobato Cha 4)
- Half a Moment (Gloodt W 4)
- Hideaway Tango (Prow TG 3+1)
- I will Survive (Nolen 3 Cha/Rumba)
- I will Survive the Hustle (Hicks Hustle 4)
- Jurame (Worlock RB 5+2)
- Lighthouse Waltz (Davenport WZ 2+2)
- Mack the Knife (Folwell/Butcher 4 Foxtrot)
- Mr Lonely (Klein RB 4+1)
- Perfidia in Brazil (Hurd RB 5+2+1)
- Smooth Operator (Mee RB 3+2+2)
- Supermarket Flowers Rumba (Foral 6 RB),
- Teachers Pet (Hixson JV 4)
- The Angels Cried (Parker WZ 2+1)
- Their Hearts are Dancing (Lewis/Samborsky WZ 2)
- Theme from Sunshine Gloodt WZ 4+1)
- Traces of Love (Ball STS 3+2)
- Uptown (Gloodt JV 3)
- You've Got a Friend in Me (Johnson RB 4)

Join us @ TRDTA Fall Festival Sept 12-13, 2025.

*Tricia and Dennis*

### **JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX**

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Carousel Club #385

**Dance Arounds – Thursdays Evenings – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. – Plano, TX**

**Intermediate Lessons – Wednesday Afternoons – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Plano, TX**

Been a crazy first part of the year. What I thought was a muscle issue turned out to be osteoarthritis of the hip. I will have surgery the end of March. Needless to say it has affected both what dances we have been able to teach and certainly the dancing.

Dances taught in one or the other of our classes/clubs include:

- A Little Crush, Johnson, 5 Foxtrot
- Half A Moment, Gloodt, 4 Waltz
- Sam's New Pants, Finch, 4 Foxtrot
- You Decorated My Life, Gloodt, 4 Bolero
- Candlelight, Goss, 5 Waltz
- Make You Feel My Love, Preskitt, 5 Waltz
- Dedication, Rumble, 4 Waltz
- La Mer, Preskitt, 6 Bolero
- A Guy Is A Guy, Preskitt, 5 JV
- Best Day, Worlock, 5 WCS

*Linda and JL*



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**Ron and Pat Plouch – San Antonio, TX**

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## **Ronde Rounds – Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – San Antonio area**

Our Intermediate level dancers have reviewed a few dances that we haven't danced in a while:

- A Taste of Honey, WZ, Meyer, IV
- A Thousand Years, RB, Armstrong, IV
- Adagio IV, WZ, Lamberty, IV
- Amistad, BL, Kenny, V
- Half a Moment, WZ, Gloodt, IV
- Hey, RB, Preskitt, IV
- Keeper of the Stars, BL, Bunn, IV
- Never, FT/JV, Parker, IV
- Scheherazade IV, WZ, Gloodt, IV
- That Happy Feeling, TS, Tennant, II

Our Beginning Latin Class is nearing the end. We're discussing with the class what rhythm we should work on next, many of them are asking about Jive, Slow Two-Step, and Foxtrot. I guess it may be time to start considering them as intermediate level dancers and start developing them further and trying to attract a new group of beginners.

- A Man This Lonely, BL, Seurer, III
- A Wink and A Smile, FT, Gloodt, III
- Adagio II, WZ, Dodge, II
- Adagio III, WZ, Speranzo, III
- Adios Amigo Bolero, BL, Mandel, IV
- Adios Amigo, WZ, Apostal, II
- All Fall Down, BL, Nelson, III
- All the Girls, BL, Morris, III
- Almost Bolero, BL, Collipi, IV
- Amor Amor Amor, RB, Koozer, III
- Beautiful Dreamer, WZ, Gloodt, III
- Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White, CH, Gloodt, IV
- Concerto De Aranjuez, BL, Nolen, IV
- El Mismo Sol, CH, Garza, III
- For A Moment, BL, Molitoris, IV
- I'm Accustomed to You, BL, Oren, III
- Maria Elena Bolero, BL, Palenchar, III
- Senorita, RB, COX III
- The Last Tear Bolero, BL, Norris, III
- Valentine Bolero, BL, Donoughe, III
- Wonderful Tonight, BL, Speranzo, IV
- Words Get In The Way, BL, Hartzell, IV

Hope to see You on the Floor,  
Ron & Pat Plouch



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## Membership Dues – \$10 for 2025

To become a member of TRDTA,  
please send \$10 per teaching unit to:  
Linda Pelton, TRDTA Treasurer  
4032 Briarbend Road  
Dallas, TX 75287

The membership form is on the TRDTA website on the home page.  
Complete the form and then send it with your check for \$10.00.

Receiving the TRDTA newsletter by email is one of the benefits of your membership.

For questions, write Linda at [peltondances@gmail.com](mailto:peltondances@gmail.com)

The TRDTA website directory reflects all currently active members after dues were received through the summer of 2024. If you see any corrections that should be made on the information displayed on the TRDTA website, please contact JL Pelton to correct it.

## New Choreography by TRDTA Members

If the information was included by the choreographers, the new choreography includes an active link so you can download the cuesheets from various websites. Otherwise, please search Roundalab's Index of Rounds for the cuesheet or contact the choreographer. No dances were submitted this month for the newsletter.

## Future Dance Event Flyers

Flyers for these events, if available, are posted at [www.trdta.org](http://www.trdta.org) on the Dance Flyers page. Here is a direct link to the TRDTA Dance Events page [www.trdta.org/upcomingevents.html](http://www.trdta.org/upcomingevents.html) to download the flyers.

Send any flyers you have that you want posted to JL Pelton at [peltondances@gmail.com](mailto:peltondances@gmail.com). Festivals or weekends *must* include a round dance teaching component to be posted on the TRDTA website or in this newsletter.

- **TRDTA Fall Festival**, September 12-13, 2025, La Grange, TX – **NEW**  
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only – Phase 2-4  
Featuring Texas cuers throughout the state teaching - Phases 2-4 Festival  
Programmed dance Friday & Saturday night - Teaches Saturday morning and afternoon  
For more information, see: <https://www.trdta.org/pdfs/2025-TRDTA-Fall-Festival.pdf>
- **Centex**, October 10-12, 2025, La Grange, TX  
3y<sup>th</sup> Annual Centex Festival  
Curt and Tammy Worlock – Rounds only – Phases 3-5  
For more information, see the flyer at [www.trdta.org/pdfs/2025-CentexFlyer.pdf](http://www.trdta.org/pdfs/2025-CentexFlyer.pdf)
- **Harvest Holiday Festival**, November 7-9, 2025, Fort Worth, TX  
64<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Holiday Festival – *Note date change and new location* – see News Flash  
Bill and Carol Goss – Rounds only – Phases 4-6  
For more information see: [www.harvestholiday.com](http://www.harvestholiday.com)



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- **TRDTA South Festival**, February 27-28, 2026, La Grange, TX  
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only – Phase 2-4  
Featuring Texas cuers throughout the state teaching - Phases 2-4 Festival  
Programmed dance Friday & Saturday night - Teaches Saturday morning and afternoon  
For more information, see: <https://www.trdta.org/pdfs/2026-TRDTA-LaGrange-16th.pdf>

### – NEWS FLASH –

#### Harvest Holiday Date and Location Change

Harvest Holiday changed their venue and dates last year. The festival is now being held the second weekend in November.

Plan ahead to be in Fort Worth for Harvest Holiday in 2025; the dates are November 7-9. We'll be dancing on 6000 square feet of floating wood floor at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth with Bill and Carol Goss. Premier clinicians, Bill and Carol are always a delight and exceptional clinicians. Don't miss it this year.

### – NEWS FLASH –