

Come do the contra at the TR Farmer's Market

TABITHA CORLEY | CONTRIBUTOR

The Travelers Rest Farmers Market will host its second annual Farmer's Contra on Friday, Nov. 13, from 5:30 to 11 p.m. This fundraiser event will be held at Trailblazer Park and is open to the community.

"It is really a beautiful community event," said Adrienne Hawkins, executive director and marketing manager for the Travelers Rest Farmers Market, and the only one in the area other than Taylors, S.C., that offers contra dancing as part of a "unique event."

On the menu for this year's feast is paella – a Spanish rice dish filled with vegetables and meats – a vegetarian option, desserts, beer and coffee provided by local vendors. The latter part of the evening is dedicated to dancing, Hawkins said. The Blue Ridge Rounders and Jenny Wakefield are set to perform, she said, and visitors need not worry about any lack of expertise – the contra dancing style is a modern version of English square dancing.

Hawkins said the Travelers Rest Farmers Market, now in its ninth season, is the largest of the independent nonprofit farmers markets in South Carolina and owes its success to the help of volunteers and sponsors who are "completely grass-roots."

"There is no community like Travelers Rest," Hawkins said. "There is something in the water where people just come out and support this market. It's been an overwhelming support system, and we depend on that."

The market is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from May through September, switching in October to Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Future fall/winter events include The Very Merry Local Christmas Market, to be held Saturday, Dec. 13,



from noon to 4 p.m.

With hopes of raising at least \$10,000, the organization plans to expand staff, line up future projects and continue to offer free weekly events such as chef appearances, kids' programs and yoga, Hawkins said. Tickets for the Farmers Contra are \$30 for adults, which includes a T-shirt, \$20 for adults without a T-shirt and \$10 for kids. Donations are also accepted at the event or through the website.

To learn more, visit travelersrestfarmersmarket.ticketbud.com/contra or travelersrestfarmersmarket.com.



CLASSIC CARPETS & INTERIORS
Quality and Service You Can Stand On

Carpet · Hardwood · Area Rugs · Tile & Stone · Laminate



COME AND SEE OUR GORGEOUS SELECTION OF FLOORING PRODUCTS.

Shaw
FLOORS

CLASSIC CARPETS & INTERIORS

www.classiccarpetsgreenville.com

167 Verdin Road | Greenville, SC | 864.527.5555