



CFOOTMAD

COMMUNITY DANCES

Colorado Friends of Old Time Music and Dance

Jan/Feb 2016
www.cfootmad.org
720-722-1170

Boulder Community Contra and Family Dance 1st/3rd Fridays

- Jan 1** No Dance – BIFD party at the Avalon
- Jan 15** “Avourneen” caller Helle Hill
- Feb 5** “Caroline McCaskey, Sherilyn Urben (from NM), Teri Rasmusson” caller Tina Fields
- Feb 19** “Purple Zephyr” caller Paul Somlo

Denver Contra Dance - 2nd/4th Fridays

- Jan 8** “Balance & Swing” caller Viki Lawrence
- Jan 22** “Andy Reiner & Jon Sousa” caller Tina Fields
- Feb 12** “Falcon Flight” caller Christa Torrens
- Feb 26** “Swing Time” caller Patricia Danscen

Zesty Contra Dance – 2nd Saturday

- Jan 9** “Swing Time” caller Helle Hill
- Feb 13** “Balance & Swing” caller Ed Hall

Westminster Community Dance – 4th Saturday

- Jan 23** “Hen Party” caller Richard Myers
- Feb 27** “Lizard Spring” caller TBA

Fifth Friday Waltz Dance

- Jan 29** “Sandra Wong and Rodney Sauer” lesson by Tom Masterson at 7pm

CFOOTMAD Music Jam – 1st /3rd Mondays

Fort Collins FOTD Events – 1st/3rd Saturdays

- Dec 31** “Eric Anderson (Seattle), Eileen Nicholson (Rochester)” caller Tina Fields – NYE Contra!
- Jan 2** No dance – see you in two weeks
- Jan 16** “Jon Sousa and Andy Reiner” caller Rick Smith
- Feb 6** “Purple Zephyr” caller Ed Hall
- Feb 20** “Prairie Dog Picnic” Carol Fey
- Feb 27** Waltz Night check www.fotd.org for info

March 4, 5, 6 - “Nova” - Three incredibly talented young people from New England play three dances!!!
(www.nova-trio.com)

Sept 30 – Oct 2 – The return of Elixir!
(www.elixirmusic.com)

A huge Thank You to all who contributed to CFOOTMAD on Colorado Gives Day! Your generosity resulted in almost \$3000 in donations, which will allow us to bring you yet another year of great dancing, while keeping prices down.

BASIC CFOOTMAD INFORMATION

CFOOTMAD organizes the events listed below and occasional special events. Prices may vary for special events. Children are welcome at dances if supervised by a responsible adult. For CFOOTMAD dance information, call 720-722-1170, Jerry at 303-665-1429 (h) or 303-497-1315 (w), or look us up on the web at www.cfootmad.org.

CFOOTMAD EVENT DETAILS

Boulder Community Contra Dance: Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe. Lesson 7:15. Dance 8-11. \$10/\$8 members/\$5 students. Contact Teri at 303-827-3844.

Boulder Family Dance (right before the Boulder Community Dance): First Friday, 6:00, September thru May. No lesson needed; all dances taught. \$15/\$14 family; \$5 individual. Contact Teri at 303-827-3844.

Denver Contra Dance: Highlands Masonic Center, 3550 N. Federal Blvd, Lesson 7:15. Dance 8-11. \$10/\$8 members /\$5 students. Contact Duffy at 303-882-9361.

Music Jam (Denver): 1st and 3rd Mondays. 7:00 pm. Duffy Boyle and Nancy Reindl’s house: 2240 Perry St. Refreshments provided. Contact Duffy at duffyboyle@gmail.com or 303-882-9361.

Waltz Night: All waltzes, live music. Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe in Boulder. Fifth Friday when there is one. Lesson 7pm, Dance 8-11. \$10/\$8 members/\$5 students. Contact Viki at 303-666-0561

Westminster Community Dance: Traditional American squares, reels, contras, couple, and circle dances. Beginners and experienced dancers of all ages. Westminster Grange, 3935 West 73rd. No lesson needed; all dances taught. 7-10. \$8/\$6members, kids \$2. Contact Pat at 303-827-5828.

Zesty Contra Dance: Contras for experienced dancers. No lesson, quick walk-throughs and little caller leading. Dances start promptly at 7pm with a waltz. Scheitler Recreation Center at Berkeley Park, 5031 W 46 Ave (just SE of I-70 at Sheridan). Dance 7-10. \$12/\$10 members/\$5 students. Contact Caroline at 303-444-9801.

FOTD DANCE DETAILS

Friends of Traditional Dance: Club Tico in City Park, 1599 City Park Dr. Lesson 7:00. Dance 8-11. \$9/\$5 students, 970-493-8277, www.fotd.org. Contact Paul at 970-353-6340.



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Meet Peter Johnson

In 1998, I was an exchange student in Edinburgh, Scotland, going to as many Ceilidhs as possible. They were mostly student-group fundraisers with a student band and a Scottish level of inebriation. On returning home to the states, I looked for the same energy and fun (but less alcohol). After a few false starts with a grouchy dance group, a friend suggested I try contra, and I haven't stopped since.

After collecting dances (writing them down in a little notebook I kept in my pocket) for several years, I decided it was time to actually start calling. In 2009, I joined with several other friends in Burlington Vermont to create the Mad Robin Callers Collective. As a peer-mentoring organization, we swapped ideas and dances, held practice parties, and started a monthly dance series, where up to 12 callers share an evening. The Mad Robins allowed me to hone my craft, with lots of feedback, great discussions, and lots of practice in a safe environment. After several years of working intensely with the group, I started calling on my own more and more, and was just hitting my stride, getting gigs, when love brought me to Denver. The Front Range, and CFOOTMAD have been immensely hospitable, and it's wonderful to be so thoroughly included into a wonderful community.



I play pennywhistle, sometimes on stage when nobody's looking, and I have a mandolin that makes a lovely fashion accessory. Some day I'll learn more than 4 1/2 chords on it. My day job is teaching high school students in social studies, with a particular focus on at-risk youth. In Vermont, I also volunteered with a historically-themed Boy Scout camp for over 20 years, and I'm hopeful I can fly back to do so again this summer.

I came to Vermont because the lovely Dr. Heather Carmichael, who graduated from Harvard Medical School last year and began her surgical residency at UC, is worth following anywhere. Luckily for us, she ended up in such a lovely place!

I'm just getting to know the CFOOTMAD organization, and I've promised myself (and Heather) that I'll take a short break from organizing, after more than a decade on multiple organizing committees in New England. Eventually, I imagine we'll be more actively involved.

by Helle Hill

NEXT CFOOTMAD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, Feb 5 is the deadline for the March/April 2016 newsletter. Submit materials to newsletter@cfootmad.org.

Consider a Donation to CFOOTMAD

CFOOTMAD is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Funds to support CFOOTMAD come from admission fees, memberships, SCFD and other grant funding, and from generous individuals who give above and beyond their membership dues. Consider making a CFOOTMAD donation to sponsor a dance in celebration of your birthday, anniversary, or any other reason that strikes your fancy. To sponsor an event, contact the dance series coordinator for that event. Thank you to all CFOOTMAD members and a special thanks to those who have made additional donations. Thanks also to the many members of the CFOOTMAD dance community who donate their time and talent in ways large and small.

