



CFOOTMAD

COMMUNITY DANCES

Colorado Friends of Old Time Music and Dance

May/June 2016
www.cfootmad.org
720-722-1170

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

- May 6** "Lizard Spring" caller Patricia Danscen
Family Dance prior, 6-7:25pm
- May 20** "Andy Reiner/Jon Sousa" caller Carol Fey
- June 3** "Ragged Edge" caller Peter Johnson
- June 17** "Step in Time" caller Ed Hall

Denver Contra Dance - 2nd/4th Fridays

- May 13** "Andy Reiner/Jon Sousa" caller Christa Torrens
- May 27** "Deb & the Pariahs" caller Viki Lawrence
- June 10** "Offbeats" caller Patricia Danscen
- June 24** "Junk Yard Dogs" caller Rick Smith

Zesty Contra Dance – 2nd Saturday

- May 13** "" caller
- June 10** "" caller

Westminster Community Dance – 4th Saturday

- May 28** "Deb Carstensen & Friends" caller Peter Johnson
- June 25** "Offbeats (w/Joel Hayes)" caller Helle Hill

Fifth Friday Waltz Dance

- May/June** No Dance in May or June

CFOOTMAD Music Jam – 1st /3rd Mondays

Fort Collins FOTD Events – 1st/3rd Saturdays

- May 7** "Eric & Rodney" caller Ed Hall
- May 7** *Wild Asparagus Ball at the Avalon Ballroom*
- May 21** "Rob Zisette & John Reading" caller Christa Torrens
- June 4** "Joel Hayes, Dave Firestine, Larry Clyman" caller Helle Hill
- June 18** "Purple Zephyr" caller Peter Johnson

Save the Date!

Sept. 9, 10 – Continental Drift! Eric Anderson on keyboard, Eileen Nicholson on fiddle!

Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2 – Elixir! Special thanks to sponsors Caroline Fuller and Jerry Olson!

December 9, 10, 11 – Barefoot! Ed Howe (Perpetual e-Motion) on fiddle, Jamie Oshima on guitar. Special thanks to sponsor Donna Harris!

Jan. 27, 28, 29 – Julie Vallimont (Nor'easter) on keyboard, Audrey Knuth (Free Raisins) on fiddle, Rachel Bell on accordion. Special thanks to sponsor Ed Hall!

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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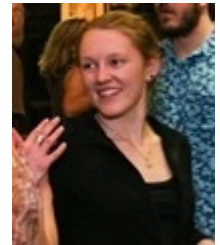
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Meet Phia Ramsay

Phia was born close to Gold Hill and she grew up at the Moon Festival. She was one of those children who could dance before she could walk.

Phia is still active in the Contra dance community and volunteers at the dances she attends. She is always happy to see young people attend dances and hopes that they will keep coming, even after they start families of their own.



Phia says, "I always tell new people that as long as they're smiling and having fun, that's all that really matters. The contra community amazes me. We are a large group of people who come together just to dance, to have fun. I've danced with people for decades and never knew their names, because it doesn't really matter. There is so much love in the community and, many times, we know very little about one another. We don't become friends based on any sort of social standing but because we all love to dance or we all love the music. The outside world doesn't matter once we're together to dance. What I have loved, all my life, is that so many different people come together. We are a crazy mix of lawyers, doctors, engineers, teachers, self-employed, un-employed, and everything in between, but none of that matters. The physical size or mental/physical health of a person or how much money a person has or doesn't have, none of that is important. We are all just pure, simple, beautiful people coming together in this amazing community....and that is why I could not let the Moon Festival die. To lose that community would be to lose an enormous piece of myself."

When not dancing, Phia loves to tend to plants and work on crafts. She is also a seamstress, doing mending and alterations but her favorite is custom orders which include contra-appropriate attire; huge skirts, funky pants, etc. - items that wouldn't be worn everyday, but as "costume" items specifically for dances.

Phia is also the Head of the Mountain Moon Festival, a bi-annual (May and September), community oriented festival filled with old timey music, dance and family friendly fun! She feels that the Moon Festival really shaped who she is as a person and a dancer. For Mountain Moon Festival information, go to mountainmoonfestival.org.

by Helle Hill

NEXT CFOOTMAD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, June 3 is the deadline for the July/August 2016 newsletter. Submit materials to newsletter@cfootmad.org.

A special thanks to Duffy Boyle for his service as cfootmad board president and a welcome to Helle Hill as our new president. Current board members include Helle Hill, Sam Smith, Roxy Johnstone, and Paul Somlo.

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.

