Boulder Community Contra and Family Dance
1st/3rd Fridays
Sept 2    “Sandra and Rodney” caller Tina Fields
Sept 16   “Julia Hays, Phil Norman, Teri Rasmusson” caller Carol Fey
Sept 30   “Elixir!!!” caller Nils Fredland
Oct 7     “Avourneen” caller Barb Kirchner
Family Dance at 6pm, caller Rick Smith
Oct 21    “Balance & Swing” caller Helle Hill

Denver Contra Dance - 2nd/4th Fridays
Sept 9    “Eric Anderson & Eileen Nicholson” caller William Watson
Sept 23   “Ragged Edge” caller Christa Torrens
Oct 2     “Elixir!!!” caller Nils Fredland
Oct 14    “Offbeats” caller Paul Somlo
Oct 28    “Purple Zephyr” caller Ed Hall

Zesty Contra Dance – 2nd Saturday
Sept 10   “Eric Anderson & Eileen Nicholson” caller William Watson
Oct 8     “Purple Zephyr” caller Paul Somlo

Westminster Community Dance – 4th Saturday
Sept 24   “Fiddle Dogs” caller Chris Kermiet
Oct 22    “Tuney Loons” caller Peter Johnson

Fifth Friday Waltz Dance
Sept 30   No Waltz – Contra Dance w/Elixir!!!

CFOOTMAD Music Jam – 1st/3rd Mondays
Fort Collins FOTD Events – 1st/3rd Saturdays
Sept 3    “Joel Hayes, Ed Secor, Rodney Sauer” caller Paul Somlo
Sept 17   “TBA” caller ??? (check www.fotd.org)
Oct 1     “Elixir!!!” caller Nils Fredland
Oct 15    “Balance & Swing” caller Patricia Danscen

----------Special Events!----------
Sept. 9,10 – Continental Drift - Eric Anderson (Seattle) on keyboard, Eileen Nicholson (Rochester) on fiddle. William Watson (Portland) calling. Regular Price!

Sept. 30, Oct. 1,2 – Elixir!!! Special thanks to sponsors Caroline Fuller and Jerry Olson. $15

----------Save the Date----------
December 9,10,11 – Barefoot! Ed Howe (Perpetual e-Motion) on fiddle, Jamie Oshima on guitar, Cis Hinkle calling. 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!
Meet Steve & Sharon

Sharon and Steve “re-met” at their 10-year high school reunion. Having never dated in high school, Steve and Sharon kindled a relationship and were married two years later (at the tender age of thirty). Steve has developed his career in renewable energy (biomass conversion to fuels and chemicals) and now is a project officer for the U.S. Department of Energy. Sharon has re-invented herself several times over going from journalism to public relations to sales to catering to kitchen design and is now working in accounting for the Colorado State Treasury until September 30th, which will be her last day of work!!!

In her spare time Sharon is an avid vegetable gardener, an adventurous and accomplished cook, and is passionate about native plants. Steve’s “hobbies” seem to be yard work and reading, but music may become a more feasible hobby in retirement. Steve particularly enjoys reading history and historical novels. He owns a stand-up bass that he hopes to learn to play decently before he dies. They watch a lot of obscure films, enjoy camping with friends on their 35 acre property abutting the newly designated Brown’s Canyon Wilderness Area between Buena Vista and Salida, and hike Saturdays and Sundays with their two dogs, Bandit and Roxie. They are both looking forward to retiring sometime soon so they can pursue other interests, which include Mayan archeology, linguistics and culture, travel around the U.S. and other countries, more exercise and less stress.

Sharon and Steve started contra dancing in Berkeley about 1985. Sharon’s parents were long time square dancers and round dancers, (originally in Virginia where Sharon was born) and had taken up contra dancing lately. When Steve was stressed out as a Post Doc at a company in the Bay Area, they encouraged the “kids” to try it as a relaxing and fun stress reducer. Thirty years later, contra dancing remains Steve and Sharon’s favorite way to have fun and relax. (Though after a long work week, they wish the CFOOTMAD contra dance was on Saturday night so they could just veg-out on the couch on Friday and watch a movie.) Each year they celebrate Steve’s birthday at a dance with a big carrot cake, and for many years they celebrated their wedding anniversary at the Harvest MoonFest in Gold Hill. They really hope the MoonFest gets better attendance which will make it more fun for all.

by Helle Hill

NEXT CFOOTMAD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Friday, Oct 7 is the deadline for the Nov/Dec 2016 newsletter. Submit materials to newsletter@cfootmad.org.

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