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

Sept 7  “New Rhythm Rangers” guest caller Bob Isaacs!
        Free Family Dance, caller Ed Hall, 6pm!
Sept 21  “Royston Hungian, Teri Rasmussen, Phil Norman”
        caller Tina Fields – Larks/Ravens Dance!*  
Oct 5   “Balance & Swing” caller Duffy Boyle
        Family Dance 6pm!
Oct 19  “Wild Asparagus w/George Marshall!!!” - $17*

Denver Contra Dance - 2nd/4th Friday

**New Venue - Scheitler Rec Center!**

Aug 24  “New Rhythm Rangers” caller Christa Torrens
Sept 14  “Ben Schreiber & Scotty Leach” caller Ed Hall
        Paul Somlo’s Bday, special band !!!
Sept 28  “Ragged Edge” caller Krysten Raymond
Oct 12   “Junk Yard Dogs” caller Rick Smith
Oct 21  “Wild Asparagus w/George Marshall!!!” - $17*
        **At Highlands Masonic – 3550 N Federal**
Oct 26  “The Offbeats” caller Tina Fields

Zesty Contra Dance – 2nd Saturday

Sept 8   “Avourneen” caller Rick Smith
Oct 13   “Deb & the Pariahs” caller Ed Hall

Westminster Community Dance – 4th Saturday

Aug 25  No Dance - Cancelled
Sept 22  “New Rhythm Rangers” caller Duffy Boyle
        This will be the last Westminster dance

Fifth Friday Boulder Waltz-Contra

Aug 31  “Sandra Wong & Rodney Sauer” caller Paul Somlo, Contras and Waltzes, Contra lesson 7:30

CFOOTMAD Music Jam – 1st/3rd Mondays

Fort Collins FOTD Events – 1st/3rd Saturdays

Sept 1   “The Coffee People” caller Sam Smith
Sept 15  “Ben Schreiber & Scotty Leach” caller Rick
        Smith, Paul Somlo’s Bday, special band!!!
Oct 6    “TBA” caller TBA
Oct 20   “Wild Asparagus w/George Marshall!!!” - $17*
Oct 27   Wild Goose Ball at the Avalon!

-----Special Events-----

Oct 19,20,21 - Wild Asparagus Returns to Colorado!!!
Five amazing musicians on piano, flute, fiddle, bass,
concertina! Sliding scale $15-$20, students $10
www.wildasparagus.com

-----Save the Date-----

March 1,2,3 - Rhythm Raptors! (courtesy of Mary Headley)
Labor Day Weekend 2019 – CFOOTMAD dance weekend at the
Avalon! Elixir and Buddy System!
www.cfootmad.org/madness

-----Larks/Ravens Sept 21 Boulder Dance-----

*In order to promote inclusivity, some dance communities have
switched to gender neutral language. All remains the same,
except “gents & ladies” are referred to as “larks & ravens”. As
usual, anyone may dance any role.
Meet Mary Headley

Mary’s first contra dance experience was in the late 1970s at the Concord Scout House in Massachusetts, when a friend invited her to try contra. Although new to social dancing, Mary was surprised how much she enjoyed it and quickly became hooked!

In 1983, Mary moved to Boulder County, and she sought out the local dance community, then meeting in area granges. She has contra danced on and off since, but now says she can’t imagine life without contra. In fact, she broke both hands in 2016, one after the other, but because she feels contra dancing is important for her all-around wellness, she kept dancing with casts on.

Mary promotes contra dancing whenever she can, encouraging friends to give it a try and selling a night of contra at church fundraising auctions. She seeks out newbies at dances, offering encouragement and tips. Her birthday wish is to help bring an out-of-town band here for a special dance weekend to celebrate her recent retirement, her 70th birthday, and 40 years of contra dancing.

Mary says, “Little in this world beats listening to great live music with your whole body! Contra provides the immensely satisfying feeling of being a part of a harmoniously synchronized organism. It’s a wonderful cure for the doldrums at the end of a long or lonely week! I’ve made some great friendships through CFOOTMAD over the years.”

She hopes CFOOTMAD continues to thrive, saying there are so few intergenerational social opportunities these days to build community. She is encouraged by the many young people who have discovered the joy of contra dancing. She would like to see CFOOTMAD continue to offer family nights and encourage a culture of friendly inclusiveness to the many types of people and skill levels present.

Mary’s career has included managing company libraries, writing technical documentation, and running her own editorial services business for 28 years. She retired earlier this year.

Mary enjoys just about anything outdoors: hiking, biking, gardening, snow shoeing, Nordic skiing. After she and her non-dancer husband divorced in 2010, she started ballroom dancing at the Avalon, and now regularly enjoys the waltz and swing nights. Mary loves to travel to experience different cultures and explore scenic areas; last year she spent a month in India with her daughter. Mary also enjoys yoga, concerts, books and movies that make you think, and playing with her new rescue dog. - Helle Hill

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