VAC Interesting News

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VAC International Festival Saturday, June 20th & Sunday, June 21st, 2009 Pearl Street Mall in front of the Courthouse

History of the VAC International Festival - The Village Arts Coalition operated the "The Folk Life Fair" as a part of the Creek Festival from 1989 to 1997. It was held in front of the public library. A portable wood floor was assembled and folk dances, from countries around the world, were performed in colorful national costumes. Vendors of imported merchandise circled the dance floor. It was an open-air event that had to be called occasionally because of rain. Eager dancers sometimes resorted to dancing under an umbrella. In 1998 VAC started the "Boulder International Festival" in the same location but, without the Creek Festival, it was isolated and was not successful.

The Boulder Creek Events organization assumed management and expansion of the Creek Festival in 1999, and the Boulder International Festival, was moved to the Pearl Street Mall. It was expanded into a large tent with a new portable wood floor designed and built by volunteers. The new venue, including live as well as recorded music to accompany performances, an increase in the variety of performances and vocal music, is a welcome addition to the entertainment. An international market with vendors selling imported merchandise and food booths still surround the tent. Offering of open dancing with a Balkan Band has been added at the end of Saturday performances. In 2006, "Boulder" was dropped and the name "Village Arts Coalition" or "(VAC) International Festival" was adopted. A display of flags from around the world and bulletin boards showing photographs of international dance events adds to the exciting and colorful atmosphere of a summer afternoon in Boulder. The VAC International Festival has become an important annual event on the downtown mall and is enjoyed by thousands of people every year.







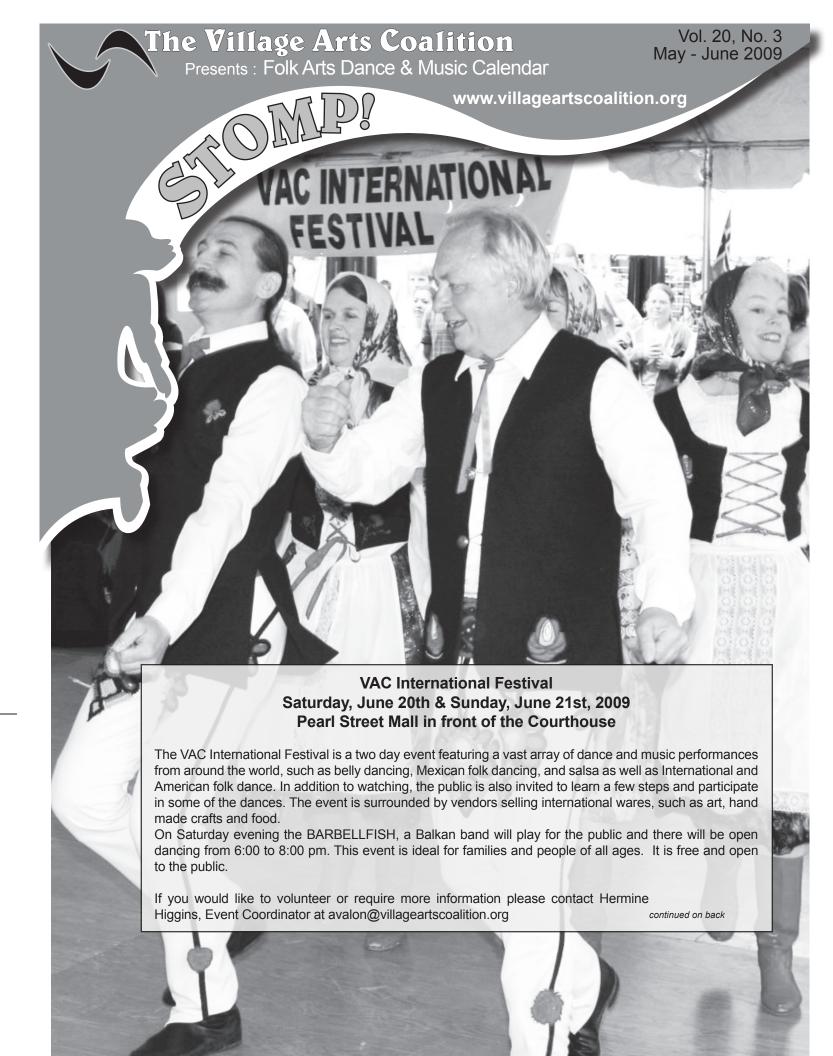
These are some of the groups that will be entertaining us at the VAC International Festival:

Tango Colorado, Sahara Silk Road Belly Dancers, Boulder Spelemannslag, Hāau Hula O NāMauna Komohana, Rafi'ah & Bellydance Artists, Boulder Swing Dance, John Chu- Participatory International Folk Dance teaching, Boulder Bateria (Brazilian percussion), Colorado Morris, Hamsa Arts – Boulder Belly Dance, Storm Mountain Folk Dancers, Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado, Rocky Mountain Polynesians, Shivanjali, Academy for Indian Classical Dance, Streetside (hip hop), Beledi Dance Caravan (Middle Eastern), Hora Romaneasca (Romanian dance) Grupo Folclorico Nueva Alianza (Mexican folk dance), Shireen and Friends – Bellydance and Flamenco, Kutandara Youth Performance Ensembles...AND MORE!

Submitted by Hermine Higgins

For a complete list and schedule please visit our web site at www.villageartscoalition.org





Village Arts Coalition Member Groups

- ★ American Vernacular Dance (AVD)
- ★ Arkansas Valley Music & Dance
- **★** Blue Moon Dance Company
- **★** Boulder Hungarian Workshop
- **★** Boulder International Folk Dancers (BIFD)
- * Boulder Israeli Dancers
- ★ Boulder Scandinavian Dancers (BSD)
- ★ Calico & Boots Square Dancers
- ★ Colorado Friends of Cajun/Zydeco Music & Dance (CFCZ)
- ★ Colorado Friends of Old Time Music and Dance (CFOOTMAD)
- ★ Colorado Morris Dancers

- * CSU Scottish Arts Club
- ★ Denver Area Folk Dancers (DAFD)
- ★ Folk Dancers Investor Group
- **★** Friends of Traditional Dance (FoTD)
- ★ Hoofin' High Country Cloggers
- * Hora Romaneasca Romanian Dancers
- ★ The Moon Festival
- ★ Las Tres Mujeres
- * Little London Assembly
- ★ Lloyd Shaw Foundation
- ★ Pikes Peak Scottish Country Dancers
- ★ Pikes Peak Traditional Dance
- ★ Planina: Songs of Eastern Europe

- **★** Postoley Dance Ensemble
- * Ruby Dancers
- **★** Scandinavian Dance Class
- **★** Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado
- * Storm Mountain Folk Dancers
- * Storysmith
- ★ Swingin' Seven
- * Tango Colorado
- * Tom Masterson/ Danceophile Studio
- **★** U.S.A.Dance Rocky Mountain Chapter
- ★ Westminster Old Time Community Dance
- **★** Winter Solabration Society
- ★ Watch Your Step

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For info about joining the VAC, contact Stan Wilkes at sgwilkes@csd. net or 303-233-3474. For information regarding The Village Arts Coalition Festival, please contact Hermine Higgins at 303-440-8303 or avalon@ villageartscoalition.org. The VAC's central phone/fax number is: 303-440-8303 (Avalon). Call this number or email scheduling@boulderdancespace.com to book The Ballroom at the Avalon – 6185 Arapahoe Ave. in Boulder. To book The Pearl Street Studio - 303.443.7538 - 2126 Pearl St. in Boulder or email. Visit www.boulderdancespace.com for facility availability information.

The Village Arts Coalition VAC Meeting Date: March 16, 2009 BOARD NOTES 1. Check out the Village Arts Coalition web site for changes! We have a new calendaring feature. www.villageartscoalition.org **VAC Board members:**

Melba Shepard(P), Robert Schaedla(V-P), Susan Reisser(S), Deborah Howard(T), Jane Bunin, Willard Crary, Betty England, Steward Hartman, Carla McKenna, Chuck Palmer, Dave Sander, Marshall Shapiro, Caroline Stepanek, Anne Vickery, and Stan Wilkes

Locations

Performing Groups

Boulder Scandinavian Dancers: Erica Rice 303-442-7689

Calico & Boots, American Folk Dancers: Jim Barnett 303-651-0797

Halau Hula O Na Mauna Komohana: "Pumehana" Paisner 303-447-9772 www.oconnor.gs/halau.html

Hoofin' High Country Cloggers: Ken Horwege 303-364-2278

Hora Romaneasca - Dances of Romania: Mihail Codrescu 303-494-5640

Lloyd Shaw Foundation: www.lloydshaw.org

Maroon Bells Morris Dancers: Robin Smith 303-651-0909

www.maroonbellsmorris.org

One World Folk Dancers: Beverly Elinoff 303-322-8257

Planina: Songs of Eastern Europe: Julie Lancaster 303-733-1120

Postoley Dance Ensemble: Dances from Eastern Europe: Tom Masterson 303-499-6363 www.postoley.org

Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado: Bob Burnham. 303-431-6870 meineadair@earthlink.net

Sherefe: Music of the Middle East & Eastern Europe: James Hoskins 303-939-8702

Silk Road Middle Eastern Dance Theater: Natasha Carqill 303-772-4267 or silkraod59@aol.com

Storm Mountain Folk Dancers: Wendi Kiss 970-663-5508

StorySmith: Susan Marie Frontczak 303-442-4052

Trolls: Scandinavian musicians – Erica Rice 303-442-7689

Village Dancers: multi-ethnic folk dancers: Anne Vickery 303-499-3001

Swingin'Seven: Big Band Swing and Traditional Jazz. Dave McLoughlin 303-413-0037(day) 303-443-9673(eve)

Watch Your Step! Vintage Dance Vignettes. Contact Dorothy Vernon 303-443-9415

Boulder

AV - Ballroom at the Avalon 6185 Arapahoe Ave., Unit B, Boulder

CDC - Community Dance Collective 2020B 21st Street, Boulder behind the Kwal Paint & Futon stores at corner of 21st & Pearl

DS - Danceophile Studio 250 31st Street, Boulder off Moorhead

EBCC - East Boulder Comm. Center

KaKS - Kakes Studios 2115 Pearl St., Boulder behind Kwal Paint & Futon stores at corner of 21st & Pearl.

PSt - Pearl Street Studio 2126 Pearl St., Boulder E. of 21st St, S. side of street

PEH - Pre Eminence Hall 323 Walnut St.

Denver

BCC - Berkeley Community Church 3701 W. 50th Ave. (near Regis)

DT - Denver Turnverein 1570 Clarkson St., Denver 8 blocks East & 1 block North of Capi-

HEA - Hebrew Educational Alliance 3600 S. Ivanhoe St., Denver SW of Hampden & I-25

HIC - Heritage Irish Center 1946 S. Quebec. Denver

HMC - Highlands Masonic Center 3550 N Federal Blvd. Denver

MC - Mercury Café 22nd & California. Denver

SCC - Scheitler Community Center Berkley Park - Denver

SRC - Scheitler Recreation Center 5031 W 46th Ave, Denver

SHM - Swallow Hill Music Association 71 E. Yale Denver 71 E. Yale, Denver Between Broadway & Lincoln

WMC - Warren United Methodist Church 1630 E. 14th Ave, Denver

WPMC - Washington Park United Methodist Church 1955 E. Arizona Ave., Denver corner of South Race & East Arizona

Fort Collins

TICO - Club Tico in City Park 1599 City Park Dr, Fort Collins North Shore of City Park Lake

EG - Empire Grange 2306 W. Mulberry, Fort Collins

FCSC - Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr. Fort Collins

Other Locations

CCC - Clements Community Center 1580 Yarrow, Lakewood 1 block North & West of Colfax & 16th

HCC - Hillside Community Center 925 S. Institute, Colorado Springs

MGG - Maple Grove Grange 3130 Youngfield, Golden

OFH - Odd Fellows Hall North of 4th & Main, Lyons SRS - Silk Road Studio 59th St. Near Hygiene Rd, Longmont

WGH - Westminster Grange Hall 3935 W. 73rd Ave., Westminster

IDC - International Dance Club 2422 Busch Ave., CO Springs

CSSC Colo. Springs Senior Center 1514 N Hancock, CO Springs

SWING

ONGOING

23Skidoo! Events: All events take place at the Mercury Café in Denver. The Mercury Café is completely nonsmoking and provides a full restaurant, bar, coffee bar, and desserts. Ask about our 15 classes for \$50 package! In all of our classes listed below: No partner or experience required, rotation is optional, all ages allowed, wear anything you'd like, comfortable shoes recommended. If you have any questions, please email us at questions@23skidooland.com. Additional info at www.23skidooland.

- Tuesdays: 6 p.m., Beginning Lindy Series; 7p.m., Intermediate Lindy Series; 8 p.m., Dance for only \$5. Tuesdays are the night not to be missed in Denver! The best dancers and the biggest crowd come together to dance the Lindy Hop or East Coast swing to great music. Learn with champion dancers Dan and Tiffiny, who have devoted their lives to sharing great music and dance with as many people as possible. With Dan & Guest DJs! Tuesdays are our most popular night!
- · Thursdays: 6 p.m., Balboa (or other swing dance form); 7 p.m., Intro to East Coast Swing / Jitterbug Series; 8 p.m., Dance for only \$5. Thursdays are a high energy night where you'll find a great mix of slow and fast music, all in the vintage swing vibe. You'll find great swing, jump blues, and all the classic songs of the 20s through the 50s.
- Sundays: 5:30 p.m., Teacher's Choice: Take a beginner class in Lindy Hop, Shaq, Balboa, Charleston, Jazz Movement, or other fun dances. Class price is \$1, or \$1-\$5 suggested donation, but all are welcome: 6:30 p.m., Intro to Jitterbug. with National Champs Dan and Tiffany. or one of the members of 23 Skidoo's performance team or other guest artists. 8 p.m. Open dance. Class price is \$1, or \$1-5 suggested donation. Stay for Live Band, only \$6. See Mercury Café for schedule of bands and when they play.
- Ft. Collins Swing Nite: 2nd and 4th Fridays from 7-9 p.m. at City Park Center, Ft. Collins. Call Darrick Hildman 970-498-0798 for more info.

Boulder Swing Dance: Swing Dance lessons, Monday & Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. with a new series starting every month. Taught by Shana Worel, John Dyer, Heather Ballew and Dano McKagen at the Kakes Studios, Boulder. Check the website for time changes or cancellations. www.boulderswingdance. com or call 720.929.9618/720.837.9630.

Pearl Street Swing & Blues: 1st and 3rd (& sometimes 5th) Saturday of the month. Intro to Lindy Hop class from 7-8:30 p.m. Dancing from 8:30 'til 1 a.m., with blues after midnight. Admission is \$5, \$10 for the lesson (includes admission to the dance). Held at the Pearl Street Studio, Boulder. For more information, see www. boulderswingdance.com.

CLASSES

Fourth Saturday Swing with Live Music at the Avalon: Live swing music! 4th Saturday of the month (see VAC website for changes). Local bands such as the Swingin' Seven, FortJazz Big Band, DU Claimjumpers play music for swing dancing and related forms. Intro dance lesson from 7 to 8 P.M. Music from 8 to 11 P.M. Light refreshments. No partner or prior dance experience required. All ages welcome. Plenty of free parking. Usually \$15 general admission, \$10 students. Avalon Ballroom, Boulder. Hosted by American Vernacular Dance. Info: Jim X. Borzym 303-449-5962. To sign on for email updates, send email address to events@teadance.info. For special notices: villageartscoalition.org. Community Dance Collective.

Story Telling

Meet Irene Castle! Saturday May 23 House Concert in Berthoud Colorado 8 P.M. (doors open at 7:00) \$10 Reservations & directions 970-532-4387 or sal@nibbelink.net Vernon and F, were responsible, more than any other couple, for the rage in social dancing that swept across America in the years leading up to the first world war. They took a dance form frowned upon by respectable society as unseemly, and transformed it with their grace and style into a most elegant and fashionable hobby for rich and poor alike, for old and young.

TANGO

Argentine Tango: dance hosted by Las Tres Mujeres. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 6pm to 11pm at the Avalon, 6185 Arapahoe, Boulder. Potluck and wine, very casual. No partner necessary. Admission \$5.00. For more details contact Nancy Primmer at 303-237-9605 or email nlprimmer@ yahoo.com

Argentine Tango Beginner (1pm - 2pm) and Advanced Beginner (12pm - 1pm) lessons every Sunday at the Avalon, 6185 Arapahoe, Boulder. The lessons are from 12pm - 2pm, except the 2nd Sunday of the month when they are from 10am - 12pm. No partner needed. Cost is \$24/month or \$7.00 drop-in. Private lessons are available. For more details please

contact Nancy at 303-237-9605 or email nlprimmer@yahoo.com.

EVENTS

Deb Sclar & Brian Dunn Private **Instruction:** Deb and Brian are available for private instruction and presentations that combine dance performance, historical commentary, tango fashion/art/ food and authentic music accompaniment. For more info, visit www.danceoftheheart. com or call 303-938-0716 x2.

Dance of the Heart (DoTH) Milongas: Intro. to Milonga generally on 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Class 7-8 p.m. Social dancing starts at 8 p.m. at PreEminence Hall, 3213 Walnut Street, Boulder. \$10 with intro. class, \$7 otherwise. To confirm dates and get more info, call Deb Sclar at 303-938-0716 or visit www.danceoftheheart.com

Milonga Mercurio: Every Friday from 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m. at the Mercury Café. Denver. Beginning class at 7 p.m., intermediate at 8 p.m. Call Marilyn Meginity at 303-294-9281.

Tango Colorado Practicas: Boulder: Every Thursday, Pearl Street Studio Denver: Every Tuesday, Turnverein Class 7-8 p.m., followed by a dance and practice period until 10:30 p.m. Classes are taught by Denver's best local Argentine Tango teachers. Usually, there is a guest Argentine Master once a month at no additional charge. The classes are fundamentals classes, not just for beginners, but perfect for all who want to begin, to perfect their balance, their connection and their foundation to dance at the most advanced level. Class prices: Members: \$5, nonmembers: \$8. Buy class package at the first of the month and get one class free. Dance and Practica: Members: \$8, nonmembers: \$10 Contact Pat Patton at 303-466-3820, call our hotline at 303-370-9356 or visit our website www.tango.org/dance/ tango Colorado.html.



ONGOING CLASSES & EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL

Belly Dance Classes:taught by Natasha. For info. & directions call 303-772-4267. See us on the web at www.natashadances.com.

Boulder: Thursdays, 5:30p.m. beginners, 6:30p.m. intermediate at Kakes Studio, Boulder.

Longmont: Mondays, 5:30 p.m. beginners, 6:30 p.m. intermediate, 7:30 p.m. performing; at Silk Road Studio, Longmont (59th St. near Hygiene Road). Call for directions.

BIFD(Boulder International Folk Dancers): Invite you to our Romanian workshop on May 8, 9, and 10. See more details under Special Events. Friday nights, teaching 7:30-8:30 p.m., open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. at the Pearl Street Studio, Boulder. Golden Oldies night held on the 5th Fridays with the programmer playing your favorite "oldie" dances. \$4. For info, call Ilana at 303-449-2381 or visit www. boulderifd.org.

Denver Area Folk Dancers (DAFD):

Thursdays, October through May (and during bad weather in the summertime) at Warren United Methodist Church Annex (upstairs), 14th & Gilpin in Denver. Lesson 7-8 p.m., open dancing 8-10:30 p.m. \$4. For more info call Beverly Elinoff at 303-322-8257 or Debby Bowinski at 303-692-8213.

Folk, Ballroom, Swing, Latin, Contra, Character & Performance dance Private Instruction: Any day, any time. For individuals, groups, parties, wedding receptions & more. Dance choreography to your favorite music. Tom Masterson, 303-499-6363, masterst@colorado. edu, Danceophile Studio, Boulder. www.postoley.org

FOLKDANCING in the Mountains Mondays, 7:00-9 p.m. Nederland Community Center - Fun folkdances from around the world are taught and danced each Monday evening in the mountains in Nederland at the newly remodeled Community Center. 1750 Hwy 72: from traffic circle in Nederland, turn right into Community Center]. Introductory level, no partner or experience needed. Only \$5. A wonderful way to learn great dances, experience our ethnic & cultural roots, meet lots of new friends, and get in shape, all at the same time! Fabulous wood dance floor. Bring your dance shoes, or wear stocking feet. Awesome snacks at half-time. Everyone is welcome to join us on any evening. Info: 303 499-6363 or 303 258-3652

Folk Dance Lessons: Sheila Sharpe

teaches folk dance at parties, weddings, etc. 303-377-4111.

Hawaiian Hula Classes: HALAU HULA O NA MAUNA KOMOHANA Teaches ongoing Hawaiian Hula and Chant every Thursday night at The Dairy Center for the arts: Boulder Ballet Studio, 27th & Walnut. 7:30pm to 9pm Cost: \$15 for dropins; \$55 for 5week punchcard. Open to men, women, teens who've had some type of dance (not necessarily Hula). Both ancient and modern Hula will be taught, as well as some language, chanting, culture, history and politics. Contact: M Pumehana Paisner, 303 447 9772 or miriampaisner@hotmail.com or www. oconnor.gs/halau.html

Hawaiian, Israeli & Country Western Dance Teacher: Available on call for private or group lessons. For more info call Miriam "Pumehana" Paisner at 303-447-9772 or visit www.oconnor.gs/mp.html.

Hora Romaneasca: Romanian Folkdance Ensemble based 🔨 in Boulder. Available for performances presenting the rich folk culture of Romania. highlighting its dance, music, costumes, and folk arts. Rehearsals currently held on Sundays, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Please contact Mihail Codrescu at mihail1@netscape.net or 303-494-5640 if you are interested in attending performances, purchasing authentic Romanian wares or joining

Hungarian Dancing "Tanchaz": Held monthly in Denver. Contact Dave Schmitz at 303-981-8612 for info.

International Folk Dance: Tuesdays, 7:30-10 p.m. Empire Grange, Ft. Collins. For info contact Daryl Keney at 970-223-5362.

Maple Grove Grange Folkdancers: Folk Dance Party & Potluck on 1st Sundays, 1-6 p.m. at the Maple Grove Grange, Golden. Wood floor, potluck. \$3. Contact Jerry Accettura at 303-763-8404 for more info.

ISRAELI

Boulder Israeli Dance: Sundays at the Pearl Street Studio, Boulder. Teaching 7-8 p.m., open dancing 8-10 p.m. \$5/ session, first time free. Info: Call Skip Ellis at 303-440-9388 or Marshall Shapiro at 303-641-6511.

Israeli Folk Dancing: Beginning, intermediate & advanced instruction and open dancing led by Joan Saliman & Bev

Michaels. Beginning classes are held monthly. Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m., at the Hebrew Ed. Alliance, 3600 S. Ivanhoe Street, Denver. \$5 or 5 classes for \$20 (with coupon). For more info call Joan Saliman: 303-671-7131.

SCANDINAVIAN

Fifth Saturday Bygdedans: Held on the 5th Saturday of months that have them, 8-10:30 p.m., Pearl St. Studio, Boulder. Admission \$5. Info: Eric Meyer, 303-415-1187.

Scandinavian Dance Party: 2nd Saturday of every month at the Pearl St. Studio, Boulder. Live music at most dances. Sponsored by BSD (Boulder Scandinavian Dancers). Open dancing 8-10:30 p.m., \$5. Everyone is welcome: dance or listen. Info: Mike Palmer 303-442-7689 or michael.



palmer@mho.com

Scandinavian dancing: every Monday night, Pearl Street Studio, Boulder, \$5. Monday Night Scandinavian Dance group will start its beginning classes. Teaching 7:30 - 8:30pm by Nancy Ellinghaus and Larry Utter, followed by open dancing until 10:15. We usually have live music. For information please contact Nancy, 303-499-7262 or nellinghaus@juno.com.

International Folk Planina Events

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sat., May 30, 11 a.m.-noon, Planina sings at Brush International Music Fest (tell your friends in Eastern Colorado)! http://www.

internationalmusicfest.org/

dances. Friday May 8th, 7:30 - 10:00 pm teaching followed by open dancing at the Pearl St. Studio, Boulder.Saturday May 9, 9:00 - 12 pm, 2:00 - 5:00 pm teaching, 7:30 - 10:00 pm workshop party at the Maple Grove Grange, Wheat Ridge. Sunday May 10th, 10:00 - 1:00 pm workshop dances review at Kakes Studio, Boulder. For more information and if you need a place to stay, please contact ilana: (303)449-2381 or ilana.baror@bvsd.org

Cristian Florescu teaching Romanian

Bouldez

Dance Workshop with Sonia Dion and

Dancets invite you to our annual

Sun., June 14, afternoon time tbd, Planina sings at Parker Country Festival, Cultural Stage.

www.parkercountryfestival.org/

ONGOING CLASSES & EVENTS

AMERICAN TRADITIONAL

Arkansas Valley Music and Dance www.avmad.org Salida Contra Dances 3rd Saturdays - January, March, July, October, November Call 719-221-2074 Leadville Contra Dances 4th Friday or Saturday - February, April, June, August, October, December Call 719-486-0260 Salida Old-time Music Jam Last Tuesday of each month at Bongo Billy's Salida Cafe from 6:30-8:30pm - Call 970-309-3175 Dance Instructional Series in Buena Vista, Leadville, or Salida - Twice a year instruction in waltz, salsa, swing, clogging, etc. Call 719-221-2074

Calico and Boots Square Dance Club does squares, contras, and rounds the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Pearl St. Studio. The dance begins at 7:30 pm. Cost: \$4.00 per person. For more information contact: Cathy Schlein 303-424-3472

Clogging Classes: Ken Horwege teaches beginning and advanced classes. Call Ken at 303-364-2278. Ongoing classes: Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Swallow Hill Music Assoc., Denver. Call Swallow Hill for more info or to confirm: 303-777-1003.

Community Dances sponsored by CFOOTMAD (Colorado Friends of Old Time Music and Dance). Live music. Hotline for more info: 303-592-3972 or Website: www.cfootmad.org. * Westminster Old-Time Community Dance 1st Saturday of the month at 7:00pm.

- * Community Dance Boulder: 1st and 3rd Fridays at 7:15pm at the Avalon.
- * **Denver Contra Dance:** 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:15pm at the Highlands Masonic Center.
- * Zesty Contra Dance: For experienced dancers, no pre-dance instruction. 2nd Saturdays at 7:00pm at Scheitler Community Center at Berkeley Park in Denver. No lesson beyond the basics, quick walk-throughs and little caller leading. Music by Deb and the Pariahs, called by Ed Hall June 13: Music by Ladies Choice, called by Paul Somlo.

(Friends of Traditional Dance): Live music. Hotline for more information: 970-493-8277 or website: www.fotd.org. FoTD sponsors contras on 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays. Occasional Waltz Nights on 4th Saturdays Regular Dances: \$8. Free dance instruction 7-8 p.m. Club Tico in City Park in Ft. Collins. Summer Location, May-Aug, Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins.

Wild Asparagus Ball-CSU Lory Student Center Ballroom-doors open 7:30-Grand March 8pm-Advance tickets-\$20 untill May2 \$25 after-Tickets available at Fotd, Cfootmad events & CSU Boxoffice 970-491-4849

Lyons Old-Time Community Dance Odd Fellows Hall in Lyons. For more info: dances@musicinlyons.com or 303-823-0816.

Musicians' Jams: 4th Sunday of the month from 4 'til 7 p.m. in Denver. Folks with all levels of musicianship and interest in old time music are invited! Contact Patti Rickman at 303-796-9049 or pattidean@

earthlink.net for location and directions.

Pikes Peak Traditional Dance: Contra dances 3rd Saturdays, September through May, except December when the dance is held on the 1st Saturday. Dances are held 7:30-10 p.m. with a lesson at 7 p.m. Hillside Community Center, Colorado Springs. Call Nick at 719-473-6935 for further information.

Westminster Old-Time Community Dance: Dances are taught. No partner is needed. 1st Saturdays of the month, 7-10 p.m. Lesson at 7 p.m. Cost: \$6/\$5 member/\$2 children ages 6-15. Held at the Westminster Grange Hall, park on street or in back. Info: 303-592-3972 or westminster@cfootmad.org.

BALLROOM

Zumba at the Avalon Ballroom With Maya Vigil. Come dance Merengue, Salsa, Mambo, Cumbia, Cha Cha Cha and much more. Zumba is high energy, tennisshoesrecommended. Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm The Avalon Ballroom 6185 Arapahoe, Boulder, \$8 drop in, Punch cards available. Questions 720) 771-1085solaya@hotmail.com

Waltz Classes with Barbara Roach

Waltz is a really enjoyable and intriguing dance to do. Come learn in a fun and

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ONGOING CLASSES & EVENTS

supportive atmosphere, in classes that are a bit longer than most so we have plenty of time to practice what we are learning. **Beginning/Intermediate** Classes on some Saturdays, 3-5 PM. Regular Waltz and cross-step waltz.

Intermediate/Advanced
Classes on some
Sundays, 2-4:30 PM.
Mostly regular waltz and
cross-step waltz but other
forms as well. Classes
are not held every week,
so see below, the calendar
or contact me for exact
dates.

Women Learning to
Lead Waltz, a few
Saturdays during the year,
3-5 PM. Ladies it is really fun
to learn to lead, and it makes
you a better follower as well.
Plus, you no longer have to sit
out if there is a gender imbalance at a

dance event.

All classes at the Pearl Street Studio in Boulder, pay at the door \$10 for Saturday classes and \$7 for Sunday classes. No partner necessary. No fragrances please, some of us are allergic. Saturdays: May 16 & 30, June 6. Sundays: May 3, 17 & 31, June 7. For details contact Barbara at broach3@juno.com or 303-442-0677.

CFOOTMAD Waltz Dance and Swing: 5th Fridays of the month. From 8pm—11pm. There will be a free Lesson 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. An evening of waltzing to the Band "Balance and Swing." You may come alone or bring a partner, but in this relaxed evening people generally dance with a different partner for each dance. Dress can be casual to dressy, vintage to modern! Event held at the Avalon Ballroom, Boulder. \$12/\$10 members. 303-592-3972 or Website: www.cfootmad.org.

CFOOTMAD Waltz night: May 29 8-11pm, free lesson at 7:15 by Dorothy and Frank Vernon. Music by Unstrung Heroes.

Sunday Afternoon Tea Dances: Always live music! Tango, waltz, foxtrot, onestep, or just dance cheek-to-cheek to the original music of American social ballroom dance. The Mont Alto Ragtime and Tango Orchestra performs a wide variety of dance music from the ragtime and tango craze of the 1900s through the early swing of the 1930s. Enjoy an afternoon of delicious dancing to great live music! Dancing 2 – 5 P.M., second Sunday of

the month (Sept. through May). Dance lesson included 1:30 – 2 P.M. No partner needed. Refreshments. Dressy attire encouraged. \$18 general admission, \$13 for CFOOTMAD members and students. Avalon Ballroom, Boulder. Sponsored by CFOOTMAD. Hosted by American Vernacular Dance. Info: Jim X. Borzym 303-449-5962 or CFOOTMAD web site. To sign on for email updates, send email address to events@teadance.info. For special notices: www.villageartscoalition. org.

Wednesday Waltz, etc. at the Avalon: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, enjoy an evening of sociable couples dancing presented by Frank Vernon & Jim X. Borzym. Traditional and contemporary dance music for Waltz, Cross-Step Waltz, Viennese Waltz, Swing, Foxtrot, One-Step, Two-Step, Blues, Tango, Polka, Schottische, Hambo, Pols, Salsa, Cha-Cha-Cha, and more. Fundamentals are taught at 7 P.M. Intermediate teachings starts at 7:30 P.M. Open dancing from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. sometimes later. \$7 admission. Avalon Ballroom, Boulder, Hosted by American Vernacular Dance. For information, call 303-443-9415. To sign on for email updates, send email address to events@ teadance.info. For special notices: www. villageartscoalition.org.

- Danceophile Studio Private Dance Instruction 250 31st Street (between Moorhead & Ash in Boulder) 80305 Ballroom, Swing, Folk, Contra, Country, & Performance Individuals, couples, groups, parties, wedding receptions* Tom Masterson Dance choreography done to your favorite music. 303 499-6363 tom.masterson@colorado.edu www.danceophile.com
- WALTZ with Grace & Elegance! Sunday, May 3, 7-9 p.m. Location: Danceophile Studio A really great waltz class just in time for the Wild Asparagus Ball in Ft. Collins. Clockwise and counterclockwise turning waltz to Strauss music. Add some really elegant Viennese figures. How to lead so that it looks like you've practiced for months and follow with ease and grace. Location: DANCEOPHILE Studio, Cost \$18/person or \$30/couple. Please preregister by e-mail or phone 303 499-6363 by Thursday, April 30.
- "STRICTLY BALLROOM" Dance Evenings - First & Third Wednesdays of each month: May, June - Wednesdays, May 6,20, June 3,17; 7:45-10 p.m. at the Pearl Street Studio. 2126 Pearl St. in

Boulder (behind Snarf's sandwich shop) Swing, waltz, salsa, tango, cha-cha, one-step, 2-step, polka, rhumba + your requests. No partner needed. Beginners

welcome! Host: Tom Masterson Great chance to practice.Refreshments.
Only \$6Info: 303 499-6363 tom.
masterson@colorado.edu

- Classes May June, 2009
 Classes at the Community
 Dance Collective, 2020B
 21st St., behind Futon store
 on the northeast corner of
 21st & Pearl [from Pearl St.,
 drive into parking area behind
 Futon store; enter CDC thru glass
 door near swimming pool].
- Salsa!; Caliente! It's hot! 5:30-6:45 p.m. Sundays, May 31, June 7,14,21 World's most popular Latin dance. Starts with the basics then steams on to moves that will make you look awesome on the dance floor. Includes many secrets of leading and following. You do not have to bring a partner Taught by Tom Masterson Cost \$50 per person, or \$95/couple for entire 4-week class
- BALLROOM DANCING an introduction 6:50-8:10 p.m. Sundays, May 31, June 7,14,21 Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Tango. Great music, fun dancing and wonderful people. Learn the basics, secrets of leading & following and the joy of dancing together with a partner. No experience needed. You do not need to bring a partner Taught by Tom Masterson. Cost \$50 per person, or \$95/couple for entire 4-week class.
- Continuing Ballroom 8:15-9:30 p.m. Sundays, May 31, June 7,14,21 -Ready for the next step? Waltz, Swing, Tango, or Salsa. Each evening we will focus on one dance, review some basics and add some really cool intermediate steps. You



ONGOING CLASSES & EVENTS

do not need to bring a partner. Taught by Tom Masterson. Cost \$50 per person, or \$95/couple for entire 4-week class, or \$15/person drop-in

- FOLK DANCING for EVERYONE TUESDAY Evenings starting June 2, 7-10 p.m. Outside on the Boulder Farmers' Market Plaza - Fun folkdances from around the world are taught and danced each Tuesday evening outside under the stars on the Boulder Municipal Plaza [13th Street between Canvon & Arapahoe beside Dushanbe Teahouse & Farmer's market]. The program starts on Tuesday, June 2, and continues through Sept. 9. There is beginning level teaching from 7:00 to 8:00; no partner or experience needed. Teaching is by Tom Masterson and other impressive teachers from around the world. Cost is FREE! (donations appreciated!) Sponsored by Danceophile Studio & Postolev Dance Ensemble. Everyone is welcome to join us any evening. More information: 303 499-6363 www.postoley.org www. postoley.org
- FOLK DANCES for CHILDREN Tuesday Evenings, June 9,23, July 7,21, 6:15-7:00 p.m. Outside on the Boulder Farmers' Market Plaza -For children of all ages and their parents! Free! A real family oriented event outside under the stars on the Boulder Municipal Plaza All dances are taught! Starts at 6:15 pm No experience needed. Teaching by Tom Masterson. Cost is FREE! (donations appreciated!) A wonderful way to introduce children to dance. & to experience our ethnic and cultural roots! Sponsored by Postoley Dance Ensemble & Danceophile Studio. Bring the whole family! More information: 303 499-6363. www.postoley.org.

CAJUN - ZYDECO

Cajun Dances sponsored by CFCZ (Colorado Friends of Cajun Zydeco Music and Dance): usually the 4th Sundays at the Mercury Café, Denver with the local zydeco band The Amazing Zydematics. Dances held from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Doors open at 1 pm, complementary dance lesson at 1:30 pm Check the website for details as some monthly dance dates may vary: www.cfcz.org. Info: Dan Willging at 303-745-9577.

CELTIC & ENGLISH

Colorado Morris now consists of three teams, all of which will start practicing again after the performance season is over, and that means that beginners are welcome. All three teams have danced at the International Festival. Particulars on the teams' practices are:

Maroon Bells Morris dances Cotswold and the occasional longsword dances. It is the longest-standing of the three and you've probably seen us in our whites and ribbons somewhere in the state. Practice is on Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Northglenn.

"Fresh on the heels of teaching 300 Girl Scouts to dance the Morris, the Maroon Bells Morris Dancers are announcing the beginning of their busy dance season. Starting with our annual Dance Up The Sun at Dawn exercises (University of Denver, 1870 S High St Denver, CO 80210), the Maroon Bells and Breathless in Berthoud Border Morris will take to the road on Friday May 1st, for our Mayday Tour. Mayday Morris Mania continues with dancing Saturday May 2nd at Harlequin Gardens in Boulder from 11-11:30, and also at the Fort Lupton Heritage - Festival beginning at 1 PM.

Come be part of the Mayday Morris Mobilization! Details TBA, check website www.maroonbellsmorris.org or call Squire Robin Smith: (303)651-0909"

Breathless in Berthoud is a Border Morris team, the border referring to the one between England and Wales. If you've seen dancers in colorful tatty coats and hats, you've watched Border. Practice is on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Berthoud.

The Tommyknockers were started in 2002 by children of adults on the Maroon Bells Morris team and have since expanded to any interested kids. No description of the kit is needed - you recognize them by their age. Practice is on an irregular basis in Louisville,

so call Nancy at 303-665-9413 for current details. Questions and requests for more information should be directed to Robin at 303-651-0909 or squire@maroonbellsmorris.org. Please also visit: www.maroonbellsmorris.org

Denver Ceili Club: Come do Irish aerobics in a social setting with Molly Bennett, instructor. Thurs. evenings at 7ish at the Friendship Irish Dance Center, 1944/1946 South Quebec St, Denver. Call 303-750-3510 for more info.

English Country Dance (sponsored by Colorado Friends of Old Time Music & Dance): Experience the Sense & Sensibility of English Country Dance to live music. All dances are taught and walked through; no partner or previous experience needed. Cost: (\$10 with a \$2 discount for CFOOTMAD members). Info: www.cfootmad.org or call 303 321-2262.

Little London Assembly - English Country Dance - Monday Sessions 1:30-3:00pm Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N Hancock, C/S, CO 80903, rates set by the City of COS (approx \$1.50 per session) - May 4, 11, 18, June 8, 15, 22, 29

Saturday Sessions, 1:00-3:00pm, International Dance Club 2422 Busch Ave, C/S CO 80904 - May 9, 30, June 13, 27. Regular sessions are \$5, The ball is \$10 from 1-4pm. Contact Joan Bryant (719) 494-0563

Irish Set Dance Class: Time & place in Denver to be arranged. Contact Pat McCullough 303-777-0502 or celticevents@rmi.net.

Scottish Country Dancing: No partner needed for any classes; beginners welcome.

- * Boulder: Sundays 4:30 6:30 p.m. at the Pearl St. Studio, Boulder. \$3. Contact Bob Burnham, 303-431-6870 meineadair@ earthlink.net.
- * Denver: Mondays 7-9 p.m. at St. Peter & St. Mary Episcopal Church (2nd & Acoma), \$3.50. Contact Jamie MacKinnon, 303-451-7466, jmemack@comcast.net
- * Ft. Collins: Thursdays 7-9 p.m. at the Worthington, 900 Worthington Circle, free. Contact Jeff Davis at 970-223-7730 pikadavis@msn.com or Jim Sites, 970-223-6013, sites@lamar.colostate.edu
- * Parker: Thursdays 7-9 p.m. at the Main Street Center, 19650 E. Main Street, \$4/\$3 members. Contact Sam Reynolds (teacher) at 303-805-1446 or sam@SpinwardStars.com
- * Colorado Springs: Pikes Peak Scottish Country Dancers (PPSCD) meet every Wednesday at the International Dance Club (IDC), 2422 Busch Ave, Colo Springs 80904 from 7pm to 9pm. Cost is \$5 per session. Contact Brenda Crane (719) 599-4344 or John Crumlin 310-1784

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