

Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club

Our mission is to encourage the playing of traditional Scottish fiddle music in Colorado

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Mark your Calendars!

2nd Annual Winter Weekend

March 27-29, 2015

Peaceful Valley Ranch

All Club Members attending are eligible for a \$100 discount to Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp 2015!



Postcard from Camp

Several fiddle club members attended Alastair Fraser's Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddle School in California at the end of August. We are excited to share stories and tunes from our adventure in California!

Next Meeting: September 14th

Hosted by Betsy Nelms

Come play music in Betsy's beautiful apple orchard near Golden. See directions below.

5305 Orchard St
Golden, CO

Meeting Schedule

2:00 – Super Slow Jam with Arlene / Fast Track with Royston

3:00 – Short Meeting – **Tell stories from fiddle camp; Questions about dropbox**

4:00 – Eat, drink, play, repeat

General Info

Please bring a dish to share and BYOB
If you would like to host a club meeting, please contact Arlene at longmonttrowie@gmail.com





Dulcimers and Fiddles Unite

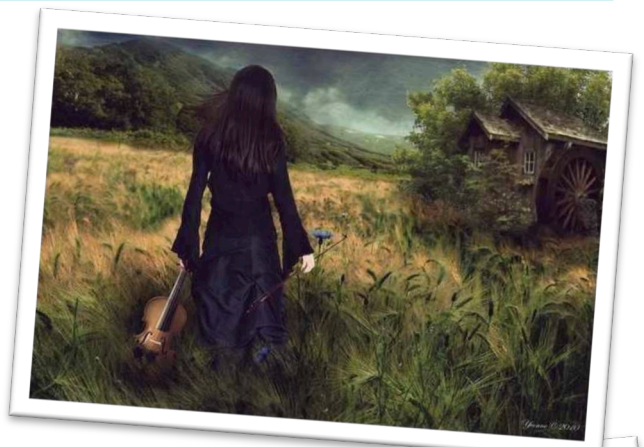
Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp is delighted to have a collaboration meeting this month with Tina Gugeler's Hammered Dulcimer Club at Betsy Nelm's orchard. See list below of some of their tunes.

- Scotland the Brave
- Largo's Fairy Reel
- Soldier's Joy
- Da Slockit Light
- Mhairie's Wedding
- Raivlin Reel
- Swallowtail Jig
- Farewell to Whisky



Fiddle Club Field Trip

Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club would like to hold a day trip meeting up in the beautiful Rocky Mountains before the weather turns too cold. We were thinking a session up the canyon a ways, particularly near the Rocky Ridge Music Center compound. The trees in that area provide lovely resonance and would make an ideal location to play tunes, sing, and picnic. We might see what impromptu audiences we could find along the way, or downtown. Anyone interested should contact Arlene or Royston, and we can find a date that works. Let's make this happen!





Alasdair Fraser's New Groove

Arlene, Fiona, and I had an extraordinary week at Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddle Camp in California this last week. The sense of community and the "Village" atmosphere was absolutely incredible. We learned amazing tunes, made lifelong friends, and got into a whole new feel, or groove with the music. At the heart of it all, the leader of our experience was Alasdair Fraser, a world renowned Scottish fiddle player, who has run VOM for thirty-one years. He opened our minds into a whole new way of feeling Scottish fiddle music, keeping old traditions alive, while finding ways to be creative and keep the music moving forward. As a celebration of their accomplishments, there is a documentary film being made about Valley of the Moon, *The Groove is Not Trivial*, in which Alasdair highlights how Scottish music and culture

suffered what he called a cultural cringe; Scottish people being repressed into not speaking their own language, not playing their music, and how it is now being brought back through the sharing of the music through a larger community. Camp atmosphere wonderfully created this community by the music and other events we shared. We strongly encourage anyone who's interested to apply for camp next year; it is definitely worth it!

See more about the documentary (in progress) by watching the trailer online. And be sure to check out VOM's website and apply for a spot as early as January, if you are interested. Spots fill up very quickly!

valleyofthemoon.org

Ceilidh and Contra Dances

Family style group dances in the Fort Collins area

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Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado

Thursdays 7:00

Basement of Café Vino, Fort Collins - \$4

sdccolorado.org

Friends of Traditional Dance

1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of every month – 8:00

Club Tico, Fort Collins - \$9 fotd.org



Tunes of the Month / Archives

Tunes of the month

Mhairie's Wedding

Och Mar a Ha Mi

In the Archives

Sweet Marie

King George Strathspey and Reel

De'il Amang the Tailors

Farewell to Whiskey

Highland Whiskey (Strathspey)

The Left-Handed Fiddler (Reel)

Farewell to Chernobyl

Buchanan Birch

The Rakes of Kildare

Willafjord

Campbell's Farewell to Red Gap

Highland Laddie

Catharsis

Raivlin Reel

Da Slockit Light

Bonnie Tammie Scolla

Flying Home to Shelley

Spootiskerry

Off she goes



Our "Classroom" at Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddle School in beautiful Camp Campbell



The entire ensemble of campers the day of the concert (above)



Arlene and Fiona being cute the first day (left)

HAIL THE NEW, YE LADS AND LASSIES!

FIDDLE CLUB NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WILL BE HELD AT PEACEFUL VALLEY RANCH!

CEILIDH, LODGING, THREE MEALS, AND USE OF RANCH FACILITIES, (GAME ROOM, SWIMMING POOL ETC.).

CONTACT JEANNE BOHLKE OF PEACEFUL VALLEY AT JBOHLKE@PEACEFULVALLEY.COM TO MAKE YOUR PROVISIONAL RESERVATION. CLUB DISCOUNT FOR CEILIDH AVAILABLE.

LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH-IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

- THIS Thursday through Sunday - September 4 -7 2014
- Estes Park Colorado
- World Class Bands, including Celtica, Tartan Terrors, and the Elders
- Parades, Highland Dancing, Jousting and Scottish Athletic Championship, Golf Tournaments

scotfest.com

Directions to the Orchard:

- From Denver, take I-70 west to exit 265 (Colo 58) and continue west to McIntyre St.
- Go north on McIntyre past two lights and then look for the left turn lane to W. 52nd Dr.
- Turn left (west) on W. 52nd Dr. and follow it, as it curves & becomes Orchard, to the very last house.
- Park along the dead-end turn-around and walk through the field around to the back of the house.
- From areas north (Boulder, Lafayette, Broomfield), come into Arvada on the west side down Indiana St from Colo 128 (it runs from Hwy 93 to Wadsworth, between Flat Irons and Rocky Mtn Airport).
- Indiana will T-intersect with W. 64th Ave. Turn west (right) on W. 64th, then south on McIntyre
- Just after the light at W. 54th, look for a weather-worn white picket fence, then turn right on W. 52nd Dr. and follow it, as it curves & becomes Orchard, to the very last house.
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Know of gigs and sessions?

Looking for a teacher?

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