

Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club

November 2014 Issue 11

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



Rocky Mountain Fiddle
club members with
Lilly Pearlman
November 15, 2014

Next Meeting: December 14th

Meeting Schedule:

- 2:00 – Super Slow Jam with Steve
Fast Track with Royston
- 3:00 – Short Meeting
- 3:30 - Tunes from Lilly Pearlman's
workshop (Arlene)
- 5:00 – Eat, drink, play, repeat.

The December 14th meeting will be hosted by Hannah Sheats and Family.

240 4th Ave. Niwot CO 80503

Please bring a dish to share and BYOB

If you would like to host a club meeting, please contact Arlene at longmonttrowie@gmail.com

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!**

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Lilly Pearlman's contemporary tunes workshop

To quote Lilly Pearlman on her Facebook post, she “had a blast teaching these great folks and lovely musicians in Niwot on Saturday Nov.15th! A big thanks to [Arlene](#) for the great hospitality, good times, and introduction to your great, fun fiddlin' community!”

After a fabulous concert and ceilidh dance at The Barn the night before, Ed, Neil, and Lilly Pearlman each taught a different workshop on Saturday morning.

Ed led players through traditional Scottish and Cape Breton repertoire, Lilly taught her group two irresistible contemporary tunes (which Arlene will pass along at fiddle club on Dec.14th), and Neil showed keyboard players some of the tricks of his trade.

Everyone had a fabulous time. Two hours sped by like minutes. We were all sad to be finished.

After the workshops everyone headed over for lunch and a combined music session which really rocked the walls. Outside huge fluffy snowflakes were tumbling down, but inside the workshop participants were hot!

Rocky Mountain Fiddle club is planning on having these guys back again!

-Report by Arlene Patterson

'Scool Corner

A new section for school aged cool people only. Anyone preschool through K12 is encouraged to submit artwork, questions, articles, news of school or other music events, favorite tune, photos etc. for this part of the newsletter. Submit ideas to 'Scool Corner editor,

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Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club Celebrates its First Year

By JOELLE MCDONALD
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Every second Sunday of the month, Scottish music erupts from the fingers of the Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club, often right here in Niwot. The Jigs make the players' pulses race and the Reels thrum in their ears. In the words of Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club founder, Arlene Patterson, the spirit of the club is "happy."

Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club was founded in October 2013 as a way for local Scottish fiddlers to connect and play. A typical session involves splitting into two groups to jam, one for fast pace and the other for slow. Afterwards, a short meeting is held to talk about upcoming performances

or other special events. Following the meeting is a workshop where people share about anything related to the club or the art of fiddling. Wrapping up the evening, members enjoy a potluck.

Fiddle Club doesn't dissuade anyone from joining the music-making madness, and includes many instruments other than the fiddle. Any age is welcome, with a range for the group from under eight to over 70, and any ability level is invited to play. Beginners can simply play an open string, while advanced players can play the melody, create a harmony, or add accompaniment.

For more information contact Arlene Patterson at Longmontrowie@gmail.com.

Ceilidh and Contra Dances

Family style group dances in the Fort Collins area

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



Classifieds

MINT CONDITION FRENCH CAMAC 34 STRING HARP - \$3250

Comes with velvet cover, sturdy gig bag, wooden stool with corduroy seat, and extra strings. Contact Arlene

FRENCH *MICHAEL JAMONNEAU* ¾ BOW - \$1500

Permambouco stick, Ebony nut, and Silver button Hand made. Has documents. Contact Arlene

SERIES 260 ¾ STRUNAL VIOLIN - \$375

Czechoslovakian made, spruce top, maple sides and back. Canvas backpack case, German Vitali pernambuco wood bow. Has the matching, original Strunal tag and inside violin is listed the model number and serial number.

Listed online at www.musiciansfriend.com or www.wwbw.com for \$469.99, MSRP for \$550.00.

Playable as is, new hair and bridge may be necessary.

Contact Kate Ross - 303-652-2486

CZECH 1/8 VIOLIN - \$250

Includes sturdy plywood case and wood bow. Needs new strings, bow rehair, and some assembly. Higher quality than Suzuki for its size.

Contact Kate Ross - 303-652-2486

1/32 VIOLIN - \$200

One piece back, better quality. Plywood case and wood bow. Needs new strings and bow rehair. Contact Kate Ross - 303-652-2486

7/8 STUDENT QUALITY, FRENCH VIOLIN - \$100

No case, needs sound post placed. Includes wood student bow, needs rehair.

Contact Kate Ross - 303-652-2486

NOVELS BY CLARE ADAMSON

Three wonderful books written by our own Clare Adamson. Stories inspired by her time in Ireland, available at amazon.com/clareaustin or at her website clareaustin.com

Did you remember to ReMEMBER?

Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club has exciting plans for New Year's Eve, future guests, and events, but we can't do anything without funds.

Please remember to renew your membership for 2015 by submitting cash or check for \$60 (\$25 for anyone living more than 45 miles from Longmont) made out to ***Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club***. Pay at the next club meeting or mail your check to

Martha Dicks at:
815 Sherman Street
Longmont CO 80501

First Friday Film Night!

January 3, 2015 7:00 pm

Firehouse Art Center - 667 4th Ave, Longmont CO 80501

Back by popular demand, the Silver Creek High School Documentary, "Carry the tune" will be screened again at the Firehouse Art Center early this next year.

A Kickstarter funded documentary made by a local orchestra director at Silver Creek High School, and a music student "Carry the Tune" uses interviews with musicians to reveal why music has enriched their lives.

Tunes of the month

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

Willafford

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

Mhairie's Wedding

Och Mar a Ha Mi

How to access the dropbox account

1) go to dropbox.com

2) Click "Sign In" (NOT, "Sign Up")

3) Enter rmfcdropbox@gmail.com as the email

4) Enter `dropbox` as the password

5) Click the various links to download



Fun session at Connor O'Neil's Pub in Boulder!

Arlene, Jessica Brause, Megan Brause, and I participated in a fantastic session at Connor O'Neil's Pub last Sunday. The pub atmosphere was fantastic and very genuine, lots of good food, beer, and tunes!

We can't wait to get more fiddle club members involved...



Fiddle class and workshop

Taught by: Royston Hunget

Date: Sunday, November 30th, 2014

Easy Tunes: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Intermediate: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$20 per student (If you attend one one class, you may also attend the other for \$10)

Location: 3096 SW 6th street Loveland CO 80537

I'll be teaching tunes by ear, so please bring a recording device of some kind (cellphone, tape recorder, Tascam etc.) I've always found it helpful to be able to quickly recall how tunes start by listening to them.

During class, we'll learn tunes and backup techniques including chopping, designed to feel the rhythm and pulse behind the music. I want to do more than just learn tunes, I want to teach you how to feel the pulse and make your music sound dancelike.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you!

Feel free to contact me with any questions (970-402-5877)

Hail the New, Ye Lads and Lasses

Peaceful Valley Ranch peacefulvalley.com has offered us the economy rate for our New Year's Eve CEILIDH (PARTY)!

We will be staying in the Main Lodge rooms. Peaceful Valley Ranch has also saved one cabin for us for a hospitality cabin.

The rate will be \$94 per person for double occupancy and \$125 single. That rate will include an upgraded New Year's Eve dinner, overnight lodging, the Dance Hall for the party, and a late breakfast/brunch on New Year's day. The rate does not include tax (4.8%) and gratuity (15%).

The Main Lodge and the Homestead cabin for our group is reserved for us. Peaceful Valley Ranch will open up dinner and dance to the local community and have a full bar going throughout the dance party (ceilidh) so hopefully we will have a good crowd.

Email Arlene with any questions

longmonttrowie@gmail.com

Or call Arlene [303-776-9960](tel:303-776-9960)



New Years Eve Party

Please make your reservation ASAP

by calling Peaceful Valley Ranch Directly- 303-747-2881

Under 3 (Free)

3-12 (\$60)

13+up (\$94)

Single Room (\$125)

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Upgraded New Year's Eve dinner
- Overnight lodging
- The ceilidh (party) in the Dance Hall on New Year's Eve (live music and dancing)
- Hospitality Suite activities
- Use of swimming pool
- Use of hot tub (and there's one in the Hospitality Suite cabin!)
- Use of games room
- Snow shoeing (if you want)
- Late Breakfast / Brunch on New Year's Day
- Out of town guests, we will pick you up from the airport and take you back. Come for a few days before or after if you like, we'll find a place for you to stay with fiddle club members.

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$\$94 + 4.8\% \text{tax} + 15\% \text{gratuity} = \mathbf{\$112.61}$

$\$60 + 4.8\% \text{tax} + 15\% \text{gratuity} = \mathbf{\$71.88}$

Single rate

$\$125 + 4.8\% \text{tax} + 15\% \text{gratuity} = \mathbf{\$149.75}$

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIDDLE CLUB

10 reasons to join

- 1. Regular** monthly workshops are free to members.*
- 2.** Tunes no self-respecting Scottish fiddle player can leave unlearned! Membership (including out of state) entitles you to your very own copy of **Smashing Scottish Session tune book and practice CD compiled by Barbara McOwen** (\$15 for non-members)
- 3. Discounted club events, such as Winter Weekend.**
- 4. Fiddle club newsletter** delivered to your email inbox every month.
- 5. Volunteer opportunities.** Help organize special events, club gigs, suggest new tunes to learn, write simplified parts for beginning players, or write an article for the newsletter. Maybe you have another idea. Tell us about it.
- 6. Host a meeting of the fiddle club in your own home.** Always wanted to have lots of wonderful live music going on in your home? Here's your chance! Be the envy of your neighbors.
- 7. Teach a class.** We are always in need of workshop leaders. What's your Scottish music passion? Share it in a workshop!
- 8. Learn fabulous Scottish music.**
- 9. Guaranteed** good music, fun, and companionship.
- 10.** You will be a **member of Colorado's Coolest Celtic music Club ever!**

All this for \$60 annual membership (\$5/per family/per month)? We must be crazy! No, just crazy about Scottish fiddle music.

**occasionally we will have special workshops/concerts that will require a suggested donation.*

Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club

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