

Sacred Harp Colorado

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Who We Are and What We Do

The Rocky Mountain Shape Note Singers exist to preserve and promote the music and the traditions of American shape note harmony along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. We sing principally from the 1991 Denson revision of the Sacred Harp (Red Book), but use some songs from the Cooper Book (Blue Book). From time to time we will sing from other traditional books such as the Missouri Harmony and Norembega Harmony depending upon the spirit and the occasion. We welcome any and all to join us at our monthly singings held in the cities along the Front Range. Loaner books are available for use or purchase. Our monthly singings are usually held to the schedule supplied at the end of this newsletter, but holidays or special circumstance may dictate that we move a singing date. If you are new to us, please contact one of our members listed below for current location, day/date and time of a singing in your area.

Editorially Speaking

As you may or may not have noticed over the last six months or so, it has become progressively harder for me to publish a quality newsletter. There is a lot of competition for my time from other personal projects and hobbies and also a sense that I have done what I could do, said what I had to say on the subject, and I have come to the belief that Sacred Harp Colorado needs a new editor – Someone who can bring a new and perhaps different perspective to matters of interest for our local singing community.

If any of the readership would like to attempt this task, I would be happy to transfer the newsletter format I have used to you in MS Word along with the electronic and snail mailing lists needed to span our distribution.

This is not a difficult task, as such things go, but it does need to be a bit of a labor of love. I know that it has done much to develop my appreciation of the broad world of Sacred Harp and hope that at least one of you will come to know this joy as well.

If you have an interest, send me an e-mail. If there are no takers within a reasonable amount of time, I will fold the tent and the newsletter will slip silently away. It has been a rewarding three years, but it truly is time for me to move on.

Pete



Where We Sing and How to Find Us

BOULDER Regular singings are 2nd Friday of each month 7-9 pm, at the home of Peter and Mary Lou Van Laanen. Contact Mary Lou for details at 303-447-9379 or e-mail her at vmarylou@indra.com

DENVER Sings weekly each Monday except the first Monday from 6:40 – 8:40PM at St. Mark's Orthodox, 1409 S. Vine This group also sings monthly on the fourth Sunday, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Bring a dollar as a contribution to the book fund. For the location of any specific singing, please contact Pat Dolan at 303-778-6297 or e-mail him at ruralplain@aol.com or Sharon Kermiet at skermiet@goodwilldenver.org.

COLORADO SPRINGS - Sings regularly on the 2nd Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Pikes Peak Primitive Baptist Church 12th and Pikes Peak on the Westside. Please bring a dollar donation to the book fund. Pete Mathewson is the contact at 719-469-5241 or e-mail him at 71mgbgt41@gmail.com.

FORT COLLINS - The singing is normally the first Monday of each month 7-8:30 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Stover Street. Contact Hill Grimmer for specifics at 970-231-1197 or e-mail him at hill@sacredharpcolorado.org

Sacred Harp On The Web

Our local websites are Sacred Harp Colorado at www.sacredharpcolorado.org and the Rocky Mountain Shapenote Singers at <http://lamar.colostate.edu/~dakspk>. The national web site is www.fasola.org

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