



April, 2022

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group
www.FlatironsSkiClub.com

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE
APRIL 7TH, 2022 VIA ZOOM**

Message from the President

The FSC Nominating Committee has done an outstanding job of identifying candidates for the 2022-2023 Board. The Nominating Committee included Nicole deL. (Chair), Tom C., and Louisa Y. We will be electing the 2022-2023 Board at the April General Meeting. Let me express my personal gratitude for those members who will continue to serve on the FSC Board: Martha P., Linda G., Eleese M., Sue E., Dorothy C., Beth G. and Donna S. Roger B. will continue as Member-at-Large in charge of our website. Thank you, Roger! The following FSC members have volunteered to join the Board: Marianne B. (Newsletter), Mary Anne D. (Secretary), Debbie W. (Social Co-Chair), Rosie P. (Downhill), Linda L. (Publicity Co-Chair), Maggie L. (Activity Co-Chair), and Arnie M. (Safety). Thank you, Louisa Y., Donna C., Monica A., and Richard P., for your service on 2021-2022 FSC Board!

Beth G., President

April General Meeting Speaker

We are pleased to have Bill Tschumy of the Longmont Astronomical Society speak to our club!

Amateur astronomy is in many ways an intellectual pursuit. What may look like a faint smudge in binoculars or a telescope comes alive when you truly grasp what it is you are looking at.

Bill's talk will introduce you to some of the wonders of the night sky. He will help you understand the size, distance, location and physical properties of those objects you can see either with the naked eye or through binoculars or a telescope. He will also cover how to get started in amateur astronomy: the basic equipment needed and some of the important resources.

Louisa Y.

Shakespeare Festival at CU's OUTDOOR Mary Rippon Theatre

PLAY: "Two Gentlemen of Verona" (a comedy)
DATE: Wednesday 13 July, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Seating is in Orchestra 2 Section

You are in luck, if you act promptly. There are still a few tickets available, at \$40 each. (Not refundable once I purchase them for us). We might 'picnic' in the Shakespeare Garden in advance of the Play.

Contact me via email if you will be sending your check to me (address in roster).

I will need to receive your check by April 1st.

Nicole deL.

*****MOAB*****

Moab spring trip will be May 9th to 14th. We again will be staying in Watermelon and Grandma's houses run by Lazy Lizard Hostel. We have bedrooms, baths, kitchen, common living rooms and laundry room. We will be staying 5 nights. Cost will be \$150, with a \$30 deposit. If you want to room with someone please mark it on your check, **make check payable to FSC**. For further questions contact Debbie W. or Dorothy C. via email.

There is still space. Deposit needs to be sent in to hold space and **full amount is due April 1**. Please send deposit to Debbie Williamson, see address in the current membership roster

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH: SPRING FLING AT THE LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY PARK

Elease M.

Heads up, Tuesday evening walks will start in May

Pat I.

Thursday Hikers

Winter hiking has been challenging. Multiple snowstorms and frequent cold and wind has aborted many Thursday hikes. But there have also been some very good hiking days. Spring is here and we will soon get warmer days. We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We meet at 8:45 AM and leave at 9:00 AM. People can car pool from the Shopping Center or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. Meadow Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the Bank and Remax realty building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather. We generally hike 3 to 6 miles in the winter. Be sure to bring yak tracks. Email Sue E. or Louisa Y. to let us know if you are planning to hike and to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable.

3rd Thursday Hike – April 21st

For April, this hike will be lead by Louisa and Sue, look for their email with details.

Dolores A.

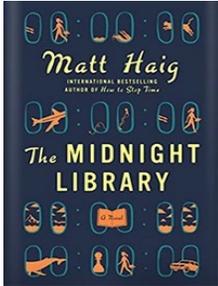
Snowshoe and Cross Country Skiing

We had a good season on Tuesday mornings with snowshoeing with many adventures. We had between 2 and 8 folks. We have a few new members. Several days we just used spikes but had fun and got out in nature. This is the end of our outings, and thanks to everyone who came. We are looking forward to next year.

Dorothy C.

10th Mountain Division Hut Trip

Arrangements have been made to go to the Fowler-Hilliard Hut August 9, 10 and 11, 2022. Spend a couple of days unplugged from electronics – no TV or radio. Cell phone service may not exist either. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag. There is room for 16 people (including co-leaders Sue and Louisa). Registration will open at the May 5th General Meeting. Total cost will be \$100 per person, which includes 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners planned by volunteers. A \$20 deposit holds your space. For more information, contact Sue E. or Louisa Y.



FSC Book Club

DATE: April 11, Monday, 6:45 PM

PLACE: via Zoom

LEADER: Babette B.

BOOK: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

2022 Wildflower Rambles

With COVID seemingly on the wane (at least for now), it looks hopeful for rambles this summer. Because it is difficult to plan for the entire summer under these circumstances, we will plan rambles as we go. If you are interested in participating this summer, please drop Linda Paris an e-mail so we can form an interest list. An indication of what you are comfortable doing or specific places that would appeal for rambling are welcome. Would you like to see something special (for example calypso orchids)? The rambles leader core will decide on locations and meet up time/place. Notification details are still being worked out. Chris and Linda P.

**NEW SUMMER TRIP
CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD
June 21 and 22, 2022**

The Cumbres & Toltec railroad is the oldest narrow-gauge railroad in Colorado. It starts in Antonito, Colorado, crosses the state line between Colorado and New Mexico to Chama, New Mexico. It is powered by several steam engines that date back to the late 1800's. It was named the #1 Scenic Train by "USA Today 10 Best" and has been featured in National Geographic and a number of movies including Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade and Wyatt Earp to name a few. There is more information on their web site www.cumbrestoltec.com. Check it out.

We will drive to Alamosa on Tuesday, June 21, and stay at hotels in Alamosa. Car pools will be formed and each group is responsible for making their own hotel reservations. The next morning, we will drive to Antonito which is 30 miles south of Alamosa. This is a full day trip and takes 6 hours to cross the pass to Cumbres, NM. We will then take a bus back to Antonito. The train stops at the summit of the pass at Osier Station for lunch. (Lunch is included in the ticket price as is the bus.) There are a lot of sights to see and places to go after we return to Antonito. Some possibilities are to drive to Ghost Ranch which is south of Chama. Ghost Ranch is famous for being the home of Georgia O'Keeffe. There is a museum close to the ranch. In addition Ghost Ranch is a stunning display of geology with rock formations and colors. There are some good hikes in the area. Other possibilities include Taos, Santa Fe, the Great Sand Dunes, and hot springs. The cost for the train ride is \$145 and includes lunch and riding in the Coach car. Sign up will begin at the May club meeting. Any questions – call Sue E..



2022 FSC MID-WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

Ed H. and Arnie M. (email and contact phone #'s in Membership roster)

MONDAY/TUESDAY (EPIC)		THURSDAY (IKON)	
April 4- Breckenridge 8:30 AM	\$10	April 7- Copper 8:30 AM	\$10
April 11- Beaver Creek 7:30 AM	\$15	April 14- WP/MJ 8:30 AM	\$10
April 18- TBD	\$10	April 21- TBD	

* CARPOOL FEE PER PERSON (CASH) ** ADDITIONAL PARKING FEE (CASH)

Locations are subject to change based on weather/snow conditions. This schedule is only a suggestion, members can ski wherever they wish as we are not offering official carpool options. Occasionally, Ed and Arnie may need an alternate leader when they are away on ski trips. This information will be in the monthly newsletter.

We will continue with Thursday downhill day trips into April, as long as the snow is good. March 24 we are scheduled for Winter Park, March 31 for A-Basin, April 7 Copper Mountain, April 14 Winter Park, April 21 undecided. I will post emails a day or two before each outing, with details. Generally, if someone wants a ride or can offer one, let me know and I'll post it with your phone # so others can respond. Hopefully next winter we can do more organized carpools again. Thanks, Arnie M.

2022 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, July 22 – 25, 2022

Linda and Chris Paris will lead a Wildflower Rambles trip to Crested Butte next July 22 – 25, 2022: 3 nights lodging at the Cristiana Guesthaus on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, checking out Monday. **Total trip cost is \$370.00 per person in a double occupancy room or \$510.00 per person in a single occupancy room.**

The Cristiana provides breakfast each morning. Provide your own lunch with items brought from home in a small cooler or purchased locally. Dinners will be at local restaurants. The trip cost covers only lodging with breakfast.

The trip leaders will lead a hike on both Saturday and Sunday. Participants are welcome to join them or go out on their own. Options for wildflower walks and hikes are numerous, ranging from walks in/near town to strenuous hiking to mountain passes. People going on the trip should be in good physical health and condition.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 per person is required by mail at the time of sign-up. Sign-up will begin after the April 7 FSC Membership Meeting and is for those who are ready to commit to go on the trip. If you have interest in going but are not sure and still thinking about it (for COVID or other reasons), put your name on the waiting list – no deposit is required to join the waiting list. Before you sign up and pay a deposit, be sure you are ready to come on the trip. There are accommodations for 22 people: 4 couples (king), 8 persons in 4 queen+double rooms (each with own bed) and 6 single persons (queen). Queen+Double rooms are only for double occupancy - 2 persons who are comfortable rooming with each other and mutually agree to do so. Finding a roommate is on your own. Sign up together after you have found your roommate. One person in a queen room will pay the single occupancy rate of \$510.00. Questions? Contact Linda and Chris by e-mail/telephone.

Please contact us by e-mail to let us know you will be signing up and sending payment. We will look out for your check in the mail. Make out checks to Flatirons Ski Club and put 2022 Wildflower Crested Butte in the note line. Send deposits and final payments to the Parises by mail (address available from the membership list). **Do not contact the Cristiana directly – sign up and payment is only through FSC** for this trip. **Full payment is due by June 1, 2022.** After that date, unused rooms will be cancelled.

Chris and Linda P.

DCPA Buell Broadway shows in 2022!

DCPA has listed that COVID proof of vaccination card and masks are optional

August 6th 2 pm Pretty Woman

PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL, based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories of all time, is now on tour! Starring Broadway superstar and Tony Award®-nominee Adam Pascal as Edward Lewis and rising star Olivia Valli as the charming and charismatic Vivian Ward, *PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL* springs to life with a powerhouse creative team led by two-time Tony Award®-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell (*Hairspray*, *Kinky Boots*, *Legally Blonde*).

Brought to the stage by lead producer Paula Wagner, *PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL* features an original score by Grammy® winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance ("Summer of '69", "Heaven"), and a book by the movie's legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J. F. Lawton. *PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL* will lift your spirits and light up your heart. "If you love the movie, you'll love the musical!" (BuzzFeed News).

Are you ready to fall in love all over again?

September 11th 2 pm Hadestown

Winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Theater Album, this acclaimed new show by celebrated singer-songwriter Anais Mitchell and innovative director Rachel Chavkin (*Natasha*, *Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*) is a love story for today... and always.

Hadestown intertwines two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone — as it invites you on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back. Mitchell's beguiling melodies and Chavkin's poetic imagination pit industry against nature, doubt against faith, and fear against love. Performed by a vibrant ensemble of actors, dancers and singers, *Hadestown* is a haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs you and never lets go.

Please contact Sandy Morris at email or phone as listed in membership roster if you are interested.
<http://www.denvercenter.org/shows/specific-series/Get?Id=b1f9dc77-cdec-68a4-921b-ff10004d5814>

Group tickets (includes service fee)- \$40.50 each Price Level 4 (tickets are limited)

After you are confirmed, please send checks to:

Sandy M.

(Address available in Membership Roster)

AVALANCHE RANCH TRIP and APPLE FESTIVAL trip in 2022

(None scheduled for 2023, so this may be the last)

<https://avalancheranch.com/>

Avalanche Ranch is 11.35 miles south of Carbondale, CO and 5 miles north of Redstone, CO
We will arrive on September 30th and leave on October 3rd.

For those who are new to the club, the Avalanche Ranch trip has been run for many years by the club. We rent cabins at Avalanche Ranch and soak in the brilliant color of the area, especially the golden aspen, the green pines, the gray mountains, the blue sky and occasionally the white snow on the mountains. The Apple Festival is an event run by the staff once a year. They provide meat and others provide everything else. But what I find most interesting is the community of people who attend, most are local, and they play bluegrass music for at least an hour around the campfire.

Other than the Apple Festival, there are wonderful hikes to be made and the weather is almost always perfect. Did I mention that there are several hot tubs and a hot pool which are free and open to us twenty-four hours a day?

The club provides chili on Friday night and protein on Sunday night. On Saturday, the Ranch will provide the protein and each guest is asked to bring something for the huge potluck. We have the Ranch House this year for happy hours and generally getting together.

The price will be \$255 a person for three nights of paradise but there are many queen beds which will need to be filled so anyone willing to share a bed with someone else will have a much better chance of getting on board this remarkable trip. **To reserve your spot, send a non-refundable, (unless a substitute is found) check of \$50.00 made out to FSC.** Send checks to:

Roger P.
(Address available in Membership Roster)



Want to Sell Something?

Every month, members will now have the opportunity to sell something (ski equipment, etc.) by having their items listed in our FSC Club Newsletter. Submit your items via email to Monica A., in the body of your email or as an attachment (.doc or .docx). Submissions will need board approval. Monica will need to receive your information by the Wednesday before the monthly board meetings. Items will be posted in the Newsletter sometime during the 4th week of the month. Items will appear in the newsletter only once, they will not roll over to the following month's newsletter.

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FAC 4:00 PM	2
3	4	5	6	7 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM General Mtg 7:00 PM	8 FAC 4:00 PM	9
10	11 Book Club 6:45 PM	12	13	14 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	15 FAC 4:00 PM	16
17 Easter	18	19	20	21 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Board Mtg 7:00 PM	22 FAC 4:00 PM Earth Day Newsletter Input Due	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	29 FAC 4:00 PM	30

Board Members

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