

As you know, CRDA has been looking venues suitable for holding future CRDA Galas.

In general, we would like to have a room of 7,000 sq. ft. or more with a wood floor for combined dancing and also a way to separate the room (or have other rooms available) for level dancing and instruction.

Many locations have been suggested and have been checked out. Here is a listing of those that have been contacted this past year.

Universities/colleges:

- 1) Colorado Mesa University (CMU) – location of 2015 Gala.
- 2) UNC Greeley – still requires a \$1000 catering fee per ballroom/per day.
- 3) CSU Pueblo (location of 2014 Gala) - not available until 2018.
- 4) CSU Fort Collins – Can't request until March of Gala year
- 5) CU Boulder (Glenn Miller Ballroom) – Can't request until April of Gala year
- 6) University of Denver (DU) – 4,600 sq. ft. wood floor (separates to 2 sections – but no longer separates)
- 7) Colorado Western State University – 3,375 sq. ft. carpet. 2 sections (1/3 and 2/3). 10'x20' dance floor for a fee.
- 8) Colorado School of Mines (<http://greencenter.mines.edu/GC-Friedhoff-Hall>):
Friedhoff Hall – only wood floor ballroom on campus. 5,160 sq. ft. \$500 per hour (minimum 4 hours)
Student Center Grand Ballroom (A, B, C) – joined is smaller and is carpet.
- 9) University of Wyoming – Can't request until March/April of Gala year.

Other venues:

- 1) Avalon – Would have to bump other dancing groups to get the weekend (Ballroom \$900 all day Saturday)
- 2) Crowne Plaza – carpet. Additional charges for hotel rooms and catering requirements.
- 3) Westin Westminster – carpet. Additional hotel room rental requirements.
- 4) Wheat Ridge Rec Center – small floor – not open the hours we would need (Sat open at 11am, Friday until 5pm).
- 5) Windsor Community Rec Center – small (3750 sq. ft.) ballroom – does have a gym (gym not available in 2015 – would have to work around other already scheduled events)
- 6) Lewis-Palmer Schools – basketball season/unavailable – hourly fee plus custodian fees
- 7) Plaza Convention Center Longmont – 8800 sq. ft. – carpet
- 8) Ameristar Casino Blackhawk – carpet
- 9) Colorado Ballet Academy (Sante Fe Drive) – marley covered floors (for ballet). 4 separate studios.
(1 – 3,825 sq. ft.; 2 – 2,407 sq. ft.; 3 – 3,400 sq. ft.; 4 – 2,083 sq. ft.) \$75 - \$100/hour for each.
- 10) Chancio's Restaurant (Highland Hills – 950 Sheridan): 2,500 sq. ft. carpet – have 225' dance floor for extra \$500
- 11) Stonebrook Manor (Thornton) – is a wedding venue, food catering and bar required. 2 floors maybe not sound isolated.
- 12) Arvada Center for Performing Arts – Ballrooms are carpet.
- 13) Bennett Event Center (Recreation Center) – Gym (\$20 - \$40 per hour)
- 14) Keenesburg Middle School – floor sticky, sound was OK, possible echo.
- 15) Maple Grove & Wheat Ridge Granges – size and availability issues.
- 16) Boulder Senior Rec Center – 2720 sq. ft., \$150/hr. – other rooms 880 sq. ft. and 960 sq. ft. \$75/hr.
- 17) Ralston Valley High School – Gym & cafeteria.
- 18) Budweiser Event Center (?)

- 19) Other High Schools & Middle Schools - gym finish issues and scheduling issues (basketball & volleyball)
- 20) Arvada United Methodist Church (?)
- 21) El Jebel Shrine Center - sold - not available.
- 22) Loveland Outlet Mall meeting rooms (?)

*We have found that most athletic gym floors are finished to have a sticky finish to prevent slipping for sports like volleyball and basketball.

*For venues with carpet, we will need to rent dance flooring:

Flooring rental information:

NE square dance council owns plastic flooring that was rented for the state square dance convention.

ICBDA rents Russian Birch Floor - 33,000 sq. ft. available. \$0.80 - \$1.25 per sq. ft. plus 2 hotel rooms for staff.

We would appreciate help from all CRDA members to be on the lookout for possible future Gala venues in the state. Keep in mind the basic room size requirements for holding a Gala. It would help if you would please do some basic research (internet search, phone call, or visit for sizes, type of floor, rates) before recommending the venue to the CRDA Board of Directors.

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