

**Fort Collins Group
Colorado Mountain Club
Annual Dinner
Saturday November 8, 2014 @ 6PM.**



Gerry's Bio:

Gerry Roach moved to Boulder Colorado as a lad in 1954, and started climbing rocks and mountains shortly thereafter. Over five decades later, he continues pursuing his mountaineering passion with all the energy he can muster.

In the intervening years, Gerry became a world-class mountaineer. After climbing Mount Everest in 1983, he went on to become the second person to climb the highest peak on each of the seven continents in 1985. In over 50 years of mountaineering that span 6 different calendar decades, Gerry has climbed in dozens of states and countries. He has been on 24 Alaskan expeditions, 10 Andean expeditions and 7 Himalayan expeditions, including first ascents in the kingdom of Bhutan. In 1997, he summited 26,360-foot Gasherbrum II in the Karakorum. In 2000, Gerry became the first person to climb the ten highest peaks in North America. After this climb, he was the subject of a Fast and Light article in Rock and Ice. In 2003, Gerry became the first person to climb every major peak over 16,000 feet in North America. Gerry is a member of the Colorado Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, and the American Alpine Club.

Closer to home, Gerry has climbed more than 2,000 peaks in Colorado, including all the Fourteeners, which he completed for the first time in 1975. He finished climbing every ranked Thirteener in Colorado in 2010. He finished climbing every

named and ranked peak in the Indian Peaks Wilderness and Rocky Mountain National Park in 2001. He has also climbed every peak in the Colorado counties of Boulder, Gilpin and Clear Creek, and every named peak in Jefferson County. He completed visits to all 64 Colorado counties in 2001, and became the tenth person to achieve this feat. He is also a member of the coveted High-pointers' Double Century Club for visiting more than 250 county summits nationwide, and he has done all 50 of the US State Summits. In 2004, Gerry completed the 99 classic desert peaks on the Sierra Club's fabled Desert Peaks List. Pursuing another venue, Gerry has visited the highpoints of 51 of the 58 US National Parks.

Gerry is also an accomplished rock climber. His first book, *Flatiron Classics*, is a guide to the trails and easier rock climbs in the Flatirons above Boulder. His second book, *Rocky Mountain National Park*, is a guide to the classic hikes and climbs in the park. His guide *Colorado's Indian Peaks*, now in its second edition, remains the definitive mountaineering guide to that special area. In his guide *Colorado's Fourteeners*, Gerry conveys his intimate knowledge of, and love for Colorado's high peaks. In *Colorado's Lost Creek Wilderness*, Gerry expanded the scope of his guidebooks, and continued to convey his love for Colorado's mountains. His most recent guidebook is *Colorado's Thirteeners*, which he co-authored with Jennifer. After returning from his numerous expeditions, Gerry climbs in Colorado's mountains to re-hone his skills, and write about his experiences. His first three narratives are *Transcendent Summits*, *Ride the Breath*, and *Orthogonal Adventures*. Mountaineering in his rugged and beautiful home state forms the foundation for his successful expeditions to Earth's great peaks. In 2005, the Sierra Club gave Gerry the coveted Francis P. Farquhar Mountaineering Award for a lifetime of mountaineering achievement. In 2006, the Colorado Mountain Club gave Gerry the rare Ellingwood Ice Ax Award, and in 2010, the High-pointers Club gave Gerry the Frank Ashley Award. Gerry lives with his wife Jennifer in Boulder, Colorado USA.

Northern Heights:

As the first person to have climbed North America's 13 highest peaks, Gerry is uniquely qualified to present this in depth look at North America's great peaks. The list of peaks and climbs by itself is impressive, but Gerry's show goes beyond a simple chronicling of ascents. The theme for the show is, "It's not the list, it's the Love." To demonstrate this, Gerry presents his climbs in the order that he did them, and the show has an autobiographical flair. The high northern peaks are difficult and dangerous enough that one man would not return to the northern heights this many times without developing a deep love for the place. This show gives the viewer a chance to participate in that development. You must see the show to discover what peak comes next in Gerry's quest, and the answer will often surprise you. The list of peaks covered in order of height are:

- 1. Mt McKinley - Alaska - (N-S traverse)**
- 2. Mt Logan - Yukon**
- 3. Orizaba - Mexico**
- 4. Mt St Elias - Alaska/Yukon**
- 5. Popocatepetl - Mexico**
- 6. Mt Foraker - Alaska - (new route)**
- 7. Iztaccíhuatl - Mexico**
- 8. Mt Lucania - Yukon - (2nd ascent via a new route)**
- 9. King Peak - Yukon**
- 10. Mt Steele - Yukon - (3rd ascent via a new route)**

11.Mt Bona - Alaska

12.Mt Blackburn - Alaska - (1st traverse - both summits)

13.Mt Sanford - Alaska

25. And, as an encore, Mt Hunter - Alaska

Schedule of Activities:

6:00 PM Social period/Cash Bar (domestic and craft beers, wine selection)

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, and Recognition of Members

8:00 PM Program – Gerry Roach

Buffet Meal Menu: Chicken Florentine or Lemon Dill Salmon or (as yet to be determined) Vegetarian meal, garden salad, wild rice, and a dessert from two choices. Beverages included: coffee, tea, iced tea, ice water.

After our dinner, before the talk, we will take time to vote for the Fort Collins Group Council members for the coming year. At this time we also will recognize Fort Collins CMC members who have made special efforts on behalf of our Group.

To be sure that you are included, fill out the reservation form below and mail it in today. Reservations are \$35; price includes tax and gratuity. Guests accompanied by CMC members are welcome. Non-CMC members are also welcome to attend the dinner and program by making a reservation. Their price is the same as for members.

--Cut and paste the below text into a new file, print it, and mail the reservation form along with payment--

Postmark deadline: October 24st

\$35 per person

Checks payable to:

Colorado Mountain Club

Send to:

Robert Dietz

517 E 50th Street

Loveland, CO 80538

Reservation For: _____

(Names) _____

Please indicate your entrée choice(s):

_____Chicken Florentine

_____Lemon Dill Salmon

_____Vegetarian

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THE LODGE AT MACKENZIE PLACE

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