

October 2019 News

Hello everyone. We hope you are enjoying being back at class. The Board has been busy planning for this dance year and we have a few dates we would like you to save in your calendar; November 2nd, December 31st and March 14th. Read "Calgary Events" to find out why!

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Member News

Una Lennam passed away on August 25. Una helped to first establish St. Giles and was the first teacher for that club. She was also very active in the establishment of our Branch of the RSCDS. Una was a long time active member of the Zonta Club which has a mandate to empower women. Her family has asked that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Zonta Club of Victoria. The funds will be used to establish a scholarship fund in Una's name to help young women with their education. The Board of Directors voted to donate \$250 to this fund at our September meeting.

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again to renew your membership for RSCDS. The cost is \$20.00 and the membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th of the next year.

You can print off a membership form from the RSCDS website (<http://www.rscdscalgary.org/membership>) and

- 1) Bring the completed form and \$20.00 to your local dance class – cash or cheques accepted,
- 2) Mail the form and a cheque for \$20.00 per membership to:
The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Calgary Branch
P.O. Box 1471, Station M,
Calgary Alberta, Canada,
T2P 2L6
- 3) Email the form to membership@rscdscalgary.org and pay \$20.75 using PayPal on the website - \$20.00 for the membership and \$0.75 for the PayPal fee.

Why renew? Benefits of membership include:

- Voting privileges at all Branch General Meetings
- Hall Rental support for each club around the city allowing nightly fees to stay low
- Member discount rates to RSCDS Calgary Branch events

- Member support to attend workshops around Alberta
- Teacher training support to ensure dancing will continue in the Calgary area throughout the years
- Automatic membership in RSCDS Main Branch in Scotland (HQ)
In addition to becoming part of a worldwide dance community, some of the Benefits of HQ Membership include:
 - 10% discount on most recordings, publications and other items available through our shop
 - A twice-yearly members' magazine, Scottish Country Dancer, packed with information and interesting articles delivered to your door
 - Access to the members' area of the RSCDS website
 - Tapping into a worldwide family of Scottish country dancers
 - Through Branches, a voice in the running of the organization
- Other, perhaps less tangible reasons for joining are:
 - Access to RSCDS-trained teachers who give classes at Branch and local levels
 - Access to the annual RSCDS Summer and Winter School and Spring Fling
 - Opportunities to advance dancing skills
 - The chance to learn to teach Scottish Country Dancing through the Society's examination and qualification system
 - Availability of courses for musicians, to encourage the continuation of live music
 - Availability of music recorded specifically for dancing
 - Promotion of the Scottish Country Dance tradition in schools in Scotland and among young people everywhere
 - Provision of graded medal tests to encourage young dancers
 - Learning and helping to preserve and foster original dances and steps
 - Conserving the present and future existence of this form of dance
 - Helping to preserve an important aspect of Scottish culture

Casino Update

We will be having another casino in the second quarter of 2020. Details on date and signing up to help will be in future newsletters.

Calgary Branch Class News

Here are the start-up dates for the fall classes. The information will also be posted on the RSCDS Calgary branch web site.

- Monday – St Giles SCDC, Scarboro United Church 7:30 pm – Sept. 9th
- Monday – Airdrie youth, Airdrie United Church Hall, 5:45 pm – Sept. 9th
- Monday – RSCDS Beginners class, Capital Hill Comm. Hall, 7:30 pm - Sept 9th
- Tuesday - Cross and Thistle, North Glenmore Park Hall, 8:15 – Sept. 17th
- Wednesday – Grace SCDC, Grace United, 7:30 pm – Oct. 2nd
- Thursday – St. Barnabas SCDC, St. Barnabas United Church 7:30 - Sept. 5th
- Thursday – Confederation Park SCDC, 6:30 pm – Sept. 12th
- Saturday – Airdrie Adult class, Airdrie United Church Hall, 7:00 pm – Sept. 7th

Other Area Classes:

- Tuesday – St. Andrew's class, Northmount Baptist Church, 7:30 – Sept. 10th
- Tuesday – Confederation Park, 7:30 pm – Sept. 10th
- Friday – Confederation Park, 10 am – Sept 13th

Upcoming Calgary events

Scots Gathering – October 11 – 13, 2019 – Canmore

The Annual Scots Gathering, presented by the St Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary is coming up for Thanksgiving Weekend in Canmore. There are many class offerings for the weekend but of particular note for dancers is that there will be Scottish Country Dance Classes offered. Registration can be described as “free range” with those who are interested able to stay in Canmore for the weekend and sign up for the full weekend beginning with the Ceilidh on Friday evening and finishing with classes early Sunday afternoon or you may choose to just travel for a day to Canmore to attend a small selection of classes. Please visit the website for complete information and to register. <https://calgaryscots.org>

Mini Workshop – Calgary – November 2, 2019 – Save the Date!

The Branch will be running 2 or 3 mini-workshops this dance year. They will be 3 hours long on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Each mini-workshop will focus on an aspect of technique such as reels in all their varieties, a particular dance devisor or some other area of interest of the workshop instructor. Instructors will generally be brought in from outside of Calgary. Our first mini-workshop is to be November 2nd. We are still working on the details for this first mini-workshop and more information will be available in your weekly classes and in a special email from the branch once details are finalized

Hogmanay – Calgary – December 31, 2019

Come ring in the New Year with all your friends from Calgary Branch. The Airdrie group will be hosting this event for us again this year. Stay tuned for further details but this will be a social, fun evening with Ceilidh Dances so that you may bring along any out-of-town guests, extended family or friends for the evening. More information will appear in future newsletters.

One Day Workshop – Calgary – March 14, 2020

Please save this date in your calendar. We will build on the successful one day workshop we ran in 2019.

Out-of-Town Events

The Lethbridge SCD Club is hosting a daytime Workshop with evening Social Dance on Saturday 16 November 2019.

Teacher: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, Summerland, BC

Music for classes and evening dance: The Spurtles

Venue: all events held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1818 5th Ave S, Lethbridge, AB

Classes: two daytime classes

- morning class for beginner, newcomer, and basic dancers (others welcome to attend)
- afternoon class for intermediate, social, and experienced dancers knowledgeable with all the common formations

Dinner: evening catered meal

Dance: social program of about 10 easy to intermediate level dances; dances will be briefed with one walk-through

Evening Attire: elegant casual/semi-formal

Billets: many local dancers are offering billeting spaces

Registration Fee: modest fee to be announced

Workshop Coordinator: Kathryn MacIassac, kmacbride@gmail.com

The Workshop and Dance are primarily aimed at newer and basic to intermediate dancers who may not have attended a workshop but would enjoy the experience of a guest teacher, the camaraderie of our small but growing Club, and the joy of dancing an accessible program to our Lethbridge musicians Lorraine McCormick (keyboard) and Peter McCormick (recorder), aka The Spurtles.

Gleneagles Scottish Country Dance Club cordially invites you to our 56th Annual Gleneagles Ball – December 8, 2019

This event will be held in the Pacific Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. This elegant event includes a lavish luncheon buffet, dancing to the acclaimed 20-piece Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra and a decadent dessert buffet following the dancing. Ball Information, Dance Notes and an Order Form are available at <https://rscdsgleneagles.org/2019gleneaglesball> .

Edmonton Workshop – February 14, 15 & 16, 2020

The RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch invites you to their 50th Annual Workshop & Ball at the Chateau Lacombe. Teachers will be Ruth Jappy, Mary Murray and Antoine Rousseau. Musicians will be Kathy Fraser Collins, Fred Collins, Ian Muir, Judi Nicholson & Mary Ross. For further information and registration instructions please visit <http://www.rscdsedmonton.com> Edmonton expects that their registration for this year's event will fill quickly so register early to avoid being disappointed.

Workshop reimbursement:

Workshop reimbursement will be available to members again this year. If you are attending an out of town workshop within Alberta, you may be eligible for up to \$200.00 to cover the cost of the workshop itself and accommodation. However, given the need for fiscal prudence, all RSCDS Calgary Branch members may submit only twice within a year, (\$400.00 per year). If you wish to attend more than 2 workshops in the same year, you are encouraged to send in the required paperwork and if there are sufficient funds left over, reimbursement may be made. For more information please see the RSCDS Calgary website under Member Support. In an effort to keep the reimbursements within the current fiscal year, (May 1-April 30), please have all reimbursement claims into the board for consideration by April 15th, 2020

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Feedback is welcome - please let me know if this information is useful to you and/or if there is anything you would like to see added or any corrections needed. Thanks.

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Happy Dancing!!

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