

## **February 2019 News**

Hello everyone. The newsletter is a little late this month as we were waiting on details of some of the items. Hope everyone is staying warm despite the cold that has been with us for a while.

Did you know that there are Facebook Pages for Scottish Country Dancing? Look up "The RSCDS Dance Scottish" page for news from around the world as well as close to home. A picture from the Cross and Thistle Dancers was featured in a post made on January 25 wishing us all a Happy Robbie Burns Day. As well, Kelly McDonnell posted a video of the Cumberland Reel from the Burns Night celebration at Confederation Park this year.

Calgary Branch also has a Facebook page. Look up "RSCDS Calgary". There are a few pictures from Hogmanay posted. We could use a little more love on this page, so feel free to share pictures, videos and delightful moments from SCD in Calgary.

I am sure our friends up in Edmonton wouldn't mind you looking in on their "RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Dance" page.

For information on the events listed below (and more) please visit our website at <http://www.rscdscalgary.org/events-2>

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

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### **DETAILS:**

#### **Calgary Branch Class News**

All classes have restarted for the year and regular weekly class locations and dates are listed on the RSCDS Calgary website, [www.rscds.calgary.org](http://www.rscds.calgary.org)

**St Giles** – For the next two weeks, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, **Fiona Carnie** will be teaching the class for the St. Giles SCD located at Scarboro United Church – 7:30 start time. Fiona is helping with the class while Janyn is in Scotland.

Dancing Opportunity with **Grace** Scottish Country Dancing

Would you like to dance another night of the week? Grace SCD dances on Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church, 1009 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW. We are getting a little short on dancers and would love to have some of you join us. This is a lively class where Jim Adamson teaches us old favorites along with dances that are a little different and maybe not often danced. Jim adjusts his teaching each week to accommodate the level of dancers who have come out. As with any class, we do as many walk throughs as needed to get

everyone heading in the right direction. We are a very social group where laughing is encouraged.

There is parking behind the church off of 9<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. and we can provide you with a parking pass. There is a side door into the church from the parking lot. You will need to ring a doorbell, announce you are with the dancers and the church security will buzz you in. The first night of dancing is free. The floor is a lovely wood floor and we have plenty of room, so please join us.

If you require any other information, please call Jim at (403) 271-1208.

### **Upcoming Calgary events**

#### **RSDCD Calgary One Day Spring Workshop and Dance – Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

This one-day workshop will have 2 classes.

- First a 2-hour Beginner/Intermediate Class starting at 9:30 am. This class is open to ALL dancers from the very newest of our beginners to intermediate level dancers wishing to improve their own personal technique.
- Followed in the afternoon by a 2-hour Intermediate/Advanced Class starting at 1:30 pm. This class is open to dancers with a minimum of four years of dance experience. These dancers have a good standard of footwork and technique, good phrasing and are very familiar with the common formations. (including but, not limited to, reels of three and four, poussettes, allemandes, promenades, rights and lefts, chains and corner formations).

In the evening, we will have a dance beginning at 7pm with light refreshments.

Location: North Glenmore Park Community Association – 2231 Longridge Dr. SW, Calgary

Teacher – Elinor Vandegrift – Kenmore, Washington

Class Musician: Heather Cameron – New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Evening Dance Musicians: Fiona Carnie – Calgary, Lisa Scott – Portland, Oregon

Cost: \$15 per class and \$20 for the evening dance

A registration form along with the dance program is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please give your registration to any Branch Board Member or you may mail it in. Make sure mailed registrations will arrive by March 8.

#### **St. Giles Tea Dance – Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

The St Giles SCD are planning a Summer Tea Dance on the evening of June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Danish Canadian Club. More information on time and tickets to follow closer to the date.

## **Summer event**

### **Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada) – TAC Summer School**

Save the date – July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Every year TAC hosts a Summer School for teachers but also for dancers of every level. This year the location for the school is here in Calgary at Mount Royal University. The portion of the school for dancers will run from registration on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Yes, an entire week of dancing!

Attendees are encouraged to be resident at the school by staying on campus in the university student housing. Classes will run each morning and afternoon and then there will be social activities every evening. There will also be room for people who would like to attend classes and/or evening events but would not like to be resident on campus.

TAC is expecting dancers from around North America to attend as well as from overseas. It can't help but be a smashing event because it will be featuring the friendly hospitality of CALGARIANS!

Further information available at <https://tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school>

## **Out of town events and workshops**

### **Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club – 2019 Dance and Music Workshop and Ball Weekend**

Dates: April 12-14, 2019

Location: Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge

Dance Teachers: Linda Henderson, Katherine Shearman, Craig Williams

Music teacher: Judi Nicolson (fiddle)

Musicians: Ron Krug, The Spurtles, Glen Morin

The Lethbridge workshop will also feature classes for Scottish Country Dance Musicians to enhance the SCD experience. The RSCDS Calgary board agreed at the February board meeting to extend workshop reimbursement to any Calgary Branch members who elect to take the musician workshop classes. The reimbursement form can be found at <http://rscdsocalgary.org/member-support>

For more information and registration information go to <http://www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org/workshop.html>

For further information contact Kathryn MacIsaac, Workshop Coordinator  
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- **Workshop reimbursement:** 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 leftover, 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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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