

July 2017 News

Happy Canada Day. Hope everyone will be able to take in some of the events planned for Canada's 150th. As well summer dancing continues and we have some opportunities for volunteering over the summer. See details below.

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

Highlights:

- Volunteering Opportunities
 - Highland Games – manning the tents
- Membership renewal
- Calgary Class news
 - Summer class information.
- Upcoming workshops, events in or outside of Calgary:
 - St. Andrew's Caledonian Society Welcome back dance – Sept. 16th
 - SAC/RSCDS Scots Gathering – October 6-9

Details:

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Helping out at events**

Please remember that the events do not set up and clean up themselves. There is always a need for people to help. If you are coming to any of our events, please consider helping before and/or after the event. If you need specifics on time and what you could do, please contact debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca. Here's what's coming up:

 - July 1st Canada 150 – Demo Dancing at Genesis Centre – thanks to everyone who volunteered for the demo dancing. Unfortunately Calgary's crazy weather got in the way and the dancing was cancelled.
 - Highland Games – RSCDS Calgary Branch will have tents at both Calgary and Canmore Highland games and needs volunteers to man the tents. Calgary Games are September 2nd starting at 9am; Canmore Games are September 2nd (evening) and 3rd. Please contact Debby Henderson at debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca if you are available to volunteer.

Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your RSCDS Calgary Branch membership yet - now's the time! The membership year runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and costs \$15. If you haven't already renewed your membership, you will continue to receive emails until October 31st, but will not be able to get member discounts at Branch events. Click on the link to download at membership form - [RSCDS-Calgary-Branch-Membership-registration-form-2017-2018.pdf](#)

Ever wonder what your RSCDS Calgary Branch membership gets you?

- Voting privileges at all 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:
 - The many benefits of 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 organisation (this applies to Branch members only; members who join directly through Headquarters do not have representation at the AGM)
 - 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 School, 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 to, as opposed to listening
 - 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

Upcoming Calgary & Area events

St Andrew's Caledonian Society annual welcome back dance – September 16th. Details to follow.

Calgary Class news

- **Weekly classes**
 - Cross and Thistle's Skills class will begin on Tuesday May 23 until July 18th. Classes will run for 9 weeks from 8:15 until 10:00pm.
 - Summer dancing will be held on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 at Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre starting June 5th. Cost is \$5.00 per night. Come and enjoy a wonderful variety of teachers throughout the summer.

July 3	Fiona Carnie
July 10	Fiona Carnie
July 17	Sharon Barker, Sheree Iffla, Nancy Laing
July 24	Duane Martin
July 31	Fiona Carnie
August 7	CANCELLED
August 14	Debby Henderson and Ann Vanderwal
August 21	Fiona Carnie
August 28	Fiona Carnie

Upcoming workshops and events:

- **The Scots Gathering in Canmore – October 6-9, 2017**
 - Come and join us in the beautiful Rocky Mountains for the Scots gathering. Information on the event and online registration (now active) available at <http://www.calgaryscots.org/>

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/or accommodation costs. Please see the RSCDS Calgary website under Member Support for more information on applying for reimbursement. Please remember that while there is no specific deadline for reimbursement, please consider filing for the funds at your earliest convenience after the event. PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE WORKSHOP SUPPORT PROGRAM. STAY TUNED IN AUGUST FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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 or any corrections needed. Thanks.

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Happy Dancing!!

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