

October 2017 News

Hello Everyone, sorry this is getting out a bit late, but life is busy. The Scots gathering will be this coming weekend and we hope to see lots of Calgary dancers there. Regular classes have resumed and details are listed below.

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

Highlights:

- Strategic Planning
- Volunteering Opportunities
 - Help with events in general
- Membership renewal
- Calgary Class news
 - Fall class information
- Upcoming workshops, events in or outside of Calgary:
 - SAC/RSCDS Scots Gathering – October 6-9
- Saint Andrew's Caledonian Ball on November 18th.
- RSCDS Hogmanay on December 31st.

Details:

Strategic Planning

- A Strategic planning meeting was held on September 22nd. Board members, teachers and dance group representatives were invited to give input into the direction that the branch should pursue over the next three years. Consideration was given to the rising cost of dance class venues and the training of new teachers, as well the ongoing development of our current teachers. Weekly classes and the teachers to teach them are two of the top priorities of RSCDS and so a funding formula will continue to be developed and refined as needed. Consideration was also given to musician training and workshop support.
- If any RSCDS members have comments on the direction of the branch, please contact anyone on the board.

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.

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](#)

Calgary Class news

- **Weekly classes**

- **Fall Classes**

- Monday – Airdrie Kids class – Sept. 11th @ 4:30pm
- Monday – St Giles SCD club – Sept. 11th @ 7:30pm
- Monday – Beginners class at Capital Hill – Sept. 11th @ 7:30pm
- Tuesday – SACS class at Confed Park – Sept 12th @ 7:30pm
- Wednesday – Grace – Sept. 6th @ 7:30
- Wednesday – Airdrie Youth class – Sept 13th @ 4:30
- Thursday – St. Barnabas class – Sept 7th @ 7:30
- Saturday – Airdrie Adult class – Sept. 9th – 7:00pm

- A note from Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre:
The social room hardwood floor has been sanded and is completed and looking great.

Upon completion of the floor resurfacing the Centre is implementing a NO WAX rule. Wax creates a build up on the hardwood that can no longer be removed except for sanding the floor. They used to be able to remove it with ammonia but this is no longer legal. Sanding the floor shortens the floors life and is very expensive.

Therefore I am asking everyone who uses the social room to at no time use dance wax or any cleaning product that contains wax. Even 'fantastic cleaner' contains wax. If there is a spill, just wipe it with a damp cloth or use the damp mop method - A bucket of water with just a few drops of dish soap is all that you need.

Upcoming events outside of Calgary

- SACS/RSCDS Scots Gathering – Canmore, Alberta Oct. 6-9
 - With over 70 different classes, this event has something for everyone. Full list of classes, musicians, teachers and registration information is available at <http://www.calgaryscots.org>

Upcoming Calgary & Area events

134th Annual St. Andrew's Ball and Workshop – Saturday, Nov. 18th

- Featuring Luke Brady's band from Scotland with an added workshop in the morning – 9am to noon – with Rebecca Blackhall-Peters (Vancouver) and Barbara Johnson (Edmonton).
- Location – Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, 3015 – 15 St. NE
- Tickets available at <http://standrewcaledonian.ca/upcoming-events-2/>
- Ball dance practices will be held on Tuesdays (Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7 and 14) at

7:30 pm at the Rosemont Community Halls (2807 – 10 St. NW). These classes will be taught by Jim Adamson.

RSCDS Annual Hogmanay Celebration – Sunday, December 31st.

- Information will soon be available on the RSCDS Calgary website listed above and in future newsletters.

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 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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