

April 2019 News

Hello everyone. Welcome to spring. Some classes are winding down for the 2018-2019 year, but most others are continuing until May or beyond. There are still two events to consider preregistering for – the Lethbridge workshop and TAC this July.

Most importantly, our AGM is coming up. Further information will come soon but in the meantime please save a spot in your calendar and make plans to attend.

Annual General Meeting for Calgary Branch

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

NORTH GLENMORE COMMUNITY HALL

MEETING AT 7 PM FOLLOWED BY A DANCE AT 8PM

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Your current board members will be asking you to consider **volunteering to stand for election** to our board. All positions are open to election each year.

Our board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer as well as up to seven Directors at Large. Two of our current Directors at Large will not be standing for re-election. Thank you to Gavin More and Bernie Patterson for their time as Directors. Our president, Ann Vanderwal, will also be stepping aside.

A member of the board can only serve for a maximum of 5 years. Our Treasurer, Freda Osborne only has one more year to serve so ideally, someone would agree to stand for election to the board as Treasurer so that they have a year when Freda will still be on the board to advise them.

Sheree Iffla would be the person to contact if you would like to discuss standing for election to our board. She can be reached at shereeffla@gmail.com

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

Class information

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DETAILS:

Calgary Branch Class News

St. Barnabas and Grace are winding up their dance season this month.

St. Barnabas Class dates

April 18, 2019 – Wind-up potluck dinner followed by dancing. Dinner starts at 6:30. Please bring a dish for sharing as well as your own plate and cutlery. Dancing to start at 7:30. Everyone is welcome.

April 25, 2019 – St. Barnabas AGM starting at 7:30, followed by dancing. This will be the last class for the year.

Grace Last Class date – April 24th, 2019

Some of our groups will continue into May and June.

Confederation Park Scottish Country Dance Club final class – Thursday, June 13, 2019

Summer Dancing – Summer dancing will begin Monday, June 3rd. This year the classes will be held at North Glenmore Community Hall. Classes will run to the end of August, including holiday Mondays, as we have found in the past that many people are interested in dancing those nights also. More information will come in our May newsletter.

Upcoming Calgary events

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

Save the date – July 28th – August 4th, 2019. Registration began March 1st!

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 28th through to Sunday, August 4th. Yes, an entire week of dancing!

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://rscdscalgary.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.
- 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**.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Canmore Highland Games

Sunday, September 1st, 2019

Dancer's Needed!

Planning ahead, the organizers of the Canmore Highland Games have once again asked if we can provide some entertainment at the Games. If you are available to dance during the Games for 20 minutes at 10:45 and/or 11:50 am or if you are able to be a part of the Ceilidh entertainment at 6:15 pm please contact Debby Henderson. If you participate during the day your entrance to the games will be free and if you participate in the evening your entrance to the Ceilidh will be covered. We have, in the past, performed easy dances during the day and in the evening done dances encouraging audience participation.

Contact Debby Henderson at debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca if you can help.

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.

Happy Dancing!!

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