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### **IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE WEBMASTERS**

Please proof read all information submitted for publication on the Branch website very carefully. The webmasters are happy to post event fliers and minicribs. However, it is considerably more work for us to have to do it more than once! If you have multiple documents to post, please try to submit them all at once, rather than piecemeal. Thank you in advance.

— **Laura and Meyer Billmers**

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## **Notes for the Tartan Times from the Executive Committee**

Plans are underway for the November Concert (November 11, 2017 at the National Heritage Museum, a.k.a. Scottish Rite Masonic Museum in Lexington, MA) featuring Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas. Robert McOwen is the Artistic Director and Linda McJannet and Cathy Crabtree are the co-producers. Advertising/announcement postcards are expected soon. The 2017 Highland Ball featuring the music of Saucy Bess will be held on Saturday May 13, 2017. Please submit your application as soon as possible. Applications for ESCape (July 3 – 7, 2017) and Scottish Sessions Pinewoods (July 7 – 15, 2017) are still being accepted. The Nominating Committee is hard at work trying to develop a slate of candidates for the upcoming annual elections. The Annual General Meeting will be held in early June. Exec is still looking for someone to do Publicity for the Branch. If you have publicity skills, including social media contacts, you might be the perfect person for the job! Maybe two people could team up to share the responsibilities and brainstorm together! We need you! To all event organizers, please remember to update your event information in the calendar as soon as possible. If you need assistance, please e-mail to [calendar@rscdsboston.org](mailto:calendar@rscdsboston.org). — *Respectfully submitted, Susan Haines, Branch Secretary*

# RSCDS Boston Branch's 61st Annual Highland Ball

May 13, 2017

## Music by Saucy Bess

Tom Pixton                      Accordion and Piano  
 Catherine Miller              Fiddle  
 Nora Smith                      Fiddle  
 Cam Webster                    Pipes and Drums

MCs:

Lance Ramshaw  
 Jennifer Schoonover  
 Steven Rusche

You are invited to dress for a chromatic-themed ball! Wear your favourite bright colour so we can have a rainbow on the dance floor!

5:30 - Reception and Cocktails  
 6:30 - Dinner  
 7:45 - Grand March  
 8:00 - Dance

Dinner and Dancing: \$80 / \$85 / \$50  
 (RSCDS members / nonmembers / students)  
 Dinner or Dancing only: \$50 / \$55 / \$35  
 Scholarships available!

## Melrose Memorial Hall

590 Main St  
 Melrose, Massachusetts  
 Admission includes \$1 for the  
 Memorial Hall Restoration Fund.

### Program:

Joie de Vivre	32J 3C	RSCDS Book 39
MacDonald of the Isles	32S 3Cset	Haynes, Carnforth 2
The Carl Cam' Ower the Croft	32R 3C	MMM2
Swashbuckling Iain	32J 3C	San Francisco Collection 2
The Sheltered Cove	32S 2C/3Cset	Zadworney, Aye Afloat
The Australian Ladies	32R 3C	Campbell, Glasgow Assembly
Gaelforce Wind	32J 3C	Haynes, Carnforth 3
The Robertson Rant	80S Square	RSCDS Book 39
Netherby Hall	32R 2C/3Cset	Drewry, Bon Accord
Follow Me Home	32J 3C	RSCDS Book 38
The Haar on Skye	32S 3C	RSCDS Graded Book 3
The Peat Fire Flame	40R 3C	Drewry, Bon Accord
The Legacy	32J 3C	Pinewoods Coll v2
Sugar Candie	32S 3C	RSCDS Book 26
Ferla Mor	32R 3C	Drewry, Deeside Book
The Compleat Gardener	32J 3C	RSCDS Graded Book 3
The Spirit of the Dance	32S 3C	TAC 50th Anniversary
Mrs. MacLeod (of Raasay)	32R 3C	RSCDS Book

For more fun, join us for our  
Welcome Dance on Friday  
 May 12th, and Sunday Brunch  
 on May 14th! See website  
 below for more details!

For ticket orders, directions, and mini-cribs, visit:  
<http://rscdsboston.org/event-highland-ball.html>

Questions? Contact Katarina Dutton  
 at [highlandball@rscdsboston.org](mailto:highlandball@rscdsboston.org)



# 61<sup>st</sup> Boston Highland Ball Weekend, May 12 - 14, 2017

## Ticket Request Form (due by May 1st)

Mail this form with your check made payable to **RSCDS Boston Branch**:

% Katarina Dutton, 54 Dartmouth St, Medford MA 02155

Checks must be in US currency, drawn on a US Bank (or use money orders in US currency)

Scholarship Funds are available! See Member Resources link at: [www.rscdsboston.org](http://www.rscdsboston.org)

**New this year: You can complete your application and make your payment online!**

See <http://rscdsboston.org/event-highland-ball.html> for details.

Please include the name of each person attending as it should appear on the name tag.

Ticket confirmations will be sent to the email address provided.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(State, Zip)

### Saturday Evening Ball, May 13, 2017:

	RSCDS Members	Non-Members	Full-Time Students	
Full Ticket	\$80 x _____	\$85 x _____	\$50 x _____	= \$ _____
Dinner Only	\$50 x _____	\$55 x _____	\$35 x _____	= \$ _____
Dance Only	\$50 x _____	\$55 x _____	\$35 x _____	= \$ _____

### Friday Evening Dance, May 12, 2017: (Not included in Saturday Ticket Price):

*\*\*Tickets for the Friday evening dance can also be purchased at the door*

*Finger Food Contributions are welcomed for this dance*

RSCDS Members: \$13 x \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Members: \$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunday Brunch Only (Included in any Saturday Ball ticket purchase)

12 Years old and up \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Included :** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### HOSPITALITY (Please request early)

I / We CAN OFFER hospitality for : # \_\_\_\_\_ people and/or # \_\_\_\_\_ beds on Fri / Sat / Sun / All nights.

I / We NEED hospitality for: # \_\_\_\_\_ people and/or # \_\_\_\_\_ beds on Fri / Sat / Sun / All nights.

Additional details? \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Brunch Contributions (Please Circle) :** Casserole / Fruit / Salad / Bread / Dessert

*Food should be ready to serve or require warming only. Please bring necessary serving dishes and utensils.*

For updated information, go to <http://rscdsboston.org/event-highland-ball.html>

For questions, email us at [highlandball@rscdsboston.org](mailto:highlandball@rscdsboston.org)

**RSCDS Boston Branch's**



**Highland Ball Welcome Dance**

**Friday, May 12, 2017 • 8 – 11 pm**

**First Parish Church in Weston • 349 Boston Post Rd, Weston, MA**

**MC: Cathy Fahey**

**Music by Dan Wheatley and Friends**

*Tickets, in advance or at the door:*

**\$13 RSCDS members • \$15 non-members**

*Tea contributions welcome*

<b><i>EH3 7AF</i></b>	<b><i>8x32J 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Book 40</i></b>
<b><i>The Sauchie Haugh</i></b>	<b><i>8x32S 2C</i></b>	<b><i>Leaflet</i></b>
<b><i>Catch the Wind</i></b>	<b><i>8x32R 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Book 45</i></b>
<b><i>The Compleat Gardener *</i></b>	<b><i>8x32J 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Graded 3</i></b>
<b><i>Hana Strathspey</i></b>	<b><i>8x32S 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Gray: Tweeddale</i></b>
<b><i>The Peat Fire Flame *</i></b>	<b><i>8x40R 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Drewry: Bon Accord</i></b>

*~ intermission ~*

<b><i>Tribute to the Borders</i></b>	<b><i>8x32J 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Leaflet</i></b>
<b><i>The Robertson Rant *</i></b>	<b><i>1x80S 4C Sq</i></b>	<b><i>Book 39</i></b>
<b><i>Sleepy Maggie</i></b>	<b><i>8x32R 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Book 11</i></b>
<b><i>The Laird of Milton's Daughter</i></b>	<b><i>8x32J 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Book 22</i></b>
<b><i>Monymusk</i></b>	<b><i>8x32S 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Book 11</i></b>
<b><i>The Saltire Society Reel</i></b>	<b><i>8x32R 3C</i></b>	<b><i>Goldring: Leaflet</i></b>

*\*On the Highland Ball program*

*For more info: Susie Brueckner Long • [ladymcrogue@yahoo.com](mailto:ladymcrogue@yahoo.com)*





Boston Branch  
RSCDS

the Kennebunkport Scottish Country Dancers

welcome You to Our:

# Downeast Fling

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Kennebunk Town Hall 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$15, RSCDS members \$12

Preceded by pot luck supper at the home of Joanne Kulsey and Peter Sentner,  
20 Collagenwood Lane, Kennebunk

Music by Tullochgorum: Barbara McOwen, fiddle;  
Anne Hooper, fiddle; Terry Traub, piano; Robert McOwen, bass

For more information please contact Merrill 207-409-9050 or crone4702@gmail.com or consult the web site calendar listing

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND PARTY

MAY 27, 2017 AMERICAN LEGION HALL BELFAST, MAINE



*Judi Nicolson on Fiddle*  
*Kathy Fraser-Collins on Piano*  
*& Fred Collins on Drums*



*Pre-Dance Supper*  
5:45 \$1.00 plus a Pot

*Dance from 7:00 until the Waltz*  
\$10 RSCDS members \$12 nonmembers

\* *Welcome to Belfast*

Around the room dance

The Mad Hatter 8x32J3C[4CSet] Happy to Meet  
Davy Nick Nack 8x32H3C[4CSet] Glasgow Assembly  
MacDonald of the Isles 3x32S3C[3CSet] 2<sup>nd</sup> CamforthCo.  
The Piper and the Penguin 88barR[Sq Set] Scotia Suite

Snakebit 8x32J3C[4CSet] Sue McKinnell  
Gypsy Dreams 6x32S2C[3CSet] An Itch to Dance  
Chased Lovers 8x32J3C[4CSet] World Wide Weavings  
Duke of Perth 8x32R3C[4CSet] RSCDS Bk 1

\* *Gay Gordons*

The Greenbelt Jig 8x32J3C[4CSet] Moments in Time  
Arthur's Seat 8x32R3C[4CSet] 18<sup>th</sup> Century Dances  
At the Summit 8x32S3C[4CSet] Ardbrae 50 Years  
A Flock of Geese 5x32J5C[5CSet] Slipknot Collection

\* *Intermission and Desserts*

J Martin of Aberdeen 3x32S3C[3CSet] RSCDS 3Dances'06  
The Hyperactive Reel 8x32R3C[4CSet] RSCDS 2<sup>nd</sup> Graded Bk  
Lammermuir Hills 6x32S2C[3CSet] Wells House  
The De'il Amang the Tailors 8x32R3C[4CSet] RSCDS BK

\* *Waltz Auld Land Syne*

Potluck Brunch & Ceilidh • Sunday, May 28, 10-2  
Hosted by Jane Strauss  
794 Shore Rd, Bayside (Northport)



For Party Information Contact Gayle Koyanagi  
gaylek@myfairpoint.net • 207-338-6085  
For Hospitality Contact Kim Jacobs  
zephyrhill@fairpoint.net • 207-722-3139

## CALENDAR OF SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE EVENTS AND CONCERTS – LOCAL AND AFAR

### *May*

- 5-7 \* Ashokan Weekend with Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, p 10  
12 \*\*\* Boston Branch Welcome Dance, p 5  
13 \*\*\* Boston Branch Highland Ball, p 3-4  
14 \*\*\* Boston Branch Highland Ball Weekend Brunch, p 3-4  
19-21 New York Branch Pawling Weekend, p 13  
20 \*\*\* Fairlee Spring Fling, p 14  
21 \*\*\* Brookline Class End-of-Season dance party, p 16  
27-28 \*\*\* Belfast, ME annual Memorial Day Weekend dance and brunch, p 6

### *June*

- 3 \*\* Spring Frolic, White Mountain Scottish Country Dancers  
10 \*\*\* Kennebunkport annual Downeast Fling, p 6  
26 \*\* Cambridge Class End-of-Season Party

### *July*

- 3-7 \*\*\* ESC Session at Pinewoods, p 7  
7-15 \*\*\* Pinewoods Scottish Sessions, p 7

### *August*

- 25-27 \*\*\* The New Hampshire Highlands, p 14

### *Save the Date:*

September 15-17 - The New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain

Code Breaker: \*\*\* an event sponsored by the Boston Branch, \*\* other SD events within the Branch area, and \* of possible interest (perhaps a concert) within the Branch geographic area.

Please support events; the class/branch/group members work hard to put together their event, musicians spend a lot of time preparing the music and rehearsing - and we are specially blessed in New England having so many fine musicians who are also willing to play for our events. Also the teachers spend anxious hours preparing programs. They are well rewarded when they see the hall full of dancers all ready to put their best right (?) foot forward .... !

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### **News from the Pinewoods Committees**

**The application for Pinewoods Scottish Sessions 2017 is officially ready.** We have a new electronic application, and you can pay either electronically or by check. Details are available within the application, here: <https://form.jotform.com/70127871088157>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ross and myself at [scdpinewoods2017@gmail.com](mailto:scdpinewoods2017@gmail.com). We look forward to receiving your application! —  
*Laura DeCesare, Pinewoods Co-Chair*

**ESC - English Scottish Contra at Pinewoods July 3-7, 2017.** In case you did not get into Pinewoods Scottish why not try a different event by joining the ESC week? It is slightly more relaxed than Scottish, so that the swimming, and times to chat with fellow campers is a pleasant relaxation. In addition the different types of dancing can be relaxing too. Teachers include Joanna Reiner Wilkinson - she is an excellent instructor for both Scottish and English dancing. Musicians include several names you will recognize: Laura Risk, (fiddle), Neil Pearlman and Karen Axelrod (piano), and Dan Emery on the Highland bagpipe. Go to our website at [rscdsboston.org/pinewoods.html](http://rscdsboston.org/pinewoods.html) to apply.

CALENDAR FOR THE RSCDS BOSTON BRANCH 2017 (CLASS PARTIES, EVENTS, BALLS)

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
MAY 2017			
12	Boston Ball Welcome Dance	First Parish Church, 349 Boston Post Rd, Weston, MA	Susie Brueckner Long, <a href="mailto:ladymcrogue@yahoo.com">ladymcrogue@yahoo.com</a>
13	Boston Highland Ball	Melrose Memorial Hall, Melrose, MA	Katarina Dutton, <a href="mailto:highlandball@rscdsboston.org">highlandball@rscdsboston.org</a>
14	Boston Ball Brunch	Lincoln, MA	Katarina Dutton, <a href="mailto:highlandball@rscdsboston.org">highlandball@rscdsboston.org</a>
20	Fairlee Spring Fling	Damon Hall, 1 Queeche Rd, Hartland, VT	Gary Apfel, <a href="mailto:garyapfel@gmail.com">garyapfel@gmail.com</a>
21	Brookline End-of-Season Party	Parish House, Church of Our Savior, Monmouth St, Brookline, MA	Evelyn Murray, <a href="mailto:athollbrose@verizon.net">athollbrose@verizon.net</a>
27	Fiddle Workshop, Dance Review, Potluck Supper, Party	American Legion, 43 Church St, Belfast, Me	Gayle Koyanagi, 207-338-6085 (h), 207-322-7727 (c), <a href="mailto:gkoyanagi20@gmail.com">gkoyanagi20@gmail.com</a>
28	Brunch & Ceilidh	794 Bayshore Rd, Northpoint, ME	<a href="mailto:gkoyanagi20@gmail.com">gkoyanagi20@gmail.com</a>
JUNE 2017			
3	Spring Frolic	Lancaster Town Hall, Lancaster, NH	<a href="mailto:billtobinharp@gmail.com">billtobinharp@gmail.com</a>
10	Downeast Fling	1 Summer St, Kennebunk ME	<a href="mailto:jeremy.rscds@gmail.com">jeremy.rscds@gmail.com</a>
26	Cambridge Class End-of-Season Party and Ice Cream Social	Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington St, Watertown MA	<a href="mailto:alex.bowers01@gmail.com">alex.bowers01@gmail.com</a>
JULY 2017			
3-7	ESC Week at Pinewoods	Pinewoods Camp, Plymouth, MA	Meghan Murray, 781-775-9788
7-15	Pinewoods Scottish Sessions	Pinewoods Camp, Plymouth, MA	Laura DeCesare & Ross Parker, <a href="mailto:scdpinewoods2017@gmail.com">scdpinewoods2017@gmail.com</a> .
AUGUST 2017			
25-27	New Hampshire Highlands	329 Camp Merrimac Rd, Contoocook, NH	<a href="http://rscdsboston.org/event-new-hampshire-highlands.html">rscdsboston.org/event-new-hampshire-highlands.html</a> , Roberta Lasnik <a href="mailto:rlasnik@verizon.net">rlasnik@verizon.net</a> , Loren Wright: <a href="mailto:lonwright@comcast.net">lonwright@comcast.net</a>

PLEASE SEND ANY CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO Jean Farrington, [jffar@verizon.net](mailto:jffar@verizon.net)



# SCOTTISH DANCE CLASS LOCATIONS

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Bedford:** Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 pm, Bedford Senior Center (COA), 12 Mudge Way, Bedford (yellow bldg. behind Town Hall). Register at Senior Center as guest. All levels welcome. Heather Day, 617-244-6914, hdshoes14@gmail.com
- \* **Brookline:** Sept-May, Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm, Parish House, Church of Our Saviour, 25 Monmouth Street, Brookline. Contact brooklineclass@rscdsboston.org, Evelyn Murray, 617-864-8945; Heather Day, 617-244-6914
- \* **Cambridge:** Year-round, most Mondays 7:45-10:15 pm, at the Canadian American Club (www.canadianamericanclub.com) 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. Beginners welcome! Contact Alex Bowers, cambridgeclass@rscdsboston.org
- \* **Chelmsford:** Year-round, First Fridays 7-9 pm at the Chelmsford Community Center at 31 Princeton St, North Chelmsford. Beginner & family-friendly. Contact Rebecca Gore at rjgore@gmail.com or 508-574-1533
- \* **Great Barrington:** Year-round, Wednesdays 7:15-9:15 pm, Berkshire Pulse, 420 Park St., Housatonic, 3rd floor. Contact Ted, 413-698-2944, tedfr@rnetworx.com or Maria, 413-344-3023, mariaw235@gmail.com
- \* **Newton:** Sept to mid-June Wednesdays 10:30 am - noon. Newton Lower Falls Community Center, 545 Grove Street, Newton. July-Aug at VFW Post 440, 295 California St, Newton (park in the back parking lot). Contact Heather Day, 617-244-6914, hdshoes14@gmail.com
- \* **Northampton:** Sept-May, Thursdays 7:00-9:30 pm, Florence Civic Center, 90 Park St. (enter on Cosmian Ave.), Florence (nr. Northampton). Contact Karen Lavallee-Tente, 413-527-3407, or text to 413-210-8012.
- \* **Salem (Wee Bluets):** Year-round, Thursdays, 8-10 pm, adult beginners 7:30. The Bridge at 211, 211 Bridge St, Salem. Contact MaryEllen Scannell, weebluets@rscdsboston.org, 617-462-1925
- \* **Stow:** Sept-June, 2nd and 4th Fridays. Footwork/figures: 7:15, social dancing 8:00-10:30. Old Stow Town Hall, 375 Great Road, Stow. Contacts: Vickery Trinkaus-Randall, vickery@bu.edu; Marcia Rising, 978-897-2466
- Yarmouth:** Thursdays 7:30 pm, Yarmouthport Congregational Church, 329 Main St (Rt. 6A), Yarmouthport. Contact Marla Menzies, 508-432-3711

## MAINE

- \* **Belfast:** Year-round, Mondays 7:30 pm, American Legion Hall, 143 High St., Belfast. Contact belfastclass@rscdsboston.org; Kim Jacobs/Bob Klein, 207-722-3139; David Thompson, 207-469-3293
- Blue Hill:** Year-round, Wednesdays 6:30 pm, The Grange, Route 15, Blue Hill. Contact Mike/Dawn Little, 207-348-9308; mjlittle2318@hotmail.com; sugarmaple111@hotmail.com
- \* **Brunswick:** Sept-June, Thursdays 6:30 pm, Topsham Grange Hall, Pleasant St, Topsham. Contact Patti Tillotson, 207-833-2329, pstillotson@gmail.com
- \* **Kennebunk:** Sept-June, Sundays, 5:30-7:30 pm; Community House, Temple St., Kennebunkport. Contact Merrill Henderson, 207-409-9050, crone4702@gmail.com

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- \* **Greenland (Seacoast Dancers):** Oct-June, Tuesdays 7:15-9:15 pm. Beginner's class upon demand. Greenland Parish Hall, 44 Post Road (Route 151), Greenland. Contact Merrill Henderson, crone4702@gmail.com, 207-409-9050 or Laurie Stevens, 603-501-9488, seacoastdancers@rscdsboston.org
- Lancaster:** Sept-June, Fridays 7:30 pm, Lancaster Town Hall, Lancaster. Contact Bill Tobin, 802-751-7671
- \* **Nashua:** Aug-June, Wednesdays 7-9 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Main St., Nashua. Contact Loren Wright, nashuascd@comcast.net, 603-891-2331

## VERMONT

- Burlington:** Mondays, 7-9 pm; Champlain Club, 20 Crowley Street, Burlington. Contact Connie Kent, 802-355-5901, constancekent@gmail.com
- \* **Fairlee:** Sept-June, Wednesdays 7-9 pm, Fairlee Town Hall, 75 Town Common Rd. (just off Route 5, Main St.). Contact Gary Apfel, fairleeclub@rscdsboston.org, 802-439-3459
- Manchester Center:** On hiatus until further notice. Contact Holly Sherman, 802-362-3471, hovashe@yahoo.com
- \* **Montpelier:** On hiatus until further notice. Contact Martha Kent, mdkent@comcast.net, 802-879-7618

## NEW YORK

- \* **Albany:** Sundays, 6:30 pm, Newbitz House, 85 Mann Blvd, Clifton Park. Contact Lois New or Cecil Lubitz, 518-383-6580; loisanew@nycap.rr.com; clubitz@nycap.rr.com

\* *Indicates classes sponsored by the Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, www.rscdsboston.org.*

**NOTE:** Because of occasional weather and hall variabilities, etc, it's always advisable to get in touch in advance if you're not on a class contact list. To download this flier as a pdf, go to [www.rscdsboston.org/pdf/FullFlyer.pdf](http://www.rscdsboston.org/pdf/FullFlyer.pdf). For updates, please email [classes@rscdsboston.org](mailto:classes@rscdsboston.org)

## MUSIC PAGE

### The Bobby Brown Music Apprenticeship

*Bobby Brown* (1941-2011) devoted his life to the playing, researching, recording, and teaching of Scottish Dance Music. As an individual performer, a member of two Scottish Country Dance Bands, the Musical Director of the internationally renowned fiddle troupe The Cape Breton Symphony, and the leader of The Scottish Accent, Bobby Brown was a leading proponent of Scottish Country Dance music and traditional Scottish music in Canada, the United States, Britain, and Europe for over fifty years.

In his memory, the annual *Bobby Brown Music Apprenticeship* was initiated in 2015 by the Teachers Association (Canada) to provide funding towards the cost for tuition, meals, and accommodation for one musician to attend one of the following:

- A music internship at TAC Summer School
- A music course at TAC Summer School
- A music course at a TAC-recognized Scottish Country Dance event

Applications for the 2018 season are due March 31st, 2018. For the application form and more information, go to [tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school/b-brown-apprenticeship](http://tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school/b-brown-apprenticeship)

The TAC will hold its 2018 Teachers Weekend and Summer School at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN July 27 - August 5. The 2018 recipient might choose to attend this event and work with the Music Director in playing for classes and evening parties.



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### Young Fiddlers Workshop Series

The Boston Scottish Fiddle Club is sponsoring a series of workshops/sessions geared toward musicians under age 25. All instruments are welcome. Expect to learn a tune or two by ear, meet old and new friends and participate in a session. Listeners welcome if space is available. Meet in the Cafe on the first floor. Last Friday of the month at the Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA. Food and drink are available for purchase. For more info, contact Katharine MacPhail at [macphailkat@gmail.com](mailto:macphailkat@gmail.com)

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### Fiddle Clubs

*Strathspey & Reel Society of N.H.* - May 28th the workshop leader is Ed Pearlman. After the break the Annual Meeting will be held. Meeting is 1:00-5:00 pm at the Concord Community Music School, Concord, NH. Concerts May 25th at the Portsmouth Library, NH, and June 4th at The Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA. - [www.srsnh.org](http://www.srsnh.org)

*Boston Scottish Fiddle Club* - next Sunday workshop is May 7, with Emerald Rae, Belmont, MA; and the next Third-Wednesday session is May 17 with Katie McNally and Neil Pearlman - [bsfc.org](http://bsfc.org)

*Gaelic Club* - the pub (families included) where everyone knows your name - May 21 - Canadian American Club, Watertown, MA - [canadianamericanclub.com](http://canadianamericanclub.com)

## PEOPLE NEWS

### Flowers of the Forest

*Ann Weston Miller* grew up in the north of London, much of it during WWII. Ann qualified as a SCD teacher whilst studying at Dunfermline College for Physical Education teachers. Upon graduation, she first taught in the south of England, and later accepted a post with a girls' school in Jamaica. This was a very happy time of her life, she loved the climate and the people, and told numerous stories about their goings-on. In the 1960s she accepted a post at a girls' boarding school in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and that was how she found the Boston Branch. I think we met at some function, maybe The English Speaking Union, and I invited her to stay for the Highland Ball. At that time it was held at the now non-existent Commodore Hotel, with Stan Hamilton and his SCD Band providing the music. She stayed several times and became a member of the Boston Branch although she also was a life member of the RSCDS. Ann taught in the Cambridge Class, the children's class I taught in Newton at the Grace Episcopal Church, and also occasionally for the Brookline Class. With her husband Donald they attended Pinewoods for a number of years as well as many other Branch functions. Latterly they moved to the historic area of Dorchester, where they could enjoy attending functions at the Museum of Fine Arts and music events in the city.

There was a goodly turnout of Scottish country dance members at her memorial service this spring. Her cheerful British voice is sadly missed. – *EM*

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### In Retrospect....

To my surprise I found that the class did not know who Bob Campbell was and that he devised the dance *Hamilton Rant*, when I was teaching it to the class. I shouldn't have been surprised really, but lest we forget such people it is good to recall them to mind. The Toronto Association (Branch) had an excellent article in their recent issue of *Set and Link* for April 2017, prompted by the passing of Bob's wife Dorothy. – *EM*

### Bob Campbell (Robert MacIver Campbell) – Keith R. Bark

Last month we heard of the death of Dorothy Campbell, wife of Bob Campbell. Newer dancers are probably not aware that Bob Campbell was a prominent dancer, teacher, and dance devisor who lived in Oakville, Ontario. He passed away February 26th, 1993.

Bob was born in Toronto and claimed Scottish heritage through his great-grandparents. His great-grandfather was a physician in Edinburgh before emigrating to Upper Canada in the late 1830s. It is said that he was the first physician to administer chloroform in an operation in Upper Canada. [continued on p 12]

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Bob started dancing in 1956 and gained his Teacher's Certificate in 1959 through the Hamilton Branch. Two of Bob's early dances were published in Book 22. This book was the first time the RSCDS devoted a complete book to modern devised dances. The first is Bob's *Hamilton Rant* with the tune *Dr. Bob Smith* written by J. Stanley Hamilton while Bob was a member of the Hamilton Branch, Ontario. The second dance is *The Middleton Medley* to the strathspey *Tarholm Brig* (by James McCroskie) and jig *Craighall* (by J. Stanley Hamilton). In later years he became a member of the Toronto Branch, and designed the Toronto Branch Shield. In 1970 he published his first book of dances, *Glasgow Assembly*, with sponsorship from the Toronto Branch. His second book of dances, *Farewell My Fancy*, was sponsored by The Teachers' Association (Canada) and published after his death.

Bob wrote over 40 dances, which may be a large number, but seven were published by the RSCDS and many more are popular all over the world. Some non-RSCDS dances of Bob's that we dance here [in Toronto], are *Davy Nick Nack*, *The Australian Ladies*, *Bonnie Stronshiray*, and *Riggs of Corn*, to name some of my favourites. – *Set and Link*, Toronto Branch

### **Ideas worth thinking about.....**

While on the subject of Toronto, they host two annual dances which are brilliant in helping people become a part of their group. The first is a Beginner's Dance. This year they had 27 beginners, and a total of 127 attending. Dances on the program were straightforward such as *Le Papillion* and *De'il Amang the Tailors*. As one would expect at any SCD function there was 'a sumptuous spread at the interval.' The stirring music of *Scotch Mist* kept us all wanting more dancing and 'once again, please.'

The second is their 13th annual Youth Ball. All dancers aged 10-35 are invited for this year's ball. They will enjoy the fabulous music of Fred Noyes who played at the 2004 Youth Ball. He was quite moved that night when two young dancers, Gavin and Rhodes, came up afterwards to shake his hand and thank him for the fine music. There is a reception followed by dinner and then the dancing. The program may be found at [www.dancescottish.ca](http://www.dancescottish.ca) Obviously situations are different at the many RSCDS Branches, but it is the germ of an idea that then is adapted to suit the local situation that is behind this article. In order to attract new dancers we do have to think outside the box, corny as that cliché is! Another event they have is a Beginner's tea at a member's home. – *EM*



*HAVE SHOES ... WILL TRAVEL ...*

**Pinewoods Scottish Sessions July 7-10 & July 10-15, 2017**

Teaching Staff include special guests from Scotland and Norway; Fred DeMarse, San Francisco; and Kate Neally, Delaware Valley. Music by the Parcel of Rogues and Friends.

**New York Branch NEW Pawling Weekend, May 19-21, 2017, Berkshire Hills, Copake, NY**

(their 54th annual spring weekend) Teachers will be: a special guest from Paris, France; Arthur McNair, Pittsburgh; and Rebecca Roman, Buffalo, NY. Music by Scotch Mist with guest artist Catherine Miller for the Ball, Friday night dance and classes. Teacher's Workshop on Saturday afternoon. Children are welcome. Cost is \$300 before 3/31 & \$350 thereafter. For more information call 201-694-4646 or [pawlingweekend@gmail.com](mailto:pawlingweekend@gmail.com)

**Midwest Scottish Weekend, June 9-11**

Chicago, Madison, and Milwaukee welcome you to the Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Info <https://sites.google.com/site/midwestscottishweekend>

**Australian Winter School, July 9-16, 2017, Adelaide, Australia**

The 42nd Australian Winter School will be held in Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills, South Australia. Teachers include Robert McOwen, Jean Dodds and Andrew Timmons. Music by Ian Robertson, Jim Lindsay and Judi Nicholson. For info - [rscdsadelaide.org.au/ws2017](http://rscdsadelaide.org.au/ws2017).

**RSCDS Summer School July 16 - August 13 at St. Andrews, Scotland**

The beautiful and historic seaside town of St. Andrews, Fife, is the original Mecca for Scottish country dancers since the 1930s. The four one-week sessions include courses in Scottish country dancing at all levels; the Teaching Certificate, music courses, a Junior Summer School (ages 8-11) and a course leading to the Dancing Achievement Award, as well as social dancing, balls in the famed Younger Hall, ceilidhs, and meeting with fellow dancers from all over the world. Teachers for 2017 include Atsuko Clement, Linda Henderson, David Queen, Graham Donald, Robert McOwen, Craig Houston and Sue Porter. Musicians include George Meikle, Robert Mackay, Luke Brady, Moira Reekie, Muriel Johnstone and Ian Muir. For all particulars, go to [rscds.org/article/summer-school-2017](http://rscds.org/article/summer-school-2017).\*

**35th Anniversary Scottish Dance October 6-8, 2017 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada**

website is <http://www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/2017-Fall-Ad.htm>

**San Francisco Branch Asilomar Scottish dance weekend November 17-18, 2017**

at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California; website: <https://sfasilomardance.wixsite.com/asilomarweekend/welcome>

\*There is an unusual possibility, judging from the email from RSCDS Headquarters, that there may be room for a last-minute decision to attend one of the weeks at the RSCDS Summer School held at St. Andrews University, Scotland. Time frame is 16th July to 6th August. Outstanding teaching (a rumor has it that Boston Branch teacher Robert McOwen has been invited to teach), wonderful musicians and dancers from all over the world. Contact [rscds.org/article/summer-school-2017](http://rscds.org/article/summer-school-2017) No harm in asking!



*The Reel & Strathspey Society of Fairlee, Vermont*  
*16th Annual*  
**SPRING FLING**

**MUSIC BY**  
**VIVEKA FOX, , PETER MACFARLANE, & SUSIE PETROV**

**Saturday, May 20, 2016**

**Walk Through at 1:00 p.m., Dance at 3:00 p.m.,  
Potluck Following the Dance**

**Damon Hall – 1 Quechee Road, Just Off Route 12 – Hartland, Vermont**  
**Admission: Adults - \$11.00 (RSCDS Members) \$13.00 (Non-members),  
Under 18 - \$5.00**

*For more information, dance instructions, or to arrange hospitality, contact  
Gary Apfel – (802) 439-3459 or FairleeClass@rscdsboston.org  
Dance instructions can also be found at <http://www.rscdsboston.org/events-calendar.html>*

## **The New Hampshire Highlands**

The New Hampshire Highlands Scottish Dance Weekend will be held August 25-27 at St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center on beautiful Clement Pond in Contoocook, NH. The teachers are Katherine Giacoletti from Wyncote, PA, Charles Liu from Watertown, MA, and a well-known teacher from Canada. There will be live music for all classes and parties, led by Terry Traub. Anne Hooper will lead a music workshop. ~

Stay in the hotel-like retreat house in a single or double room, or in a dormitory for as little as \$200. Retreat house rooms, especially singles, are likely to fill up. The weekend includes 5 meals, 4 classes, 2 evening dance parties, a ceilidh, and much more. ~

For more information:

- ~ webpage [rscdsboston.org/event-new-hampshire-highlands.html](http://rscdsboston.org/event-new-hampshire-highlands.html)
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## **Tartan Day Trivia.....**

*In the United States Tartan Day is celebrated on April 6th, the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Arbroath in 1321 by the earls and barons of the time on behalf of their king Robert the Bruce who had sent the English King Edward II's army out of Scotland at the battle of Bannockburn and following several other battles as well. This news bite is taken from the March 2017 issue of Set and Link, the newsletter for the Toronto Association. — EM*

Australia and some other countries celebrate Tartan Day on July 1, the anniversary of the repeal of the Dress Act of 1746 which banned the wearing of tartan. The ban on tartan was part of an attempt to deter rebellion and bring warring clans under government control.

The word “tartan” dates back to ca. 1500 but its origin is unclear. Tartan may also mean a small one-masted vessel, a long covered carriage, an Assyrian commander-in-chief, or a kale and oatmeal pudding.

The oldest known tartan is the Falkirk tartan which dates to around AD245, and was discovered in a jar of coins near Falkirk.

The first colour photograph, taken in 1861 by James Clerk Maxwell, was of a tartan ribbon.

The only tartan to have been to the moon was a piece of MacBean tartan, taken on board Apollo 12 in November 1969 by Alan Bean, the fourth man to walk on the moon.

In 2004, a tartan was designed to honor the King of Rock'n'Roll's north-east of Scotland roots. Elvis Presley's roots trace back to tiny Lonmay in Aberdeenshire. The official Presley of Lonmay comprises four colours — blue, grey, green and yellow.



## **RSCDS Grant from the Patron's Fund**

You would have read about the RSCDS receiving these monies from the Patron's Fund. This fund raised about £750,000 altogether and this was shared equally between over 300 successful applicants. The money was raised through contributions from a wide variety of donors. There is a personal note that twelve RSCDS members were invited to the Patron's luncheon on the day of the celebration of H.M. The Queen's 90th birthday. One of these was a long-time dancer with the Hunter Valley Branch, Australia, Ros McKie. The money will be used by the RSCDS to improve their technology/video conferencing facility, where it is hoped it will improve contact with members, teachers, Branches and Affiliated groups world-wide. Ros has visited a number of branches in her travels as well as being known in Australia, so she was an excellent choice to represent the overseas dancing community.

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**COPY DUE DATE FOR THE JUL/AUG 2017 ISSUE IS JUNE 10TH.  
PLEASE SEND MATERIAL OF YOUR SUMMER / FALL EVENTS TO THE EDITOR.  
DATES OF FUTURE EVENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR  
AND TO JEAN FARRINGTON FOR THE BRANCH CALENDAR  
Note: Class Events flyers are limited to a half page: 8 1/2" wide by 5 1/2" deep**

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## Brookline Class End-of-Season Party

Sunday, May 21st

Church of Our Savior, Brookline, Mass.

We haven't made any concrete plans except to say come at 6:30 pm for dancing. The program will be made from dances done in class this winter and early spring, and we promise not to make them "brain-teasers"! More on the fun, instead. The MCs will be several, and contributions to the refreshment table will be very welcome. Please come for a relaxing and social dance evening. Location is the Parish House, Church of Our Savior, 25 Monmouth Street, Brookline, one block from Beacon, cross street is Carlton. T-stop is St. Mary's, as the cars come out of the tunnel from Kenmore Square (alternatively, before they go in, when going towards Boston).

