

# The Tartan Times

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**The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Boston Branch  
c/o The Folk Arts Center of New England  
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**NOTE:** Due to space considerations, the Secretary's *Notes from the Executive Committee* and other Branch notices will henceforth be on Page 8, on the page before the Class Listing. This alleviates space crunches on this page and allows the Secretary more space and better formatting when needed.



Save the date: May 9, 2020

RSCDS Boston's



# ***Boston Highland Ball***

*Music by*

*Katie McNally - Shauncey Ali*

*Neil Pearlman - Campbell Webster*

The Lady Wynd	8x32J	Goldring Graded 2
Adieu Mon Ami	8x32S	RSCDS Bk 24
Summer Wooing	8x32R	RSCDS Bk 38
The White Heather Jig	4x40J	Cosh 22 SCD
Slytherin House	8x32S	RSCDS 52
Mrs MacPherson of Inveran	8x32R	Bon Accord
The Wild Geese	8x32J	RSCDS Bk 24
The Robertson Rant	80S	RSCDS Bk 39
The Wind on the Heath	8x32R	Vive la Danse!
The Nurseryman	8x32J	RSCDS Bk 37
City of Belfast	3x32S	RSCDS Bk 48
The Fireside Reel	8x32R	18th Century
Northern Harmony	8x32J	Boston Celebrate 50
Lady Peak's Strathspey	8x32S	Greenburn 2
Arthur's Seat	8x32R	18th Century
Bill Clement MBE	8x32J	RSCDS Bk 47
The Minister on the Loch	3x32S	RSCDS 2008
The Reel of the 51st Division	8x32R	RSCDS Bk 13

Melrose Memorial Hall, 590 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

Welcome Dance on May 8, and Brunch on May 10

More details about RSCDS Boston's Highland Ball weekend events to come

Dance instructions and other information available at <https://bit.ly/2m1m16g> and  
at <http://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/23493/>

Contact: Marsha Byrnes at 781-862-3223 or [marsha.byrnes2@gmail.com](mailto:marsha.byrnes2@gmail.com)

# ***Boston Branch Highland Ball Weekend Welcome Dance***

Friday May 8, 2020

First Parish Church, 349 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA

Music by Dirk Tiede & Friends

MC Cathy Fahey

# ***Boston Branch Highland Ball Weekend Brunch & Dance***

Sunday May 10, 2020, 11am

Location TBD

The weekend finishes with a family-friendly potluck brunch. Please bring a brunch item to share, as we recover from last night's festivities. Around noon, the party moves outside to do some dancing on the lawn. Bring your ghillies or any comfortable shoes for dancing outdoors, and musicians can bring instruments for a jam session!

For more info, please contact the ball chairs at [highlandball@rscdsboston.org](mailto:highlandball@rscdsboston.org)



# **SDCEA SCHOLARSHIP DANCE**

Save the date! — Saturday March 21, 2020

7:30 – 10:30 pm

First Parish Church in Weston, 349 Boston Post Rd, Weston, Mass.

## ***Scottish Dance and Cultural Education Association***

Thanks to generous donors and the Annual Scholarship Dance, the Scottish Dance and Cultural Education Association (SDCEA) of Boston is able to provide financial assistance for dance and music related activities.

- Boston Branch Scholarship Fund: assistance for Boston Branch members to attend music/dance events
- Marianne Taylor Pinewoods Fund: assistance for Boston Branch members attending Pinewoods
- Ed Rawson Fund: assistance for new dancers attending dance workshops and Pinewoods

The Brunswick Class and RSCDS Boston invites you to a



*Workshop for*  
***Technique and fun***  
*in Scottish Country Dancing*



Led by **Charles Liu**  
Music by Ed Pearlman and Beth Murray



Practice teamwork, anticipation and other useful skills  
Help yourself and others to have fun

**All dancers are welcome!**

Workshop followed by a brief social dance to practice the skills learned in the workshop

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

Workshop: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.  
Social Dance: 2:45 to 4:00 p.m.



**Topsham Grange Hall**

47 Pleasant Street, Topsham, Maine (at the Brunswick Class location)

RSCDS Member \$9, Non-Member \$11, Student \$5  
Contribution to refreshments welcome!

Directions: From the South: At Portland take I-295N to Exit 31. Take Route 196 E to Route 201S. Turn right.  
From the North: Route 1 to Exit 196W. Follow to Route 201S, go left. Then go approximately .4 miles to Pleasant St,  
turn left on Pleasant Street.  
Topsham Grange is the yellow building with white trim immediately on the left.

For further information, contact: Charles Liu (617-216-5519 or charles.liu at alum.mit.edu or Patti Tillotson (207-841-3232, pstillotson at gmail.com)

Brought to you by the Brunswick Class and RSCDS Boston

## ***Have Shoes.....Will Travel.....***

***Saturday Evening January 25, 2020 ~ Los Angeles Branch Burns Supper and Ball.*** Torrance Woman's Club. Music by Andy Imbrie and Judi and Ian Nicholson

***Saturday Evening, February 8, 2020 ~ The Ardbrae Ball, Ottawa*** The Ardbrae Scottish Country Dancers of Ottawa invite you to their Catered Buffet and Ball at the Glebe Community Centre. We shall dance to the music of the Torridon Scottish Country Dance Band. Potluck brunch on Sunday. For more details, consult our website: [www.ardbrae.org](http://www.ardbrae.org)

***Weekend of February 14-16, 2020 - Isle of Wight Weekend School.*** What better place to experience a delightful early spring than on the beautiful Isle of Wight! Teachers: Fred Demarse & Diane Rooney. Music for classes: Robert Mackay and Ian & Judith Muir PLUS. . . for the social dances: Ian Muir & The Craigellachie Band.

***Saturday Evening February 15, 2020 ~ 57th Toronto Branch Tartan Ball, 5:30pm til the wee hours.*** Music by Scotch Mist. The Brûlé Ballrooms of The Old Mill. More Info: [www.dancescottish.ca/Tartan\\_Ball.html](http://www.dancescottish.ca/Tartan_Ball.html)

***Week of February 16-21, 2020 ~ The RSCDS Winter School*** is one of the premier events of the RSCDS. Attendees stay in the Atholl Palace Hotel, a four-star Victorian accommodation that is the epitome of comfort. Classes are held at different venues around the town of Pitlochry, a gorgeous village nestled at the edge of the highlands. Tutoring, afternoon activities, two wine receptions, and a Ball in Blair Castle. Info and booking: [www.rscds.org/events/winter-school-2020](http://www.rscds.org/events/winter-school-2020).

***Weekend of March 7-8, 2020 ~ New Haven Highland Ball Weekend.*** West Hartford, Conn. Music provided by Hanneke Cassel & David Knight - fiddles and Dave Wiesler - keyboard

***Weekend of April 11-13, 2020 ~ Easter Weekend Away in Chambéry, French Alps.*** This special workshop and dance for advanced dancers in the French Alps happens every 4 years. Teacher: Ron Wallace. Music: Sarah-Jane Summers, fiddle and James Grey, piano. Info: [www.rscdsparis.fr](http://www.rscdsparis.fr)

***Saturday April 18, 2020 ~ Montreal Spring Dance.*** Music by the Torridon Scottish Dance Band.

***Week of April 28 - May 3, 2020 ~ Spring Fling, Fringe & School.*** RSCDS Moscow Branch and the local organizing committee are happy to invite you to Spring Fling 2020 that will be held in Saint Petersburg, one of the most beautiful Russian cities. For teachers, musicians, accommodations, travel info: [springfling.scottishdance.ru](http://springfling.scottishdance.ru)

***Week of July 5-11, 2020 ~ Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School.*** 2020 is the debut year, on the campus of Appalachian State University in North Carolina. Daily classes, evening dances, and the Grandfather Mountain Gala to finish the week. Teachers: Linda Henderson & William Williamson. More info: [www.blueridgesds.org](http://www.blueridgesds.org)

***Week of July 26 - August 2, 2020 ~ TAC Summer School.*** Taking place this year in Calgary, Alberta, presented by the Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada). Daily classes with world-class teachers, dance parties, after-parties, formal ball and banquet. Music Director is Judy Nicolson. More info: [tac-rscds.org](http://tac-rscds.org).

***Week of September 27 - October 4, 2020 ~ 45th Australian Winter School.*** RSCDS Western Australia Branch invites dancers to join us at Muresk Institute in the Avon Valley, 96km east of Perth. Muresk Institute derives its name from the Dempsters of Muresk in Scotland who settled in this area in the 19th century. The Institute offers excellent single rooms in recently refurbished accommodation. Dempster House, where all meals are served, is a State Heritage-listed homestead built in 1891. Classes will be held at the Institute or in Northam. Please join us for a great week of dancing with terrific teachers and musicians. The town of Northam, seven kilometres away, contains many fine examples of 19th century architecture and is the home of hot air ballooning in Western Australia. In spring, this area on the edge of the West Australian wheatbelt is renowned for its wildflowers and birdlife. Info: [winterschool2020.com](http://winterschool2020.com)





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

### January

1	**	Nashua Class New Years Day Dance & Potluck Dinner, p 14
11	***	Boston Branch & Fairlee Class Workshop for Technique & Fun, p 15
12	*	Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas at the Burren, p 10
16-19	*	Boston Celtic Music Festival, p 12
19	*	Boston Intergenerational Dance Advocates Dance & Potluck, p 16
25	*	Hamilton Hall Burns Night, p 14
31-2	**	Cardigan Scottish Weekend, p 10

### February

1	*	N.H. Pipes & Drums Burns Supper, p 14
8	*	Jenna Moynihan at Passim, p 10
13-16	*	Pre-PDB Concert and Pure Dead Brilliant Fiddle Weekend, p 10
15		Toronto Branch Tartan Ball, p 6
19	*	Mari Black at Passim, p 10
29	***	Boston Branch & Brunswick Class Workshop for Technique & Fun, p 5

### March

7-8		New Haven Ball & Brunch, p 6
21	***	SDCEA Scholarship Dance, p 4

### April

1	*	Andrea Beaton & Troy MacGillivray at The Burren, p 10
18		Montreal Spring Dance, p 6

### May

8-10	***	Boston Branch Highland Ball Weekend, p 3-4
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*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. The purpose of this Calendar is not only to provide a listing of current events, but also to note future events. This helps in planning an event to avoid clashes and conflicts. So it would be great if future planners of Branch and Class events would send to Evelyn and Barbara even just the date, name of event and if possible a contact name. When all the pieces are together then it would of course be put on the website. – Ed.



**Belfast Class Party** — Save the date! — Saturday May 23, 2020 — 7-10 pm, Belfast, Maine

**Downeast Flíng** — Our tentative date for the 2020 Downeast Flíng is Saturday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Kennebunk, Maine, Town Hall. This is necessarily tentative because I cannot reserve the hall until after Jan. 1, but I wanted to publish the date. More to follow when I have secured the date and a band. — Merrill Henderson

### **Pinewoods 2020**

Save these dates:

English-Scottish-Contra: July 6-10, 2020

Scottish Session 1: July 10-13, 2020

Scottish Session 2: July 13-18, 2020

FLASH!! As of a few minutes ago, we received notice that the application is now online. The early deadline is March 1st so you can't wait too long on this.

### **New Hampshire Highlands**

Scottish Country Dance Weekend — Save the date: August 28-30, 2020

## ***Notes from the Executive Committee***

Happy New Year from the Executive Committee! Let's make 2020 a year to remember! As of this writing, the November Joint Ceilidh has passed, but plans for the spring and summer activities are well underway.

The Highland Ball will occur on May 9, 2020, ESCape runs from July 6 – 10, 2020, and Pinewoods Scottish Sessions is July 10 – 18, 2020. Thank you to Marsha Byrnes for taking the lead on the Highland Ball and for finding volunteers to fill the needed roles, not an easy undertaking. Thank you also to ESCape chairs Daniel Potter and April Birnie and Pinewoods Scottish Sessions chairs Laurie Somario, Ellen Scannell-Woods, and Kat Dutton for submitting their budgets on time and well-planned.

As was previously reported, Dawn and Mike Little, the Bookstore managers, are giving up their roles as soon as a replacement(s) is found. A job description has been written for the Bookstore Manager, so if you are interested in the job, please express your interest to the Executive Committee.

Thank you also to Barbara McOwen as she continues to maintain and compile the latest editions of the Tartan Times. As soon as she has a working internet (a task that has not proved to be easy!), Evelyn Murray will be assisting her from long distance.

As always, please consult the website and the Tartan Times to find information on Branch and related events. With so many upcoming activities, you wouldn't want to miss out on anything! Your support of the Branch and its events is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Haines*, Branch Secretary



## ***Note from the Acting Tartan Times Editor***

The Editor, Evelyn Murray, is still internet-less in her new home in England. I am the layout editor, now thrust into the top job, hopefully temporarily. Apologies particularly to those whose events are over before receipt of this issue; I'm keeping the notices in the Tartan Times as placeholders for future reference. The March-April issue may also be late, because I will again be traveling at the end of February. Unless maybe someone might want to step up, possibly. — Barbara McOwen

## ***Note from the Keeper of the Class Listing***

Opposite is the Class Listing. There have been no changes since the last issue.

## ***Important Note from the Webmasters***

Please proofread all information submitted for publication on the Branch website. 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



# 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. Contact 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 Flo Hearn or Mary Olszowka, brooklineclass@rscdsboston.org
  - \* **Cambridge:** Year-round, most Mondays 7:45-10:15 pm, at the Canadian American Club ([www.canadianamericanclub.com](http://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, chelmsfordclass@rscdsboston.org or 508-574-1533
  - \* **Great Barrington:** Year-round, Wednesdays 7:15-9:15 pm, Berkshire Pulse, 420 Park St., Housatonic, 3rd floor. Contact greatbarringtonclass@rscdsboston.org, Ted 413-698-2944 or Maria 413-344-3023.
  - \* **Newton:** Sept to mid-June, Wednesdays 10:30 am - noon. Newton Lower Falls Community Center, 545 Grove Street, Newton (park in the back parking lot). July-Aug at American Legion Post 440, 295 California St, Newton. Contact Heather Day, 617-244-6914, newtonclass@rscdsboston.org
  - \* **Northampton:** Sept-May, Thursdays 7:00-9:30 pm, Florence Congregational Church, 130 Pine Street, Florence (nr. Northampton). Contact Karen Lavalley-Tente, 413-527-3407, or text to 413-210-8012.
  - \* **Salem (Wee Bluets):** Year-round, Thursdays, 8-10 pm, 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: 7:30, social dancing 8:00-10:30. Old Stow Town Hall, 375 Great Road, Stow. Contact: Vickery Trinkaus-Randall, stowclass@rscdsboston.org

## MAINE

- \* **Belfast:** Beginner: Sept-June: Mondays 6:00-8:00 pm, Experienced: Year-round, Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm, American Legion Hall, 143 High St., Belfast. Contact belfastclass@rscdsboston.org; Kim Jacobs/Bob Klein, 207-722-3139; Gayle Koyanagi, 207-322-7727; Donna Griffith, 207-785-2216
- \* **Blue Hill:** Year-round, Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm, Halcyon Grange #345, 1157 Pleasant St, Blue Hill. Contact Mike/Dawn Little, 207-702-9294 or 207-469-8747; bluehillclass@rscdsboston.org
- \* **Brunswick:** Sept-June, Thursdays 6:30 pm, Topsham Grange Hall, Pleasant St, Topsham. Contact Patti Tillotson, 207-841-3232, brunswickclass@rscdsboston.org
- \* **Kennebunk:** Sept-June, Sundays, 5:30-7:30 pm; Community House, Temple St., Kennebunkport. Contact Merrill Henderson, 207-409-9050, kennebunkclass@rscdsboston.org

## 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, 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:** Call to inquire. Contact Connie Kent, burlingtonscd@rscdsboston.org, 802-355-5901
- \* **Fairlee:** Sept-June, Wednesdays 7-9 pm, Fairlee Town Hall, 75 Town Common Rd. (just off Route 5, Main St.). Contact Gary Apfel, FairleeClass@rscdsboston.org, 802-439-3459

## NEW YORK

- \* **Albany:** Sundays, 7:00 pm, Newbitz House, 85 Mann Blvd, Clifton Park. Contact Lois New, 518-852-5274, albanyclass@rscdsboston.org

\* Indicates classes sponsored by the Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, [www.rscdsboston.org](http://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)

## Concerts and Events

**Sunday Afternoon January 12, 2020** - Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas at the Burren Back Room

**Weekend of January 16-19, 2020** - BCMFest - Boston Celtic Music Festival. Performances, workshops, dances, at Passim and Harvard Be-There-Or-Be-Square; see p 15 for the full schedule

**Weekend of January 25-26, 2020** - Katie McNally & Neil Pearlman, Northern Roots Festival, Brattleboro Vt.

**Weekend of January 31 - February 2, 2020** - Cardigan Scottish Weekend - Fun 'n dancing 'n skiing 'n fiddling 'n more at the AMC Lodge at Mt. Cardigan, Bristol, N.H. - [www.ramshaw.info/cardigan](http://www.ramshaw.info/cardigan)

**Saturday Evening February 8, 2020** - Jenna Moynihan in concert at Passim

**Thursday Evening February 13, 2020** - PrePDB Concert, Groton, Mass.

**Weekend of February 14-17, 2020** - Hanneke Cassel's Pure Dead Brilliant Fiddle Weekend, Groton, Mass., open to all fiddlers, all ages, all levels, but still first-come-first-served, so hurry hurry get onto the mailing list for this wonderful event, if not for this year then for future years, at [www.pdbfiddleweekend.com](http://www.pdbfiddleweekend.com)

**Wednesday Evening February 19, 2020** - Mari Black CD release at Passim

**Sunday Evening February 23, 2020** - Keith Murphy & Jann Falquet at Passim

**Sunday Evening March 15, 2020** - Fretless (3 fiddles & cello) at Passim

**Wednesday Evening April 1, 2020** - Andrea Beaton & Troy MacGillivray at the Burren Back Room - just about the top Cape Breton duo

**Wednesday Evening April 8, 2020** - Mike Block Trio at the Burren

**Friday Evening April 17, 2020** - Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas in concert, Shalin Liu Performance Center, Rockport, Mass.

**Wednesday Evening May 1-3, 2020** - Scottish String Fling, Ashokan, N.Y., with Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas

**Wednesday Evening May 6, 2020** - hold on to your hat - The Tannahill Weavers at the Burren!

## NEW – The Boston States Fiddle Camp

August 16-22, 2020

This new camp will be a week-long residential program in Groton, MA founded in 2020 by Katie McNally, Dorene Higgons, and Katharine MacPhail, with help from Rachel Reeds. At Boston States, we offer a unique musical immersion by taking a week-long deep dive into Scottish and Cape Breton traditional music and dance. Our priority is to provide the world's best instruction in Scottish music all while building our local community and fostering creativity and FUN across ability levels, age, and backgrounds. We offer classes in fiddle, piano, guitar, step dancing, and more.

**Faculty 2020** — Katie McNally, Wendy MacIsaac, Allan Henderson, Adam Sutherland, Hanneke Cassel, Christine Morrison, Neil Pearlman, Elias Alexander, Eamon Sefton, Elizabeth Anderson, Louise Bichan, more.

**Info** — [www.bostonstatesfiddle.com](http://www.bostonstatesfiddle.com)





PEOPLE NEWS



Above: Chris Gallagher attended the Pinewoods Benefit Ball and sent along these photos. Among the dancers were Suzie Kinsman, Linda McJannet, Annamarie Pluhar and Chris. The band members were Norah Smith, Elizabeth Anderson and Tom Pixton

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Below - from Robert McOwen: "On November 2, 2019 the Branch co-hosted a Scottish Ceilidh with Highland Dance Boston and the Scots' Charitable Society. It featured performances by the Boston Scottish Country Dancers and HDB as well as ceilidh dancing to the music of Parcel of Rogues. More than 250 guests attended."



Apologies for the dark photos but they might convey the thrilling atmosphere.



Whew old friends meet - Judy Shaw and Jay Conant hadn't seen each other in decades!



Parcel of Rogues - Dan Houghton, Calum Pasqua, Dirk Tiede, Susie Petrov

# 2020 BOSTON CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

[WWW.PASSIM.ORG](http://WWW.PASSIM.ORG)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th

First Round at Club Passim - 7:00-9:00pm

*A Cape Breton Trip Through Time, The Ivy Leaf, Hanneke Cassel Trio feat. Keith Murphy & Jenna Moynihan*

Festival Club at Club Passim - 10:00pm-12:00am

*Sarah Collins & Eamon Sefton, Corner House, Wilma*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th

Roots & Branches at Club Passim - 7:00-9:00pm

*Yaniv Yacoby & Eric Boodman, Christine Hedden, Rebecca McGowan and Lindsay Straw, Louise Bichan*

Urban Ceilidh at The Atrium - 7:30-11:00pm

*The Treaty Trio w/ Hannah DeRusha, A Cape Breton Trip Through Time w/ Abbie MacQuerrie, Laura Cortese & Friends w/ Hanneke Cassel*

Festival Club - 10:00pm-12:00am

*Calico, McKinley James & Lily Honigberg String Duo, Scottish Fish*

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th

Dayfest at Club Passim - 10:00am-5:30pm

10:00am: *The Treaty Trio*

10:45am: *Bellwether*

11:30am: *Will Woodson & Caitlin Finley*

12:15pm: *From the Floor: Film Screening and Q&A*

1:00pm: *Sarah Collins & Eamon Sefton*

1:45pm: *Sean Smith*

2:30pm: *Adam Agee & Jon Sousa*

3:15pm: *In the Round feat. Wendy MacIsaac & Mary Jane Lamond*

4:15pm: *Matt & Shannon Heaton*

5:00pm: *Rakish*

Dayfest at The Sinclair - 12:00-4:30pm

12pm: *Kieran Jordan & George Keith*

1pm: *Highland Dance Boston*

2pm: *In the Round feat. Kevin Doyle & friends*

3pm: *Rising Step, Laura Feddersen, & Cara Frankowicz*

4:10pm: *The Ivy Leaf*

Sinclair Mezzanine Spotlight at the Sinclair - 12:30-4:00pm

12:30pm: *Elizabeth & Ben Anderson*

1:30pm: *Gabriel Solomon String Band*

2:30pm: *Lampyridæ*

3:45pm: *Yaniv Yacoby & Eric Boodman*

Sessions at the Harvard Smith Center - 4:00-6:00pm

4:00pm: *Scottish Session led by Barbara McOwen*

5:00pm: *Irish Session led by Dan Accardi & Lindsay Straw*

Nightcap Finale Concert at the Sinclair - 7:00-9:30pm

*The Treaty Trio, Kevin Doyle & Friends, Laura Cortese & Friends, Wendy MacIsaac & Mary Jane Lamond Finale Collaboration*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th

BCMFest Brunch at Club Passim - 10:00am-2:00pm

*Eamon Sefton & friends*

Workshops at the Passim School of Music - 11:00am-1:00pm (\*Workshop fees are separate from festival admission\*)

*Togaibh Fonn! Worksongs in the Cape Breton Scottish Gaelic Traditions with Mary Jane Lamond*

*Putting Good Cape Breton Sets Together And Connecting the Dancing Rhythm to the Tunes with Wendy MacIsaac*

The 17th annual Boston Celtic Music Festival, known as BCMFest, returns to Harvard Square January 16-19, 2020. Presented by Passim, a Cambridge-based non-profit that supports a vibrant music community, the 2020 festival will showcase Greater Boston's deep tradition of music, song and dance from Irish, Scottish, Cape Breton and other Celtic communities.





The New England Scottish Arts Centre and the N.H. Pipes & Drums present a Burns Supper with highland dance and piping performances, ceilidh dancing to the Celtic Beats, poems and songs, and a full-course traditional Scottish supper

***Hamilton Hall Presents Burns Night***

Saturday, January 25, 2020 — 4:30 - 9:00 pm

Hamilton Hall (est. 1810) presents a Scottish experience that will build character and memories to last throughout the year! Burns Nights began in July of 1801, five years after famous Scottish poet Robert Burns' death. Friends gathered to give tribute to the Scottish bard, drinking whisky and reading his songs and poems. Over the centuries, Burns Suppers have grown into an international phenomenon.

The evening begins with appetizers and whisky tasting with laid back experts where you can learn a few things. Enjoy the open bar and live Scottish music while you chat with friends, admire everyone's garb and get ready for the delicious seated three course meal, followed by Scottish dancing. To top it all off, we'll be raffling off a trip to Scotland!



The historic Hamilton Hall, Salem, Mass. Boston Branch dancers have fond memories of many magical dance events here.



Dancers at last year's Burns Night

# New Year's Day Dance & Potluck Dinner

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
214 Main St., Nashua, NH

Music by Terry Traub  
&  
Friends (to be announced)

\$15 (\$13 Boston Br. member), plus a main dish, salad, or vegetable to share.  
More info? Contact Loren Wright, 603-891-2331 NashuaSCD@comcast.net

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### For dancers of all levels

Basic | Intermediate | Advanced

*Welcoming, supportive, fun and friendly atmosphere*

**July 26 - August 2, 2020**

Daily classes | evening social dances | formal ball and banquet | evening after parties | accommodations and dancing at Mount Royal University

**Teacher Candidates' Courses for Units 2 & 3 and for Unit 5  
July 19 - August 2, 2020**

### Teachers

Janet Johnston, Scotland  
Ron Wallace, California  
Alan Twigg, California  
Barbara Johnston, Canada

### Musicians

Judi Nicolson, Fred Collins,  
Ian Muir, Kathy Fraser Collins  
*Not pictured*  
Terry Traub, Mary Ross



Registration opens March 1, 2020  
[tac-rscds.org](http://tac-rscds.org)

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*Workshop for*  
***Technique and fun***  
*in Scottish Country Dancing*



Led by **Jen Schoonover**  
Music by Peter Macfarlane and Aaron Marcus



Explore formations, both traditional and modern,  
and concepts of body alignment to make dancing flowy and fun!

Workshop followed by a brief social dance to practice the skills learned in the workshop



**Saturday, January 11, 2020**  
(snow date January 12)

Workshop: 1:30 to 3 p.m.  
Social Dance: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.  
Potluck following the Dance



**Fairlee Town Hall**

75 Town Common Road, Fairlee (at the Fairlee Class location)

RSCDS Member \$9, Non-Member \$10, Students \$5  
Bring a dish! Contribution to refreshments welcome!

Directions: From Eastern Vermont: Take Interstate 91 north or south to Exit 15. Travel 200 yards on Lake Morey Road. Turn left on U.S. Route 5 north. Travel ½ mile to center of town. Town Hall is on the left, behind the bandstand.  
From Southern N.H.: Take Interstate 93 north to Interstate 89. Take Interstate 89 north to Interstate 91. Follow directions from eastern Vermont.

For further information, contact: Gary Apfel (802) 439-3459 or [GaryApfel@gmail.com](mailto:GaryApfel@gmail.com) or Charles Liu (617) 216-5519 or [charles.liu@alum.mit.edu](mailto:charles.liu@alum.mit.edu)

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Note: Class Events flyers are limited to a half page: 8 1/2" wide by 5 1/2" long**

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***From the Boston Intergenerational Dance Advocates:***

Sunday January 19th, 2020 — 5:30-10:30 pm  
Cambridge Masonic Temple, 1950 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, Mass.

Come join us, for an evening of dancing, music, food, and more dancing!

5:30-6:30 Family Dance and Open Band  
6:30-7:30 Potluck dinner -- all welcome! bring some food!  
7:15-7:30 Beginner contra lesson  
7:30-10:30 Contra dance time, with Scottish dances!

Caller for the Family Dance and Leading the Open Band: Alex Cumming

Caller for Contra: Harris Lapiroff

Music for Contra: Alex Cumming (drums), Jeff Kaufman (bass), Louise Bichan (fiddle),  
Stephen Thomforde (pipes), Susie Petrov (piano)

Potluck: please bring something to share, a serving utensil, and label what you've made for allergy courtesy.

Please feel free to join us at 7:00 for a beginner's lesson if you're fresh to contra dancing. Bring someone new to contra dancing to the workshop and we'll give you both passes to get in free at a future dance!

Admission is our standard sliding scale of \$5-15 for adults (and counts for the regular dance following, should you choose to stay) and \$3 each for children.

Public Transportation (recommended): We are across the street from the Porter Square Red Line stop.

Parking: Free street parking (meters and residential are open to all on Sundays). Don't park in the Shaw's parking lot because they tow.