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CAMERA-READY MATERIAL FOR YOUR WINTER & SPRING EVENTS  
(including cancellation / postponement / online / wait-and-see information),  
AND DATES OF FUTURE EVENTS, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR

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# Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas

## A Celebration of Scottish Music and Dance

**Anne Hooper (fiddle), Beth Murray (piano), and Stephen Thomforde (pipes)  
Highland Dance Boston and the Boston Scottish Country Dancers**

*Sponsored by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Boston Branch*



**Saturday November 12, 2022 at 3:00 and 7:30 PM  
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, MA, 02421**



**Advance tickets: \$20 - \$35 (\$2 more at the door)**  
Buy tickets here: [rscdsboston.ticketleap.com/fallconcert2022](https://rscdsboston.ticketleap.com/fallconcert2022)

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Contact [concert@rscdsboston.org](mailto:concert@rscdsboston.org) or call 781-718-2434. Thanks!

# The Brunswick Maine Dance Class

Cordially invites you to join us for our

## Fall Dance Party

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Topsham Grange Hall - Topsham, Maine



Dance 7:00 PM

Admission

\$10 for RSCDS members

\$12 for non-RSCDS members

With Music By

Elizabeth Anderson, Fiddle  
& Terry Traub, Piano

For further information contact:

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Directions:

From the South: At Portland take I-295N to Exit 31. Take Rte 196 E to Rte 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 (first street on the left after Volvo dealer), turn left on Pleasant St — Topsham Grange is the yellow building with white trim immediately on the left.



## Cambridge Class Hallowe'en Party

Monday October 31, 2022

7:45 - 10:15 pm

Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown, Mass.



### News from New Haven

Our closest neighbor Branch — [nhrs cds.com](http://nhrs cds.com)

The New Haven Branch RSCDS announces Kilts & Ghoulies Dance, Saturday, October 29, 2022, 1-4 pm, at the South Britain Congregational Church in Southbury, Connecticut. Costumes if you choose but not required. Fabulous music with the Dynamic Duo, *Peter Macfarlane and Susie Petrov*. Light refreshments. Dance program and registration form available soon.

We hope to be able to hold the New Haven Branch Highland Ball Weekend again in March of 2023. 🍃

## ***The New Hampshire Highlands Weekend Returns***

*by Robert McOwen*

After a hiatus of two years due to the CoVid-19 pandemic, the New Hampshire Highlands weekend was held August 26-28 at St. Methodios Center in Contoocook, NH. Instruction in Scottish country dancing and step dancing was provided by Holly Boyd (Montreal), Arthur McNair (Pittsburgh), and our own Jen Schoonover (Boston). Excellent music was provided by fiddlers Elizabeth Anderson, Anne Hooper, and Malka Traub Pomerantz, pianist Terry Traub, piper Stephen Thomforde, and drummer Howard Lasnik. Terry also served as Music Director and Elizabeth taught a Music Class. The kitchen provided excellent food with Greek specialties for Friday dinner, and Scottish specialties for Saturday dinner. Frequent virus testing and the requirement to wear masks indoors and while dancing kept the 57 attendees safe and having fun; no covid cases were discovered during the weekend.

Congratulations to the NHH Committee of Martha Kent, Roberta Lasnik, and Loren Wright for organizing a successful and enjoyable event. 🏹



*Jen, Arthur, Holly, Terry, Anne, Elizabeth, Howard, Malka, Stephen  
NHH 2022 Staff [Photos: R.McO.]*



*All those great negative tests!*



## ***The New Hampshire Highlands Weekend 2023***

*from Roberta Lasnik, NHH co-chair*

We are returning to St. Methodios in 2023. *[Editorial note: Yea!]* Please save the weekend of August 25-27, 2023. We will be talking to the Boston Branch RSCDS about ways to ‘help’ NHH. All thoughts are welcome. 🏹

## Class News

### Cambridge Class

*from Alex Bowers, on behalf of the Committee*

The Monday after Pinewoods, the Cambridge Class kicked off their summer season with a “Post-Pinewoods Special” featuring guest teacher **Fiona Grant** from England, guest fiddler **Paul Anderson** from Scotland and **Tom Pixton** on accordion. We enjoyed fine teaching and great music, but it was a very warm, humid evening and the AC at the Canadian American Club struggled to keep the hall cool. By the following Monday the AC had given up and was no longer working so we had to cancel class. Luckily we were able to find another venue that was able to accommodate us at short notice! So during August we have been dancing in a large hall at the Armenian Educational and Cultural Center, just around the corner from the Canadian American Club. We’ve been pleased to welcome a different band leader each Monday evening (Terry Traub, Anne Hooper, Susie Petrov, Sue Chari, and Dirk Tiede), and a different teacher each evening, including teachers from outside the Boston area (Dawn Hathaway, Polly and Dale Birdsall, and Loren Wright) as well as some of our local teachers (Keira Hartstein, Roberta Lasnik and Beth Birdsall). We’re so lucky to have so many great teachers and musicians!

Starting on 12th September we will be dancing again at the Canadian American Club (the problem with the AC has been fixed). During September and October, we will offer concurrent classes in the first part of the evening, an Essentials class and an Experienced class, followed by social dancing for everybody in the second part of the evening. We’re pleased to welcome Charles Liu and Susie Petrov as our teachers for September and October, and Barbara McOwen, Tom Pixton and Clara Stefanov Wagner as our band leaders.

The last Monday of each month will be a double social hour. Please join us on Monday October 31st for a Hallowe’-en-themed double social hour!

Our plans for live-streaming occasional classes on Zoom are still under discussion. Stay tuned! More details will be provided by email. We extend a warm welcome to anybody who would like to join us on a Monday evening! 🌿



*Dale Birdsall teaching the Cambridge Class at the Armenian Hall in August  
[Photo by C. Liu]*

## Calendar – Events Near and Afar

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22 Jeannie Carmichael Ball, New York City, – p 11  
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29 \*\* Kilts & Ghoulies Dance, Southbury, Conn. – p 4  
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### November

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4-6 Asilomar Weekend, San Francisco Branch – p 16  
8 \*\*\* Last day to join the Branch and be included in the Directory – p 14, 15  
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### Save the Date

New Hampshire Highlands, Contoocook, N.H. – August 25-27, 2023 – p 5

*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. Planners of future Branch and Class events can send to Evelyn and Barbara 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 Branch website. – Ed. ~



## More Class News

### Albany, N.Y. Class

from Lois New

The Albany class is in the midst of planning its fall activities, including the Fall Frolic, which will be held Saturday, October 29. Hybrid - at Newbitz House, pods (locations TBD) and Zoom. *Terpsichore* (Elke Baker and Liz Donaldson) will play from Maryland. Contact [Loisscd@gmail.com](mailto:Loisscd@gmail.com) for more information. ~

### Fairlee, Vermont Class

from Gary Apfel

No plans to hold a social in Fairlee this fall. ~

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

We extend a hearty and well-deserved Thank You, and best wishes to those leaving the Executive Committee. The Executive Board welcomed guests Peter & Mary Olszowka and Debbie Jarvis to the August meeting. Peter and Mary shared goals and objectives for renewal of Branch memberships coming up in September. Debbie shared a general review of Pinewoods 2022. We would like to formally thank Debbie Jarvis and Catherine Scannell for all the work they put into making Pinewoods happen this year and support them as they prepare for 2023.

The Nominating Committee is still looking for a member. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please email [secretary@rscdsboston.org](mailto:secretary@rscdsboston.org).

Did you know that RSCDS Boston Branch has their own group on Meetup? It is called “Scottish Country Dancing – classes and dances.” If you use Meetup, please join our group! If not, Meetup is a social media platform for hosting and organizing in-person and virtual activities, gatherings, and events for people and communities of similar interests, hobbies, and professions. It is free to create an account. Note: any event posted on Meetup will first be posted on the Branch website. The goal is to introduce Scottish Country Dancing to the public and expand our community.

Thank you to class leaders for keeping open communication with the Executive Committee and class participants, as we continue to work on re-opening classes and adapt to hybrid options through Covid. Your efforts are appreciated. – *Respectfully submitted, Alena Taylor, Boston Branch Secretary* ~

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

Opposite is the Class Listing. There are no changes from the previous issue. For late-breaking news on re-opening of classes or ongoing activities, get in touch with each class contact, or check the Branch website.

Note to class contacts: please check over your info in the Class Listing and let the Keeper know of any changes. And, if there’s anything you’d like to say about upcoming activities (re-starting; in-person; special events etc), the Assistant Editor would be happy to print your info in the Tartan Times. – *Barbara McOwen* ~

## ***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:** Year-round 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, new night and time: Thursdays 7-9 pm at Berkshire Pulse, 420 Park Street (3rd floor), Housatonic. Dancers must be fully vaccinated. Contact Ted Randolph: (413) 822-0539; greatbarringtonclass@rscdsboston.org
- \* **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-June, Thursdays 7-9 pm, Sun Studio at The Arts and Industry Building, 121 Pine St, Florence. Contact: Ilene Goldstein - call or text 413-320-1070, or email dansstep1950@gmail.com
- \* **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:** Year-round Experienced Social Class, Wednesdays 7-9 pm at Waterfall Arts, 256 High Street, Belfast. Vaccinated dancers only. Contact Gayle Koyanagi, 207-322-7727 (cell), Donna Griffith at 207-785-2216 or belfastclass@rscdsboston.org
- \* **Brunswick:** Sept-June, Thursdays 6:30 pm, Topsham Grange Hall, Pleasant St, Topsham. Contact Patti Tillotson, 207-841-3232, brunswickclass@rscdsboston.org
- Bucksport:** Year-round Beginners Class for fully-vaccinated singles, beginners and seniors, Mondays 5-7 pm, Brown Hall, 31 Elm Street, Bucksport. Contact Dawn Little, 803-319-8374, bucksportclass@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:** Year-round, Sundays, 6:30 in-person only; 7:45 hybrid class with locals plus zoom participants. Newbitz House, 85 Mann Blvd, Halfmoon. Contact Lois New, 518-852-5274, Loisscd@gmail.com or Math.maniac.1@gmail.com
- \* *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, pandemic and hall variabilities, etc, it's always advisable to get in touch in advance before attending, 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). Class Contacts: when changes occur, please notify [classes@rscdsboston.org](mailto:classes@rscdsboston.org)*

## Music Page

### Some Music Events

- **Saturday Evening September 10, 2022** - Elizabeth & Ben Anderson concert, Evening at the Village, Sturbridge, Mass. — [osv.org/events-experiences/calendar](https://osv.org/events-experiences/calendar)
- **Sunday Afternoon September 11, 2022** - Boston Scottish Fiddle Club Picnic and Annual Meeting, Arlington, Mass. — [bsfc.org](https://bsfc.org)
- **Tuesday Evening September 13, 2022** - Nic Gareiss, step dance concert, Passim, Cambridge, Mass. — [passim.org](https://passim.org)
- **Friday Evening September 16, 2022** - Hanneke Cassel & Keith Murphy at the Littleton Lyceum, Littleton, Mass. — [onthestage.tickets/show/littleton-lyceum](https://onthestage.tickets/show/littleton-lyceum)
- **Friday Evening September 16, 2022** - Weekly Celtic Session on Friday nights with Eamon Sefton, The Burren, Cambridge, Mass. — [burren.com](https://burren.com)
- **Weekend of September 16-18, 2022** - New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain, including concerts with Elizabeth & Ben Anderson, Anne Hooper, and a fiddle competition chaired by Elizabeth Anderson — [nhscot.org](https://nhscot.org)
- **Sunday Afternoon September 18, 2022** - Gaelic Club at the CanAm Club — [canadianamericanclub.com](https://canadianamericanclub.com)
- **Wednesday Evening September 21, 2022** - Scottish & Cape Breton Session led by Leland Martin & Eamon Sefton, Canadian American Club, Watertown, Mass. — [bsfc.org](https://bsfc.org)
- **Saturday October 1, 2022** - Elizabeth & Ben Anderson concert, Arlington, Mass. — [elizabethandbenanderson.com](https://elizabethandbenanderson.com)
- **Sunday Afternoon October 2, 2022** - Boston Scottish Fiddle Club Workshops with Matt Petrie, Belmont, Mass. — [bsfc.org](https://bsfc.org)
- **Sunday Evening October 2, 2022** - Tony McManus, celtic guitar, at Passim — [passim.com](https://passim.com)
- **Tuesday Evening October 11, 2022** - The Hanneke Cassel Band, at Passim — [passim.com](https://passim.com)
- **Week of October 7-15, 2022** - Celtic Colours Festival, locations all over Cape Breton — [celtic-colours.com](https://celtic-colours.com)
- **Sunday Afternoon October 9, 2022** - Fiddle Demonstration with Malcolm Littlefield and Ben Anderson, Highland Games Scottish Festival, Scotland, Conn. — [scotlandgames.org](https://scotlandgames.org)
- **Wednesday Evening October 12, 2022** - The Hanneke Cassel Band, Whately, Mass. — [events.humanitix.com/hanneke-cassel-band](https://events.humanitix.com/hanneke-cassel-band)
- **Saturday Evening October 15, 2022** - Brunswick Maine Fall Dance Party, with music by Elizabeth Anderson and Terry Traub — [rscdsboston.org](https://rscdsboston.org)
- **Sunday Afternoon October 16, 2022** - Gaelic Club at the CanAm Club — [canadianamericanclub.com](https://canadianamericanclub.com)
- **Week of October 17-21, 2022** - Katie McNally's Boston States Fiddle Camp, Groton, Mass — [bostonstatesfiddle.com](https://bostonstatesfiddle.com)
- **Saturday Evening October 22, 2022** - Brian O'Donovan presents Celtic Roots and Branches concert with Katie McNally & Neil Pearlman, Groton Hill Music Center, Groton, Mass. — [grotonhill.org](https://grotonhill.org)
- **Saturday Evening October 22, 2022** - Jeannie Carmichael Scottish Ball in NYC, music by Tullochgorum — [rscdsnewyork.org](https://rscdsnewyork.org)
- **Weekend of November 3-6, 2022** - Fiddle Hell, live and in-person in Westford, Mass. — [fiddlehell.org](https://fiddlehell.org)
- **Friday Evening, November 11, 2022** - Fraser & Haas in Concert, Stone Mountain Arts Center, Brownfield, Maine — [stonemountainartscenter.com](https://stonemountainartscenter.com)
- **Saturday Afternoon & Evening, November 12, 2022** - Fraser & Haas in Concert with the RSCDS Boston Branch, Lexington, Mass. — [rscdsboston.org](https://rscdsboston.org)
- **Sunday Afternoon & Evening, November 13, 2022** - Canadian American Club Gala, Can Am Club, Watertown, Mass. — [canadianamericanclub.com](https://canadianamericanclub.com)
- **Sunday Evening November 13, 2022** - Fraser & Haas in Concert, Orange Town Hall, Orange, Mass. — [1794meetinghouse.org](https://1794meetinghouse.org)
- **Wednesday Evening November 16, 2022** - Scottish & Cape Breton Session led by Katie McNally, Canadian American Club, Watertown, Mass. — [bsfc.org](https://bsfc.org)
- **Sunday Evening November 19, 2022** - Genticorum, Quebecois band in concert, Passim — [passim.org](https://passim.org)
- **Sunday Afternoon Nov. 20, 2022** - Gaelic Club at the CanAm Club — [canadianamericanclub.com](https://canadianamericanclub.com) 

RSCDS New York Branch presents the

# Jeannie Carmichael Ball

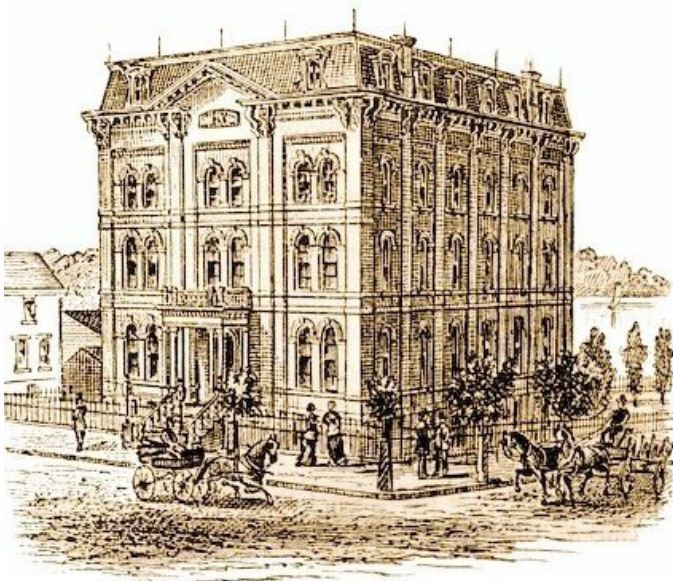
Saturday, October 22nd, 2022

Music by Tullochgorum

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or email: [dscher@icloud.com](mailto:dscher@icloud.com)



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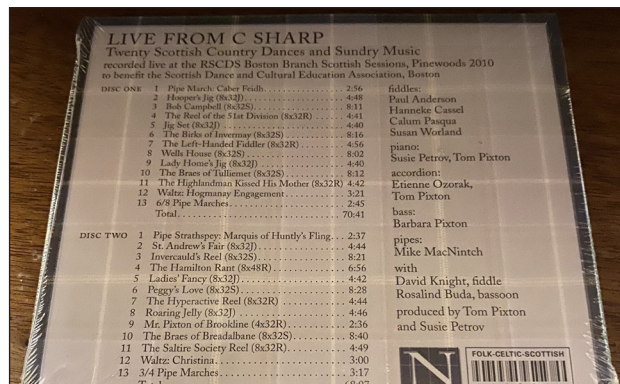
**Register Now!**

Registration is open for  
Scottish Weekend 2022  
September 23-25

We are delighted to announce that Scottish Weekend 2022 IS ON at beautiful Camp Louise in Cascade, MD! We welcome as our teachers this year Robert McOwen (Boston, MA), Kate Nealley (Ardmore, PA), and Yvonne Yang (Annandale, VA), plus additional staff teachers. Scottish Weekend is known for its splendid musicians, and this year will be no exception, with a full complement of instrumentalists led by Elke Baker. 🌿

**Boston Branch Bookstore**  
*from Laurie Somario, Bookstore Manager*

Happy September! Are you already missing Pinewoods? Looking for some new tunes or dance books? The Branch bookstore may just have what you need! Just one of the many options available include the CD *Live from C Sharp*.



This CD includes  
 fiddles by: Paul Anderson, Hanneke Cassel, Calum Pasqua, David Knight & Susan Worland.  
 piano: Susie Petrov, Tom Pixton  
 accordion: Etienne Ozorak, Tom Pixton  
 bass: Barbara Pixton  
 pipes: Mike MacNintch  
 bassoon: Rosalind Buda

*Live from C Sharp* and many other CDs and many dance and music books are available for purchase. The bookstore inventory list can be found here -


<http://rscdsboston.org/member-bookstore.html>

Purchase inquiries can be made by email to Laurie Somario at [bookstore@rscdsboston.org](mailto:bookstore@rscdsboston.org) 



**Did You Know?**

*by Freeland Barbour in his book The White Rose of Gask, via Evelyn Murray*

Songs by Carolina Oliphant, Lady Nairne, are still sung today. Some of them had become popular throughout Great Britain and North America during the second half of her life, but her name as an author was kept well hidden as a result of her own inclinations and instructions. Partly because of this she has never been accorded the same limelight so rightly enjoyed by Robert Burns, both during his own lifetime and thereafter. Unlike Burns she did not die young. And she came from a relatively privileged background, nor did she write such a range of works of genius as Burns, but she is without doubt second only to him in that period as a writer of Scots songs. 

## Tales from Pinewoods

by Robert McOwen

On Monday morning, before I drove to the airport to pick up Sharon Barker, I saw Julie MacRae, who was getting ready to leave camp. But then she said “Do you have 16.5 minutes to row across the lake and back while I swim?” I said “Yes” so off we went. *[Note: a boater is required to accompany a swimmer across Long Pond.]* On the way over, I had the wind at my back, so I only had to make sure the canoe that I was in did not go too quickly. When we got to the other shore she announced “8 minutes so far” and back we started. Now I was heading into the wind. It wasn’t strong, but tended to push the nose of the canoe to the right or left, depending on the angle. Julie was swimming to my right, and after a row stroke to my left, the



Long Pond – note the far shore  
Photo by R.McO.

nose of the canoe moved to the right and a large gust of wind pushed the nose further to the right so I was heading right towards Julie! To avoid hitting her, I tried to go behind her, but that put me broadside to the wind which slowly blew me over. I managed to hold onto the oar but I was now in the water with the canoe upside down. Julie and I managed to flip it right-side up, but it had a lot of water in it. We tried again, and had a little less water inside, so I climbed in to try to bail out the water. However, as quickly as I could bail, more water was coming in over the side. We thought it might be better if Julie, being lighter, were the one trying to bail out the water. But just then we saw Jason Beals and Jen Schoonover approaching in a another canoe: they had been watching the drama from the dock and were coming to our rescue! The only solution was for Jason and Jen to tow the water-laden canoe back to the dock as Julie and I swam. I was wearing a life-vest (required for taking out a canoe), so I couldn’t do a crawl stroke; the only way I could make progress was using backstroke. Needless to say, Julie beat me back to the dock (which, truth be told, she would have done even if I had not had the life-vest on), and then we waited for the arrival of our flooded canoe. In shallow water it was a simple matter to invert the canoe and drain the water, making it seaworthy again. We thanked our saviors, then Julie went off to finish packing and I went to dry off before driving to the airport. An exciting way to start the day! ~

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## ***Time to renew your membership!***

*from Peter and Mary Olszowka, Membership Chairs*

As fall approaches, it's time to renew your membership in the Boston Branch. The membership year runs from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Join by the deadline to ensure your name is in the Branch Directory!

As you know, your membership fees support the activities of the Branch, including the Highland Ball in May and Scottish Pinewoods in July. The Branch also supports all Branch classes by subsidizing live music for monthly parties and providing liability insurance protecting class organizers and teachers.

As was explained at the Annual General Meeting in June, the price of membership had to be raised this year to cover an increase in RSCDS Headquarters' dues. Joining the Branch entails joining the international Society. HQ recently raised its rates by £5 over the pandemic discount they instituted in 2020. The net cost to Boston members this year is an increase of about 10%.

Please renew your membership today to keep the Branch flourishing--and encourage all dancers you know to do the same! ~



## ***New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain***

*from nhscot.org*

Come all ye to the White Mountains of New Hampshire, for the latest edition of Loon. The dates are September 16-17-18, 2022. Come for the pipes & drums, Highland dancing, sheep dogs, athletics, whisky tastings, concerts, fiddles, try-its, clan tents, harp circle, Scottish shops, kirkin' o' the tartan, ceilidhs and great family fun. **Quick tip:** it's best to get tickets and housing in advance. **Heads up** - "The Saturday tickets are going fast." **Breaking news:** the terrific fiddle-cello duo of Elizabeth and Ben Anderson will be performing for the Tartan Dinner and Ball on Friday night, and the Cape Breton concert on Saturday night. **Inside tip:** Look for tuneful action at the Common Man in the latter hours on Friday and Saturday.

*from Elizabeth Anderson*

**The New England Regional Scottish Fiddle Championships** will again be hosted by the New Hampshire Highland Games. Competitors may enter the Open, Junior Open, Intermediate, or Novice categories. The competition is a valuable opportunity to receive detailed personal feedback from judge **Anne Hooper** and connect with fiddle players from across the region. Other fiddle events are held throughout the weekend, including a fiddle workshop on Sunday taught by the judge. Competitors are eligible for reduced-price entry to the Games and cash prizes are awarded to the winners of the Open and Junior Open categories. Come join the fun of one of the region's largest Scottish fiddle events! Competition requirements and registration forms are posted at <https://nhscot.org/things-to-do/competition-info-registration/fiddle-competition>, and questions may be directed to Elizabeth or Janet Anderson, [NHHGFiddle@gmail.com](mailto:NHHGFiddle@gmail.com). ~

# Membership Application for the RSCDS Boston Branch

## October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

*Branch Class eligibility and the membership directory are based on applications received by Nov. 8, 2022*

**Please fill out the form below legibly (even if your information has not changed from the previous year)**

Name(s) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Age Under 25     RSCDS Teacher     Age Under 25     RSCDS Teacher

For privacy reasons, please do not include the following in the branch directory:

Phone number     Email address     Home address

**Communications Preference (please check one):** (If none checked, you will receive electronic only.)

\_\_\_ All Branch mailings, including the Tartan Times, in electronic form

\_\_\_ Branch mailings in electronic form, but the Tartan Times in hard copy (\$10/year)

\_\_\_ All Branch mailings in hard copy form (\$10/year)

**Membership Type (please check one):** (Couple memberships must have a single mailing address.)

**Regular**

\_\_\_ \$100 Couple

\_\_\_ \$60 Single

\_\_\_ \$35 Single - Student / Limited Income

\_\_\_ \$25 Youth (17 & under)

\_\_\_ \$20 Associate (only for members of other Branches). Primary Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sustaining**

\_\_\_ \$145 Couple

\_\_\_ \$85 Single

**Benefactor**

\_\_\_ \$190 Couple

\_\_\_ \$110 Single

Please list Boston Branch Class(es) you attend **“regularly”** : \_\_\_\_\_  
(used to determine class eligibility for branch funds)

**Make your checks payable (in US funds) to the “RSCDS Boston Branch” and mail to:**

Peter and Mary Olszowka / Membership  
15 Sartwell Ave  
Somerville MA 02144

If sending form prior to Sept. 1, 2022 or after Nov. 8, 2022, please allow extra time for your check to be cashed.

*Email questions to: [membership@rscdsboston.org](mailto:membership@rscdsboston.org)*

From: Tartan Times Circulation  
c/o John Crabtree  
9 Birchwood Lane  
Lincoln, MA 01773-4907

FIRST CLASS MAIL



## *Have Shoes Might Travel*

- *Weekend of September 30 - October 3, 2022 - International Branch Italy 2022 – [rscds-ib.org](http://rscds-ib.org)*
- *Week of September 25 - October 2, 2022 - Australian Winter School – [winterschool2020.com](http://winterschool2020.com)*
- *Weekend of November 4-6, 2022 - RSCDS Autumn Gathering and AGM, Glasgow – [rscds.org](http://rscds.org)*
- *Weekend of November 4-6, 2022 - Asilomar Weekend, San Francisco Branch – [asilomar.rscds-sf.org](http://asilomar.rscds-sf.org)*
- *Saturday Evening November 26, 2022 - St. Andrews Charity Ball, Toronto Branch – [standrews-society.ca](http://standrews-society.ca)*
- *Week of December 28 - January 5, 2022-23 - New Zealand Summer School – [nzsummerschool2022.com](http://nzsummerschool2022.com)*
- *Week of February 19-24, 2023 - RSCDS Winter School, Pitlochry – [rscds.org](http://rscds.org)*
- *Saturday Evening March 25, 2023 - RSCDS Centenary Ball, Edinburgh – [rscds.org](http://rscds.org)*
- *Weekend of May 26-28, 2023 - Toronto Branch Spring Fling – [dancescottish.ca](http://dancescottish.ca)* 