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(including cancellation / postponement / online / wait-and-see information),
AND DATES OF FUTURE EVENTS, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR

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

Volunteers needed — half-price or comp ticket depending on job.

Contact concert@rscdsboston.org or call 781-718-2434. Thanks!

Nashua, NH New Year's Day Dance

3:00 p.m., Sunday, January 1, 2023
Church of the Good Shepherd
214 Main St., Nashua, NH

*Music led by Terry Traub
Other musicians to be announced.*

\$12 (\$10 Boston Br. Member) Potluck dinner or desserts-only will be based on Covid-19 status. Check our Branch Calendar listing for more details and updates.

<http://rscdsboston.org/event-calendar.html>

Contact Loren Wright, 603-891-2331 NashuaSCD@comcast.net

RSCDS Boston

CAMBRIDGE CLASS

at the Canadian American Club hosts



Monday, December 19, 2022, 8:00 pm

In person and on Zoom

Music by Tom Pixton and Friends

MC Keira Hartstein



202 Arlington Street, Watertown, Mass.

\$12 Branch members, \$15 general, \$5 children and students

Proof of vaccination and masks are required for in-person dancers

Contact cambridgeclass@rscdsboston.org for Zoom link or questions



JOIN THE NORTHAMPTON CLASS

NOVEMBER 19, 2022, 12:00-3:30 PM

THE MARIGOLD THEATER

84 COTTAGE STREET, EASTHAMPTON, MA 01027

Music provided by Beth Murray and Anne Hooper

Tea at 12 noon, provided by the Northampton Class, Dancing at 1:00 PM to 3:00-3:30 PM

For more information and to RSVP contact: Ilene Goldstein at dansstep1950@gmail.com

Traditional Cape Breton Dance Party

Get ready for a big weekend! November 11-13. Friday the 11th, 8:00-11:30 pm, is the Cape Breton Dance at the Canadian American Club, Saturday is the Boston Branch Concerts in Lexington (see p.3), and Sunday is the Canadian American Club Fundraising Gala (see opposite page). The Friday dance is headlined by the tradition-born, fiery-branded Richard Wood, direct from his home in Prince Edward Island. He will be accompanied by Keelin Wedge on guitar and Janine Randall on piano. Cape Breton set dancing is something Scottish country dancers can do with their eyes closed; or just come and listen, meet up with your friends, and partake of the refreshments and cash bar. See www.rwood.ca for more info. Come all ye! ~

Cardigan Winter Sports and Scottish Country Dance Weekend

from Bruce Mabbott

We are excited that this weekend will run again and are hopeful that enough people will sign up to make it worthwhile. Our long time organizer, Lance Ramshaw, is on a hiatus from running the weekend so MaryEllen Scannell and Bruce Mabbott have stepped up to fill those large shoes! The Appalachian Mountain Club's Cardigan Lodge is situated in Alexandria, NH, at an elevation of 1370 ft. on the east side of Mt. Cardigan, about 100 miles from Boston. Breakfasts and Saturday supper are organized by our chef extraordinaire, MaryEllen Scannell. Please sign up by November 23rd; the application is available by email at b_mabbott@yahoo.com ~

John Drewry Night

It's not necessarily a New York Branch event, but in the past people in the Branch have regularly held a John Drewry Dance Party, with an all-Drewry program of dances, and even including John Drewry himself when he was alive. This year the party will be held on Saturday December 3rd, in either the afternoon or evening, depending on who signs up. For the time, location (possibly near Brooklyn) and program, contact Dave Goldberg by November 21st at 516-295-2327, or degoldberg64@gmail.com ~

Class News

Cambridge Class

from Alex Bowers, on behalf of the Committee

During September and October Cambridge Class enjoyed fine teaching by Charles Liu and Susie Petrov with great music by bandleaders Tom Pixton and Clara Stefanov Wagner. We were pleased to welcome several new people who came along to try Scottish Dancing for the first time! October finished with a Halloween-themed double social hour: lots of fun, spooky music and spooky dances! MaryEllen Scannell and Roberta Lasnik will be teaching in November and Keira Hartstein, and Beth Birdsall will be teaching in December. Band leaders for November and December are John Chambers and Anne Hooper. Please join us for our Holiday Party on Monday 19th December! ~

Northampton Class

The Northampton Class is thriving under the leadership and guidance of Ilene Goldstein. She announces that the class is planning a new dance event for November 19th, in lieu of their previous annual New Year's Day Dance. See the flier on page 5, with the added breaking news that Earl Gaddis will be joining in with the band. ~

Albany Class

from Lois New

The Albany class hosted its annual Fall Frolic on Saturday, October 29th, with fabulous music by Terpsichore playing from Bethesda, Maryland. We estimate that more than 50 people participated, including pods at Newbitz house in Halfmoon, NY (20), Wassons house in Binghamton, NY (6), Crabtree's house in Lincoln, MA (6) and Jane Strauss' porch overlooking Belfast Bay (4) in Bayside, Maine plus all the zoomers from across North America. Emcee by Karen Sollins, spotlighting by Lydia Hedge and walk-throughs shared by the Albany teachers group. We love the richness and inclusiveness of this hybrid approach and expect to continue the same, offering our usual events, so please – Save the Dates for:

Sunday nights at 7:45 – hybrid with pods and zoom

Hogmanay (Saturday, December 31st) – hybrid format with pods and zoom

Saratoga Dance Festival (Winter Roots live festival February 17-19) – Scottish dancing will be offered by hybrid zoom and live at Newbitz House on Sunday, Feb 19th.

For more information and to be added to the distribution list for updates, please contact Barb Bemis at math.maniac.1@gmail.com and Lois New at Loisscd@gmail.com ~



News from New Haven — nhrcds.com

The 2021 and 2022 RSCDS New Haven Branch Highland Ball Weekends had to be cancelled. The last Ball was held on Saturday March 7, 2020 at the West Hartford Town Hall in West Hartford, Connecticut, followed by a brunch the next day. We hope to be able to hold the ball again in March of 2023. ~

Calendar — Events Near and Afar

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4-6 Asilomar Weekend, San Francisco Branch – rscds-sf.org
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Flurry Festival, Saratoga, N.Y. – February 17-19, 2023 – danceflurry.org
Albany Dance Party, Clifton Park, N.Y. – February 19, 2023 – p 6
RSCDS Winter School, Pitlochry – February 19-24, 2023 – rscds.org
New Haven Highland Ball & Brunch – March 2023 (more details available soon) – nhrsds.com
New Jersey Branch Workshop & Tea Dance, Maplewood, N.J. – March 11, 2023 – p 12
RSCDS Centenary Ball, Edinburgh – March 25, 2023 – rscds.org
NEFFA (New England Folk Festival), Marlborough, Mass. – April 21-23, 2023 – neffa.org
Boston Highland Ball Weekend, Melrose, Mass. – May 12-14, 2023 – p 8

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. ~

Boston Branch Semi-Annual General Meeting

from Emily Russell, Exec Member-at-Large

Exec invites the membership to the Semi-Annual General Meeting, at 7:45 pm on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington St., Watertown, Mass. This will be a hybrid meeting, in-person and on Zoom. Ten percent of the membership will need to be present or logged in. The Zoom link will be sent several days prior to the meeting. Remote participants will not be able to speak at the meeting, but you will be able to post questions or comments to the chat. Someone will monitor the chat for messages addressed to “Everyone.” Free dancing for in-person attendees after the meeting. Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting and enjoy the dance afterwards. ~

Notes from the Executive Committee

The executive board continues to keep the wheels turning and communication open between class leaders, class participants, webmasters, and event planners. Our fiscal year ended in September with a small increase in net assets.

The Fall Concert committee is still looking for a couple of volunteers for both the matinee and evening shows on November 12th. For info contact concert@rscdsboston.org or 617-417-1621. Complimentary or half-price ticket, depending on the volunteer role. Hope to see you there! – *Respectfully submitted, Alena Taylor, Boston Branch Secretary* ~

Report from the Teaching & Music Committee

Greetings from the Teaching and Music Committee! We have been busy these past few months winding down a very tricky Pinewoods all while planning for next year's session, holding committee elections, planning the May Highland Ball, and more. As we processed Scottish Pinewoods 2022 and read camper evaluations – yes, we read every single one – we discussed what we could learn from, what we could do differently, and what just.... was what it was. We excitedly considered many possible teachers for next year's staff including candidates familiar and new, near and far.

We are eager for what we know will be a phenomenal May Highland Ball weekend, chaired by Elizabeth Anderson. We also have some workshops on offer at NEFFA in April.

We thanked Katarina Dutton for their service to TMC and welcomed Marc Hartstein as a teacher representative to the committee. Our roster now includes teachers Karen Sollins, Robert McOwen, Jennifer Schoonover, and Marc Hartstein; Musicians Elizabeth Anderson and Debbie Jarvis; Member-at-Large Laurie Somario; Ex-Officio members Catherine Scannell and Debbie Jarvis (Pinewoods Co-chairs), Elizabeth Anderson (May Ball chair), and Marsha Byrnes (Executive Committee Liaison). We also voted that Karen Sollins continue as Secretary, Robert McOwen continue as Vice-chair, and Debbie Jarvis continue as Chair.

We continue to strive to serve our community as best we can and welcome any questions or feedback at any time.

Watch for our annual fall letter to our members in the near future. – *Respectfully submitted, Debbie Jarvis, TMC Chair* ~

Report from the Pinewoods Chairs

Save the date for Scottish Sessions I and II at Pinewoods next summer! Session I will run Friday, July 7 to Monday, July 10, and Session II will run Monday, July 10 to Saturday, July 15. We are excited to introduce 2023's staff teachers: Bruce Herbold from California, Charles Liu from Boston, Jennifer Schoonover from Boston teaching highland and conditioning, and a special guest from Scotland teaching Scottish dance in a variety of forms. This lineup, along with stellar musicians invited by our returning Music Director, Tom Pixton, will surely offer a week of magical moments both on and off the dance floor. – *Catherine Scannell and Debbie Jarvis, Scottish Pinewoods 2023 Co-Chairs* ~

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) 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.*

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. Class Contacts: when changes occur, please notify classes@rscdsboston.org

Music Page

Some Upcoming Music Events

- **Weekend of November 3-6, 2022** - Fiddle Hell, live and in-person in Westford, Mass. — fiddlehell.org
- **Friday Evening, November 11, 2022** - PEI-born Celtic fiddle master Richard Wood with Keelin Wedge & Janine Randall - traditional CB square dance party — canadianamericanclub.com
- **Saturday Afternoon & Evening, November 12, 2022** - Fraser & Haas in Concert with the RSCDS Boston Branch and Anne Hooper, Highland Dance Boston, Lexington, Mass. — rscdsboston.org
- **Sunday Morning, November 13, 2022** - Boston Scottish Fiddle Club workshop with Katie McNally — bsfc.org
- **Sunday Afternoon & Evening, November 13, 2022** - Canadian American Club Gala featuring Rachel Reeds, Leland Martin, Katie McNally, Malka Pomerantz, many more, Can Am Club, Watertown, Mass. — canadianamericanclub.com
- **Wednesday Evening November 16, 2022** - Scottish & Cape Breton Session led by Katie McNally & Neil Pearlman, Canadian American Club, Watertown, Mass. — bsfc.org
- **Sunday Evening November 19, 2022** - Genticorum, Quebecois band in concert, Passim — passim.org
- **Sunday Afternoon Nov. 20, 2022** - Gaelic Club at the CanAm Club — canadianamericanclub.com
- **Thursday Evening December 22, 2022** - Scottish Fish Holiday Concert, Passim — passim.org
- **Friday Evening December 23, 2022** - Aine Minogue, Celtic Harp, Passim — passim.org
- **Weekend of January 12-15, 2023** - BCMFest - Boston Celtic Music Festival, Passim, Cambridge, Mass. — www.passim.org/live-music
- **Weekend of January 13-15, 2023** - WOW - Would be On Whidbey - workshops & concert with Alasdair & Natalie at a new location north of Seattle — nwscttishfiddlers.org/2023-workshop
- **Weekend of February 3-5, 2023** - Cardigan Scottish Weekend with dancing, skiing, jamming, AMC Lodge at Mt. Cardigan, N.H. — ramshaw.info/cardigan
- **Weekend of February 17-20, 2023** - Hanneke's Pure Dead Brilliant Scottish Fiddle Weekend, Groton, Mass. — www.pdbfiddleweekend.com

Fiddle Hell Festival

In Person in Westford, MA, Nov 3-6, 2022

20 concerts, 32 guided jams, 360 hands-on workshops

Limited tickets, advance purchase only, COVID vax & booster required

Community * Inspiration * Technique * Styles * Tunes * Fun!



FIDDLE Instructors: Andy Reiner, Art Schatz, Austin Scelzo, Autumn Rose Lester, Becky Tracy, Beth Bahia Cohen, Bruce Molsky, Cathy Mason, Darol Anger, Dave Reiner, Ellen Carlson, Ellery Klein, Éric Favreau, Frank Ferrel, George Fowler, Gianna Ericson, Jason Anick, Jenna Moynihan, Jeremy Kittel, Judy Hyman, Kathleen Parks, Katie McNally, Kevin Burke, Laurel Martin, Lissa Schneckenburger, Louise Bichan, Lydia Ievins, Michelle Kaminsky, Mimi Rabson, Pam Weeks, Peter Anick, Rebecca Weiss, Rob Flax, Seán Heely

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Steve Arkin, Tim Rowell **BLUEGRASS BANJO** Catherine "BB" Bowness

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Julie Lyonn Lieberman, Pam Wiley, Pete Sutherland, Shana Aisenberg

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LUTHIER: Jess Fox **SOUND:** Colin McKinley, Oliver Scanlon

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Details at www.fiddlehell.org & Fiddle Hell Community Facebook group

Patron of the RSCDS – H.M. The Queen

by Evelyn Murray

Her passing has left a hole. Especially in the lives of people whom she was the only Queen they knew. Certainly, for me it is difficult to accept that she is no longer in her castle, whether it was Windsor or Balmoral. However, change is good for us all, as we welcome the new King and Queen.

A question I have been asked over the years is – does the Queen dance? – what in this context is meant of course is “Did Her Majesty dance Scottish country dances?” The answer is strongly in the affirmative as she and her sister, Princess Margaret, clearly attended lessons for SCD when they were children. The reason I know this as a fact is because a teacher at the boarding school I attended in the early fifties belonged to a school in London and knew the teacher that taught the two Princesses. This is not surprising as her mother, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother had been born in Scotland at Glamis Castle and it is obvious that she had attended such classes as a child so would consider it quite normal to have her children similarly taught. As confirmation of this I am reminded of a visit to the Queen Mother’s own home, Castle Mey. In the living room was a gramophone together with a box of LP records with familiar titles – Jimmy Shand, Jimmy Blair, etc. These items were not tucked away somewhere, they were obviously in a position which indicated regular use. Stories by local people also confirmed this. Guests to dinner were expected to stay afterwards for some Scottish dancing.

The Queen together with The Duke of Edinburgh and a group of dancers attended the Society’s 50th Anniversary Ball, which was held in Glasgow. Julie Smith attended that event and reported her experience in a previous Tartan Times. The photograph accompanying this article was taken at the Centenary Ball of the Royal Scottish Pipers Society with the Queen and Duke dancing the Eightsome Reel, in Edinburgh, 2nd July 1982.

It was the Queen’s father George VI who assented to being Patron of the Scottish Country Dance Society late in his reign in 1951. The title of the Society formed by Miss Milligan (et al) thus changed to Royal SCDS. This explains why the Boston Branch’s original title for the Society was SCDS Boston Branch as the Corporation papers were signed in April, 1950. Upon ascending the throne when her father died February 1952 the Queen continued to be Patron of the RSCDS. Every year at the AGM of the Society greetings from Her Majesty were read out to the attendees.

It is our hope that King Charles will continue as the Society’s Patron.

Miss (Dr.) Milligan said on a number of occasions that SCD was for everyone whatever their status, whether they lived in a black house or a castle. I have danced in a very crowded village hall up in the hills as well as in the ballroom at Blair Castle. On all occasions fellow dancers were cheerful, enjoying themselves and having fun. I would guess that the Queen enjoyed SCD too. ~



Addendum from the Assistant Editor: When our band Tullochgorum played for the Jeannie Carmichael Ball in New York last weekend, which always begins with the three national anthems, I felt a certain electric sensation around the room as most of us (all of us?) sang “God Save the King” for the first time in our lives. ~

IB Members Reluctantly Return from Italy

When Boston Branch members Chris Gallagher and Roberta Lasnik are asked how they enjoyed the International Branch SCD tour of Italy, all we get are smiles. Apparently it was just too wonderful for words. Here are a few photos, worth (according to the staff mathematician) four thousand words. That's Chris & Roberta on the right, at the last group dinner in Bologna. Below, Chris and Susan Keyes (from Maryland) are on the gondola in Venice; "Swiss" Chris Harris is receiving a surprise birthday dessert in Ravenna; and Antoine Rousseau (from Paris) won Roberta's hand-knitted cap in the raffle, in Civitanova Marche. The group had members from 16 countries, truly International! For more information on the IB, go to rscds-ib.org 🏞️



RSCDS NJ Branch Workshop and Tea Dance

Saturday, March 11, 2023

The Woodland

60 Woodland Road, Maplewood NJ 07040

Workshop Teacher – Steven Rusche, RSCDS-DelVal

Music by Terry Traub and Anne Hooper

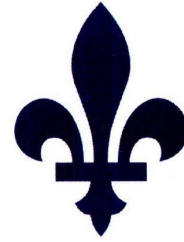
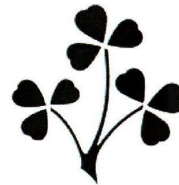
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Canadian American Club

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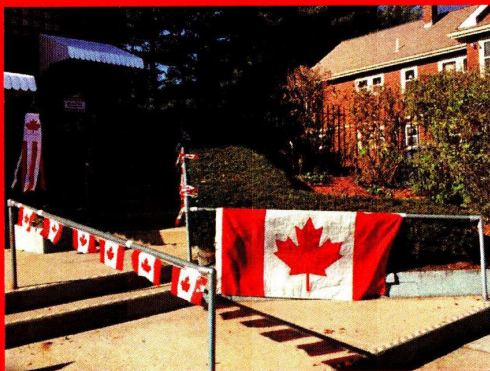
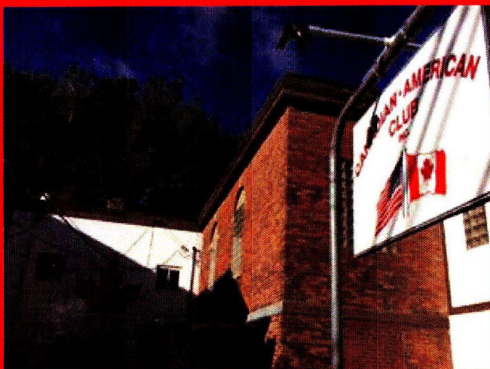
**Our Heritage through
Music, Song & Dance**



Sunday, November 13, 2022

1:00-7:30pm

Gala / Fundraiser
\$20 Suggested Donation



**202 Arlington St.
Watertown, MA**

Time Slot	Performers
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Jackie O'Riley's Irish Dancers
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Adrienne Howard & Friends (Quebecois)
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Gordon Aucoin w/ Lloyd Carr (Cape Breton Mabou Set #1)
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Gawain Thomas (Cape Breton Fiddler)
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Boston Uilleann Piper's Club
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Katie McNally w/Rachel Reeds (Cape Breton Mabou Set # 2)
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Planet Banjo (Old-time Country)
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Boston Scottish Fiddle Orchestra
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Rachel Reeds (Cape Breton Mabou Set # 3)
5:30 - 6:00 PM	Malka Pomerantz w/Terry Traub (Cape Breton/Scottish Fiddler)
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Ken Perlman (Celtic tunes on Banjo)
6:30 - 7:00 PM	Leland Martin (Cape Breton Mabou Set # 4)
7:00 PM	Raffle
Slots and performers maybe subject to change	

Dear Boston Branch Member:

from Cathy Crabtree, Treasurer, Boston Branch

A friendly reminder – if you have not yet renewed or joined. The date to renew your membership in the RSCDS and in the Boston Branch is fast approaching! To ensure that you are in the Branch Directory for the coming membership year, please renew by November 8, 2022.

You can download and fill out the membership form and renew online at <http://rscdsboston.org/member-membership.html>. If you prefer, you can also download a paper form [*or print the page opposite*] and send in a check.

As you know, your membership fees support the Highland Ball, Scottish Pinewoods and all Branch classes by subsidizing insurance and live music for class parties. In addition, the Branch recently agreed to coordinate with the Salem Class in their efforts to bring back the Pinewoods Benefit Ball.

Please renew your membership today to keep the Branch flourishing--and encourage all dancers you know to do the same! — *Peter and Mary Olszowka, Membership Chairs* ~

Rolling Over the Branch Members Mailing List

by Meyer Billmers, for the Webmasters

It's that time of year. Last year's memberships have lapsed and we are in the process of getting new or renewed members. Soon I will be rolling over the membership mailing list.

First, all the old members will be deleted and the mailing list will become empty. This will affect everyone, even those who have renewed. The system will send an email to each member saying that they have been unsubscribed. If you have renewed, you can just ignore this first email.

Second, the new members, including renewals, will be added in to the list. Again, the system will send each new member a message saying you have been subscribed. You only need to worry (and to contact me) if you renewed your membership but never got the second, confirmation email. Please keep in mind that some time, up to a few hours, may lapse before the second email is sent out.

And, if you get the first unsubscribe message and you know you haven't renewed your membership, let this be a reminder that you should go to <http://rscdsboston.org/member-membership.html> and renew. ~

Now is Also the Time to Order Your Signature RSCDS Gin and Whisky

from rscds.org

This year, being the 100th birthday of the RSCDS, will see the launch of the RSCDS Centenary Whisky, Gin and Tasting Glass. The Gin will go on sale at the Autumn Gathering [*in Glasgow*] on Saturday 5th November whilst online reservations for the Whisky will also open at 12 noon (UK time) on that day. The names of the Whisky and Gin will be revealed at the Centenary Launch Presentation on 5th November and both have links to the Society or Scottish dancing. A tasting glass engraved with the RSCDS Centenary logo will also be available for £5 on 5th November and subsequently from Robertsons of Pitlochry. All prices are based on collection from advertised sales outlets. Postage and packing, overseas duty or other costs will be charged in addition to the cost of the product. [*Slàinte! – Asst. Ed.*] ~

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.)

- | <u>Regular</u> | <u>Sustaining</u> | <u>Benefactor</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ___ \$100 Couple | ___ \$145 Couple | ___ \$190 Couple |
| ___ \$60 Single | ___ \$85 Single | ___ \$110 Single |
| ___ \$35 Single - Student / Limited Income | | |
| ___ \$25 Youth (17 & under) | | |
| ___ \$20 <u>Associate</u> (only for members of other Branches). Primary Branch: _____ | | |

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

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Music by: Mara Shea, fiddle ☒ Dave Wiesler, piano

Info: argyle-weekend.org