

# Island Fling



## March 2014

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### President's Corner March 2014



Once again we filled the church hall for our second annual Valentine's Tea Dance and a truly delightful afternoon. Pat Blair introduced us to Glayva, both the dance and delicious tasting liqueur! According to Wikipedia, Glayva is made from a blend of aged Scotch whiskies, herbs, anise, cloves, almonds, heather honey and citrus fruits. Delicious indeed! Our hosts, the daytime Social class outdid themselves as they served us tea in style and produced a stunning array of goodies.

Membership has now risen to one hundred and forty-four. We welcome new members Alan & Linda Thomson, Hilary Wood-McDonnell, Glyn & Terry Williams, Kathryn Hansen, Pamela Rice, Kathryn Miller, Carolyn & Sandy Rattray, David Handley and Sharron Gunn who have swelled the ranks of the Basic and Beyond Basic classes and the Daytime Social class.

### Ceilidh Dance, February 1 2014

Although held in February, this year's Ceilidh Dance was not officially part of the "Dance Days" program. The Dance Days organizer's felt that it was time to give other dancing groups a chance to be part of their program and we were lucky to have been selected three years in a row. However, we did manage to book the Dance Victoria hall during the weeks that "Dance Days" was held and we placed an ad in their brochure. Hilary Fedoruck designed a striking and colourful poster and with the help of the members we distributed them all over the city. Thank you to the member who put the poster up at the Tillicum Mall food court which attracted a delightful young couple to our event! We used as many avenues as we could to promote the Ceilidh and were gratified when over 100 people turned up to enjoy a lively and fun filled evening.

The Elastic Ceilidh Band joined with members of the Slow Pokes Ceilidh Band and together they gave an outstanding performance. This year we allowed for more repetition of dances and tightened up the program with only four ceilidh acts and, as a result, the evening's program flowed more smoothly. Many thanks to the volunteer group of twenty four dancers who came out to practices and gave a lively rendition of "Hooper's Jig" danced once and to the bottom in a three couple set. Margaret Chapman sang beautifully, the Slow Pokes played a toe tapping

tune and near the end of the evening we were treated to the Demonstration Team's graceful performance of a strathspey combining the dances, Belle of Bon Accord, Sandy's Scotch Broth and Wind on Loch Fyne. Piper, Sonata Yau's performances on the bagpipes added a lovely touch to the evening. Many thanks to teachers Bob Anderson, Sarah Kell, Sheila McCall and Joan Axford for planning and leading us through the dance program and also to all the members who brought goodies and made our visitors feel at home.



**Dora Dempster, President**

## Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is March 23, 2014. Please send submissions to [enchapma@shaw.ca](mailto:enchapma@shaw.ca).

Look for photographs of the February 1 Ceilidh and the Valentine Tea Dance, which are scattered throughout the newsletter. Thank you to Janet Jones, Sonata Yau and Dora Dempster for the photos, and to Sue Langridge for the photo-editing. Thank you, also, to Andrew Harley, for showing me how to compress photos.

## VISCDS Annual General Meeting

### Second Notice: Thursday April 10th, 2014

City Light Church Hall, 550 Obed Ave, 7:30 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend. Please submit any business and/or proposals for the AGM in writing to Janet Yonge, Secretary, no later than April 1st.

### Nominations for Executive positions for 2014/2015

The nominating committee is looking for nominees to fill the two positions of **Treasurer** and **President** of the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society. We are asking you to consider putting your name forward for these vacancies on the Executive. Dora has served 4 years as President and is now required to step down. She will serve as past President on the Executive and will provide continuity and experience, although as a non-voting member of the Executive. She has also offered to continue to run promotional events on behalf of VISCDS, including the Ceilidhs that have taken place twice a year.

As you all know, the society is run by members volunteering their services; please give this serious consideration. The nominating committee will be contacting members in order to fill these positions.

The Nominating Committee members are:

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**Andrew Harley**

**Linda Foley**

# VAN ISLE WORKSHOP & DANCE Celebrating 40 years

Saturday, March 29, 2014

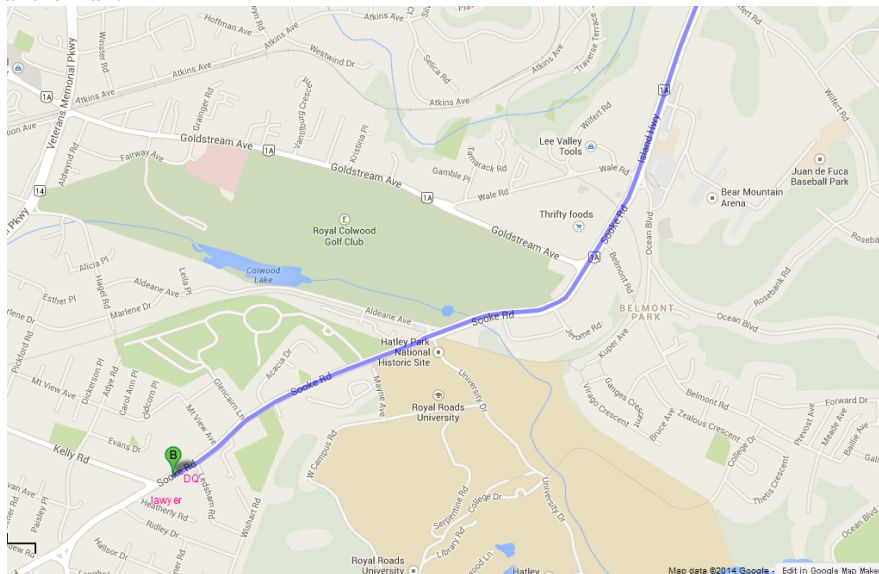


2014 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club which we will be celebrating with our workshop and social. Please contact former members you keep in touch with and encourage them to join us in the evening. We will have a display of memories to peruse.

Thank you to all of you who have already registered; this enables us to be appropriately prepared. Please bring your own name tag and mug (plus plate in the evening). We still would like more attendees for the afternoon [1:30 to 3:30pm] Basic/Intermediate class and the evening dance. Doors will open at 9:30am for the morning class and 7pm for the dance. The hall is quite spacious so we will have room for tables and chairs as well as

plenty of dance floor.

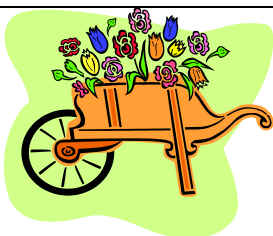
As for how to get there: From town travelling on the TransCanada, take exit 10 to View Royal /Colwood. Continue 7km along past Westshore Recreation, Bear Mountain Area, Royal Roads and turn left just after the Dairy Queen. Do not park on the DQ property at any time. In the evening, we can use the parking at the next business property (lawyer and chiropractor) so if you are early please use those spots. Online here is a [photo](#) of the outside of the Colwood Community Hall and an interactive [map](#) with a pin on the address. We will have VISCDS signs with balloons near the Hall.



The volunteer signup sheet is with the class reps so please have a look and sign up for a task. We look forward to another great workshop and dance. All the details are on the website.

*Gael Forster on behalf of the organizing committee*





**Spring Fling**  
**April 26, 2014**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**City Light Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue**  
**Admission: \$10**

Dance name	Bars / Type	Level	Core	Source
The Lady Wynd	8X32 J	B		Graded and Social 2
The Lass of Richmond Hill	8x32 R	B		Second Graded Book
Lady Lucy Ramsay	8x32 S	B	C	MMM 2
Linton Ploughman	6x32 J	B		RSCDS Book 5
The Piper and the Penguin	88 R	B	C	Scotia Suite
The Sleeping Warrior	4x32 S	I		Second Carnforth Coll
Best Set in the Hall	8x32 J	A		RSCDS Book 46
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5x32 R	I		14 Social Dances
Culla Bay	4x32 S	I	C	RSCDS Book 41
Follow Me Home	8x32 J	I	C	RSCDS Book 38
The Minister on the Loch	3x32 S	I		RSCDS 4 for 2008
The Button Boy	8x32 R	A	C	Allanton Coll
<b>Break</b>				
Hooper's Jig	8x32 J	I	C	MMM 2
Sands of Morar	8x32 S	A	C	RSCDS Book 45
The Machine Without Horses	8X32 J	B		RSCDS Book 12
The Reel of the 51 <sup>st</sup> Division	8x32 R	B	C	RSCDS Book 13
<b>Extras</b>				
Trip to Bavaria	4x32 R	I	C	RSCDS Guide to SCD
MacDonald of the Isles	3x32 S	B	C	Carnforth Collection 2
<b>Hosted by the Basic Class</b>				





## Valentines Tea Dance

Despite a stormy, windy afternoon, over 70 people attended the VISCDS 2nd Valentines Afternoon Tea Dance, hosted by the Daytime Social class on Feb 15th.



The hall was brimming to capacity for the entire afternoon with enthusiasm and enjoyment as they danced to a Valentines theme program arranged and briefed by Patricia Blair, who as usual did a wonderful job. The first half of the program included "The Montgomeries' Rant", "Maxwell's Rant", Jigs and "Salute to Miss Milligan" among others.

During the break our guests were treated to a delightful spread of various savouries, sandwiches, veggies, fruits and desserts, provided by the class members. After which they were invited to socialize at one of the eight beautifully laid out tables with fine china cups, saucers and plates and centerpieces of gorgeous winter flowers. Tea was served in ten interesting and varied teapots by a busy group of volunteers that buzzed around making sure cups stayed full.

The second half of the dance program included "The Quaich" and "Glayva" highlighted by a tasting of Glayva in three beautiful quaichs.

Many "Thank You's" are in order here, and I'm sure I'll miss some.

Applause must go to Patricia Blair who designed the dance program, loaned a lot of the china for this event and brought flowers and decorations which brightened up the hall on such a grey day. Also thank you to Irene collecting admission and to Bob for selling the 50/50, which by the way was won by Dora Dempster, after she searched for her ticket, when no-one responded to the call.

Sheila Eaglestone, of course, was everywhere, mainly in the kitchen, making sure that the tea was ready on time and all the food out of the serving table and managing the major clean-up of all the dishes and utensils. Ian Danks helped organize the set up of tables, chairs and equipment and made sure everything continued to run smoothly throughout this event, and helped during the last shift of dishwashing.

Many others worked from 1:30pm right through till 6:30pm to make this social the success it truly was and we thank you.

## Janet Jones



## COMING EVENTS – LOCAL Scottish Country Events

- March 29th** Workshop and Social. See article in this issue. Here are the times for the day.  
- Morning class 10:00 am – noon  
- Lunch 12:15 – 1:15 pm  
- Afternoon class 1:30 – 3:30 pm  
- Social 7:30 pm  
All the above events will be held at the Colwood Community Hall, 2219 Sooke Road.
- April 10th** Annual General Meeting, 7:30 pm, City Light Church Hall. See second notice in this issue.
- April 26th** Spring Fling Social, City Light Church Hall, Obed Avenue, 7:30 – 10:30 pm. \$10.00. The program is in this issue.

### *OUT OF TOWN EVENTS*

- Mar 14 – 16** St Giles, Calgary Annual Workshop and Ball. Teachers are Armin Busse, Evelyn Nixon and Bernadette Thill. Music by The Mercat Cross. Further info: [www.rscdsCalgary.org](http://www.rscdsCalgary.org).
- Mar 15th** Port Alberni St Patrick's Tea Dance. Music: Mary Ross. \$20.00. Lunch: 12:30 pm. Further info: Leslie Holland, [superdoc6@shaw.ca](mailto:superdoc6@shaw.ca), or 250 723-0516. RSVP asap: Marian Pickton, [pfmcj@shaw.ca](mailto:pfmcj@shaw.ca). Check to see if tickets are still available before sending in registration form. Form available through Nanaimo SCD website, [www.nanaimoscd.com](http://www.nanaimoscd.com).
- Mar 22nd** RSCDS Vancouver Branch Heather Ball at Gizeh Shrine Temple (a fabulous sprung floor). Info: <http://www.rscdsvancouver.org/calendar.html>.
- Apr 4 – 6** RSCDS Ottawa Branch 48th Annual Ball Weekend. Info: [www.rscdsottawa.ca](http://www.rscdsottawa.ca).
- Apr 12th** Nanaimo SCD Group Workshop and Tea Dance. Teachers: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters and Ruth Jappy. Musicians: Alex Jappy, Julie Smith and Deborah Jones. Further info and registration: [www.nanaimoscd.com](http://www.nanaimoscd.com).
- Apr 26th** RSCDS Hamilton Branch, John Middleton Ball. Also celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Hamilton Branch. Music by The Scottish Accent. Info: [www.rscdsHamilton.org](http://www.rscdsHamilton.org).
- May 2nd – 4th** RSCDS Winnipeg Branch Spring Workshop and Ball. Teachers: Ruth Jappy and Cheryl Durnin. Music: Scotch Measure. Info: [www.rscdswinnipeg.ca](http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca).
- Jun 28th** RSCDS Seattle Branch and Friday Harbor Dancers Puget Sounds Crossroads, Afternoon Dance, Grange Hall, Friday Harbor. Further info: [www.rscds-seattle.org](http://www.rscds-seattle.org).

