

# Light and Airy



## Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg

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### From the Chair....

The "Lazy Hazy Days of Summer", as the saying goes, are over but I am glad that so far the lovely weather is continuing. We were sorry to receive the news of Rose Klusowski's resignation from the COM for personal and family reasons. We thank her for her contribution and support to the Branch and wish her well. In light of this, we will be needing an Assistant Social Convenor and an Assistant to the Editor of the Light and Airy. Those Branch members who may be interested in these positions should get in touch with Gerri Stemler, our Secretary, or myself.

The past few weeks have been anything but "lazy", as the Branch has been involved in many events and preparing for those ahead. One of the past events included three nights of dancing. On the first two nights, members tried out and voted on the dances submitted for inclusion in the Booklet of Dances being planned, with an accompanying CD, for the Branch's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013. The third night was a review of the dances that so far had received the most votes. Work is continuing on this project, with recording of the CD scheduled for the Fall.

For well over a year now we have been hearing about the planning of the Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Arrival of the Selkirk Settlers in Manitoba. The events planned have and are taking place, having started on August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Barge Festival at the Forks. On Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the annual Selkirk Settlers' parade was held. The Branch participation in this was organized by Wendy Land and Joyce Cormack, and our thanks go to them and to all the Branch members who participated. As part of that same day's events, tying in with the Barge Fest, which had a Scottish theme this year, the Demonstration team, wearing their "Selkirk Settlers" costumes, performed on stage at the Dock at the Forks, later in the afternoon.

On Friday evening, September 7<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Branch's contribution to these Bicentennial Celebrations, the Demonstration Class, with other Branch members and a couple of guest artists, presented a Pageant, followed by a Ceilidh. The Pageant depicted the journey of the first Selkirk Settlers, through narrative, music, song and dance. It was held at Lower Fort Garry, and we were honoured by the attendance of the present-day Lord Selkirk, the Right Honourable James Douglas-Hamilton, Baron Selkirk of Douglas, P.C., Q.C., who is a descendant of the 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Selkirk, who founded the Selkirk Settlement here in Manitoba. Many Branch members and our musicians worked hard in preparation for this event. Our grateful thanks are extended to them all.

We are also getting ready and excited for the start of our new season of dancing, which opened with our annual "Welcome Dance" on Friday, September 14. We hope many of you were able to attend, to welcome fellow members back after the summer break, as well as prospective new members.

"Ceud Mille Failte", in the Spirit of the Dance, to our new season and upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Winnipeg Branch.

*Sincerely,  
Christine M. Wallace*

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### 2012/13 Dance Season

<b>Friday September 14</b>	Welcome Dance, 7:30 pm – No charge
<b>Week of September 17</b>	Fall Term <b>Regular</b> classes begin
<b>Thursday September 20</b>	Fall Term <b>Introductory</b> classes begin
<b>Friday November 9</b>	Ceilidh, St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall
<b>Monday November 26</b>	St. Andrew's Social (hosted by the Fort Garry Social Class)
<b>Thursday November 29</b>	Last <b>Introductory</b> class of Fall Term
<b>Week of December 10</b>	Last <b>Regular</b> classes of Fall Term
<b>Thursday December 27</b>	Betwixt and Between Dance
<b>Week of January 14, 2012</b>	Winter Term <b>Regular</b> classes begin
<b>Thursday January 17</b>	Winter Term <b>Introductory</b> classes begin
<b>Saturday January 26</b>	Burns Dinner and Dance, Silver Heights United Church Hall
<b>Tuesday March 5</b>	Class Social (hosted by the Technique Class)
<b>Thursday March 21</b>	Last <b>Introductory</b> class of Winter Term
<b>Saturday April 13</b>	Wind-up Social (hosted by the COM and Teachers)
<b>Week of April 22</b>	Last <b>Regular</b> classes of Winter Term
<b>Friday-Sunday May 17-19</b>	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop, Dinner and Ball
<b>Wednesday May 22</b>	AGM

Please note: All dates are subject to change – please check the calendar each month. Socials are at St. Paul's Church at 8:00 pm, with admission of \$10.00, unless otherwise noted.

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## **From the Editor**

Thank you to the Branch members who provided feedback on the one column and two column formats for the *Light and Airy*. Readers who print their newsletters appear to prefer the two column format while those who read the newsletter online prefer one column. To accommodate all readers, both formats will be posted on the Branch website.

The Winnipeg Branch has been very visible in August and September, as part of Folklorama and the activities celebrating the Bicentennial of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers in Manitoba. Reports on some of these activities appear in this issue of the *Light and Airy* and others will appear in the October issue.

Also in this issue is information on many upcoming events to promote Scottish Country Dancing and prepare for the Branch's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

*Heather Ferguson*

## **2012/13 Membership Registration**

The 2012/13 membership registration form is available on the Branch website. Your completed registration form and cheque may be brought to your first class, or mailed to the Registrar.

## **Structure for Branch Classes 2012/13**

This year, the Branch will offer two 10-week terms of Introductory classes, along with two 13-week terms of Social and Technique classes.

The teachers for 2012/13 are as follows:

Introductory	Maureen Burnham	
Fort Garry Social	Joyce Cormack (first term)	Peter McClure (second term)
Technique	Cheryl Durnin	
Demonstration	Christine Wallace	

Descriptions for the classes can be found on the Branch website.

Information on the start and end dates for the classes can be found in the 2012/13 Dance Season calendar.

## **Library News**

Christmas is not far away. Here are some new products available from TAC Sound:

*Are You Ready?.....Then Here We Go*  
Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent

This is a special album made from recordings of Bobby Brown's last two live appearances (\$20).

*Just As It Was*  
Muriel Johnstone and Alasdair Fraser

A triple CD set (\$45).

There were several other new releases in August which are available as well. Contact me for more details and receive the RSCDS member discount. Check out <http://sound.tac-rscds.org/> for more information on TAC Sound products.

*Reg Curle*

## **Timespan Project**

Jacquie Aitken, from the Timespan Museum and Arts Centre in Helmsdale, Scotland, has been in Winnipeg since August 30 for the Bicentennial celebrations. She will be in Manitoba until September 21, spending a week of that time in Churchill, where many of the Selkirk Settlers landed.

While in Manitoba, Jacquie will be promoting the Trans-Atlantic "Sock Sampler" project and the new app "Museum Without Walls: Scotland's Clearances Trail App". The Sock Sampler is a cultural exchange project in which the people from East Sutherland will share knitting, patterns, songs, dances, stories and recipes with people from Manitoba. The cultural exchange will be documented and exhibited in the Timespan centre in the summer of 2013 and tour Canada in 2014.

The Clearances Trail app will allow visitors to access stories, pictures and videos on their smart phones while they follow a 19-24 km trail of important sites from the Highland Clearances. Next year, Timespan will be commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the emigration from the Strath of Kildonan to the Red River area in 1813.

For further information on the Bicentenary Programme 2013, the Sock Sampler project and the Clearances app, check out the Timespan website ([www.timespan.org.uk](http://www.timespan.org.uk)) or contact Jacquie directly ([archive@timespan.org.uk](mailto:archive@timespan.org.uk)).

## ***Upcoming Events***

### **Bicentennial Events**

Information on the history of the Selkirk Settlement and special events to celebrate the Bicentenary can be found on the Bicentenary of the Red River Selkirk Settlement website at [www.redriver200.ca](http://www.redriver200.ca).

Although most of the events took place between August 31 and September 9, 2012, there is still one other event planned. On November 9 and 10, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will be presenting the World Premiere of *Red River* by Sid Rabinovitch, along with *Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major* by Beethoven and *Symphony No. 3 in A Minor* (the Scottish Symphony) by Mendelssohn.

### **Dancing in Transcona**

There will be a notice in the *Transcona Views* (the neighborhood paper) that Scottish Country Dancing will be offered at the Transcona Seniors Centre, starting on Thursday, September 20 at 1:00 pm. It would be helpful if experienced dancers came out to help in this endeavour. If you're interested, please contact me. Your help would be most appreciated.

There will also be a Health Fair taking place at Kildonan Place Shopping Centre on October 11, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Thirty to forty booths will be set up throughout the mall. There will also be demonstrations of various activities that are geared to seniors' needs and interests. We have been invited to do a demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing, for 20 to 30 minutes. The time has yet to be determined but in the meantime I would invite anyone who is interested in being part of this demonstration to let me know, by calling 204-224-2291 or emailing [rljgormack@gmail.com](mailto:rljgormack@gmail.com). The program will be comprised of simple dances and perhaps dances such as *Mairi's Wedding*.

*Joyce Cormack*

### **Tea Hosted by RSCDS and Grands'n'More**

*October 20, 2012*

The 50th Anniversary Committee will be hosting a fundraising tea on Saturday, October 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church. As an added attraction, Grands'n'More bags, seen in the following picture, will be available for sale.

The bags, made by Manitoba volunteers, make wonderful gifts - either for yourself or for others, so please consider coming to the event and feel free to bring your friends! This is a great opportunity to get a head start on Christmas shopping while supporting a very worthwhile cause.

Admission to the tea and sale will be \$5.00, with the proceeds going to the Branch in support of the 50th Anniversary celebrations in 2013.

All proceeds from the sale of the bags will go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, which supports grandmothers in Sub-Saharan Africa who are caring for their grandchildren orphaned by the AIDS pandemic.

Donations of costume jewellery, to be used on the shoulder bags, are always needed and appreciated, so if you have any earrings, pendants, metal or wooden necklaces or brooches you would consider donating, please either bring them with you to the tea or call Heather Colquhoun at 204-888-0834.

### **Bags, Bags & More Bags!**



Grands'n'More offers a range of bags, including embroidered tote bags, tote bags, shoulder bags, mini-bags, zippy bags, chikwaamas (toiletries-size bags) as well as balloon balls. Prices range from \$5 to \$55. **Cash and cheques only please.**

*Debbie Forrest*

### ***Event Reports***

#### **Demonstration Team**

The Demonstration Team has had a busy summer, with the following demonstrations completed in August and September:

August 14	Pavilion of Scotland
September 2	Barge Festival
September 7	RSCDS Bicentennial Pageant
September 8	Bicentennial Gala Dinner

*Agnes Brydon*

## **Folklorama – Pavilion of Scotland**

*August 12-18, 2012*

The Winnipeg Branch was well represented this year at the Pavilion of Scotland. On August 14, the Demonstration Team performed twice on the Main Stage as guest artists.

In the Cultural Area, a number of teachers (Maureen Burnham, Joyce Cormack, David Kroeker and Peter McClure) led participation dances each evening. In addition, several Branch members performed on the small stage – the Celtic Trio (Peter and Lynn McClure and Shirley Tinsley) on August 13, the recently formed Wee Drappie (Reg Curle, Scott MacRae and Ray Plaitin) on August 16, and Lynn and Peter McClure on August 18.

The Winnipeg Branch also had a very colourful booth in the Cultural Area that was set up by David Kroeker and manned each evening by various Branch members. Branch members also volunteered in other areas of the Pavilion, particularly in the Cultural Display, which featured the popular collection of tartans and a special display on the Selkirk Settlers. Cultural Coordinator Heather Ferguson and Assistant Coordinator Joan Curle were joined by Agnes Brydon, Debbie Forrest, Jean Highmoor, Anne Morrison and Scott MacRae in assisting visitors with finding a tartan and answering questions about Scotland.

*Heather Ferguson*

## **The Selkirk Settlers Parade**

*September 2, 2012*

Wasn't that an exciting long weekend at The Forks, with the Barge Festival held on August 31 – September 2! I am sure it will be written about elsewhere in this newsletter, but I have to say that it was all FABULOUS! Great entertainment, weather, crowds and fireworks.

It was great fun to be part of a very colorful parade on September 2. We had good representation, with 14 tartan-wearing, marching participants. Thanks to Joan and Reg Curle, Scott MacRae, Wendy Land, Pat Clubb, Heather Ferguson and Margaret Jones for coming out. Sheila Careless managed to get to church and arrived just in time to join in as we got started. Heather Colquhoun brought along her brother, sister-in-law, nephew Gavin and husband Glen (in his kilt). The highlight of our contingent was Marilyn Pinuita and her husband Ivan with his 1955 white and pink Packard convertible! Lawrence was particularly excited to have the privilege of riding in such a luxurious vehicle.

Reg and Scott proudly carried our banner and the rest of us took turns carrying a caliphone that was playing lively jigs and reels. In fact, we enthusiastically clapped and skip-changed along, even inviting some of the crowd to join in at times. What fun!!

*Joyce Cormack*



*Reg Curle and Scott MacRae carrying the RSCDS banner  
(with the assistance of Pat Clubb) in the Selkirk Settlers Parade*



*Demonstration Team performing at the Barge Festival*

## ***Here and There***

### **Autumn Fires**

In the other gardens  
And all up the vale,  
From the autumn bonfires  
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over  
And all the summer flowers,  
The red fire blazes,  
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!  
Something bright in all!  
Flowers in the summer,  
Fires in the fall!

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

## ***Out of Town Events***

### **Saskatoon, SK**

*September 29-30, 2012*

RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Workshop, Banquet and Ball

Teachers: Irene Paterson and Fred Demarse

Musicians: Ken Natrass and Ron Krug

Contact: Bob McNaughton ([info@rscdsSask.org](mailto:info@rscdsSask.org) or [www.rscdssask.org](http://www.rscdssask.org))

### **Banff, AB**

*October 6-8, 2012*

RSCDS Calgary Branch

Dancing in the Rockies

Teachers: Marjorie McLaughlin (USA), Simon Scott (Canada), Sue Porter (Scotland) and Ron Wallace (USA)

Music: Laird Brown and the Scottish Accent

Contact: Ilo Torgerson ([Torgeri@shaw.ca](mailto:Torgeri@shaw.ca))

## **Ottawa, ON**

*October 20-21, 2012*

RSCDS Ottawa Branch

Workshop, Concert and War of 1812 Tea Dance

Teachers: Deirdre MacCuish Bark and Moria Korus

Music: Highland Oasis

Contact: Bob and Barb Anglin (613-820-7576)

## **Santa Fe, NM**

*November 2-4, 2012*

RSCDS New Mexico Branch

Gala Scottish Dance Weekend

Teachers: Bill Zobel and Tine McKay

Music: Muriel Johnstone and Judi Nicholson

Contact: Rob Sanders ([RobTaosSCD@ao](mailto:RobTaosSCD@ao))

## **Pacific Grove, CA**

*November 2-4, 2012*

RSCDS San Francisco Branch

Asilomar Weekend Workshop and Ball

Teachers: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, Roberta Gotfried, Dwayne McQuilliams, Antoine Rousseau, and Janet Lois Walker

Music: Calum MacKinnon & Andy Imbrie, Fiddlesticks and Ivory

Contact: Julee Montes (650-722-0473 or

[julm-hcs@pacbell.net](mailto:julm-hcs@pacbell.net))

## **Christchurch, NZ**

*December 28, 2012 – January 6, 2013*

RSCDS New Zealand Branch

Ilam Summer School

Dancing classes, Teacher's Preparation Class, Musicians Course

Teachers: Gaye Collin (Wellington) and Mechthild Timmins (Adelaide)

Contact: Doug Mills ([doug.mills@rscdsnz.org.nz](mailto:doug.mills@rscdsnz.org.nz) or +54 3 356 2698)

## **Honolulu, HI**

*February 15-17, 2013*

RSCDS Hawaii Branch

Aloha Winter Weekend

Teachers: Bruce Herbold, David Newitt, Patti Cobb

Music: Humuhumunukunukuapua'a & Strathspey Society Band

Contact: Melissa Lindsay (808-256-3347 or [MLindsay@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:MLindsay@hawaii.rr.com))

Be sure to check the Inter-City Scot website for more information on dancing events in other cities (there is a link on the Winnipeg Branch website).

## ***Important Dates***

**COM meetings:** COM meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from October to May. Exceptions are Thursday, November 1, 2012 and Thursday, January 10, 2013.

**Next L&A:** Deadline for the October 2012 issue is **October 5, 2012.**

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members.

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