



Newsletter of the San Gabriel Valley Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

The Thistle and Rose

Greetings from the Chair

As we start a new season of classes and dances, I am pleased to send out an issue of *The Thistle and Rose* after far too long a hiatus. A huge thank you goes to Janet Maruhashi for taking on the job as editor. This issue may be a little on the lean side as we have been working out the technical aspects of getting a newsletter off the ground. Look for the next issue in December.

I am also fortunate to have a hard working and creative committee. Thanks to many who are continuing on from last year, former members who are returning and a new member as well. We are planning an exciting year of dance events for you.

Our first event this season will be the Macdonalds' Anniversary Dance on October 15. I know many of you were there fifteen years ago at their wedding and I hope all of you will be there to celebrate their anniversary. The program is great and as always at an event Anthea plans, there will be delicious food and this time a wedding cake as well. Note this is an afternoon dance.

November will bring us a Thanksgiving dance. It is not our normal weekend because the LA Branch requested we switch weekends in order to accommodate their St. Andrews Ball. So eat, drink and be merry on Thanksgiving and then have fun working it off at Lindberg Park on Saturday.

The annual Interbranch Dance is September 24. The music of Peat-Fire Flame Plus will keep our feet moving and it will be great to catch up with friends from other branches. This issue lists many other events as well. I hope to see you on the dance floor.

Pat Grivetti

Welcome back Thistle and Rose

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Editor of *The Thistle and Rose*. It was not entirely my idea to revive the venerable publication that you knew and loved – Pat Grivetti was the inspiration behind this. I intend for this newsletter to be informative, have plenty of photos and express the idea that Scottish Country Dancing is a fun and social pastime. I have a weird and often silly sense of humor that may show through at times, so be warned! I rarely acted like a child when I was a child so I make up for it now. So lighten up and get those chuckle muscles working – you are in for a fun ride.

Janet Maruhashi

Macdonalds' Anniversary Dance

We're celebrating our fifteen years together with a tea dance on October 15th, at 4 p.m. in Dabney Lounge, Caltech, where we met (in dance class, naturally), and were married on October 12, 1996. We know a lot of you were there and remember the ball attended by about 200 dancers and friends, and the fabulous music by Lyle Ramshaw, Kim McGarrity, and John Taylor.

The years have brought a lot of joy to us, not least because of our continued dancing with and teaching of all of you, so we hope you can join us for this celebration. Please RSVP to Anthea by October 10, damacdonald@juno.com.

The program is filled with some of our favorite dances, some from our wedding, as well as from local programs this fall, including Asilomar. Dances like *Cadgers in the Canongate*, *Pinewoods Reel*, and *Rendezvous*, will be accompanied by recorded music from the musicians who have inspired us over the years. We hope you can join us!

Anthea and Doug Macdonald

The Luau - Parade of Colors

The highlight of the summer was our branch's Luau in August. It was an enjoyable evening for all except for those who are over achievers in the taste department! Bright Hawaiian hibiscus flowers cozied up to straight laced tartan kilts. The result was a splendid array of colors that gave a bright happy feel to the evening. Some take this event more seriously than most, going so far as to sport a kilt in a Hawaiian print.

There is something about Dabney Hall that brings out the culinary talents in dancers. Delicious beef ribs rubbed shoulders with pineapple upside down cake, home grown tomatoes, quiche and brownies on the beautifully laid out table in the courtyard.

Many dancers attended including Michelle Casalegno and her daughter Geneva, who were visiting from Rhode Island. It looked like everyone was having fun thanks to the efforts of Alison, Anthea, Carol and others who organized the music, food, decorations etc. In spite of their aliases, none of the dances remained undercover for long and we all learned a little more about Hawaii.

Janet Maruhashi



Seaside Highland Games

The Seaside Highland Games are to be held in October at the Ventura County Fairgrounds right near the beach in Ventura. There will be Scottish activities, food and entertainment.

At the Seaside Games, we are fortunate to have the use of the McBride Hall for our Scottish Country Dancing on both days, allowing us to invite local classes to present short programs followed by audience participation dancing; This has proved to be a fun way to introduce visitors to the delights of SCD without demanding too much time of any one group.

In addition to the class programs, there will also be two performances by the L.A. Demonstration Team on Saturday and two on Sunday by the Clan MacLeod Dancers. San Gabriel's own David Key will play and sing Sunday.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 8, there will be a one-hour concert by Peat Fire Flame, Shauna Pickett-Gordon (piano) and Colyn Fischer (fiddle) followed by a Dance featuring a mix of live music by Peat Fire Flame and recorded music.

Discount tickets are available to both the Games (\$7.00) and the Concert (\$10.00). Please contact Robb Quint, volleyballjerry@aol.com, for details. The deadline is September 24. For information on class participation, contact Aase Hansen at 818-845-5726 or aasehansen@aol.com.

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Note that the monthly Orange County dance has been moved to October 1 to accommodate the Games dance.



Son of a gun we had big fun at the Luau!
Photographs by Jo Solomon

SGV Branch Events *Date change

October 15th Anniversary Tea Dance
Caltech, Pasadena 4:00 pm

***November 26th** Thanksgiving Dance
Lindberg Park, Culver City 7:30 pm

Other Events *Date change

Sept. 24th Interbranch Dance
Tustin Area Senior Center 7:30 pm

September 30th - Oct. 2nd Harwood Lodge Weekend
Harwood Lodge, Mount Baldy

***October 1st** OC Monthly Dance
Anaheim Downtown Comm. Center 7:30 pm

October 8th - 9th Ventura Seaside Highland Games

October 22nd LA Halloween Dance
First Christian Church, North Hollywood

November 4th – 6th SF Weekend Workshop & Ball
Asilomar Conference Grounds

November 12th OC Beginner Dance
Anaheim Downtown Comm. Center 7:30

November 13th Highland Fundraising Dinner 5 pm

November 19th LA St. Andrew's Ball
Ports O' Call Restaurant, San Pedro

The San Diego branch will have a Spring Dance event
on March 31st 2012. Details to follow soon.

Highland Fundraising Dinner

FUSTA (highland dancers' association) is hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, November 13, 5 p.m., at the Westminster Manor in Westminster. It will be a full evening; social hour and turkey dinner followed by Scottish music, song and dance. The Scottish Fiddlers will play during dinner and the concert following. There will be raffles and door prizes as well. They would love to have Scottish country dancers in attendance. Tables of 10 may be reserved. For more information and tickets, contact David Tague at 714 230-0587 or dumbartondavey@yahoo.com

Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Jeanne Weston and Willie Woods, and is available to qualified members who would like financial assistance to attend dance or music related SCD events. The maximum amount is \$150.00. All inquiries are strictly confidential. To apply, contact Pat Grivetti at pgriv@earthlink.net.

SGV Classes

Tuesday

Culver City 7:30-9:45

Teacher: Pat Grivetti pgriv@earthlink.net

Place: Lindberg Park Recreation Center

Thousand Oaks 7:30-9:30

Teacher: Robb Quint Volleyballjerry@aol.com

Place: Hillcrest Center for the Arts

Wednesday

Pasadena 7:30-10:00

Teacher: Doug Macdonald damacdonald@juno.com

Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church

Thursday

Eagle Rock 7:30-9:30

Teacher: Anthea Macdonald damacdonald@juno.com

Place: St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Sunday

South Pasadena Beg 6:30-8:00, Int/Adv 7:30-9:00

Anthea Macdonald damacdonald@juno.com

Place: War Memorial Building

Invite a Friend to Try SCD on September 18

The Sunday night class at the War Memorial Building in South Pasadena is offering an "Introduction to Scottish Country Dancing" on Sunday, Sept. 18th at 6:00 p.m. The free class will feature easier Scottish and Ceilidh dances that everyone can do.

Come along and bring a friend! For more information, contact Anthea & Doug, damacdonald@juno.com.

Sell your Scottish Dance Miscellany at the Interbranch Dance in Tustin

What's that in the back of your closet? A kilt that doesn't fit, a ball gown you're tired of, an extra pair of ghillies you no longer need?

All these items and more can be sold at the Interbranch Dance on September 24. Everything from clothing and shoes, to jewelry and dance books can benefit someone else, especially those dancers who are new to the scene.

You set the sale price of your items, have them tagged and ready to go, and bring them to the Tustin Senior Center, starting at 6:30. You are welcome to make a donation to the Interbranch account from your proceeds (perhaps helping to defray the cost of the next Catalina workshop), or not. The choice is yours. Items can be donated directly to Anthea Macdonald if you wish, with all proceeds going to Interbranch.

For additional information, please contact Anthea, damacdonald@juno.com.

22nd Annual Interbranch Dance

September 24th 2011 at 7:30 pm
Tustin Area Senior Center, 200 "C" Street
Members \$20.00, Nonmembers: \$22.00

Music by: Peat Fire Flame Plus

Laird of Milton's Daughter*	IJ	Book 22
Scott Meikle	IR	Book 46
Balquidder Strathspey	IS	Book 24
A Capital Jig	IJ	RSCDS-5dances
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	AR	Dickson
Tribute to the Borders	BJ	RSCDS Leaflet
Gang the Same Gate	AS	Book 36
The Dancing Bees	BR	Goldring
The Valentine	IS	5 for 2009
Bees of Maggie Knockater	IJ	Drewry
Jennifer's Jig	AJ	Drewry
Sugar Candie	IS	Book 26
Reel On	BR	Goldring
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	IJ	Johnstone

Extras:

Maitland to Manchester	IJ	Thomas/Wallace
The Montgomerie's Rant	IR	Book 10

Anniversary Tea Dance

October 15th 2011 at 4:00pm
Dabney Hall, Caltech, Pasadena
Cost: \$10 for everyone

Laird of Milton's Daughter	BJ	Book 22
Macdonald of the Isles	SI	Haynes
Cadgers in the Canongate	AR	Book 9
Blackadder House	IS	Johnstone/Zobel
Montgomerie's Rant	IR	Book 10
Jennifer's Jig	AJ	Drewry
Gang the Same Gate	AS	Book 36
Magic of Merrill	IR	Ramshaw
Invercauld's Reel	BS	Book 11
The Rendezvous,	IR	McConachie Grampian
Machine without Horses	BJ	Book 12
Flowers of Edinburgh	BR	Book 1
John McAlpin	IS	Foss Galloway
Abbot of Unreason	IJ	Levy
Pinewoods Reel	IR	Dickson

SGV November Dance

November 26th 2011 at 7:30pm (note date change)
Lindberg Park, Culver City
Members \$8.00, Nonmembers \$10.00

Miss Allie Anderson	BJ	RSCDS Leaflet
Cape Town Wedding	IS	SRSCDS Book 39
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	IR	Dickson Lothian Coll
Mrs Stewart's Jig	BJ	RSCDS Book 35
Aberdeen Hunt	AR	Wallace San Andreas
Pinewoods Reel	IR	Dickson Yankee Samplr
Whistler's Jig	BJ	Tague Leaflet
Blackadder House	IS	Johnstone/Zobel
Starlight	IR	RSCDS Book 44
Niles Roberts'	AJ	Macdonald Home
Farewell to Pasadena		Made Dances #2
The Valentine	IS	5 Dances for 2009
The Magic of Merrill	IR	Ramshaw Leaflet
The Last of the Lairds	IJ	RSCDS Book 22
Mary Erskine	BR	15 Social Dances
Lammermuir Hills	IS	Goldring
A Capital Jig	IJ	RSCDS 1 2009
Mairi's Wedding	IR	Cosh

*To save space, some definite and indefinite articles have been omitted.

Seaside Games Concert / Dance

October 9th 2011
4 Points Sheraton
1050 Schooner Drive, Ventura, CA 93001
Concert 7:00pm Dance 8:00 p.m.
\$10.00 in Advance, \$12.00 at the Door

Flowers of Edinburgh	BR	RSCDS Book 1
Sandy O'er the Lea	BS	MMM 2
Bees of Maggie Knockater	AJ	Drewry
Gang the Same Gate	AS	SCDS Book 36
A Capital Jig	IR	RSCDS 1 2009
Scott Meikle	IR	Book 46
Roaring Jelly	BJ	Foss
Sueno's Stone	IR	4 for 2008
Argyll Strathspey	AS	Book 35
Mary Erskine	BR	15 Soc Dances
Jennifer's Jig	IJ	Drewry
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	IR	Dickson Lothian

Next Issue

Please send all announcements and contributions for the next issue to pgriv@earthlink.net or jjsally5@ca.rr.com
Deadline for the next issue is November 26. Submissions may be edited for clarity and space.