

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Carolinas Branch News

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Summer Newsletter by May 15, 2025 to the Editors:*

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What's Happening in the Carolinas Branch



From the Chair's Desk

Episode 5

As we move forward into another year, it's a time for all of us in the Carolinas Branch to think about how we can contribute to its continued success. The strength of any organization lies not just in its leadership, but in the collective efforts of each member. Whether you've been involved with the branch for years or you're newer to the community, now is the time for all of us to step up and make a difference.

- 1. Engagement is Key** The vitality of the Carolinas Branch relies heavily on the engagement of its members. This means attending events, participating in planning local activities, and having conversations that shape our direction. We need innovation, collaboration, and growth. From weekly classes to yearly balls, there are endless opportunities for us to learn, share, and grow together. Now is the time to take that step this year—you'll be amazed at how much more rewarding your experience becomes when you engage.
- 2. Share Your Expertise** Each member brings a unique set of skills, experiences, and knowledge to the table. Sharing that expertise strengthens the branch. Consider volunteering to design a website for one of our groups, help with marketing, or offer mentorship to a new dancer. Whether you've been dancing for years or just starting out, your contributions are invaluable in shaping the future of the branch.
- 3. Foster Collaboration** A successful branch thrives on the diversity of its members. Whether you're from North Carolina, South Carolina, or anywhere else, it's important to remember that every member brings a valuable perspective. We are stronger together, and when we open the door for collaboration, we create a vibrant community where innovation and growth can flourish.
- 4. Showing up for the Long-Term** It's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day demands of life and work, but it's the consistency of effort from each of us that will keep the branch strong year after year. Make a commitment today to be an active participant in its future.

Conclusion: Our Branch, Our Responsibility The Carolinas Branch is a reflection of its members, and it's up to all of us to keep it vibrant, engaged, and growing. Whether through volunteering, sharing knowledge, mentoring the next generation, or simply showing up and being present, each of us plays a vital role in the success of this community. So let's make this year the best yet by doing our part, staying engaged, and fostering a collaborative environment. Together, we can ensure the Carolinas Branch remains a strong, supportive, and dynamic force for years to come.

Let's keep the joy going—one skip change step at a time.

Eilean Yates received the RSCDS Scroll of Honour from William Williamson!



pictures provided by the RSCDS

Eilean was awarded the RSCDS 'Scroll of Honour' at the AGM in November 2024.

This is the highest honor that RSCDS awards and is “awarded each year to a few individuals who have made an exceptional contribution, generally to the RSCDS at large/worldwide as well as locally”.

This recognition is well deserved as Eilean has been an ardent supporter of Scottish Country Dancing in the Southeast and well beyond for many years.

We extend our congratulations to one of our own.

Thank you Eilean for all you have done for Scottish Country Dancing and for the guidance you have provided through the years.

Congratulations Eilean!!!



Left
Gary Coull, Chair
Eilean Yates, North Carolina

Right
Frank Thomson, Aberdeen
outgoing Chair William Williamson





Asheville Scottish Country Dancers



**The Asheville Group meets at
Harvest House on Fridays 7:30pm-9pm**

For more information contact Kate Mathews

Dancingsct@gmail.com

Dancer16mathk@att.net

or

Check us out our [Facebook Group](#)

Charlotte Scottish Country Dancers



Teacher: Arthur Baum

When: Weekly on Thursdays from 6:00-8:30 pm

Where: Providence United Methodist Church
2810 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC

Cost: \$7 for adults, \$3 for students

New dancers and seasoned dancers are welcome.
If you know of anyone in the Charlotte area who
would be interested, please let them know about
the class.

For more information please email Arthur
arhbaum@gmail.com

Charleston Scottish Country Dancers



Charleston dancers at
Loch Norma

Teachers are Irene Stancik and Caroline Freeman

**We meet on the first Sunday of every month
from 2:30 - 4:30pm *unless there is a conflict***

**Northwoods Community Center Gym,
8348 Greenridge Rd. North Charleston, SC 29406**

**We also meet on the first and third Monday
of every month from 6 - 8pm**

**North Charleston Cultural Arts Department Building,
4800 Park Circle North Charleston, SC 29405**

We like to socialize afterwards at [The Codfather](#) or [Madra Rua](#)

For more information, email us at CharlestonRSCDS@gmail.com or text 843-810-7797

Like us on Facebook [Charleston Scottish Country Dancers](#)



Demo practice

Durham/Chapel Hill Scottish Country Dancers

The teachers are Pam Stephens and Eilean Yates

We meet Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm at Triangle Dance Studio 2603 S. Miami Boulevard, Durham 27703

For more info, email us at dancescottishdurhamnc@gmail.com or call 917-763-2418 or

find us on Facebook [*Durham Chapel Hill Scottish Country Dancers*](#)



Greensboro Scottish Country Dancers



Esther Leise is our Lead Teacher

Sam Moffitt & Jacquelyn Trost
are also instructing, as they complete the
RSCDS Core Training for
Instructors (CTI) program,
with Mary McConnell as their trainer



We meet on Tuesday nights

7:30 pm -- 8:30 pm *beginners*
7:30pm – 10:00pm *members*

The Guilford Grange
4909 Guilford School Road
Greensboro, NC 27410



For more information email us at

contact@gsoscids.org

or

check out our website

www.gsoscids.org



Greensboro Scottish Country Dance Open House Success!

In spite of the rain on Sept 17th, we had a great Open House with 13 visitors!
We had nearly as many visitors as members that night.
Best of all we gained 7 new members for the fall!



Greenville Scottish Country Dancers



Teacher is Brian Carr

We continue to meet on Tuesday nights
at St. James Episcopal Church
6:30pm to 8:30pm

For more information please contact:
Brian Carr gvillesc@yaho.com

We held our Holiday Party Saturday January 4. We had over 30 people attending from Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Charlotte, and Greensboro (shout out to Sam!). Also at this party, Jory Fleming was able to video his teaching to complete his requirement for the CTI program. He did a great job and we were glad to help Jory out on his journey to teaching! *See pictures next page*

Jory Fleming



CTI
program



Palmetto Scottish Country Dancers

Colleen Walker is our primary dance instructor

Jory Fleming is also instructing,
as he undergoes the RSCDS Core Training
for Instructors (CTI) program

We meet on
Mondays 6:00-8:00pm

at

Eastminster Presbyterian Christian Life Center
3200 Trenholm Rd,
Columbia, SC 29204

For more information contact Michelle Wilcox
at 5mmw5a@gmail.com



Richmond Scottish Country Dancers



Please visit our website for more information at
www.richmondscottishcountrydancers.org



Tuesday nights

6:00 pm -- 8:00 pm

note new time

The Dance Space, 6004A
W. Broad Street,
Richmond, VA 23230

For more information about class or an event please contact:

scdrichmond@gmail.com

Carolinas Branch Scottish Country Dance Groups

Asheville, NC

Harvest House
Fridays 7:30pm-9pm
Kate Mathews
Dancingsct@gmail.com
Dancer16mathk@att.net

Barnwell, SC

Taking a break from classes

Charleston, SC

Northwood Community Center
1st Sunday Park Circle 2:30pm – 4:30pm
1st & 3rd Monday 6:00-7:30pm
Irene Stancik
CharleslestonRSCDS@gmail.com
843-810-7797

Charlotte, NC

Providence United Methodist Church
Thursdays 6pm – 8:30pm
Arthur Baum
arhbaum@gmail.com

Columbia, SC

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
6pm-8pm Mondays
Colleen Walker
5mmw5a@gmail.com

Durham/Chapel Hill, NC

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Greenville, SC

St James Episcopal Church
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Brian Carr
gvillesc@yahoo.com

Richmond, VA

The Dance Space
5pm-7pm Tuesdays
Moira Turner
scdrichmond@gmail.com
www.richmondscottishcountrydancers.org

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Dance Pictures

Autumn 2024

39th Annual

St. Andrew's Day Dance

November 23, 2024



Charleston Ball

Saturday November 2, 2024



Charleston Games

Saturday November 2, 2024





Upcoming Event Information



Valentine Tea Dance

Saturday, February 1, 2025

2-5 pm Admission: \$25

Sponsored by the Durham Chapel Hill Scottish Country Dancers

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church

314 Great Ridge Parkway

Chapel Hill, NC

Music by Mara Shea and Julie Gorka

Program

The Lady Wynd 8x32J Goldring & Social Dances 2

Triple Happiness 3x32S set Book 52

The Kissing Bridge 8x32R Book 47

Posties Jig 4x32J RSCDS 30 Popular Dances, Vol 2

Invercauld's Reel 8x32S Book 11

Major Ian Stewart 8x32J Book 35

The Athenaeum 3x32S set Glasgow 100th Anniversary

The Australian Ladies 8x32R Campbell, Glasgow Assembly

Kendall's Hornpipe 6x32J RSCDS Graded Book

Swiss Lassie 8x32R Book 39

Bridge of Nairn 8x32S Book 13

Farewell to Balfour Road 5x32J Book 52

Mary Erskine 8x32R RSCDS Graded Book 2

The Minister on the Loch 3x32S Goldring, 24 G and S

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<https://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/54299>

[Crib-sheet](#)



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2025 Spring Workshop – March 14-15, 2025

For more information see: <https://rscds-atlanta.org/spring-workshop/>

30th Annual Loch Norman Scottish Dance and Ball

April 11, 12, 2025

Elissa Hock-Wimmer – Piano Arthur McNair – Accordion

Friday Night April 11 8PM

Granville Market	J8x32	2nd Graded Book
Monymusk	S8x32	RSCDS Book 11
Arthur's Seat	R8x32	McConachie 18C
Portincaple Oak	M-S32+R32	RSCDS Bk 53
Linton Ploughman	J8x32	RSDCS Book 5
The Athenaeum	S3x32	Glasgow 100
The Mason's Apron	R8x32	Border Dance Book
Mrs. Stewart's Jig	J8x32	RSCDS Book 35
Mary Erskine	R8x32	RSCDS Graded 2
The Lammermuir Hills	S8x32	Auld Friend Meet
Tribute to the Boarders	J8x32	RSCDS Leaflets
John of Bon Acord	R8x32	RSCDS Book 33
City of Belfast	S3x32	RSCDS Book 48
The Deil Amang the Tailors	R8x32	RSCDS Book 14

Friday program by Arthur Baum

Saturday program by Brian Carr

Saturday Night April 12 7:30pm (Grand March)

Good Hearted Glasgow	J8x32	Knapman Guide to SCD
The Sailor	R8x32	RSCDS Book 24
The Gentleman	S8x32	RSCDS Book 35
The Australian Ladies	R8x32	Glasgow Assembly
The Compleat Gardener	J8x32	RSCDS Graded 3
Forget Me Knot	S3x32	Thistle XXX
The Castle of Mey	R8x32	RSCDS Diamond Jubilee
Postie's Jig	J4x32	Ormskirk 5
Gaelforce Wind	J8x32	Carnforth Collection 3
Craigleith	R88 Sq.	RSCDS Graded 3
Something in the Air	S6x32	RSCS Book 53
Toast to the Mousies	R8x32	RSCDS Book 53
City Lights	J8x32	RSCDS Book 52
Chasing the Eclipse	S3x32	Highland Road Coll
Laird of Milton's Dgtr	J8x32	RSCDS Book 22
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Location:

Hopewell Presbyterian Church
10500 Beattie's Ford Road, Huntersville, NC

Sponsorships

\$10-\$49	Gentle Lamb
\$50 - \$99	Highland Coo
\$100 +	Rampant Lion

Or

Sponsor a dance by donation.

Sponsors will be recognized during the dances or in the programs.

Thank you for your continued support of SCD in the Carolinas!

Cost for each night:

\$30 at the door,
\$25 in advance (if paid by March 31)

Email: thecarolinasbranch@gmail.com with:

- Name(s),
- Nights paid for
- Amount paid
- Phone number
- Paid via Zelle or Check

For Zelle, send to: thecarolinasbranch@gmail.com

For checks, make out to: The Carolinas Branch
mail to: Brian Carr
12 Wiltshire Ct, Taylors, SC 29687

Hotel Information

Drury Inn: 6920 Northlake Mall Dr., Charlotte, NC Tel: 704-599-8882
www.druryhotels.com Group: Carolina Scottish Country Dancing

Click on: BOOK NOW ➡ Add Special Rate or Code ➡ Group Code: 10137350

Room Rates: Friday \$117, Saturday \$160 (138.50/night, \$2 less than last year!)

Drury has a hot breakfast buffet, light dinner buffet, and a free drink in the evening included.

Rate good through February 28!

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For more information please email: thecarolinasbranch@gmail.com

Location:
Hopewell Presbyterian Church

10500 Beattie's Ford Road, Huntersville, NC

Early Bird Registration starts
February 15

SUMMER SCHOOL IN CANADA!

AUGUST 3-10, 2025

Bishop's University
Sherbrooke, Quebec

For dancers of all levels
Partial week attendance options

Teaching Staff

Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, BC Canada

Linda Henderson, California USA

Andrew Nolan, UK

Cecily Selling, Pennsylvania USA

Music Director

Gary Thomas, California USA



Register online at
tac-rscds.org

Scottish Country Dance
Teachers' Association (Canada)



2025

Scottish Country Dance-at-a-glance

Date	Event	Location	More information
February 1	 Valentine's Day Tea Dance 	Chapel Hill, NC	dancescottishdurhamnc@gmail.com
February 16-21	RSCDS Winter School	Pitlochry, Scotland	https://rscds.org/events
March 14-15	2025 Spring Workshop	Cartersville, GA	https://rscds-atlanta.org
April 11, 12	30th Annual Loch Norman Scottish Dance and Ball	Huntersville, NC	thecarolinasbranch@gmail.com
July 6-12	Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School	Boone, NC	https://www.blueridgesds.org
July 13 – Aug 10	RSCDS Summer School	St Andrews, Scotland	https://rscds.org/events
August, 1-3	TAC Teacher's Conference	Sherbrooke, Quebec	https://tac-rscds.org
August, 3-10	TAC Summer School	Sherbrooke, Quebec	https://tac-rscds.org
Oct 17 Fall Gala Oct 18 Tartan Ball	Scottish Country Dancing at Stone Mountain	Atlanta, GA	www.rscds-atlanta.org
October 17-19	52 nd Stone Mountain Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Atlanta, GA	http://www.smhg.org
November 22	St. Andrew's Day Dance	Greensboro, NC	https://gsoscds.org

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