

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Carolinas Branch News

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*Please send submissions and advertisements of events for the
Autumn Newsletter by September 1, 2025 to the Editors:*

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What's Happening in the Carolinas Branch



From the Chair's Desk

Episode 6

The Carolinas Branch gathered for our Annual General Meeting on Sunday morning, following a fabulous weekend of dancing at Loch Norman. Unfortunately, we were just one person short of a quorum, so we're planning to hold a follow-up AGM via Zoom on an upcoming Sunday evening.

I missed the Cartersville workshop weekend this year due to a recent move—from Blackville to Goose Creek. My new home now includes a front-room dance studio, affectionately named Studio 149. The Charleston Scottish Country Dancers are meeting there on Monday evenings.

Because my husband is dealing with Lou Gehrig's Disease, I'm traveling less at the moment while I work to get home health services in place. Even so, Scottish Country Dancing continues to be a bright spot in my life—it truly makes everything better.

In February, I had the honor of competing again with the North American Team at the Newcastle Festival. We were thrilled to win the Display event! Although I felt anxious during rehearsals and the competition because of being away from my husband, the victory reminded me that I was exactly where I needed to be. It felt like destiny.

Caroline aka Caz



Congratulations! to the North American Team

who took home the display trophy at the
39th Newcastle Festival
of

Scottish Country Dancing
on Saturday 8th February 2025 at
Kenton School (Newcastle/UK)

video link below

[Newcastle 2025](#)

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



Teachers are Irene Stancik and Caroline Freeman

We meet Mondays 7 - 9pm
Studio 149, 149 Westminster Blvd.
Goose Creek, SC 29445

We also 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 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](#)

This year we had 2 Audience Participation Gigs on April 26

Bees Ferry Library Renaissance Fair and Myrtle Beach Celtic Festival and Scottish Games



Charleston dancers



After class

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
our summer schedule is pending

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,



We meet on Tuesday nights

7:30 pm -- 8:30 pm *beginners*

7:30pm – 10:00pm *members*

Spring semester ends on June 17th

Fall semester begins on Sept. 9th

The Guilford Grange
4909 Guilford School Road
Greensboro, NC 27410



Tartan Day

For more information email us at
contact@gsoscds.org

or

check out our website

www.gsoscds.org



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 [gvillescd@yahoo.com](mailto:gvillescđ@yahoo.com)

Palmetto Scottish Country Dancers

Colleen Walker & Jory Fleming are our instructors

*Our class is fun and filled with laughter
When we mess, up we laugh and keep carrying on*

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

The Palmetto group danced at Cayce Tartan Day
South on April 5th and picked up a brand new
dancer that discovered us at the games!



Congratulations!

Jory



Jory passed the RSCDS 'Core Training for Instructors' in January and taught 'Geography & Ghillies: Spatial Thinking Through Scottish Country Dance' at the University of South Carolina this Spring. 15 new dancers were introduced to Scottish Country Dance.

Richmond Sottish 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:

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Carolinas Branch Scottish Country Dance Groups

Asheville, NC

Harvest House
Fridays 7:30pm-9pm
Kate Mathews
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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
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Charlotte, NC

Providence United Methodist Church
Thursdays 6pm – 8:30pm
Arthur Baum
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Columbia, SC

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
6pm-8pm Mondays
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Greenville, SC

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Richmond, VA

The Dance Space
5pm-7pm Tuesdays
Moira Turner
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www.richmondscottishcountrydancers.org



Dance Pictures

2025



Valentine Tea

Saturday February 1, 2025

Thank you for a wonderful dance!



To view more pictures visit: <https://www.facebook.com/share>





[View more pictures](#)



The Carolinas Branch Loch Norman Dance and Gala



April 11 & 12, 2025

**2025 Loch Norman Dance and Ball, and the first to be hosted by The Carolinas Branch,
was enjoyed by many.**

Thanks to Ellisa and Arthur who played for us and did a wonderful job.



**We look forward to having Mara Shea and Dean Herington
as our musicians for next year's Loch Norman Dance and Ball
April 17 & 18, 2026.**



A graphic of a folded plaid cloth with a central label. The cloth features a dark blue and green plaid pattern with thin yellow lines. A white rectangular label with a black border is centered on the cloth, containing the text "Upcoming Event Information" in a black serif font. The entire graphic is set against a white background with a green border and two dark brown horizontal bars on the left and right sides.

Upcoming Event Information

Summer Programs



July 6-12

Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School

**Appalachian State University
Boone, NC**

Sponsored by

RSCDS Atlanta Branch & RSCDS Carolinas Branch

register online at
blueridgesds.org

August 3-10

Summer School in Canada

**Bishop's University
Sherbrooke, Quebec**

register online at
tac-rscds.org



Fall Dances



November 1st Charleston Ball

7:30pm

Northwoods Baptist Church
Gymnasium, 2200 Greenridge Road,
North Charleston, SC 29406

Musicians Liz Donaldson and David
Courret-Knight

November 22nd St. Andrew's Day Dance

7:30pm

Red Head Hall First Presbyterian
Church, 617 North Elm Street,
Greensboro, NC 27401

Muscians Mara Shea and July Gorka

Scottish Country Dance-at-a-glance

2025

Date	Event	Location	More information
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 1	Charleston Ball	North Charleston, SC	carolineannnefreeman@gmail.com
November 22	St. Andrew's Day Dance	Greensboro, NC	https://gsoscds.org

Please verify all events / dates before traveling



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