

BRANCH AWARD REQUEST

Branch name: **RSCDS Vancouver Branch**

Date of Branch AGM, Committee or Sub-Committee meeting: **August 31st, 2019**

Nominee details:

Name (as it should appear on Award): **MARION HEATH**

Address: **1145 MARINE DRIVE
BELLINGHAM, WA., USA** Zip/post code: **98225**

Date to be awarded: **Autumn of 2019 (The Branch AGM is September 27th)**

(The Society Chairman will write to the nominee only after the certificate has been presented.)

After careful deliberation, the Branch decided to award the Branch Award to the above-named for the following reasons (citation to be no longer than 300 words, continue overleaf if necessary):

Marion Heath joined the Bellingham Scottish Country Dancers in 1988. Since her first day dancing, she has been a most enthusiastic and successful member. Marion became a teacher and for many years has taught a group every Wednesday evening. As there is only one class per week (for both beginners and intermediate/advanced) she has been amazing in the way she has adapted her class plan, upon sizing up who is present, to ensure that everyone gets to dance to their full potential in an evening without much "sitting out".

Marion has been a valued participant in the Demonstration Team, as well as furthering Scottish Culture by being on the Board of the Bellingham Scottish Highland Games Association, volunteering since 1968, and becoming the BSHGA Country Dance Chair in 1992. Marion always made sure that the Demonstration Team participated at the Highland Games and their Annual Burns Dinner.

Over the years, Marion has represented the Bellingham group at most big events held in Vancouver, BC., Canada. She has been consistent in travelling up to participate at the balls and dances. She extends herself around the group - calling members to find out who would like to attend an event. She will then teach the appropriate dances and arrange car-pooling to the event. She attends TAC (at her own expense) most years and has travelled to many destinations around the world, including Scotland and France, to dance. Marion has been instrumental in keeping the Bellingham Club active and cohesive. The Branch and the Club are extremely grateful for her tireless work and appreciate her amazing demeanor.

We would like to acknowledge Marion for her devotion and loyalty to the Bellingham Scottish Country Dance Club as well as to the RSCDS.

Signed: Heather Hankin (Branch Chairman)

Gillian Beattie (Branch Secretary)

On receipt of the completed form, the Branch Award will be dispatched to the Branch Secretary within 14 days.

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