

Drew Simpson

The scotch man, the mushroom man, Drew, the dancer and our very dear friend.

On the afternoon of 21 May 2017, in his own home on Prince Edward Street, Drew passed on to a new place, on another journey. The memories he leaves in the hearts and minds of many in our dance community will not quickly fade. We will often recall his full and shaggy beard surrounding a very friendly smile and brisk chuckle as well as his braided pony-tail falling across the back of his collar.

For many, many years Drew has been a most congenial constant at all our local dances, balls and related dance events. He always maintained his committed interest and sure devotion to our shared activity and all who dance within it. Drew was committed to our Branch and what it represents. He was not only one of the longest serving but also most devoted members of our Branch Demonstration Team. In the past few years he took over the weekly Kerrisdale classes, eventually from a chair.

Drew loved a dram and he was a keen member of the Vancouver Scotch Club. He also ran the Scotch Tasting tent at the annual BC Highland Games where he informed and entertained both ardent and novice tasters.

On weekends and time off Drew was drawn to the local mountain forest not only to hike but more so in search of the delicacies of various mushroom types. He was active in the Vancouver Mycological Society and the Alpine Garden Club.

At times, a combination of both work and adventure took Drew away from Vancouver to the north and later to remote parts of Africa working in the gold mining field.

Among us and among many, in your unique way, you have been a sure and secure friend. Dance on dear friend. You will continue to dance within our hearts. Your kind and generous soul has gladdened ours.

Simon Scott

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