

## Vancouver Area Calendar of Events

| 2024            |                                                           |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| September 6 - 7 | Naramata 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend - Penticton |
| September 27    | Vancouver Ceilidh Dance - RSCDS Vancouver                 |
| October 4 - 6   | Fort Worden 2024 Workshop - Seattle Branch                |
| October 11      | RSCDS Vancouver Branch AGM & Dance                        |
| October 20      | White Rock SCD Club Workshop                              |
| October 25      | Vancouver Ceilidh Dance - RSCDS Vancouver                 |
| November 3 2024 | North Shore Dance Scottish Fall Dance                     |
| November 11     | Lady Aberdeen Tea Dance                                   |
| November 29     | Vancouver Ceilidh - RSCDS Vancouver                       |
| December 14     | Glenayre Christmas Dance                                  |
| December 28     | Betwixt & Between - RSCDS Vancouver                       |
| 2025            |                                                           |
| January 25      | Burns Supper - RSCDS Vancouver                            |
| February 22     | Love to Dance Workshop & Tea Dance<br>RSCDS Vancouver     |
| March 8         | Burnaby Spring Dance                                      |
| April 12        | Glenayre Spring Dance                                     |
| April 25        | Heather Ball - RSCDS Vancouver                            |
| May (early)     | White Rock Spring Dance                                   |
| May 25          | Fort Langley Whisky Tea Dance                             |
| June 20 - 21    | ScotFest BC Highland Games - Coquitlam                    |

Times, dates and venues for events and classes are subject to change or cancellation. Check the Branch website Event Calendar, Club, or Organizers for updates.

We hope that you will have had all vaccinations available to you. Please do not attend if you are sick, tested positive for Covid or have had recent contact with Covid.



the white  
cockade



September - October 2024



Photo by Cathrine Conings

Sue & Hugh Aspinall in front of the RSCDS Vancouver Branch tent  
at the ScotFest BC Highland Games - June 2024

## RSCDS Vancouver Branch Board of Directors

Elected at the RSCDS Vancouver Branch AGM on October 13, 2023

### Executive Directors

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RSCDS Vancouver - [www.rscdsvancouver.org](http://www.rscdsvancouver.org) - Scottish Cultural Centre

8886 Hudson Street. Vancouver. BC. V6P 4N2 - 604.263.9911

## RSCDS Vancouver Branch Appointments

|                                                    |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Betwixt & Between Coordinator - Katherine Shearman | 604.671.2480 |
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| Dancing Coordinator - Frances Caruth               | 604.922.6842 |
| Dancing in the Park Coordinator - Alison Moen      | 604.980.0428 |
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|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
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Click on 'Send Email' under the Appointee's name

*or for both Directors & Appointees:*

<https://rscdsvancouver.org/contact/>

Click on 'Send Email' under the Events or Branch heading

## TAC Summer School 2024



Photo courtesy of Fran Hillier

Left to right: Alan Le Fevre, Cathrine Conings, Fran Hillier, Jennifer Shearman, Alison Moen & Katherine Shearman

Above is a photo of some of your teachers, and friends, at the TAC Teachers Weekend at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario - the centre of Canada's Niagara Peninsula on the Niagara Escarpment.

A good time was had by all.



For more information on TAC see <https://tac-rscds.org/>

## Frae the President



So Summer months, and the dance relaxes(?).

The Highland Games went off successfully, even though we had some rain to dodge. Thanks to all the dancers for being flexible as we adjusted the time of the second performance to avoid the worst of the rain. And thanks to all dancers, both Dance Scottish and Strictly Scottish. To participate in this event is more than just a single day, it includes the practices beforehand.

Dancing in the Park has been successful. Thanks to Alison Moen's leadership, we found ways to ensure music even if the electricity didn't get turned on. While we did not have a big problem with this, knowing we can be independent is helpful. Thank you to all the clubs for participating, and for all of you who came out to share in Monday nights at the Park.

Several of our teachers attended the Teacher Weekend at TAC Summer School in St. Catharine's Ontario. This is a great opportunity to hone our teaching skills, and meet others from around North America and beyond to share ideas. Some stayed for the whole week of Summer School, a challenge for the feet. Next year the event is likely in Sherbrook, Quebec. Consider participating in some or all of the Summer School. This year they offered, for the first time, part-week options which apparently was well received by those who find a full week too much. Remember, while the first weekend is designed for teachers, the week-long summer school is for EVERYONE.

### SCCS Update

The Vancouver Foundation now has a link to our endowment fund. The initial piece is in place, but work is still required on some of the fuller details to back that up.

Also, the SCCS is working on updates to their website, and figuring out how to best support the member societies, including advertising upcoming events.

As mentioned before, a grant has been received to cover the costs of a Building Envelope Inspection. This will take place over the

winter, when the rain is at its heaviest. In addition, a Hazmat inspection will be completed, given the era of the building of the Centre. Security cameras have now been installed, funded by yet another grant.



As we get ready for another year of dancing, remember that some members may be able to sign up for classes as well as renewing membership on our website. If you dance with the Branch, Burnaby or Glenayre, take advantage of this so you can register ahead. This will allow you to do more dancing on the first night of class!

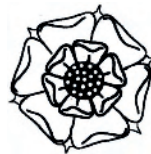
ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR AGM ON OCTOBER 11th, with dancing to follow. See page 5 for details.

Enjoy the last of the summer. And see all of you on the dance floor soon

Fran Hillier, President  
RSCDS Vancouver Branch



*Deadline for  
submissions to the  
white cockade*



The Vancouver Branch newsletter is published bi-monthly on the 1st of September, November, January, March, May, and July. The deadline for submissions is the 10th day of the preceding month (i.e. October 10th for the November/December issue).

We welcome and thank you for your contributions of photos, letters and articles. We will do our best to accommodate everyone as space permits.

Contact: Mary Ann McDevitt, Editor  
604.929.2944 or [mamcdevitt@shaw.ca](mailto:mamcdevitt@shaw.ca)



If your event, dance program & notes, update, notice, etc. should also be posted on the Branch website, please remember to also contact our Website Manager, Alison Moen!



Photos by Alison Moen  
& Kerry McDevitt

I had to experiment with sound equipment to ensure that we could run on battery only. Thank you for your patience as we moved the table around and adjusted volumes.

Looking forward to next year, though we will have to apply to the City as a Community Event this time, which will be a different set of paperwork. If anyone has suggestions for other outdoor locations around the Lower Mainland that might attract people, let me know.

Alison [ditp@rscdsvancouver.org](mailto:ditp@rscdsvancouver.org)



Many thanks to Alison for a very successful 2024 summer DITP!



## Dancing in the Park



Dancing in the Park 2024 has been very successful. Just one more night to go as I write this. I want to acknowledge the support of Vancouver Park Board in granting us free permits this year, after the Community Centre dropped their support of the programme.

The weather was on our side this year, though it was funny watching everyone squeeze into the shady area on the really hot days!

Thank you to:

- the teachers that ran fun and inclusive programs
- 20-40 dancers who braved traffic and parking and then welcomed passersby to join in the dance
- Those who came early and stayed late to help me setup & pickup

It's working with a team that makes it fun!

While I felt there were fewer people going through the park, we know many had fun trying our dancing. We hope some of them will be tempted to try it again.



## Notices

### RSCDS Vancouver Branch AGM 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 11, 2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will be held in person at the Scottish Cultural Centre on Friday, October 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. There will be opportunities to offer feedback on past events, provide suggestions for future events and activities, and vote in the election of Executive Directors and Directors-at-large for the 2024/2025 season. The meeting will be followed by dancing - free for those attending the AGM.

A complete document package comprising of the minutes of the 2023 AGM, financial statements for the 2023/2024 fiscal year, nominations, and reports from the Directors, Appointees, and Clubs will be posted on the website in early October.

Nominations for Branch Board Directors may be mailed to the Corresponding Secretary, c/o the Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver, BC, V6P 4N2 or presented at the AGM. Written consent is required for any nominee not in attendance at the AGM.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM.

*You must renew your Branch Membership prior  
to the AGM to be eligible to vote.  
(See below)*

### Join or Renew Your Membership



The RSCDS Vancouver Branch will not survive without the support of all clubs and dancers. Please encourage your fellow dancers to go to the below website and join and/or renew their membership.

<https://rscdsvancouver.org/branch-membership/>

## Vancouver Branch Classes



Come and join us for *fun, fitness and friendship*  
and the opportunity to *dance scottish*

### MONDAY NIGHT BRANCH CLASS

at the Scottish Cultural Centre - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

TERM: SEPTEMBER 9 TO DECEMBER 9, 2024

FEES: \$95 for the term (11 classes) or \$12 Drop-in

There will be two class levels;  
Introductory and Early Intermediate (Level 1)  
Higher Intermediate and Experienced (Level 2)

TEACHERS: Fran Caruth and Katherine Shearman

All dancers require RSCDS membership - see link below

<https://rscdsvancouver.org/branch-membership/>

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM CLASS

at the Scottish Cultural Centre - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

FALL TERM: OCTOBER 2 TO DECEMBER 11, 2024

FEES: \$95 for the term (11 classes) or \$12 Drop-in

TEACHERS: Fran Caruth and Friends

The class is for reviewing the dances on the programs for upcoming socials, to revisit old favourites, and to offer some special nights showcasing particular devisors.

Classes are open to all dancers who are familiar with the basic steps and formations of Scottish Country Dancing.



## Staying Dry at the Highland Games



Photos by Cathrine Conings



## Dancing News & Photos



On the afternoon of May 26th, close to 100 dancing friends gathered in the historic community hall to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Fort Langley club. We were delighted that Rebecca Blackhall - Peters, teacher of the Voyageurs for 15 years, was able to be present on this memorable occasion.

The very lively music of Kilbirnie Station kept everyone on their toes as teacher Louise Murphy led us through the varied program of old favourites along with some newer dances. As has always been the tradition, the dancing was followed by a very welcome strawberry and cream tea, along with the much anticipated whisky raffle, which this year featured a bottle of Glen Grant



A fitting highlight to complete the afternoon was the presentation of a Lifetime Membership Award to Chris Bisset, in recognition of her dedication and hard work as club president for 23 years. As a founding member, she is also the only dancer who has been with the club for the full 25 years.

Jill Andersen

Photo by Paula Hillier  
Chris Bisset, Doug Beattie  
and John Lang

## Strictly Scottish Dem Team Open House



An Open House will be held in the Cairngorm Room at the Scottish Cultural Centre on Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This class is open to experienced dancers with good foot work, phrasing, and covering skills who might enjoy the challenge of dancing with the Vancouver Branch Dem Team or would just like to try it out. The Dem Team provides an opportunity to improve those skills further and try "dances with a difference". There is no charge for this class but you do need to pre-register by emailing [kay\\_sutherland@hotmail.com](mailto:kay_sutherland@hotmail.com).

Please give numbers of years of SCD experience and name of your current dance club. (Mark subject "Dem Team Open House")

Kay Sutherland, Dem Team Director

## White Rock SCDC Workshop

Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Willoughby Community Hall, 20809 - 83rd Avenue, Langley

Teacher: Maureen Lyon - Cost: \$20



This is for beginners or new dancers with 1-2 yrs experience. Experienced dancers who wish to share their expertise are very welcome.

Pre-registration is required and we suggest you register early as space is limited.

To register contact Laurie Lang at  
604.944.6678 or [lireel@telus.net](mailto:lireel@telus.net)

## The Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra

Past, Present, and Future

Submitted by Kevin M. Hamilton Ph.D. Guitarist VFO



To those involved with the Scottish Country Dance community in the Lower Mainland, the Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra (VFO) is near legendary. For more than three decades, this volunteer orchestra has entertained at a wide variety of events, always bringing smiles of delight to faces of attendees. This past summer, I had an opportunity to interview the current Musical Director of the VFO, Janet Wright, and to ask her some questions about this amazing group including how people can become involved with the VFO.

**Q: When was the VFO created, and what was its original purpose or mission?**

**Janet:** The VFO was created in 1990. According to VFO policies formally adopted at the 1995 AGM, the primary purpose of the Orchestra is to enhance the playing and appreciation of Scottish music, with a special emphasis on dance music, and to provide fun and entertainment for the members and their audiences. During its nearly thirty-five-year existence, the VFO has provided music for the local Scottish Country Dance community at balls and dances, dance workshops, dance classes, step dance classes and workshops, fund raisers, small dance bands, weddings, funerals, concerts, and ceilidhs.

**Q: Who created the orchestra, and who were the original members?**

**Janet:** The VFO was created by Tom Scott and Ian Price. Tom loved Scottish fiddle music and, through his connections in various fiddle groups and workshops, organized a group of like-minded folks who met regularly to play together. Ian had led the popular Schiehallion Scottish Country Dance Band for thirteen years.

## 3. DANCE SAFE

Keep your eyes open on the dance floor and be aware of the other dancers and sets around you. If you accidentally bump into or hit someone, **SAY SORRY** and **MAKE SURE THEY ARE OK**.

### Add variations safely

Many people enjoy adding extra birls, twirls and spins... no one likes being crashed into or lost in a dance they thought they knew. Only add variations **YOU** can dance **SAFELY** within the musical phrase and when you are sure others in your set will not be confused by the embellishment. If your variation requires other dancers to change how they dance the dance, ensure you have their prior agreement.

## 4. RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Always respect people's personal boundaries. They are different for everybody. If someone tells you that you are making them uncomfortable, listen to them and respect their need for personal space.

### Look out for each other

If you feel harassed or are made to feel uncomfortable, contact the event director/organiser immediately. If you see someone who looks uncomfortable or upset, ask them if they are ok and see if they need your help. **REMEMBER, NO MEANS NO!**

### It's ok to say no

If you don't want to dance with someone, you can say "no, thank you" and you don't need to explain. You may then ask or say yes to someone else, if you want to. You can stop dancing with anyone at anytime.

### When someone says no

If you ask someone to dance and they say no, respect the decision and ask someone else. No one is obliged to dance with you.

The RSCDS Guide to...

# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE ETIQUETTE

We want everyone to have a great time when they're out dancing. Here are some of the ways we can help to create a safe and comfortable place to dance.

## 1. BE INCLUSIVE

### There's room for everybody in Scottish Country Dance

We want every dancer and musician, of every level of experience, to feel comfortable and safe at our events. We welcome everybody regardless of gender/gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, physical appearance or employment status.



### Women's side, Men's side or both

We encourage all dancers to explore dancing on both sides of the dance. While you may develop a preference for one side, being able to dance on either side is a useful skill. Be aware that you may want to clarify with someone which side they would prefer to dance on when you ask them to dance, just to avoid confusion.

## 2. BE RESPECTFUL

### Don't give feedback

Unless they specifically ask for feedback, don't correct people's dancing on the social dance floor and leave it to the teacher in class.



### Mind your language

Don't be inappropriate. Do not use sexist, homophobic, transphobic, ableist or racist language.

Upon meeting, Tom and Ian recognized an opportunity to combine their efforts and continue the tradition of live music for Scottish Country Dancing. They created the Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra with Ian as the Musical Director, sharing his knowledge of musical arrangements, harmonic structures, rhythmic idiosyncrasies of the genre, and tempo requirements for Scottish Country Dancing. Tom served as the Coordinator, organizing rehearsals, bookings, negotiating fees, writing contracts, and organizing AGMs.

Some early members included:

- |                      |                 |                   |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| • Ian Price          | • Cathy Gibson  | • Kristi Lind     |
| • Tom Scott          | • Kate Dhillon  | • Davene Brown    |
| • Ewan "Sudsy" Clark | • Hugh McCready | • Deborah Jones   |
| • Janet Wright       | • Sam Devlin    | • Eileen Griffith |

Q: What kinds of events did the VFO perform at when first formed?

Janet: In the early years, the VFO performed almost exclusively for Scottish Country Dance events throughout the Pacific Northwest, from Bellingham to Powell River to Victoria.



Q: When did you become involved, and in what capacity?

Janet: I joined the orchestra in 1994 as a guitar (rhythm) player.

Q: When did you become the Musical Director, and what are your responsibilities in this role?

Janet: Shortly after joining the orchestra, I began playing for the Inverary Step Dancers, primarily with fiddler Sudsy Clark, providing rhythm support and creating musical arrangements for classes and workshops. As we began to be asked to play for Scottish Country Dances as well, I invited Davene Browne (bass) and Kristi Lind (piano) to join us, forming the SCD band Scuttlebutt, which performed throughout the Northwest (Victoria to

Calgary to Seattle). Based on this experience, I was asked to lead the VFO in 2001, upon Ian Price's retirement.

My responsibilities include:

- The overall ensemble sound, including balance, dynamics, rhythm, tempos, and intonation.
- In consultation with dance teachers and organizers, and based on my experience Scottish Country dancing, creating arrangements appropriate for dances and programs.
- Being mindful of the group's history as an informal fiddle club and training ground for musicians, primarily in the Scottish Country Dance tradition, but not exclusively.
- Providing specific, helpful, positive guidelines for members to strive for.
- Maintaining an atmosphere of enjoyment and pleasure while improving the level of performance.



Q: Has the orchestra changed much since its early days? If so, how?

Janet: The success of the VFO is due in large part to the excellent repertoire, originally arranged by Ian Price and now more than doubled by me. Cathy Gibson, the first Librarian, played a significant role in keeping it up to date by copying, collating, punching, assembling, and distributing new music to orchestra members by hand. Technology has been a major driver of change in that process. Musical arrangements, once written out by hand, are now created using notation software, and thanks to the efforts of Librarians Iola Pagnossin and Janice Hamilton, they have been digitized and are distributed and accessed by members online. Additionally, the use of websites has helped engage new players and inquiries, which were once mainly spread by word of mouth.

Monday, November 11

LADY ABERDEEN TEA DANCE

Scottish Cultural Centre 1:15 p.m.  
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

\$15 (18 & under \$10)



The White Rock SCD Club is proud to be hosting this year's Lady Aberdeen Tea Dance.

Proceeds from this ever popular event will be donated to a charity of their choice.

*A donation of a plate of food to share is greatly appreciated!*

### Programme

A Legacy of Pearl's.....J.....Hargreaves, *Vanc. Ruby Coll.*  
The Royal Deeside Railway.....R.....Arrowsmith, *RSCDS Bk 40*  
Double Duty.....S.....John Lang, *Capital Collection*  
The Pipe Opener.....J.....Goldring, *G & S Dances 3*  
\*\*\*The Reel of the 51<sup>st</sup> Division.....R.....Atkinson, *RSCDS Bk 13*  
Pelorus Jack.....J.....Skelton, *RSCDS Bk 41*  
Orchards of County Armagh.....S.....Anderson, *Belfast 70<sup>th</sup> Ann. Bk*  
Scott Meikle.....R.....McLean, *RSCDS Bk 46*

**\*\*Short Break\*\***

Lady Aberdeen.....R.....M. Lyon  
The Shetland Shepherdess.....J.....Wallace, *RSCDS Graded 3*  
Ship O' Grace.....S.....McAdam, *Lifeboat Dances*  
The Morrison Measure.....R.....Goldring, *A Reel for Alice*  
Nellie MacKenzie's Jig.....J.....Bennet, *Vanc. Ruby Coll.*  
Bratach Bana.....R.....Drewry, *Bon Accord Bk*  
The Water of Leith.....S.....Wilkinson, *RSCDS Bk 53*  
The Reel of the Royal Scots.....R.....Goldring, *RSCDS Leaflets*

*Auld Lang Syne*

*Refreshments*

\*\*\*Reel of the 51<sup>st</sup> Division will be danced by Gentlemen Only

See the Branch website Events Calendar for the Dance Notes.

## Dancing Dates

Friday, September 27

VANCOUVER CEILIDH DANCE

Scottish Cultural Centre  
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

\$15 (\$10 Students)



Everyone Welcome - Loads of fun!  
Dance class starts at 7 p.m.  
The dance is from 8 – 10:30 p.m.  
No experience or partner required.  
We teach you almost everything!!  
Live music with our resident Ceilidh  
Band "Calanais."

More Ceilidhs are scheduled for October 25 and November 29.

Friday, October 11

VANCOUVER BRANCH AGM DANCE

Scottish Cultural Centre 8 p.m.  
8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver

We look forward to seeing our members at the Branch Annual General Meeting and dance. The dance is free to members attending the AGM. See the Branch website Events Calendar for the Program and Dance Notes.



Sunday, November 3

NORTH SHORE DS FALL DANCE

Highlands United Church 2:00 p.m. \$25  
3255 Edgemont Blvd, North Vancouver



*Music by Kilbirnie Station*

Parking is available on both sides of the Church and across the road at Thrifty's underground.

*See the Branch website Events Calendar for the Program & Dance Notes*

Q: What type of events has the orchestra performed at, and what does it do now?

Janet: Like many organizations post-COVID, the VFO has struggled with membership numbers and activities. We play for fewer dances now, but thanks to the vision and efforts of current Coordinator Ian Ronalds, the orchestra often performs care facility concerts, which are proving quite popular, maintaining and improving musical skills, and providing satisfying performing outlets for VFO members.

Q: What do you see as the orchestra's strengths and challenges?

Janet: The orchestra's strength lies in the members' enthusiasm for playing this exciting and engaging music and their commitment to preparing the music for engagements. The challenge is maintaining a balance of players adept at performing this ambitious repertoire.

Q: What do you see as the future of the VFO?

Janet: I am confident the VFO can continue to provide repertoire and skilled players for the Scottish Country Dance community, as well as the care facility community.

Q: How have players become involved with the orchestra, and what types of people get involved and why?

Janet: Players have become involved with the VFO via word of mouth, attendance at VFO events, and through the website. There is no formal audition process, but the repertoire requires players to have an intermediate skill level on their instruments.

Q: How can people interested in playing with the orchestra get involved, and when and where are the practices?

Janet: New players are always welcome! The best way to get involved and learn these details is to visit the Orchestra's website. Practices are held in North Vancouver on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Normally, the group takes a break during the summer.

For more information, visit <https://www.vancouverfiddleorchestra.ca/>



Photos by Kerry McDevitt

Glenealges Ball  
Dancing in the Park  
Burnaby SCDC Spring Dance  
VFO Fundraiser

## Vancouver Area Scottish Country Dance Clubs & Classes 2024-2025

The annual RSCDS Branch membership (not included in the below fees) is required for the following classes

| GROUP                | LEVEL                     | TEACHER                          | LOCATION                    | ADDRESS                   | CITY      | DAY   | TIME              | START   | FEE                | INFO         |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------|
| Vancouver Branch     | Introductory / Early Int. | Fran Caruth & Katherine Shearman | Scottish Cultural Centre    | 8886 Hudson Street        | Vancouver | Mon   | 7:30 pm           | Sept 9  | \$95 HS / \$12 DI  | 604.922.6842 |
| Vancouver Branch     | Higher Int./ Experienced  | Fran Caruth & Katherine Shearman | Scottish Cultural Centre    | 8886 Hudson Street        | Vancouver | Mon   | 7:30 pm           | Sept 9  | \$95 HS / \$12 DI  | 604.922.6842 |
| Vancouver Branch     | Program Class             | Fran Caruth & Friends            | Scottish Cultural Centre    | 8886 Hudson Street        | Vancouver | Wed   | 7:30 pm           | Oct 2   | \$100 HS / \$12 DI | 604.922.6842 |
| Vancouver Branch     | Dem Team Class            | Kay Sutherland                   | Scottish Cultural Centre    | 8886 Hudson Street        | Vancouver | Thurs | 7:30 pm           | Sept 19 | No Fee             | 604.929.2745 |
| Burnaby              | Beginner Int/Adv          | Cathrine Conings                 | Jubilee United Church       | 7591 Gray Ave (at Rumble) | Burnaby   | Mon   | Beg 7 pm All 7:30 | Sept 9  | \$80 HS / \$10 DI  | 604.299.6447 |
| Glenayre (Coquitlam) | Beginner/ Int/Adv         | Fran Hillier                     | Burquest Jewish Com. Centre | 2860 Dewdney Trunk        | Coquitlam | Tues  | Beg 7 pm All 7:30 | Sept 17 | \$110 FS           | 604.942.1404 |

The annual RSCDS Branch membership (not included in the below fees) is optional but recommended for the following classes

| GROUP                      | LEVEL                  | TEACHER                      | LOCATION                     | ADDRESS                       | CITY         | DAY   | TIME             | START   | FEE               | INFO                         |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------|------------------|---------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Bellingham                 | General                | Marion Heath                 | Fairhaven Library            | 1117 – 12th Street            | Bellingham   | Wed   | 7:00 pm          | Sept    | \$140 FS / \$5 DI | 360.671.3806                 |
| Fort Langley               | Beg/Int/Adv            | Louise Murphy                | Ft. Langley Hall             | 9167 Glover Road              | Fort Langley | Tues  | 7:30 pm          | Sept 10 | \$5 DI            | 604.202.0446                 |
| Kerrisdale                 | Beginners Intermediate | Cathrine Conings             | Kerrisdale Com. C            | 5851 West Blv                 | Vancouver    | Tues  | 11:15 am 1:30 pm | Sept 17 | \$36 HS \$5 DI    | 604.299.6447                 |
| North Shore Dance Scottish | Basic                  | Alison Moen / Kay Sutherland | Arbutus Room Delbrook Rec C  | 851 Queens Rd                 | North Van    | Mon   | 7:15 pm          | Sept 23 | \$240 FS \$15 DI  | 604.929.2745<br>604.980.0428 |
| North Shore Dance Scottish | General                | Alison Moen / Kay Sutherland | Arbutus Room Delbrook Rec C  | 851 Queens Rd                 | North Van    | Wed   | 7:00 pm          | Sept 18 | \$240 FS \$15 DI  | 604.929.2745<br>604.980.0428 |
| North Shore Dance Scottish | Challenge              | Alison Moen                  | Canyon Room Lions Gate Rec C | 1733 Lions Gate Lane          | North Van    | Tues  | 4:00 pm          | Sept 24 | \$240 FS \$15 DI  | 604.980.0428                 |
| Thursday Thistles          | General                | Laurie Lang                  | Scottish Cultural Centre     | 8886 Hudson Street            | Vancouver    | Thurs | 10:30 am         | Sept 12 | \$8 DI            | 604.944.6678                 |
| W Van Seniors              | Program                | Louise Murphy                | West Van Seniors' Centre     | 695 – 21 <sup>st</sup> Street | West Van     | Fri   | 10:30 am         | Sept 6  | \$7 DI \$9.10 NM  | 604.202.0446                 |
| W Van Seniors              | Beginners              | Louise Murphy                | West Van Seniors' Centre     | 695 – 21 <sup>st</sup> Street | West Van     | Tues  | 1:00 pm          | Sept 3  | \$21 Term no DI   | 604.202.0446                 |
| White Rock                 | Beg/Int/Adv            | Maureen Lyon                 | Sullivan Hall                | 6306 - 152nd Street           | Surrey       | Wed   | 7:00 pm          | Sept 11 | \$7 DI            | 604.536.1367                 |

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