

Tartan Press

Newsletter of The Manitoba Highland Dancers Association

June 2012

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At the same time, I understand how competition is not for everyone. We need to provide opportunities for highland dancers who may choose not to compete, for whatever reason, to demonstrate highland dance in performance as full members in MHDA. We need to have volunteer parents who share that goal so that we can provide some performance alternatives to represent MHDA.

Please be prepared for a Scottish ceildh night in September. Anyone who would like to show a talent will have an opportunity to be part of the evening. If there are singers who would like to sing something as a group at that event; please let me know.

We have also decided to have an ongoing fundraiser for individuals. It has started now and funds can be used for Edmonton. We are selling perogies or, if you prefer "Dough and Tatties", for \$5.00 per dozen. There will be a profit of \$2.00 made for each dozen. Call 415- 7640 or send your orders to jcoliphant@shaw.ca. Pick-up will be at the competitions or other arrangements can be made. They will even be available during the summer. Contact my wife, Carla for details about pick-up. Have a great summer!

President's Message

It is now the end of my first term as president of the MHDA. It has been terrific to work with the executive. I want to thank the executive for all their hard work this year. It amazes me how the competitions and the Tartan Tea come together almost "like magic" year after year. This happens because of all the preparations done by the wonderful parents of dancers who volunteer their time to make it happen and follow through with that commitment. Thank you to all of you for helping to make this possible for our highland dancers. I hope all of you keep in mind that MHDA is simply a group of volunteer parents who are dedicated to ensure that highland dance continues in Manitoba.

Sometimes the dancers make it look easy but we all know how much time and effort goes into their preparation. Highland dancing is a physically and emotionally demanding dance form. I commend all the dancers for their hard work. I wish great success to those who plan to dance as Manitoba's representatives in Edmonton this summer.

Looking toward the future, we need to continue to encourage young people to consider Highland dancing. We also need to encourage more dancers to consider teaching competitive highland dance. The discipline and dedication helps to produce the best dancing possible. Financially, our competitions are not always paying for themselves. Having more dancers is certainly the first option to improve that situation.

Folklorama Call for Volunteers

Hello everyone, we are hoping to see all our volunteers back (and meet some new ones) to help produce another successful Scottish pavilion this summer.

If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the volunteer meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday, June 12 at Glenwood Community Centre.

This year we are going to be working with a little different scenario as we are second week (August 12 - 18) and also twinned with another Pavilion. This means that we need to set the Scottish atmosphere on Sunday August 12th - our opening night. The structure will be set up and used during the first week, however our tartan and the cultural center will need to be set up on the Sunday.

We would appreciate as many people out to attend the volunteer meeting as possible so we can use this as an opportunity to help plan for this very busy day.

For more information, please contact me via email at holmberg@live.ca.

Thank you, and I hope to see you on June 12th.
Deborah Holmberg
President, Pavilion of Scotland



Tartan Tea

Although December is half a year away and many of us don't want to be thinking of winter and Christmas yet, the MHDA's biggest fundraiser, The Tartan Tea, takes many months of preparation. With that being said, we have already begun the process of organizing the 2012 Tartan Tea. In an effort to improve both the profitability and enjoyment of the Tea, I am seeking suggestions for possible alternate venues.

Please keep in mind the following criteria:

- 1) large stage
- 2) kitchen
- 3) change rooms
- 4) wheelchair accessible
- 5) available from Friday evening (around 5pm) for set up until Saturday (around 5pm) in early December and can be locked and secured between set-up and opening
- 6) sufficient parking (preferably free)
- 7) include tables and chairs
- 8) capacity of minimum 350 people

If you know of a venue that will fill these criteria and serve as a possible alternative to the St James Civic Centre, please forward me the name, address & phone number, plus any other contact information you have regarding the location via email lomand@mymts.net.

Thank you,
Lisa Omand



Dance School News

Donna Cram Dancers

Congratulations to three dancers who have been nominated by Examiners of the SDTA to participate in the SDTA Scholarship Master Class in October 2012 at the SDTA Elspeth G. Strathern & J.L. McKenzie North American Scholarship and Workshop event, in Toronto, Canada.

Kelsey Wog – nominated by Lynne Hamilton and Aileen Robertson, based on dancing level and knowledge demonstrated during theory exams taken in November 2011 and February 2012, in the Juvenile category. The SDTA congratulated Kelsey on being the only dancer in North America to have received two nominations for this scholarship event!

Jennifer Watt – nominated by Lynne Hamilton based on dancing level and knowledge demonstrated during theory exam taken in November 2011 in the Senior category.

Julia Domke – nominated by Lynne Hamilton based on dancing level and knowledge demonstrated during theory exam taken in November 2011 in the Senior category.

Well done girls, on your dedication and hard work on both your theory and dancing, and being awarded this wonderful invitation and opportunity!

Donna Cram

Congratulations Veronica

Congratulations to Veronica Domke, from her teacher Donna Cram along with all her dance families, on being the successful SDCCS2004 scholarship winner for 2012. Veronica is a very worthy winner of this year's Premier award. It is awarded on the basis of the dancer's love for and dedication to highland dance but also based on community spirit and the support both dancer and parents have provided to highland dance in Manitoba. Veronica continues to be an active competitor while in university, and her family long time members and strong volunteer supporters of MHDA.



Moose Jaw Highland Games - May 19, 2012

Premier 16 & over

Julia Domke

- 1st Johnnie
- 4th Laddie
- 2nd Lilt
- 4th Flora
- 1st Hornpipe
- 16 & over Trophy Winner

Erika Ramesar

- 4th Johnnie
- 2nd Laddie
- 6th Lilt
- 3rd Flora
- 2nd Hornpipe

Stacie Nixon

- 5th Johnnie
- 1st Laddie
- 3rd Lilt
- 2nd Flora
- 7th Hornpipe



Premier 12 to Under 14 years championship

Kelsey Wog

2nd Fling

2nd Sword

2nd ST

2nd Reel

12 & under 1st Runner up

Premier 16 to under 18 championship

Julia Domke

1st Fling

1st Sword

1st ST

3rd Reel

16 & under 18 Champion

Erika Ramesar

2nd Fling

3rd Sword

2nd ST

1st Reel

16 & under 18 1st Runner up

Premier 18 & Over Championship

Stacie Nixon

2nd Fling

2nd Sword

2nd ST

2nd Reel

18 & over 1st Runner up

Regina Highland Games - May 20, 2012

Premier 15 & under

Kelsey Wog

4th Flora

6th Blue Bonnets

4th Earl of Errol

Premier 16 & over

Erika Ramesar

3rd Flora

2nd Blue Bonnets

4th Earl of Errol

Tied - 1st runner up award

Julia Domke

4th Flora

3rd Blue Bonnets

2nd Earl of Errol

Tied - 1st runner up award

Stacie Nixon

5th Flora

4th Blue Bonnets

3rd Earl of Errol

Out of Town Results

Shona McHarg School

Moose Jaw Highland Games

Olivia Grulke - Primary Pas de Basque - 5th
Pas de Basque and Highcuts - 5th

Heather Wallace – Beginner

Fling - 2nd

Sword - 1st

Seann Truibhas - 2nd

Flora - 4th

Rowan Balchen – Intermediate

Johnny - 5th

Jig - 3rd

Hornpipe - 3rd

Regina Highland Games

Olivia Grulke – Primary

Pas de Basque - 5th

Pas de Basque and Highcuts - 5th

Heather Wallace – Beginner

Fling - 2nd

Sword - 1st

Seann Truibhas - 3rd

Flora - 3rd

Laura Wallace – Beginner

Sword - 3rd

Seann Truibhas - 4th

Flora - 1st

Rowan Balchen – Intermediate

Fling - 2nd

Sword - 3rd

Seann Truibhas - 3rd

Lilt - 3rd

Flora - 3rd

Tartan Press Submissions

Items to be published in the Tartan Press will be accepted up to two weeks prior to every M.H.D.A. competition. Items may be sent by email to: [Lauren Wreggitt](mailto:Lauren.Wreggitt@mts.net)
lwreggitt@mts.net



The Manitoba Highland Gathering

June 16th, 2012

**MANITOBA HIGHLAND GATHERING A
Community Designated Family Fun Event
COME CELEBRATE OUR 46th ANNIVERSARY!!**

The Manitoba Highland Gathering is one of Western Canada's finest Highland Gatherings! It is held in the beautiful Selkirk Park. The day starts at 8:00 am with The Pancake Breakfast. You will be treated to the colourful sights and sounds of a Highland Dance Competition, Pipe Band and Individual Piping and Drumming competitions as well as The Heavy Games and the 21st Annual Provincial Marathon Canoe & Kayaking Championships. One will not find this kind of competition at a Highland Games in Scotland. These Championships, run by The Selkirk Canoe and Kayaking Club, bring our local history into play. The Red River Settlers used the Red River as a mode of transportation. Other attractions such as Sheep Shearing, Sheep Dog Trials, Highland Cattle, Clan Booths-to research your heritage, Wee Heavy Games and "Wee Folks" for fun and face painting, as well as the expanded Scottish Market, Scottish Pub, The Red Lion (Scottish Food Concession) other food and craft vendors. **RAIN or SHINE!!** A massed pipeband concludes the day with the winning pipe band leading the way to the Ceilidh (party with impromptu entertainment) at the Agricultural Building.

New This Year: The Scottish Heritage Council, The St. Andrews Heritage Museum, MB Living History Societies Miles Macdonell Marque where the Governor will be present to acquaint our guests to life in the Selkirk Settlement.

Bring your chair and umbrella.

Experience the centuries old tradition of colour, pageantry and guid olde tymes.

For further information, please contact Joyce Neyedly
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46th ANNUAL

MANITOBA HIGHLAND GATHERING

SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2012
SELKIRK PARK • SELKIRK MB

- Diamond Disc Dogs
- Highland Cattle
- Sheep Shearing
- Manitoba Living History Society
- Wee Heavy Games
- Expanded Scottish Market
- Red Lion Scottish Foods
- Wee Willie's Pub & Entertainment
- Wee Folk (Face Painting & More!)
- Scottish Heritage Council
- Sheep (Stock) Dog Trials

HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITION

PIPE BAND COMPETITION

HEAVY GAMES

21ST MB CANOE & KAYAK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pancake Breakfast Kickoff 8am
Scottish Foods & Pub at 11am
Massed Pipe Band Finale



Celebrate the
200th
Anniversary
of the Selkirk
Settlers



Scottish
Heritage
Council
Manitoba



Manitoba
Living
History
Society



PURCHASE EARLY BIRD TICKETS AT:

One Insurance - Selkirk	482-2300
Gordon Howard Senior Centre	785-2092
Baron's Meats - Lockport	757-2933
Lockport Grocery	757-2222
Lower Fort Garry Nursery	334-4919
Beach Handi Mart - Wpg Beach	389-2310
Sears - Selkirk	482-4441
Royal Cdn Legion #42 - Selkirk	482-4319
Joyce	794-6587

MacDon

Special thanks to:

- MacDon • Prairie Pipe Band Assoc.
- City of Selkirk • Benjamin's
- MB Ethnocultural Community Support Program



Red River North • **Benjamin's**

EARLY BIRD TICKETS

- Family - 2 Adults & Kids \$21 • Adults \$8
- Seniors \$6 • Kids \$4 • Kids 4 & Under FREE

TICKETS THE DAY OF EVENT

- Family - 2 Adults & Kids \$25 • Adults \$10
- Seniors \$8 • Kids \$6 • Kids 4 & Under FREE

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