

Tartan Press

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President's Message

"Now and then it is good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy"

Yes, I am starting with a quote again. Actually I did not know what to write this time. We all need to take stock of the positive things in our lives. I have a great family, wonderful friends, a job, and a warm house with fun and laughter inside. Isn't that what life is really about? We get all tied up with how well our kids do at competitions and medal tests. And yes, at the time it is important, but we have to think about why our kids are doing highland. Is it for them to be good at and enjoy something, or to get what comes out of being good at something? A small difference but significant. Think about it.

The Tartan Tea is just around the corner in a few weeks and is shaping up to be a lot of fun. Please support the tea as it is a time for the dancers to get together and have fun in a non-competitive atmosphere.

I would also like to welcome our honorary members: Mrs. Donna Cram and Mr. Stan Jackson. You can read more about Donna in our upcoming January newsletter and meet Mr. Jackson in this issue.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season. Relax, see your friends and take time to just be happy.

Cathy Domke
President

Welcome New Honorary Member Mr. Stan Jackson

Mr. Jackson is a familiar face to those who attend the Tartan Tea and the Mid Canada competition every year. This is a person who is receiving the title of honorary member for his long time support of highland dancing- not as a dancer, or having a family member who danced, but for the art itself.

After his wife, Braidwood Jackson (nee Strachen) passed away, he felt he wanted to do something to honour her and keep her memory alive. She loved highland dance so he decided to create the Braidwood Jackson Memorial Fund and give an annual trophy. This trophy is given out at the Mid Canada competition and he awards the trophy himself. He is often there the whole morning, and on some occasions, has given out all the medals. He is always kind and generous.

Mr. Jackson also attends the Tartan Tea every year and enjoys it so much he usually stays the whole afternoon. This is quite an accomplishment for someone in his late 80's.

We welcome you Mr. Jackson. Your undying love for your wife and her love of highland dancing is remarkable. We hope that by bestowing upon you the distinction of honorary member, we can in some small way say thank you for your kindness and support of our organization.

Thank you!

The School of Scottish Arts, Inc. and Dalnavert Museum is once again hosting a "Hogmanay & Christmas" Evening.

Wednesday, December 6th

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

At Dalnavert Museum

Our special guests will be the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society who will be demonstrating and teaching some of the dances that were performed and enjoyed around the festive season.

Tickets can be obtained in advance by calling Dalnavert Museum 943-2835 for a cost of \$15.00

(includes Scottish food and refreshments, entertainment, lecture and tour of the beautifully Christmas decorated Dalnavert Museum)

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MHDA

2006 Tartan Tea

It's Tartan Tea Time once again! MHDA's largest event and fundraiser of the year will be held on Saturday, December 2, 1:00 –4:00 p.m. at the St. James Civic Centre. We hope you, your family and friends will join us for this festive event!

Dancers performing at the tea will not be required to purchase a ticket.

Once again, we will have a Craft, Bake, and Jar Bar table, a Silent Auction of baskets filled with wonderful donations, Treat Bags for the dancers, dainties to enjoy, a Door Prize draw, and the Santa Centre where kids can visit with Santa and write him a letter. After the Tea, all letters will be mailed to the North Pole where Santa will personally respond to each one.

VOLUNTEERS are desperately required in order for this event to be a success. If you can volunteer for any of the following, please contact Caroline Spellman, 453.0440 or spellman.CR@forces.gc.ca:

- Set-up and decorating (anytime between 9 - 12:30)
- Selling/Receiving tickets at the door (1 hour intervals)
- Hosting guests as they arrive (1 hour intervals)
- Serving and cleaning tables (2 senior dancers per school, 1/2 hour intervals)
- Assist with the Santa Centre (1 hour intervals)
- Clean-up at end of the event (1 hour)

DAINTIES FOR THE KITCHEN - WE NEED LOTS, they are a necessity to the success of the Tartan Tea. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring as much as possible to avoid not having enough for our guests. Please bring your donation of dainties directly to the Tartan Tea.

CRAFTS - donations for the craft table can be brought directly to the Tartan Tea. A local crafter has also been invited to attend this year's event.

JAR BARS - donations for the jar bar table can be brought directly to the Tartan Tea.

BAKING – dainties for the bake table can be brought directly to the Tartan Tea. Labels for pricing and extra plates/trays will be available if required.

TREAT BAGS – all dancers performing at the Tea will receive a bag filled with lots of goodies.

SILENT AUCTION – please remember to contribute an item to the basket supplied by your school. Please ensure all baskets arrive at the Tartan Tea by 1:00 p.m

Thank you in advance for your contribution to this event.

Caroline Spellman, Coordinator and J. Sharon Leonard, Co-coordinator

For Sale

You can now post your sale items online at a new yahoo group started by Cheryl Andre

<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/MBhighlanddance/>

Dress Nova Scotia kilt

Blue and gold vest and tartan hose.

Would fit a 8-12 year old.Can be hemmed smaller.

This kilt is in beautiful condition.

Please call Cathy @488-1341

Jennifer Twomey, ph. 775-3897 has a variety of costumes for sale including kilts, national, cakewalk and choreography.

Interested persons can also talk to Judy Hamilton."

\$300. for Highland and National outfits.

Perfectly suited for a beginner dancer.

Size 8-10 years with large hems.

Call Deb at 889-5600 or 792-9491

Blue Velvet Highland Vest

age 7-9 - \$50.

Blue Velvet Tam, custom made by MacIssac Kiltmakers, never worn - \$40.

Pride of Scotland wool hose, fits shoe size 2-4 - \$50.

Also wanted: green jig shoes size 5/6, and hornpipe hat for 10 yr old.

Contact H. McIvor 837-1890

Red Jig Shoes - Excellent Condition - Size 3 - \$35

Hornpipe Outfit age 8-11 - \$40

Blue Velvet Highland Jacket age 8-11 - \$75

Dress Nova Scotia Hose age 8-11 - \$60.

Dress Blue Erskine Highland Outfit

(Kiltie, Vest, Hose, Blouse) age 5 to 10 - \$200.00

Contact Laureen Wreggitt 231-0759 lwreggitt@mts.net



No doubt a number of "older" members will remember a long time member, Laurel Phillips. As many of you know Laurel was married on July 20, 2002 to Mike Froese. But you may not know, unless you caught them at Folklorama, that they have had not one but two babies since! Emmett Dawson born on April 6, 2004 and Chloe McKenna on April 28th, 2006. Laurel is of course hoping for a future highland dance lover!

Congratulations Tara!

One of our newest honorary members, Helen Christie, recently received the fabulous news of her daughter Tara's medical research award as she works towards her PhD at the University of Calgary.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada have awarded a research award and scholarship to our former Manitoba Adult Champion dancer from the Donna Cram School...

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Christie, Tara L. (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Calgary)

Often, as dance teachers, we notice how the dancers we teach tend to also be high achievers in other areas of their life. It may be the discipline they learn from setting goals and finding ways to achieve them or perhaps learning how to compete and gain confidence through those experiences. In any case, we find a very high percentage of highland dancers go on to very successful adult lives.

We would like to congratulate one of our young adults from the Donna Cram School...Reagan Robertson. While still competing and achieving her dance goals, Reagan set an academic path that saw her move from Valedictorian for her high school graduating class to being accepted after only 3 years of science into medical school. She was not only accepted at the University of Manitoba, where she ultimately decided to go (yes, her dance teacher was very happy!!), but was also accepted into three other prestigious med schools: University of Calgary, Queens (Kingston) and Western Ontario (London).

During the application and interview process, Reagan credited the discipline she learned from competitive highland dance as well as the skills she learned in setting and achieving goals.

Congratulations Reagan! And thanks for choosing Manitoba...we can use the doctors and the dancers!!

The members of the Court School of Dance would like to congratulate Lorraine Court who was married to Ian McLean on September 16, 2006!
We wish the happy couple all the best!



Can you recognize a member of our Executive?
See answer on page 5

Dancer Profile

Emilie LaFleche Novice Dancer



Emilie LaFleche

What level are you currently in?

Novice

When did you start dancing and why?

I started dancing 2 years ago because my friend is a Highland dancer and it looked like fun.

What are some of your competitive highlights?

Winning first place for the Fling in Calgary last July.

What is your favourite competition?

The Scotdance Canada Championship series in Calgary last July.

Why is this your favourite competition?

You get to meet new dancers and it's different from regular competitions.

What is your favourite dance & why?

The Flora, because I like the steps.

What is your funniest dancing memory?

One time, during a competition, I made a mistake dancing the Flora and did about 10 shuffles in a row.

The Tartan Press is available online at the Manitoba Highland Dancer's Association Website: <http://www.mhda.mb.ca/>

Out of Town Results

McGregor Studio Of Dance		
Colleen McGregor		
Scotdance Canada Championship Series 2006		
Highlands (13 Years)	6 th 7 th	Fling Sword
Canadian Interprovincial Championships (12 & 13 Years)	5 th	Seann Triubhas
Nationals – “Hebridean Challenge” (13 Years)	5 th 2 nd 6 th Overall 4 th Runner-Up	Flora Village Maid Blue Bonnets
Canadian Rockies Open Championship (13 Years)	2 nd 6 th Overall 5 th Runner-Up	Fling Seann Triubhas
Dufftown Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Trophy Winner – 13 Yrs & Under First Place Award In The Overseas (Any Age)400 Yard Running Race (Inbetween Dancing The Irish Jig And The Sailor’s Hornpipe!!!)	
Turriff Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Trophy Winner – 13 Yrs. & Under Premier Dancer Of The Day	
Aboyne Highland Games Scotland	Overall 2 nd To The Trophy – 16 Yrs & Under	
Montrose Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Trophy Winner – 14 Yrs. & U Best Female Competitor Best Overall Premier Dancer	
Keith Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Trophy Winner – 13 Yrs. & U Overall Highland Aggregate Winner Overall National Aggregate Winner	
Ballater Highland Games Scotland	Overall 2 nd To The Trophy – 16 Yrs. & Under	
Nethybridge Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Winner – 13 Yrs. & U Dancer Of The Day Overall Highland Winner Overall National Winner Best Overseas Dancer	
Cortachy Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Winner – 15 Yrs. & Under	
Glenisla Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Winner – 16 Yrs. & Under	
Mintlaw Highland Games Scotland	Overall Highland Aggregate Trophy - 13 Yrs & U Overall National Aggregate Trophy – 13 Yrs. & U	
Oban Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Trophy – 16 Yrs. & Under	

Cowal Highland Gathering – Scottish Championships Scotland	2 nd 5 th 6 th 3 rd	Fling Seann Triubhas Strathspey Runner –Up Qualifier For The World Juvenile Championship
Cowal Highland Gathering – World Juvenile Championship	4 th	Judge’s Placing In The Sword Dance
Grantown – On-Spey Highland Games Scotland	Overall Aggregate Trophy – 13yrs. & U Highest Aggregate Premier Dancer Best Overseas Dancer	
Royal Braemar Highland Gathering Scotland (Queen Elizabeth 2 nd , Prince Phillip, Prince Charles, Camilla, Princess Anne And Captain Timothy Laurence In Attendance)	4 th 4 th	Sword Flora
Colleen also won 1 st runner-up in the Walker Shortbread sponsored Grampian Highland Games Assoc. Challenge (she competed in only 5 out of 12 possible highland games for this award because most of them are held in June and July).		
Rachel Unruh		
Scotdance Canada Championship Series ‘06		
Highlands - Intermediate 9 Yrs. & U	1 st 5 th	Sword Seann Triubhas
Nationals – Intermediate 9 Yrs. & U	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Strathspey Flora Lilt
Winner Overall Aggregate Trophy		
Allison Unruh		
Scotdance Canada Championship Series ‘06		
July 2 nd Primary 6yrs.	1 st 3 rd 5 th	Fling Sword 16 Pas De Basques
July 4 th Primary 6yrs.	2 nd 5 th 5 th 6 th	Fling Sword Pas de Basques & High cuts 16 Pas De Basques
Emily Quinton		
Medals At Aboyne, Montrose, Keith And Nethybridge Highland Games In Scotland, August 2006		
Mollie Quinton		
Medals At Keith And Nethybridge Highland Games In Scotland, August 2006		
Celine Richardson		
1 st & 4 th Place Medals At Drumtochy Highland Games, Scotland, June 2006		
Marley Smith		
Medals At The Regina Competition May 21 st , 2006		

Kirsten Hooper		
Scotdance Canada Championship Series '06		
Pre-Championship, 10 Yrs	4 th	Fling
Highlands	2 nd	Sword
Restricted Premier 10 Yrs	4 th	Strathspey
Nationals Restricted Premier 10 Yrs	5 th	Village Maid



Court School Of Dance Out Of Town Results		
Scotdance Canada Championship Series '06		
Emilie Lafleche		
Novice 13 & Over Highlands	1 st	Fling
Novice 13 & Over Nationals	3 rd	Lilt
Gwendolyn Richer		
Restricted Premier 13 Highlands	1 st 2 nd	Sword Strathspey
Pre-Championships 13 Year Olds	3 rd	Strathspey
Restricted Premier 13 Nationals	7 th	Blue Bonnets



Lynn Stephen School		
Regina Nov 4, 2006		
Primary		
Camryn Watson	3 rd 2 nd	Pas de Basques Pas de Basques & High cuts
Taryn Watson	1 st 1 st 4 th	Fling Pas de Basques Pas de Basques & High cuts
Beginner 9 & Under6		
Alyssa Willison	1 st 1 st 1 st 1 st 1 st	Fling Sword Sean Triubhas Lilt Flora Trophy Winner
Beginner 10 & Over		
Karin Douglas	2 nd 2 nd 3 rd	Fling Sword Lilt
Sarah Douglas	1 st 1 st 2 nd	Fling Sword Lilt

Novice		
Robyn Johnson	3 rd 3 rd 4 th 3 rd	Fling Seann Triubhas Lilt Flora
Caitlin Sage	2 nd 2 nd 2 nd 1 st 1 st	Fling Sword Seann Triubhas Lilt Flora Trophy Winner
Courtney Tottle	1 st 1 st 1 st 2 nd	Fling Sword Sean Triubhas Lilt
Intermediate		
Breanne Borowski	2 nd	Hornpipe
Leah Gilchrist	4 th 3 rd 4 th 3 rd 3 rd 5 th	Fling Sword Seann Triubhas Flora Lilt Hornpipe
Kelsey Wog	1 st 1 st 2 nd 1 st 1 st 4 th	Fling Sword Seann Triubhas Flora Lilt Hornpipe Trophy Winner
Premier 16 & Over		
Jillian Ferguson	4 th 2 nd 6 th 5 th	Fling Sword Seann Triubhas Flora
Cielle Wachnian	6 th 6 th	Fling Village Maid
Gillian Wright	2 nd 4 th	Fling Flora

Looking for Something to do this Christmas...

Colleen McGregor is appearing with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra as a soloist/actress in their upcoming Family Pop Series "A Flicker of Light on a Holiday's Night", Sunday, December 17th, 2006 - 2:00 p.m. at the Centennial Concert Hall. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Box Office.



Answer: Cathy Domke, President