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Tartan Press

Newsletter of the Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association

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Upcoming MHDA Events

Saturday, November 14, 2015 - Closed MHDA competition at Louis Riel Arts and Technology Centre (5 de Bourmont Avenue in Windsor Park) - Premier and Intermediate dancers register at 9:00 a.m., dance at 9:30 a.m. Pre-Premier dancers register at noon, dance following a.m. results.

Sunday, November 15, 2015 - ScotDance Manitoba Championship Step Workshop. Premier dancers will participate in the workshop from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Prairie Theatre Exchange, 3rd Floor, Portage Place.

Saturday, November 28, 2015 - Fall Competition in Thunder Bay, hosted by the Thunder Bay Highland Dance Association. Good luck to any Manitoba dancers who may be making the trip!

Saturday, December 5, 2015 - The MHDA's annual Tartan Tea Fundraiser will be held at Minto Armouries! See page 2 for full details.

Friday, January 1, 2016 - This is the deadline for any dancers who wish to apply for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Dance Team for Summer 2016.

It's Almost Tartan Tea Time!



Tartan Tea is confirmed for Saturday, December 5, 2015 1-4pm at the Minto Armouries. Members that purchased tickets with their membership renewal were able to pick up their envelope at the competition on Saturday, November 14. If they are not picked up, arrangements will be made to distribute them. Additional tickets can be requested from Lisa Omand at lomand@mymts.net

Teachers will be choosing stations and recruiting volunteers shortly. Please volunteer at the station assigned to your specific school and donate to their basket. If your school is not assigned a station, you wish to volunteer for additional shifts or you have extra prize donations, please contact me at lomand@mymts.net

Donation request letter attached for anyone wishing to solicit donations from their business/place of work, etc

Vendor tables will be available for businesses or organizations wishing to sell crafts, celtic items, gift items, etc. Bake Sale, Raffles, Facepainting not accepted. Tables rental cost is \$30 for non-members, \$20 for members, plus a donation/auction prize donation. Please contact me at lomand@mymts.net to confirm. There will be a maximum of 10 tables sold. First 10 paid will guarantee the spots.

Set up help will be required between 5-8pm on Friday, December 4. We once again required to bring up all the chairs and tables required and set them up ourselves. Plus we will be bringing in and setting up our own stage again. Many hands make light work. Pizza and pop will be made available.



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To Whom it May Concern,

We are members of the Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association, a non-profit organization of volunteers whose goal is to preserve the Scottish heritage in Manitoba through Highland Dance. We accomplish this goal by holding 6 competitions every year and several performances at various public events such as the Tartan Day and Folklorama.

On the first Saturday of December, every year (going back to the 1970's), we hold a fundraiser called the Tartan Tea. This year, it will be Saturday, December 5 from 1-4pm at Minto Armoury. Everyone in the MHDA participates by donating goods for our prize baskets, baking to be served and for our bake sale, as well as volunteering their time.

If your company is able to assist with a donation, we have several areas where goods or services could be used. We hold a "Scottish Auction" prize raffle and always require items to include in the prize baskets. We give out door prizes. We serve and sell baking, plus serve coffee and tea to our guests, so we could use any baked goods, plates, cups, napkins or coffee supplies you may be able to provide. We also give a small "goodie bag" to each of the performers, so any treats, trinkets or coupons that can be added to these goodie bags would also be appreciated.

The MHDA has a registered charitable number and can also provide a receipt for a monetary donation, if that is your preferred method of support.

Any form of support, whether be goods, services or monetary will be both announced and posted as acknowledgement.

If any members of your staff would be interested in attending our event, tickets are available to purchase in advance or at the door for \$7 per person.

Thank you very much for your generous support of the MHDA. Please feel free to contact me if you require an item picked up, or have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Julia Domke Featured on ShawTV for Edinburgh Tattoo Experience



As you may already know, MHDA's own Julia Domke spent the summer dancing at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. We thought it was a very exciting thing to share with the world - so we sent out a news release and had ShawTV Winnipeg do a profile on Julia.

You can view it at this link here on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=5&v=c0CtHdRtkvo>

Feel free to share the video with everyone you know!

SDCCS Fundraising Update

Thanks again to everyone who came out to support the first ever Fundraiser Ceilidh in support of '2016'! We had a great crowd, the venue was perfect, the music was spirited and the dancing energetic! Huge thank you to everyone who helped with the event – those who provided silent auction prizes, sold tickets, worked at the event, Lauren and her crew for the fantastic fun photo booth (looking forward to seeing more of the sheep!!!), and many others too numerous to mention.



A HUGE thank you to Kelly Eldridge of Goodwealth Financial for sponsoring our Ceilidh. We could not have had such a successful event were it not for the strong support of our membership, and to individuals like Kelly stepping up and supporting our community. If you are interested in discussing your financial planning needs, please consider Kelly and his team.

Congratulations to all the pipers and dancers who entered our challenge – it was extremely entertaining to watch all the choreography with live pipers! Top prizes went to Jennifer Watt and Gage Wood in the 16 and over category, and to Norah Eldridge and Chris Graham in the under 16 category. Well done!

With all our sponsorship and support, we made a profit of roughly \$3,000, so thank you everyone!

We are now into dance season, and have asked our dance schools to run their own fundraiser

during the year. Many schools have already indicated their plans, and we currently have the Court – Ramesar School running the Shelmerdine poinsettia fundraiser. So please consider the upcoming Christmas season, and those hard to buy people – teachers, grandmothers, hostess gifts, etc.! For those schools that have not made plans yet for their fundraiser, please let me know once you have your plans confirmed.

The corporate sponsorship package was forwarded to all members previously. Thank you to those people who have forwarded names of people/companies to approach for corporate funds, as well as those people who have indicated which companies they are following up with. Every little bit helps! So if you know of an individual or company that you feel would be a good potential sponsor for '2016' please share the corporate sponsorship package with them. If anyone needs me to resend them the package, please let me know! Our original 'fundraiser' goal was \$10,000, and we are half way there – so thanks everyone! Our original corporate sponsorship goal was \$25,000, and we are over 1/3 of the way there, so keep up the good work and promote our corporate sponsorship package! Every little bit will contribute to having sufficient funds to really showcase Manitoba and lead to a really successful event next July.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Bain, Treasurer

