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Manager's Message

Hello Everyone!

Hope you're looking forward to a new dance session starting, and bringing your friends! We have some demonstration dances and dates to go on your calendars. Check them out!

NOTICE: If you haven't signed up and paid for membership, either RSCDS or Associate, this is your LAST newsletter.

For any questions, concerns, comments, I can be reached by phone, 360-834-3757, by mail 1647 NW 26th Circle, Camas, WA 98607, or by email: gstuart@ipns.com.

See you on the dance floor!



Why "Vancouver, U.S.A."?

Submitted by Van Hord

From Naming Clark County by Pat Jollota and the Fort Vancouver Historical Society, the answer may be found. The following is a quote from pages 54 & 55:

...The nickname "Vancouver USA" dates back to at least 1909. Many pictures from the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition show people sporting hats proclaiming "Keep on traveling until you reach Vancouver, USA." For the next few years that motto appeared on everything from advertising brochures to tobacco pipes. ...

And thus the source of our name, **Vancouver USA Scottish Country Dancers**, may be found.

[...something like the little jingle: "Vancouver, not BC, Washington, not DC." -ed.]

Surfin' the Scottish Web

What a resource the World Wide Web is! I am constantly amazed at the information one can find there.

Here are just two very interesting sites I found recently. The first is a web site of recipes of traditional Scottish dishes, called The Scots Kitchen. There are recipes for soups (including Cock-a-leekie), poultry, fish, baked goods, desserts, and more than will fit here!

<http://www.scotweb.co.uk/kitchen/index.html>

The second site, titled The Vocabulary of Robert Burns, provides an index for discovering the meaning (but, alas, not the pronunciation!) of words used in Burns' works. The site also has some notes on the Scottish language, which were also very interesting:

<http://www.backhaul.net/burns/burns.htm>



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Calendar of Events

- Sept 6 **Portland SCD Classes Begin** \$3/class (1st time free) Tigard Grange 13770 SW Pacific Hwy., Tigard. Beginner & Intermediate classes. info: Don 503-692-5963 dlgertz@teleport.com.
- Sept 10-12 **Seattle Branch Fort Worden Weekend SCD** -- now sold out, hope you're going! For an interesting description of the event: <http://www.SeattleRSCDS.org>.
- Sept 11 **Kelso Highlander Festival** - info: 360-423-0900
- Sept 15 **Vancouver Fall SCD Class Starts**, Oak/Elm Rooms at the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver, WA. 7:45pm. Beginner & Intermediate classes; Teacher: Lisa Scott. info: Van 360-699-2174 vmeter@worldaccessnet.com, John_bcjs@pacifier.com.
- Sept 18 **Vancouver Arts Crawl** (Demonstration Dance) Uptown Stage, Main St., Vancouver, 11 am.
- Sept 25 **Vancouver Neighborhood Resource Fair**, Hudson Bay High School (Demonstration Dance)
- Oct 9 **Portland SCDance Party** Odd Fellow's Hall, 13720 SW Pacific Hwy., Tigard (just north of the Portland Branch's normal practice hall) • 7:30pm
- Oct 9,10 **Pumpkin Festival**, Pomeroy Living History Farm, 20902 NE Lucia Falls Rd, Yacolt, WA 98675 360-686-3537. Free admission.
- Oct 23 **Vancouver Fall Dance** (Possible Halloween theme) Oak/Elm Rooms at the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver, WA. 8:00pm. For info, or to help plan, contact Van 360-699-2174, or Geri 360-834-3757.
- Feb 19, 2000 **Vancouver Annual Dinner Dance** - music by Lisa Scott and Linda Danielson
- Mar 11, 2000 **Portland SCD Workshop/Ball**
- Mar 18-25, 2000 **Dance Workshop in Hawaii**, on the island of Kauai. Music will be provided by **Alisdair Frasier**. Contact Ken McFarland, 800-822-3435, or email farlands@ptialaska.net.

Folk Harp at the Games

Jennifer Pratt-Walter

This July, Val and I attended the first-ever Pacific NorthWest folk harp competition at the **Skagit Valley Highland Games** in Mt. Vernon, WA. I'm delighted to say that I won first prize in the professional category, while Val took second prize in the same category. She and I together as **Celtic Muse** also won first place in the ensemble category. It was a wonderful, supportive, and inspiring experience! Prizes were gift certificates donated by Dusty Strings in Seattle, WA.

I also arranged the first-in-ages harp circle at the **Portland Highland games** this year. We had four harpers show up with a tantalizing selection of folk instruments, and we had a great time sharing music and knowledge with the audience!

*Do you have an item of Celtic interest
you would like to see in print?*

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