



Guth na Dannairean Voice of the Dancers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Dance Year

Wow! A terrific member turnout at Registration Night kicked off what promises to be an exciting year for the SHDA. Thanks to all the members who attended, and to those who looked after registration, jacket fitting, dance-out and bingo sign-up, 2010 information, and ice cream scooping.

Excitement is building for the huge "Reel" event for this dance year – the **ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2010 [SDCCS 2010]**! The area committees are all hard at work, planning, organizing, and putting those plans into place, as we get ready to welcome the world in July. If you haven't already had an opportunity to complete a volunteer form, please download a copy from the FORMS page on www.shda.ca and submit it to our Volunteer Co-Ordinator, Michelle Cowell. Volunteering at an event of this size is not only satisfying, it's a ton of fun!

Coming up on the SHDA calendar is our open competition scheduled for Saturday, November 28th at the Manhattan Ballroom. There will be a workshop with our judges the following day, a tremendous learning opportunity for all dancers, whether or not they participate in the competition.

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Dates to Remember:

October 24—Battleford Competition

November 7—Regina Competition

November 28—Saskatoon Competition

November 29—Saskatoon Workshop

December—Renew ScotDance cards

January 8—SHDA newsletter deadline

January 15—Muriel Boyle Award application deadline

MURIEL BOYLE MEMORIAL AWARDS

Since 2004, the Muriel Boyle Memorial Awards have been presented to a dancer in each of the categories of pre-premier, junior premier and senior premier. Thanks to a generous bequest to the SHDA upon her passing in 2003, the lifetime love of Highland dancing of this former dancer, teacher and judge is passed on to new generations of dancers.

The deadline for award applications is January 15, 2010, and the recipients will be announced at the SHDA closed competition on February 6. For further information regarding the requirements and forms, please go to the SHDA website.

COSTUMES FOR SALE

Girl's dancing costume: Kilt is handmade of Gunn tartan (mainly dark green with some red and black). Jacket is green velvet; cuffs have cord trim and five buttons; fully lined. All buttons are embossed with thistles. Cotton sleeveless under-vest with five rows of lace at front. Excellent condition. Size perhaps 10 (approx. 15" across shoulders). Asking \$100 o.b.o..

Girl's jacket and tam: Very dark green velvet with hand-crocheted collar; epaulettes; fully lined. Cuffs are 3" lace with cord trim and three buttons. All buttons are embossed with thistles. Size perhaps 6-8 (approx. 13" across shoulders). Tam is also dark green velvet with a grouse-tail at the front. Both in excellent condition. Asking \$75 o.b.o..

Shawl: Gunn tartan; handmade with hand-knotted fringe. Buckle at waist. Excellent condition. Size perhaps 8-10. Asking \$40 o.b.o..

Young gentleman's costume: Jacket is green-gray hand-woven Harris tweed with cuffs, epaulettes, two pockets, one button at front; fully lined. Made in Scotland. Kilt is handmade of Gunn tartan. Cotton button-up sleeveless under-vest. Excellent condition. Size perhaps 4-6 (12" across shoulders). Asking \$50 o.b.o..

Socks: dark green knee-high with elasticized red flashes. 3 pairs for 7", 7.5", and 8" foot sizes. Asking \$10/pair o.b.o..

Bib for under jacket, with eight layers of lace. Asking \$10 o.b.o..

Sailor's Hornpipe hat: Approx. 58 cms. (23") circumference. Excellent condition. Asking \$10 o.b.o..

Man's wedge hat with 2 black ribbons at back and a silver lion rampant pin. Asking \$25 o.b.o..

Sporran: 11-12" long; real horse-hair; chain and leather belt with buckle. Top is silver-plate with engraved thistle Asking \$50 o.b.o..

Sporran: 9-10" long; real horse-hair; chain and leather belt with buckle. Top is black leather with silver thistle. Asking \$40 o.b.o..

Kilt pin: Grouse claw with silver thistle and 'amber' gem. One claw is loose. \$10.

Book: "Highland Dancing: the Official Textbook of the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing"; hard cover. \$5.

Seller may be able to e-mail photos. Please contact Margaret at either: phone - 221-3735 e-mail - margaret.bremner@gmail.com

COSTUMES FOR SALE continued

1) **Blue highland vest** chest 28 in \$90

2) **Blue/yellow/white aboyne** waist 27in blue petal vest 24 in \$100

3) **Modern navy Stewart kiltie** with burgundy highland vest \$90

*** contact Theresa 668-5572

Burns Aboyne...in brown tones, will fit 7-10 yr old. Wool skirt and plaid. 125.00

***Phone 873-5626 or e-mail s.little@sasktel.net

Dress Green Scott Kilt—\$575 Kilt made for size 28 inch waist, but is adjustable. Includes matching vest, blouse (size 36-38) and socks (size 8 1/2 foot). Worn only four times. Originally paid \$900 dollars a year ago

*** Contact Bobbi 249-4840 or email b.janzen@sasktel.net

Coming soon to the SHDA web site — For Sale/Wanted! *If you want to sell or buy highland dance outfits and accessories, please send the details to information@shda.ca. Include your contact information, sizes & measurements, and photos if possible.*

COMPETITIONS

Our first Saskatoon Competition is fast approaching and will take place on Saturday November 28th at the Manhattan Ballroom. This competition will feature a Hornpipe Special Event for Premier Dancers. For those interested, a workshop with our judges will take place Sunday Nov 29th at the Albert Community Center. Once again Doreen's catering will be looking after food and snacks for the event. We look forward to a great day of competition. Registration forms have already started to arrive, so remember to get yours in soon. Registration deadline is Nov 16th. New for this year, we will be sending an email confirmation to each registrant a few days prior to competition day. See you all there!

Helen Hay, Competitions Coordinator

WORKSHOPS

Sign up for the November 29th SHDA workshop on the Sunday following the competition. It will be located at the Albert Community Center, and schedules will be available at the registration table on the 28th. A great way to hear feedback from the competition judges!

Cathryn Wood, Workshops Coordinator
