

Festival 2014  
Chairman's Update  
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I'd like to say this is going to be a regular feature on the Festival website, and even though I have the best intentions, I cannot promise that I will do this on a regularly-scheduled timetable. However, I will do the best I can to use this page to update you as to what is going on in Festival 2014.

As of today's date (Monday, June 21), we are a mere 38 days from the Halifax Festival. I am excited and looking forward to being there and having a grand time. How about you?

If you're going to Halifax and you are registered for 2014, do you have a red & white outfit to wear? The official colours for Festival 2014 are "red and white with gold accents." This ties in perfectly with our logo – the red maple leaf as a background for the white trillium with the gold centre. Note that the shade of red is "maple leaf red" as per the colour red on our flag. Any outfit in these colours will be great to see in Halifax and anywhere else for the next 4 years.

There is also an official costume in those colours. For those of you who sew, take a look at Simplicity pattern #4188 (<http://www.simplicity.com/p-2121-misses-skirts.aspx>). There are 3 versions of the skirt style we have selected:

- View D is the usual, traditional flared skirt that will fit over a crinoline.
- View A,F is the prairie-length style, for those of you who prefer that look.
- View B is the style for those of you who "wouldn't be caught dead" in a crinoline. ☺ You can still have the official look without the crinoline or petti pants!

The skirt will be in red, with white inserts (or "godets", for those of you who know sewing lingo). Blouses/tops can be in either a matching red or plain white.

For the men, the official costume will be black pants (or red, I suppose; although I understand it would be difficult to get red pants) with a white or red western style shirt.

To bring the men's and ladies' costumes together, we have a pattern for a 2-tone neckerchief (any combination of red, white, and gold) that both will wear. We are also looking into getting scarf slides ("woggles") with our logo on them to add the final touch.

Sounds great, eh? ☺ I have one skirt already – I plan to get all three – and have received many compliments on it already, even from strangers walking by me in the mall!

We are looking for someone to volunteer to head up our Sewing Committee (part of the Education Group) and help us work out a plan to get copies of the pattern for the neckerchief into the hands of dancers who can make them. Would that person be you? Contact me to talk about it!

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing many of you in Halifax dressed in your red & white!

Festively yours,  
Wendy