

Festival 2014

Chairman's Update

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September 2010 – Halifax Follow Up

Well, Halifax is over and what a time it was!

First of all, I want to say a BIG thank you to the people who helped out by sitting at our Registration Desk throughout the 3 days of the Halifax Festival (I hope I didn't miss anyone...):

Lorne & Connie Bowerman
Peter Courdin & Karen Remy
Gay McMillen
Susan Caldwell & Bob Wilson
Gary & Martha McGorkle
Lorraine Cole & Ken Phillips
Margaret McLean & Bill Weatherup
Paul & Gloria Lavigne
John & Barbara Legrow

Ted & Freda Moore
Clyde & Evelyn Garnier
Heather MacLeod
Marj Lyttle
Lyle & Pearl Simpson
Barbara McLellan & Francois Demerais
Wendy McCracken & Harold Hedley
Tom & Rose Kanigan

Thank you SO much for giving up dance time to help us out. It was a very successful venture and we came back to Ottawa with a total of 236 people already registered for Festival 2014. Fantastic!

Also at Halifax: We had floor banners made (based on the ad you see on the back of Square Time – which was designed by Heidi Fortus, by the way; great job, eh! ☺) and they were real eye catchers.



And, although there were a LOT of Ottawa people who helped out by wearing red/white/gold outfits, there were two ladies in the “official” skirt design. In the picture, you can see my version of the skirt (this is the one that does not go well with a crinoline) and Karen Remy had the prairie-style version. Both were very striking, and I can just imagine how great a floor full of them would look!



Karen, who finished her skirt the night before leaving for Halifax, even managed to participate in the fashion show, to show off the skirt. She says that quite a few people commented on it.

Oh, and here's some good news for those of you who don't sew (or don't want to!). While we were in Halifax, one of the boutiques there had a skirt in their stock that was very close to what our pattern is. The skirt was red and the inserts were also red, so I asked if it could be had with white inserts? The lady will check with her supplier and get back to me. That would be so helpful! As soon as I know more, I will post it here. Some people have asked me which shade of red is required for the skirt. I just tell them “Canada Flag Red.” As close as you can get to that is good enough for us. Just don't get something that is very “orangey” or getting towards burgundy... Just RED.

And, lastly, soon we hope to have the neck scarves available. These will bring together all the variations of the Festival 2014 outfits. We are looking for people to help get these out (similar to when we had the 1998 Convention tulip theme), we plan to have patterns available, for a small sum, and that may be just patterns or whole “kits” with material and all. We need volunteers to help make it happen... Can YOU help? And we also hope to have the jewellery to go with it, too. Keep looking out for more information!

Festively yours,
Wendy