



The Rideau Canal



Festival 2014

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NEWSLETTER#2 – August 8, 2011 – Countdown: 1075 days

Greetings from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, home of “Festival 2014,” the next Canadian Square & Round Dance Convention. If you are getting this newsletter delivered directly to you, it is because you are registered for the Festival, and we thank you very much.

First “Countdown to Festival 2014 Dance” a huge success!

Once we had the *new* Ottawa Convention Centre booked for our event, we thought it would be a good idea to dance there a few times before 2014 to check out the room sizes and sound, etc.... So, we decided to run an annual “Countdown” dance, counting down the years and days to the official start of the Festival. As that start is on the third Thursday in July, we chose the third Thursday in July as our Countdown Dance date. The first dance was Thursday, July 21, 2011 – 1092 days to start time! 😊

Being mid-week in the summer time and July in Ottawa – which is notoriously hot and humid - we planned for about 10 or 12 squares. Fortunately, we found out early enough that we were going to have more than that! I guess everyone wanted to check out the new OCC. So, we increased the room size to almost double. In the end, we had 211 people in attendance. The hall was packed! It got a little warm, too. Outside, the temperature was 37°C/99°F (humidity made it feel like 46°C/115°F). Inside, the room was set at 20°C/68°F which is usually perfect for dancing, but with such a great turn out, it got a little warm for dancing.

Everyone had a great time, anyway, and we learned a lot about what we need to do to make dancing even better in that hall when Festival rolls around. Thank you EVERYONE who came out to make the evening such a resounding success! Look out for details on next year’s dance, to be confirmed in September, after our next Board meeting.

Wendy VanderMeulen
General Chairman



Ottawa Convention Centre

EDUCATION GROUP

At the Countdown Dance on July 21, many people were asking about the “official Festival dress pattern.” Here are a pictures of two of the three variations of the Pattern we have chosen (Simplicity 4188 ¹). Choosing a pattern with 3 style options – A, B, D - we assumed, would accommodate the different dress preferences: (1) likes the longer, prairie-style skirt; (2) likes a shorter skirt but does not like wearing a crinoline; and (3) likes the traditional square dance outfit, with the crinoline:



1. Prairie length



2. Shorter skirt, no crinoline

The third variation is a skirt that flares from the waist, so that a crinoline can be worn under it. The colours are “red & white with gold accents.” Red & White for Canada, and gold for classy! ☺ The skirt must be red & white. The blouse can be red or white (or gold, if you want!).

I understand that many dancers do not sew their own clothes. Therefore, if you are a seamstress or a person who just sews casually, we are looking for people like you to help those who do not sew (like me – and I want the third skirt pattern!). If you are willing to sew this pattern for other dancers, talk to the Education Group Chair Couple – Ted & Freda Moore (613-925-4794 or gmoore@ripnet.com). I know there are people out there wanting one of these skirts.... They need you! Let the Education Group help you get the word out that you are willing to sew for others. (I must clarify that although we would like as many people from EOSARDA to have this outfit, it is NOT a requirement to attend the Festival! Having the outfit, however, identifies you as being part of the host organization – EOSARDA.)

Men, as usual, have it easy..... Black pants with a shirt that matches the ladies outfit – any combination of red/white/gold....

PROGRAM GROUP

Trail In / Trail Out Dances

Well our first Trail-In Dance (Countdown to Festival 2014) was a smashing success! Let’s keep the momentum going and start planning other Trail-In (AND Trail-Out) dances. As soon as they are arranged, we will add them to our website, so let us know if this is something your Club or Association is interested in hosting. Perfect areas for Trail-In dances would be Toronto, North Bay, Montreal, and Northern New York or Northern Vermont. Plan one for any of the days July 12 through July 15, 2014, when people heading to the Festival could be driving through your area. If they ARE driving to Festival, they may very well choose to drive through your area if you host a Trail-In Dance!

Same goes for Trail-Out Dances. Those people driving here will be driving home again! Why not make sure they go through YOUR town/city by hosting a Trail-Out Dance.

REGISTRATION GROUP

Dean & Shirley Benson are our new Registration Committee Chairmen. One of their responsibilities is to supply travelling dancers with registration forms to take to these places we wouldn’t otherwise get to. So, if you are going to an out-of-town dance, PLEASE volunteer to take a stack of registration forms with you and contact the Bensons to get some. If you can take our floor banner or table-top banner with you, even better! You can contact Dean & Shirley at 613-445-2073 or dean.ben@sympatico.ca.

Attached, you will find information on four hotels near the Convention Centre (the Westin, which is attached to the OCC, is the official “Headquarters Hotel”) where the Hotels Committee has blocked space. All the hotels are ready to accept your reservation at this time.

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¹ <http://sewing.patternreview.com/cgi-bin/patterns/sewingpatterns.pl?patternid=15302>