

THISTLE SCHOOL

Join us in the verdant mountains of North Carolina for the celebration of the thirty-seventh session of the Thistle School of Scottish Country Dance. The School provides instruction in the correct techniques and manners of Scottish Country Dancing, the historic and contemporary social dancing of Scotland.

Lees-McRae College provides essential accommodation in dormitories, classrooms, dining hall, and the use of tennis courts and swimming lake and pool. It is situated at 4,000 feet of altitude, a cooler oasis above a sometimes simmering Piedmont.

Thistle School, founded in 1980 by Duard and Elizabeth Lee Barnes of Washington DC, and Ted and Marilyn Blaschke of Atlanta, Georgia, has been held annually, with the exception of the sabbatical year of 1993, on the campus of Lees-McRae College.

INSTRUCTION

The Regular Session of Scottish Country Dance classes is open to adult students only (minimum age 18).

Classes will be given on four levels, with emphasis on technique and footwork appropriate to the level of the dancer, as well as attention to the courtesies of the dance and insight into its history and traditions.

Classes will be held each morning, and the School will combine for a teaching/social dancing session each evening. Afternoons will have scheduled informal sessions: video taped workshops for individual instruction; idea exchanges for demonstration programs; workshops for dance devisors. This time may also be kept free for sightseeing and craft-finding in the beautiful mountains of the area, or for swimming or other sports.

Associate Non-dancer: limited accommodation may be available for spouses or friends of students who wish to accompany them but who are not able to participate in classes.

Night Dancer: for those who do not feel physically able to participate in classwork, but wish to take part in the evening dancing.

Non-resident Student.

Non-resident Night Dancer.

LOCATION

Banner Elk is located between Boone and Linville in Western North Carolina. Lees-McRae College is close to the intersection of Highway 194 and Highway 184 in Banner Elk. The nearest airport is Tri-Cities (60 miles); larger hubs are Raleigh-Durham and Charlotte, North Carolina; transport to the college may be arranged.

TEACHING STAFF

Eilean Yates – native of Scottish Border Country; in '84 co-founded and has taught and led Shelby NC SC dancers; Teachers' Certificate at St. Andrews in '91; Director, SCD, Loch Norman Games; 1st Chairman, The Carolinas Branch, living and teaching in the Chapel Hill/Durham area.

Janet Lois Walker – native of UK, teaches in Pittsburgh PA and other venues in the US and Canada, including Scottish Weekend, Unicoi, New Hampshire Highlands, and Asilomar. Teachers' Certificate at St. Andrews in '97, former TACTalk editor and TAC summer school teacher.

Fiona Mackie – attending as a special teacher is Fiona Mackie of Dundee Scotland. She has taught dance from Dundee to Italy, and now joins us at Thistle.

Jeff Corrigan – discovered SCD in Duesseldorf, Germany, in '79 while living there as an exchange teacher, returning to California, earned Teachers' Certificate in '89; has taught while living in California; Little Rock AR; and Williamsburg VA; Retiring in 2012, Jeff returned to California where he and Patsy are now teaching with the Sacramento Branch. Most recently they started a children's class filled with very enthusiastic young dancers.

Deirdre MacCuish Bark – native Scot, teaches all levels in the Toronto area, taught at TAC Summer School & various workshops in North America. Coordinates Toronto demo team, has organized North American Examination tours, serves on the TAC executive and currently Vice-Chair of the RSCDS Toronto. Teachers Certificate '01.

Keith Bark – native of UK, teaches in Toronto area and workshops and candidate tutoring internationally, TAC tutor & summer school core teacher; a Past Chair of TAC and currently serving on the RSCDC Membership Services committee. Teachers Certificate, '93.

Elizabeth Lee Barnes – teacher, including candidate tutor, workshops coast to coast, classes aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2 and the Queen Mary 2; Washington DC Branch past President, Chairman of demo team; received Teachers Certificate in '71 from Dr. Jean Milligan; published *Clipper Ships and Other Dances*, *Kaleidoscope and Other Dances*, and *We Dance Therefore We Dine*; for 44 years Chairman of Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Gala.

MUSICIANS

Luke Brady - has run a popular Scottish Dance Band for 14 years. The Band has released 3 volumes of music for dance classes: *Take Your Partners For...* Works as a repetiteur for The Scottish School of Contemporary Dance in Dundee and has toured with his Band in the UK and Central Europe, Canada, Australia, and Japan. He has performed at the RSCDS Summer School in St Andrews, served on the Membership Services Committee and the Board of Management.

Adam Brady - a founding member of Luke Brady's Scottish Country Dance Band, has played for numerous day schools and events throughout the UK and Europe, and for RSCDS Summer School. Adam is also the current Chairman of the Alba Scottish Country Dancers, a group of young dancers based in Glasgow, and serves on the newly founded RSCDS Youth Services committee.

STAFF

Directors of the Thistle are **Duard** and **Elizabeth Lee Barnes**, Washington DC; Assistants to the Directors are **Chris Barnes**, Washington DC, **Patricia Pennington**, Arkansas, **Eilean Yates**, **Patricia Young**, North Carolina; piper is **Andrew Peterkin**, North Carolina; webmaster is **Richard Walker**, Florida. Active in other capacities are **Bob Messner** and **Lewis** and **Susan Tumlin**, Georgia; **Kate Mathewes**, **Brenda** and **Dale Sleight**, **Mary McConnell**, **Barbara Youngman**, North Carolina; **Jack Stewart**, Ohio; **Jon Barrett**, **David Gilliam**, **Valerie Hill** and **Ann Lowe**, Maryland, **Patsy Corrigan**, California, **Torf**, Texas; **Jack Cole**, New York City; and the whole Thistle Community.

REGISTRATION THISTLE SCHOOL 2017

Please PRINT All Information.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail _____

Name(s) for name tag if different from above.

I wish to apply for the following category (7/2-7,2017):

Regular: \$595__ Minimum Deposit: \$250__

Associate Non-Dancer: \$450__

Night Dancer: \$475__

Non-resident Night Dancer: \$165__

Non-resident Student: \$350__

Dance level. Please Read 2017 Course Descriptions.

A__ B__ C__ D__ Night Dancer__

Roommate preference _____

Pre- and post-Thistle housing may be applied for on this registration form - I wish to stay at Lees-McRae on: Fri 6/30__; Sat 7/1__;
Fri 7/7__; Sat 7/8__
Rate is \$35 per person per night; payment upon arrival on campus; please reserve NOW.

Pre-Thistle Saturday night dinner. Please indicate interest to receive details__

VERY IMPORTANT: NO linen service; bring your own pillow, twin bed linens, towels, blanket. Please check here that you've read this __
(If you're flying in, we'll supply linens.)

Note: Lees-McRae is a SMOKE FREE CAMPUS.

Make checks payable to:
Thistle School of SCD, and send to
Elizabeth Barnes
5034 Eskridge Terrace, NW
Washington DC 20016

This form may be photocopied.
Please turn form over for tee shirt order.

ORDER FORM

We're going chic this year – black or white with a thistle-color logo.

Please **CIRCLE SIZE** and **COLOR**. Please.

Crew neck short sleeve T-shirt w/ pocket. Black OR White \$20 S M L XL /\$24 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$
V-neck ladies' short sleeve T-shirt. Black OR White \$20 S M L XL /\$24 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$
V-neck ladies' 3/4 sleeve T-shirt. Black OR White \$25 S M L XL /\$29 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$
Men's Polo short sleeve w/ pocket. Black OR White \$30 S M L XL /\$34 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$
Ladies' short sleeve V-neck polo. Black OR White \$25 S M L XL /\$29 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$
TieDye short sleeve T-shirt Tiger Black \$20 S M L XL /\$24 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$
Cinch Pack – Deep Red and Black. \$17	\$
Ladies Laptop Tote – Dark Charcoal. \$27	\$
Patterned Cinch Pack – 'Scroll' Black and White. \$13	\$
Felt Tote – Engine Red and Charcoal. \$15	\$
Cobbler Apron. Black OR Red. S/M OR L/XL \$18	\$
GRAND TOTAL	\$

Most logos are embroidered.

You may pay for your order now or when you pick it up at Thistle.

Please go to our website to see pictures of these items.

Deadline for ordering – May 15.

CATEGORIES AND COST

Full Attendance: July 2-7 – \$595. Includes all dance instruction and activities, and room and board from Sunday supper through Friday lunch. Deposit of \$250 may be made upon application; remainder is due by May 31.

Associate Non-Dancer: July 2-7 – \$450. Includes room and board but not dance instruction.

Night Dancer: July 2-7 – \$475. Includes room and board and evening dance participation.

Non-Resident Night Dancer: July 2-7 – \$165. (Includes special Wednesday dinner)

Non-resident Student: July 2-7 – \$350. Covers all Thistle activities except board and room (but includes special Wednesday dinner).

All monies will be refunded if circumstances force you to cancel.

SCHOOL SESSION BEGINNING AND ENDING

Beginning: between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 2.

Ending: after lunch on Friday, July 7.

WEEKEND HOUSING

Thistle housing covers Sunday through Thursday nights. On-campus housing for Friday 6/30, Saturday 7/1, Friday 7/7, and Saturday 7/8 is available at additional cost. If you wish to stay on-campus, please so indicate on the Thistle registration form. Should you wish to stay off-campus, you may do so but are responsible for finding your own accommodations.

CLASS LEVELS

Using the suggestions below, please evaluate your dancing level and indicate it on the application blank. Please consult with your teacher if you wish; Thistle School teachers will do their own evaluation after arrival but this thinking ahead will help us.

A Level – Intermediate – High Intermediate Technique – work on footwork and formations and their use in improving dances and dancing. This Level may be repeated to good advantage by those who have experienced it before – the teachers are sensitive to students' needs and levels of accomplishment.

B Level – Advanced Technique – for experienced dancers who know and are able to dance advanced formations and who want intense practice and polish.

C Level – Easy Come Easy Go – those who feel a full Thistle week is too demanding may opt to attend these shorter classes Monday through Friday. These classes will be based on high intermediate-advanced level, but with a gentle approach.

D Level – Teachers – for those, with or without Certification, who are teaching or interested in trying - there will be a wide diversity of coverage - footwork and formations (both one's own and the teaching thereof), teaching techniques, history and manners of SCD, information exchange, opportunity to enjoy more difficult dances.

THE SCROLL

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society awards annually the Scroll of Honour, given in recognition of outstanding service and loyalty to the Society, for maintaining the aims of preserving the standards and traditions of Scottish Country Dance, and for encouraging in others the knowledge and enjoyment of Scotland's Heritage of Dance and Music. The recipients of the Scroll now actively involved in Thistle are **Elizabeth Lee Barnes** and **Keith Bark**. Other Thistle-related recipients are the late **Robert Hunn**, **John Middleton**, **Bobby Brown**, **Frances Gray** and **Bernard Kaiman**.

Thistle has done itself proud!

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SOCIETY

General Session July 2-7, 2017

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