

SQUARE TIME

Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association



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Next issue...

The next issue will be February 2025. Deadline for submission January 31.

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We are always looking for new directors to be on the board, so we would be delighted to have your help. We also have committee members who are not directors, but fill important rolls.

Message from the President December 2024

Long-established clubs ceased operations this year, largely due to declining enrollment.

But all is not doom and gloom.

For the first time in several years, this year our dancer membership is poised to increase compared to last year. A successful January recruiting drive is sure to put us over the top.

Of course, recruiting new dancers is only part of the equation. The other part is dancer retention. We all need to work at keeping the fun in dancing. Keep it light; laugh when you make a mistake; and widen your dancing horizons by taking advantage of the numerous dancing opportunities available across our region.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year , and look forward to meeting you on the dance floor.

**Dave Western
President
EOSARDA.**

Message from the Editor

Well, the new dance year is well underway and it appears that we are making some progress in attracting new dancers. Unfortunately, a few clubs have closed: Harbour Lites, Skirts 'n Flirts, and recently Sunshine Squares has had to close.

In this issue you will find a message from Wendy describing how CALLERLAB is potentially changing the way we train and work with new dancers. This, though not official as yet, has the potential to help dancer progression to square dancing.

Do you have club badges from a club that no longer exists? I am planning to do articles on clubs that no longer dance. If you have badges or other historic material, and would like to share, please take a picture and send it along. I have a long list of clubs that danced in our area over the years.

I am still waiting for articles to include in our *How We Got Here* column. This should be a paragraph or two about how you got interested in dancing and how it has affected your life.

I want to thank Gloria Bateman of the Swallows for her much appreciated proof reading and editing skills.

Gerry Johnson

Square Time Editor

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REMINDER: The Dance Dangle Program for 2024-2025 is Underway!

Hello Danglers!

Great News!!!!!! We wanted to remind all dancers that the EOSARDA Visit Dangle Program is well underway for the 2024-2025 dance season! It is very encouraging to see so many Clubs hosting dances!

As a reminder, the best way for any dancer to become stronger is to dance more often, and visiting another club is a great way to do this!!!!!! A different caller or cuer will present things in a slightly different way and this is a fabulous way to improve your skills! The program runs from September 1st, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

Last season we wanted to increase the number of “danglers”! I am happy to report that we went from 6 to 16 danglers!!!!!! We are pleased to acknowledge the following dancers:



Club	Dancer
Grenville Gremlins	Harold Tompkins – Sliver
Meri Squares Marie –	Andree Auclair – gold
	Jean Curtis - gold
	Michelle Gravelle - gold
	Harold Hedley -gold
	Gerry Lelievre -gold
	Robert Milburn - gold
	Wendy McCracken - gold
	Colleen McKewan - gold
	Sandy Rosen – gold
	Susan Vail gold
	Joyce Bryson Fleury silver
Mississippi Squares	Richard Evans – gold
	Diane Marsh – gold
	Howard Marsh – gold
	Berthe Simons - silver
	Joey Walker - gold
Ottawa Date Squares	Trish Holland - gold

So how do I earn a dangle?

Check out [Calendar \(eodance.ca\)](https://eodance.ca) for the many up-coming dances! Remember that we made changes not long ago to the Dance Dangle Program, to make it THAT much easier for you to track and participate!

- We have removed the requirement to obtain a signature to verify that a dancer did participate.
- Attendance may be at any club other than the club where the dancer pays the EOSARDA registration fee. This also includes dancers who may dance with a second or third club on a regular basis – limited to one visit per club.
- Attendance at any workshop, special event, summer dance and/or convention, including outside Canada.

To obtain your dance dangle:

Complete the required number of visits during a single dance year. No signatures are required. Submit your completed [application form](#) to dancedangles@eosarda.ca on or before September 30 of the next dance year.

Let's continue to increase the number of dancers who will earn their dangles for 2024-2025!

See you on the dance floor!

CALLERLAB's Report

Submitted by Wendy VanderMeulen, CALLERLAB Board of Directors

CALLERLAB is the “International Association of Square Dance Callers”. Their two main foci are Caller Training and Program Maintenance. Yes, CALLERLAB is the association that manages the dance programs – Basic, SSD, Mainstream, etc... Lately, there has been some discussion in CALLERLAB about a major change to some of the programs.

“The Proposal”

Depending on where you are in the world, dancers who join square dancing may, in their first season (whether it is 8 months or 12 weeks) be taught Basic A, Full Basic, SSD, or Mainstream – and, in some places, Plus! The discussion is about changing that. Instead of having FIVE programs, there will be TWO:

“Square Dancing 1 (SD1)” (or whatever they choose to call it) will be the introductory program – the one that ALL clubs will use to teach their new dancers.

“Square Dancing 2 (SD2)” (or whatever they choose to call it) will be the next set of calls.

SD1 will consist of *no more than* 50 calls – similar to what Basic and SSD currently have. SD2 will consist of *at least* 50 calls. Once a dancer goes through both programs, they will have learned all the calls that are contained in the 5 programs we have now. In effect, they will be “Plus” dancers.

How will this impact our area? At the moment, most clubs in our area are dancing some or all of Basic, SSD, Mainstream, and Plus. The struggle is how to include new dancers, graduated dancers, Mainstream dancers and, in some cases, Plus dancers when clubs keep getting smaller and expenses keep going up. It is impossible to offer all of it in one night without something suffering. And dancers that have been introduced to square dancing using the SSD program are worried about where to learn Mainstream when their club offers SSD and Plus...????

That issue will go away if The Proposal is adopted (it will be voted on at the CALLERLAB convention in April 2025). After learning Square Dancing 1, the next step is Square Dancing 2. There are no Intermediate programs – just 1 and 2. In effect, SD1 will cover Basic and some Mainstream and SD2 will cover some Mainstream and the Plus (the division might not be so specific, but that is the general idea). As mentioned earlier, after completing SD1 and SD2, dancers will be, for all intents and purposes, Plus dancers!

The Chairman of CALLERLAB did a presentation on The Proposal at the US National Square Dance Convention (NSDC) this past summer. It is almost an hour long, but it describes it in detail.

Check it out here: <https://callerlab.org/the-proposal/>

There is strong indication that this proposal will be accepted and if that is the case, the revised programs will become the “new norm” as of September 2026. We will let you know!!!

(Note: this proposal does NOT affect the Advanced and Challenge programs.)



Your Publicity Committee, working with you to promote square, round and line dancing



The Publicity Committee (Lamar, Dave & Gloria) hope that you have a safe and happy holiday, get out and dance often and enjoy this very special season!

Come the new year, we will be contacting you to help us with ideas that will help promote our great activity.

Gloria Bateman, with Lamar Mason & Dave z`xxWestern



The Latest About Swing into Spring

The Committee, after much consideration, has determined it best to cancel Swing into Spring 2025.

Neither the Prescott nor the Brockville schools were available for our usual weekend, so we reserved the school in Brockville for May 9 to 11. Recently we discovered that most local accommodations are booked for other events in town. The last two weekends in May have other square dance events scheduled, thus limiting the number of dancers who might participate in Swing into Spring. Likewise, dancers who would attend our event would not be able to attend the other dances. Although we have had staff arranged and the venue confirmed for this spring's event, with these circumstances – beyond our control – the Committee feels it best to cancel our 2025 event.

We will now concentrate on the 2026 dance weekend in order to make it the best yet Swing into Spring!! We have callers already on board for Swing into Spring 2026: Dan Sahlstrom from Michigan, Brent Mawdsley from British Columbia and our own Dave Hutchinson. All three callers will provide dancing that will be enthusiastic, energetic and a lot of fun.

The venue in Brockville will be reserved as early as possible for our usual first-Sunday-in-May weekend, and we plan to obtain a block of rooms for square dancers at one or more hotels. We will keep you informed of updates as early as possible.

Keep watching www.SwingintoSpring.ca and www.facebook.com/BrockvilleSiS as our plans for 2026 unfold and, meanwhile, **Save The Weekend - May 1, 2 & 3 - for Swing into Spring 2026!**

You can reach us at promotion@SwingintoSpring.ca.

Arlo, Gloria, & Shirley
The Swing into Spring Committee

Club News — Glengarry Tartans



The Glengarry Tartans Alexandria had a wonderful Falling Leaves & the Canadian Tartan event on Sunday Oct. 20th. Forty-one people in attendance including 5 young people who stopped in to view the dancing & stated they wanted to dance!

Thank You Wendy VanderMeulen for including a mini teach during the afternoon & it was not surprising that the young folks caught on easily. They may return for our January 2025 Open Houses!!

Many thanks to visiting dancers (Swinging Bs Cornwall, Meri Squares Ottawa, Mississippi Squares Carleton Place, Ottawa Date Squares, Seaway Swingers Montreal) for your continued support of our rural square dance club!

Visit the EOSARDA Facebook page for all the photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1168349394905952&set=pcb.1218479252712331>



Carole Lauzon ▸ Eastern Ontario Square & Round Dance Association - EOSARDA

Sharon MacGregor - Such a fun time 🍷,
Wendy was great as usual and brought so many of us smiles, and laughter. We also had lots of food to choose from
and the silent auction ❤️. So awesome to have young people who wanted to learn to square dance, hope they join
our club ❤️

Submitted by:

Carole Lauzon, Publicity

Glengarry Tartans Alexandria ON

Club News — Grenville Gremlins

We have been very lucky this year in having 9 new and returning dancers who did not dance last year. On a regular night we have 4 squares and when a few of our dancers return from their vacations, we should have 5. With this many dancers, it is always a fun evening with lots of laughs and great company.

We had our annual bake/auction sale which consisted of amazing pies and cookies as well as jigsaw puzzles, books and various other items for sale that members have brought in.. It was a great success and made \$499.00 which is a record for the club.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Potluck dinner on Dec 16th, our final dance for 2024, and of course looking forward to the annual New Year's Eve dance at St. John's Church in Kemptville with Brian Crawford as our caller and a buffet dinner to follow.

All of the tickets have been sold and we have a waiting list, but there is only so much the room can accommodate. There is no other venue that has the kitchen facilities that is needed for such a large crowd.

Overall it has been a successful year for the Gremlins and we all look forward to a fun filled 2025.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Dancing 2025 to everyone.

Debbie Armstrong

President



The Grenville Gremlins were saddened to have lost an original founder of our Club,

Muriel Gilmer, November 11th. Muriel started dancing with The Gremlins in 1975

and held numerous positions throughout the Club. Music was a very important part

of her life and they had formed their own Square Dance Band called

The Hillybilly Band. Muriel loved to wear her Square Dance clothes as they travelled

around to the many different clubs enjoying the friendship of each club.

She was also a member of The Riverside Gypsy's Square Dance Club.

In 2016, The Gremlins presented a lifetime membership for her dedication to our Club.

Muriel and her husband Preston were presented with the

Trillium Long Service Award in 2018. We will all treasure the wonderful memories of Muriel.

Peter Mathew

Club News — Limestone Dancers – Kingston



Brr! Winter is not my favorite season but thankfully there are many chances for indoor dancing.

The warmth of the venues and especially the warmth of the friendships that we have created dancing together help to push away the chill of winter for a few hours at a time.

We have some special theme nights coming up on our regular Thursday dance nights.

December 19, 2024 will be our **Christmas Night** where we are encouraged to wear Christmas Sweat-ers and share some Christmas goodies.

January 09, 2025 will be our **New Year Gala** where we will be encouraged to put on the glitz.

February 20, 2025 will be our **Warm your Heart** theme. We will be asking for donation to food bank and thanking the staff of the school where we dance.

March 15, 2025 is a big **Saturday St. Patrick's Day Dance**. (See Poster for details)

April 17, 2025 will be our **Bunny Hop/ Spring/ Easter** theme

May 29, 2025 will be our **Graduation Day night**.

As you can see, lots of fun and chances to dress up

Our latest season of dancing started the middle of September and I recently asked some of the new dancers what their experience has been like and how they heard about us in the first place. Here are some of the responses I have received.

Many years ago, I would square dance, the old-time style, with my father. I love the joy of dance. I love music and would go to the free country music down town Kingston during the summer. That is where the modern square dance club held a few information sessions and danced and that is how I learned of your club.

So, I decided to give modern square dancing a try. I do enjoy it but I also find it challenging. The caller is excellent but sometimes I feel we are learning new steps quicker than my brain can absorb them. It is good exercise for the body and the mind so I plan to continue. Perhaps on special occasions the caller can throw in an old time square just for fun. 😊 Anne R

While looking for dance classes on the internet, I came across Limestone Dancers. After my husband agreed to join me, we tried out the first session. With much encouragement and friendliness of the other dancers, we were determined to learn the steps. Coming from a jazz, ballet, ballroom background, I thought we would catch on quickly.

Not so!

We realized quickly, that Square Dancing requires recollection and quick thinking. As muscle memory kicks in, we are getting better & having more fun each week!

I love how the Caller sings out a series of Basic calls & instructions. "Allemande Left, Do Si Do, Promenade" etc. to well known songs.

Square Dancing is a great way to interact with other people and exercise both mind and body!

Cindy M

A friend showed me the flyer for square dancing and asked me if I might be interested in trying it. I love learning and trying new things and this was way outside of my comfort zone. I figured it was great physical activity and also great for the mind, so I gave it a try! I enjoyed it right away and continue to enjoy it! I hadn't really thought about the social aspect, but I have also met a lot of really nice people, which is an added bonus!! I look forward to square dancing evenings because I know I'm going to have a fun time and learn something new! Kris!

A coworker of mine has talked about her square dancing for a couple of years and encouraged me to try it out. She said it is a nice way to meet new people and to have a fun stressless evening out. At the start, of the square-dancing year, the club offered a few free sessions without commitment. Not knowing anything about square dancing it was a challenge at first but after a few weeks of attendance I found that my coworker was correct. The group is very inviting and helpful to the new comers, especially the members who have been dancing for years. Each week, I have picked up 1 or more moves and I feel more comfortable with the next call and love the challenge it gives me to learn the next steps. Dave is a great teacher and caller. LL

Submitted by Noreen Peters

Vice President

Limestone Square Dance Club



Club News— Meri Squares

Halloween was a busy holiday for Meri Squares, with both our SSD and Plus dancers celebrating the spooky season with 2 special dances. Seasonal decorations, delicious treats and amazing costumes all made the parties fun for everyone. Our photo of Wizards and Witches is not to be missed!

We held our 55th Anniversary on November 21st, with a very memorable dance and celebration. John Charman and Wendy VanderMeulen called a full night of SSD, Mainstream and Plus. We welcomed many special guests from area clubs, as well as old friends and dancers from years past. We were thrilled to see eight squares on the floor and 91 guests in all! Lamar Mason, on behalf of EOSARDA, presented club President, David Shackleton, and Past President, Theresa Growlay (2004 -06), with a Certificate of Achievement. Several Meri Square Past Presidents were in attendance, including Anne Graham, Ann Davelaar, Marilyn Collins, Harold Hedley and Wendy McCracken, Barbara McLellan and Lamar Mason. We also recognized Tom Fotheringham for his many years as our dedicated web-master. Cake and coffee helped keep energy high and a wonderful time was had by all. We look forward to celebrating our 60th Anniversary with many of you!

Meri Squares will close 2024 with our SSD graduation and Christmas pot luck dinner and party on December 12th. Best wishes to everyone for a peaceful and Happy New Year in 2025 full of dance and laughter!

P.S We send a special thank you to our club photographer, Michelle Gravelle, who takes all these amazing photos. Thank you, Michelle!



Halloween SSD Party, October 2024



Halloween Plus Party, October 2024



Meri Squares Past Presidents, November 21, 2024



Callers Wendy & John, 55 th Anniversary, November 21, 2024

55th Anniversary Dance, November 21, 2024



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THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

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By The Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association
In Recognition Of The Club's 55th Anniversary

November 21, 2024
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President
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Club News Mississippi Squares

Welcome to our second edition of Mississippi Squares club news for 2024 – 2025! We hope everyone out there in EOSARDA square dance country is enjoying the new season of dancing as much as we are here in Carleton Place. In this article, the primary focus will be on the gala Hallowe'en Dance event held by our club on Tuesday, October 29th. We are happy to report that it was a great success! Despite the fact that they had to get here through a thunderstorm happening outside the hall, there were six squares of enthusiastic dancers merrily moving to the music and otherwise enjoying the evening. It might be argued that it was quite appropriate that an environmental effect such as thunder and lightning should accompany the event.

A contest was held that evening to determine who had the best costumes.

		
1st Place: Bruce and Melanie Jones Gothic Couple	2nd Place: Bruce and Pauline Patterson Hippie Couple	3rd Place: J.D. Labelle and Linda Willman Witch and Wizard

The judging must have been difficult based on the rogues gallery of other contestants that follows (sorry if we missed anyone):



And in case you were starting to wonder if any dancing actually occurred that night:



Brian didn't win a prize for his costume that night but it's the thought that counts. Can you guess what he came as?

	Couldn't guess? He's <i>Chicken Cord On Blue!</i>		For anyone interested in viewing additional images and videos of this event, the QR code printed to the left may be used to access a truly impressive collection created by Brian and Amy.
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Well, that's about it for now. In case anyone is wondering what we look like when we gather on regular dance nights, here's a picture of our president and some friends sharing a laugh.



Many thanks to the following folks who have kindly supplied all the great photos found in this article (in alphabetical order by last name): Brian and Amy Crawford, Vince and Debbie Guthro, Bruce and Melanie Jones, and last, but not least, Diane and Howie Marsh.

In closing, please note that we will be hosting our annual inter-club dance event on March 29th, 2025 at the same location as last year, but re-branded as **Mississippi Melt**. Please stay tuned for further details!

If you are ever wondering what to do with yourself on a Tuesday or Friday night, please feel free to drop in for a fun-filled evening of dancing in Carleton Place. We're doing Basic and Mainstream on Tuesdays and Plus on Fridays. Please note that we are now located at the new hall at 2022 Beckwith Park Lane. That is, unless we are bumped, in which case we'll be swinging at Zion Memorial United Church. If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything to do with our club, please feel free to contact our president, Betty Goodwin at 613-256-0551.

Submitted by Charles Henderson

CLUB NEWS – NAPANEE PIONEERS (Christmas Edition)

The Pioneers are busy planning our Christmas Dinner and Dance scheduled for December 20th. This is going to be a big celebration and we are excited for it to happen. The caterer is exceptional! If anyone is interested in a delicious meal and a night of dancing with our caller, Dave Hutchinson, come-on-out to Napanee. Our catered meal includes Ham & Turkey with all the trimmings, with assorted pies for dessert. Tickets are \$25.00. So far, we've sold 40 tickets and more to come. Should be a good night! Cut off time to buy tickets is December 13th.

On December 3rd our donation of \$2,000.00 to the Lennox and Addington General Hospital in Napanee will be matched by an anonymous donator and will help to purchase a life-saving defibrillator in the ER. Our donation was presented on November 26th.



Right to left are Pioneer members Elwood Hughes, Muriel Brough, Barry O'Sullivan, Wilfred Brough and two of the hospital foundation staff members. Photo was taken in the hospital lobby.

On December 13th the Pioneers are also, in the Christmas spirit, donating \$2,000.00 to the local Food Bank. We are hosting a dance and collecting non-perishable food items to present with our cheque for the much-needed cause.



Last Friday we had a joint tree decorating night. Everyone was given a decoration and joined in the fun decorating our donated tree.

More photos will show up in the next Square Time issue with Santa at our Christmas party.

Five of our new dancers have “stuck it out” and are attending regularly. We have two or three plus squares every Friday night and hope to graduate the new dancers into our closely knit family of dancers in the spring.

Yours truly is off to prepare for my hip surgery on Monday December 2nd and after that I hope to see you all on the dance floor at some exciting event.

Muriel Brough
Napanee Pioneers

Club News — Ottawa Date Squares



The Ottawa Date Squares have been dancing up a storm around the capital during the fall semester and the dance floor has been hopping week after week with tons of new smiling faces learning to love our favourite activity.

We graduated 6 Plus dancers on November 18 and will be graduating 13 new SSD dancers and 10 new A1 dancers on December 11. We are absolutely thrilled to have all these new dancers join our happy dance family.

In addition, the club has successfully put on two truly amazing regional dances: Harvest Promenade (October 5) and All Day Sashay (November 16) bringing together dancers from throughout the region for friendship, music and dance.

We have also shown up in large numbers for several other area club dances where we invariably crank up the energy levels on the floor with our exuberant styling and infectious enthusiasm. Don't be surprised if we crash your dance next!

We want to thank everyone who has supported us by attending our class nights and our special dances and we want to wish the best of the season for you and your family into the new year!

See you on a dance floor real soon!

**** Yellow Rocks ****



Jean-Marc Robichaud

President

Ottawa Date Squares

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Club News — Riverside Gypsy Squares C175

Hello from the Gypsies. There is not a lot to report from the last edition as we do not dance in the Fall and Winter. We are preparing for our Mid-Winter Dance that will be held in Prescott at the end of February 2025. There will be a flyer in this edition, and we are hoping that you will join us on the dance floor. There will be homemade cookies/squares as well as hot beverages. In the meantime, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Gypsies to you.

Mary Anne Reinhard

Club News — SUNSHINE SQUARES (Plus level)

SUNSHINE SQUARES (Plus level)

Canterbury Community Centre, Ottawa

Wednesdays (7:30 – 9:30) pm

Our Club held a Special General Meeting on 6 November, 2024 to discuss the future of Sunshine Squares Club. Based on membership trends, it was anticipated that the Club's size was likely to continue to decline. The Members of Sunshine Squares concluded that the Club would no longer be viable. It was resolved that Sunshine Squares Dance Club be dissolved as of 5 December, 2024. It was also decided that any money remaining be donated by the Club to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, a charity for which the Club has organized several fund-raising square dances in the past.

Our Club organized a wind-up party on 4 December, 2024, and had a great turnout. With several dancers from Meri Squares and a Director from EOSARDA, it was gratifying to have more



than 3 squares of dancers attending the party. We ordered sandwiches, fruit and vegetable plates for the occasion. Some of the Executives came earlier to decorate the hall with memorabilia and special decorations for the party.



Jim Kearns gave a short history of the Club which was founded in 1958. In the past 66 years, Keith Watters was the caller for most of the time until he retired. Bob Summers took over the caller duties for a number of years, and passed the torch to Ron Gardner about 2 years ago. Our Club placed a lot of emphasis on social activities: over the years, we had party nights celebrating Halloween, Valentines' Day and St. Patrick's Day, curling, etc; for many years, the Club had winter get-aways in the Laurentians, dancing, snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing, and of course gourmet dining.

Jim thanked Bob Summers and Ron Gardner for being the callers for the Club and presented a small token of appreciation to them.





We also want to say thank you to all the Club dancers for supporting the Club over the years. We wish them the best of luck and good health in the coming months and years!

By Sophie and Peter Kwok

Club News - Swinging Bs

What a day for dancing

The Swinging B's had a lovely turn out of dancers for our Tartan & Kilt event on Sunday Nov 24. There were 7 squares on the dance floor at one point during the afternoon and we had 2 dancers try to count the folks watching ...so we think we had close to 70 in total in the hallway.

Thanks to 9 clubs that signed the registration sheet. I would like to mention them but I am afraid I might miss one or two and that would be awful...so just to name a few Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal & Alexandria...it was a beautiful sunny afternoon and lots of food for everyone to enjoy.

Don Moger did an excellent job calling to the floor of new dancers as well for the more experienced ones. There were a few draws made at the end of the day, 5 lucky folks went home with either a basket of goodies or some cash from the draws.

I am sure no one went home hungry, there was a luncheon held at the end of the afternoon.

Next big event for us is the St Patrick's dance March 9th from 2- 4:30pm with Cory Lowden calling for us.

Just a few photos of our dancers today...

Yellow rock ... see you on the dance floor👉



Penny E Lafave

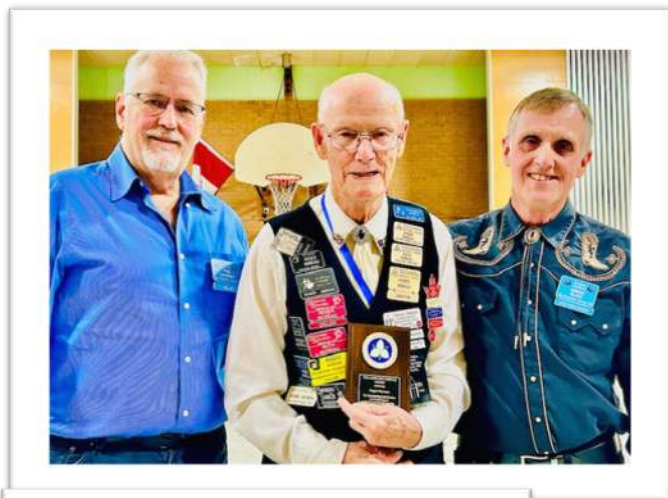


Club News Pembroke's Swinging Swallows



There are a few Swallows unable to dance because of various health-related problems, and other dancers even went hunting, if you can imagine! Though we haven't been overrun with dancers, the dancers that come out are busy!

The club made our annual donation in late October and received the note of thanks shown in the photo, from the St Joseph's Food Bank. For the next couple of weeks, we receive donations, in a Christmas stocking, that will be given to the church where we dance, to become part of their 'Adopt a Family' effort to help a local family with Christmas expenses.



On November 21 our Vice-President, Andre Blais, and our caller, Ron Gardner (wearing his EOSARDA and Ontario Federation hats) presented Swallow Roger Moreau with his well-earned Trillium Long (*Dedicated*)

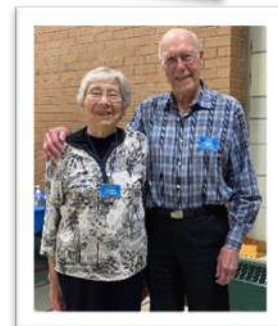
Service Award. The evening was complete with visitors, a cake and



lots of dancing and photos! Our 'Décor Diva' arranged photos around the cake, and visitors from Opeongo Squares, Theresa Prince and Carman Palubiski joined in the fun. Old friends from the Swallows, Ren-



ton and Eleanor Patterson, who now live in Renfrew, came out to congratulate Roger and showed the rest of us that they have not forgotten any square dance steps!



While Ron and Charlene enjoy a December vacation, we have invited Brian Crawford to call for us. Those of us who know Brian and have danced to his calling, are looking forward to his visit. This will be the first time our new dancers have experienced a caller other than our club caller, Ron Gardner. It will be good experience for them and we hope it will encourage them to visit other clubs as they become more confident in their dancing.

The Pembroke Mall in the east end of town now has an initiative whereby vacant stores may be used by the community for approved activities. Since we are not-for-profit and have the required Certificate of Insurance we have arranged to dance once a week in one of those stores. The Swallows' plan is first to engage our Plus dancers with recorded singing calls and later on to alternate the Plus evening with a B, SSD & MS dance/workshop for our members and visitors. The Mall will provide us with a couple of tables and some chairs, and as it warms up outside, with a/c!! We will display one or two of our stand-alone banners and have small handouts with contact information for any passers-by who slow down!

Because Ron and Charlene are an integral part of the Swinging Swallows we feel that we can not have our Christmas Pot-luck dinner/dance without them. Thus, our party will be held on January 16 with the traditional pot-luck dinner and dance. AND Ron will have to sing for his supper! You are invited too, if the weather permits: \$10 plus a pot-luck dish to share. As usual the fun and frolick is yours for free! Join us!

We have reserved the Lion's Hall in Beachburg on February 15 for the day and as much of the evening as there are dancers and a caller. As last year, we will begin in mid morning, serve a noon meal (Norma, myself and a few others) and dance, dance, dance! Watch for our flyer for details, and remember to RSVP since space is limited.

The Swallows have been invited to dance at a number of nursing/retirement homes and we hope to have dancers ready to 'hit the homes' in March, then plan our Celebration Dance for later in April.

WOW! Where does the time go?



Submitted by Gloria Bateman

EOSARDA



Frosty Fling



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
1:30 - 4:00 PM

CALLERS:

John Charman and Brian Crawford

St. Mark's Anglican Church

1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa, ON K2C 1X6

BASIC A with SSD and MAINSTREAM

BASIC and SSD dancers who started in Jan. or Sep. 2024: **FREE**

All others \$10 each

No advance sales - pay at the door

Coffee and cookies will be provided

Share the Wealth



In case of severe weather, check the EOSARDA website (www.eodance.ca) or the EOSARDA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/486248555935408>) to see if the dance is cancelled.



Save the date!

The Riverside Gypsy Squares
invite you to join them at their

Mid-Winter Dance.

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

425 Centre St. Prescott

Doors will open at 1 pm and we will dance from
2 pm to 4 pm. Cost \$7.50/person

Tea/Coffee and Homemade Cookies Provided

Caller Showcase.



Have you tried it yet?



Modern Square Dancing

For 20 - to - 40 -Year-olds

J.A. Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave. (1/2 km south of Carling)

First Saturday of the month, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

2024: Nov. 2, Dec. 7

2025: Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, (No May Dance) Jun. 7, Jul. 5, Aug. 2, Sep. 6, Oct. 4,
Nov. 1, Dec. 6

It's definitely time to get social, make new friends, get physical – and have FUN doing it!
Everyone is welcome (including people with 2 left feet). No judgement! 😊



For more information, call or text Wendy VanderMeulen at 613-282-0575

Email her at WendyGVanderMeulen@gmail.com

Or check the website www.SquareDanceOttawa.ca

Cost: \$10 per person by eTransfer to WendyV@sympatico.ca – (before midnight the Friday before; non refundable) or \$13 at the door.



LIMESTONE DANCERS
MODERN SQUARE DANCE CLUB
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

24th Annual St Patrick's Dance



March 15th, 2025

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Two Halls – Two Callers:

Brian Crawford & David Hutchinson

Basic, SSD, & Mainstream/ Plus & Advance

(If there are enough C-1 dancers come for 1:00 we will do 2 tips)

\$15.00 per dancer



**We cannot guarantee you will find that pot of gold,
but we can guarantee an afternoon of fun!**

Snacks will be served / Door Prizes to be won

Cataraqui Community Centre & Arena
1030 Sunnyside Rd, Kingston, ON K7L 4V4
401 Exit 613 - Sydenham Road, to McIvor to Sunnyside.





VEER NORTH

to the Capital



April 17-20, 2025

Easter Weekend



*Ted
Lizotte*



*Wendy
VanderN.*



Brian C.



*Dave
Hutchinson*



*Patti
Greene*

**PRICE INCREASE
COMING!**

Registration

\$100 thru Dec 31

\$125 thru Apr 1

\$40 Non Dancer

** prices in Canadian CAD*



Scan to Register

A 50% first timer discount is available from All Join Hands Canada. **Reach out to us today!**

Dancing

LabO @ University of Ottawa

One block from host hotel

3 Dance Halls

SSD Thru C2

14+ hours of dancing

Register @ VeerNorth.ca

Hotel: Courtyard Ottawa Downtown

\$165 + tax CAD per night. Phone: 613-241-1000

Code: Ottawa Date Squares.



Scan to Reserve Room

Located one block from dancing, in the ByWard Market and close to restaurants, shops and bars.



Celebrate Ottawa Date Squares' 30th Anniversary!

Come Back to Ottawa!

** For full details or to register visit VeerNorth.ca*

REGISTER NOW: VEERNORTH.CA

OR USE THIS FORM:

NAME 1:

NAME 2:

DANCE LEVEL:

DANCE LEVEL:

HOME CLUB:

HOME CLUB:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER:

/

SESSION (QUANTITY):

☐ **WEEKEND PACKAGE (\$100 BEFORE JAN 1,
\$125 AFTER)**

☐ **NON DANCER (\$40)**

TOTAL AMOUNT:

PAYMENT:

CREDIT CARD

NAME ON CARD:

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRY:

/

CVV:

OR

OR

**MAIL CHEQUE TO:
OTTAWA DATE SQUARES
450 ROCHEFORT CIRCLE
OTTAWA, ON K4A 0M9**

**E-TRANSFER TO:
VEERNORTHTOTHECAPITAL@GMAIL.COM**



60th

Join Us In Peterborough
Lift Lock Squares Presents The
60th Annual

60th

SPRING SPREE

12 April 2025

1:00 to 4:00 PM - 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Crestwood Secondary School

1885 Sherbrooke Street West Peterborough K9J 0E5

Four Great Callers : Four Halls

Brian Crawford Dave Hutchinson

Don Moger Jeff Priest

Basic, Mainstream, Plus, A1/A2

Pre-registration: – All Day \$22.00 PP, Afternoon or Evening \$12.00 PP
Registration At The Door – All Day \$25.00 PP, Afternoon or Evening \$15.00 PP

Please wear clean shoes in dance halls: NO perfumes or scents please

For Information: email: springspreedance@gmail.com or phone 905 342 5450

1st Last Name.....First Name
2nd Last Name.....First Name
Address.....
City.....Province.....Postal Code.....
Phone.....Email.....
All Day..... Afternoon Only..... Evening Only.....
Square Dance Club.....Amount Enclosed

Please make cheques payable to : **Lift Lock Square Dance Club** or E transfer to **annewayne644@gmail.com**

Mail registration to : Wayne Hare 107 Douro 2nd Line Douro-Dummer K0L 2B0

or Email to annewayne644@gmail.com

Specify Number of Dancers at highest level you plan to dance. Dance in lower level rooms as you wish.

Dance Level: Basic Mainstream Plus..... A1..... A2.....

Proposed Outline Of Program

Afternoon Session

1:00 to 4:00

Dedicated halls for Basic, Mainstream and Plus
Advance hall will have 1 hour A1 and 2 hours A2
Computer Squares in Advance Hall
Coffee/Tea and cookies available during afternoon dancing

Evening Session

Dancing Resumes At 6:00

Basic in The Basic Hall
A1 in the Advance Hall
C1 in the Cafetorium
Caller Showcase in the Mainstream Hall 6:00 to 6:30
Mainstream Dance Level
Plus will resume at 6:30 in the Cafetorium

6:30 to 8:30

Four halls will resume regular schedule

8:30 to 9:00

Grande finale in large gym with all callers

9:00

Refreshments Served

Refund policy: Prior to the dance less \$4.00 handling fee. Or roll-over to 2026 at no charge

Peterborough Hotels

Super 8, 1257 Lansdowne St W., 705 876 8898

Spring Spree Rate \$105.00 Plus Taxes

For Standard Guest Room

Free Continental Breakfast from 6AM to 10AM

Book Before 30 March 2025

Comfort Inn, 1209 Lansdowne St. W., 705 740 7000

Spring Spree Rate \$129.00 Plus Taxes Includes Hot Breakfast.

Book Before March 11th

**For Special Rates Please Book Directly With The
Local Hotel and Mention The Spring Spree Group Rate**

For Lift Lock Records

Date Received.....Ribbons Sent.....Given Out.....CQ.....CA.....E-Tr.....



43rd IAGSDC Square Dance Convention

July 1-5, 2026

Montréal, Québec

Levels: SSD/MS through C4

Barry Clasper

Toronto, ON

Brian Crawford

Ottawa, ON

Dave Hutchinson

Marlbank, ON

Don Moger

Montréal, QC

Ett McAtee

Severn, MD

Justin Russell

Memphis, TN

Kris Jensen

Albuquerque, NM

Michael Kellogg

Northridge, CA

Michael Levy

San Francisco, CA

Sandie Bryant

Chicago, IL

Ted Lizotte

Manchester, NH

Vic Ceder

Los Olivos, CA

Wendy VanderMeulen

Ottawa, ON

Register now at
MontrealMix2026.com

The Venue

All dancing, including brunch and banquet supper will take place under one roof. **Le Centre Sheraton Montréal** is in the heart of Montréal and steps away from public transit and tons of restaurants, bars and shopping.

**Registration Rate
Increases January 1!**

Register Today!



Scan to Register

British Columbia Canada Square and Round Dance Festival 2025

A Festival means, among many things, the fun of meeting new friends and having new experiences in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Please accept our invitation to join our dancers as we host the British Columbia Canada Square and Round Dance Festival 2025, this coming summer from July 31, 2025 to Aug. 2, 2025. With Trail In and Trail Out Events also included, this will hopefully prove to be a unique square dance vacation experience. Our Festival is at a convenient time, coming just a week after the US West Convention in Spokane, Wash., USA, and it is also in a convenient location, just 120 miles north of Seattle, Wash., USA and an hour from Vancouver International Airport. It would be fun to have a relaxing vacation while we enjoy square dancing and dancers from around the world, wouldn't it? And we are planning theme dances, maybe a 50's sock hop and an Under The Sea salute to our West Coast as well. Tours, accommodations, and restaurants are all within a short drive of the hall, which features air conditioning in over 80% of the rooms, and wooden dance flooring throughout. When you register, please let us know what levels you are interested in learning, and what touring events you might enjoy, will you? You can register at Bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com. And please visit our website at squaredance.bc.ca for more information, and destinationvancouver.com or tourism-langley.ca for great ideas in planning your stay here. Hope to see you soon, and join you in a square. Thank you for investing your time and consideration. – Jean Galbraith, Advertising, BC Square Dance Festival 2025



July 31, August 1 & 2,
2025 Langley, B.C.

Register at squaredance.bc.ca

Get your registration in ASAP!
The 2024 Calgary Festival sold out 7 months early!

Langley Senior Secondary School (21405 56 Ave, Langley, BC)



Your Sponsor:
The B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation



Your Hosts:
The Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association
Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association

This Year's Program:

Wednesday, July 30th: Trail-in dance

Thursday, July 31st: Dancing 1:30 to 10:00 p.m. Dinner break 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1 & 2: Dancing 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with breaks from 12-1:30 & 5-7 p.m.

Trail-out dance TBA - check the website for updates

Information for Hotels, RV Parking and Camping will be added later in 2024. Check our website for updates!



discoverlangleycity.com

tourism-langley.ca

destinationvancouver.com

ehcanadatravel.com/british-columbia/mainland.html

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, May 17, 2025

THE MAINE EVENT

With 3 callers from Maine, USA



Mike

Duso



Al

Hipkins



Denise

Carbonell

6:30 – 7:00 – A1

7:00 – 9:30 – Plus Dancing

ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa K26 1X6

\$15 per person at the door

COFFEE AND COOKIES – SHARE THE WEALTH

For information, contact: Wendy VanderMeulen at:
613-282-0575 or wendygvandermeulen@gmail.com

List of interesting web sites for our dancers

EOSARDA web site	https://www.eodance.ca/SD_clubs_full.php
EOSARDA Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/groups/eosarda/
Ontario Federation	https://squaredance.on.ca/
Canadian Square Society	https://csrds.ca/
Toronto and District	http://www.td-dance.ca/
Southwest Ontario	https://swosda.ca/

EOSARDA Email Contacts

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EOSARDA Dance Clubs

Grenville Gremlins	Grenville Gremlins
Limestone Dancers	Limestone Dancers
Meri Squares	Meri Squares
Mississippi Squares	Mississippi Squares
Napanee Pioneers	Napanee Pioneers
Ottawa Date Squares	Ottawa Date Squares
Quinte Twirlers	Quinte Twirlers
Square Dance Ottawa	Square Dance Ottawa
Swinging Swallows	Swinging Swallows

Square Dance Clubs

Crazy A's

A1 Friday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
J.A. Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave., Ottawa
Caller: John Charman
Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen
613-282-0575 WendyGVanderMeulen@gmail.com

Glengarry Tartans

SSD* Most Sundays
Check schedule 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Usually La Fraternité Hall
49 St Paul St, Alexandria
Check Schedule
Caller: Lynn Trepanier
Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Carole & Bernie Lauzon
613-931-1783 clauzon55@sympatico.ca

Grenville Gremlins

Basic/MS Monday 7:30pm - 9:30pm
North Grenville Municipal Centre
285 County Road #44,
Kemptville, ON
Caller: Brian Crawford
Contact: Debbie Armstrong
613-989-2784 kemptvillesquaredance@gmail.com

Limestone Dancers

Basic/MS/Plus Thursday 6:45pm - 9:30pm
Polson Park Public School
645 Robert Wallace Dr. Kingston
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Shirley Brown
613 767 6650 colshirl35@gmail.com

Lockits

A2, A1 Wednesday
A2 - 10:00 to 11:00am
A1 - 11:00am to 12:30
Brunton Community Hall
2022 Beckwith Park Lane (Carleton Place)
Caller: Geoff Clarke
Contact: Geoff & Teena Clarke
613-724-8438 caller.geoff@bell.net

Meri Squares

SSD* Tuesday 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Alternating tips: SSD Teach & Full SSD
J.A. Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave, Ottawa
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: David Shackleton
613-832-2284 david@integraldesign.org

Meri Squares

Plus Thursday 7:15pm - 9:15pm
Westminister Presbyterian Church
470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa
Caller: John Charman
Contact: David Shackleton
613-832-2284 david@integraldesign.org

Mississippi Squares

Basic/MS Tuesday 7:00-7:30pm Full MS
7:30pm - 9:30pm B/MS
Brunton Community Hall
2022 Beckwith Park Lane (Carleton Place)
Caller: Brian Crawford

Contact: Betty Goodwin
613-852-3496 betty.goodwin@gmail.com

Mississippi Squares

Plus, Plus Teach Friday 7:30pm - 10:00pm
Brunton Community Hall
2022 Beckwith Park Lane (Carleton Place)
Caller: Brian Crawford
Contact: Betty Goodwin
613-852-3496 betty.goodwin@gmail.com

Napanee Pioneers

Basic/MS/Plus Friday 7:00pm - 9:30pm
North Fredericksburgh Hall
1178 County Rd. 8, Napanee
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Muriel Brough
613-354-4595 mrb47@cogeco.ca

Ottawa Date Squares

SSD*/MS
LGBT friendly Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:45pm
Room B203, Jack Purcell Community Centre
320 Jack Purcell Lane, Ottawa
Caller: Brian Crawford
Contact: Jean-Marc Robichaud
613-806-3138 OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

Ottawa Date Squares

A1
LGBT friendly Wednesdays 6:45pm - 8:45pm
Room B201, Jack Purcell Community Centre
320 Jack Purcell Lane, Ottawa
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Jean-Marc Robichaud
613-806-3138 OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

Ottawa Date Squares

Plus
LGBT friendly Mondays 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Room 202, Jack Purcell Community Centre
320 Jack Purcell Lane, Ottawa
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Jean-Marc Robichaud
613-806-3138 OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

Quinte Twirlers

Basic, MS, Plus Wednesday 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Harmony Public School
Belleville
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: David Dunham
613-403-2882 quintetwirlers@gmail.com

Riverside Gypsy Squares

MS/Plus/Rounds/Lines May/Jun/Jul/Aug/Sep
3rd Weekend of every month
(Fri evening
Sat afternoon)
Lower Beverly Lake Campground, Delta, On
Caller: Various Callers and Cuers
Contact: Helen MacCallum
1-613-330-4873 helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

Square Dance Ottawa

Beginner One Sunday a month 2:30pm - 4:30pm
J.A. Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave., Ottawa
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen
613-282-0575, WendyGVanderMeulen@gmail.com

Swinging Bs

Basic/MS

Plus Tips Friday 6:30-7:00 pm (Plus)

7:00-9:00 pm (B/MS)

Knox - St. Paul United Church

800 Twelfth St E, Cornwall

Caller: Don Moger

Bob Summers

Contact: Iris Swerdfeger

613-937-3455 iris.swerdfeger@gmail.com

Swinging Swallows

Basic/MS/Plus Thursday 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Wesley United Church Hall

275 Pembroke St E, Pembroke

Caller: Ron Gardner

Contact: Jeannie Mastine

613-401-4907 j.mastine@outlook.com

Round Dance Clubs

Capital Carousels

Ph 3-4

Thursday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Parkdale United Church

429 Parkdale Ave

Dancing to pre-recorded tapes

Contact Gavin Currie

613-739-9395