

MACHINE WITHOUT HORSES

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society—

Detroit Branch

October 2012

In Memory of Bruce Campbell

Diane Cliff

It is with sadness that we had to say goodbye to one of our dancers over the Christmas holiday. Bruce Campbell of Lansing passed away unexpectedly on December 29, 2011. Bruce danced both in Ann Arbor and at the Troy location of the Detroit Branch.

While we all knew that Bruce loved dancing and Scotland, we learned so much more about him at his memorial service. Bruce was an exemplary musician with degrees from both the Julliard School of Music and Yale University. He was associate professor of music theory at Michigan State University from 1985 to 2010 and was the organist and musical director at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing for 17 years. He was also a member of the Glen Erin Pipe Band in Lansing.

Bruce was also a composer of music for band, orchestra, choir, and many solo instruments. Some of the music played at the memorial service by his children was pieces that he himself had arranged. His children performed *The Rowan Tree* and *The Skye Boat Song*. The final number was a *Celtic Prayer* which Bruce composed.



'Iona Abbey'

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/45755571@N00/1411813468> Found on flickrec.net

I was fortunate enough to hear Bruce tell of one of his times at Iona (pictured above) in a presentation at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, shortly before he went

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Detroit Branch - Troy

Thursday PM 6:30 - 7:30 Basic

7:30 - 8:30 Combined

8:30 - 9:30 Experienced

Troy First United Methodist Church,

6363 Livernois Road, Troy MI

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Roseville - "Red Hackles"

Tuesday PM 7:30 - 9:30 Experienced

Erin Presbyterian Church

Gratiot at Common Rd. (12 1/2 Mile)

Roseville, MI

Laurel Paterson (586) 294-4329

Ann Arbor - "Tartan and Thistle"

Monday PM 6:30 - 7:30 Basic

7:30 - 8:30 Combined

8:30 - 9:30 Experienced

Gretchen's Barn

2625 Traver Rd. Ann Arbor, MI

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Border Cities' Workshop

March 24, 2012



The Windsor Workshop was a great success. The teachers were Fiona Phillip and Carole Skinner, both from Toronto. Everybody profited from their teaching and had a good time while learning. There were a few old favorites but a larger number of new dances. As usual, the Windsor kitchen crew outdid themselves. And of course the music, supplied by Fred Moyes, was wonderful.

SUMMER CLASSES



We had summer classes two weeks in July and two weeks in August. Our youngest member, Dante Petrie, came to one of the July classes, supported by his mother, Kelly Boczek Petrie, and welcomed by one of our summer teachers, Griff Evans (picture above).

WINDSOR MASQUERADE BALL



The Windsor RSCDS Masquerade Ball (below picture left)
By Heather Simmons
A wonderful time was had by all at the 2012 Windsor RSCDS Masquerade Ball. Participants were invited to select from a beautiful assortment of masks, although at least one person brought her own. The decorations continued the theme. A mask and a cascade of sparkling jewels were set out on each table. A delicious cake was served for dessert--vanilla with lemon filling and chocolate with cherry filling. June Dey devised the program with a variety of dances which struck a balance between familiar and new, simpler and more challenging. It was wonderful to see Isobel Hunter back on her feet, even if she wasn't quite up to dancing yet. She thanked the many people who have helped her during her convalescence. We all wish her a speedy recovery.
The Detroit Branch's youngest member, Derek Simmons, attended his first Windsor Ball. He looked very handsome in his Scottish National Tartan kilt. He had only planned to dance a few of the more basic dances, but in the end he danced many. I would like to thank everyone for giving him such a warm welcome.