## **Milwaukee Scottish Country Dancers**

# Affiliated with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS)



## What is Scottish Country Dancing?

Scottish Country Dancing is the social and ballroom dance of Scotland. Many of the jigs, reels and stately strathspeys of Scottish Country Dancing have been enjoyed since the 18th century, and often commemorate a story, place, person, or event.

Unlike the showier Highland Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing focuses on social interaction. Participants typically dance in sets of 6-8 people to lively fiddle, accordion, pipe and piano tunes. Once you learn a few basic steps and formations you'll be able to do hundreds of dances. Scottish Country Dancing is enjoyed all over the world. No Scottish heritage is required!

#### Do I need to come with a partner?

No - partners change with every dance.

#### Will I need special shoes?

Traditionally we wear "ghillies," but any soft-soled dance shoe (or even stockings) will work.

#### Is there a charge?

There is no fee for dancing, but we ask for a small donation (\$5) to help defray room rental costs.

#### I've never danced much...

No problem. We all started off as beginners. We try to make everyone feel welcome!

## Am I too old / too young?

No! All ages are welcome!

## Join us Monday Nights

Classes are held from 6:30 – 8:30 pm most Monday nights. We learn the steps, formations, etiquette, and techniques of Scottish Country Dance, with lots of time for socializing and fun!

Please see our website for locations and our class calendar: www.milwaukeescd.org

### **RSCDS Certificated Instructors**

Terry Garner Janice LaCock John McCormick Rebecca Renee Winnie

## **Other Events**

- The Milwaukee SCD sponsors a Halloween dance and a quarterly dance party.
- Members frequently attend dancing events hosted by other SCD groups in the Midwest, including Madison, lowa, Chicago and Minneapolis, and the Milwaukee SCD joins with these groups to co-host the annual Midwest Scottish Weekend workshop and ball.
- We provide public dance demonstrations at events throughout the year, including the Wisconsin Highland Games. Ask us!

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See you on the dance floor!

