



RSCDS Northern Virginia Presents

# Argyle XXVIII

November 11-13, 2011  
 featuring teachers

Patricia Houghton, Ross-shire, Scotland  
 John MacLeod, Silver Spring, MD

Music by **Thistle House**  
 David Knight, Fiddle  
 Dan Emery, Pipes and wooden flute  
 Dave Wiesler, piano

Friday, Saturday Dances:  
 St. Stephens & St Agnes School, 400 Fontaine St.,  
 Alexandria, VA 22302

Saturday, Sunday Classes: Also at St. Stephens & St.  
 Agnes School, 400 Fontaine St., Alexandria, VA  
 22302

Saturday Ball Afters party: The Briscoes. Directions  
 at Ball.

On the web at [www.argyle-weekend.org](http://www.argyle-weekend.org)



Marvelous music, terrific teachers, friendly faces - each reason is better than the next to attend Argyle XXVIII!

This year we welcome our teachers Patricia Houghton from Scotland and local favorite John MacLeod from Silver Spring, Maryland. David Knight, Dan Emery, and Dave Wiesler, better known as Thistle House, will kick it up a few notches at both the Welcome Dance and Ball. Saturday morning our general and basic classes will have live music to keep your energy levels high.

We will hold a ball review on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning Patricia Houghton will lead a special workshop with live music entitled, "A Sunday Morning Medley", with a selection of social and ceilidh dances suitable for all levels of experience.

**LOCATIONS!** For Friday and Saturday evenings, the Welcome Dance and the Argyle Ball will again be held in the Lower Gym at: St. Stephens & St. Agnes School, 400 Fontaine St. Alexandria, VA 22302. PLEASE NOTE: Saturday and Sunday classes will ALSO be held at St. Stephens & St. Agnes School, 400 Fontaine St.

## Patricia Houghton

Pat was born in Glencoe, Argyllshire and has been dancing all her life. She divides her time between Edinburgh and the family farm (which grows malt whisky!) in Easter Ross. She enjoys dancing and teaching whenever and wherever possible.

Pat took her Preliminary and Full Teaching Certificates at St. Andrews in 1993 and 1995 respectively. She has been a member of several branch and club demonstration teams, giving performances in the UK and abroad and

also in the Younger Hall at Summer School. Pat taught at RSCDS Winter Schools in Pitlochry in 2005 and 2009. She first taught at St. Andrews Summer School in 2005 and has been on the staff every year since, teaching at all levels of experience and also tutoring examination candidates. Pat enjoys teaching for local branches and societies and at day and weekend schools in the UK and internationally. This year, she taught at the Budapest Scottish Dance Club's International Weekend in March and will be teaching at TAC summer School in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

## John MacLeod

John started dancing in Washington, D.C. while still in high school. Shortly afterward he joined the Army and continued dancing in whatever exotic location he found himself: Dayton, Anchorage, Japan, and others, as well as regular return assignments and visits to D.C. He and his little brother obtained their teaching certificates in 1993, bringing to three the number of Bill and Betty's kids with teaching certificates (the fourth MacLeod sibling is capable of dancing but prefers to spend his time as a luthier or fiddler). Between dances he is an electrical engineer, and firmly believes everything worth doing in life is started or finished with a bow or curtsy.

## Thistle House

Thistle House is a Scottish dance band rewired for high voltage. Consisting of David Knight on fiddle, Dave Wiesler on piano, and Dan Emery on highland pipes, small pipes, and wooden flute, Thistle House is guaranteed to pump adrenaline into the most tired feet - especially when the pipes start up! All three musicians are avid and accomplished Scottish country dancers as well as nationally recognized musicians, guaranteeing that the music they make will always be danceable and exciting.

## Schedule

Friday, November 11  
St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School

8:30 p.m. Welcome Dance

Saturday, November 12  
Also at St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School

8:45 a.m. Registration/Snack  
9:15 a.m. Warm-up  
9:30 a.m. First Class  
10:50 a.m. Coffee/Break  
11:10 a.m. Second Class  
12:30 p.m. Lunch Break  
1:30 p.m. Ball Review  
7:30 p.m. Reception  
7:55 p.m. Grand March  
8:00 p.m. The XXVIIIth Argyle Ball  
Afters Party Maps at Ball

Sunday, November 13

9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Potluck Brunch  
Maps at Ball  
St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sunday Specialty  
Class: "A Sunday Morning Medley"

**Note: Only soft-soled shoes allowed in gym.**

Daytime Classes: The general class is for those who have danced at least 1½ years, know all the basic steps and figures, and can dance from a talk-through. The basic class is for those who have danced less than 1½ years, and for dancers who wish to focus on refining the basics of steps and formations.

Find maps and directions for St. Stephen's/  
St. Agnes at:  
[www.argyle-weekend.org](http://www.argyle-weekend.org)

## Dance Programs

### Friday Night Welcome Dance

The Lady Wynd	8x32J3, Graded/Social 2
Flowers of Edinburgh	8x32R3, Book 1
The Shores of Solway	8x32S3, 10 Social
Joie de Vivre	8x32J3, Book 39
The Sauchie Haugh	8x32S2, Leaflet
The Mason's Apron	8x32R3, Borders

### INTERVAL

Trip To Greta Green	8x32J3, Anonymous
Lady Dumfries	8x32R3, MMM
The Robertson Rant	1x80S4 sq., Book 39
The Luckenbooth Brooch	8x32J3, Dickson
John McAlpin	8x32S3, 3 by Foss
The Reel of the 51 <sup>st</sup> Division	8x32R3, Book 13

## ARGYLE BALL

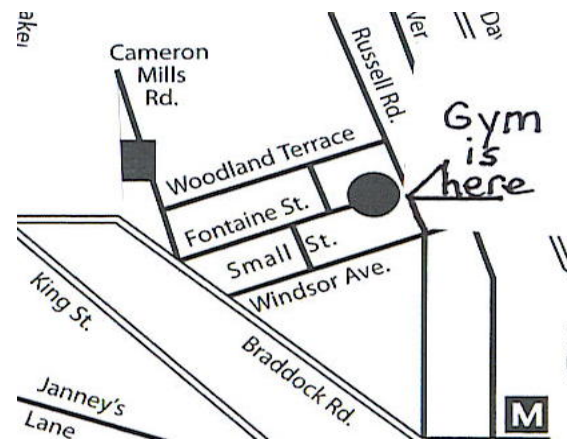
My Wife's a Winsome Wee Thing	8x32J3, Pinewoods 2
On the Morning Tide	8x32H3, Island Bay
Village Reel	8x32S2, Book 20
The Chequered Court	8x32J3, Book 42
The Silver Tassie	8x32S3, Leaflet
Peat Fire Flame	8x40R3, Bon Accord
Argyll Strathspey	8x32S3, Book 35
General Stuart's Reel	8x32R3, Book 10

### INTERVAL

The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8x32J3, Book 22
Catch the Wind	8x32H3, Book 45
Sands of Morar	8x32S3, Book 45
Blue Bonnets	8x32J2, Book 3
The Cumbrae Reel	8x32R3, Book 28
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	8x32S3, Leaflet
Pelorus Jack	8x32J3, Book 41
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32R3, Leaflet

**Hospitality:** If you would like to stay in a local dancer's home, please request overnight hospitality by October 14. To offer or request hospitality, sign up on the registration form, or contact Susan Adams at [sdadams@goodwinprocter.com](mailto:sdadams@goodwinprocter.com).

**Directions to St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School,** 400 Fontaine St., Alexandria, VA 22302. From I-395, take Exit 5, King Street East (Route 7). At the fifth traffic light, bear left onto West Braddock Road. At the second traffic light, turn left where you see a sign for Fontaine Street on your right and a sign for Cameron Mills Road on your left. You must turn left at the sign that says Cameron Mills Road. Go straight after you make the left turn at the sign for Cameron Mills Road and you will actually be on Fontaine Street. Fontaine Street is one-way; the parking lot for the Lower Gym, location of all Argyle events this year, is at the end of the street on your left. The Lower Gym is across the circular path from the parking area - we will provide signs to guide your way.



For directions, cheat sheets, or other information: [www.argyle-weekend.org](http://www.argyle-weekend.org), or contact: Eva Lanyi, Co-Chair at [elanyi@cox.net](mailto:elanyi@cox.net) or Carol Pelenberg, Co-Chair, at [cpelenberg@verizon.net](mailto:cpelenberg@verizon.net).

Register before October 14 to take advantage of the discount or to request hospitality. After October 14, please let us know you are coming but pay at the door.

Ready-to-serve finger food contributions to the tea table at both dances are most welcome!

## Argyle XXVIII Registration

Name(s) for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Hospitality requested for\_\_ (request by Oct. 14)

\_\_\_\_ Hospitality offered for \_\_\_\_\_

Class I will attend: \_\_\_\_ Basic \_\_\_\_ General

Number attending:

	Price	Total
__ Welcome Dance	\$20*	___
__ Saturday morning classes	\$25	___
__ Ball Review	Free	Free
__ Saturday Argyle Ball	\$30*	___
__ Sunday Potluck Brunch	Potluck	___
__ Advance Package (all of above)	\$70*	___
__ Package for beginners/students	\$40	___
__ Package after Oct. 14	\$75	___

\*For beginners with 6 months or less of dancing, and full-time students, the package is \$40 and the dances are \$15 and \$25.

Extras:

__ Saturday lunch	\$8	___
__ Sunday Specialty Workshop	\$7	___

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to have any of the following mailed to you (they are also available from the website, [www.argyle-weekend.org](http://www.argyle-weekend.org)):

- \_\_\_\_ Cheat sheets
- \_\_\_\_ List of area hotels/motels
- \_\_\_\_ Maps with detailed directions

Please make check payable to:  
RSCDS Northern Virginia Branch  
and send to: Marla Bright, Argyle Registrar  
PO Box 3333  
Alexandria, VA 22302