

## Regular Events

- ◆ Spring ball with live music by O'er the Border, our resident Scottish dance band
- ◆ Free Sunday night instruction & request dancing
- ◆ Demonstrations and audience participation dancing at weddings, neighborhood fairs, farmers' markets, and Highland Games



- ◆ Workshops with nationally known teachers and camaraderie with fellow dancers from Milwaukee, Chicago, Minneapolis and beyond
- ◆ Winter dance with live music
- ◆ Special classes for children and adult beginners

## Find Out More

- ◆ Visit our website at for links to upcoming events, dance programs, membership information and more: <http://madisonscottishcountrydancers.org>
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- ◆ Check out the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's website: <http://www.rscds.org>



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## Madison Scottish Country Dancers



The John Muir (Wisconsin)  
Branch of the Royal Scottish  
Country Dance Society

# What is Scottish Country Dancing?

Scottish Country Dancing is a social form of Celtic dancing using the traditional reels, jigs, and strathspeys of Scotland.

Unlike the showier Highland Dancing (fling & sword dance), Scottish Country dancing emphasizes social interaction. Dances are typically performed in sets of 6-8 people to lively fiddle and piano tunes. Once you learn a few basic steps and formations you'll be able to do hundreds of dances. No Scottish background is necessary, and dancers of all ages are welcome!

Scottish dancing is performed all over the world. On special occasions, men wear kilts and women wear party dresses (sometimes with a tartan sash).



# Questions?

- ◆ *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 socks!) will work.



- ◆ *Is there a charge?*  
There is no fee for Sunday night dancing, but we ask for a small donation 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?*  
Our dancers range from ages 8 to 80. Ask about our special classes for kids.

# Join Us Sunday Nights

Free classes are held most Sunday evenings starting at 7 pm at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer Street, on Madison's near east side. Free parking is available in the church lot across the street.

Classes offer instruction in the steps, formations and techniques of Scottish Country dancing. We focus on basic moves and footwork from 7 to 8 pm, and teach more challenging dances as the evening progresses. Each session ends with requests.

Classes are led by experienced teachers, several of whom hold teaching certificates from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. We typically dance to recorded music by Scottish bands and sometimes have live music.

If you wish, you can become a member for a small annual fee. Benefits include dance books, membership directory, voting rights, and group e-mail messages.

