

Victoria English Country Dance



Hands Across The Water — 2023

An English Country Dance Weekend  September 8–10

Victoria Edelweiss Club, 108 Niagara Street, Victoria BC

Dance Leader — **David Macemon**

Musicians — **The Dancehall Players & Friends**



David Macemon (Portland, Oregon): More years ago than he would like to admit, David was fortunate to be introduced to dancing when he was invited to help start a high school based performing group that demonstrated English Country Dance, Contra, Morris, and Sword dancing. He has been dancing and teaching ever since. David is known for his patient and clear teaching style— he communicates the joy of dancing through his teaching and his enthusiasm. He has been on staff for dance weeks and weekends around the country including Pinewoods, Buffalo Gap, Mendocino, Hey Days, and Berea Christmas Country Dance School. He is a regular caller for the weekly Portland Country Dance Community’s English dance and the monthly advanced dance series. He also teaches dance—English, Contra, Morris, and Sword—at the Renaissance School of Arts and Sciences in Portland Oregon.



The Dancehall Players (Victoria, BC) have been playing together in since 2001— when Ann Schau and Dan Page first began to play regularly for the local English Country dances. They are now a five-member English Country Dance ensemble (piano, violin, flute, recorder, guitar, banjo, mandolin, cello, and percussion), and are often called upon to play for dances in Victoria, Vancouver, and the BC Gulf Islands.

Over the past 13 years, this ensemble of musicians and composers has recorded seven albums of original and traditional dance music — featuring collaborations with international dance callers. Links to their music can be found at thedancehallplayers.com

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER 2023

VECDS is an affiliate of the Country Dance & Song Society: <http://www.cdss.org>

NOTE: All workshops and dances are *fragrance free*. There will be vegetarian and gluten-free options available for *lunch*. If you have additional dietary concerns please make adequate provision for yourself.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY EVENING

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. DANCE (VECDS CALLERS)

SATURDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. FAVOURITES FROM MY YOUTH

“When I started dancing in the 1970s many groups had a common set of dances that were danced. Why? Well many of the groups only had access to limited recorded music available at the time. Some of those dances are not done as often anymore (or at all in some groups). We'll visit some of my favorite dances, while avoiding the records that were very well loved at the time.”

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT

“When Mr. Sharp collected songs in Kentucky and Tennessee he also “discovered” the Kentucky Running set at Pine Mountain. I grew up dancing to Dr. Pat Napier calling the Big Set and Running Set. Dr. Pat wrote the book on these dances and we'll have fun with these figures and maybe we'll even “Shoot the Buffalo” before it's over.”

LUNCH 12:30- 1:30 BAG LUNCH

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. DANCING IN 3s, 6s, AND 9s

“The vast majority of dances we do in an evening have 2 or 4 beats per measure of music. We'll spend this workshop doing dances that are to music written in 3s, 6s, and 9s. We'll have a delightful mix of dances in 3/4 (waltzes), 3/2 (non-waltzes), and 9/8 (slip jigs).”

SATURDAY EVENING

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. EVENING DANCE

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. HERE A MAGGOT, THERE A MAGGOT

“There are old Maggots and new Maggots, we'll enjoy these ‘Fancies / Whims’.”

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. DANCERS' CHOICE

Favourites from the weekend.

REGISTRATION & WAIVER — HANDS ACROSS THE WATER 2023

REGISTRATION FEE: Workshop, Evening dances, and Saturday lunch included: **\$120** Canadian and **\$95** US.

\$ Please mail cheques *made out to* **VECDS: c/o Registrar**, 2583 Thompson Avenue, Victoria BC, Canada V8R 3L2

NOTE: Payments in Canada can also be made via Interac e-Transfer to **VECDS.helpers@gmail.com**.

CANCELLATIONS: **\$25** CDN after August 18th (catering deadline) to cover the cost/person of catered lunch

BURSARIES to offset registration fees are available. Apply to our Education Committee via chaagen@telus.net

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

Our dancers are pleased to offer (non-smoking) accommodation when possible. However, space is very limited and matching is done on a first-come, first-served basis—according to postmark.

Do you need housing? no yes for people. Will you have your own car? yes no

Do you have any allergies? no yes to _____

LUNCH (a bag lunch will be made available). Please indicate your preferences:

Omnivore Gluten-Free Vegetarian Other _____

FEE for # of people _____ Total \$ _____ CHEQUE IS ENCLOSED will send E-Transfer

2023 WAIVER

The Victoria English Country Dance Society (VECDS) requires participants in weekly dances and special events to sign this waiver. The waiver will be kept on file for all events in 2023.

The Victoria English Country Dance Society (VECDS) is comprised of individuals who practice, teach, share, and enjoy English Country Dancing. The Society hosts weekly dances and occasional special events that may include workshops, dances, and related social activities.

In consideration of my participation in VECDS activities and special events, I hereby release and discharge the Victoria English Country Dance Society (jointly or severally), and its representatives, successors, and assigns, from any and all liability arising from accident, injury or illness such as Covid-19, that I may suffer as a result of my (our) participation in these activities.

Name (please print): _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ Province/State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Mobile: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (2nd dancer if at same address): _____

Email: _____

Signature: (2nd dancer): _____ Date: _____