

Barbara Johnston

Barbara was born in the Border City of Carlisle, England, and began ballet, tap, jazz and Scottish country dancing at age four with Kathleen Rooney, participating into her teens in dance festivals throughout the borders, often adjudicated by Miss Milligan.

She entered the nursing profession, married, and in 1981 moved with her young family to Canada. In 1987, her love for Scottish Country music and dance was re-ignited by the demonstration team of the Edmonton Caledonian Branch, performing at a children's Christmas party. She soon became a member of the Branch's demonstration team. Those early years of technique drill made demo dancing "fun".

With the children grown, she was encouraged to take her teaching certificate. Tutored by Ron Wallace, she completed the preliminary certificate in Vancouver (1998), and the full certificate in Waterloo (2000), with Mary Brandon as her examiner.

Since 1998, she has been teaching adults of all levels and abilities, including the Edmonton Branch performance team, and has assisted in the teaching of weekly children and youth classes. She also teaches an Old Time Dance class.

Barbara served as the TAC Corresponding Secretary for 6 years and has held many different board positions for the Edmonton Branch.

She looks forward to sharing her love of Scottish Country dance and music with you.