



Triangle Squares
Toronto's LGBTQ Square Dance Club

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Sunday April 21 - Floral Fiesta

- This month's ▲■ club dance celebrates the arrival of spring: dancing for "all levels" (including a "C1" tip, if we can make up a square), at the 519. The caller will be our very own [Don St. Jean](#). Flaunt your floral fashions! In anticipation of a hot summer in 2013, we're serving ice cream at this dance! \$8 pp.
- If people are paying at the door, exact change will be appreciated. Doors open at 2:15pm.
- We are starting at **2:30pm sharp**. The first tip is Basic, so Basic dancers will want to get there early, and be ready to start dancing at 2:30pm.
- We are working to a tightly structured schedule so that everyone gets the maximum floor time possible. Dancers will help us a lot by squaring up quickly for each tip, when the music starts.



One month to Fly-In!

Weave the Ring in 2013 - the club's annual Fly-In - is just **one month away**. An entire

weekend of dancing happens on May 23-26. **Twelve businesses** have donated gift certificates and services for the auction on Saturday, May 25th. But you have to be [registered](#) for the Fly-In to buy auction tickets! Check the website for [auction](#) items and [event schedule](#). Pay only \$100 for a full weekend of great dancing to calling by [Dayle Hodge and Tim Crawford](#), tempting food, and endless fun. Basic/Mainstream dancers pay \$75, no matter when you register. Special offer for first-time attendees not able to attend the full weekend: half-price for any one session! Contact [Terri](#) for more info or see the [fly-in website](#). Convince your friends to come, too!

weave the RING in 2013

Upcoming

- **April 19** (NB. date changed): [Hogtown Hoedown](#), "old-time" square dance (8-11 pm, \$15, 823 Manning Avenue, ([more details](#)))
- **April 20**: [Spring Spree](#) (Peterborough)
- **May 3-5**: final year for [Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Convention](#), Guelph ([flyer](#)). All ▲■ members are invited to Colleen's [pre-dance brunch](#) on May 4 (9:30 - 11:30 am); [RSVP](#) please.
- **May 10-12**: [Spring Into Spring](#), Ottawa. Hosted by [Eastern Ontario District](#) (EOSARDA). Fly-in format, lots of A2 dancing, not too far away. Callers Robert Hurst from Brighton, England and Matt Worley from Virginia Beach, Virginia. See [flyer](#) for details
- **May 23**: As those cowpokes **trail in** to town for a fab weekend of dancing, we start off with a **free**, "all level" club dance (including a "C1" tip, if we can make up a square), at 519 Church St (7-10 pm), called by Joe Uebelacker. Even if you cannot attend the fly-in, come out for a fun dance on Thursday night.
- **May 24-26**, ▲■'s annual Fly-In: [It's not too late to register](#) for [Weave the Ring in 2013](#).
- **May 31-June 2**: Joe Uebelacker's [caller school](#) (Peterborough): emphasis on how to call, learning the mechanics of choreography – set ups and get-outs, lots of mic time and helpful critiques, how to practice to get better and more.
- **School's Out**: last day of classes for Basic - May 22, Plus - June 6, A2 - May 22 and C1 - May 30.
- **July 4-7**: Weave Your Heart in [San Francisco](#) (IAGSDC's annual convention). If you are attending convention for the **first time**, you are entitled to a discount rate, subsidized by [All Join Hands](#). To qualify, you must obtain a cover letter from our club to send in with your registration. Please contact [Susan](#) to get your letter.
- **Aug 23-35**: [Summer Magic](#), Cornwall.
- Want more dance events? Check out Toronto & District [event list](#) as well as IAGSDC [event list](#). You'll likely see a few ▲■ members at [contra dancing](#), which happens on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturday each month.
- The latest bi-monthly mailing from IAGSDC contains these [flyers](#): May 3-5 (Connecticut



dance camp), July 1-3 (Gay Caller School), Sept 13-15 (San Diego), Sept 27-29 (Chicago), Oct 4-6 (New York), Oct 18-20 (Palm Springs), Nov 8-10 (Washington), Feb 14-16, 2014 (Washington)

- **July 3-6, 2014:** [Squeeze the Hive](#) (IAGSDC convention, in Salt Lake City)
- **July 17-19, 2014:** [Canadian Square & Round Dance Convention](#), Ottawa
- **May 22-25, 2015:** [Swing Me in St Louis](#) (IAGSDC convention)
- **July 1-4, 2016:** [Maple Leafs Regroup](#) (IAGSDC convention, in Toronto!), in the historic Fairmont Royal York Hotel.
- When in doubt, consult the club's [event calendar](#).



[Hogtown Hoedown, March 22](#)

Weave a costume

Colleen, Lee, Steve, Paul, Don Cheff and Bev were overheard recently, as they brainstormed about what to wear to the Fly-In's Saturday night dance.

Do you like dressing up ?

- I do like to dress-up
- Yes I do!
- I do like dressing up (in costumes, not necessarily "drag-tart", but tarting it up is fun too). I like being creative or crafty. Thinking of ways to build and construct concepts.
- Yes
- Nope. But I do enjoy delivering the odd "dressing down".

At previous club dances or fly-in events hosted by Triangle Squares, what memorable costumes do you recall ?

- Most memorable was last year, when the Tarts and I pulled out all our silver... it was

pretty dazzling!

- All the tarts and the pink flamingo from Ottawa and Paul Kivisto every time.
- Bev Bernbaum's toothpaste outfit was inspired - and vintage, to boot. Jeremy wore a hat once, that was made of an old 45, and decorated with toy trucks - really liked that. And of course, Crystal Chandelier has wowed us with a clown costume, goth gear, a sexy silver number, and a host of other delights.
- Colleen's Mad Hatter. The Tarts in silver. Patrick's monkey. Bob Hynes' Tweedle Dum. The two straight guys in silver.
- Bill's St Paddy's Day costume. I can't remember a week ago, let alone before that.
- I was rather impressed with Bev's giant tube of toothpaste costume. Also Steve Sterritt's Tart Pride Parade costume (maybe 2 Pride's ago) - we were all in a Canada Day theme. He had the MOST incredible boots. He towered above everyone else. His wig was also impressive. I think it was the first time I even marched in a Pride parade.

What costume might you create that conveys this year's Fly-in theme "weave the ring" ?

- I have no idea.
- A wicker basket? I don't know ...
- Donna-Marie is considering something celtic as the theme for her ensemble at the Fly-In
- Have not even begun to think! Fairy, maybe.
- Might come as a hobbit or elf ...
- I had several thoughts:
 - If I was dressed as a Tart, I would find a plain outfit and add all kinds of ring shapes (plastic rings, or maybe fabric ones, maybe fabric covered styrofoam rings) to the arms etc. Big hoop earrings.
 - One Halloween my partner wore an almost-morphsuit (minus the hood) and we tacked on yards and yards of rings of glow stick necklaces. We looped them together (taped them into a ring shape so they maintained their shape otherwise the connectors would bust open). We covered his body neck to foot with these glowing circles. It was fun. I could re-use that concept.
 - How about "[weave or a rug](#)" [i.e. what is that guy trying to pass off as hair?], a fun play on the words "weave the ring". Possible costume: tack a few wigs all over a plain outfit (black morphsuit?). Also some fun wall art for the fly-in: I could print out a bunch of headshots of club members, and then create some cutouts of different crazy wigs and hairdos; people could tack the crazy wigs onto the different headshots. The Weave and Rug Hall of Fame. (Somehow I find that amusing.)
 - A ringmaster costume would fit the idea.
 - Lord of the Rings theme costume.
 - Another "weave" decorating "idea" for the fly-in: images of knitting and weaving that I'd use to cut out lettering that looks like it was "woven". Costume: tack on a few balls of yarn and a few knitted panels onto a costume.
 - Green Lantern costume (he has a power ring). Unfortunately I tossed my Green Lantern costume a year or two ago. DAMN.
 - Olympic Rings?

So put on your thinking cap (or your weave / rug), and see **what costume ideas you can conjure up for your appearance at the Fly-In**, on May 25.



Pride (written by [Crystal Chandelier](#) a.k.a Steve Sterritt)

It's a bird... It's a plane... It's... "**SUPERQUEER**"! Well, that's the theme of this year's Pride parade, which takes place June 30, the weekend before convention. Don't be a "no-show" like Mayor Rob Ford; Triangle Squares would like a large parade contingent this year since the conventioners might still be in town!

In the past, ▲■ had a fly-in with the same theme, so we're thinking our marchers might create their own superhero alter ego. Like "The Gayvengers" or "The Incredible Queer". Use your superpowers and telepathically transmit to me... no, better yet... [email me if you are interested in joining us](#).

As always, if you want help with a look, you can ask for help — there is a great creative element in the club that can be tapped into — or if that is not your thing, join us as your mild-mannered self, horn-rimmed glasses and all.

Don't make me get angry and turn all green and stuff. [Email me!](#) My outfit is way too nice to be torn to shreds!



Summer Season

For extra dance practice and opportunities to socialize, we've planned weekly dancing again this summer: 7-9 pm. Bring all of your dance-curious friends to our intro nights on June 13 and Aug 15.

Jesse Ketchum (Wednesdays)

- **June 5:** Free, Convention Prep Funshop (recorded calls, at convention speed) : A2 (and possibly C1), with Susan Cox

- **June 12:** Free ,Convention Prep Funshop (recorded calls, at convention speed): A2 (and possibly Plus), with Susan Cox

519 Community Centre (Thursdays)

- **June 13:** Free, Intro to square dancing, caller Joe Uebelacker. [Join this event on Facebook](#), to let your friends know about this fun opportunity!
- **July 11:** \$5 pp, A1 / A2 / C1 dance, caller Joe Uebelacker
- **July 18:** \$5 pp, Mainstream + Plus dance, caller Don St. Jean
- **July 25:** \$5 pp, A2 focus (All 8 / All 4), with Tim Crawford
- **Aug 1:** \$5 pp, Plus Skills Workshop, with Costa Roussakis
- **Aug 8:** \$8 pp, Mainstream + Plus dance, caller Tim Crawford, includes fresh fruit
- **Aug 15:** Free, Intro to square dancing, caller Barry Clasper
- **Aug 22:** Free, A2 / C1 FunShop, with Susan Cox
- **Aug 29:** Free, Mainstream Funshop, with Susan Cox
- **Sept. 5:** \$10 pp, all-level club dance, caller Don St. Jean, includes pizza

Survey

We sent out a [survey](#) on March 1, asking everyone for their ideas how to improve our club. From a total membership of 92, we received 13 replies. The club executive is currently discussing your ideas; more feedback in next month's newsletter.

Archives

A big treat this month for everyone: our **entire history** (25 years!) of [newsletters](#) is now online (and about half of them have been indexed)! Don Cheff has kept meticulous records during the club's past 25 years; **thanks for scanning the old typeritten issues, Don!**

A few favourites:

- [gay styling](#) (Dec 1988, page 4-5): Plus dancers are so *verbal*: "toot toot" is the audible response for "load the boat"; "track 2" is "choo choo".
- If you enjoy LGBT history, you might like an article (and subsequent response) about gay and lesbian square dancers, reprinted from *American Squaredance* magazine - see [April](#) and [May 1994](#). "*This used to be a nice family club. If you let one or two in, then before you know it, your club will be taken over by them.*"

Next issue

Deadline for contributions to this newsletter is the 10th of each month. This newsletter is emailed monthly to all current ▲■ members, and is posted on our [website](#). Hope you enjoy reading it. All links are current at the time of newsletter publication.

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