



*Pearls are always appropriate*

# Pearl Promenade

TRIANGLE SQUARES FLY-IN  
MAY 25-27, 2018, TORONTO

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## Welcome Dancers

April 2018

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Pearls are timeless...



...pearls are exotic

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**Past Fly-in Themes**

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Triangle Squares has been celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year. This is a good opportunity to look back at some of the creative efforts of past Fly-in committees. The club ambitiously held its first Fly-in in March of its first year. The list for early years is vague, and there was a long-standing prohibition against photography. One photo survives from May 1997, with the theme Carmina's Cantina.



This helped launch the fabled Triangle Tarts, whose entrance Saturday night is one of the weekend's highlights. It also marks the year the club settled on the U.S Memorial Day weekend. Intriguing themes from the list are a Gay Nineties theme (1994) and *Queen Victoria's Secret Garden* (2005).

Byron diligently brought his camera, and became the club's official-unofficial photographer, beginning in 2010, so we have a better look at the costume potential a good theme brings. Under the Big Top (2010) gave us the cage, which has been a fixture of our registration booth ever since. It gets redecorated each year by Tom (our handy tool man).



*Follow Your Neighbour Through The Looking Glass* (2011) was one of the more successful for costumes. *Weave the Ring* in 2013, featured a Celtic theme. *Scot Back to the 60s* (2014) and *Star Track: An Alien Encounter* (2015) also had lots of potential. The costumes often make their way into the Pride Parade in June. Here's (r) what must have been from *Pretty n Pink* (2001). Having several professional costume designers in the clubs helps.





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## Callers and Schedule

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We're pumped to have two great callers this year, well-known across IAGSDC circles.

**Vic Ceder** comes to us from Los Olivos, California. He's the home caller Taws 'N' Paws, Santa Barbara. I first heard his voice on practice tapes, and later live at conventions, which was a treat. He's one of the great voices in Square Dance, choreographers, and showmen. His [website](#) is one of the go-to resources for calls, caller bios (like this), and choreography articles. He's a member of Callerlab, staff caller for AACE, and in-demand around the world. You'll be in great hands. He calls Basic thru C4.





**Don St. Jean** is one of the founding members of Triangle Squares, squaring up back in Sept 1987. He's been a staff caller for the club since 1989. All that makes him a natural choice for our 30th anniversary. He calls Basic to C2, and is a regular at our class nights. He's called at regional dances and corporate events. Annually, he calls at a charity event for **Village of Love Canada**, in support of orphan care in loving Kenyan families. As an educator, he spent time in Africa. He'll be on the calling staff in London, Ontario this July, at the 2018 **Canadian National Convention**.

We've adjusted the schedule from last year. In addition to the catered brunch at Haliconian Hall, the Mainstream sessions are now Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. We've scheduled in some specialty tips, including hot hash, Disney singing calls, and workshops.

Here's the detailed dance **program**. Please print a copy and bring it with you.

Don't forget the free **Trail-in Dance, Thursday May 24**. Long-time club caller, **Barry Clasper**, will be at the mic, 7-9pm at The 519. Basic-C1.

Here's a link to our Locations page for **directions**. TTC is the better way.

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### Fly-In Tee Shirts are Back!

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That is, they will be if we get enough pre-orders to make it fly. We will charge **\$17** per shirt (tax included). Black with white lettering (see photo). We need **22** pre-orders to make this price possible.

Product information: A unisex slim fit tee. Super soft cotton with a slim comfortable neckline.

Because the shirt is quite fitted, we recommend ordering up one size to be safe.

Measurements in inches

Length | Width



S - 23" | 18"

M - 25" | 20.5"

L - 26.5" | 22.5"

XL - 27" | 24.5"

2XL- 28" | 26.5"

If you would like a Pearl Promenade tee shirt, **send an email to [satb@trianglesquares.com](mailto:satb@trianglesquares.com) by Thursday May 10**, letting us know how many shirts you want and what sizes. And if you love this tee shirt design as much as we do, you can thank Steve McKeown for it!

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### Square Dance Aging and Gender Study

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Please consider participating in "Circling the Square" a study exploring the interplay of gender, sexual identity, and age for women (age 55+) involved in square dancing.

When: in person interviews during the Triangle Squares Fly-In (May 25-27) at the Jessie Ketchum Public School, 61 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario or at another convenient time via phone or Skype.

For more information please contact: Christine Walsh, Professor, Faculty of Social Work [cwalsh@ucalgary.ca](mailto:cwalsh@ucalgary.ca).

This study has been approved by the Conjoint Faculties Research Board, University of Calgary

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### Restaurants in Yorkville

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Yorkville is Toronto's up-scale shopping neighbourhood. Many of the restaurants will be higher-end. If you want that dining-with-nobility experience, go straight to the **Windsor Arms Hotel**.

More reasonably-priced restaurants close-by are:

- **Flo's Diner**, 70 Yorkville Ave, head for the roof-top patio
- **Pilot Tavern**, 22 Cumberland St, old school no-nonsense pub
- **Paramount Fine Foods**, 1250 Bay St, up-scale Middle Eastern

- **Oxley Public House**, 121 Yorkville Ave., cozy, with beer bistro fare
- **Whole Foods Market**, Yorkville Village Mall, panini and salad bar, seating area



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### Walking in the Neighbourhood

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Yorkville is in Toronto's mid-town, and can seem a little overwhelming surrounded by traffic and high rises. But just south of here, are three destinations that are worth exploring, and taken together can make a pleasant afternoon.

[view map](#)

Immediately south-west from Bloor and Avenue Rd. is the University of Toronto campus. It has grown up since the mid 19th century, and is a hotch-potch of architecture. At its core are a series of buildings (the most notable, University College), modeled after Cambridge and Oxford, appearing to be older than they are. Some nice quads make for a very tranquil oases. The bookstore still sells books! Icons of their fields, people like Lester Pearson, Marshall McLuhan, Banting & Best, Margaret Atwood trod the same footpaths. Atwood still lives very close to where we dance.



Further south (kitty corner across Spadina and College) is the Kensington

Market area. Originally Toronto's Jewish market, subsequent waves of immigration have brought in Portuguese and Brazilian flavors. It's still a go-to place for vintage clothing, and costume ideas. It's one of Toronto's best places for sitting at a patio, quaffing a pint of craft beer, and watching passers-by.



>From there, moving back east along Dundas, you quickly find yourself in the heart of one of Toronto's three Chinatown neighbourhoods. The original was bulldozed for City Hall, but New Chinatown is still a go-to place for Szechuan noodles, and all-day dim sum.



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## Notice Board

- Susan C has offered to set up the FM hearing assist system again this year, if there is interest. Please contact her directly, and in advance, at [susantriangle@gmail.com](mailto:susantriangle@gmail.com) if you are interested.
- Please bring your own mug or water bottle
- Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday, staffing the registration table, and

## 2018 Fly-In Committee

Planning: Marge Coahran, Anda Avens, Niall O'Reilly  
Decorations: Debra Pugh, Colleen Dodds, Anda Avens

Many thanks to all the volunteers and coordinators who are busy at work to make sure you're well entertained.

decorating the school: sign up

[here](#)

Grab your pens and organizers to mark off **May 24-26, 2019**, 'cause you'll wanna be right back in Toronto for our next Fly-in.

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