

RSCDS John Muir Branch (Wisconsin, USA)
Number of years established as a branch: 5
Annual Report (May 2007-May 2008)
Respectfully Submitted by Kate Deck, Secretary

The John Muir Branch has had a busy year as four of our members prepare to become teachers. Norma Briggs has helped them prepare through monthly technique classes. Our branch has also been hosting a series of weekend tutor courses with guest tutor Keith Bark from Toronto, Canada.

Demonstrations are always a fun activity for the group. Over the past year we have danced at Oakwood Village community center, the Madison Farmers' Market, and at the International Festival at Madison's Overture Center. We always include a participation segment for those enthusiastic audience members.

A highlight of the year was our Annual Ball Weekend in April, 2008. Our ball was held at Great Hall in the University of Wisconsin's Memorial Union. Special guest musician Calum MacKinnon joined with our band O'er the Border. We were treated to a house concert by Calum the following day. To cap off the weekend, Calum played along with Mike Briggs and David Mullen for our Sunday evening dance class.

Clockwise from upper left: Dancers at our Annual Ball; David Mullen, Mike Briggs and Calum MacKinnon play for Sunday dance class during Ball Weekend; Dancers advance and retire; Norma Briggs and Deirdre MacCuish-Bark visit during a tutor weekend in Madison.

