

Donna Fraser Cooper – Donna began her highland dance journey at the age of seven in Winnipeg and moved shortly thereafter to Vancouver where she became a member of the Mary Isdale McNab School of Highland Dancing. Dancing mostly in Canada and the United States, Donna had a successful competitive career. Donna's competitive years lasted to 1965 winning her share of Aggregates and Awards. Donna's greatest achievement was winning the Pacific International Adult Class and placing third in the World Championship Adult Class at Cowal in 1964. In those days there was no Runner-up placing.

As a member of the BC Highland Lassies, she danced in the 1964 Edinburgh Tattoo for Brigadier MacLean. The Lassies were the first females to take part in the Tattoo. The Lassies took part in many Tattoos at Empire Stadium and performed in the Royal Marine Tattoo touring the Eastern United States for three months.

Donna went on to share her knowledge of dance and technical skill with younger generations by becoming a teacher. She taught highland dance for approximately 15-20 years.

Expanding her career, Donna took her judges examination in 1964. Donna became a member of both the SDTA and BATD and is still a member of the SOBHD Judges Panel. She has also been a long time member of the Pacific Northwest Adjudicators of Highland Dancing Association.

Highland dance was a family affair for the Frasers. Donna's mother, Ester, was competition organizer for The B.C. Highland Dancing association and other organizations for many years. Her father, Don, was an avid volunteer and member. Both Ester and Don Fraser are life members of the B.C. Highland Dancing Association. Donna followed in their footsteps and became competition organizer for B.C. Highland and other organizations. Donna continued sharing her love of dance as organizer for many years.

Donna has always been an integral part of the competition community, involved in scoring countless competitions for the organizers and volunteering. In 1994, Donna became the Scotdance BC Provincial Registrar and enjoys working for the dancers.

Donna has two children and four grandchildren. They keep her busy with hockey, soccer, BMX racing, lacrosse, schooling, and of course dance.

Donna has many fond memories and treasures the friends she has made over the years most. They are Priceless!!