

*Honorary Life Member*  
*ScotDance Ontario*  
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**Donna Jean Ostrander**

Donna is a member of the SOBHD Judges' Panel and a Fellow Member and Examiner of the SDTA. Over the years, in addition to judging in Canada, the US and Scotland, requests to instruct at workshops and summer schools throughout Canada and the US have been numerous.

Donna was born and presently resides in Ottawa, where she has taught many championship winners. For many years, Donna was the Director and Choreographer of the Anabarrach Highland Dancers, an accomplished Scottish performing dance group whose many performances locally, nationally and internationally included two engagements at the prestigious Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

In addition to teaching, judging and examining, Donna has served in many other capacities including chairperson of the Professional Highland Dance Association (Ottawa-Cornwall-Montreal Area) for many years, which has since been incorporated into what is now ScotDance Ontario.

From 1974-76 she served as Highland Dancing Co-Chairperson for the City of Ottawa Highland Games at which the Canadian Inter-Provincial Championships originated. Donna was Vice Chair of the Canadian Inter-Provincial Championships in Hamilton in 1988 and has acted on the Advisory Committees for InterProv '95, London, ON; for the first SDCanada Championship Series, Ottawa '99; and the 2003 SDC Championship Series in St. Catharine's. She is currently serving on the Advisory Committee for the 2009 SDC Championship Series which will be held in Toronto. A founding member of SDCanada, Donna has held the positions of Secretary from 1995-1996, Newsletter Editor from 1993-1999 and most recently, Vice-President. She continues an active role in the activities of SDCanada in the capacity of Independent Member and Historian

Donna is married to Gil Ostrander who is the Founder and Chairman of Business Education International headquartered in Nuremberg, Germany where they reside part-time. Donna's son, Jamie Ritchie, a police officer, is Pipe Major of the Ottawa Police Services Pipe Band. In addition to piping with the Ottawa Police Services Pipe Band, Jamie is also a popular piper at Highland dancing competitions. Jamie recently wed Fay Zouroudis, also a police officer with the Ottawa Police Services. Gil's son, Brian Ostrander, lives in Brighton, Ontario with his wife, Tammy, and their two daughters, Kaitlyn and Megan, both of whom are now enjoying their introduction to the world of Highland Dancing.

