



Cheryle Macdonald

(1943 -)

Cheryle Macdonald was born on August 5, 1943, in Mission City. She lived in Stave Falls, near the logging camps where her parents made a living, with her 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Spurred on by both her parents and grandparents' support, she began taking Scottish dancing lessons at the age of eight. After completing both her elementary and high school in the Stave Falls/Mission area, she went briefly to UBC and St. Andrews University in Scotland to study dance.

In grade 10, she began teaching dance, and from these lessons grew the Stave Falls Scottish Dance School. She organized her first recital at the age of 16, and continues to take her students as far as Europe and Australia to perform.

In 1965 she married John Macdonald, and they later had 2 girls together. The entire family was involved in the running of the school and today there are 150 students in attendance ranging from 3-30 yrs of age. Her dancers can be seen at various events in Mission each year, including Robbie Burns Day.

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