

News from Canada—Dancing with Friends

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Winnipeg, Manitoba's Village Green English Country Dancers capped off their 41st season with the exciting launch of Elizabeth (Liz) Goossen's CD, "Daisies in the Wind, Volume 7—Dancing with Friends," featuring her music performed by The Flying Romanos of New York. Liz is a founding member of Village Green, as well as an inspirational teacher, composer, and dance devisor. Several of her dances are widely performed, and this new CD is yet another excellent resource for the English country dance community. The collaboration with the Romanos to record the music was very special and highly satisfactory to everyone involved.



The CD launch weekend, April 28–30, 2017 offered Village Green members and the public several unique events. The weekend began on Friday night with a community dance with music provided by The Flying Romanos, who made the trip to Winnipeg for the launch. Next, there were two dance workshops (Saturday and Sunday) with internationally-acclaimed instructor, Sharon Green. The highlight of the weekend was the CD launch on Saturday night, which was sold out weeks before the event. The evening featured the Romanos performing Liz's music. Her new dances, including "Dancing with Friends," were expertly demonstrated by Village Green members to the delight of everyone present. The evening was wrapped up with refreshments and dancing for all; music once again provided by the visiting Romanos. Sunday began with an informal brunch followed by the final dance workshop with Sharon. Members were thrilled by the opportunity to benefit from her enthusiastic approach.

The production of this CD, and the highly successful and memorable CD launch weekend, have been the result of the combined efforts of many Village Green members over several years. We are delighted with the results. What a wonderful celebration!

For information on obtaining the CD, please email villagegreen.vgecd@gmail.com. Note that the instructions for the dances corresponding to the CD will be available on the Village Green website at <http://villagegreenenglishdancers.org>.



(Clockwise) 1. Village Green youth group performed the CD title piece "Dancing with Friends;" they energized the auditorium! 2. A scene was set before the Village Green dancers demonstrated Liz's dances. 3. Liz Goossen was wonderfully informative in her role as MC for the Launch evening. 4. The dance workshop with Sharon Green and the Flying Romanos on Saturday morning was challenging and highly enjoyable. 5. The Flying Romanos were at their inspired best; Liz suggested that the audience close their eyes and allow the music to transport them to another time. (photos 2-5 by Earl Palansky)