

# DRAGON TALES LITE



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*The Welsh Society of Central Ohio—Cymdeithas Gymreig Canolbarth Ohio  
Promoting a Strong and Vibrant Welsh Community in Central Ohio*

## WSCO 2021 CYMANFA GANU TE BACH IN PHOTOS



### 2022 St. David's Day Flag-raising

February 25, 2022 Ohio Statehouse, West Plaza (High St.); Capital Square, southeast corner Broad and High Streets; downtown Columbus, Ohio.

If the weather is bad, we will meet just inside the South doors of the Statehouse and proceed to the West Plaza; otherwise join us at the West Plaza just before noon.

Along with the raising of the Welsh flag over downtown Columbus is a short ceremony which includes the singing of the Welsh and U.S.

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### Annual Meeting, St. David's Day Luncheon

*By Mike Schroeder*

Croeso!

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that we are able to go forward with our St. David's Day celebration this year in-person, on February 26, at Worthington Hills Country Club, 920 Clubview Blvd. S, Columbus, Oh 43235. Registration will begin at 9:30 am, with the program beginning at 10:00.

The Business meeting will begin at 11:15 am, and will include the election of a new President.

Lunch will feature Leek Soup, and choices of Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Piccata, or Vegetable Strudel, with a

Pecan Ball for dessert.

The cost for all choices is \$31, and you will find a form in this issue of Dragon Tales on which you can indicate your choices and mail in your payment, which must be received by February 15.

If you want to serve on the planning committee, please contact me at 614-937-8948, or by email at [mschroeder36@gmail.com](mailto:mschroeder36@gmail.com).

Call for Volunteers

We need people to assist with checking people in, giving them their lunch tickets, with the correct choices, and directing them to the program. If you can help with this, please contact me as listed above.

## Fond Farewells

### Linda Carty

Linda Jane Jones Carty, 83, passed peacefully Thursday, July 8, 2021 at OSU Hospital East.

Preceded in death by husband William J. Carty Sr., parents Thomas J. and Helen Jones of Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Survived by son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Sharon Carty; numerous family and friends in the U.S.,

Ireland, and Wales, who loved her and will miss her dearly. Also, lifelong friends, Richard and Connie Sigler, and Michelle Wiley.

Linda graduated from THE Ohio State University, was proud to be a loyal Buckeye alumni, and enjoyed going to home football games whenever she could. Linda retired from Upper Arlington Schools after 30 years of service, where she undoubtedly touched many lives.

She loved spring, and enjoyed tending her herb garden each year. She cherished her cats, and was a world traveler.

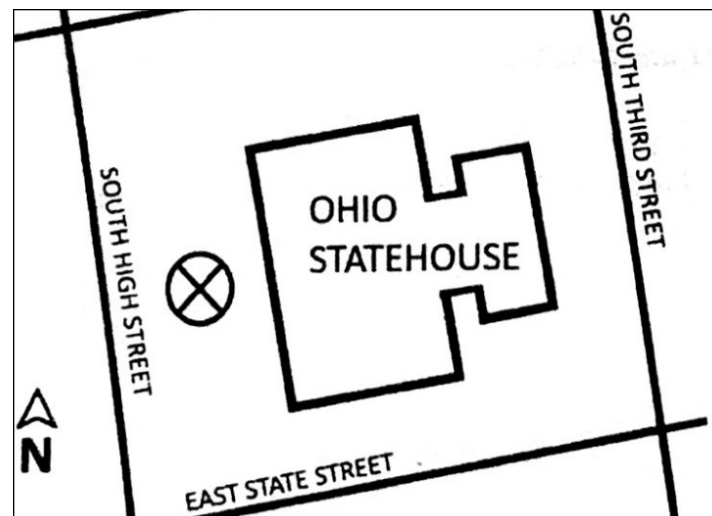
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national anthems.

Take advantage of already being at the Statehouse and enjoy a tour.

Regular tours are given every hour, 10am to 3pm, weekdays. Meet in the Map Room near the Third St. entrance. More information can be obtained by calling 614-728-2695 or visiting [www.statehouse.state.oh.us](http://www.statehouse.state.oh.us)

Interested in touring the Supreme Court of Ohio? Call 614-387-9223 to schedule a tour. It is located at 65 South Front St.



### WSCO Board Meetings

Board meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, except for July, August and December, from 7pm to 9pm and usually take place by phone conference.

Meetings are open to all adult WSCO members. Anyone wishing to put an item on the agenda or speak before the Board should contact the President at least one week in advance of the meeting

### Current WSCO Board Members

Cathy Beacom, Ken Evans, Eve Goodwyn, Shawn Hitchings, Jeanne Jones Jindra, Tegwyn Lantz, Bob Penry, Charlotte Prior, Anne Powell Riley, Mike Schroeder, Laura Thomas, Dianne Williams, Homer Williams, Kelsey Wright, Kyle Wright.

### WSCO Officers

*President* – Mike Schroeder  
*Vice-President* – Eve Goodwyn  
*Treasurer* – Tegwyn Lantz  
*Recording Secretary* – Laura Thomas

### WSCO Needs a Volunteer for the open Corresponding Secretary position!

### WSCO Contact Information

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### Dragon Tales

The newsletter of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio is published three times a year, about 3-4 weeks before each of our annual events.

*Editors* – Kelsey Wright & Kyle Wright

### Submissions

Submissions for Dragon Tales can be made to: [newsletter@welshsocietyofcentralohio.org](mailto:newsletter@welshsocietyofcentralohio.org).

Please include your name, phone number, and email address; or leave a message at 614-500-7998 and include your name and phone number.

Submissions must be received by Board Meetings in January, June, and September to appear in the next issue.

# WELSH HARLEQUIN DUCKS

*By Kyle Wright*

Nearly every modern breed of domesticated duck originated from wild Mallards. The first known domestication took place in Asia 4,000 years ago.

The fowl have proliferated, but there is one fairly new breed in particular that might be of interest to the members of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio.

The Welsh Harlequin originated in 1949, bred by Leslie Bonnet, a Welsh farmer living on the Llŷn Peninsula in the Eifonydd area of Gwynedd.

Bonnet was a scholar, writer, magazine editor, banker, and British Royal Air Force (RAF) officer, but his legacy lives on through his fowl.

He purchased a run-down manor house and farm near town of Criccieth called Ymwllch Fawr. The land consisted of fields and a woodland, dotted with daffodils, and a beautiful stream with waterfalls.

He brought his family, his dogs, and over 1,500 ducks that would become the stock from which the Welsh Harlequin is derived.

The breed began with two mutant light-colored ducklings hatched from a hearty breed called Khaki Campbells, a breed that also ties its origins to another individual: Mrs. Adele Campbell. She lived in England in the late 1800s. She took the secret

of her breeding program to her grave, so the search for the Welsh Harlequin's distant origins ends in Gloucestershire.

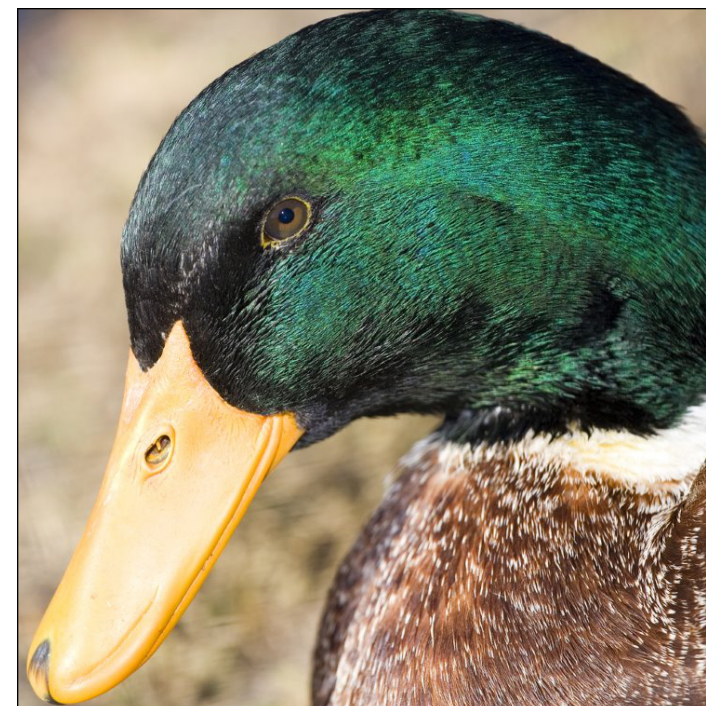
There are two types, called phases, of Welsh Harlequins, the original Gold Phase (found almost exclusively in the UK, and often called the "truer" form of the breed) and the newer Silver Phase (from breeding programs in the US).

In 1968, John Fugate imported hatching Harlequin eggs to Tennessee, but by 1980, descendants of the original imports were confined to two small flocks.

Over the next few years, Fugate with the help of noted duck breeder Dave Holderread successfully stabilized the gene pool of the Welsh Harlequins in America, so that by 1984 the breed was commercially available. It has spread across American ever since for its beauty and its practicality.

The Welsh Harlequin typically weighs just over five pounds. According to The Livestock Conservancy, they are "streamlined, with relatively long bodies, medium-width backs." Their coloring is complex, but tends toward creamy white with brown stippling. They typically have orange feet with brownish toenails. The male's head is greenish-black.

An interesting feature is that they exhibit sex-linked



*Above, a drake Welsh Harlequin; below, a hen*

differences in bill coloration, so that breeders can determine the sex of ducklings with a fair level of accuracy just by observing the ducklings' bills.

They are bred for their high egg productivity, often over 250 eggs per year, and their lean meat, which is renowned for its ease in plucking.

There are active breeders of the variety all in the Midwest, no just in Ohio, but in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

# Membership Matters

## Basic WSCO Membership Information

Membership Benefits include:

- Subscription to WSCO's newsletter Dragon Tales
- A vote at the Annual Meeting (except children under 16)
- Advance notice of WSCO Events
- Membership roster
- Great new friends!

WSCO General members are also welcome to silently observe WSCO Board Meetings.

*Note - to present an item for discussion at a Board meeting, arrangements must be made in advance with the current President.*

## Annual Memberships (membership period Jan 1-Dec 31)

\$25 for an Individual or Family Unit (parental unit and dependent children), due by January 1st of each year.

Annual memberships begin the day they are received by WSCO (if received between January 1st and September 20th), or those received September 21st through December 31st will be applied to the next membership year and will begin on January 1st of that next year.

*Please note - memberships not current as of January 31st may not be included in the annual member roster, and membership must be current to vote during the Annual Meeting.*

## Lifetime Memberships (begin on date received)

\$175 for an Individual or a Family Unit or three annual installments of \$75 each.

Or, \$30 one time for each individual over 80 years old.

## Membership Application

Current WSCO Membership Application and other information is available on the Membership page on WSCO's website, and questions can be emailed to [info@WelshSocietyOfCentralOhio.org](mailto:info@WelshSocietyOfCentralOhio.org), or call (614)500-7998.

*Membership Chair* – Shawn Hitchings

### Welcome to New Members

**WSCO sends a big Croeso! (Welcome!) to all our new members!**

Members can find the WSCO Constitution on the website at:

[www.WelshSocietyOfCentralOhio.org](http://www.WelshSocietyOfCentralOhio.org).

Members without access to Internet can request to have a copy mailed by leaving a message at WSCO's Information Line: (614 )500-7998