

BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Our first SWOSDA Round dance in September and Square and Round dance SWOSDA Special in October created an outstanding beginning to the dance season. Our hosting clubs are very welcoming and help to create events that are full of good energy and dancing fun. Our Association membership makes dancing in SW Ontario a pleasure and something to look forward to from month to month.

Special mention and thanks are extended to SWOSDA Executive for taking extra time and interest and working so hard with each other for the Association. Each committee on Executive ensures our Association's goal to provide excellence in regional dancing is achieved.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the Executive with ideas, questions, or appreciation!

We look forward to meeting you all again at the November 22 SWOSDA Dance Special at the Brodhagen Community Centre in West Perth. It is the right path to take on November 22 to where we can have fun and dance our cares away.



This month's "Executive News" will re-outline opportunities for financial support for dance clubs and dance leaders, too, from the Ontario Federation and SWOSDA. It is a little-known fact that SWOSDA clubs have been shy about using these resources in the past. It could be time to rethink and apply for available grants. A little extra help can sometimes go a long way in making a positive impact.

With kindest regards,

Tom Charlton (SWOSDA President) and Linda Charlton (SWOSDA Secretary)



Saturday October 25, 2025

**Hosted by Denim n Lace
Square Dance Club
Flesherton**

We were treated to a glorious Fall day with all the autumn colours for our drive up to Flesherton for the October SWOSDA dance hosted by Denim and Lace.

Dan Roy started us off with a half hour of rounds. Dan chose a wonderful variety of music for our dancing pleasure. There was a good number of couples joining the circle.

SWOSDA president couple Tom and Linda Charlton welcomed everyone to Flesherton for the October SWOSDA dance. They thanked everyone for making the drive. There were 20 couples and 10 singles attending. 12 clubs were represented with 10 callers/cuers.

Square dancing began with host caller Jim Lee providing great fun for the opening tip for our dancers entertainment. Tom Charlton led a Mainstream tip followed by a Plus tip. Ed Dolson gave us 2 round dances., followed by 2 Mainstream tips. Dan Roy cued 2 rounds. Jim Lee was up next with a Plus tip followed by a Mainstream tip, followed by Ian Hulley with 2 rounds. Tom Charlton called a Plus tip and Ian Hulley cued another 2 rounds. Ed Dolson followed with a Mainstream tip and a round dance. Jim Lee gave us a Plus tip.

John Stemmler came up to give a few announcements and thanks on behalf of the SWOSDA executive. John thanked the Denim and Lace club for hosting and providing a wonderful spread of delicious refreshments that were enjoyed by all.

November 22nd SWOSDA dance will be hosted by Rostock Country Squares at the Brodhagen Hall.

Host caller Jim Lee ended the afternoon with a mainstream tip.

It was a successful afternoon with up to 6 squares enjoying all the callers and cuers.



Check the SWOSDA.CA website for more photos - Under The Bugle -> [Gallery](#)

SWOSDA Executive News, October 2025

Square & Rounds Dancers of South Western Ontario

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CLUB CONTACT UPDATES

Club contact changes should be sent to the SWOSDA Secretary as soon as changes occur. Thank you for your kindness in keeping us informed.

SWOSDA HISTORIAN

Please contact Dorothy Dahm
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Interested persons for this position are sought for assistance and learning. This will aid and help in a transition period for a new SWOSDA Historian.
“History doesn’t stay behind us; it brings a deeper and more lasting understanding of what happened and a relevance to today.”

GRANTS & BURSARIES

Please review the financial support application process for member dance clubs and other available through: SWOSDA www.swosda.ca
Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation

www.squaredance.on.ca/funding/

Deadlines and application forms are provided for each.

Please note that ample time for application to the Ontario Federation and Canadian Society must allow time for applications to be received and reviewed by the SWOSDA Executive before submission to the Ontario Federation. Funding available:

- Planning Recruitment Strategy/Promotion
- Leadership Training Grants
- New Club startups
- Tech Support
- Caller/Cuer Leadership Bursary

YOU'RE INVITED! UPCOMING SWOSDA DANCE

Brodhagen Community Centre,
6708 Perth Line 44, West Perth

Hosts: Country Squares

Map and program

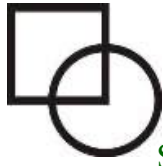
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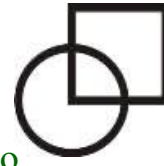
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Take advantage: **Book early for lowest accommodation deals.**

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SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

Monthly Special in Brodhagen

November 22, 2025

Afternoon Dance ONLY: 1:00 – 5:00 ~ \$8.00 per dancer

Hosted by – Country Squares

Location - Brodhagen Community Centre

6708 Perth Line 44, West Perth, Ontario - N0K 1B0

In the village of Brodhagen



For further information or program details Please visit: www.swosda.ca

Or Contact:

Hosts: Contact – Jim Waddell

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SWOSDA Contact: Tom & Linda Charlton ~ swosdasecretary@gmail.com

SWOSDA is a member run organization!



SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back through the November Bugles with 10-year leaps

by Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian

2015 - After summarizing some of the activities that had been available during the summer our presidents assured the dancers they need not despair as there were lots to look forward to and included the reminder that the SWOSDA website is most valuable in planning your activities. It was good to see reporters were sharing lots of pictures to share their fun. Future dancers and historians will enjoy these stories shared and ideas sparking more interest in having fun in and dealing with low attendance in different ways. At Centennial Beavers sometimes, the caller, in this case, Ed Dolson fixed the problem of being one short of three squares by dancing and calling at the same time. I also remember attending a dance where Dan Weatherby aptly did the same thing. We are most fortunate to have such talented callers and cuers in our district.

While we were on the executive there were over 50 active clubs and we decided that we were going to attend a dance with each one of the clubs. We didn't quite make it. It was one of the round dance clubs further away and we ran out of time. Although we did not round dance, we had enjoyed the music and grace of the round dancers at other clubs.

2005 – Presidents Stan & Carol Down were pleased to announce that there were now 48 Clubs in SWOSDA. They were pleased to welcome Iona Fancy Foot with caller Tom Charlton. They were sorry to lose Simcoe Star'A'Naders but they were thanked for making their donations of funds to SWOSDA, Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation and Camp Trillium. They were also pleased to announce that Shirley & Andre Aerts of the Strathroy Singing Duos would be receiving a Trillium Award at the November SWOSDA in Mt. Brydges

1995 – Presidents Lois and Ed Wise reminded us that, “Square Dancing’s Greatest Reward is Friendship Set to Music” She quoted an article from American Square Dance Magazine '84 “Square Dancing is a circle of friends. Each club is a circle of Friends, who have joined friends to make the club succeed. If we all joined hands, we should be able to circle the world in friendship..... Let's all start in our own clubs by putting on a smile, offering some help, filling an office, extending a hand of friendship to each dancer, try to attend as many dances as possible, both as at the local level as well as the SWOSDA dance and make new friends ,and the Square and Round Dance family circle will continue to flourish.” **Keep smiling and have fun!**

FYI - Some time ago, one of the projects I started was a binder containing lists of annual executive members and their responsibilities along with group pictures where possible. The early years were usually there in the photo albums and in the early Bugles. As time passed I found the lists became harder to find because those lists would be updated online to recent year and past years removed. Group pictures are missing.

I NEED YOUR HELP. For a while, I started creating collages of the annual executive, If you have been on the executive at any time I would appreciate each missing year being updated by a group picture [if there is one] or a picture of you and your partner identifying yourselves, the year involved and your responsibilities. I plan to make sure this gets out to see this work in progress. I will include a journal

for you to add ideas or informal. Please leave me suggestions. Please identify yourself and make sure that the bundle returns to me regularly so I can update it regularly

*? Min, or Earl & Joan, would you consider helping with circulation of this binder.

Dorothy Dahm familyworkshop.dd@gmail.com

Looking for Crinolines



I didn't think I would ever be reaching out again for this! Yet, there is proof that everything that is old is new again!!

We have a group of approximately 55 youth who are learning to modern square dance.

The young women are hoping for this coming season to have their own crinoline for square dancing. The youth are busy sewing full skirts now

in preparation of this new season of learning

to dance. And the young men, they would enjoy a dance tie if there were any extra to share.

Please contact me if you are willing to donate, or set a low cost, these items for the youth.

Just by passing forward something to part with it's clear to see how these items will bring many smiles and excitement to the youth. We hope one day this season they will join us all at a SWOSDA dance; ready and set to twirl and strut their stuff on the dance floor with us.

If you can help please reach out to me at swosdasecretary@gmail.com

Thank you

Linda Charlton



www.facebook.com/swosda

'OLD' IS WHEN...

An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers - London

TRICK OR TREAT

We arrived at the East Lions Community Centre a bit early to set up for our Spooktacular Halloween Party on Halloween Night. Everyone was excited and talked about their costumes. We set up the equipment and then set up the grazing table for all the goodies.

A few of the dancers started to come in when we were told that the Centre had to close because something was wrong with the electrical system. We argued that the lights were on so what's the big deal. He said that our lights were the emergency (security) lights but the outlets had no power. No power = no music, so we packed up all our stuff and loaded the car up. In the meantime, Nancy was trying to call everyone but most people were on their way, so we met the dancers in the parking lot as they paraded in with their amazing costumes.

We had a lot of laughs out in the parking lot, until all the firetrucks arrived and we could smell the wire burning. The Lades pulled in just before we left them a message to not come. It's funny how people come early for a fun night, so they stopped over for a cuppa tea at our house so the night was not totally ruined.



Robert let me take his picture because he was the Circus Man. However, before we left we caught a couple of girls all done up in their costumes. Karen (not Brenda) and her sidekick Christine were happy to have their pictures taken. We don't know if that stuff washed off or if their faces stayed this color. We will find out next week.

Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers

Location Clinton Public School Perceval Street Clinton
Wednesday nights 7:15-9:15pm
President Couple Ian and Debbie Hulley (226-222-7972)
Callers Tom and Linda Charlton (519-765-4620)
Neva and Duncan McVittie (519-797-5623)
Donna Fielder (519-955-0850)

Please Lug a Mug

Our dancing began on Wednesday, October 1st this year from 7:15-9:15pm at the Clinton Public School with Neva and Duncan McVittie. They provided great square dance fun for everyone.

Group B will help with setting up before the dance and taking down after. Group A are asked to bring refreshments. This will be for the month of November. We thank everyone for their assistance to make our club night's successful.

Our "Bring a friend" night on October 8th was a night of great fun with friends and family. Tom and Linda Charlton called a wonderful night to engage all our guests..

Donna Fielder called the third week and did a wonderful job. Everyone enjoyed some review to help a new dancer get introduced to the calls.

Neva and Duncan McVittie called our 4th weeks dance. Halloween came early when they passed out bags of chips during the dance. Thanks for showing some Halloween spirit.

Donna Fielder ended the month for the 5th Wednesday night dance. We all dressed in orange and black for our Halloween theme. Thanks to Donna for also providing Halloween treats for everyone.



November will end with our Christmas Party on Wednesday November 26th. We will gather at 6pm and share our potluck dinner starting at 6:30. Thanks to Fred and Deb Hakkers for volunteering to cook the turkey and make the gravy and dressing. Everyone else will bring salad or dessert. We always look forward to dancing to the Christmas music. Donna Fielder will be calling for this event and Ian Hulley will do rounds.

Reminder that we dance in a peanut and fragrance free facility.

Respectfully submitted by Ian and Debbie Hulley
Bugle Correspondents.

Country Square – Rostock

Hallowe'en was the theme of our last get together. What fun we had! And what a great lot of witches, goblins, zombies, pirate, elf. We even had a minion show up! Neva kept us on our toes as she put us all through the paces. We had a fun evening of dancing, visiting and the best part was all the delicious goodies that everyone brought to share. Oh and I forgot to mention....the balloon game was a lot of fun too!



Don't forget to mark Nov. 22 on you calendar. That's SWOSDA. Join us for an afternoon of dancing from 1-5 at the Broadhagen Hall.

'OLD' IS WHEN..

'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take any fiber today.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

'Getting lucky' means you find your car in the parking lot.

Denim'N Lace - Flesherton

Last month club hosted a very successful SWOSDA dance. Club has had regular four squares attendance enjoying the fine calling of Jim Lee. There was excellent participation at our Harvest Theme dance. The revue of the plus level in the first 30 minutes of our dance evening has been much appreciated.



Jubilee Rounds – Virtual Dancing

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds on Zoom

Well, this has been a lovely Fall so far. The colours and temps have been very nice. We hope you all had a great Hallowe'en and didn't eat too much chocolate (as if too much is possible!)

Our annual Fall Flirt on October 4th was a great dance. We had a full floor and were very touched to have 4 other cuers on the floor as well (see pic). The mood was very "Flirty" and the music was great to fit the



theme. Andrea also taught a new dance that included, yup you guessed it, a Flirt. It was a wonderful afternoon.

Our next dance happens two days after this bugle is to be posted so we will talk about that one in December.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

WE ARE HOSTING “FALLING LEAVES” – PHASE 2/3/4 ROUND DANCE SPECIAL WITH ANDREA AND DAN ROY

[**FLYER ~ REGISTRATION**](#)

Saturday Afternoon November 29th - Bolero Clinic. For those dancers who are currently dancing Phase 3 Rumba and are interested in learning some Bolero. Join us for this great afternoon.

[**Flyer ~ Registration**](#)

Saturday Afternoon December 13th

We will be hosting a Christmas Round Dance Party on **Saturday December 13th**. If you would like to join us, please sign up. This is a relaxed Phase 2 / 3 round dance featuring seasonal dances.

[**Flyer ~ Registration**](#)

***Remember to check out more dance happenings in the write-up from our sister club, ShadowLight Rounds

Thanks for reading - we will write again in December...

We look forward to seeing you on Zoom or in person!!!

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1.519.752.2172 or jeff@jeffreypriest.com

Printable flyers are on our website: www.jeffreypriest.com

Jeff Priest ☺

[**Rhythm Rounds - London**](#)

Rhythm Rounds had their Halloween Social Dance on October 29th. Many brought some goodies for the grazing table, and a couple of dancers dressed in costume. We had 7 couples enjoy Ed's choice of music and rhythm. Our newer dancers are coming along nicely.

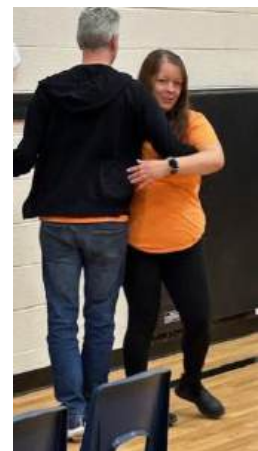


Our regulars are happy to help where they can. Attendance is the key for constant learning. We only have 4 weeks until our Christmas Party on December 10th, and that Dance has no teaching just dancing the night away.

[**Royal City Squares - Guelph**](#)

So far everything is going well. Our newer dancers seem to be enjoying a fun time of square dancing as seen in the picture - couple practicing their swing. Our Halloween Plus Singing call night saw many dancers dressed in Orange and Black.

Please join us for our next 2 singing call night on November 11 – Big Band (the war years)



and December 9th Christmas Party called by our very own Jeff Priest who shares a lot of fun information for the tunes played .

It was good to see so many dancers from many other clubs join us for our T & D dance on November 1 A good time was had by all especially our “family dancers of the Kent clan”



ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario

Greetings! Wow, what a great Fall this has been - hopefully it will continue for a while yet!

Last Saturday we were pleased to M.C. the T & D and Royal City Squares joint dance. There were five callers and one cuer on the program including two of our newer callers from Royal City Squares, Nora and Wes. They both did an excellent job. It was great dance with 5 squares attending from far and wide. The food was



wonderful and the chatter around the room proved that square dancing is still a very social activity. What an excellent afternoon it was!

Upcoming events!

We have a number of dance events planned for this fall! Here are a few...

Sunday Afternoon November 9th

We are hosting “Falling Leaves” – Phase 2/3/4 Round Dance Special with Andrea and Dan Roy

[Flyer ~ Registration](#)

Saturday Afternoon November 29th - Bolero Clinic. For those dancers who are currently dancing Phase 3 Rumba and are interested in learning some Bolero. Join us for this great afternoon.

[Flyer ~ Registration](#)

*** Remember to check out more dance happenings on the write-up from our sister club, Jubilee Rounds

Saturday Afternoon December 28th The Holiday Dazzle in Cambridge. This is a Square and Round Dance Holiday Special. The Rounds are Phase 2 and the Squares are relaxed (Think Fun Mainstream) with a PLUS tip or two. If you wish to join us, please sign up.

[Flyer ~ Registration](#)

Royal City Squares has a number of Theme nights planned this season. Be sure to download the [Flyer](#) and support as many as you are able on Tuesday or Wednesday. They will be fun....

ShadowLight Enterprises is involved in introducing Square and Round dancing to various new groups all through the year. Keep us in mind if you know of a group that might be interested in a “Square Dance Party” or a group that may be interested in a Rumba or Cha-Cha afternoon clinic. We do many private parties for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Pre-wedding parties, as well as “just because parties”

See you on the Dance Floor ... Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club

Check out our website for flyers and have a look at our calendar page - www.shadowlightdance.com

[Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers and Friends. Our first specialty night of the season was our Halloween dance. Had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed Halloween themed dances, played balloon games, lots of spooky treats. Our club has had a great turnout every week with alot of our new dancers returning. We have had many visitors come from Flesherton Denim and Lace club.

Our next specialty dance is November 20th which is our Western night. Come out and all of your western gear and join us for a fun evening. Doors open at 6:30 dancing at 7:00. Everyone welcome.

For pictures, videos and updates of coming events for our club check out our facebook page.

www.facebook.com/owensoundsteppers.ca.

Take care of each other and always be kind to one another. Keep on dancing!! It's good for your mind, body and soul.

A journey with dancing friends is measured in smiles.... not miles.

Linda Wedow

Bugle Rep



Strathroy Swinging Duos

Our Modern Square Dancing activity is fabulous for all age groups! Younger members of our Club demonstrate great energy and focus on the Mainstream calls from Tom Charlton, our caller. This energy in a square rubs off on others and encourages everyone to focus, laugh and enjoy themselves during our weekly dance gatherings.

Greeting members every week as they enter the dance venue represents a 'first impression' that both new dancers and others will not forget. Our Club treats this as an important duty to welcome all dancers weekly. Also, a key objective for every Square Dance Club is to ensure that everyone enjoys themselves during dancing and socializing with others. Smiles on everyone's faces go a long way to helping some folks leave the stress of life behind.

Our Club plans a lunch or pot luck at the end of most months during the dance season. These lunches allow members to socialize more and chat with others. We have just enjoyed our Halloween Dance (and lunch) where many of our members wore black, orange or an outfit that they had hidden away. Of course, everyone had fun!



At this time of the year, time flies by for many people. It seems that as soon as October is over, we notice Christmas lighting and decorations starting to pop up in our neighbourhoods through to Christmas. Remember to smile at everyone you meet! Santa is watching!!

Tom Kahnert,
Swinging Duos Publicity.

Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock

The leaves have coloured brilliantly and most have fallen. The temperatures have dropped and there have been a few nights of frost on the pumpkins. We've celebrated Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en. Next is Remembrance Day, and then Christmas will soon follow. The stores have been full of Christmas decorations and lights for weeks already, even before Thanksgiving. I don't know about you, but it is frustrating to me to see the retail sector rush the seasons more and more each year, or so it seems. But, let **us** not rush! Have a look at what we've been up to at Thames Valley Dance Club:

We have 8 new dancers who consistently join us on Monday nights. Ed and Doug are teaching them new moves each week, along with reviewing the previously taught moves. They are



learning quickly and remembering from week to week. It's great to see them progress!

We took Thanksgiving Monday off to spend with our families – and recover from the weekend's feasting! On Oct 27th, we had our Hallowe'en dance! It was so much fun to see people as they arrived in their costumes - the creativity and imagination put into the costumes was amazing! Have a look:



Ed continues to teach round dance on Monday nights, starting at 6:00. Several people are taking part and learning the waltz and the jive. Even when we struggle, Ed's patience shines through, and with time, we are eventually "getting it". We are so fortunate he is willing to add this on to the square dance evening for us! With the time change comes the shorter days and darker evenings. In an effort to keep the fun rolling, we will have a pyjama dance on Nov 17th. (Let's hope we still want to go out for a night of fun once we have our pyjamas on!!) We also have a couple of demos coming up in retirement homes in Woodstock in November, along with serving refreshments at a Thistle Theatre performance. It's going to be a busy month!

If you want to join us for some fun on a Monday night, you will find us at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St. S. in Ingersoll. Come and visit – you are always welcome!

Lois Turvey
Thames Valley Dance Club

[The Towne Squares – Waterford](#)

October was a good month of Line Dance for us. Because of events in the larger upper hall we danced mostly in the smaller downstairs room where there is a wall of large windows which we could open and bring the fall weather indoors. With the natural light and a breeze blowing through, it is like dancing outdoors but with the benefit of having a floor.

And about that floor...Stephen, the SWOSDA treasurer, operates a used bookstore in the basement on Fridays and Saturdays, the proceeds of which help to fund The Old Town Hall. Our dance floor is the ceiling of the bookstore, and since Line Dance involves a certain amount of stomping, it's always a lively day in the bookstore when we dance downstairs.

Gail Mottashed



Waterdown Village Squares – Waterdown
Greeting from Waterdown Village Squares.

On October 7, we had a Retirement party honouring our caller Bill Everett who retired from calling our Basic and Mainstream levels.

Our other October theme dance is the very favorite Halloween Dance which was held on October 28. The dancers were dressed in orange and black outfits. Some dancers dared to dress up in Halloween costumes. A prize was awarded for the best costume. Special Halloween treats were enjoyed by all, thanks to the members who provided them.

Waterdown Villages Squares invites SWOSDA dancers to join us for our Western Theme Dance on Saturday November 15, 2025. This is an afternoon dance 2:00 pm to 4:30 with the doors opening at 1:30 pm. Western attire is suggested. Delicious Ontario Fall Harvest treats provided.

Submitted by Susan Roat,
Bugle correspondent



You are invited to a

WESTERN THEME DANCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Time: 2:00 to 4:30 pm

Doors Open 1:30 pm

Where: St James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, ON

Mainstream – Plus

Caller: Jim Lee

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Suggested attire: dance as cowboys/girls or farmers

Info: Contact Susan Roat - 905-628-4143 or

Email: publicity@waterdownvillagesquares.ca



Hallowe'en

(Provided by Country Squares)

Tonight is the night When dead leaves fly Like witches on switches Across the sky, When elf and sprite Flit through the night On a moony sheen. Author: Harry Behn	Tonight is the night When leaves make a sound Like a gnome in his home Under the ground, When spooks and trolls Creep out of holes Mossy and green.	Tonight is the night When pumpkins stare Through sheaves and leaves Everywhere, When ghoul and ghost And goblin host Dance round their queen. It's Hallowe'en.
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"Gold in hand is pleasant
A pocketful is nice
But autumn's gold holds such a worth
Each leaf is counted twice
So give me gilded woodlands
And gently falling leaves
I'd gladly forfeit opulence
For walks among the trees."

Laura Jaworski

