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## Tartan Day 2014



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Come celebrate all things Scottish at the Society's Tartan Day event at Murdoch's Pub, 1935—37th Street SW on Sunday 6 April 2014. The event starts at 4:00pm and will feature performances by the Society's Gaelic Choir, Pipes and Drums and the Wilson School of Highland Dance. There will be a Scottish Quiz with prizes, door prizes Scottish Country dancing, whisky tasting and a special Scottish menu from Murdoch's. Last year's event was very well attended and Murdoch's has lots of room for more, so put your tartan on, come over and have an enjoyable evening.

## Learn to

The Society is working with the Calgary Curling Club to hold a LEARN TO CURL event 13 April 2014. The event would consist of on-ice coaching from CCC, to learn (or improve on) the proper technique of throwing a curling stone and some coaching on the strategy of playing a couple of ends. So come out, enjoy some time on the ice and then replay your best game and near misses with the other Society members after it's all done. The event would be free to members and open to friends or family members who would be charged the appropriate fee for joining the Society. To register your interest, please e-mail Doreen Herdman at [djherdman@shaw.ca](mailto:djherdman@shaw.ca) . *Doreen Herdman*



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## Board Member Openings

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for two members who would like to get involved with the operation of Society events and activities. The Board is the place for those who would like to make a difference in the Society. Board positions are elected for two year terms and meetings are usually held the first Tuesday or Wednesday evening of the month. A director would be expected to take on a project to determine: 1. the funding required, 2. source of the funds, 3. the member participation and , 4. to bring the project to commencement and/or to completion. Interested members Should contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514.



## 2014 Society Annual General

The Society's 130th Annual General meeting will be held 7:30pm Wednesday, 21 May 2014 at Fort Calgary, 740-9th Ave SE. The road entrance is closest to the Elbow River bridge and free parking is available at the front just off 9th Ave. SE. The meeting will be held in the Officers' Mess which is on the 2nd floor of the Barracks Building and is accessed by stairwell or elevator. The meeting will present the minutes of the 2013 AGM for review and approval, the audited financial statements of 2013 for review and approval, the Annual Report for 2013, and the slate of Directors for voting. Following the meeting there will be coffee, tea, a light buffet for all to enjoy, entertainment and Scottish Country Dancing.



## Mobile Burns Unit 2014

The Society offers seniors' residences and extended care centres a Robbie Burns Show and this year, Friday, 24 January 2014 saw the Society present shows for thirteen facilities. The South Team consisted of Margot & Jonathan Aftergood—singers, Ann van der Wal—bard, Beth Anne Friesen—pianist with, Mackenzie Tansowny and Fiona Sherrington—highland dancers. They performed at Masterpiece Manor in Evergreen, MacKenzie Town Care Centre, Bow Valley and Spruce Lodges in Bridgeland, Clifton Manor in Forest Lawn, Garrison Woods, and Trinity Lodge. The North Team consisted of: Jim Buie—driver, Robert Henderson—



piper, Andrew Joo—bard, Carol Johnson—singer with Jessica Ridgway, Olivis Hueston & Eilidh Wist—dancers. They performed at Rivera Scenic Acres, Calgary



Bethany Centre, Whitehorn Villa, Newport Harbour Extended Care, Huntington Hills Manor, Edgemont Retirement Lodge. The shows were well received with many residents joining in on the songs. Robbie Burns Day is the one universal celebration of a person's life works that goes around the globe with dinners held in most countries on every continent. For the day, the Society had entertained here in Calgary about 640 persons spreading the words and ideals of Robert Burns and all look forward to next year's Mobile Burns Unit.

## Society Burns Dinner 2014

The Society joined with the Confederation Park Seniors to present and Night of Robbie Burns at the Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre on Friday, 25 January 2014. The Confederation Park Seniors took care of the hall and food while the Society provided the entertainment and cleanup. The company was welcomed by the President of the Society, Robert Henderson followed by the entry of the Haggis and its address by John Bertram. The Toast to the Queen preceded a dinner of roast beef, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and two kinds of haggis. The President

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Malcolm Stewart proposed the Toast to the Lassies with a most interesting account and was followed by Donna Gillespie with the Reply. Entertainment for the evening was diverse and showed well the many talents of the Society's members with song from the Choir, Poetry from Ann van der Wal, music by Dennis Orr, Scottish Country dancing by the company under the direction of Janyn Bertram, Wild Rose School of Highland Dance display with teacher Kaaren Murray and the Pipes and Drums group led by Robert Henderson and John Bertram. The evening was sold out ten days in advance and enjoyed by all who attended, so make sure you get your tickets early for next year's event.



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## Society presents Solution for Gaelic Road Signs

The Scottish Executive is to spend £3 million on erecting road signs in both Gaelic and English on trunk roads in the Highlands of Scotland, a move which had been advocated by supporters of the language. But some on Highlands Council are unconvinced by the need for the bilingual signs and argue that many roads are in poor condition and the cash should be spent on repairs instead. Others on the Council welcomed the development, saying that it would let visitors "know they are entering Gaidhealtachd" (land of the Gaels) and it promotes the Gaelic culture and language to all. Indeed, some would like to see Anglicised

Gaelic words removed and replaced with Gaelic originals. That might pose a problem, however, for the 98.8% of the rest of the population of Scotland who don't speak Gaelic and have difficulty with its pronunciation. *Rampant Scotland.com* The Society's Gaelic classes started on January 7 at the Confederation Park +55 Activity Centre, 2212—13th Street NW, meeting every Tuesday at 6:45 pm. Donna Gillespie is our teacher for this wonderful opportunity to keep Scottish Culture alive here in Calgary. All are welcome and no prior knowledge is necessary. Please contact Ann van derWal, [Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:Annvanderwal@shaw.ca), to register for these classes.

# Bannockburn Bar-B-Que

Come and join us in the celebration of the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. The festivities start at 3 pm at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre (602 22 Ave NW). A free to members BBQ will be held at 5:30 pm followed by a ceilidh with cash bar at 7 pm. Live music, games, dancing, piping, drumming and socializing all combine to make this event into a Society favourite. Please, register your intent to attend with Ann at [Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:Annvanderwal@shaw.ca). All attendees are asked to contribute a sal-

## The Declaration of

A suggestion that the Declaration of Arbroath should be displayed in its place of origin as part of the 700th anniversary of its signing in 2020, has been rejected by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland. He says that a trip to Arbroath could endanger the ancient manuscript. The Declaration is a letter (in Latin) to the Pope from eight earls and 31 barons of Scotland asking him, in rousing terms, to acknowledge Scotland as an independent nation and to reject the claims of the English king. The document was exhibited in the new Scottish Parliament building in recent years, but that exercise was described as a "severe engineering and conservation problem." There is a danger that the wax seals and tags could become detached, despite its specially designed case. For more on the Declaration of Arbroath, including the full text in English, see [http://www.rampantscotland.com/know/blknow\\_arbroath.htm](http://www.rampantscotland.com/know/blknow_arbroath.htm)

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## SCD News

The Society's Scottish Country Dance classes meet Tuesday evenings at the Confederation Park +55 Activity Centre, 2212—13th Street NW, starting at 7:30pm, so you should arrive at 7:15pm. Anyone interested in trying out Scottish Country Dancing is welcome to attend. Please contact the teacher, John Bertram, at (403) 585-3842 [john\\_d\\_bertram@hotmail.com](mailto:john_d_bertram@hotmail.com). *Janyne Bertram*

## Islay, Queen of the

This comprehensive site on the lovely island off the west coast of Scotland was created by an enthusiast. It covers Islay's history, facts, travel information including maps (not just roads and place but a space satellite view as well), distilleries (most important!), weather, walks, accommodation, businesses - and things to do (with extensive links to other Islay sites). There is an extensive picture gallery which should convince most people that Islay is worth a visit! See <http://www.islayinfo.com/> *Rampant Scotland.com*

## Member Benefits

Benefits of Society membership include:

- reduced rates for pipers at your function,
- 10% discount on purchases at the Highland Scottish Gift Shoppe,
- Free entry to the Foothills Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Calgary Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Canmore Highland Games.
- Free entry to the Foothills Highland Games,
- \$2.00 reduction in the regular adult admission to the Globe Theatre 617—8th Avenue SW.

Members should consider renewing for several years to avoid missing any activities or events.

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