

## Scottish Country Dancing

The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dance classes will begin on September 8, 2015 at the Confederation Park +55 center. Classes are held every Tuesday evening until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Whether you are new to Scottish Country Dancing or are a seasoned veteran, all are welcome. If you would like more information, contact Myrtle Fisher at [me.fisher@shaw.ca](mailto:me.fisher@shaw.ca) or call 403 278 6414. Come out and enjoy an evening of fun, exercise and friendship.



## Piping Group

A new class for those interested in learning to play the pipes or drums will be starting on Saturday, 12 September at 9:00am in the Capitol Hill area. The class is open to anyone who pre-registers by contacting Robert Henderson at [roberthenderso@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderso@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514. The initial class will cover equipment requirements and cost, class structure and future playing opportunities. Lessons and notes are free, and previous musical experience is not necessary.



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## Board Policy

Recently, the Board's advice was sought regarding the use of surplus funds. At the August Board Meeting, the following motion was adopted: Monies or funds collected by the Society or Society members on behalf of the Society will be used for the expressed purpose. In the event the funds are not able to be used for the expressed purpose, then such funds will revert to the general funds of the Society. The Board directs all members, and special groups, to be clear in communicating the purpose of collecting funds and to exercise prudence in the management of those funds.

## Canmore Highland Games Casino

Canmore's Casino is coming up on 20 & 21 October 2015. Volunteers can contact John at 403-609-3321 or [chgvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:chgvolunteer@gmail.com) if you wish to volunteer or sign up on our website at <http://canmorehighlandgames.ca/events/home/volunteering/>

## 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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1884

The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

1912

## Budget Meeting



The Society's 2016 Budget Meeting will be held at the Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre, 2212—13 Street NW, on Saturday, 19 September at 7:30pm. Members will be presented the Proposed Society Budget for 2016. The meeting will be followed, at about 8:00pm, by a Scottish Country dance with music provided by Glen Morin. The dances for the evening are: Waltz Country Dance, St Andrew's Fair, Shiftin' Bobbins, Rakes of Glasgow, The Highland Fair, Mairi's Wedding, Langholm Fair, Blue Bonnets, The Highland Rambler, The Silver Tassie, Jig to the Music and the Reel of the 51st Division. A light buffet will be supplied. This event is free to members and \$10 for guests. *Ann van der Wal*

## Scots Gathering 2015

The Society, in conjunction with the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society—Calgary Branch, is presenting a Scottish cultural weekend in Canmore, 9 - 12 October 2015. Late fees go into effect on 9 September and classes will be \$12.50 each and subjects include: celtic knot artwork, country dance music, country dancing, Gaelic language, highland dancing, cultural lectures, piping, silk ribbon embroidery, singing, step dancing and whisky tasting. Instructors are coming from Calgary, California, Nova Scotia, Regina, Scotland and Seven Persons AB. Interested persons can stay wherever they like but need to reserve quickly as Canmore is popular at this time. The host hotel for the Scots Gathering 2015 is the Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre, ([www.coastcanmore.com](http://www.coastcanmore.com)), and is offering a basic room for \$129/night. The hotel can be contacted at: 403-678-3625, 1-800-716-6199, please mention Scottish Cultural Weekend to secure the Scots Gathering Special Rate or <http://coa.st/8vyg> for online booking. After 9 September 2015, regular rates will apply subject to availability. Meals are part of the \$140 registration and include a Buffet dinner and the Three Sisters Ceilidh on Saturday night, a sit down Thanksgiving turkey dinner and the formal Wild Rose Ball on Sunday and the Farewell Lunch on Monday, all in the Wild Rose Ballroom. All other meals are at the participants discretion. Full details are available at the website listed above.



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## St Andrew's Ball

The Society's 132nd St Andrew's Ball will be held on Saturday, 21 November 2015 at Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, 3015—15th Street NE. The centre has free parking and at grade entrance. The reception begins at 5:30pm with cash bar and all attendees are asked to be seated by 6:25pm.



The event features a three course roast beef dinner and those who would like a vegetarian entrée and those with food allergies should contact Robert Henderson [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) 403-245-5514. Tickets are \$60 and are available from: Janyn Bertram, [janyn\\_bertram@hotmail.com](mailto:janyn_bertram@hotmail.com), 403-585-

3842; Donna Gillespie, [donnagil@telus.net](mailto:donnagil@telus.net), 403-247-6285; and; Ann Vanderwal, [Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:Annvanderwal@shaw.ca), 403-912-8086. Youth 18 years and under are offered a special rate if they are attending a Scottish Country dance class



and can purchase their tickets at their class. Entertainment during the evening includes: the Society Choir, Society pipers, Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance, The Calgary Fiddlers, and, Ross Smith and Carol Johnson. The band for the evening is Scotch Mist, [www.scotchmist.ca](http://www.scotchmist.ca), with Laird Brown from Toronto and the dances are: The Highland Fair, Maxwell's Rant, Jean Martin of Aberdeen, Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel, Petronella, Neidpath Castle, Postie's Jig, Mrs MacLeod, Catch the Wind, Gaelforce Wind, The Saltire Society Reel, Frost & Snow, Pelorus Jack, Flowers of Edinburgh, Monymusk, The Wild Geese, Highland Rambler, and, the Last Waltz.

## Kirkin' of the Tartan

The Society hosted a Kirkin' of the Tartan at Knox United Church on Sunday, 14 June 2015. The service was conducted by Rev Linda Hunter and organist Chellan Hoffman. Knox Church was the first sandstone building constructed in Calgary in 1884 and once occupied the corner of Centre (McTavish) Street and 7th (McIntyre) Avenue. Knox was the centre of the Scottish community and in 1912, the church moved uptown to 4th (Ross) Street and 6th (Angus) Avenue. The service began with an organ prelude of Scottish songs and then a message of welcome which featured the history of the Scottish community, Knox Church and the



Society. The Procession of Tartans was introduced with 'Highland Cathedral' by the organ and pipers of the Society. The tartans were then blessed and the service proceeded with meaningful messages of community and Gaelic song from the Society Choir. The service concluded with 'Amazing Grace' from the pipes, organ and congregation and a social gathering in the church hall. The Society will be working to have this Kirkin' of the Tartan service as an annual event at Knox on the second Sunday of June in coming years. Watch the Society website [www.standrewcaledonian.ca](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca), your email messages from Teh Society and the Saltire for the latest information.

## Bannockburn Bar B Que

The annual Society Bannockburn BBQ on June 27 was a great day for Society members to connect with each other in the warm summer sunshine! A special thanks to Don Fraser for his BBQ and willingness to cook dozens of burgers and hot dogs. Thanks also to Debby Henderson and Andrew Joo for all their work in organizing and serving the food and drinks. Thanks to Donna Gillespie, Nonie Sundstrom and Doreen Herdman for helping out with set up before the event. Glen Morin and Debby Henderson did a great job with the dancing portion of the event. *Ann van der Wal*  
And a special thanks to Ann Vanderwal for organizing this event

