



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Tartan Day 2016

The Society is planning to celebrate Tartan Day 2016 with a social get-together at Murdoch's Pub, 1935 — 37th Street SW on 2 April. Plans include: membership prizes, highland dancing, whisky tasting, piping, singing, Scottish Country Dancing, the Mayor's Proclamation, and much more. Murdoch's will be putting on their signature Tartan Day menu of: Cock a' Leekie



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Soup, 6oz Highland Steak, Steak & Mushroom Pot Pie, Fish & Chips, Tartan Day Prime Rib and Stout Cake. Members should wear their tartan, tell their friends and watch for further details in the March Saltire.

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## St. Andrew's Ball 2015

The 132nd St. Andrew's Ball was held on Saturday, 21 November 2015 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. The Ball is the cornerstone event of the Society and attracted over 130 members and friends. Many remarked that the new venue was easier parking, entry and a very welcoming atmosphere. The evening began with a chance to catch up with friends, listen to the piping group play some old favourites, and then the piping in of the Head Table followed by the Saltire by piper Ross Smith. The evening formally began with Carol Johnson performing Grace and was followed by Island Glen tossed salad, Bay Farms Beef & gravy with Calgary Chicken Cutlet with mixed vegetables, and topped off with Isle of Mull Peach Melba. During dinner, the company was entertained



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splendidly by Carol Johnson accompanied by Chellan Hoffman with "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose" by Burns, "You Raise me Up" and "O Mio Babbino Caro" by Puccini, followed by the Calgary Fiddlers playing their Scottish airs, jigs and reels. The dinner entertainment finished with the Society Choir who took the company through many new

musical selections. The formal part of the dinner was finished with the President and company toasting the Monarch; then Graham Sucha, Member of the Alberta Legislature for Calgary Shaw, toasting St. Andrew; Robert Emery, member, toasting Calgary;; Katherine Teh, member, toasted Canada, and; Ann Vanderwal, Social Director for the Society, toasted Scotland. The dinner concluded with the company, led by the choir, singing 'Auld Lang Syne'



and then prepared for the Ball starting off with the Grand March: 'Scotland the Brave' and 'The Garb of Old Gaul' under the direction of Society Marshall, Andrew Joo. The Society was pleased to have Scotch Mist, with Laird Brown, supply the music for the dancing as this marks their first return to the Calgary area since 2009. At the intermission, the piping group performed again as everyone rested and prepared for the second half of the Ball. The music was very well received with several repeats — even the Dancemaster, Jim Adamson, joined in a dance and still managed to wrap the whole program up by midnight. The Society wishes to thank the Society Gaelic Choir, Piping Group and the Ball Committee: Jim Adamson, Janyne Bertram, Robert Emery, Donna Gillespie,

Catherine Hand, Debby Henderson, Andrew Joo, Eric & Nonie Sundstrom, Katherine Teh, Ann Vanderwal, Jan & Sarah Vanderwal, all the other volunteers and the staff at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre for

all their great work in making the St. Andrew's Ball a great success. The 132nd St. Andrew's Ball is set for 19 November 2016. More pictures of the Ball can be viewed on the Society's website : [www.standrewcaledonian.ca](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca)



# Mobile Burns 2016

Three Mobile Burns Units visited fifteen nursing homes, retirement residences and care centres on Monday, 25 January bringing Scottish entertainment, cuisine and more to approximately 600 seniors and care home residents. The South Team visited eight seniors' residences starting at 9.30 in the Evergreen area. At the Masterpiece Retirement Residence the group began the first of their performances, each of which lasted a half hour. Ian Lewis our Bard and Master of Ceremonies ably introduced the presentations. The performance began with the energetic and accomplished Highland dancing of Heather Leitner, Fiona Sherrington and Hannah Ridgway, all from the Wilson School of Highland Dance. They were accompanied on the bagpipes by piper Ross Smith. This was followed by recitations of Burns' poetry by Ian Lewis and songs with a Scottish flavour by Eric



Coyle on his guitar. A medley of pipe tunes rested everyone but the piper and the event closed with the traditional Burns poem and toast 'Address to a Haggis'. Excellent driving was provided by Barry Purvis ensuring that we arrived at the following venues: MacKenzie Town, Chartwell Eau Claire, Bow Valley Lodge, Aspen Lodge, Spruce Lodge, Clifton Manor and Trinity Lodge Glenmore.



The North Team was composed of: Robert Henderson, Piper and Master of Ceremonies; Carol Johnson, Singer; Andrew Joo, Bard; and

dancers Ellen Carroll-MacDonald, Olivia Hueston, and Katelynn McGovern from the Wilson School of Highland Dance. Following a similar schedule and program as the South Team, this team visited seven establishments including: Care West Signal Hill, Bethany Care Centre, Rivera Scenic Acres, Whitehorn Retirement Residence, Newport Care Centre, Bowcrest Care Centre and Edgemont Retirement and presented piping, dancing, singing and Burns poetry. Additionally, the Scottish Country Dance group performed a program of dances where space permitted, traveling across the city to follow the performing teams presentations. The team was composed of: Janyyn Bertram, Suzanne deMos, Marion Duguid, Myrtle Fisher, Catherine Hand, Jean McCauley, Linda McLeod and Sylvia Woods.



The presentation has been warmly received by the residents at all the facilities and with growing demand, the Society will be looking for more members to create another performing team for 2017. Please contact Robert Henderson at 403-245-5514 for details.

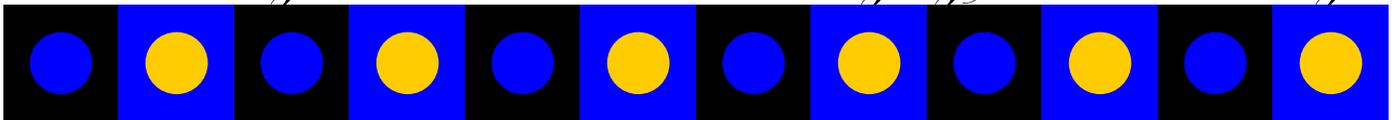


# Scots Gathering in Canmore

The second Scots Gathering is scheduled for Thanksgiving 2016, 7 to 10 October, in Canmore. Classes offered will include: Highland dancing, piping, Scottish Country dancing, Scottish embroidery, Celtic Art, Scottish Country Dance Music, Gaelic Language, Scottish Cultural Lectures and Whisky tasting. New and returning instructors include: Donna Gillespie, Andy Dunn, Dennis Orr, Ron Wallace, Calum McKinnon, Morin Orr and Elaine Brunken with more to come. The Canmore Coast Hotel will be the centre of activities and will be offering the same preferred rates as last year. Saturday evening's entertainment will feature instruc-

tors, members of the Society, and members of the Alberta Scottish Orchestra all as part of the Three Sisters Ceilidh. Sunday's events will conclude with the Wild Rose Ball as a Scottish Country dance event with the full Alberta Scottish Orchestra. The weekend will finish with the Lady MacDonald Luncheon on Monday at noon. Information will be posted on the Scots Gathering website [www.calgaryscots.org](http://www.calgaryscots.org) as it becomes available and interested persons will be able to register and pay online through PayPal. Come out and make a family weekend at the Scots Gathering.

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## Board Member Openings

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for four 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 held at the beginning of the month, usually the first Wednesday evening. A director would be expected to take on a project during their term 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 are asked to contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514.

## 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.
- \$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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