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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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Tartan Day 2019

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2019 with a social get-together at Murdoch's Pub, 1935 — 37th Street SW, 6 April, starting at 4:00pm. Plans include: highland dancing, whisky tasting, piping, Mercat Cross, singing, Scottish Country Dancing, membership prizes, Scottish words quiz, the Mayor's Proclamation, and great company. Murdoch's will be putting on their signature Tartan Day menu of: Cock a' Leekie 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—all are welcome.



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Annual General Meeting 2019

The Society's 135th Annual General meeting will be held at 8:00pm, on Saturday, 11 May at the Tap Room, Bow River Brewery, #110, 5769—4th Street SE (near Chinook). Directions: Off 58th Avenue SE, north on 4th Street, directly behind Tim's and across the street from CANA Construction. Parking around the building and on the street. The meeting will present the 2018 AGM minutes, the audited financial statements of 2018, the Annual Report for 2018 for review and approval, the slate of Directors for voting, and lifetime honorary membership recommendation for Wendy Wilson. Following the meeting there will be coffee, tea, a light buffet for all to enjoy, entertainment from the Society's Gaelic Choir and a brewery tour and beer tasting session with Ian Binmore from the Bow River Brewery.

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70 Years of Scottish Country Dancing

The Society's events in the 1940s usually finished with a 'social & dance', and at the regular monthly meeting, 9 February 1949, the members of the Society approved the establishment of a Scottish Square Dancing School. George Walker offered a book of Scottish dances and a committee was struck with Wm Marshall as Chairmen, Mr. Jas Smith, Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Mr. J Archer, Mr. Peter Heigh, Mrs. J McDermott, Miss E Rankine, Mrs. J Gray, Mrs. James Seller, Mrs. Jas Smith and Miss Nan Irvine. By early 1950 this regular class was being held on Thursdays at the Haultain School. They performed a demonstration with two sets at Mewata Armouries on 17 May 1950. This committee/class then disappears from our records but reappears in 1955 in Graham Sewell's history of the Calgary Scottish Country Dance Society (St Barnabas). If any member knows of any information, or a person who could have further information on the early years of this group, please contact Ann Vanderwal 403) 968-7866, annvanderwal@shaw.ca

Casino 2019 Update

The dates for the Society's casino are Monday, 19 August and Tuesday, 20 August 2019 at Cowboys Casino, 421—12th Avenue SE. This casino has free parking in the parkade west of 3rd Street East on the P2 level and they have night time escorts to the parking area. The Society truly appreciates the members and

friends who have stepped up to support this major fund raising activity. The Society is looking for Chip Runners, Cashiers and Bankers for the evening and night shifts, and Count Room Staff (2230-0330hrs). Interested members should contact Robert Henderson at robhenderson@yahoo.com or (403) 245-5514 and he will be calling as well. Your participation helps Calgary's Scottish community activities and is greatly appreciated.

Mobile Burns Unit 2019

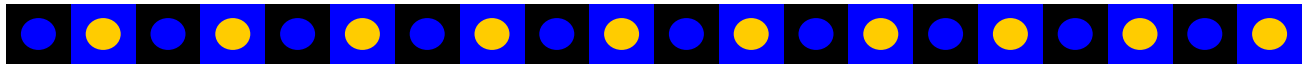
The Society's program to take Robbie Burns Day to those who are not able to get out has shown that it is very popular. The Mobile Burns Unit program visited 28 seniors' and intensive care facilities across the City of Calgary on Friday, 25 January. The entertainment teams were composed of: a singer, a bard, a piper, and highland dancers. The North Team consisted of: Barrie Purvis, Robert Henderson, Carol Johnson, Kessiah, Molli and Carolyn. and they performed at: Brentwood Care, Hillhurst Care, Newport Care, Sage Hill Seniors, Edgemont Seniors, Scenic Acres Seniors, and Bowcrest Care. The East Team consisted of: Ian Lewis, Laura Stott, Michael Begg, Leah and Alexandra, and they performed at: Whitehorn Seniors, Skye Pointe Care, Nickle House Seniors, Riverview Care, Clifton Manor Care, George Boyack Care, and Peter Coyle Seniors. The South Team consisted of: Ross Smith, David Stott, Andrew Joo, Ellen, Shannon and Lucy, and they performed at: Walden Heights Care, Evergreen Seniors, McKenzie Towne Care, Father Lacombe Centre, Trinity Lodge Seniors, Glenmore Seniors, and West Glenmore Care. The West Team consisted of: Eric Sundstrom, Jonathan Aftergood, Bill Mulloy, Nonie

Sundstorm, Addison, Breanna and Alexandra and they performed at: Spruce Cliff Seniors, Garrison Village Seniors, the Kerby Centre, Col Belcher Seniors, Wentworth Seniors, Signal Pointe Seniors and Signature Park Care. The 2019 Mobile Burns Unit entertained over one thousand two hundred seniors and shut ins. Thank you to all who participated and members are welcome to join the next year's teams which will be going out on Friday, 24 January 2020. *Robert Henderson*



Society Parades 2019

The Society's Pipes and Drums will have several opportunities this summer season to participate in community parades in the Calgary area. Any Society members who would also like to participate in a parade by carrying a flag, a sign, or just helping out where they can, should make contact through the Society website to register for the email list.



Kilt Skate 2019

It was plenty cold Sunday, 10 February at Olympic Plaza, but members and skaters were there to celebrate Canada's first Prime Minister's birthday. The Society's Choir came and, under the capable direction of Beth Anne Friesen, sang 'Oh Canada' in both languages. The frozen cake was served, the fire was roaring, and the hot chocolate was very popular. Geoff Gibson wore his kilt, maintaining his unbroken attendance record and was joined on the rink by Michael Tsang from Portsmouth, UK. Many people dropped by to warm up and converse, and the fun lasted until mid-afternoon. See you next year. The Society wishes to thank Margot and David Aftergood for their organization and The Scottish Executive for sponsorship.



Mustard Seed Burns 2019

The Mustard Seed shelter requested a Burns Show & Lunch at their location in early January, and while it was quite short notice, the Board found the funds and enough volunteers to approve the request. As one member said, "This is what we do." The Society would like to thank: Myrtle Fisher, Florence Horman, Andrew Joo, Tracy LaRocke, Marion Owen, Barrie Purvis, and Dave & Laura Stott for coming out. The patrons were fed beef on a bun, salad, potatoes and, of course, haggis, followed by dessert. One patron wrote: "I wanted to thank you and the seed organizers for putting on today's event. I enjoyed the lunch and thought perhaps your might extend my thanks to the events sponsor and performers. It was very generous of them to share their time volunteering and their talents with us. Of special note was how engaging everyone was with me and many of the others in attendance. We had several of the performers visit our table and strike up conversations as I wandered throughout the room. For me, and I expect many others it was nice to be treated with dignity and special kindness and enjoy some live entertainment."



Scots Gathering 2019



The Society will be offering the 2019 Scots Gathering on 11–13 October in Canmore with new classes, the Three Sisters Ceilidh, Lady MacDonald Lunch, the Wild Rose Ball, great teachers, and good company. In Scottish Country dancing, the teachers are: Janet Johnston and Robert

McOwen. Ken Persson in penny whistle, Dave Settles on Bodhran, Janice Wilson in stained glass, Carol-Ann Drummond on kilt making, Donna Gillespie in Gaelic, Andy Dunn on whisky tasting, Paula Bickford in Step Dancing, Ken Blackwood on Longswords, and assorted lectures from Ann Vanderwal & Robert Henderson. Watch for full information on the Scots Gathering website www.calgaryscots.org

Calgary Tartan Sales



The Society is offering the following items (*non-member prices in italics*):

Ladies Sash \$75 *\$80*

Mini Rosette Sash \$25 *\$30*

Calgary Tartan Wool Scarf \$35 *\$40*

Calgary Tartan Lambswool Wrap \$145 *\$155*

Calgary Tartan Long Tie \$25 *\$30*

Calgary Tartan Bow Tie - sold out

Calgary Tartan Cumberbund \$45 *\$50*

Calgary Tartan wool yardage (per yard)

Calgary Tartan 11 oz double wide. \$70 *\$75*

& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$50 *\$60*

Watch the Society website Merchandise tab at

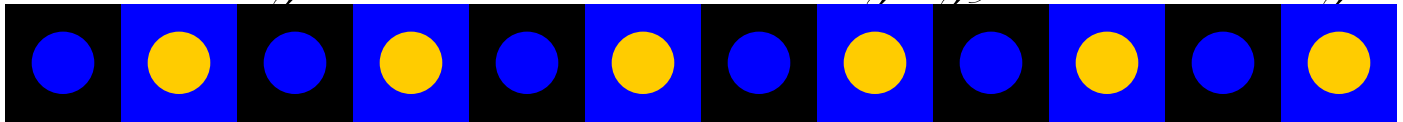
www.standrewcaledonian.ca We are also looking for an assistant sales director to help with new orders and shipping.

Carstairs Scottish Festival

The festival kicks off on Friday, June 7 with a Scotch-pairing at the Carstairs Legion. On Saturday, June 8 at 11:00am the Parade of Kilts will include 8 pipe bands from around Southern Alberta. Following the parade are a number of events in Memorial Park and the Curling Rink including a pipe band showcase, a Highland dancer stage, a heavy athletes demonstration, a kids zone with many activities and games for the whole family, petting zoo, face painting and a food court. The festival wraps up at 4:00pm with a massed band and fling.

This event is put on by the Carstairs Community Development and Economic Partnership and the Carstairs Chamber of Commerce.

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Board Member Opportunities

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for one half-term member 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 Wednesday evening of the month. 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 Andrew Joo at andrewjoo@msn.com via an email indicating their interest, or if they are proposing someone as a candidate, then please supply a contact telephone number and/or email address for follow-up with that individual. Thank you. *Andrew Joo*

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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