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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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Drop In Burns Dinner



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The Society's 18th Annual Burns Dinner for the Homeless will take place on Sunday, 19 January 2020 at the Calgary Drop-In and Rehabilitation Centre, 423 – 4th Avenue S.E. Please wear tartan or plaid. We require people to kitchen serve and table serve. Kitchen staff is a priority position, tartan aprons with be provided and you can bring your own head wear. The DI staff will direct the kitchen serving. Car pooling is suggested and a map is attached. Volunteers should arrive at 10:30 a.m. and proceed to the 6th floor to get settled into work groups. This is a Funday, we begin the morning's activities with the kitchen helpers going down to set up the kitchen. Then the entertainers go down to start the Robbie Burns Show at 11:30 a.m. The show consists of piping, singing, highland dancing, poetry reading and the Address to the Haggis. Once the address is finished, the entertainers are piped to the kitchen and the serving begins. It takes about 40 minutes and we serve 900 plus people depending on the weather and the 110lbs of haggis the Society supplies is eagerly anticipated by many of the clients. When all the dinners have been served; please stay for your own dinner upstairs. The dinner we provide is one of the most anticipated dinners of the year and the clients "mark" it on their calendar! Thank-you very much for donating your time for this worthy cause. :



Margot Aftergood

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Mobile Burns Unit 2020

The Society is looking for drivers, bards, singers and pipers for the 2020 Mobile Burns teams that will be entertaining seniors and shut-ins on Friday, 24 January 2020. We will have four show teams, one for each quadrant of the City, to perform for over 1000 seniors. The performances include an Address to the Haggis, Burns songs and poems, highland dancing, & piping. The performances were much appreciated by the seniors and staff at the various venues.



It's both fun and rewarding. If you'd like to join one of the teams for 2020, please contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or 403-245-5514.

St Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

ROBBIE BURNS' NIGHT 2020

Saturday, January 25 @ 5 pm

**Polish-Canadian Cultural Centre
(3015 15 St NE)**

Tickets \$60* at

www.standrewcaledonian.ca

403-968-7866

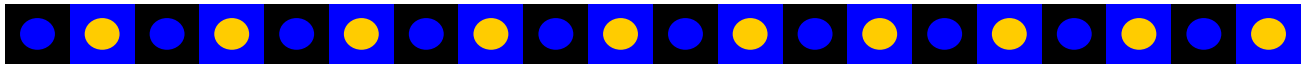
Annvanderwal@shaw.ca

Dance Practices Saturdays 7 pm

Airdrie UC Hall (212 1st Ave, Airdrie) Jan 4, 11 & 18

*This is a members and guests event. Memberships are \$15 and available on our website





Community Events

The Society was asked to attend two events in the community and promote our programs. Saturday, 28 September, the Society was at New Horizon Mall on the City's far north to help celebrate Alberta Culture Days. The day consisted of several cultural groups with displays and many others performing on the stage to the audience. There was keen interest in our activities and events. The following Saturday, 5 October, the Society set up at the Eau Claire Mall for the Canadian Artists Against Poverty. This event was similar to the Culture days' function with moderate interest in our programs. The Society wishes to thank Ann Vanderwal, Margot Aftergood, Carla & Dirk Hildebrandt, Robert Henderson and Scott McKenzie for coming out to show the Society's activities and events.



Highland Games Report

The Calgary Highland Games weather on 31 August began well but deteriorated as the day progressed. The Society tent had good traffic with a good number of new inquiries. It was the opposite for weather at Canmore on 1 September. The cool day came out bright and sunny by mid-morning and the crowds were large. The society would like to thank: Glenda Blissett, Eric & Krista Connell, Rick & Kathryn Hannah, David & John Morton, Beth & Jean Noble, Gavin More & Joanne Robertson-More, and all those who lent a hand in supporting the Society.

Scots Gathering Report

The fifth annual Scots Gathering in Canmore was well attended with registrants coming from Scotland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ontario, British Columbia and all over Alberta. Classes in Penny whistle, bodhran, kilt making, stained glass, Canadian step dancing, Scottish Country dancing, and lectures in Canadian and Scottish history were well attended. The Friday evening ceilidh was enjoyed by all, and by the end of the Wild Rose Ball on Saturday, only three people had left. The music from Dennis Orr and Scott Duncan was outstanding as usual. The 2020 dates are 9—11 October.



Society History

The Society's history is quite long and those who are interested in the workings of the Society can now read for themselves, on line. The Glenbow-Alberta Institute has posted the Society's minutes for the years 1944 to 1992 at

https://www.glenbow.org/collections/search/findingAids/archhtml/st_andrew.cfm

There is a selection of documents offered including the General Monthly Meeting Minutes and some have been misfiled. There are a few Executive (Board) Minutes mixed in with them as well. It all makes for interesting reading.

Budget & Special Meeting Report

The Society held a Special Meeting followed by the Budget Meeting for 2020, which was followed by a dance on Saturday, 14 September 2019. The Special Meeting was called by the Bylaws Review Committee to consider changes to the Society's Bylaws as part of the five year review process. The changes concerned expectations, fiscal responsibility, the electoral process and liability. All recommendations were approved with thanks to Scott McKenzie and Robert Henderson. The changes have been sent on to Alberta Corporate Registries for approval. The Budget Meeting looked at the proposed expenditures for 2020 and the membership were presented a compelling case. After a

review of the figures, the budget was passed with thanks to Ian Lewis. With the formalities disposed of, the chairs were pulled to the walls and a dance followed to the sounds of Glen Morin. A light buffet was served and the dancers enjoyed the remainder of the evening. A special thanks to Ann Vanderwal for arranging the hall and the food for this first event of the fall season.

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 - new stock in January

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

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

Calgary Tartan Bow Tie - \$25 *\$30*

Calgary Tartan Cummerbund \$45 *\$50*

Calgary Tartan wool yardage (per yard)

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

& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$50 *\$63*

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..

HOGMANAY 2019

Join the Airdrie Scottish Dancers for a fun-filled evening and ring in the New Year with style!

Mt. Pleasant Community Hall, Calgary

602 - 22 Ave NW

Dec 31 at 8 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm)

A non-dancer friendly evening of music and dance featuring GlenMorin.

Semi-formal (Kilt, cocktail dress, suit pants)

Tickets include finger foods, tea & coffee and sparkling wine at midnight. Cash bar available.

Purchase tickets online at [https://](https://www.airdriescottishdancers.org/events/)

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email/phone Annvanderwal@shaw.ca

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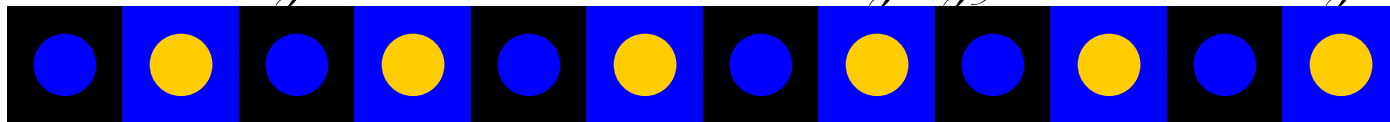
Members and guests of the Airdrie Scottish

Dancers or RSCDS Calgary Branch...not a

member? **Join today!**



Celebrating Scottish Culture in Calgary for over a century



Thistle Shop

The Society has received several donations and one large estate of over one hundred items in the last year and wishes to make members aware of the items currently in the Thistle Shop. General categories are: badges, belts, books, brooches, DVDs, flags, ghillie brogues, headgear, hose, kilts, ladies long kilts, great kilts, pins, miscellany, plaques, scarves, sporrans, ties and yardage. At the moment, the Thistle Shop has one or more items for the following clans: Bruce, Cumming, Douglas, Gordon, Government, Graham, Henderson, Little, MacCallum, MacDonald, MacEwan, MacFarlane, MacPherson, Malcolm, Powell, Stewart, Stuart & Wallace. Funds from the sale of these items goes to the Benevolent Fund. Members can contact Robert Henderson at

reoberthenderson@yahoo.com or 403-245-5514 to inquire about items currently in the Thistle Shop and he is willing to bring specific items to Society events for members who are interested.



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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