



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Kilt Skate 2020

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Canadian Calgary Kilt Skate will be celebrated this year on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the Olympic Plaza 228 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE from noon to 4 PM. As in previous years, this is a free event open to the public. Setup will start at 10:30am for those who can help and the Opening Ceremonies are at 12:30pm with dignitaries and the Society Gaelic Choir singing



'O Canada' in Gaelic and English. This will be followed by a few remarks and then the reading of a special address. We will be providing free hot chocolate to mark this celebration of the birthday of Canada's 1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister and the country's Scottish Heritage. This is a cross Canada event being hosted in sever-

al of Canada's major cities. Throughout the event we will have free public skating with or without kilts! *David Aftergood*



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## Tartan Day 2020

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2020 with a social get-together at Murdoch's Pub, 1935 — 37th Street SW, 4 April, starting at 4:00pm. Plans include: membership prizes, Scottish trivial pursuit, 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 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.



# St Andrew's Ball 2019

Our 136th annual St Andrew's Ball, held Saturday, 23 November at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, was a great success. One hundred and ten members and their friends were in attendance for a wonderful meal and great performances. The evening began with the piping in of the Head Table followed by Grace from Don and Joanne Fraser, members of the Society. The buffet dinner began with Tossed Green Salad / Red Beets with Dill, then Slow Roasted AAA Beef / Roast Pork Tenderloin, Roast Potatoes / Steamed Rice, Beans Almandine / Grilled Mixed Vegetables, and finished with Peach Melba. During dinner, the company was entertained firstly by the Calgary Fiddlers with their rousing Scottish sets, followed by outstanding selections from the Society's Gaelic Choir with Beth Ann Friesen and superb Highland dancing performed by Ellen, Jessica, Kaelan and Kessiah from the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance. Greetings were read out from The St. Andrew's Society of the Eastern Shore (Maryland), The St. Andrew's Society of Savannah, Georgia, The St. Andrew's Society of Petrolia (Ontario), The Fredericton Society of St. Andrew (New Brunswick), The St. Andrew's Society of Toronto and, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The formal part of the dinner was finished with the President and company toasting the Monarch; Sandra Clarkson, Executive Director, Calgary Drop In and Rehabilitation Centre toasting St. Andrew; Andrew Joo, Marshall of the Society toasted Calgary; Scott McKenzie, Vice President of the Society toasted Canada, and; Jason Lychak, Director for the Society, toasted 'The Homeland', Scotland. The Society presented the Marshal, Andrew Joo, with a Chain of Office as a symbol of the Marshall's official function. 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. Our musicians, Dennis Orr and Scott Duncan, brought an Alberta flavour to the dance portion of the evening and the music was very well received with several repeats. The Ball is the cornerstone event of the Society and the Society wishes to thank our ticket sellers: Debby Henderson, Florence Horman, Barrie Purvis, Nonie Sundstrom, and Ann Vanderwal. Also thanks to Nonie Sundstrom for decorating, and Ann Vanderwal for organizing the table settings and the bar.

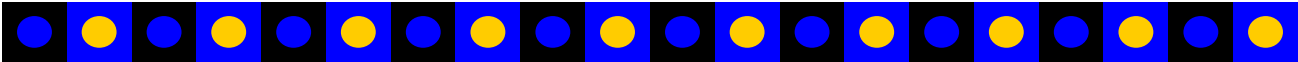


## Scots Gathering 2020

The Society will be offering the 2020 Scots Gathering on 9—11 October in Canmore with new classes, the Three Sisters Ceilidh, Lady MacDonald Lunch, the Wild Rose Ball, great teachers and good company. The Canmore Coast Hotel will be hosting the Scots Gathering and has a special rate for registrants. Watch for the March Saltire for notification of new subjects and classes. Watch for full information on the Scots Gathering website [www.calgaryscots.org](http://www.calgaryscots.org)







## New Year Greetings

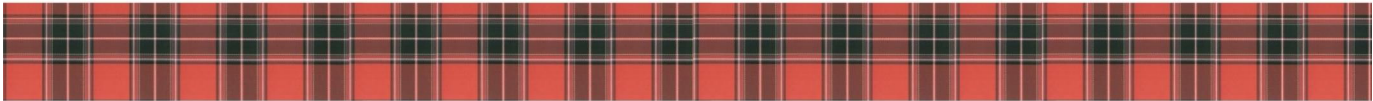
A Guid New Year to ane an' a',  
 An' mony may ye see!  
 An' durin a' the years tae come,  
 O happy may ye be!  
 An' may ye ne'er hae cause tae mourn,  
 To sigh or shed a tear!  
 To ane an' a', baith great an' sma',  
 A hearty, Guid New Year!

## 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/archhtm/st\\_andrew.cfm](https://www.glenbow.org/collections/search/findingAids/archhtm/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.

## The Drambuie Collection

The Drambuie Liqueur Company owes its existence to Bonnie Prince Charlie, who led the unsuccessful Jacobite Uprising of 1745/46. The Prince gave a recipe for a liqueur as thanks to the members of the MacKinnon clan who had helped him escape after the defeat at Culloden. The drink had been created by the prince's apothecary, from a combination of whisky, honey, and a blend of powerful herbs and spices believed to have magical curative powers. The ancient recipe became known as "Dram Buidheach", meaning the drink that satisfies. It later became commercialized as Drambuie liqueur - every bottle bears the words: "Cuimnich an tabhartas prionnsa" - "Remember the gift of the prince". Acknowledging their origins, the company in recent years assembled a large collection of valuable Jacobite memorabilia. There are medals and miniature portraits of Charles, including one concealed in the foot of a snuff box (as supporting the Jacobite cause was at one time a treasonable offence). The company also has a magnificent collection of engraved drinking glasses and an "amen" glass engraved with the Jacobite anthem and the crown of "King James VII" of Scotland.




**Carstairs Heritage Festival**  
 &  
**The Parade of Kilts**

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Free Family Fun

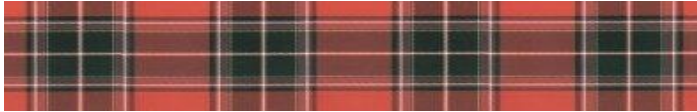
Carstairs Memorial Park,  
 Curling Rink & Vicinity

## CARSTAIRS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Carstairs Heritage Festival and Parade of Kilts is a free, family-oriented celebration of Scottish heritage on Saturday, May 30, 2020. The day kicks off with a community breakfast and a parade of pipe bands in the morning, followed by an impressive line up of events and activities in Carstairs Memorial Park in the afternoon. Centre stage is a pipe band showcase, complemented by a sanctioned Highland Dance competition and an exciting heavy athletics demonstration. Other notables include sheep-herding demos, Kid Zone, petting zoo, food court, buskers' workshop and the Thirsty Thistle pub. There will be clan booths as well as a vendors' market for Scottish/UK specialty items; please contact [pammontgomery13](https://www.facebook.com/pammontgomery13) for more information. Follow us on Facebook. Hope to see you there.



# Calgary Tartan Sales



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

Calgary Tartan Note Cards: \$5

Ladies Sash \$75 *\$80*

Mini Rosette Sash \$25 *\$30*

Calgary Tartan Wool Scarf - \$22 *\$27*

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

Calgary Tartan Long Tie \$18 *\$23*

Calgary Tartan Bow Tie - \$17 *\$21*

Calgary Tartan Cummerbund \$45 *\$50*

**Calgary Tartan wool yardage (per yard)**

Calgary Tartan 11 oz double wide. \$55 *\$70*

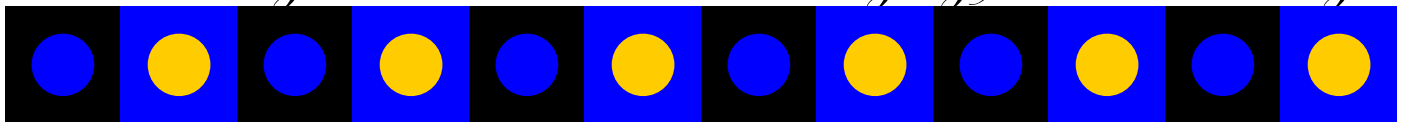
& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$50 *\$63*

Watch the Society website Merchandise tab at [www.standrewcaledonian.ca](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca)

# Board Member Opportunities

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for one full 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 held usually 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](mailto: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*

*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, 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 [reberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:reberthenderson@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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