



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

1912

## Burns Night 2023

The Society's Burns Night will be held on Saturday, 28 January 2023 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, 3015—15th Street NE. The evening will consist of pre-dinner entertainment, the Address to the Haggis, a three course dinner including haggis, the Immortal Memory, Toast to the Lassies and Reply, followed by an evening of Scottish Country dancing. Attendees will be entertained by the Society's choir and pipers as well as the Wendy Wilson Highland dancers and the Scott Duncan Group. Doors open at 5:30pm with dinner to start at 6:30pm. Tickets, and the dance program, are available on the Society's website [www.standrewcaledonian.ca](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca). Dancers with basic Scottish Country skills are welcome to come to dance program walk through classes, conducted by Ann Vanderwal, on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at the Northmount Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (451 Northmount Drive NW). The Society began this event in 1886, so come out to enjoy one of the City's oldest cultural functions.



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## Society Burns Activities 2023

The Society is checking with the Drop-In Centre for the Burns Dinner for the Homeless and various seniors lodges for Mobile Burns to ascertain whether they will be accepting visiting entertainers in January. Our participation will depend on accessibility and the number of volunteers the Society will be able to attract. The Mobile Burns unit will put out a call to members in the next membership email, post a notice asking for volunteers on the Society website, and contact past participants should conditions permit.



## Budget Meeting, Bar-B-Que & Dance

The Society met on Saturday, 17 September 2022, with 18 members present at Capitol Hill Community Centre in order to review, consider, and vote on the proposed Society budget for 2023. The budget passed without amendment and Donna Gillespie was recommended and accepted as a Society Life Member. The Society also approved the establishment of the GlobalFest Scottish Pavilion special group as presented by Rayna Moffatt. The meeting was followed by a Bar-B-Que

which was enjoyed by all—many thanks to Ann Vanderwal, Social Director, and her crew of helpers. The group then moved on to the dance where music was provided by Scott Duncan and Warren Tse. The group went through the dances in good form, although some did need a rest break.



## SCOTS GATHERING 2022

The Scots Gathering 2022 was held in Canmore on Saturday, 8 October and while the turnout was down from previous years, 35 members and friends attended classes in Scottish Country dancing by David Queen, Stained Glass by Janice Wilson, Gaelic Song, Beer Tasting, History Lectures and Gaelic Psalms by members of the Society. Meals were quite good and the day was finished with a dinner and dance featuring Scott Duncan and Warren Tse. A big thanks to our volunteer instructors: Beatrice & Ian Binmore, Adam Dahmer, Donna Gillespie, and Robert Henderson. In all it was quite a good weekend.



## Scottish Pavilion

The GlobalFest Scottish Pavilion special group is looking for inside storage space for the decor items listed below:

- Castle Towers
- Fire place (can be separated into 3 pieces to reduce size)
- Bridge
- Nessie
- Metal display shelf



We can provide the transportation to move the items. If you can help out, please contact Rayna at [raynamoffatt@gmail.com](mailto:raynamoffatt@gmail.com) or (403) 966-4088.

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## Highland Games Report

The highland games went ahead this year with Calgary settling on Saturday, 3 September and Canmore on the 4th. The Calgary Games had great weather but sparse crowds, although many members dropped by to renew acquaintances and their membership. The Society pipers pulled themselves away from taking down the Society tent and just managed to join the massed pipes and drums at the last moment. Canmore also had good weather and the crowds came out for that day. The Society tent was busy with members dropping by and the Tartan and Thistle shops were kept constantly very busy—Henry and crew did terrific work keeping everything straight. The day ended



with the massed pipes and drums and the Society's thanks to all who helped out.

## 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 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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