



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Tartan Day 2023

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2023 with a social get-together at Murdoch's Pub, 1935 — 37th Street SW, 8 April, starting at 4:00pm. Plans include: membership prizes, Scottish trivial pursuit, highland dancing, piping, singing, Scottish Country Dancing, the Mayor's Proclamation, and much more. Murdoch's will be putting on a Tartan Day menu just for this occasion. Members should wear their tartan, tell their friends—all are welcome.



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## Ceilidh Dance



A cèilidh will be held at the Irish Cultural Centre, 6452—35th Avenue NW, on Friday, 12th of May! Live band and a cash bar serving beer. All dances will be called and walked-through prior to dancing. Time: Doors open at 7pm, dancing will start at 8pm, There will be professional dance calling, a live band, and a full bar! Entry costs \$20 at the door, and only slightly more online. Come out to it, if you can, and send word of it to literally anyone you think might be interested! Check out [www.eventbrite.ca/e/scottish-ceilidh-dance-tickets-606177271537](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/scottish-ceilidh-dance-tickets-606177271537)

*Adam Dahmerr*

## 139th Annual General Meeting, Barbie & Dance

The Society's Annual General meeting will be held at the Banff Trail Community Hall, 2115 -20th Avenue NW on Saturday 24 June. This event will begin at with meet and greet and then on to games with potato races, foot races, and other games. The Annual General Meeting will start at 4:30pm followed by the BBQ begins with the Society providing the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments (please contact Ann for vegetarian requests). Once things are cleared up the Ceilidh starts and lasts until about 10 pm. There is no member charge and \$15 per guest for this event but we would ask everyone to contribute a salad or dessert and bring a lawn chair. There will be a cash bar. Email [Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:Annvanderwal@shaw.ca) to register your attendance for this event just so we can get an idea of the numbers. Thank you. *Ann van der Wal*



**Calgary**

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

## PROCLAMATION

One of the most important icons of Scotland and its culture is the Tartan, an emblem for clan kinship. *Tartan Day* celebrates Scottish heritage and the contributions made by Scots to Canada and countries around the world.

**Whereas:** Calgary has a distinguished connection with Scotland, and the Scots helped shape the city we have today;

**Whereas:** The Calgary Tartan was adopted by Calgary City Council on July 14, 2003 and celebrates the vibrant and influential role of Scottish immigrants and their descendants in our community;

**Whereas:** The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society is entrusted as a guardian to promote and manage this symbol of Calgary.

On behalf of City Council and Calgarians, I hereby proclaim April 6, 2023 as:

### TARTAN DAY

**JYOTI GONDEK  
MAYOR**



# Burns Night 2023

The Society's 2023 Burns Night was held Saturday, 28 January at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre and was well attended by 119 members and friends, many of whom discovered this event online through our website. The evening began with the first performance of the Society's Pipers playing several sets with the highland dancers from the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance which went over well with the audience. This was closely followed by John Bertram's Address to the Haggis and Marilyn Clare saying Grace. A special mention goes to Dhanya Baird for her creative and attractive table centre-pieces. Dinner was a buffet with Salads, chicken and beef, grilled vegetables, cauliflower, potatoes, rice, haggis and finished off with peach melba. Stuart Clark presented the Immortal Memory, Dr Adam Dahmer the Toast to the Lassies, and Dhanya Baird made the Reply. A full dance program, composed by Ann Vanderwal, closed the evening with excellent music provided by Scott Duncan and Warren Tse, a wonderful duo. The evening closed with a rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne' and all retired having had a great 2023 Burns Night.



## Kilt Skate 2023

Sunday, 12 February 2023 was a fine sunny day — just perfect for strapping on the kilt and skates and stepping on to the ice for Calgary's Annual



Kilt Skate on the Olympic Plaza rink. There were about 200 people there to watch 40 skaters make their moves and even the Zamboni received some applause. David & Margot Aftergood set up the event with a fire pit, sound booth, hot chocolate and a heated stage for the

performers. The show began with the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance presenting several traditional dances followed by the Society pipers playing under a gloriously sunny sky. The Society Choir, under the direction of Beth-Ann Friesen, then entertained the spectators with traditional Scottish melodies while the skaters glided across the ice. Several Society members were out with their skates and the Saltire was flown with pride on a brilliant day.





# Winter Ceilidh

Dr. Adam Dahmer presented a ceilidh on Saturday, 11 February at the Bow River Brewery. The floor space was cleared as the event was well attended with twenty participants. The brewery supplied refreshments and food while Adam talked the dancers through the formations. A live band supplied the music and everyone had a good time. Adam is the chair for the Society's Ceilidh Group and is looking to build the group up so they can have regular classes and special events in the future. Please let the Society know if you would like to regularly participate in this activity.



## Board Member Opportunities

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for 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 usually held the first Saturday afternoon 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, .The Board appreciates your consideration.. *Andrew Joo*

*Celebrating Scottish Culture in Calgary for over a century*



## Society Casino

The Society's casino is set for the fourth quarter of 2023 (October—December) We will be proceeding on an 'as usual' basis and will be looking for a full complement of volunteers. The Society truly appreciates the members and friends who have stepped up to support this major fund raising activity at past events. The Society is looking for Chip Runners, Cashiers and Bankers and General Managers. Interested members should contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@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.



## 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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