



The Caledonian

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On Scottish Soil

“On Scottish Soil,” the next Society event, happens on **Saturday evening, Nov. 3, 2012,** beginning at **6 p.m.** Pretend it’s a picnic, but you won’t get your slippers dirty!

The location is the second floor meeting room of the new **Manoa Public Library, 2716 Woodlawn Drive, Honolulu.** See map. This meeting room has become very popular with community groups since the library opened this past summer.



Manoa Public Library

Bring your own “sack supper” or take-out for yourself and the rest of your party. Manoa Marketplace nearby offers many good places to get take-out food. More food places line East Manoa Road, which parallels Woodlawn Drive. Non-alcoholic beverages and paper goods will be available in our “picnic” room. Donations for the evening will be: \$2 for Society members and \$3 for guests and non-members.

Park underneath the library building, using the first large parking entrance as you come from town. The second gate is the exit. After parking, walk to the center front of the building to take the stairs or the elevator to the meeting room on the second floor. The meeting room is directly opposite the library’s main room. The library will be closed during the time of our meeting.

NOTICE: For security the large entrance gates and **front door will be closed at 6:30 p.m. Please arrive before that time.** Gates will, of course, be opened again after the meeting. If you have a problem, contact one of our officers at 265-1141 or 268-9413.

After supper our program will feature the anticipated report from our 2012 SERG recipient William “Billy” O’Brien. Billy has just returned from “sticking his hands into Scottish soil” by observing and participating in the work of four organic farms along the west coast and islands of Scotland. Billy grew up in Waianae, has worked on an organic farm here, holds a BA in geography from UH Manoa, and has Scottish connections with Clan Skene through his grandmother’s side.



William “Billy” O’Brien

Society News

From The Craig By Chieftain Bruce McEwan



Our ghost story event on September 29 was well attended and I was happy that our readers were members and the mother of a member. Involving members makes our events more meaningful and we can learn from one another. Our next meeting will also highlight our members plus we will hear from our SERG awardee. Don't forget you can donate to the SERG fund and get a tax deduction.

Plans are well underway for Burns Night 2013. Please be sure to register early for our premier event of the year. This is another opportunity to participate and appreciate our members' talents.

Speaking of talent, we have dedicated members who use their talent to run our organization. I would like to give a special mahalo for service over the past several years to two board members who have resigned—**Elsbeth Kerr** and **Rev. Bob Walden**. They have both contributed much to the Society and they will be missed. Bob has been called to a church on Molokai and we wish him well. We look forward to seeing Elspeth at our events. Many thanks to board member **Janice Chadwick** who is filling the Treasurer's position vacated by Bob. It's good to have this depth of talent. There are always opportunities to participate and being on the board is one of them. Anyone interested in joining the board can give me a call or send an e-mail.

Yours aye,
Bruce McEwan, Chieftain

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After hearing about Billy's experiences, we will call up a small panel of travelers from the Society. Each of them will give a few tips and suggestions for other prospective visitors to Scotland. Open discussion about Scottish travel will follow.

The panel will include **Chuck Jamison**, Society member from CA, bagpiper for Clan Gunn, Webmaster for Hawaiian-Scottish Association, recently returned from a trip to Scotland's Orkney and Shetland islands for a Clan Gunn Gathering; **Rev. Robert Walden**, currently Society Treasurer, soon to be interim Episcopal vicar on Molokai, veteran of several Scottish trips including water cruises and bus tours; and **Bruce McEwan**, Society Chieftain, recently retired from Young Brothers, volunteer mediator, President of Friends of Falls of Clyde, RSCDS dance teacher, and frequent visitor to Scotland.

Through SERG (Scottish Research Education Grant) the Society annually helps to fund a project involving Scotland or Scottish culture for someone age 26 or younger. Applications (see the Society website) are due each year in March or April. Special donations to support the SERG fund will be accepted during the Nov. 3 meeting.



Manoa Library Map

Celebrating Robert Burns - Local Style
Saturday, January 26, 2013
Oahu Country Club

It's time to plan for the annual celebration of Scotland's favorite poet, Robert Burns. This year we are combining the traditional Scottish favorites with a local-style Hawaii flair. Traditional haggis will be served with Hawaii's lomi lomi salmon and taro lavosh as a starter. A surprisingly aromatic cock-a-leekie soup will include long rice. The program will also contain a local twist with "Address to A Haggis" featuring Caledonian members **Stuart Donachie** and **Hardy Spoehr**.

The Robert Burns Dinner is one of the most anticipated events of the Caledonian Society calendar. More members come out for this event than for any other during the year. We also have more guests than at any other time. So getting your reservations in early is a must.

The three choices this year will be beef tenderloin with a guava glaze, local fresh fish with a scotch sauce, or a chunky mushroom potpie with Okinawan sweet potatoes. Dessert will be a surprise soufflé also with a local flair.

We have tried to keep the prices down for the past four years, but we will have to raise them this year. The Caledonian Society is a non-profit organization and as such we do not charge more than our costs for any event. We also have relied on some very generous donations from some members each year. Prices are as follows for this year:

Early Bird Special before Jan. 9, 2013:

\$75 for paid CS members; \$85 for your guests; OR buy a table of eight (8) and fill it how you'd like (member or non-member) for \$600. Please get your guests names & food choices in by Jan. 9, 2013.

After Jan. 9, 2013:

\$85 for CS members; \$95 for your guests; Table of eight (8) is \$680 (member or non-member). Please send guest information & food choices with your reservation.

A reservation form can be found in this newsletter.
 We are looking forward to honoring Robert Burns with a Lei of Aloha.

*From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs,
 That makes her loved at home, revered abroad;
 Princes and lords are but the breath of kings,
 "An honest man's the noblest work of God."*

—from "The Cotter's Saturday Night"



THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF HAWAII PRESENTS

Celebrating Robert Burns – Local Style

Saturday, January 26, 2013

5:30 p.m. No Host Cocktails (cash only) • 6:15 p.m. Call To Dinner • Program Following Dinner

O'ahu Country Club

150 Country Club Road (off Pali Hwy.) Valet parking provided (tips appreciated)

Highland or Evening Attire

Reservation Form

RSVP by Friday, January 20, 2012 • EARLY BIRD DEADLINE JANUARY 7

BEFORE JANUARY 7, 2013: Members \$75 or \$600 per table of eight; Non-members \$85

AFTER JANUARY 9, 2012: Members \$85 or \$680 per table of eight; Non-members \$95

Questions? Email Brian Richardson: richards@hawaii.edu

Name _____

I would also like to sit with: _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Dinner Choices: 1. Beef 2. Fish 3. Vegetarian

Name (print all names in party)	Dinner Choice #	Member/Guest	Price

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

The Caledonian Society of Hawaii

Mail this form with check to:

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P.O. Box 4164

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Check here if you need a ride

Hamish Winds Up His Scotland Adventure

This is the third of three articles chronicling Hamish Burgess' recent trip to Scotland.

I had to go to Scone Palace to see the replica of the Stone of Scone on Moot Hill, where Scottish kings were crowned for centuries. The 'original' stone, stolen in 1296 by English king Edward 1 (Longshanks) and put under the throne in Westminster Abbey, was returned to Scotland in 1996 and now rests alongside the crown jewels of Scotland in the Crown Room of Edinburgh Castle.



Hamish Burgess with the replica Stone of Scone

I spent a few hours with bagpipe makers Hamish & Fin Moore at their fascinating workshop near Dunkeld, and met and interviewed Celtic music broadcasting icon Fiona Ritchie of NPR and HPR's "Thistle & Shamrock" program. One day I drove along Loch Earn and up to the beautiful Falls of Dochart at a favourite haunt of mine, Killin, and along Loch Tay to Kenmore and the Crannog Centre – well worth the drive for the scenery, and to see the ancient loch dwelling with interactive demonstrations from staff in period dress.

My final morning in back in Edinburgh was spent at an amazing exhibition at the Scottish National Gallery - 'George Bain: Master of Modern Celtic Art' – his work has been inspiration for years for my Celtic artwork. The afternoon flew by at the National Museum of Scotland, studying the ancient Pictish stones and Celtic treasures for future art projects. Altogether an amazing month of travels in two of the ancient Celtic lands – sights, sounds, and above all, great friends and folks along the way!

These days traditional and modern Celtic art takes up most of Hamish's time, with a lot of recent art on the album and DVD covers of iconic band The Irish Rovers, now in their 46th year. He is resident artist and photographer for them, with his logo for the band on stages around the world, and recently seen on national television on PBS. His art can be seen at www.mauiceltic.com/gallery.htm, and details of his radio show are at <http://www.mauiceltic.com/events.htm>, which is also a calendar of Celtic events throughout the Hawaiian Islands and beyond – your event submissions are welcome at hamish@mauiceltic.com



Loch Tay Crannog Centre, Kenmore

[Editor's Note: This was obviously a special trip for Hamish because of the people he visited and the beautiful places he was able to experience. Everyone can take Hamish's lead and take his or her own special trip to Scotland.]

Society Upcoming Events for 2012-2013

(Dates and times subject to change)

Sat., Dec. 29: Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh 1001 Wilder Ave 3 P.M.—7 P.M. An informal party to celebrate the holiday season. **Needed: volunteers to help plan and prepare a variety of games and activities** for this party. Please phone (538-7707) or e-mail Lillian Cunningham (lillianc@hawaii.edu) if you would be willing to help on this project.

Sat., Jan 26: Burns Night, Oahu Country Club

Sat., Feb 22: Scottish Cooking Demonstration and meal, Calvary Church, Kaneohe.

Sat. & Sun, April 6 & 7: Hawaiian Scottish Festival, Kapiolani Park

Clan Skene

A recent issue of *Scotland* magazine contains a feature story on Clan Skene. Our 2012 SERG recipient, Billy O'Brien, has ancestral connections with this Clan through his grandmother. The name Skene comes from *sgian*—a dirk. An old story says that the founder of Clan Skene was a son of the chief of Clan Donnachaidh, the Robertsons. According to legend, the clan progenitor saved the life of King Malcolm II by slaying a wolf that was threatening the king.

Member News

Happy October Birthdays Mandy Bowers, Barbara Price

Happy November Birthdays George Allan, Pamela Ashbury-Smith, Kalani Brady, Lillian Cunningham, Col. Victor Hawthorne, Roberta Jones, Elspeth Kerr, Don Laird, Linda McKenzie, Claire Mitani, Trudy Schandler-Wong, Richard Sherman, Noelle Sutherland, Carrie Weatherwax, and Helen Wynn.

Heather MacGregor has sold and moved from the apartment house on Thurston Ave. The library and all of the storeroom contents had to be moved off-site. Most of the items are now being stored at a Public Storage unit in Honolulu. If anyone has another idea for storage please call Chieftain McEwan at 538-7707. The Society library will be made available ASAP and an announcement will be made.

Jeannie Ferrier has transitioned into the Membership Secretary duties and Barbara Coons will continue as a Council member. Thank you, Barbara, for all of your hard work heading this very important service for the Society.

Janice Chadwick has agreed to take over for Bob Walden as Society Treasurer when Bob leaves for Molokai.

Don Munro has offered to contribute to the Caledonian Society's Scholarship Grant (**SERG**) if any Society member uses his real estate services to buy or sell property. Contact him at 235-1151.

Mary Lynne Godfrey has moved with her dog, Lily, to be near her daughter in Washington State. Mary Lynne was formerly an RSCDS dancer.

Lesley Brey, Life Member, will soon be elected first female president of The Pacific Club. The club stands on the grounds of the first Honolulu home of Archibald Scott Cleghorn, born in Edinburgh and father of Princess Ka'iulani.

Larry and Dottie Coleman recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary and Larry's 83rd birthday. Congratulations!

Scott & Susan MacKinnon also recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Former member **Hamilton Ahlo** passed away in August. His wife has graciously donated her husband's kilt (Hamilton) to the Society.

Member **Nancy Ameling Munroe's** father has passed away. Donald Charles Ameling was a dentist, small plane pilot & flight instructor. He loved to camp, fish, ski, hunt & travel the world. He passed away on October 14, 2012. Our condolences to Nanci and her family.

Ghoulies and Ghosties

About 30 members and guests enjoyed a colorful, hearty array of potluck salads and desserts on “An Autumn Evening” in September. Many thanks to our hostess, **Susan MacKinnon**, for arranging the party room in Hokua. Thanks also to **Marcia Wright** and her guitar for turning the group into “Loch Lomond” singers. Thanks to **Wendy Sherman** for sharing some now-mature mead, which she made at our cooking demonstration last year. Maybe it was the mead or maybe most of us were “away with the fairies” that night, but nobody thought to take any photographs.

The haunted Scottish storytellers were **Dick Sherman** from Kauai, a new member of the Society Council and frequent traveler; **Hardy Spoehr**, a Society member who plays in the pipe band and knows a great deal about Hawaii; **Desi Poteet**, a Windward side resident who teaches at Windward Community College; **Stuart Donachie**, a microbiology professor at UH Manoa, known to Society members for his annual delivery of Burns’ “Address to a Haggis”; and **Sandra Donachie**, Stuart’s mother, visiting from England and reading in her Scottish voice. We heard during the evening about ghosts and fairies visiting the mortal world and mortals being lured away into a fairy world. Spooky stories, indeed!

Sandra donated a book of Scottish myths and legends to the Society library. Thanks to her for the book. Thank you to all the readers for introducing us to the wealth of mysterious stories from Scotland’s soul. In addition several folks also awed us with personal stories of supernatural or mysterious experiences here in Hawaii. Mahalo.

Ex-pat Porridge Maker `Oatally` Awesome

An Englishman has beaten the Scots at their own game by stirring his way to victory in the World Porridge Making Championships in Carrbridge on October 6, 2012. Benedict Horsbrugh, a Director of Quality Management for UNIVeG who originally moved to Germany to be an organic baker, wrested the coveted Golden Spurtle award from the hands of former champ John Boa. Benedict was inspired to make his own porridge because he did not like the way his father made it. He said: “When I was nine I was inspired by Tom Baker in the book *Doctor Who and the Loch Ness Monster*. He has a disagreement with Sarah Jane about making porridge, and I learnt that you just need to use a pinch of salt.”

He attributes his mastery of the oatly dish to the efforts of his team, entitled ‘Three Men and a Spurtle.’ The team takes training for the event seriously and part of their preparation included taking a dip in the North Sea at Lossimouth, just to ensure they were hardy enough to see off the competition. And making sure that the Scots were sent home with their spurtles between their legs, the Speciality Trophy was awarded to Californian Laurie Figone with a dish called ‘Italian Pinhead Torta.’ Laurie hosts her own TV show in the states called ‘Cooking with Laurie.’



L-R: Ben Horsbrugh, John Boa, Laurie Figone. Photo: Roy Brown

The People’s Choice Award was won by 2011 winner John Boa with his creation “hazelnut honey swirl.” John said: “I am very pleased to collect another prize at this competition and the fact that this is the People’s Award makes it special for me, particularly as it is a new prize reflecting an alternative view to that of the regular judging panel. I wanted to keep my speciality nice and simple, in keeping with porridge itself. I am glad they like it.” www.goldenspurtle.com

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The Last Word

The minister was noted far beyond the bounds of his parish for his scholarship and his skill in apt quotation, and one old member had brought a stranger with him to the morning service for what he promised would be a literary feast.

The expectant couple occupied a front pew and no sooner was the sermon under way when the regular member began making audible remarks to his neighbor, identifying the sources of certain passages in the pulpit discourse.

“Imphm—that’s a bit o’ Shakespeare” he would announce. ‘Aye and that’ll be frae Wordsworth” and so on. Interjections and commentary of this kind went on at regular intervals until at last the minister’s patience was exhausted.

Finally, in exasperation, he leaned over the pulpit and asked if “his brother in the front pew would be kind enough to keep his remarks to himself.”

But the disturber was not to be so easily subdued. “And that,” he proudly explained to his fellow worshipper, “is a bit o’ his ain.”

The Morning After

Morning worship at the country kirk had begun. The parish minister was famed throughout the countryside as a great student and lover of Burns. Indeed, at a local function on the previous night had had greatly added to his reputation by a striking speech in proposing “The Immortal Memory.”

At the usual point in the Service, and with due gravity and sincerity, he called upon the congregation to join with him in what was known as the “long” prayer—a prayer traditionally containing appropriate expressions of adoration to the Almighty.

There were, however, few straight faces in the congregation when the worthy preacher, using the famous words from “Tam o’ Shanter,” began

*O, Lord, Kings may be blest but Thou art glorious!
O’er a’ the ills o’ life victorious.*

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